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### THREE THINGS TO KNOW!

Read and you will be convinced that facts and figures coupled with quality make W. V. McConnell's the leading dry goods store of Crockett. The first on the list will be a genuine John B. Stetson hat for \$2.50 and the remainder of those silk plaid belts with large nickle plated harness buckle at 5c each.

#### Dress Goods.

We are now offering some wonderful bargains in dress goods.-36 inch all wool Fabrique Française, silk finish in brown, green, navy going at 33c per yd 40 inch Henrietta and Cashmere, warp and filfing all wool, silk finish; a very handsome goods in gray, brown green, old rose and purple now reduced to 33c per yard. Gratia Placendi is a novelty goods of the very latest-extra wide all wool double width-we only have two patterns left-former price 67c now reduced to 50c. Grande Parusethis is an all wool novelty-goods extra good and nice reduced to 50c per yard. We have only two patterns of the above-no two alike. Bourette-this is an all wool goods in black-very handsome and new -only one pattern left-reduced from \$1.25 to 82c a yard. Germania-this is an all wool, very fine, black boncle cloth, one pat-trimmed and some plain at 50cts tern left; former price \$1.50, now each. Lot2 a very heavy, double bl'k reduced to 98c a yard. We have a bever cape going at \$1.00. Lot 3 fine line of these lovely line of Novelty all wool is a very nice black double beaver and black and white mixed. Husgoods in white and red, white and cape-upper and lower cape trimmed band, get one for your wife for an green, white and blue, white and with fur and braid at \$1.45. We width, reduced to 24c a yard. \$2.00 to \$3.50 Lot 7 is a very fine be a useful and ornamental present. we will visit vou again.

Ladies' Cloth-all wool double plush cape, beaver trimmed and Clothing and Overcoats. width in several colors-former silk lined at \$4.00. Our line of price 33 tc; now reduced to 21c a \$12.50. Our line of Ladies' Walk- Every thread wool—worth \$12.50 vard. Two toned Mohair Brocade ing Jackets run from \$1.00 to \$5.00 Our price now \$6,40. Mens' Blue, in many colors—regular 20c goods —this is a very fine line of goods. Tan and Drab beaver over coats now reduced to 121c a yard. Re- M1sses' very fine walking Jackets and gray-regular 65c goods now member we carry woolen worsteds made in the latest style, from \$1.50 as low as 4c per yd. Knickerbock- to \$3.50. Childrens' cloaks trimmed with long Angora fringe at 75c. er Gingham, in novelty effects, our price 6c vd.

#### Ladies and Children's Now will be your chance to get a Underwear.

15, 20c, 25, 35 and 50c each.

rino pants and vests for children 15, 20 and 25c each.

#### Capes and Jackets.

Lot 1 consists of 18 capes, some for

#### Millinery.

hat-Misses' and childrens felt hats in the newest and latest shapes Mens' Furnishing Ladies' heavy ribbed combina- trimmed with nice silk ribbon for Goods. tion suits-full value 50c Ladies' the money elsewhere. Ladies' heavy ribbed separate pants, extra smooth and rough straw sailors good at 25c. Ladies' Heavy ribbed trimmed with silk ribbon, very and well shaped Merino vests at neat for 25c. Ladies shaggy felt now sell for 50c, we have only a dershirts for men price 75c now re-Ladies' very fine non-shrinking few of the Ladies' wool felt walk- reduced to 55c. mens' heavy cotwool yests, former price \$1.25 now ing hats-price to close out at 15c. ton under shirts for winter at 15, reduced to 95c. Separate soft Me. Ladies, those very fine walking 20, 25, 35, and 50c. Over shirts hats at \$1 20 and \$1.35 will now be from 15c to \$2. Men's drawers Ladies' fine dress hats will be sold black hose, very good, at 5c. Men's

#### Feather Boas.

We have just received a very Xmas Present; young men get one for your Sweet heart; they would

worth and sold for \$12,50-our price \$8,85. Mens' Blue black Beaver over coat worth \$7.50-our price \$5.00, we have a lot of cheap over coats; come and get prices.

We have a few little boys' overcoats that we will close out at \$1.00 \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Mens' very fine all wool Tivoli. Undersuits in white regular \$3.50 goods now reduced to \$1.90 a suit. sailor; the \$1.25 kind. We will Mens very heavy white wool unsold for 75c and \$1.00. All of our from 12c to \$1.50 a pair. Men's at a big reduction. Call and get seamless black hose, guaranteed stainless, high spliced heel and toe 3 pairs for 25c. Men's heavy homespun socks, 3, 4 and 5pairs for 25c.

#### We Will See You Again.

We have many articles that we would like to make prices this week but our space is not large black, white and gray, double have a lovely line of capes from certainly appreciate it an lit would enough to receive it, so look for us;

YOURS, VERY RESPECTFULLY,

# W. V. McConnell



Death of Enoch Broxson. Enoch Broxson, for so many years or not a special tax of twenty cents a prominent citizen of Crockett died at his residence in this city, of consumption of the lungs. For for school purposes. G. S. A. Rosmany days his soul has been in the shadowy land between two worlds election. and his death was painless. He will be buried this (Thursday) afternoon at 1 o'clock, funeral from the residence. He died on the ar.niversary of his wedding day fortyfour years previous, and his wife, now seriously ill, will probably not long survive him. Mr. Broxson was greatly and deservedly esteemed all over this county and a host of friends will mourn his death. The Courier goes to press at an hour that prevents a more exten-

#### New School District and Election.

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At the last session of the com missioners' court the Chappel Hill school district was established and its bounds defined as follows? Beginning at mouth of Hammond creek on Hurricane Bayou, thence up said creek to Mayes' old mill place, thence east to N. E. corner J. M. Box league line, thence south to S. W. corner Stewart survey, thence S. E. to San Antonio road, thence S. W. with said road to Cedar branch, thence down branch to Hurricane Bayou, thence down Bayou to piace of beginning. The court also ordered that an election

be held in this new district on At 9 o'clock, Wednesday night, Friday, Jan. 8th. to decide whether on the hundred dollars worth of taxable property shall be levied ser was appointed manager of said

Last Friday night Justice Pritch ard of this city was called on to perform a marriage ceremony under peculiar and romantic circumstances. About 11 o'clock on the night mentioned, he was summoned from his slumbers by loud knocking at the front door of his residence, and, hastily dressing, he went out and was informed that his services in tying a matrimonial knot were required then and there. The waiting couple were Mr. E. C. Satterwhite, a well known young farmer living on White rock and Miss Minnie Rains, daughter of Mr. J. F. Rains a prominent citizen living in the same section of the county. They were seated in a buggy in the road, and there in the mellow moonlight, with several sympathetic witnesses look. ing on, the Squire united the young couple in the most expeditious manner and without any frills whatever on the ceremony.

He shook and he shook, till his shaking was

He then bought a bottle of Cheatham's Chil

Ac said to his friends, though a shaker of yore

An Important Enterprise Organized.

Last Saturday at the court house in this city there was a meeting of citizens called to organize the Crockett Tram & Lumber Company and apply for a charter. Quite a number of interested land holders were present and the enterprise was thoroughly discussed. Mr. W. C. Teter of Galveston, who has been prominent in organizing the scheme was present and explained it to the meeting, and the substance of it is about as follows: There are vast quantities of fine lands in this county stretching east to the Neches by way of Coltharp and this land is owned in small tracts by quite a number of people. Capital can not utilize the timber on this land unless a large quantity of land lying in a body can be purchased, and to consolidate the small holdings into one such body was the object of the meeting. The draft of the charter says that the company is organized for buying and selling lands, cutting logs and lumber, conveying same to market, building and opening mills, constructing and operating tram ways etc. and that the principal office of the company shall be in Crockett. The authorized capitol stock is \$100,000. The following board of directors was elected: W. C. Teter, Minneapolis, Minn., D. A. Nunn,

T. F. John, Coltharp. This board vice-president, A. A. Aldrich, sec-ling and the hunt ends tomorrow been perfected in the company it is the purpose of the latter to sell to capitalists who will construct the trams, mills, etc to utilize the timber, and Mr. Teter says that he will have no difficulty in making such a sale. The charter will be at once meeting of the company in this city Dec. 23rd.

In the last issue of the COURIER of this city, by the burning out of a chimney of that gentleman's residence and the danger to the roof because of the difficulty of getting to it with water. Mr. W. J. Murchison of Lovelady read the item and in that connection writes to the COURTER the following valuable information which every householder ought to know: "I will say for the benefit of the readers of the Courier that one bucket of water thrown into the fireplace when the soot in the chimney is burning will instantly put out the blaze even if it is ten feet high above the chimney. The steam created by the water does the work. This I A. H. Wootters, John B. Smith, A. have learned by experience on A. Aldrich, Crockett, J. H. Ratcliff, more than one occasion."

To day (Thursday) the Coltharp elected the following officers: W. game hunt commences. The hun-C. Teter, president, D. A. Nunn, ters will leave that town this mornretary, A. H. Wootters, treasurer. morning at 10 o'clock at which Contracts have been made with time all game must be in. Toalmost seventy five land owners to morrow night in Coltharp there sell land to this company, the land will be a grand game supper where aggregating something over 30,000 the spoils of the hunt will be acres lying between Crockett and served up in appetizing form to the the Neches river by way of Col- hunters and their guests. Tony therp. When title to this land has Gossett will take out a company of gentlemen from this city to help dispose of the banquet.

Sheriff Waller returned last Thursday from Groesbeck, Limestone county, in charge of J. W. applied for. There will be another Howell, the slaver of Pink Kilpatrick, who had been arrested and jailed a few days before by the sherift of that county. It seems was an account of the alarm caused, that after the killing Howell made in the family of Mr. Charles Long his way to Limestone county where he had formerly lived, and while there was seen by a man who recognized him as the murderer of Kilpatrick. This man informed the sheriff and the latter at once went out and arrested Howell in the house where he was stopping with his wife's relations. He was taken by surprise and had no chance for resistance or escape. He is now in jail here and declines to talk about the killing. His brother-in-law, a man named Howard accompanied him here and it is said that habeas corpus proceedings will be resorted to to get him out of jail.

#### 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

That on the 22nd day of Decem-14 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 Justice precinct No. 2 of Houston county. John Kennedy is appointed manager of said election.

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 on 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 it had been discharged, and when River. Thence up said creek to he was subsequently leaving the sumption, tried without result the Clapps Ferry and Lovelady house she took two shots at him, road. Thence west with said road wounding him in the foot and calf bottle of Dr. King'y New Discovery to-where it intersects the east line of the leg. He also testified that and in two weeks was cured He of the J. A. Robinson survey she had previously made threats to is naturally thankful. It is such Thence south with said east line to where it intersects the John Douglass survey. Thence with the last survey in the badn't long to stay last survey. Thence with the last intersects the John Douglass survey. Thence with the last intersects the John Douglass survey. Thence with the last line to stay last survey. Thence with the last line to stay last li lass survey. Thence with the here, insisted on getting down his Free trial bottles at B. F. Cham-Douglass survey to the north-east testimony where it could do the berlain's Daug Store. Regular corner of same. Thence west to most good, before he leaves. Lost Creek. Thence down said Lost Creek to where it empties in- last Sunday forenoon and night at up said Big or Rackards Creek to may be the last sermons of Rev. J. the north-east corner of the John S. Mathis in this city. At the Durst survey. Thence west with said survey to the north-west corner of same. Thence south with the in his closing remarks and was 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 appainted manager of said election.

