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**Our
Entire Stock
Going at
COST
Until
Feb. 1.
Now is
YOUR
Time to Get
Cheap Goods.**

In the Archives of Time.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-six is a thing of the past, And did you notice with what placidity she breathed her last?

The winds kept fearfully quiet; the clouds voluntarily receded, leaving the blue canopy of heaven filled with twinkling stars and a silvery moon gazing, as it were, upon the placid smiles of a dying year—not as one dying whose life had been circled with rectitude, whose life had been a fulfillment of that which God commands, whose life had been one of love and fear towards God in the highest and on earth peace and good will towards men, and who after having finished his work was anxiously awaiting the promised reward; eagerly and smilingly watching the beckoning hand that calls the spirit into the Eternal Land.

No! No! Not a smile like this; but a smile satiated with the wreak of vengeance unequalled only by the ignominious deeds of '57, '75 and '93, and taking her place in the archives of time as the fourth great destroyer of our peace, happiness and prosperity.

Yes, '96, individually speaking, I am one among the few. In the face of a multitude of your calamities I have prospered. Yet voicing the feelings of the millions, we are glad you are gone and you shall be placed upon the pages of history as you deserve—you shall reap as you have sown.

It would seem that when '96 took her eternal exit that '97 rushed into the vacuum, taking her seat upon the throne with much displeasure. The clouds gathered, the winds howled, the lightning flashed, the thunder roared, the rain fell, angry, as it were, at the destitute condition in which her predecessor had left the country.

All hail 1897! It is with inexpressible joy that we greet you, and hope that as '96 tried to take her place in the annals of time as the most injurious and uncharitable, that you will strive to be placed upon record as the most benevolent and beneficial of all your predecessors.

Remember that our Great Closing out Sale—Selling at Cost—Will continue until February 1st. This is a rare opportunity and every one should take advantage of it.

Very Respectfully,

W. V. McCONNELL.

1897.

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Our
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A Good Woman Gone.

Last Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mrs. E. B. Stephenson died in this city at the residence of her daughter Mrs. N. J. Brown, at the advanced age of eighty-one years. Mrs. Stephenson was born at Wythville, Virginia in 1815 and came with her husband to Texas in 1834, settling near Hempstead. Her husband was a soldier under Sam Houston in the war for Texas independence and his name is mentioned in the history of those times in connection with distinguished services rendered by him to the young republic. For many years prior to her death Mrs. Stephenson was drawing a pension from the state because of her husband's services. Mrs. Stephenson became a resident of Crockett during the civil war and twenty-four years ago she lost the use of lower limbs as the result of a fall. She was never able to walk afterwards and during that long period her patience, sweetness of temper and christian fortitude challenged the reverent admiration of all who knew her. She was a devoted member of the Methodist church and her daily life under circumstances so trying to one who had in her prime been accustomed to the robust, active habits of a primitive frontier state, was a shining illustration of the access of divine strength and grace that comes to those in affliction who believe with

all their hearts in the religion of Jesus Christ and are inspired by His example. Mrs. Stephenson possessed a rare fund of information concerning the early days of Texas, much of it the result of personal observation and experience, and it was most interesting to listen to her stirring reminiscences of those times so prolific of thrilling adventure and heroic endeavors, told by her with rare and graphic force. Her husband died many years ago and her only child is Mrs. N. J. Brown. Mrs. J. E. Downes and Mr. James Brown of this city are her grandchildren. Her funeral took place last Saturday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. N. J. Brown, and despite the inclement weather many of the leading citizens of Crockett accompanied the remains to the city cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. Tenney and Rev. A. S. Whitehurst.

In the sketch of the late Mrs. E. B. Stephenson, in another column of this issue, inadvertently we omitted any reference to her noble and tireless work for the soldiers of the Confederacy during the war. She consecrated herself to their service and the cause they battled for, and among all the devoted women of Texas, none worked more faithfully than she did in making clothing and blankets for the soldiers and doing all that a devoted southern woman could to help the heroes fighting for her beloved South.

Death of Dr. Denny.

Last Saturday morning about 3 o'clock at his residence five miles east of this city, Dr. W. H. Denny breathed his last after an illness of many weeks. The end had been expected long before it came and Dr. Denny himself well knew that his case was hopeless. There was general regret felt in Crockett when it was learned that the doctor was dead for he was an old and highly esteemed citizen who had been identified with the city and county for many years and who had filled a large measure of usefulness. He was about seventy-five years old and was reared in Richmond, Virginia. He came to Texas in 1842 and settled in Galveston where he practiced medicine for several years, after which he moved to Liberty county. He came to Crockett before the war and practiced medicine in this city and county from that time until stricken down with the paralysis which caused his death. Dr. Denny was twice married and his last wife and several children survive him, among the latter being Mr. W. H. Denny, the well known merchant here. Mrs. J. V. Collins of this city and Judge S. A. Denny of Archer county. The latter who had been visiting his father for some weeks recently, left for his home in Archer county two or three days before the death of Dr. Denny. The funeral took place

last Saturday from the Presbyterian church in this city, which was crowded with the relatives, friends and neighbors of the deceased to hear the funeral discourse by Dr. Tenney. Dr. Denny's remains were interred in the city cemetery and the procession to the grave was one of the largest ever seen in Crockett, strongly attesting the universal esteem in which Dr. Denny was held by the people among whom he had lived so long. This good man will be long mourned by those who were his intimates, for although he had lived out the allotted scriptural span, his worth in every relation of life gave him a peculiar hold upon the respect and affections of those who knew him best and it was hard to see him go. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and died with the resignation of a true christian.

The last rose of summer is in bloom on the hill And nods time to the whip-poor-will "Cheatham's Chill Tonic has cured the last chill." You can shatter the bottle now if you will.

New Year's Reception.

On Friday, January 1st, the young ladies of the S. S. H. club received at the residence of Judge W. B. Wall from 4 to 7 p. m. A large number of the society gentlemen of Crockett called and were delightfully entertained in parlors handsomely decorated for the occasion. The refreshments were delicious and as each gentleman left he was required to write an im-

promptu love letter on the spot in lieu of his verbal farewell. For the best one of these letters the young ladies were to award the prize of a box of cigars, and it is hardly necessary to say that Col. Jere Crook captured this prize by the unanimous voice of the judges. In a competition of that kind Col. Crook is not only strictly but entirely in it, that is to say, facile princeps without the italics. Earle Adams slighted his opportunity and got the booby prize for a three line missive in which there was no flavor of love nor trace of sentiment.

On Friday night Miss Ethel Wootters gave a reception to her sister, Miss Lucia, at her mother's residence, just prior to the return of Miss Lucia to the state university at Austin. The weather was detestable, but Crockett society was not to be deterred, and there was a dazzling array of the beauty and gallantry of the city at the reception. Refreshments were served and various forms of entertainment made the evening pass swiftly and pleasantly.

In those precincts in which it carried in the recent election, the hog law will go into effect on Feb. 7th.

"Time and tide waits for no man." At one annual dose of Cheatham's Chill Tonic you have you been a long week of sickness and are no longer. Put up it with Tonic and other things. Tonic is the best.

HAS A HARD READ.

Speaking of knoclers," said Ed Coyne, who for the last ten years has been keeper of Daisy, the giant giraffe at the zoo, "do you know that the giraffe is the original and natural knocker? Look at that long, slender neck and the lumpy, bony head at the end of it. It reminds you of a sledge hammer, and that is what it is in fact. When Daisy gets excited she begins knocking; that is, she throws her head from side to side using it like a hammer and dealing fearful blows with certain aim. If any other person besides myself should enter her stall he would get a blow from her head that would knock him senseless, and then she would trample and kick him to death. The animal has but a small brain, and cannot be reasoned with. The only way to get along with her is to be quiet and not get her excited. I can do about as I please with her. I enter the stall at all times, feed her, and brush her off every day. She is a clean beast, and gives but little trouble. A new keeper would have a hard time with her, as she knows me and would not let a stranger do anything for her," says the Cincinnati Times-Star.

The observant beast was standing at the other end of the stall, looking out the window at a man who was walking on the hotel porch, but on hearing her name called out she came over and stuck her head out of the wire lattice and looked at the keeper with a bright look in her face.

Jackdaws in Schoolyards.

Birds are not long in learning where food is to be found. Gulls follow in the wake of ships and crows in the wake of the plow. A European writer mentions an interesting habit of the jackdaws, which live in towers and bellies. Many of us in our school days must have admired the manner in which the jackdaws distinguish the significance of the different school bells. In general they do not mind the bell-ringing. It is nothing to them, and they go on with whatever they have been to doing. Not so with the bell which mark the beginning and the end of recreation time. When the bell strikes for recess the jackdaws abandon the playgrounds, even before a single pupil is in sight. Then at the first stroke of the bell that calls the scholars back to the schoolroom down come the jackdaws in all haste. Each wishes to be first, that it may have the first chance at any crumbs that the boys may have scattered.

The boys have not all gone in, but no matter. They will have no time now to molest the birds, and so need not be alarmed.

A WHITE PANTHER.

New Curiosity from the Caucasus Captured by the Prince.

Another zoological curiosity in the shape of a white panther is now attracting sight-seers to the Jardin des Plantes. The Paris correspondent of the London Daily News says it is a most graceful being, and may be called the fair Caucasian of the panther tribe. It was captured in the Caucasus by Prince Gargarine, who thought he would contribute to the Franco-Russian friendly understanding by sending it to Paris. The passage from the port where it was put on board a steamer coming to Marseilles was very rough. The white panther suffered greatly, but apparently from seasickness, but from nervous alarm.

The newcomer is the size of any other three-year-old creature of its race, but its snout is longer and narrower than one would expect in a feline. The eyes are glitteringly bright, and the bushy tail makes this panther seem an overgrown Angora of the white species. The mustaches are short, the fur is thick and longer and more silky than that of the spotted panther, but I doubt whether it will, should it live to an old age, remain white. It appears that when caught the robe was more snowy. It is now taking a cream tinge, and faint spots are beginning to appear. M. Milne-Edwards considers it an interesting rarity. Its manners are gentle. The theory about its whiteness is that it was caused by an instinctive and unconscious attempt of ancestors to adapt themselves to a snowy region of the Caucasus. The long fur is taken to point to habitual residence in a cold climate.

Some of the Difficulties Against various Growers of the Weed Contend.

Only the strongest and most experienced coolies can properly cultivate an acre and a quarter, and even with them the last third of the field is much inferior to the rest. Besides, says Good Words, tobacco is attacked by several insect enemies, and particularly by small green caterpillars and large grasshoppers. In tobacco intended for "filling," or manufacture, a few holes on the leaf are of less consequence, but "wrappers," to be of any use, must be without a flaw, and the "worms," unless carefully hand-picked, will reduce the profit to a very small margin.

Another peculiarity is that if the tobacco is flooded, even to the depth of an inch, it instantly perishes, and a large part of the expenses of an estate consists of an elaborate system of "pudding," or drains, to carry off storm water—a difficult thing to do in the level coast districts. At length the cause of first-planted "trees" begin to sprout and show yellow spots, and soon the panther-like system comes into action. Each afternoon the coolie goes to the plantation and carries it to the mill, or to the factory.

WIT AND WISDOM

We step not over the threshold of childhood till we are led by love.—L. E. Landon.

The inconvenience or the beauty of the blush, which is the greater?—Mme. Neckar

Sightseer (at telescope)—I don't see anything. Professor—An optical delusion, my dear sir, merely an optical delusion.—Pick-Me-Up.

"How is it that you are still a bachelor?" inquired Caps. "I don't know," said Taggs, "unless it's because I never married."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Whizzer—Women never do things twice the same way. Sizzer—Yes, they do. My wife has broken two of my pipes trying to drive tacks with them. Philadelphia Inquirer.

"Oh, my dear Mrs., how glad I am to see you. It is four years since we met, and you recognized me immediately." "Oh, yes, I recognized the hat."—Flegende Blaetter.

Friend—Do you know that I am at last beginning to understand your poetry? Great Magazine Poet—Heavens! Is it then true that I am losing my cunning?—Syracuse Post.

A Night of Horror.—Riggs—Did you have any exciting adventures while you were in Canada? Griggs—Did I? I tried to go home from the club on snow shoes.—Brooklyn Life.

Mr. Shortly (4 ft 8 in., to Miss Beauty)—Yes, I am proud to say that I am a self-made man. Miss Beauty's Little Brother—Why didn't you make more of you while you were about it?—London Answers.

How shall we shun the microbes That assails us at each breath? He'll frighten us to death. —Washington Star.

First Mouse—Let's go out and scold that crowd of women. Are you with me? Second Mouse—Better be careful. If they happen to belong to the new woman crowd you may get smashed. Indianapolis Journal.

Oblivious—As Usual.—Night Watchman—Please sir, I've come to wish you a happy new year. Professor—Thanks, the same to you. Well, what more do you want? Night Watchman—It's only about the three marks, professor. Professor—All right, you can give them to my wife.—Lustige Blatter.

Telegraph Editor—Here's a dispatch from an observatory saying that Blinker's telescopic comet has changed its course. Able Editor (Daily Bustle)—Didn't we print an item a few years ago, saying that if Blinker's comet did not change its course it would hit something? "I believe so." "Good! Tell Sprender to get a full-page illustrated article showing the influence of the Daily Bustle in celestial affairs."—N. Y. Weekly.

HOW THEY GOT KINDLING.

Uncle Josh Recalls a Remarkable Storm of the Year 1850.

"There's been a scarcity of kindling-wood 'round here ever since the woods took fire last fall," remarked the grocer.

"What's the matter with the new growth?" asked Jackson Somers; "there's plenty of it, isn't there?"

"Yes, but 'tain't the right sort. Now, back in '50—"

"Eh? What's that? Back in 1850," broke in Uncle Josh, suddenly waking up. "Why, I can remember it just as though it wuz yesterday. An', speakin' of storms reminds me—"

"Nobody said anything 'bout storms, 'ncle Josh," said Jack's, hastily.

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He shook and he shook, till his shaking was chronic, He then bought a bottle of Chestam's Chill Tonic. He said to his friends, though a shaker of zero Thanks to the Chestam's I am a shaker on no more.

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What a Prominent Insurance Man Says.

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WORK OF A CYCLONE.

MOORINGSPOBT, LA., WAS NEARLY DESTROYED.

Southern Arkansas Was Also Visited—A Gloom of Sorrow Rests Over the City. A List of the Killed and Those Wounded.

Shreveport, La., Jan. 4.—The terrible cyclone that struck the town of Mooringsport, located on the Kansas City, Shreveport and Gulf railroad, has destroyed one of the most flourishing towns on the line.

A large number of residences have been erected since the completion of the railroad, and every one seemed interested in the upbuilding of the place. A gloom of sorrow rests over this city overlooking the beautiful fairy lake, and death and destruction are seen everywhere. Drs. O'Leary, Coty, Furman and Shumpert, with citizens and nurses, went to the rescue, and were kept busy until yesterday morning caring for the wounded.

The killed are: Willie Goodman, Maud Goodman, Hill Goodman and infant daughter of Mr. Jesse Goodman.

The following were brought in yesterday to the charity hospital, and all are in a pitiable condition:

Mrs. Goodman, head badly cut, bruised body, seriously injured.

Alice Goodman, 4 years old, skull fractured and arm broken.

Paralee Goodman, 9 years old, arm broken and head gashed.

Mrs. M. G. Morgan, scalp wound and internal injuries.

Emma L. Morgan, 13 months old, skull fractured.

C. A. Goodman, 7 years old, arm broken and head cut.

Mrs. Susan Head, aged 66 years, fatally injured internally.

Robert Jordan, 60 years old, colored, fatally injured.

The other wounded left at Mooringsport are:

Mrs. Gillam and two children, Thomas Elgin, J. Redness, Thomas Elliott, J. B. Harris, Tom Teat and Mrs. Davis.

The cyclone came from the southwest and lasted one minute. Twenty buildings were blown down. Four were killed instantly and twenty-five were wounded. The town was dark and desolate when the relief force reached there, and a heavy rain fell until 7:30 o'clock, which intensified the horrible situation, but the force worked bravely, and others left yesterday morning to join in the heroic work. Merchandise and household effects were literally destroyed. The wounded brought here yesterday were without clothing and were wrapped in sheets. The noble women have supplied them with clothing and are doing all in their power to aid them. The bodies of four children were found at the foot of a steep embankment on the lake. The railroad bridge across the lake escaped injury.

This was the most terrific storm that has ever visited Caddo parish, and the survivors can not find words to express the horror of the situation. This afternoon has brought in five more wounded. The only houses left standing are Mrs. C. S. Croom's residence, W. H. B. Croom's store and residence and the Kansas City depot. Late news says an unknown man was blown from the bridge and killed and two others, unknown, were instantly killed.

Something Must Be Done.

London, Jan. 4.—A correspondent at Madrid says:

"This country is becoming impatient at the unaccountable inactivity of the executive in Cuba, which is inexplicable, considering the favoring circumstances, the opportune death of Maceo, the complete break-down of the attempt of American filibuster, aided by certain adventurous and sympathetic senators to induce the United States government to adopt an active policy and consequent reaction of public opinion throughout Europe in favor of Spain. All of this points to one of two crying evils, either the home government is deplorably lacking in initiative, or the military chiefs in Cuba are incapable and unworthy of confidence. Perhaps there is a little of both. Anyway, public opinion is unanimous regarding the latter. Private advices reveal that a state of maladministration is prevailing in the island of a most scandalous character. Even the government organs do not altogether overlook this, to say nothing of the liberal papers, which are being prosecuted for demanding reforms in the administration of Cuba.