That an election be held at Grapeland on the 22nd day of December 1896 to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall cordial, manful salutation, his usebe permitted to run at large within ful and unselfish work both in and stock of goods. I am the following described limits to wit: Beginning at the Navarro crossing on Trinity river. Thence Genesis to Revelation and pracwith the Navarro road to Big Elk- ticed what he preached, will abide hart Creek. Thence down said always with those who knew him Elkhart Creek to the Linwood and Crockett road. Thence east with said road to where the line of Justice precinct No. one crosses said Mathis left Tuesday for the East road. Thence north with said line Texas Methodist conference at 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.

Last week seven hundred and fifty pounds of live turkeys were shipped by express from Crockett to Galveston, more than five hundred pounds being shipped by one man. These birds were raised in various parts of the county and such a shipment is a pleasant reminder of the fact that cotton not the only money crop of some of our farmers

Major C. T. Tipton is manage of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling mon say is ber 1896 an election will be held at one of the best hotels in that sec-Enon Church to determine whether tion. In speaking of Chamberloin's or not hogs, sheep and goats shall Cohe, Cholera and Diarrhoea be permitted to run at large within Remedy Major Picton says: "I the following described limits to have used it myself and in my famwit: Beginning at a point 11 ily for several years, and take trested feet and ears, sore throat miles North of Enon church, pleasure in saying that I consider and sore chest. If you have lame Thence East 1 mile, thence South it an infallible cure for diarrhoea 21 miles, thence West 24 miles, and dysentery. I always recomthence North 21 miles, thence East mend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by B. F. Chambertain.

> Last October Julia Peterson, colored, was arrested in this city charged with assault to marder Pleas Monroe, colored, and the case has not yet been disposed of. Last week Pleas, who is in failing health, sent for Justice Pritchard in order to make a declaration under oath as to the facts of the assault, to be used in case of his death ion City. Ill. was told by her docbefore the trial. His declaration tors she had consumption and makes a pretty strong case against that there was no hope for her, Julia and is to the effect that she induced him to go to her house Discovery combietely cured her where she pulled a pistok on him which was wrested from her after

Large congregations were out to Big or Rackard's Creek. Thence the Methodist church to hear what morning service the venerable and beloved pastor was deeply affected eloquent in his exhortation to his people. His were not the only moist eyes in the church at the conclusion of the services and it dise, consisting of Dry old was evident that there was general regret that Mr. Mathis was soon to goods, Boots, Shoes, leave, perhaps to return no more. He is a rare old Christian minister, hearty and kindly and tull of human sympathies, and the memory of his good gray head and carried in a general Greenwich. out of the pulpit, his fine example to young and old alike of a preacher who believed his Bible from here and their best wishes will follow him and his good wife whereever the fortunes of his ministry may carry them. Mr. and Mrs Marshall and there will be no services at the Methodist church here next Sunday. On the Sunday following, either Mr. Mathis or his successor at this station will occupy the pulp it.



MUNN & CO., 361 Breadway, New York.

The Joseph Bowling Ca., of New Orleans, last week filed suit against J. Blalock of this city, who recently executed a deed to his stock of goods, preferring creditors, plaintiffs alleging fraud in the procurement of goods. On plaintiffs application an injunction was issued restraining the trustee, J. H. Nelson, in the execution of the trust and Wednesday the case was heard before Judge Winfree on application for a receivership. The judge reserved decision until Thursday.

#### Ballard's Snow Liniment.

This invaluable remedy is one that ought to be in every bousehold. It will cure any rheumatum, neuradgia, sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, back it will cure it. It penetrates to the seat of the disease. It will cure stiff joints and contracted muscles after all other remedies have failed. These who have been crippled for many years have used Ballard's Snow Liniment and thrown away their crutches and For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist. been able to walk as well as ever. It wall cure you. Price 50c .- Sold by E. H. Haring & Co.

A complete line of collins and metallic caskets at The Furniture Store at moderate

#### Two Lives Saved,

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Jancput two bottles Dr. Kings's New and she savs it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching coneverything else then bought one size 50c. and \$1,00.

# and Near Cost.

I am selling out at and near cost my general stock of merchan-Hardware, everything going out of business and mean what I say aome and try me.

J. R. B. BARBEE-Lovelady, Texas.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well

Are you bilious, constipated or troubed with jaundice, sick headache, bad taste in mouth, foul or Cold, a tickling in the Throat, breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, which keeps you constantly cough- for your troubles? If not, get a indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in ing, or if you are afflicted with any bottle now and get relief. This back and between the shoulders, Chest, Throat or Lung Trouble, chills and fever, etc. If you have Whooping Cough, etc., and you use any of these symptoms, your liver Ballard's Horehound Syrup as diis out of order, and your blood is rected, giving it a fair trial, and no the relief and cure of all Female slowly being poisened, because benefit is experienced, we will au- Complaints, exerting a wonderful HERBINE will cure any disorder of fund your money on return of botthe liver, stomach or bowels. It the . It never fails to give satisfachas no equal as a liver medicine. tion. It promptly relieves bron-Price 75cts. Free trial bottle at chitis. Price 25 and 50cts.—Sold Headache, Fainting Spells, Ner-L. H. Haring & Co.

Cheatham's Chill Tonic is peculiarly adapted to persons in enfeebled health und invalids. It assists digestion, and is a perfect strengthener Put up in both the Tasteless and bitter styses | with every bottle of Chetams Chill Tonic bought | lains drug store. The Tasteless in 50 cent size.

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The only safe, sure and reliable Female PILL Ask for DE. MOTT'S PENETRGYAL PILLS and take no other.

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For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.

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A Boliev absolutely without restrictions.

A Policy with but One Condition, namely, the payment of premiums. A Policy with a Month's Grace in premiums, and paid in full in case of death

during the month of grace, less only the overdue premium with interest. A Rolley providing for Re-instatement within six months after lapse, it the insured is good health.

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A Policy with privilege of Cash Loans at 5 per cent interest five years.

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I Also Write Tornado Insurance.

J. S. COLLINS, M. D., Physician Surgeon.

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The progress made in civil service reform furnishes a cause for the utmost congratu-lation. It has survived the doubts of its friends as well as the rancor of its enemies, and has gained a permanent place among the agencies destined to cleanse our politics and improve, economize and elevate the public service. There are now in the competative classified service upward of 84,000 places. More than half these have been included from time to time since March 4, 1893.

Tariff Reform. This statute took effect on the 28th day of august, 1894. Whatever may be its shortcomings as a complete measure of tariff reform, it must be conceded that it has opened the way to a freer and greater exchange of commodities between us and other countries, and thus furnished a wider market for our products and manufac-

The only entire fiscal year during which this law has been in force ended on the 20th day of June, 1856. In that year our inports increased over those of the previous year more than \$6,500,000, while the value of the domes.ic products we exported and which found markets abroad, was nearly \$70,000,000 more than during the preceding

The situation was such in December last, teven months before the close of the fiscal year, that the secretary of treasury foretold deficiency of \$177,000,000. The great and increasing apprehension and timidity in business circles and the depression in all activities intervening since that time, reruiting from causes perfectly well understood and entirely disconnected with our tariff law or its operation, seriously shecked the imports we would have otherwise received, and readily account for the difference between this estimate of the secretary and the actual deficiency, as well as

for a continued deficit.

To meet any such deficit we have in the treasury, in addition to a gold reserve of \$100,000,000, a surplus of more than \$128,t00,000 applicable to the payment of the expenses of the government, and which must, unless expended for that purpose, remain a useless hoard, or, if not extravagantly wasted, must in any event be perverted from the purpose of its exaction from our people. The payment, therefore, of any deficiency in the revenue from this fund is nothing more than its proper and egitimate use.

Monetary Question.

This reference to the condition and prospects of our revenues naturally suggests an allusion to the weakness and vices of our financial methods. They have been frequently pressed upon the attention of the congress in previous executive communications and the inevitable danger of their continued toleration pointed out. Without now repeating these details, I cannot refrain from again carnestly presenting the necessity of the prompt reform of a system opposed to every rule of sound finance and own by experience to be fraught with the gravest peril and perplexity.

The terrible civil war which shook the

foundations of our government more than thirty years ago brought in its train the destruction of property. There remains with us to-day, in full strength and activity as an incident of that tremendous struggle, a feature of its financial necessities not only unsuited to our present circumstances, but manifestiy a disturbing memory to business recurity and an every menace to business security and an ever

present agent of monetary distress.

Because we may be enjoying a temporary relief from its depressing influence this should not lull us into a false security no lead us to forget the suddenness of past

I am more convinced than ever that we can have no assured financial peace and safety until the government currency obligations upon which gold may be demanded from the treasury, are withdrawn from circulation and cancelled.

This might be done, as has been hereto-fore recommended, by their exchange for long-term bonds bearing a low rate of interest, or by their redemption with the proceeds of such bonds.

It would be a step in the right direction if currency obligations, rede-mable in gold whenever so redeemed, should be cancelled instead of reissued. This operation would be a slow remedy, but it would improve

National banks should redeem their own They should be allowed to issue circulation to the par value of bonds deposited as security for its redemption and the tax on their circulation should be re-duced to one-fourth of one per cent. In considering projects for the treatment

of United States notes and treasury notes issued under the new law of 1890, I am of the opinion we have placed too much stress upon the danger of contracting the cur-rency and have calculated too little upon the gold that would be added to our circulation if invited to us by better and safe financial methods. It is not so much contraction of our currency that should be avoided as its unequal distribution. This might be obviated and fear of harmful contraction at the same time removed by al-lowing the organization of small banks and in less populous communities than are now permitted, and also authorizing existing banks to establish branches in small communities under proper restrictions.

The entire case may be presented by the statement that the day of sensible and sound financial methods will not dawn ppon us until cur government abandons the banking business and the accumula-tion of funds, and confines its monetary operations to the receipt of the money contributed by the people for its support, and to the expenditure of such money for the peoples' benefit.

Trusts Another topic in which our people rightinly take a deep interest may be here briefly considered. I refer to the existence of trusts and other huge aggregations of apital, the object of which is to secure the monopoly of some particular branch of trade, industry or commerce, and to stifle

wholesome competition. Their tendency is to crush out individual and to hinder and to prevent the free use of human faculties and the full development of human character, Through them the farmer, the artisan and the small trader is in danger of dislodge-ment from the proud position of being his own master. Though congress has at-tempted to deal with this matter by legislation, the laws passed have thus far

In concluding this communication its last words shall be an appeal to the congress for the most rigid economy in the expenditure of the money it holds in trust or the people. The way to perplexing exnce is easy, but a return to frugality is difficult.

When, however, it is considered that those who bear the burdens of taxation have no guaranty of honest care save in the fidelity of their public servants, the duty of all possible retrenchment is plainly

When our differences are forgotten and our contests of politital opinion are no longer remembered, nothing in the retrospect of our public service will be as fortunate and comforting as the recollection of official duty well performed and the mem-ory of a constant devotion to the interests of our confiding fellow countrymen. GROVER CLEVELAND.

#### HAD HIS THROAT CUT.

I. W. BARKER FOUND DEAD IN AUSTIN.

He was Found in a Wagon Yard in a Cotton Seed House-It is Supposed that He B. E. Defenbaugh and W. J. Judson. Committed Suicide-A Mexican Murders His Fellow Countryman.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 14.-Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock a prominent farmer of this county, named J. W. Barker, was found lying in a cottonseed house in a wagon yard in the lower part of the city with his throat cut from ear to ear. He lived about two hours after being found. Saturday afternoon he sold his team and wagon for upward of \$50. No money was found on him yesterday. While it is supposed that it is a case of suicide the grand jury, which is in session, will look into the matter to-day. No cause is known why he should have killed himself.

Teachers' Institute Adjourns.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 14.-The teachers' institute, which adjourned Saturday, was an interesting and insession that their hearts were in their being put on the free list. work. Saturday fully fifty teachers, men and women, were enrolled, and after the regular programme of the day was concluded they cast an eye to the future, and decided to hold the next institute Jan. 1 and 2.