"This prosecution is an ominous sign and dangerous action on the part of the government while public opinion is as it is. Probably Senator Canovas' decision as to the reforms in Porto Rico is a tacit recognition that he cannot longer run counter to public opinion."

A Serious Case.

Wife—You must send me away for my health at once. I am going into a decline. Husband—My! My! What makes you think so? Wife—All my dresses are beginning to feel comfortable.—New York Weekly.

Destructive Fire.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4.—About 3 o'clock yesterday morning fire which originated in the immense dry goods store of Lebeck Bros. at 11 o'clock Saturday was under control, and, though because of the fierce south wind blowing there was a measure of danger and the department kept on the scene until many hours later, no further losses were caused. Nine stores and the south end of the city market house, containing offices of heads of city departments, were destroyed. The following insurances on the buildings and contents totally destroyed are about correct:

Lebeck Bros., on stock \$100,000, on building \$25,000; Abernathy, Langham & Shook, on stock \$12,000, on building \$5,000; Evans building unoccupied, \$2,500; Wolf & Co., on stock \$12,000, on building \$4,000; Leckhardt, on stock \$30,000, on building \$7,500; Grimes, Daly & Robinson, stock partially burned, insurance \$35,000; M. Burns, stock total loss, insurance unknown, building \$7,000; C. H. Brandon, on stock \$5,500, total loss.

The city's building was insured for a small amount.

The building occupied by Lebeck Bros. and M. Burns was a splendid four-story stone front building, one of the handsomest in the city and several of the other stores burned were modern structures. The total insurance upon destroyed and injured houses and contents is somewhat in excess of \$300,000. The losses upon all buildings and contents injured and totally destroyed is estimated to be from \$375,000 to \$400,000.

The origin of the fire has not been ascertained. Several firemen were injured by falling walls and Capt. James Sullivan was caught by a falling wall, badly bruised, and when rescued was found with a broken leg.

Charles Thompson, cashier, and J. B. Carr, manager of Stief's Jewelry company, was badly wounded by falling walls.

Buildings totally destroyed: Lebeck Bros., Abernathy, Langham & Shook, Evans Hairs, Wolf & Co., Leckhardt, M. Burns & Co., Brandon & Co., Treacy & Co., Hault & Boylins.

Buildings damaged: Stief Jewelry company, Marshall & Bruce, Grimes, Daly & Robinson.

During the fire the electric lights of the city went out and but for the intense flare of the flames the city would have been in total darkness. Occurring as it did in the center of the business portion of the city, it is believed rebuilding will begin at once.

Duffy Reported Dying.

New York, Jan. 4.—Jimmy Duffy of Boston, a feather weight pugilist, who boxed ten rounds with George Justice of this city at Tom O'Rourke's Broadway Athletic club Saturday night, is dying at St. Vincent's hospital. Both worked hard and fast during the entire ten rounds and after they had retired to their corners neither seemed to have suffered any injury. The referee decided in favor of Justice and as soon as his decision was announced Duffy collapsed.

He was carried to his dressing room in a helpless condition and physicians worked for fully half an hour, but their efforts were futile, as he did not regain consciousness. The physicians say Duffy is in a very serious condition. As near as they could judge he is suffering from hemorrhage of the brain, but stated that that might have been brought about by undue exertion and probably was not caused by any blow received during the contest. At a late hour Saturday night the hospital surgeons pronounced Duffy's condition to be almost hopeless. Manager O'Rourke, Referee Dick Roche and Geo. Justice, who was Duffy's opponent, were placed under arrest.

Reduction in Wages.

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2.—The employees of the Illinois Steel company were Saturday notified of a cut in wages to take effect Feb. 1. The size of the cut was not stated, but the men were notified that it would affect everybody from the executive officers down except the members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, with whom the company has a contract which expires in the spring. The cut affects the employees of the Bay View mills in Milwaukee. The cause is said to be a general fall in prices by underselling on the part of certain manufacturers.

Steamers Collide.

New York, Jan. 3.—The Wilson line steamer Hindoo, which left her dock at Brooklyn yesterday afternoon for Hull, was in collision with the Cromwell liner Creole, also bound outward, at the entrance of the main ship canal. The Hindoo's stern struck the Creole almost amidships on the portside, and the Hindoo's anchor caught in the rails and davit of the Creole, carrying them away. The Hindoo is leaking, but only in the forepeak. The Creole went to anchor in the lower bay after the collision and the Hindoo returned to quarantine.

GHAUSTLY DISCOVERY.

A YOUNG MAN FOUND WITH HIS BRAINS SHOT OUT.

He was Bookkeeper for a Hardware Firm in Gainesville and was of a Well Known Family—No Cause is Assigned for the Rash Act.

Gainesville, Tex., Jan. 4.—This city was thrown into a feverish state of excitement yesterday over the sad death of Willie Penn Lockard, who came to an untimely death yesterday.

The deceased was 29 years of age and son of Capt. P. S. Lockard, a prominent citizen of this city. He was head bookkeeper for Messrs. Stephens, Kennerly & Spragins, hardware dealer, and was a young man of high social standing and excellent business qualities. His family rank among the foremost people of the city.

Mr. Stephens, senior member of the firm by whom deceased was employed, stated that Lockard was a young man of fine business qualities, was very highly thought of by every one in the store. No cause could be assigned for the act as his books and everything appertaining to his office were in perfect condition.

The body was discovered in the rear of the hardware store about 5:30 by John Duncan and Wm. Andrews, employees of the firm, who came there for the purpose of lighting the gas, which is left burning at night. Mr. Lockard left home about 2:30 o'clock apparently in the best of health and spirits, and was seen to go directly to the store, which he entered locking the door carefully behind him. The body was found in a recumbent position with a buggy cushion lying partially under the head and shoulders. A .25-caliber Colt's revolver lay about two feet away on the right side.

The ball plowed through the head, coming out on the left side just above the left ear, literally scattering the brains all over the floor and causing instant death. The entire community are in sympathy with the bereaved family over the sad affair.

Attacked by a Catamount.

Paris, Tex., Jan. 4.—A gentleman named Burbank, who resides near Oakville, I. T., arrived in the city yesterday evening and recited the following story of adventure in the shape of a desperate encounter with a monster catamount on Thursday night, and his narrow escape from death:

"I had attended a dance several miles from home, remaining until past midnight, when I started for home, accompanied by four or five friends, all of us being on horseback. My friends all left me when within about a mile of where I lived. Nearly all of this distance I had to travel alone and by way of a narrow foot-path through the dense forest. I had proceeded about half way, when suddenly my horse gave a snort, followed by a plunge of several feet to the side, nearly dismounting me. Before I could regain my equilibrium some heavy object struck me from my horse. As soon as I struck the ground the animal pounced upon me, sinking its teeth deep into my left arm. I partially raised myself up and grasped the throat of the animal and choked it until it released its grasp upon me. I hastily picked up a stick and killed it before it regained consciousness. I hurried home on foot and procured a lantern, and in company with my brother, we hurried back to the scene of the encounter, and upon our arrival were astonished to see that I had been attacked by a monster catamount, which lay dead before us."

Shot from Ambush.

Temple, Tex., Jan. 4.—After dark Saturday night, as Mr. Richter, a German gardener, who lives just east of town, was returning home, a concealed assassin fired two charges of birdshot into his breast and stomach. He reached home and called in medical aid, when it was found that his injuries were not serious, the shot barely penetrating the flesh, and 101 of these were extracted.

Cattle Shipment.

Alpine, Tex., Jan. 4.—During the month of December sixty-nine cars of beef cattle were shipped from Alpine to the New Orleans and East St. Louis markets. On January 1 twenty-one cars of beavers were shipped to New Orleans and East St. Louis. Stock shipments will be made now during January and February. The value of the shipments for the month of December was about \$60,000.

Killed Himself.

Schulenberg, Tex., Jan. 4.—Joachim Khay shot himself in the right temple with a .25-caliber pistol in the presence of his family at his residence in this place Friday night, and died instantly. At the inquest Mrs. Herrin, wife of the deceased, testified that her husband had been troubled a great deal lately over money matters, and his self-destruction is attributed to this cause.

Wrecked by a Traitor.

Jacksonville, Fla., January 5.—The filibustering steamer Commodore which left this port Thursday night and crossed the bar at 2 o'clock Friday, is now resting on the bottom of the sea in twenty fathoms of water, but all of the men on board were saved.

The steamer went down it is thought, by a treacherous hand. There are those who say that a traitor was smuggled in and that in the crew is a hired tool of the Spanish cause.