A motion was carried making the election of Mr. J. H. Nutting and F. W. Davis, president and secretary respectively, permanent.

The chair was instructed by resolution to appoint a committee to draft tion of the rules of civilized warfareteachers' institute memorializing the state legislature to enact laws providing a system for holding teachers' institutes in the county. The following mittee: G. W. Dayton, G. J. Clements or fails to punish the assassins who and E. N. Blackburn.

A motion prevailed creating a plenary committee, composed of G. W. Dayton, F. W. Davis, E. N. Blackburn, W. H. Brimberry and J. W. Adamson, whose duty it is to correspond with teachers, trustees and patrons in behalf of maintaining a teachers' insti-

New Railroad. Mineral Wells, Tex., Dec. 14.-Ed C, Baker, assistant general manager of the Gulf and Brazos Valley railroad; A. McCallum, superintendent, attended an enthusiastic railroad meeting at Millsap Saturday night, at which time a contract was closed for the im-\$5,000 in eash, supplies, material, labor and right of way to the Palo Pinto thousand dollars is to be paid to the passed. railroad company at once. Work commences at Milisap to-day.

Hotel Burned, Bryan, Tex., Dec. 14.-At 6 o'clock vesterday morning a large two-story building, owned by Mrs. Garth and occupled as a boarding house by a man named Ringdahl, was burned. There were seven lodgers in the house, al! of whom escaped, with the loss of a part of their effects. A large amount of Ringdahl's furniture, covered by insurance, was burned. There was

work to protect it. An Interesting Meeting. Greenville, Tex., Dec. 14.-The Hunt County Teachers' institute met here Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11 and 12. Prof. J. D. Warren, of Caddo Mills, was elected president and Mrs. Willie De tion adjourned to meet again Jan. 9 1897.

Made a Chattle Mortgage. Decatur, Tex., Dec. 14.-R. M. Beville made a chattel mortgage, naming The work of construction on the S. G. Tankersly as trustee, conveying Cripple Creek district electric railway his entire stock of harness and sad- has finally started. dlery. The mortgage prefers Spencer & Barham for \$200, Bullock & Tankersley for \$300, Mrs. R. M. Beville for

Negro Girl Burned to Death. Cordell, a negro girl about 16 years Comptroller for taking part in the filtold, took a spasm Friday when the rest bustering expedition were to be exeof the family were away and fell in the cuted here today. General Weyler aufire. She was in the fire when the rest thorized the Associated Press to deny of the family came home. She was the truth of this rumor. The crew, he horribly burned and died during the said, were not to be executed today, night. She had been demented for sev- and the trial of their case will in fact eral years.

Lumbermen M at.

Cincinnati, Ohlo, December 15.-Ove: afty delegates are here for the National convention of lumber interests. It is expected that over 150 delegates wil. be present when the convention con-

The lumber dealers of thirty-two there will be at least 150 delegates in convention. At the preliminary conference last night the tariff of 1894 was the lumber interests. The delegates from the Northwest and the South are very enthusiastic and claim that overwhile everything entering into construction with lumber is protected.

Congressman-elect C. P. Dorr of West Virginia is one of the delegates and will champion the cause of the lumbermen in the next congress.

While the general interests of raw material in the lumber business will be discussed the primary object of the convention is to secure such an organization as will secure a tariff on lumber from the next congress. There are some free traders among the delegates, telligent body of educators. They but they claim that if it is to be a were zealous and showed clearly dur- schedule of custom duties that lumber ing the two days that they were in should not be discriminated against by

Spain an Outlaw.

Washington, December 15 .-- In the United States senate yesterday Senator Call introduced the following resolution:

Resolved. That the killing of Antonio Maceo, a renowned general in the service of the Republic of Cuba, if true. while under a flag of truce, and with an assurance of safety from the Spanish commander general, was a violaresolutions to be submitted to the next an outrage of base treachery, a murder cowardly and disgraceful, which demands the execration of every government and of all people of the world, whether civilized or savage; that the teachers were appointed on the com- government which recognizes, permits are connected in any way with the guilt of this crime with the extreme penalty of the law, is an outcast from the family of nations and from the pale of civilization and public law. That the committee on foreign relaflons be directed to make inquiry as to the facts and report to the senate at an early day.

Recess Resolution

devoid of public interest. Most of the day was spent in a struggle over the mediate construction of the Brazos bill of Mr. Morse, of Massachusetts, to Parker county people have subscribed intoxicating liquors in the District of Columbia more stringent. The opposition were inclined to filibuster county line, and lots in Millsap. One against the measure, but it finally was

> The president's veto of a bill to pension Lydia A. Taft, a divorced widow, was sustained, 82-85, two-thirds not holding to override the veto.

> > Burns Proved Fatal.

Dallas, Texas, December 15,-The 4year-old daughter of H. L. Haney of Eagle Ford, died yesterday morning from the effect of burns sustained December 5. On that date the child's clothing became ignited from the fireplace. Her cries attracted the attention of her mother, who rushed in and \$1,000 insurance on the building, which found the child in flames. She put out was twenty-five years old, but in good the fire as best she could and sumrepair. The fire started from a kitchen moned medical aid, but the little girl flue. A big yard full of cotton was had been burned beyond recovery. close to the flames, and it took hard Her face, arms and chest were frightfully disfigured and after lingering in the utmost agony till yesterday morning, death brought her suffering to a close.

Canada Wants the Fight.

Buffalo, N. Y., December 15 .- Local sporting men are discussing a prop-Fee secretary. Sixty-eight members osition made by a number of men from were enrolled during the session. Toronto and Hamilton, Ont., to have Among outside visitors were Prof. Corbett and Fitzsimmons meet in Can-Prof. Eastman, of Sulphur Springs ada, The proposition is of a combinaand Prof. Brennan, of Campbell tion made by well nown Buffalo and County Superintendtn Priest made Hamilton citizens and a big purse is some excellent remarks at different to be offered, the fight to take place times. The programme was carried in Hamilton. There is a hall in that out with much interest. The associa. city capable of holding at least 10,000 people, and the Canadians say that they are reasonably sure of non-interference by the authorities.

Weyler Denies.

Havana, December 15 .- The reporter \$500. Assets about \$1,000; liabilities tain General Weyler at the palace last evening to inquire regarding the rumor circulated in the United States Goodrich, Tex., Dec. 13 .- Anna Mc- that the crew of the American ship continue for a long time yet,

SITTING BULL.

How He and His Warriors Were Scared Out of a Theatre.

Fifteen years ago times were lively in Dakota and Fargo was a booming town of 12,000 people. Half a dozen the venes at 10 o'clock today for a session atrical enterprises were in full blast of two days. The call was issued by and a seventh manager opened a new house, the magnificence of which far outshone those of its competitors. States have responded to the call and The theater was to be opened Monday on these responses it is believed that evening, and that morning the train from the West brought the great Sioux chief, Sitting Bull, with a small party of Indians who were en condemned as discriminating against route to Washington to see the Great Father. The new management secured the attendance of the warriors for the opening of the house, \$600,000,000 are invested in lumber in and the hundreds of "tenderfeet" who the States which have no protection had never yet seen a real Indian in war paint paid fabulous prices for

> The closing feature of the program was an act performed by a female trapeze performer who was advertised to possess wonderful streng h in her jaws, says Kate Field's Washington.

The stage manager announced that she would hang suspended from the trapeze bar by her knees and support a heavy cannon by her teeth while it was discharged. At the sight of the cannon Sitting Bull and his men began to show signs of uneasiness. They shifted about in their seats nervously. Two men lifted the cannon and left it dangling from the woman's jaws. The muzzle of the weapon swung on a level with the Indians' headdress.

Sitting Bull and his warriors by this time had become extremely nervous. They looked at each other inquiringly, as if they suspected that they had been drawn into a trap, and were to be deliberately slaughtered. They jabbered at each other excitedly and two or three times so far forgot their stoicism as to look over their shoulders. Finally everything was in readiness, the stage manager stepped back, gave the string that he held a jerk, there was a flash and a roar and out of the cloud of smoke that shot into the parquet Sitting Bull and his warriors sprang, wildly shouting as they made their way down the aisle, striking madly right and left with the long-stemmed stone pipes which they carried. No attempt was made by the audience to stop the Indians, who made their way outside, and didn't stop running until they reached the hotel. For once the fearless chief of the Sioux was unnerved.

Books for Girls.

"It worries me." said a mother Washington, December 15.—Beyond | not long ago, "because my daughter | reach the trouble at all, for they had agreeing to a resolution for a two will not do any solid reading." A no effect whatever. I resorted to alweeks' hollday recess, beginning De- survey of the "solid reading" pro- most every patent medicine recomcember 22, the proceedings in the vided exonerated the young girl in house yesterday were almost entirely the estimation of the one to whom the complaint was addressed. A child must be nearly starved to prefer dry bread to dainty viancs. The Valley road from Millsap to Henrietta, render the laws relating to the sale of quickest introduction to solid reading | before I had finished is the historical novel or the wellillustrated and well-written book of travels. In the selection of both care must be taken that books written with a purpose are not chosen. The child who has to be coaxed to read is always suspicious of attempts to teach him unawares. As much real information can be derived from books such as "The Innocents years, and had withstood the treat-Abroad" or Miss Duncan's "Social Departure" as from ponderous books or travel carefully-elaborated tours written up from encyclopedias by gentlemen whose aim is to combine amusement with instruction.

Time of Maturity.-The relative profit in early and late maturing animals is more evident in beef growing than in any other line of stock husbandry. In growing animals for dairy purposes or for breeding some regard must be paid to the development of the animal system along the line to which it is to be applied, but in the case of beef the main requisite is to secure growth and fat with the most economical use of feed, and if the same can be accomplished in one year, that has previously required two years, the cost of the feed consumed is about the only consideration to be given attention,- Ex.

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## Suffering



Alas! women do suffer. Why, we often cannot teil, but we know there is one great cause, and that is weakness. The headaches, the

Women.

depressed feelings, the pains, the discouragements, indeed, almost all the misery has a common cause—weakness. At such times a woman always needs a friend that can be relied upon, and such a friend, for more than twenty years, has been that greatest of all remedies.



By its purity and its power it furnishes a prompt relief for women in their hours of need, and if the grateful expressions which come up from the homes of the land about what SAFE CURE has done were printed, they would fill volumes. If you, reader, are a sufferer, can you not take hope from this suggestion?

Large bottle, or new style, smaller one, at your @\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

# Scrofula, Skin Eruptions.

Scrofula, Eczema, Tetter and similar diseases can not be cured by local applications of ointments and liniments, for the discase is in the blood, and can only be reached by a blood

Mr. Thomas N. Tinney, of Corpus Christi, Texas, writes:

THE BLOOD.

"For years I suffered from Scrofula, which seemed to grow worse under the treatment of physicians. Attimes the dreadful disease wou'd extend to differ-

RIGHT

ent parts of my body, causing severe eruptions of the skin and untold suffering. The many prescriptions I took did me no good, and the local apmended for the blood, but without result.

"I had almost despaired of everbeing rid of this dreadful taint in my blood, when by the advice of friends I began to take S.S. S. (Swift's Specific), and the second bottle I no-

ticed an improvement. How much money and suffering I could have saved if I had only begun the right remedy!
This S. S. S. proved to be, for as I

continued its use I grew better, and was finally cured completely of a disease which had cursed my life for ment of many so-called blood remedies, as well as of the best physicians. S, S. S. also cured me of a severe case of rheumatism. It is the only real blood remedy on the market."

It is not difficult to be cured of any blood disease, if the right treatment is given. S. S. S. is the only positive Poison, cure for Contagions Blood Scrofula, Cancer, Eczema, Rhenmatism, or any other deep-seated blood disease, for it promptly reaches the seat of the trouble. It is the only blood remedy

guaranteed Pure-

ly Vegetable, and contains not a particle of potash, mercury or other mineral, which means so much to those who know the disastrous effects of these drugs. Valuable books can be had free by

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.THROUGH COACHES will be run from Various Points in TEXAS to Chattanooga, Tenn., Atlanta, Ga., and Tupeto, Miss..on December 21 

### THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT.

TEXAS.

People who deserve criticism generally look on it as abuse.

Do not blame luck because desperate chances do not win for you.

Public sentiment is to a large extent manufactured by people who have leisure to think for their neighbors.

run against obstacles in front of him.

It is a singular fact that the more a

Y, will ever be remembered by the fair ish column, commanded by Major Cisex. He has invented a lady's hat pin rujeda, Maceo mistook the force of that is out of sight.

Can't Gotham induce Anthony Com-

stock and Charlotte Smith to arrange

a pair and leave the bicycle and high art alone for a while? He bought her a box of roses

And cared naught for expense; Then he hunted up a free lunch And tried to borrow five cents. It is about time that some court

him drink when he is not so inclined. gueren, Cardenas, Gallo and Lozo, and Blonde hair is going out of style again, according to a fashion journal. The up-to-date girl, of course, will

to dye for it. Miss Nellie Hagerton of Oto, Iowa, who cloped with a young actor in an Uncle Tom's Cabin troop, wanted to play Topsy, perhaps. Nellie's father is a wealthy merchant, and Nellie is

only 17.

In the course of an address to some of his people, a colored man said: "You hear a good deal about a new woman, but I tell you there is a new negro who is coming up in this country." In an important sense, every reinforce the Spanish forces in Cuba. man who makes better use of his opportunities is a new man. A man of any color who is thus new will always be welcomed in his appropriate sphere Lucha and other Spanish papers are

A voung lady in Oshkosh was being scriously loved by one Clemons F. Luckaschonski, and, as you might infer, it was a little too much for her. She rallied, however, and told him last week that she would marry him if he would change his name. He consented, and on the wedding cards the groom's pushed to the utmost, and many pieces name will appear as Clemons F. Luck. Young ladies who are keeping steady company with gentlemen burdened Spain yesterday, and they were enthu- It was first thought that he might be with four-syllabled and almost unpro- slastically received as they marched Dycr, the absconding New York booknounceable names will know just what through the steets. They were all unto do after this.

states that it is thought that rabbits respondents have been warned to be have caused an epidemic of diphtheria more careful in their dispatches on in the county and has spread to several pain of being deported. towns. Twelve deaths have been reported. For the past five years diph-Lutheran church, which is used as a tollows: school building. A large number of rabbits have been living under that ton within a fortnight. Will telebuilding for a long time, and the physicians have reached the conclusion that the little animals have planted the germs of the disease, which spread among the children. The church will be burned.

having an easy life at the expense of ber of the family is in constant corres- Judge E. T. Hamilton, of Cleveland, sells liquor to a husband after the wife has she given any reason to believe peared at the Loraine Street bank and his wife has forbidden all the saloon- jects in coming here are." keepers to sell liquor to him. Consequently she goes out every now and ical?" was asked. then and collects something from the galoon-keepers, to prevent her from having them prosecuted. One man gave her \$5 in cash and ten cords of collected about \$300 this month in a similar manner.

Longfellow has been called the universal poet. A London editor recently wishes to visit her friends, and that is remarked of English working-people: all there is to it." "Thousands can repeat some of his (Longfellow's) poems who have never read a line of Tennyson, and probably never heard of Browning." An American has just given this testimony: He was travelling on a Mediterranean steamer, and Longfellow was mentioned. Six nationalities were represented by the passengers who recited selections from our poet. A Russiau lady repeated the poem beginning, "I stood on the bridge at midnight." An English captain returning from the Zulu war, repeated "A Psalm of Life." The captain of the steamer, who was an officer of the French navy, rendered who sang for all lands in a language Michigan suprema court. of the heart, that all can understand.

#### GEN. MACEO'S DEATH.

HE FELL AT THE FIRST VOLLEY FIRED.

He Mistook the Force of Guerillas Under Peral for Sanchez's Vanguard-Deny Gen. Macco's Death --

Havana, Dec. 14 .- Further inquiry by correspondents have elicited the following additional, details, which are positively reliable, of the manner in which Antonio Macso met his death.

It is known that Maceo expected the insurgent brigadier general, Sanchez, man looks back the less liable he is to to concentrate his forces in Havana province in readiness for Macco when he should pass the trocha. It happen-Jerome Mount of Three Mile Bay, N. ed, however, that in passing the Span-At the first volley from the Spanish Maceo fell wounded. The insurgents taken by surprise, commenced a general fire as they retreated and abandoned Maceo in a dying condition. concentrated forces of the insurgents ter Martha. which were with Maceo at the time should decide that a man is justified in he was killed, and which are following cated is suppressed by the Crittonian assaulting people who want to make the leaders Aguirre Castillo, Aran- workers. which number 1300 horsemen.

Col. Feijoo again met these forces at Tumba Ouarto, where he inflicted a ss of eighteen killed, their wounded keep up with the procession if she has being carried off. The Spanish had nineteen wounded.

Private advices from Santiago de Las Vegas, in this province, state that the prominent insurgent leader Perico Delgado has been seriously wounded and has remained hidden in the woods since the last engagement with Gen Figueroa. These advices add that it is expected that several bodies of insurgents will soon surrender to the Spanish authorities.

The steamer San Ignacio has arrived here, having on board 1240 soldiers to Cincinnati, O., Dec. 14,-A special

from Key West, Fla., says: Advices from Havana state that La quite bitter over the story sent out regarding Maceo's death, and deny it emphatically. Palace officials also deny it, and it is stated that Gen. Weyler this threat that she killed herself yeswill deny it over his own signature.

More fighting is reported in the suburbs, numbering several thousand. The work of entrenchment is being

dersized and appeared like boys. The anti-American feeling is grow-

Lilloukalani in San Francisco. Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.-Wm. Lee, theria has annually broken out in the the publisher, has received a dispatch immediate vicinity of the Tybithra from San Francisco which reads as

"Arrived here. Expect to reach Bosgraph exact date later.

LILIOUKALANL" She is a cousin of the late John Dom-

inos, husband of Lilioukalani. "I have no further information on this subject," said Mr. Lee, "than what A Mrs. White of Detroit, Mich., is is contained in the dispatch. A memthe saloon-keepers. The law of the pondence with the ex-queen in a was forged to a \$75,000 check Saturstate make a saloon-keeper liable if he friendly way, but in none of her letters day. Early in the afternoon a man aphas forbidden him to do so. Mr. White that she contemplates a journey to this presented an order for that amount on keeps on drinking, however, although country. I have no idea what her ob- the Dime Savings and Building com-

had alluded but slightly to political been pronounced a forgery by Judge affairs, but she has certainly given us Hamilton. At 3 o,clock Cunningham the impression that she does not care again appeared. He was told that the wood Tuesday, and altogether she has for restoration and that she would bank had failed to get the money, and make no effort to regain her throne. was requested to return at 5 o'clock. My personal opinion is that the object He agreed to do so, and has not been of her journey would be that she sim- seen since. ply desires a change of scenes and

Anti-Saloon League. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.-Yesterday witnessed the beginning of the anti- the farm house of Perry Bristow, an saloon league movement in Detroit, aged man living near here. Just as Adresses were made in behalf of the they entered the house Mrs. Alice Baxleague in most of the principal churches, and many entered the move- with a lamp in her hand. As one of ment. It is intended to prosecute the the burglars attempted to grab her by work of educating public sentiment, securing a vote upon the question of local option, enforcing the present liquor laws and securing more stringent of the lamp until he beat a retreat, Liquor legislation throughout the state. Michigan is the second state in which One of the three was afterward arthis movement is inaugurated, the rested. league having originated in Ohio. "Excelsior" in broken English. Others Among the several speakers of yesterinited in this expressive tribute to one day was Justice C. B. Grant, of the

The Overman Casc.

Washington, Dec. 14.--Mrs. Kate Weller Barrett, who has been closely allied here with the work of the Crittenton Rescue league, spoke yesterday of Mattie Overman, whose name was connected with Dr. Brown in the San Francisco church scandal, and of whom it was stated that she was coming to this city.

"Mr. Crittenton gave me a check for \$00," said Mrs. Earrett, "and I sent it to Miss Overman to come here, but since the press has announced the fact that she was coming here she will go elsewhere, and when her tormentors find out where she is we will take her somewhere else."

The meeting destroyed Mattle Overman's plans to come here. She is traveling in disguise, under the name of Sister Martha, and will continue to work with the "Crittenton band." Sho was not coming here to join Mrs. Barrett, as was commonly announced, but guerillas under Peral for Sanchez's she intended to live here in the navanguard and found himself among tional Crittenton home. Mr. Crittenthem before he discovered his mistake. ton has taken an interest in her case, and will doubtless provide for her.

Dr. Brown claims that she is trying to blackmail him, but the Crittenton workers deny this, and say she is simply trying to lose herself from her past Col. Feijoo has had an engagement at life and seek refuge in disguise, where Campo Florida, near Havana, with the she can carry on rescue work as Sis-

The place where Miss Overman is 13-

Took Poison.

New York, Dec. 14.-Josephine S Jerchoa, a niece of the general, Pulaski, who fought in the war of the American revolution and was killed at Savannah, Ga., committed suicide by poisoning at her home in Brooklyn. Mme, Jerocha was a claimant for \$2,060,060, which, it is said, her famous grand uncle advanced to the United States government to aid in prosecuting the war of independence. She had, according to her story, been robbed of the papers which established her claims, and was obliged to take a government clerkship in Washington, from where, however, she was dismissed by Cleveland in his first term. Since then she has had a terrible struggle with poverty and was finally reduced to selling papers. For some time she had been entirely dependent upon char-

Mme, Jerocha went to Washington intimating that she intended committfor suicide. It was in accords

Swindler Arrested.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 14.-A stranger calling himself P. H. Bradley is under arrest here as a check swindler and it of new artillery have been mounted. is said he is wanted by several western Two thousand troops arrived from railroad companies for forging passes. keeper, but that theory was set aside yesterday by the arrival from that city of a detective, who failed to identify A dispatch from Webster City, Iowa, ing, and several of the American cor- him. Bradley deposited in the First National bank of this city a check for \$500 drawn on a bank in Dayton, O. A bank book in which the deposit was credited was given him, but he was told not to draw against it until Information from Dayton had been received. He ignored the warning and bought diamonds and clothing, giving checks on the First National bank and exhibiting the bank book. Learning of these transactions the bank officials caused his arrest. He is held pending the receipt of more detailed informa-

tion from the west. Failed to Get the Money. Cleveland, O., Dcc. 14.-The name of pany, payable to C. N. Cunningham. "Do you imagine her object is polit- The treasurer offered an excuse for not paying at once, and Cunningham de-"I do not. In her letters to me she parted. Meanwhile the signature had

> Burglars Frustrated. Wooster, O., Dec. 14 .- At an early hour yesterday morning three masked burglars battered down the door of ter, Bristow's housekeeper, met them the throat she hit him in the face with the lamp, breaking it. She continued to hammer him with the glass handle and the other two robbers ran away.