Notable among those who were rescued is Stephen Crane, who was given ample opportunity to display his red badge of courage. Luckily he was rescued with the rest of the crew. He has been employed as a common seaman at a salary of \$20 per month.

Should the traitor be detected he will fare ill. There is the highest feeling here among the Cubans. They are more determined than ever.

Already, it is said, plans are on foot for the largest filibustering expedition that has ever left this country. It is backed by millionaires who are sympathizing with the Cuban cause.

The manifest shows the cargo and value of the Commodore to be as follows: 203,000 cartridges, \$29,300; 1,000 pounds giant powder, \$200; forty bundles of rifles, \$1,400; two electric batteries, \$50; 300 machetes, \$300; fourteen cases of drugs \$350; four bundles of clothing \$135. Total, \$44,655.

The cargo was shipped by Henry P. Fritot to Salvador Cisneros, Cienfuegos, Cuba.

Blizzard Raging.

Chicago, January 5.—The storm which has been raging for the last forty-eight hours in the Northwest has not increased in severity, save, perhaps, in Iowa, and the signal service in this city, which runs affairs generally in the Northern Mississippi valley, is upon record as declaring that within a short time the storm would "probably abate."

The wind has been high throughout the storm and in some instances has shown remarkable pertinacity in clinging to high figures, it having blown for thirty-six hours at a fifty-two mile rate at Huron, S. D.

The falling temperature is general in the lake region and Upper Mississippi valley, but there has been no heavy fall of snow east of Iowa. In Iowa the fall of sleet and snow has been very heavy and reports tonight indicate lower temperature and more snow.

In Western Kansas there has been trouble because of the snow blocking the railroads.

The storm is practically over in this locality.

Rivers Swollen.

St. Louis, January 5.—As a result of the late rains north and northwest the tributaries of the Mississippi and Missouri have swollen them to such a degree that the unprecedented rise of about fifteen feet has taken place in this harbor since yesterday morning and the snow water is still rising.

Last night the river was still rising, and river men and Dr. Frankfeld of the weather bureau predict that it will reach twenty-five feet today. The water is rushing by with fearful speed and force and has broken the anchorage of house boats, swept away thousands of feet of lumber and ties, and is flooding hundreds of acres of land. The outcome is being anxiously watched by many persons and great damage is expected.

Weyler May be Recalled.

Havana, January 5.—Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, a member of the house committee on foreign affairs was missing from the Hotel Inglaterra, where he put up on his arrival here. It is said, however, that he went to Matanzas, where two American newspaper men have also located themselves.

Congressman Money returned from his trip yesterday and is at his hotel again. He declines to discuss his trip or the comments and excitements which had been caused by his absence from the city. He was with United States Consul General Lee last night.

Sabine Pass Shipping.

Sabine Pass, Texas, January 5.—Saturday the Norwegian steamship Bredford, Eskelund, cleared and sailed for Vera Cruz with 230,000 feet of ties and timber.

Sunday the barkentine Anita Berwind Donahoe, arrived from San Domingo, and the British schooner Gladstone, Read, sailed for St. Lucia with 161,000 feet of lumber.

Today the schooner S. P. Hitchcock Sorenson, cleared and sailed for Tampico with 400,000 feet of lumber.

Sugar Witness Test Case.

Washington, D. C., January 5.—The supreme court yesterday granted Elverson F. Chapman, the New York broker, convicted for refusing to answer questions to the senate sugar trust investigation committee, leave to make application for writ of habeas corpus. The court will hear argument March 22. The case is a test case. Chapman surrendered himself to the district attorney and was permitted to go to the supreme court to make an application, the deputy marshal accompanying him.

ITEMS AND IDEAS.

A New Yorker, in the employ of a manufacturing jeweler, has confessed to stealing one gold ring every working day for the last eight years.

The only two civilized countries in the world in which a white man is not permitted to acquire civil rights or own property are Liberia and Hayti.

A new railroad uniting the Atlantic and Pacific is nearly completed. It crosses the Andes and brings Buenos Ayres within forty hours' travel of Valparaiso.

Adolph Freitsch, the Milwaukee man who crossed the Atlantic in a sail boat, now proposes to attempt a voyage across the Pacific to Australia, stopping only at Honolulu.

Mrs. Helén Johnson of Belleville, N. Y., saved money to get into the Buffalo home for old ladies. She is old and blind. Her banker failed and she is in the poor house.

Franklin county, Me., has a woman Nimrod who delights in winter hunting. She is an expert in killing foxes, and can travel as many miles in a day on snowshoes as any man in that region.

Ear piercing has so much gone out of fashion now that special devices to enable women to wear earrings without submitting to the drill have some vogue. They bear the trade name of ear vizes and cost \$5 or \$6 a pair.

An inquest has been held in Birmingham, England, on the body of a girl of seventeen, whose death was attributed to drinking vinegar and other compounds for the purpose of making herself thinner and paler.

If eaten while it is still frozen, save before it has been thawed out the orange is good and retains its natural taste, but otherwise the juices from the seed and from the rind become mixed with those of the interior, and so the taste is spoiled.

The lot on which the Blaine mansion in Washington stood was owned at one time by Henry Clay. He traded it to Commodore Rodgers for an Andalusian jackass, one of the four animals of the kind brought to the United States by the commodore. Mr. Clay lost the jackass at the card-table, but subsequently regained possession of it and sent it to Virginia, where it became the ancestor of a strain of mules famous to this day.

One Secret of Longevity.

Those anxious to prolong this rapid transitory existence of ours beyond the average span, should foster his digestion, negatively by abstaining from indiscretions in diet and affirmatively by the use of that peerless stomachic, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, when he experiences symptoms of indigestion. The impairment of the digestive function is fatal to vigor. Sabine with Bitters, also feyver and ague, biliousness and constipation.

The Japanese, up to 1836, were vaccinated on the tip of the nose.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, ss.

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

FRANK J. CHENEY, Notary Public.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1896.

(Seal.) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.

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Sold by druggists, etc. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Some lovely little fee tubs in Haviland, China, are among the table accessories desired by dainty women.

GREAT deal of nonsense has been written—and believed, about blood purifiers. What purifies the blood? ...

THE KIDNEYS PURIFY THE BLOOD AND THEY ALONE.

If diseased, however, they cannot, and the blood continually becomes more impure. Every drop of blood in the body goes through the kidneys, the sewers of the system, every three minutes, night and day, while life endures.

Sarcolin

puts the kidneys in perfect health, and nature does the rest.

The heavy, dragged out feeling, the bilious attacks, headaches, nervous unrest, fickle appetite, all caused by poisoned blood, will disappear when the kidneys properly perform their functions.

There is no doubt about this. Thousands have so testified. The theory is right, the cure is right, and health follows as a natural sequence.

Be self-convinced through personal proof.

ALL OVER THE COAST.

NEWSY ITEMS FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE STATE.

General Summary of Crops Produced—Immigration and Improvement Notes of Our Sister Cities—Pickups That are of General Interest.

A Methodist parsonage is to be built at Truby.

The Old Fellows at Caddo will build a new hall.

Laredo is to have an irrigation convention next month.

Smithville expects to have electric lights next month.

A creosote manufacturing is to be established at Somerville.

Jefferson county has a lady deputy county clerk, who waits on the court.

William Tolliver, an old citizen of Kaufman, was kicked to death by a horse.

Three families at Will's Point were poisoned by eating sour meat, but all recovered.

The farmers of Tarrant county are preparing to try the experiment of sugar beet culture.

G. W. Calvin's store was entered by burglars at Kerrville and a quantity of provisions stolen.

The Clay Station coal mines near Brenham are to be put in active-operation soon.

J. O. Owen, a Southwestern university student at Georgetown, was severely crippled by a runaway horse.

Enchil county wants to cut loose from Webb for judicial and all other purposes and organize on her own account.

An enormous bear was brought in Thursday from the Neches river swamp, about eight miles north of Beaumont.

Mr. E. J. Holmes, after having spent one year truck gardening in Beaumont, has returned to Wallisville to engage in the same business.

The schooner Mermaid of Galveston, owned by Dr. T. W. Shearer of Wallisville, has been sold to Captain Emanuel Enos of Turtle Bayou.

The body of a drowned man, supposed to be Cornelius Gray, a former sailor, was washed ashore north of Corpus Christi Sunday about 4 o'clock p. m.

The Alvin post, Grand Army of the Republic, has organized a colonization scheme to settle a large number of old soldiers and other Northern people in that section.

V. Kohler of Beeville sold to M. T. Gathin this week 110 3 and 4-year-old fed bees for \$35. This is the biggest price paid for any cattle sold in this section this fall.

The cabbage crop of Alvin is being moved and quantities are being shipped daily. Pear and peach trees have been blooming all the fall. A cold snap would do good.

Robert Davis and a white boy were playing with a supposed empty pistol recently at Lyons. The pistol went off killing Laura Harris, a young negroes about 20 years old.