> Near Marshalltown, Ia., recently, Andrew Hart, was shot and billed by a burglar.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best, Those who devote all the present to building for the future generally die before reaching what they consider a

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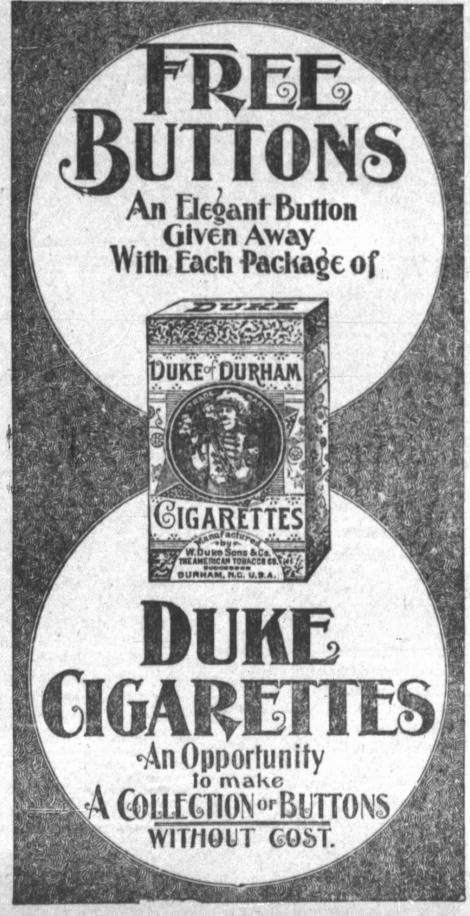
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The True Way is to Take the One True Blood Purifier.

Catarrh is caused by impure blood. The best physicians say so. The only way to cure eatarrh is to purify the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures catarrh when all other medicines fail, because Hood's Sarsaparilla is The One True Blood Purifier. This is ogical, and that it is true is proved by housands of testimonials like this:

"I was troubled with nasal catarrh for many years. I doctored for it, and at one time took a dozen bottles of a so-called eatarrh cure, but without beneficial effect. I had read of cases where others

Had Been Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, and I determined to try 1t. I took five bottle; last year, and was highly pleased with the relief obtained. I have had no particular trouble from catarrh since that time except a slight inflammation when I catch cold. I have proved, in my own case, that Hood's Sarsaparilla will cure catarrh, and I also derived benefit in a general way from its use. It is an excellent remedy, and I am glad to give my experience with it for catarrh for the benefit of those, who may be similarly afflicted." Mrs. JOHN LEHMAN, 103 Wilkinson St., Goshen, Indiana.

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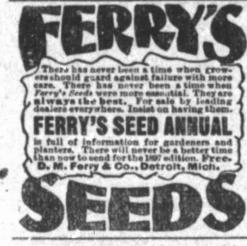
Dainty rose bowls are seen in green or red and white combinations of cut



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COAST NEWS ITMMIZED.

nteresting Notes of Improvement and Casual Happenings.

The real estate men are kept busy selling lands. Every day brings in farmers from North Texas.

Every day sees emigrants hunting homes in Atascosa county. There is room for them and welcome.

Whooping cough has been epidemic mong the children in DeWitt county this winter and three or four have died with it.

The real estate men all over the coast country are kept busy selling lands. Every day brings in farmers from North Texas.

The schooner Edward II. Blake, Smith master, cleared and sailed from Sabine Pass Friday for Tampico, with 150,000 feet of lumber.

A great many farmers are coming to Brazoria county from North Texas, mostly in wagons, looking for locations on the fertile prairies. The city of Victoria is full of prairie

schooners almost every day and the umber yards are doing an immense business with newcomers.

The Simms murder case has been continued to the next term of court. The large number of witnesses have returned to their different homes.

Hon. E. L. Dunlap is shipping many arleads of hay from his ranch in Vietoria county. He was unfortunate nough to have 100 acres burned yes-

Waller county, with a population of about 15,000, has shipped out, so far his season, over 16,000 bales of cotton which gives for the year 1896 over a mle of cotton per capita.

The assessor's rells of Liberty county for the current year show an increase of \$275,600 in taxable values over last year. This is an evidence of the maerial growth of the county.

On November 30 the John A. Salzer Seed company, La Crosse, Wis., the largest seed potato growers in the world, received an order for 3000 bushels of seed potatoes from one firm u Texas.

The Norwegian steamship Washingen, Salveson master, have arrived at Subine Pass; also Norwegian steamship Breiford from New Orleans, and Norwegian bark Visien, Tenneson master, Ayr, Scotland,

Dr. Greer of Van Alstyne, Grayson ounty, has purchased the O. A. Barry farm of 625 acres about four miles southeast of Angleton, on Bastrop evon, on which he intends to settle a number of Grayson county farmers.

Lafy Ward, a wealthy Jackson couny ranchman, owning 50,000 acres, will cut up 11,000 acres for saie to farmers in small tracts convenient to the town of Ednn. This will greatly help the growth and prosperity of that place.

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Hempstead on the 26th of November Mr. W. H. Dickerson read a proposition from Mr. E. A. Ellis offering to put in right. Does anyone imagine for a moan electric light and water works plant here, and as all the conditions asked by Mr. Ellis have been complied with Hempstead is reasonably sure to have water and lights in the near future.

The cabbage crop of Brazoria county will amount to considerable this winter. There is a large acreage planted and in fine condition. The earlier planted are now heading and carload shipments will soon begin One man shipped 1000 pounds of fine heads yesterday.

Seven prairie schooners from Neoraska passed through Georgetown this week en route to the coast country. The men looked thrifty and enterprising and their stock was in splendid condition. One of the party said their object in moving was low prices for their products and the severe winters and blizzards.

Ollvia, the second point of importance in Calhoun county, has bright prospects. The town is located on Killer's bay, twelve miles from Port Lavacu, and not only the Swedish settlers but the fishermen and residents of lower Jackson county help to sustain it. Many visitors from the interior camp there in the summer.

A prominent official of the Gulf and Bruzes Valley railroad (consolidated) with the St. Louis, Oklahoma and Texas Air Line) writes that if the people of that section give proper encouragement they will run a dine immediately from the Texas and Pacific railroad to Granbury, Hamilton, Lampasas, Llano, Fredericksburg and Comfort on the Aransas Pass railroad. The people of that county make a very liberal offer and have good reason to hope that the proposed railroad will be in operation within a year.

Since the location of the county seat there Angleton has been improving and building up very fast. All the streets have been ditched and graded by the owners of the town site, as well as the reads leading into it for some distance, and petitions have been filed with the county commissioners, which will be acted on at the present meeting, making all roads to the county seat first-class roads.

The weather conditions of the past month have been very favorable to the strawberry plants, and the prospects for a fine crop could not be better.

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It appears that charming Cissy Fitzgerald is suffering from a peculiar trouble which may damage her financial value professionally. It is well known that her wink was one of her great charms, and she used it in a most lavish manner. But now the tail wags the dog, so to speak. She has winked so persistently that instead of having control of her wink the wink controls her, in fact she winks all the time. To be frank and plain about it, she has begun to squint horribly. Naturally her managers are indignant at her failuse to control her wink, for if it is habitual its charm is gone. Poor Cissy is greatly troubled about it and does not know what to do.

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Corinne was perfectly safe in offering to build a home for aged actresses. There are no such actresses; when they become superannuated they enter

There is a considerable amount of inconvenience about being on friendly terms with people who have patronage to dispense, when one also has acquaintances among the hungry.

In Roseberg, Oregon, a curfew law has recently been passed which applies to boys only. It will work all ment that the girls will care to roam the streets alone?

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to the Work of Other Departments,

To the Congress of the United States: As representatives of the people, in the existative branch of their government, you have assembled at a time when the strength and excellence of our free institutions and the fitness of our citizens to enjoy popular rule have been again made manifest. A political contest involving momentous consequences fraught with feverish apprehension and creating aggressiveness so intense as to approach bitterness and passion has been waged throughout our land and determined by the decree of free and independent suffrage without disturbance of our tranquility or the least sign of weakness in our national

When we consider these incidents and contemplate the peaceful obedience and manly submission which have succeeded at clash of political opinions, we discover abundant evidence of a determination on the part of the countrymen to abide by every verdict of popular will and to be controlled at all times by an abiding faith in the agencies established for the directof funds, and by other means, which the tion of the affairs of their government; spirit of our assitutions and the tenor of thus the people exhibit a patriotic disposition which entitles them to demand of these who undertake to make and execute their laws such faithful and unselfisa service in their behalf as can only be prompted by a serious appreciation of trust and confidence which the acceptance of public duty invites.

In obegience to a constitutional requirement, I herein submit to the congress certain information concerning national affairs with the suggestion of such legislation as in my judgment is necessary and

#### Affairs In Turkey.

At the outset of a reference to the more important matters affecting our relations with foreign powers, it would afford me satisfaction if I could assure the congress that the disturbed condition in Asiatic Turkey had, during the past year, assumed a less hideous and bloody aspect and that either as a consequence of the awakening of the Turkish government to swakening of the Turkish government to the demands of humane civilization or as the result of decisive action on the part of the great mations having the right by treaty to interfere for the protection of those exposed to the rage of mad bigotry and cruel fanaticism, the shocking features of the situation had been mitigated. Instead, however, of welcoming a softened disposition or protective intervention, we have been afflicted by continued and not unfrequent reports of the wanton destruc-tion of homes and the bloody butchery of men, women and children, made martyrs

to their profession of Christian faith.

While none of our citizens in Furkey have thus far been killed or wounded, shough often in the midst of dreadful scenes of danger, their safety in the future is by no means assured. Our government is by no means assured. Our government at home and our minister at Constantino ple have left nething undone to protectione missionaries in Ottoman territory. who constitute nearly all individuals residing there who have a right to claim our protection on the score of American citzenship. Ourefforts in this direction will

We have made claims against the Turkwe have made claims against the I drish government for the pillage and destruction of missionary property at Harpool and Marash during uprisings at those places. Thus far the validity of these demands has not been admitted. The facts as they now appear do not permit us to doubt the justice of these claims, and nothing will be omitted to bring about their prompt settlement.

A number of Armenian refugees have ar-A number of Armenian refugees have arrived at our ports, and an order has lately been obtained from the Turkish government permitting the wives and children of such refugees to join them here and it is hoped this order will be perpetuated.

I do not believe that the present sombre predicament in Turkey will be long permitted to offend the sight of christendom.