The Daglish hardware company of Tyler, Joe Daglish proprietor, executed a deed of trust Monday night, naming W. L. Cain trustee, to secure creditors to the amount of \$27,000. Preferred list given.

The fourth-class postmasters of Texas have been called upon by W. C. Erwin, postmaster at Granger, to meet in Austin the first Tuesday in January for the purpose of taking steps to have themselves placed under civil service rules.

Millionaire Green and a sporting party of gentlemen from the North recently spent some time viewing the beauties in and around the Bluff City. They left for Rockport in their special car, from which place they will journey to their homes.

A very sad accident occurred in Corpus Christi recently. A little Mexican girl fell into a large furnace and her body was burned to a crisp before her parents could rescue her. She lived two days in the greatest agony. She was 5 years old.

Mr. N. C. Cunningham, a highly respected citizen and farmer, who lives six miles from Lexington, was way-laid and killed about three miles from town the other evening. As yet no clew has been found. Parties are out with bloodhounds.

Messrs. Baldwin and Yates, two of the United States engineers from Washington, D. C., arrived at Quintana recently. Their chief, Hon. H. L. Meridian, having gone by the way of Galveston, will not arrive until Monday.

Saturday evening about 4 o'clock at Grapeland, the clothes of Mr. G. D. Mullens' youngest child, aged about 3 years, accidentally caught fire and it died about two hours later. There was no one at home except some children, and by the time Mr. Mullens got word and got home the child was dead. He lives about two miles from town.

The East Texas Telephone company has opened up headquarters in Beaumont at the corner of Main and Crockett streets, near the postoffice. The company is getting along rapidly with the line to Service Post.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

James R. Burton, 47 years old, shot himself through the head with a pistol at his home recently at Prairieville, Kaufman county.

The Pacific Express Company's safe at Yorktown, DeWitt county, was blown open and robbed several nights ago, but only \$25 was secured.

H. Graves, a white man, was arrested and jailed at Bryan recently charged as an accessory to the killing of Tom Rowden, a negro, on Thompson creek, a few days ago.

Pearl Adams, living at Blum, Hill county, died from the effects of a blow the other day which he received a short time ago. Harry Hummel was arrested and carried to jail.

F. W. Hensel, employed at Nolan & Higginson's livery stable in Denison, got his hand caught in the gear of a feed cutter a few days ago, lacerating the first and second fingers.

John Hubbard, a negro, died a short time ago at Luling, Caldwell county, from a blow received with an axe during an altercation with another negro a few days previous.

George Dawson, a section laborer at Colbert, Grayson county, got the middle finger of the left hand caught under the end of a tie the other morning severely mashing and lacerating it.

Messrs. Bass & Coffey recently made their last shipment of turkeys, 1,800 from Denton, Denton county, making a total in weight of 16,500 pounds having left that town in the last few days.

W. T. Claffin was arrested recently for selling patent medicine at Arlington, Tarrant county, without license. He entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$5 and costs, the amount of the license.

Glenn Lewis, a 19-year-old negro boy who lived on H. F. Kowles' place, four miles east of Brenham, Washington county, drank a little over a quart of whisky the other night and died the next morning.

A few evenings ago the 14-month-old child of Frank Sumral, about three miles from Colmesanell, Tylar county, was fatally scalded by a stove tipping over and causing hot water to fall on the child's head.

Several nights ago on the Galveston, Houston and Henderson track, below Houston, a train struck a wagon driven by Jim Arnold and cut it in two and perhaps fatally injured Arnold. The horses were unhurt.

A south-bound freight on the Santa Fe broke in two near Rio Vista, Johnson county, several mornings ago, damaging several cars and severely injuring Conductor Osman and slightly bruising the brakeman.

Frank Clark's fine gin, grist mill and machinery burned the other day at Rockwall, Rockwall county. The fire is supposed to have originated from some one stepping on a match in the gin. The total loss is \$8000 and no insurance.

Oliver Lippincott, formerly an agent of Parker Bros., Meriden, Conn., was arrested at San Antonio a short time ago on an affidavit charging him with embezzling a piano, valued at \$325 and also \$325 in money from Barker Bros., in Waco, some time ago. He was released on bond in the sum of \$750.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hadley, living at Hillsboro, Hill county, while playing around a pile of burning rubbish the other day, got his face severely burned by the explosion of a cartridge that was in it. His eyebrows and lids were burned off and his hair badly burned. It is feared that he will lose his eyesight.

Dick Lane, colored, is in a critical condition, and Jackson Jones, colored, is in jail at Sherman. The complaint charges him with having been the cause of Lane's discomfure. A general affray came up the other night in Sherman over a jug of whiskey, and Jones is charged with having struck Lane on the head with a breast-yoke.

Mrs. C. F. Stro was arrested recently at Greenville, Hunt county, on a charge of bigamy. She had a divorce in Oklahoma last year from her husband, G. F. Norton, and married Mr. Stro. Afterward the divorce was annulled, hence the suit.

The new courthouse at Decatur, Wise county, is completed, and the district court met in it for the first time the other day. The building is of granite and one of the most substantial as well as artistic buildings in the state. It cost \$130,000.

Several mornings ago Walter Carr, a negro, was shot and instantly killed in Greenville, Hunt county. The affair took place on Lee street in front of a barber shop, where Carr was a bootblack. A negro named Hall was arrested and put in jail.

Sam Smith, colored, whose home is in Jefferson, Marion county, had both legs cut off at the knees by Texas and Pacific train No. 3 at Atlanta, Cass county, a few nights ago, which caused his death in a few hours. He was on the train and attempted to get off before it stopped.

SIGNS OF THE PLANETS

INDICATIONS THAT AFFECT EVERY HUMAN LIFE.

Prof. Cunningham's Free Readings for Our Readers Have Become Very Popular—Some Instructions for the Guidance of Applicants for Horoscopes.

HE astrologer is receiving many requests for free readings through these columns. Each request is numbered when received and every one will be answered in its turn.

The astrologer again calls attention to the fact that each request must state the date, place and hour of birth, also sex and color, with full name and address of sender. The initials only and place of residence will be used in the reading.

Be exact about the hour of birth. If applicants do not know the date or hour they should send two two-cent stamps for special instructions. Persons wishing their horoscopes made immediately and forwarded by mail must send twelve two-cent stamps to cover expenses. Name and address must be plainly written. Address all communications to Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194, So. Clinton street, Chicago.

This week's readings are as follows:

Betsy; Monroe, Mich.

According to data, you are a mixture of the signs of Taurus and Gemini, and therefore Venus and Mercury are your ruling planets or signifiers. You are medium height or above, and medium to dark hair, complexion and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar sparkle and sharp light; you are energetic and ambitious and will make a great effort to rise in the world, yet you will find many obstacles to overcome and will not be appreciated or paid in accordance with what your ability should command, yet you will succeed far better than the average of people. You are a natural born orator and if you take ordinary care of the money you get into your possession you will become wealthy.

C. A. J., Webster City, Iowa.

According to data, the sign Leo, which the Sun rules, was rising at your birth, with Mercury and Venus on the ascendant, and therefore the Sun, Venus and Mercury are your ruling planets or signifiers.

You are medium height or above; medium to light complexion, hair and eyes; you will be disposed to baldness early in life; you will be active, ambitious, energetic, and will hold a good position in any locality; you will always be regarded as a leading man not so much from your wealth as from your ability. You will also be noted as having a great gift of language and as an orator you would make a great success. You are very popular with the ladies.

W. A. W., Dubuque, Iowa.

You have the zodiacal sign Virgo rising and therefore Mercury is your ruling planet. You are medium height or slightly above with a well proportioned figure; the complexion, hair and eyes from medium to dark; you are rather reserved in your manner until you get well acquainted. When young you were quite bashful, modest and avoided strangers. You are active, energetic, ambitious and industrious; you are very humane in your nature, kind to all, make many friends, and will be very popular with the ladies; you are gifted in one of the fine arts and very fond of any kind of art work; you have good command of language. You will rise to a high position in life, and if you avoid hazardous speculation and take good care of the money that comes into your possession you will become quite wealthy. It will be hard for you to keep money after you make it.

Gertie, St. Joseph, Mo.

You have the zodiacal sign Cancer rising, therefore the moon is your ruling planet; you are medium height or above, with rather well proportioned figure; the shoulders good width, the complexion fair; eyes light; hair medium; you are fond of making changes in certain ways, and will be rather of an emotional nature, and will sometimes change your mind very quickly and apparently without any good reasons for it. Your constitution is not of a robust kind, and you are subject to feverish ailments and especially severe headaches when these attacks come on. You are fond of having your own way and are liable to rebel if opposed strongly. You are endowed by nature with strong intuitions, and might easily develop some mediumistic powers if you would make some effort in that direction.