It so mars the human and enlightened civ ilization that belongs to the close of the nineteenth century that it seems hardly possible that the earnest demand of good people throughout the christian world for its corrective treatment will remain unanswered

#### Insurrection In Cuba.

The insurrection in Cuba still continues. with all its perplexities. It is difficult to perceive that any progress has thus far been made towards the pacification of the island or that the situation of affairs as depicted in my last annual message has in the least improved. If Spain still holds Havana and the scaperts and all the considerable towns, the insurgents still roam at will over at least two-thirds of the island country. If the determination of Spain to put down the insurrection seems but to strengthen with the lapse of time and is evidenced by her unhesitating devotion of largely increased military and naval forces to the task, there is much reason to believe that the insurgents have gained in point of numbers and character and resources, and are nevertheless inflexible in their resolve not to succumbe without practically securing the great objects for which they

Spain has not yet reestablished her authority, neither have the insurgents yet made good their title to be regarded as an independent state. Indeed, as the contest has gone on, the pretense that civil government exists on the island, except so far as Spain is able to maintain it, has been mysetically abandoned. Spain does keep took up arms. practically abandoned. Spain does keep on foot such a government, more or less imperfectly, in the large towns and their immediate suburbs. But, that exception being made, the entire country is either given over to anarchy or is subject to the military occupation of one or the

It is reported indeed, on reliable authority, that at the demand of the commander-in-chief of the insurgent army the putative Caban government has now given all attempt to exercise its functions, leaving dist government confessedly (what there is the best reason for supposing it always to have been in fact) a government merely on paper. Were the Spanish armies able or in pitched battle, prompt and decis've results might be looked for, and the immense superiority of Spanish forces in numbers, discipline and equipment could hardly fail to tell greatly to their advantage. But they are called upon to face

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It is reliably asserted that should these interruptions continue during the current ference with its control by any other year, and practically extend, as is now threatened, to the entire sugarproducing. It should be added that it cannot be President Cleveland Enlarges upon the Cuban, Financial and Tariff Questions—
The Usual Recommendations in Regard

Chief the Chief Sagar Frontier, territory of the island, so much time and so much money will be required to restore the land to its normal productiveness that it is extremely doubtful if capital can be induced to even make the attempt. The spectacle of the utter ruin of an adjoining country, by nature one of the most fertile and charming on the globe, would engage the serious attention of the government and people of the United States, under any circumstances. In point of fact they have concern with it which is by no means of wholly sentimental or philanthropic haracter. It lies so near to us as to be hardly separated from our territory. Our actual pecuniary interest in it is second only to that of the people and government

of Spain. It is reasonably estimated that at least from \$30,000,000 to \$50,000,000 of American capital are invested in palm plantations, and in railroad, mining and other business enterprises on the island. The volume of trade between the United States and Cuba which, in 1885, amounted to about \$64,000. 000, rose in 1893 to about \$103,000,000, and in 1804, the year before the present insur-rection broke out, amounted to nearly 89%, 000,000. Besides this large pecuniary stake in the fortunes of Cuba, the United States finds itself inextricably involved in the present contest in other ways, both vexa-

Many Cubans reside in this country, and indirectly promote the insurrection through the press by public meetings, by the purise and shipment of arms, by the rai our laws do not permit to be made the subect of eriminal prosecution. Some of them, though Cubons at heart and in all their feelings and interests, have taken out papers as naturalized citizens of the United States, a proceeding resorted to with a view to possible protection by this government, and not unnaturally regarded with much indignation by the country of their

The insurgents are undoubtedly encour aged and supported by the widespread sympathy of the people of this country always instantly feel for every struggle better and freer government, and which in the case of the more adventurous and restless elements of our populations leads in

only many instances to active and personal participation in the contest.

The result is that this government is constantly called upon to protect Amerian citizens, to claim damages for injuries to persons and property, now estimated at many millions of dollars, and to ask explanations and apologies for the acts of Spanish officials whose zeal for the repression of rebellien scutiments blinds them to the immunities belonging to the unoffending citizens of a friendly power.

It follows from the same causes that the United States is compelled to 'actively police a long line of seacoast against unlawin Cuba, the large American property and interests affected, and considerations philanthropy in general, has led to a Negotiations for a treaty of general arbi-

The United States is not a nation to which peace is a necessity, it is in truth the most pacific of powers, and desires nothing so much as to live in amity with all the world. Its own ample and diversifled domain satisfy all possible longings for territory, preclude all dreams of conquest, and prevent any casting of covetons eyes upon neighboring regions, however attractive: that our conduct towards Spain and her dominions has constituted no exception to this national disposition, is made manifest by the course of our gov-ernment, not only thus far during the present insurrection, but during the 10 years that followed the rising at Yara in 1868. No other power, it may safely be said, under circumstances of similar perplexity, would have manifested the same

estraint and the same patient endurance. It may also be said that this persistent attitude of the United States towards Spain n connection with Cuba will unquestion ably evince no slight respect and regard for Spain on the part of the American peo-ple. They in truth do not forget her connection with the discovery of the western hemisphere, nor do they underestimate the great qualities of the Spanish people, nor fail to fully recognize their splendid patri-otism and their chivalrous devotion to the

national honor. They view with wonder and admiration the cheerful resolution with which vast bodies of men are sent across thousands of cumulated that the costly possession of the gem of the Antilles may still hold its place in the Spanish crown. And yet, neither the government nor the people of the United States have shut their eyes to the course of events in Cuba or have failed to realize the existence of conceded griev-ances which have led to the present revolt from the authority of Spain-grievances recognized by the queen regent and by the cortes, voiced by the most patriotic and enlightened of Spanish statesmen without regard to party, demonstrated by reforms proposed by the executive and approved by the legislative branch of the Spanish government. It is in the assumed temper and disposition of the Spanish government to remedy these grievances, fortified by in-dications of influential public opinion in Spain, that this government has hoped to liscover the most promising and effetcive means of composing the present strife with honor and advantage to Spain and with the achievement of all the reasonable ob-

jects of the insurrection requirements of her Spanish subjects, there should be no just reason why the pucification of the island might not be effected on that basis. Such a result would appear to be in the true interest of all concerned. It would at once stop the conflict. which is now consuming the resources of the island and making it worthless for whichever party may ultimately prevail. It would keep intact the possessions of Spain without touching her honor, which Spain without touching her honor, which will be consulted rather than impugned by the adequate redress of admitted grievances. It would put the prosperity of the island and the fortunes of its inhabitants within their own control, without severing the natural and ancient ties which bind them to the mother country, and would yet enable them to test their capacity for selfgovernment under the most favorable conditions.

States at the close of the last fiscal year, ending on the 30th day of June, 1896, was \$1,228,326,035, of which \$599,597,964 was of gold and \$628,728,071 in silver.

On the first day of November, 1896, the total stock of money of all kindsein the country was \$2,285,410,590, and the amount incirculation, not including that in the selfgovernment under the most favorable country was \$1,027,055,641, being \$22.03 per capita upon an estimated popu-

a loo that shuns general of gigen ents, that can choose or does choose as own ground, that from the nature of the country is visible or invisible at pleasure, and fights only from ambuscade, and when all the advantages of position and numbers are on its side. to the acquisition of the island or an inter-

> It should be added that it cannot be reasonably assumed that the hitherto expectant attitude of the United States will e indefinitely maintained. While we are anxious to accord all due respect to the sovereignty of Spain, we cannot view the pending conflict in all its features and properly apprehend our inevitable relations to it and its possible results without considering that by the course of events we may be drawn into such an unusual and unprecedented condition as will fix a limit to our patient waiting for Spain to end the contest, either alone and in her

> own way or with our friendly co-operation. When the inability of Spain to deal successfully with the insurrection has become manifest, and it is demonstrated that her sovereignty-is extinct in Cuba for all purposes of its rightful existence, and when a hopeless struggle for its re-establishment has degenerated into a strife which means nothing more than the useless sacrifice of human life and the atter destruction of the very subject matter of the conflict, a situation will be presented in which our obligations to the sovereignty of Spain will be superseded by higher obligations, which we can hardly hesitate to recognize and discharge.

> Deferring the choice of ways and methods until the time for action arrives, we should make them depend upon the precise conditions then existing; and they should not be determined upon without giving careful heed to every consideration involving our honor and interest, or the internaonal duty we owe to Spain. Until we do the contingencies suggested or the situa-tion is by other incidents imperatively changed we should continue in the line of conduct heretofore purshed, thus in all circumstances exhibiting our obedience to the requirements of public law and our regard for the duty enjoined upon us by the

> position we occupy in the family of nations. A contemplation of emergencies that may arise should plainly lead us to avoid their creation, either through a careless disregard of present duty or even an undue stimulation and ill-timed expression of feeling. But I have deemed it not am:ss to remind the congress that a time may arrive when a correct policy and care for our interests, as well as a regard for the interests of other nations and their citizens, joined by considerations of humanity and a desire to see a rich and fertile country, intimately related to us, saved from complete devastation, will constrain our covernment to such action as will subserve he interests thus involved and at the same time promise to Cuba and its inhabitants an opportunity to enjoy the biessings of

#### Venezuelan Boundary Dispute,

The Venezuelan boundary question has ceased to be a matter of difference between Great Britain and the United States, their respective governments having agreed up-on the substantial provisions of a treaty ful expeditions, the escape of which, the between Great Britain and Venezuela subutmost vigilance will not always suffice to mitting the whole controversy to arbitra prevent. These inevitable entanglements of the United States with the rebellion in eminently just and fair that the assent of

philanthropy in general, has led to a vehement demand in various quarters for some sort of positive intervention on the part of the United States.

Negotiations for a treaty of general arbitration for all differences between Great Britain and the United States are advanced and promise to reach a successful conand promise to reach a successful consummation at an early date.

#### Consular Positions.

The scheme of examining applicants for certain consular positions to test their competency and fitness was adopted under an extensive order issued on Sept. 20, 1895. has fully demonstrated the usefulness of this innovation. In connection with this plan of examination, promotions and transfer of deserving incumbents have been quite extensively made with excellent results.

#### Residences For Ambassadors.

I desire to repeat the recommendation contained in my last annual message in favor of providing at public expense of ficial residences for our ambassadors and ministers at foreign capitals.

#### The Treasury.

The secretary of the treasury reports reports that during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, the receipts of the govern-ment from all sources amounted to \$409,-475,400,78. During the same period its expenditures were \$434,678,654.48, the excess of expenditures over receipts thus amounting to \$25,203,285.70. The ordinary expeditures during the year were \$4,015,-852,21, less than during the preceding fiscal year. Of the receipts mentioned there was derived from customs the sum of bodies of men are sent across thousands of sileo,021,751.67, and from internal revenue, miles of ocean and an enormous debit accumulated that the costly possession of the show an increase of \$7,836,134.22 over those from the same source for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1804, and the receipts from internal revenue an increase of \$3,854, 537. The value of overimported dutiable merchandise during the last fiscal year was \$209,757,470, and the value of free goods imported, \$409,967,470, being an increase of \$6,523,675. Our exports of merchandise, foreign and domestic, amounted in value to \$882,603,938, being an increase over the preceding year of \$75,068,773. average advalorem duty paid on dutiable goods imported during the year was 39,94 per cent, and on free and dutiable goods taken together, 20.55 per cent.

The cost of collecting our internal revenue was 2.78 per cent as against 2.81 per cent for the fiscal year ending June 30, The total production of distilled spirits,

exclusive of fruit brandies, was 85,588,703 taxable gallons, being an increase of 6,639,108 gallons over the preceding year. There was also an increase of 1,443,676 gal-It would seem that if Spain should offer to Cuba genuine autonomy, a measure of home rule which while preserving the sovereignty of Spain would satisfy all rational 35,859,250, as against 33,589,784, being an

increase of 2,269,466 barrels.
The total amount of gold exported during the last fiscal year was \$112,409,947 and of silver \$60,541,670, being an increase of \$45,941,446 of gold and \$13,246,384 of silver. over the exportations of the preceding fiscal year. The imports of gold were \$33,525,065 and of silver \$28,777,186, being \$2,859,695 less of gold and \$8,566,007 more of silver than during the preceding year. total stock of metallic money in the United States at the close of the last fiscal year,

822.03 per capita upon an estimated popu-

It is therefore fervently hoped on all grounds that earnest efforts for healing the breach between Spain and the insurgent Cubans, upon the lines above indicated, may be at once inaugurated and pushed to an immediate and successful and \$55,727,000 fine ounces of silver, of the

ounces of silver, of the commercial value vall in European shipyards, of \$110.654,000, and of the coinage value of facturing facilities are at the \$218,738,100, according to our ratio. The coinage of these metals in the various countries of the world during the same calendar year amounted to \$232,701,438 in gold and \$121,936,219 in silver.

The total coinage at the mints of the United States during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, amounted to \$71,188,468.52, of which \$58,878,490 was in gold coin and \$12,309,978.52 in standard silver dollars and

minor coins.