Remarkable Confidence.

She: "It is remarkable what confidence that Mrs. Storms has in her husband! Believes everything he says." He: "Well, why shouldn't she?" "Why, man! he's a clerk in the weather bureau."—Yonkers Statesman.

"The principal value of an education," wrote a little negro boy recently, in reply to the question, "is so you can read the sign-boards at the cross-roads, to tell you which road to go." What educator could give an answer more condensed and comprehensive?

The supreme court of Idaho decides that women can vote if they desire to, and now that they can their desire to do so is not as strong as it was. Like lots of other pleasures we anticipate—a little realization wears off the novelty.

A man carrying an armful of firewood would not ordinarily be made the subject of comment. When, however, the man represents a people who used to think that such labor was a degradation, he is interesting from a sociological point of view. A correspondent of the New York Evening Post, writing from Montana, tells of seeing a Cheyenne Indian walking from the brush up to his lodge carrying wood. By his side was a tiny girl with a load of little twigs. A few years ago an Indian would have been ashamed to be seen doing what he would have called a squaw's work. To-day the tribes are directly, and consciously, and of necessity adopting civilized ways. The little girl at play represented the past; the man, a promise of the future.

It is said of a combined telegraph and telephone apparatus, the device of an army officer, that while one soldier is sending a message in Morse characters, a second soldier may use the same wire to talk telephonically with another station. The distant receiving operators hear only their own messages. This apparatus, it is further said, may be carried conveniently in the user's hand. What if Napoleon could have availed himself of such a contrivance at Waterloo? Would history be just the same?

The interval between a presidential election and an inauguration affords about four months for entirely profitless newspaper speculation as to the make-up of the incoming president's cabinet. Coming immediately after the seeming hysteria of partisan appeals to voters, this variety of newspaper folly amounts almost to a public offense.

"Walter Baker & Co., of Dorchester, Mass., U. S. A., have given years of study to the skillful preparation of cocoa and chocolate, and have devised machinery and systems peculiar to their methods of treatment, whereby the purity, palatability, and highest nutrient characteristics are retained. Their preparations are known the world over and have received the highest endorsements from the medical profession, the nurse, and the intelligent housekeeper and caterer. There is hardly any food-product which may be so extensively used in the household in combination with other foods as cocoa and chocolate; but here again we urge the importance of purity and nutrient value, and these important points, we feel sure, may be relied upon in Baker's Cocoa and Chocolate."—Dietetic and Hygienic Gazette.

I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.—Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1895.

Ebony knobs and handles are of frequent occurrence on silver tea and coffee services.

FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No fits after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Two 25 cent bottles and treatise sent to Dr. Allen, 521 1/2 St. Philadelphia, Pa.

The mother of Moses did more for the world than the king who built the pyramids.

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

Many a life has been spoiled by not knowing the difference between thrift and stinginess.

Cancer
Of the Face.

Mrs. Laura E. Mims, of Dawson, Ga., says: "A small pimple of a strawberry color appeared on my cheek; it soon began to grow rapidly, notwithstanding all efforts to check it. My eye became terribly inflamed, and was so swollen that for quite a while I could not see. The doctors said I had Cancer of the most malignant type, and after exhausting their efforts without doing me any good, they gave up the case as hopeless. When informed that my father had died from the same disease, they said I must die, as hereditary Cancer was incurable. 'At this crisis, I was advised to try S.S.S., and in a short while the Cancer began to discharge and continued to do so for three months, then it began to heal. I continued the medicine a while longer until the Cancer disappeared entirely. This was several years ago and here has been no return of the disease.'

A Real Blood Remedy.

Cancer is a blood disease, and only a blood remedy will cure it. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) is a real blood remedy, and never fails to permanently cure Cancer, Scrofula, Eczema, Rheumatism or any other disease of the blood. Send for our books on Cancer and Blood Diseases, mailed free to any address. Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

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THE CHILD WIFE.

Breakfast-room in one of the much-alike houses in a semi-fashionable suburb; Mr. Simpkins, "something in the city," just finishing his breakfast; Mrs. Simpkins, a very pretty, baby-faced, fluffy-haired little woman, with large, appealing blue eyes, impatiently drumming her hand on the table.

Mr. S.—You know, Trixy, dear, I only speak for your own good—certainly I am doing very well at present, but markets fluctuate and a fellow never knows his luck—you might try and look after things a little better. Here's a note from the butcher requesting a check for last month's account, and I'm positive I gave you a ten-pound note to settle it with, didn't I?

Mrs. S.—Yes; but, George, dear, don't you remember that was the morning I was going shopping with Adele, and she bought such heaps of lovely things that I had to buy that pretty cloak you admired so last night, and so—and so—the ten pounds went, and I forgot all about the butcher, but you can easily send him a check now.

Mr. S.—I know that, but it is the principle of the thing, Trixy. You know very well I hate having bills run up, and when I give you money for an especial purpose, it should be used for that, and not flung away on unnecessary rubbish.

Mrs. S. (indignantly)—Fancy, George, calling my lovely coat unnecessary rubbish! And you said yourself how well it suited me! Bother the butcher! Why don't you have a housekeeper? You know I told you before you married me that I didn't know anything about housekeeping, but you said then, it didn't matter; you loved me, and now—(beginning to cry into a dainty lace-edged handkerchief!)

Mr. S. (hastily)—There, there, my darling, don't cry! I am a brute, and ought to remember what a baby you are. Come here (sits her on his knee and wipes away tears!) Now smile! And tell me what I shall bring you home, or what we shall do to-night to earn your forgiveness.

Mrs. S. (gleefully, putting her arm round his neck, and patting his head, which is slightly bald)—You are a dear old George! Now, let me see. What shall we do? O, I know! You get some seats for the Vaudeville. They say the seats there are awfully funny, and just a little naughty, and then we'll have supper afterward at Moran's.

Mr. S.—My dear Trixy, I couldn't take you to Moran's.

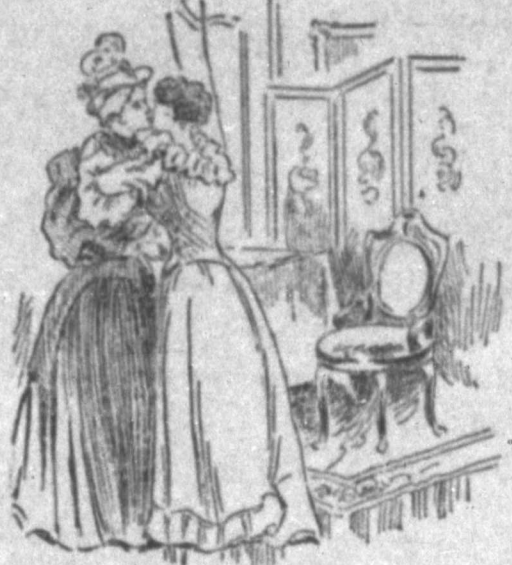
Mrs. S.—But why not? You told me you went there the other night with Mr. Smith and Mr. Jones.

Mr. S.—Yes, but they asked me, and besides, that's a different thing. It's not a fit place to take a child like you to.

Mrs. S. (pouting)—Sometimes I wonder if I ever shall be a woman! But, George, dear, I'm married, so why can't I go? I do want to see what it is like.

Mr. S. (decisively)—Impossible, my dear. I'll get the seats, and you must be content with the Savoy for supper. Now, I really must be off.

Mrs. S. (reigned)—Very well, George, dear, and I'll put my new gown on and try to look my prettiest. You



MUTUAL KISSINGS.

So think me pretty, George, don't you?

Mr. S.—Yes my pet, deliciously pretty. Good-by, little woman.

Mrs. S. (anxiously)—Prettier than Mimi Goodman?

Mr. S.—Mimi is a toad, darling, compared with you? I must go. Good-by—(rushes off).

Mrs. S.—Funny old dear, George! I will go to Moran's to supper some time or other though. I'm sure there's no harm, and Adele says it's ripping fun—(looking out of window)—why here comes Adele. How early for her to be out! (Enter Adele—Mrs. Smithson—a tall, jolly-looking, and fashionably-dressed woman, Mutual-kissing.)

Mrs. S.—Whatever brings you out so early, Adele? I thought you never got up till 11, and it's only half past 10 now.

Adele—Two reasons, you little scoffer! First, I forgot yesterday to tell you I wanted you to come in this afternoon. I've some people coming to tea, and Miss Sweder, that girl who plays so well, is coming.

Mrs. S.—Of course I'll come, dear, but don't ask me to understand Miss

Sweder's playing, I simply can't, it's so classical.

Adele—Nonsense! She plays lots of tony things: Hungarian dances, and so on. Now, for my other reason. Jack and Capt. Jones and I are going to see "The Shop Girl" to-morrow night, and to supper at Moran's after, and we want you to make a fourth. Will you?