The number of national banks organized from the time the law authorizing their creation was passed up to October 31, 1896, was 5051, and of this number 3679 were at the date last mentioned in active operation, having authorized capital stock of \$650, 041,895, held by 288,902 shareholders and circulating notes amounting to \$211,412,620. The total outstanding circulating notes of all national banks on the 31st day of October, 1896, amounted to \$234,553,807, including unredeemed but fully secured notes of banks insolvent and in process of liquidation. The increase in national bank circulation during the year ending on that day was \$21,099.420. On October 6, 1896, when the condition of national banks was last reported, the total resources of the 6679 active institutions was \$3,263,685,313.85, which included \$1,893,268,839.31 in loans and discounts and \$962,165,733.85 in money of all kinds on hand. Of their liabilities \$1,557,891,658 was due to individual depositors and \$20,944,019 consisted of outstand

ing circulating notes. There were organized during the year preceding the date lest mentioned 28 na-tional banks, located in 15 states. During the year, however, 37 banks voluntarily abandoned their franchises under the na tional law, and in the case of 27 others it was found necessary to appoint receivers.

#### Emigration.

The number of emigrants crriving in United States during the fiscal year was 343,267, of whom 340,468 were permitted to land and 2,799 were debarred on various grounds prescribed by law and returned to the countries whence they came at the expense of the steamship companies by which they were brought in. The increase in immigration over the preceding year amounted to 84,731. The money brough-with them amounted to at least \$5,000,00 t

#### Postal Department.

Our postoffice department is in good condition and the exhibit made of its opera-tions during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, if a lowance is made for imperfections in the laws applicable to it, is very satisfactory. The total receipts during the year were \$82,499,208,40. The total expenditures were \$30,0026,235.84 exclusive of \$1. 559,898,27 which was earned by the Pacific railroad for transportation and credited on their debt to the government. There was an increase of receipts over the previ ous year of \$5.516,080.21, or 7.1 percent, and an increase of expenditures of \$3,895. 124.02, or 4.42 percent. The deficit was 81,679,955.19 less than that of the preceding

The year's report shows large extensions of both star route service and railway mail pensable that there should be an entire change in the relations of these Indians to Much higher accuracy in handling mails has also been reached. The deficit for the necessary in furtherance of their own inlast year, although much less than that of | teresis, as well as for the protection of the last preceding years, emphasises the Indian residents in their territory. A com-necessity for legislation to correct the mission organized and empowered under growing abuse of second class rates, to which the deficiency is mainly attributed. It appears that though the second-class

matter constituted more than two-thirds of the total that was carried, the revenue derived from it was less than one-thirtieth of the total expense. The average revenue from each pound of first-class matter was 93 cents. From each pound of second-class, 8 1-2 mills, (of the second-class 52,348,297 was country free matter). From each pound of third-class, 13.1 cents, From each pound of fourth-class, 15.6 cents.

I recommend that legislation be at once enacted to correct these abuses and intro-duce better business ideas in the regulation of our postal rates.

rieuce and observation have demon strated that certain improvements in the organization of the postoffice department must be served before we can gain the full benefit of the immense sums expended in its administration. This involves the following reforms, which I earnestly recom-

There should be a small addition to the existing inspector service, to be employed in the supervision of the carrier force, which now numbers 13,000 men, and per-forms its service practically without the surveillance exercised over all other branches of the postal or public service. Of course, such a lack of supervision and freedom from wholesome disciplinary restraints must inevitably lead to imperfect

ployed in first and second class offices.

ciently to fully demonstrate by experifiscal year ending June 30, 1897, is \$140, ment that such consolidation is productive 000,000, and for the succeeding year it is expenditures, to say nothing of the further | necessary. advantage of gradually withdrawing postoffices from the spoils system.

#### The Navy.

energetically prosecuted by the present administration upon the general lines previously adopted, the department having seen no necessity for radical changes in prior methods under which the work was found to be progressing in a manner high-ly satisfactory. It has been decided, howto pay no speed premiums in future contracts. The premiums recently earned, and some yet to be decided, are features of the contracts made before this conclusion

On March 4, 1893, there were in commission but two armored vessels, the double turreted monitors Miantonomoh and Mon-terey. Since that date of vessels theretofore authorized, there have been placed in their first commission three first lass and two secondelass battleships, two armored cruisers, one harbor defense ram, five double turreted monitors, including the Maine and Puritan, just completed.

was reached.

Eight new unarmored cruisers and two new gunboats have also been commis-sioned. The lows, another hattleship The Iowa, another battleship, will be completed about March 1, and at least four more gunboats will be ready for sea

commercial value of \$32,051,000, and the believed to be equal to the best that can be manufactured elsewhere, and that such mated production of these metals throughout the world during the same period was cost as to justify the statement that quite 9,088,831 ne ounces of gold, amounting to a number of vessels are now being con5200,285,700 in value, and 169,189,249 fine structed at rates as low as those that prefacturing facilities are at this time ample

for all possible naval contingencies. There have been authorized by congress since March, 1893, five battleships, six light draft gunboats, 16 torpedo boats, and one submarine torpedo boat. Contracts for the building of all of them have been let.

The moncy appropriated on account of this department and for its disbursement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, amounted to more than \$157,000,000 or a greater sum than was appropriated for the entire maintenance of the government for the two fiscal years ended June 30, 1861.

#### Public Lands.

Our public lands originally amounting to 1,840,000,000 acres have been so reduced that only about 600,000,000 acres still remain in government control excluding Alaska. The balance, being by far the most valuable portion, has been given away to settlers, to new states and rail roads or sold at a comparatively nominal

I agree with the secretary that the re mainder of our public lands should be more carefully dealt with and their alienation guarded by better economy and greater prudence,

#### The Postal Union.

The universal postal union, which now embraces all of the civilized world and whose delegates will represent 1,000,000,000 people, will hold its fifth congress in the city of Washington in May, 1897. The United States may be said to have taken the initiative which lead to the first

meeting of this congress in Berne, in 1874. Previous congresses have met in Berne, Lisbon and Vienna, and their respective countries in which they assembled have made generous provision for their accommodation and for the reception and enter-tainment of the delegates. I earnestly hope that such an appropriation will be made for the expenses necessary attendant upon the coming meeting.

#### Our Indians.

The total Indian population of the United States is 177,235, according to a census made in 1895, exclusive of those within the state of New York and those comprising the Eve civilized tribes. Of this number there are approximately 38,000 children of school age. During the year 23,398 of these were carolled in schools. The pro-gress which has attended recent efforts to extend Indian school facilities, and the anticipation of continued liberal appro-priations to the end, cannot fail to afford e utmost satisfaction to those who believe that education of Indian children is a prime factor in the accomplishment of Indian civilization:

It may be said in general terms that in every particular the improvement of the Indians under government care has been most marked and encouraging.

The condition of affairs among the five eivilized tribes, who occupy large tracts of land in the Indian Territory and who have governments of their own, has assumed such an aspect as to render it almost indis-pensable that there should be an entire mission organized and empowered under several recent laws is now negotiating with those Indians for the reliquishment of their courts and the division of their com-mon lands in severalty, and are aiding in

tice and strong enough to enforce their mandates.

I endorse the recommendation made by the present secretary of interior, as well as his predecessor, that a permanent commission of three members, one of whom shall be an army officer, be created to perform the duties now devolving upon the comsioner and assistant commissioner of Indian affairs.

#### Pensions.

The diminution of our enormous pension roll, and the decrease of pension expendi ture, which have been so often confidently foretold, still fail in material realization. foretold, still fail in material realization. The number of pensioners on the rolls at the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, was 970,678. This is the largest number ever reported. The amount paid exclusively for pensions during the year was \$138,214,761.94, a slight decrease from that of the preceding year, while the total expenditures on account of page total expenditures on account of penand main sions, including the cost e main-taining the department and ex-penses attending pension distribution, amounted to \$142,206,250.59, or within a There should also be appointed a few inspectors, who would assist the central office in necessary investigation concerning matters of postoffice leases, postoffice sites, allowance for remit fuel and lights, and in organizing and securing the best results from the work of the 14,000 clerks now employed in first and loss offices. isting pensions. The number of I especially recommend such a recasting of the appropriations by congress for the postoffice department as will permit the postmaster-general to proceed with the work of consolidating postoffices. This work has already been entered upon profite payment of pensions. The number of persons receiving pensions from the United States, but residing in foreign countries at the close of the last fiscal year was 3781, and the amount paid to them during the year was 8582,725,38. The sum appropriated for the payment of pensions for the current field of the payment of pensions for the current field of the payment of pensions for the current field of the payment of pensions for the current field of the payment of pensions for the persons receiving pensions from the United States, but residing in foreign countries at the close of the last fiscal year was 3781, and the amount paid to them during the year was \$582,725,38. of better service, larger revenues and less estimated that the same amount will be

#### Pacific Railreads.

The secretary calls attention to the public interests involved in an adjustment of the obligations of the Pacific railroads to The work of the navy department and its present conditions are fully exhibited in the report of the secretary. The construction of vessels for our new has been subject to the consideration of the con-

#### Department of Agriculture,

The department of agriculture is so intimately related to the welfare of our people and the prospects of our nation that it ly satisfactory. It has been decided, however, to provide in every shipbuilding contract that the builder should pay all trial expenses, and it has also been determined to pay no speed premiums in future consource of aid and encouragement to agricultural intelligence and the couragement to agricultural intelligence and the prospects of our matches the care and encouragement. From a small beginning it has grown to be the care and encouragement of the government. cultural efforts. Large sures of money are annually appropriated for the mainte-nance of this department, and it must be confessed that the legislation relating to it has not always been directly in the interest of practical farming or properly guarded against waste and extravagance. So far, however, as public money has been appropriated fairly and sensibly to help those who actually till the soil, no expenditure has been more profitably made or more

has been more profitably made or more generally approved by the peonle.

The secretary reports that the value of our exports of farm products during the last fiscal year amounted to \$570,000,000, an increase of \$17,000,000 over those of the year immediately preceding.

The weather bureau now attached to the

department of agriculture, has continued in the early spring. It is gratifying to to extend its sphere of usefulness in accustate that our ships and their outfits are racy of its forecasts.

#### LOUAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

Mr. James Best of Dodson, gave the Courier a call Sa turday.

A nice line of ladies' saddles. J. T. Dawes, Cheap.

Dr. B. Lynn of Weldon will leave soon to attend medical lectures at Louisville.

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

The saloon firm of Brannen & Harkins has dissolved, Mr. Brannen purchasing the interest of his partner.

Mose Bromberg is home again after a trip to Monteray. Mexico, where he went with a large excursion from Texas.

C. W. Ellis, the grocer, is now fully supplied for the Christmas trade with all kinds of fancy groceries, fruits, nuts, cramterries, etc.

Nine negro crap shooters were arrested at a "gander pulling" five miles south of town a few days ago and will answer to Justice Pritchard for the offence.

W. H. Kennedy and daughter, O. Brady and son, John Harkins, T. F. John, Sam John and A. J. McLeMore were all in Crockett during the week.

There will be cheap excursion rates to the City of Mexico on the 24th of this month from San Autonio. Quite a number of our citizens are talking of going.

Miss Lenora Faubion came up this week from the normal school at Huntsville to visit her brother, Glenn, who lost his eye by an accident some time ago and has been confined to his bed since.

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

The young ladies of the Presbyterian church will give a Mystery Tea and doll sale at the residence of Mrs. Fannie Long, Monday Dec. 21st. Admission 25 cents. There will be an evening of pleasure for all.

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.

At the meeting of the city council Monday night, C. W. Ellis was elected city recorder, and E. L. Simpson night watchman. An ordinance was passed prohibiting the erection of "flying jinnies" within the city limits.

At the popular grocery house of C. W. Ellis is a full assortment of all kinds of goods necessary for "Christmas fixings." Staple and fancy groceries in large supplies and ladies on the look out for something good for Christmas should not fail to call

Just recieved at the CASH quarters for all kinds of feed.