Mrs. S.—I should love it, but George won't let me, I'm sure. I asked him this morning to take me to Moran's to supper, and he said in his sternest way: "Impossible!"

Adele—My dear child, what utter nonsense! Never mind, don't say anything to him about the supper part till afterwards, and then you can tell him we took you and—O, you know what to say.

Mrs. S.—But would it be right, Adele?

Adele—Gracious, what a baby it is! Of course, if you are with us there can't be any harm. Now, ta-ta, Trixy, dear. Shall expect you this afternoon about 5, and we'll make the final arrangements for to-morrow night. (Exit Mrs. Smithson.)

5:30 p. m. same day. Mrs. Smithson's drawing-room, pleasantly and intelligently furnished, and occupied by the usual sort of suburban matrons and daughters; the vicar's wife, a stray-looking man or two, and Miss Sweder, a severe-faced pianist (of uncertain age); Mrs. Simpkins in the most bewitching of costumes, sitting beside the vicar's wife.

Mrs. S. (in a stage whisper to V. W., while Miss Sweder is playing)—So charming, isn't it? But we oughtn't to talk, ought we? Music always makes me more chatty than usual, doesn't it you? Not ah, perhaps you get it "taken out of you," as George says, at mothers' meetings, and so on. (Playing suddenly ceases.)

Mrs. S. (to Miss Sweder)—How charming! Thought I recognized it. One of those delicious Hungarian things, isn't it?

Miss Sweder (sternly)—No; it is Grieg's "Bridal March."

Mrs. S.—Of course! How stupid of me! Dear Miss Sweder, how beautifully you play! I wish I could play like that, but I suppose it takes years and years of practice to attain such perfection. (Miss Sweder frowns darkly, and Adele whispers hurriedly to Mrs. Simpkins.)

Mrs. S.—O! I'm so sorry, I didn't exactly mean that, but I'm always saying the wrong thing. I'm such a silly little thing! (She is promptly hustled away by Mrs. Smithson to another part of the room.)

The night after, 11:15 p. m.—Inside Moran's, a brilliantly got-up restaurant with a reputation for good cooking and fast society, and something more than a reputation for high charges. Nearly all the tables occupied or chairs turned up to show they are engaged. Enter Mr. and Mrs. Smithson, Capt. Jones, and Mrs. Simpkins, the latter half shrinking, half delighted, like a child with a stolen piece of bread and jam. They find their table and sit down.

Mrs. S. (looking round)—I don't see anything so funny, Adele. Just look at that woman over there though, look at the lovely gown and diamonds she has on and, O, Adele! she's picking her bones with her teeth and throwing them on the floor!

Supper proceeds, and the fun (?) grows fast, and merry shouts of laughter mingle with popping of champagne corks, and the occupants of the room begin to be scarcely discernible through the clouds of cigar and cigarette smoke. Capt. Jones is solemnly assuring Mrs. Simpkins that it is the proper thing nowadays for a lady to smoke at least one tiny cigaret, when he sees her pretty flushed face stiffen into a horror-struck look and hears her ejaculate "George!"

Adele (hurriedly)—Where, Trixy? Don't be silly, child, as if you were committing a crime! I'll take all the blame on myself. O, Mr. Simpkins, how jolly! You are just in time to take Trixy home. Now don't scold (as she sees the black look on Mr. Simpkins' face), we made her come with us here, and you are not to be cross with her. O, don't take her off so soon!

Mr. S.—Thank you, Mrs. Smithson, I think Trixy is a little tired. Are you ready, dear?

Mrs. S.—Yes, George. Good-night, Adele, I've had a lovely evening. Good-night, good-night.

(Exeunt.)

Ten minutes after—in hansom on the way home.

Mrs. S. (fearfully)—George, dear, I didn't like it a bit, the supper part, I mean. I thought it horrid, and—and—it wasn't altogether true what Adele said. I knew beforehand they were going there to supper, but didn't tell you, but I'm sorry; you will forgive me, won't you?

Mr. Simpkins (kissing her, and drawing her head on to his shoulder)—All right, little one. I told you it wasn't a nice place for my baby. We won't talk any more about it. By the way, I've done that deal with Marks, and you will find the diamond necklace in your jewel case when you get home.

Mrs. S. (emphatically)—George, you are an angel and I am a little beast! But I'm going to buy Mrs. Beeton's

"Household Management," and learn to be a better wife to you and not a baby any more.—St. Paul's.

THE NAZARETH HOUSE.

Four Times It Was Miraculously Borne Through the Air.

On May 10, 1291, the house of Nazareth in which Jesus and the Virgin Mary had lived was miraculously severed from its foundations, borne through the air and deposited on the hill of Tersatto, in Illyria, says the Saturday Review. Here it remained for three years, but on Dec. 10, 1294, it was again miraculously removed by the Virgin herself and the holy angels—this time into Italy—and set in the midst of a wood belonging to a certain Lady Lauretta, in the neighborhood of Recanati. Owing, however, to the constant violence of robbers, who attacked the pilgrims flocking to this sacred spot, on a morning in August, 1295, the house was again miraculously removed through the air a mile farther inland, till it rested on a cultivated hill, the joint property of two brothers, the Counts Stephen and Simon Rinaldi de Antiel. For a time all went well, but these brothers, overcome by a desire of gain, aroused in them by the rich offerings of the pilgrims, began at length a violent quarrel as to which one of them was the owner of the ground; and the sacred building, being in danger of desecration through fratricidal bloodshed, was a fourth time supernaturally borne off, and finally placed in the middle of a public road belonging to the commune of Recanati, crushing down in its descent, as was discovered in 1751, a certain prickly bush by the roadside, and covering over some acorn shells, a snailshell and a dried nut. Almost immediately the authorities hastened to surround the holy house with a brick wall, for the purposes of support, inasmuch as it had no foundations, but the sacred walls would never adhere to the new ones and broke asunder so far that a little child could pass between with a light in his hand to show the people, when necessary; the truth of this separation.

ROYAL HOROSCOPES.

What the Planets Tell of the Characteristics of Europe's Big Rulers.

One of the London papers has been figuring out the horoscopes of various European rulers by means of physiognomy viewed in the light of the planets, says the New York Journal. Kaiser William, for example, is described as being active, cunning, inventive, unscrupulous, reckless of danger, ungovernable of temper and oblivious of sin. With such a fine assortment of characteristics there cannot be the slightest doubt that their possessor would make one of the most successful bandits or highwaymen that the globe has ever seen. King Humbert of Italy is almost the reverse, for he is said to be of the "happy lunarian" sort, jealous and afraid of death. M. Felix Faure, the president of France, say the stars, is overfond of the table, but has much common sense. He may go to prison eventually, however. These indications are drawn from a study of M. Faure's cranium, in addition to the dictum of Jupiter, Mars and Saturn. The czar is of the "Venusian type," and the outlook for domestic broils in his own family is extremely good. He is instinctively honest, easily led, but not courageous, and it is quite likely that he will end his days in exile, if the stars do not lie.

Bicycle Clubs for Women.

Although bicycling for women has ceased to be considered a crime in this country and its possibilities and benefits have been acknowledged by the people in general and physicians in particular, wheelwomen still hold back and make no effort to advance the cause as do the wheelwomen of England. There are any number of clubs in England whose members are all women, each of whom takes such an active part in the affairs of the organization that it cannot but succeed, so that when one hears of a woman in England going off on a solitary tour, without the slightest fear of being interfered with, she need not be surprised, as English wheelwomen, by their united efforts, have made it possible for their sex to ride when and where they will, dressed in any costume they please to consider proper, and this is usually rational.—Exchange.

Longfellow's Gentleness.

He was reluctant to make any criticism of other poets: I do not remember ever to have heard him make one and his writings show no trace of the literary dislikes or contempts which we so often mistake in ourselves for righteous judgment. No doubt he had his resentments, but he hushed them in his heart, which he did not suffer them to embitter. While Poe was writing of "Longfellow and other plagiarists," Longfellow was helping to keep Poe alive by the loans which always made themselves gifts in Poe's case. He very, very rarely spoke of himself at all and almost never of the grievances which he did not fail to share with all who live.—W. D. Howells in Harper's.

Exception is often taken to the use of the word pedagogue instead of schoolmaster, when a teacher is to be mentioned. What if one called the place where teaching is done a pedagogue? It would sound odd enough now, but the word was formerly used in that sense. Thus an English writer of the last century, in describing his journey to the East, said, "Another part (of the university) is what they call the pedagogue, which is for noblemen and gentlemen. There are six youths in each room, with a master over them."

The real purpose of arbitration is to show that the other fellow is wrong.

Dissipated men do not even have the respect of their associates and imitators.

The cemeteries of the city of London cover over 2,000 acres of ground.



The Bane of Beauty.