R. M. ATKINSON.

# Wait For Our Big Christmas Clearing Sale Ad.

We have prices that can't be touched.

McLean & Wilson.

Dawes' harness is the best.

George Waller and A. D. Lipscomb both have had very sick children.

Bring your jug around to the Puck Horn Saloon and let Jap fill it for you before Christmas.

The shooting gallery was closed last week by a distress warrant issued for the rent of the building.

If you want a good egg nog Christmas, Jap keeps the celebrated Belmont and Bell of the Woods

Miss Grace Smith and her pupils will give a musicale at the public school building Friday night to which the public is invited.

Jan Brannen has bought out J. B. Harkins' interest in the Buck Horn Saloon formerly run by them. He asks to be remembered by his friends when in need of something

hereby notified that unless such the game supper Friday night. are paid by January 1st. 1897 I shall proceed to take the legal steps necessary in such cases.

J. C. LACY City Marshall.

Last Saturday at his home in Sheridan, Capt. R. S. Pridgen a venerable and highly esteemed citizen of this county died after a lingering illness. He was about 4 years old and was a veteran of both the Mexican and civil wars.

Last Monday a team of mules STORE 2 CARS TEXAS RED attached to a wagon in which Mr. RUST PROOF OATS, 2 CARS Joe Armstrong, his wife and daugh SACKED CORN, 2 CARS Hay ter were coming to town from Col-Forney and alfalfa, 1 CAR RICH tharp, ran away. Mr. Armstrong WHEAT BRAN, 1 CAR BOLTED and his wife were thrown out but MEAL, 2 cars salt one coarse and not seriously hurt, and the young-200 lb FINE AT 90c. Will keep crept out on the tongue of the wagon hand cotton seed meal. You on, got hold of the reins and will find the CASH STORE head checked the mules while her moth-

Mr. T. J. Cook of Grapeland gave the Courier office a call last Satur-

Mr. T. J. Crofford of Creek was n the city last Saturday and gave the COURIER office a call.

Breech and muzzle loading shot guns, winchesters and ristols and ammunition at McConnell's.

Messrs C. B. and E. J. Sullivan of Tesla were pleasant callers at this office since our last issue.

The city council has passed an ordinance forbidding the digging of any graves south of the south line of the old cemetery

We understand that Arledge. Kennedy & Co., have dissolved, H J. Arledge retiring and Arledge & Kennedy continuing the business.

Ike Daniel and John Harkins left Wednesday for Coltharp to take part in the game hunt Thurs-Those who are due city taxes are day and Friday and be present at

> The Commissioners' Court should put a cistern in the court house yard. The officials and all the courts when in session need such a convenience and the court should put in one by all means.

Cards are out announcing the marriage on the 24th. instant of Thomas Self, Esq, of Crockett, to Miss Beulah Marshall of Whitewright, Texas The bride and groom will come to Crockett after a short trip to Houston.

er was lying helpless on the double; Houston county. The deer was thing at the very lowest prices. killed near Monk's mill.

Mrs. Byrdie Odell of Cleburne is on a visit to relatives in Crock-

earth, the "Waukegan" at McCon-

Low prices in doors and windows at McConnell's Hardware

Get your hand made saddles that are guaranteed to stand the wear from J. T. Dawes.

Joe Grounds and E. L. Ashmore of Belot were callers at the Courier office since our last issue.

McIver, confined in the Shelby county jail under sentence, pending are informed that McIver returned and gave himself up.

sermon on Sunday last, talked some straight plain talk to his members. He said there was a membership the church for any purpose.

When selecting a Christmas present, get something useful as well as ornamental. Aldrich & Newton have a beautiful assortto be the finest specimen of big other holiday goods, is the pretgame knocked over this season in tiest we have ever had. Every-ALDRICH & NEWTON.

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Har twick N. Y., was sick with rheumatism Buy the best barbed wire on for five months. In speaking of it, Mr. Robinson says: Chamberlains Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

When most needed it is not usual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, We hear that Brimberry and editor of the Caddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My appeal, for burglary. have cut out wife insisted that I go for the doctor and escaped. Both are indicted in but as cur family physician was this county for horse stealing. We out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the Rev. Mr. Mathis in his farewell future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Last Monday afternoon Drs. Beasley and Hall amputated the of 250 in the church and of this right leg of Pleas Monroe, colored, number there were a hundred on about half way between the knee the books of the church who never and the hip. He was shot in the attended or contributed a dollar to leg last fall by Julia Peterson, colored, and has been in a bad way ever since. He showed surprising vitality after the operation and at this writing is doing very well.

The champion fox chase was ment of Christmas goods. If you successfully "pulled off" last Thurswait till Christmas eve these goods day night by Dr. Beasley, Ike will all be gone as they are being Daniel and a number of others who Last Saturday morning Deputy sold very fast, so be wise and call turned the doctor's captive fox loose Sheriff Hail went hunting with early before you are too late. Our and set thirty one eager dogs on Dick Monk, and shortly after day- line of ladies dressing tables, his trail. They treed him in twenlight he killed a magnificent deer, French plate mirrors, hat racks, ty minutes but before the hunters one fine, 200 lb. COARSE AT 85c lady with great presence of mind, a buck with splendid antlers, said upholstered chairs and numerous came up they started after another and this talented animal led them a memorable chase of fifteen miles before they got him. Fox No. made good his escape.

#### THE COURIER,

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

In the death of Colonel John R Fellows the country loses one of its most brilliant orators. With the exception of Bourke Cochran Prayer meeting every Saturday he was without a peer in this coun try as a forensic speaker.

WE predict war between Spain and the United States within a year. We are not of that "cornstalk and lightning-bug class" that thought as some did in the early sixties that the scrap will be over in a few days.

D. A. NUNN JR., retires in a few days from the office of district attorney of this district. In going out he leaves a record for duty honorably and faithfully done that any one should be proud of. The office has never been filled by any one with more ability or a more scrupulous regard to the exacting ED. Courier: requirements of the same than has been done by him. His retirement, voluntary on his part, is deplored by a large circle of friends interested in his future and will be regretted by a large clientele of patriotic citizens who feel a profound concern in seeing the good name of the commonwealth protected and vindicated.

#### Trinity Chapel.

ED. COURIER:

Your request received last week. I am very busy but will try to com ply occasionally. The ordinary events of a quiet farm community like this do not furnish topics of land for the next crop. His head much interest or of such nature is level on that and if everybody that one could elaborate on. We are all at work preparing for an- have better crops and they would other crop, and this fact under the not be as hard to work. The land sent depressing circumstances illustrates the perseverance and planting, then the crop is half indomitable pluck of the majority of our farming population. We grumble and growl at the low price of our products and scarcity of money, very often it is true, but we never give up, and though our corn cribs are empty and our hogs are all starving, yet we make ready to dig deeper and harder and, Micawber-like, trust to some circumstances that may turn up in the future to better our condition, though unlike the impecunious gentleman quoted, we do not fail to work while To Buy Meal & Hulls! we are trusting.

We claim to have a good neighborhood in all respects. Good land. good people and good politics. part of that assertion, but that is a matter of opinion and opinions vary per thousand. widely the world over. Politically we have patiently accepted the selves in readiness to change them as we think for the better-whereever opportunity offers.

There are in this neighborhood some of the finest lands in the county. C. H. Beasley farms about two hundred acres of land, partly river-prairie and partly sandy. He has 50 acres broken now. He uses no turning plows but double breaks with a disk which takes a team of six good mules to pull. Then works altogether with cultivators with no plow on them wider than three or four inches. J. H. Beazley works more land, but upland and is a model farmer. Frank Meriwether has one of the best upland farms in the county. The Beazleys have been raising corn and peas principally for the last few years and fattening and ship- the best, prettiest, latest and most Please get my ping hogs, but this year has been a complete silver ware that has ever placing orders. deadner on that line of business. been in Crockett. T. S. Kent has a fine farm of both We Buy and Sell for cash; No Other Way, upland and creek bottom, and though it is not all yet in a condi- Complicated watch repairing tion for cultivation by improved specialty. Adjusted from 2, 4 to 6 tools, yet I believe he makes as positions. much or more to the hand than his

neighbors who use those means. W. D. Taylor has about 150 or more acres in cultivation of ver y fair uplands. Most of our neighbors are men who are able to pay as they go, though just now even the best of them have to go pretty

We have both Methodist and Baptist services once each month. night and regular Sabbath School. Our literary school is small in numbers but in good condition, Miss Alice Hill of Crockett is teaching.

We have on Elkhart Creek and extending back for more than a mile each side, some three or four thousand acres of splendid unimproved lands that can be bought cheap and we want good people to come and settle on it.

Mr. W. B. Smith was married last Sunday to Mrs. S. J. Beazley, widow of the late Chas. Beazley, at her residence, with only relatives and a few friends present. This neighborhood wishes them happiness and prosperity. "KEYNARD."

#### Center Hill.

Mr. George Perry is putting up a new house.

Mr. Brock is building and cleaning more land.

The health of the country is not very good. Mrs. Wills and Mrs. Eva Snell are both very sick, Our school has been stopped for two weeks on the account of the teacher being sick, but he is up and able to be at school again, Mr. Marshall Miles is teaching our school this fall. We have a very good school, we have about 63 scholars enrolled. The children seem to be progressing very well.

Mr. McDaniel is preparing his would do that I predict we would ought to be ploughed well before

Mr. D. J. F. Snell has been very ill for several days.

Mr. Green Hart has been sick for some time, but is up again. Cotton is all out except a little scattering cotton. The potato

crop was short. Success to the Courier and wishing the editor a happy Christ-

PHILANTHROPIST.

# Now is the Time

For the next 20 days we will sell hulls at You may discent from the latter \$3.50 per ton or \$1.75 make this offer bepresent conditions but holding our cause we expect to shut the mill down soon on account of the scarcity of seed, and all who want the meal and hulls had better gains. get them at once.

> Houston Co. Oil Mill, By J. W. Hail, Sec'y.

Date Watches, Jewelry, Nov- plesare not to be found elsewhere elties, Clocks, together with the in Crockettt.

"The Spirit of Times Shall Ever Teach us Progress,"

Onr Motto: Reliable Goods, Fair Dealing and Botton Prices.

# Selling Out At Cost.

Owing to a change that will occurr in our business within the next 60 days, we will from now until our entire stock is disposed of, sell at actual cost.

Now is your opportunity to put in a supply of winter goods at half the price that you would have to pay regular elsewhere.

Do not forget that our stock is complete and it consists of dry goods, clothing, boots and shoes, hats, trunks, mattings, window shades, lace curtains and everything else carried in a first class Dry Goods Store.

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CROCKATT, TEXAS.

### 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

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 Crockett or any where elre 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. Le sure and call for bar Respectfully.

J. E. Downes.

To Men and Boys Who Wish to Dress

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 R. C. Stokes On or about De- goods, which is impossible when selecting from the small card and will have a complete line of Up to book samples. These pattern sam-

Very Respt. J. F. DOWNES.

A 50 cent Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron cone centrated and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Cheasham's Tatceless Chill Tonic, making it the most desirable Iron Tonic on the market: It is a true tonic, strengthner, appetizer, toner no of the system, and bloodpurider. Only 50 cents.

### 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 Crock-Respectfully. JNO. MANGUM.

#### 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.

"Time and tide waits for no man." An occa-sional plose of Cheatham's Chill Tonic often saves you from a long spell of sickness. "No ure no pay." Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cent size.

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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

or mixed as the log rans. Any one 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.

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The last rose of summer is in bloom on the hil

And nods time to the whip-poor-will "Cheatham's Chill Tonic has cured the last You can shatter thebottle now if you will.'

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