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

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A great dry-goods store in Chicago has recently established in its own building a school where the employees are given free instruction in common and advanced branches of learning. Under such fostering influences the smallest cash-boy learns that intelligence rules the world, and that an ambition for education is manly. Suppose all business men should manifest the spirit of helpfulness here shown. Suppose, too, they avoided forcing the wages of persons in their employ down to the last dollar under which employment can be obtained. Suppose, also, that wise, yet generous consideration was shown in the payment of wages. Would employees then be restless and resentful? The uneasy mischief-makers would still be heard. They would make trouble under any condition of life. But the estranged attitude of the majority of our employes toward employers would be modified.

It must be a settled principle with the Christian that his life in Christ shall be a life of faith.



Encouraging.
Housekeeper—Goodness, what have you broken now?
Little Help—A cup, mum.
Housekeeper—And this morning you broke a saucer!
Little Help—Yes'm; but I h'aint broke a plate yet.

The faith that will move mountains after awhile is moving a good many smaller things now.

BONES IN THE DUMPS.
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Of all dreary bores, deliver us from the man who wants to retail second-hand reminiscences.

As soon as a woman can demonstrate that she is stronger than man she will be left to fight her own battles.

The business of fault-finding would soon come to an end, if every fault-finder could only be well introduced to himself.

The man who does his best at the start in setting a pace that will keep him busy to live up to during a long period of employment.

Prof. Ira R. Remsen of Johns Hopkins university, last week read a paper at the meeting of the National Academy of Sciences on "The Isomeric Chlorides of Paranitroortho-sulphobenzoic Acid."

Lillian Russell says she is greatly annoyed by the reports that rapidly follow each other to the effect that she is soon to marry this man and that man. She asks, "how can I marry any other man as long as I now have one I am not divorced from?" That ought to satisfy the reporters who start the silly yarns. Lillian's motto is one at a time.

Out of thirty-five boys and girls who applied for admission to a charity training school in Chicago recently, thirty had never been in the woods, nineteen had never seen their own Lake Michigan, and eight had never picked a flower. Those of us inclined to murmur because the hard times deprived us of a customary summer outing, or restricted our orders for a few needless luxuries, may well draw a comparison of conditions.

As surely as bread is the staff of life, so surely is America feeding the world. From the wheat fields of the West three streams of grain are flowing—one toward the Pacific coast for shipment to India and the far East, one down the Mississippi to New Orleans, and another toward the Atlantic seaboard, the last two for transportation to Europe. This demand is a factor in producing the better times that are dawning for the United States.

The king of Sweden and Norway has given welcome evidence of his friendly feeling toward the people of this republic, by erecting a monument at the spot in his realm where an American traveller and his wife met death through a carriage accident. The base of the shaft bears the inscription, "Oscar II. Erects this Memorial." Americans reciprocate the cordial feeling, for the gates of the republic are never closed to the sturdy Swedes and Norwegians who come hither to try their fortunes in the New World.

In the trial of a recent case before the New York supreme court, an attorney remarked, in extenuation of an acknowledged weakness of his client, "The best of men get drunk." Thereupon the judge quickly announced his dissent. "The best of men," he said, "do not get drunk. If there ever was such a time it has gone by in this and all other civilized communities." It is equally as much to the point, too, that some of the worst of men do not get drunk. They understand that drunkenness weakens the reason, and invite a man for carrying out his purposes, whether they be evil or good. Their abstinence is also a temperance lesson.

Ought a landlord to suffer for a tenant's misfortune? Whatever the landlord may choose to do for personal or charitable reasons, what are his legal rights? The result of an action in the New York courts has an important bearing on these inquiries. Owing to the dangerous illness of a member of the family, the lessee of certain property remained on it, and in possession of it, for a fortnight after the expiration of his yearly lease. Suit was accordingly brought to recover rent for the new year upon which he had entered. A verdict was directed for the landlord. On exception to this verdict there was a motion for a new trial. This motion was overruled. The court said that "a qualification based on sickness in the lessee's family cannot be imported into the absolute terms of a lease, but the reason that the tenant would thereby be caused to suffer for the ill fortune of the lessee."

J. McCULLAGH DEAD.

STARTLING EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST.

Physician Says He Had Taken Poisonous Medicine a Few Days Before His Death. The Funeral Services Will be Very Simple.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 2.—The inquest on the body of Joseph McCullagh, late editor of the Globe-Democrat, whose remains were found under his bedroom window Thursday, began yesterday. It developed the startling fact through the testimony of Dr. Hughes, Mr. McCullagh's physician, that the deceased made what was at the time believed to be an attempt at suicide on Dec. 23 last. On that day Dr. Hughes testified that he called on Mr. McCullagh and left with him a four-ounce bottle containing two ounces which would have the effect of paralyzing the action of the heart. The same night Mr. McCullagh took one ounce of the medicine, enough to have death, but which, owing to the weak condition of his stomach, was immediately rejected.

When Dr. Hughes called the next morning he was greatly alarmed and asked Mr. McCullagh if he had taken that amount, an evasive answer being given. Dr. Hughes testified that he was satisfied that Mr. McCullagh had not taken the medicine by mistake. The physician at once connected the startling circumstances with a conversation had with Mr. McCullagh shortly before in which the latter spoke of Abraham Lincoln, saying that he died at a good time, and that when any man outlived his usefulness it was time for him to go.

Dr. Hughes then testified as to Mr. McCullagh's strange and evasive manner on the day preceding his death and concluded his testimony with the positive statement that his impression was that the case was one of suicide.

Liveryman Louis C. Bohle, the closest personal friend of the deceased, was also to have testified, but as he failed to appear the examination was continued until this morning.

Yesterday Mrs. McKee, daughter of the original proprietor of the Globe-Democrat, accompanied by a friend, went out to Bellfontaine cemetery and selected a location for the grave of the deceased, which will be in the McKee family lot.

Mr. William Berry Armstrong, a nephew of the deceased, arrived from Chicago yesterday morning and Mrs. Rachel Souter, a sister, is expected to arrive from Brooklyn, N. Y., Saturday.

The funeral this afternoon will be very simple. The eight pall-bearers have been selected from the heads of the departments of the Globe-Democrat. The list of honorary pall-bearers has not been made out yet, but it will consist of leading citizens of St. Louis, principally representing the Republican party.

Paid the Death Penalty.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 2.—A special from Albany, Ga., says: Sankyo Cunningham, colored, was hanged in an inclosure inside the garden adjoining the county jail yesterday for a criminal assault upon Miss Katie Camp. Cunningham was a "trustee" in the county chain gang and the young lady's home was near the stockade.

The crime was a most aggravated one and the brute left his victim for dead. She afterwards recovered consciousness and crawled to a neighbor's house and gave the alarm. The prompt trial of the negro by Judge Spence at a special session of Dougherty court together with the exercise of great prudence on the part of the officers kept down a lynching. The crime was committed on Dec. 3. Much indignation was aroused and it was found necessary to remove the prisoner to Macon for safe keeping. Yesterday on the scaffold Cunningham made a statement. He acknowledges his guilt and said he had made peace with God. He also warned both white and black to seek religion and take warning by his fate. A great crowd came to the city to witness the hanging, and box cars and roofs of houses and every elevated point available for blocks around were covered with spectators. There was no trouble or excitement.

Wharves on Fire.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 2.—The wharf and factory of the Boston and Lockport company, on the water front in East Boston, adjoining the works of the Maverick Oil company, are on fire. It is a stubborn blaze for the firemen to handle, three fire alarms having been sent in. The blaze broke out in a 200-foot one-story building occupied by the Condor Iron company as a molding shop. The fire then spread to the wharf of the Block company. At the wharf was Mr. Gibby's 200-ton yacht Brighton, which was badly damaged. About 100 feet of the wharf was burned, together with a number of small buildings on it.

Weyler Talks.

Havana, Jan. 2.—The war correspondent of La Lucha of this city, Senor Canarte, has telegraphed to his paper the substance of an interview which he had Thursday with Capt. Gen. Weyler, whose column he joined at San Cristobal. The captain general assured the correspondent that there were only about 500 insurgents in the province of Pinar del Rio, adding: "I am able to say that the province is pacified. I will treat the leaders with consideration if they surrender all or nearly all of their followers."

"Nobody can consider himself the owner of the cattle in the mountains and woods which were born last year, and I allow the soldiers and the poor to gather them together and get what benefit they can from them. I have also provided for the establishment of cultivated zones in order to avoid famine, and I congratulate myself upon the suppression of the revolution in Pinar del Rio. The rebels are lacking in valor and other elements to make the uprising a success."

"With the assistance of the commercial chambers I hope to establish cultivated zones in the provinces of Havana between the two railroad lines, but I can not allow people to build homes outside of the towns, as they only serve as a refuge for bandits."

"Ruis Rivera is disregarded by the Cuban partisans and is lacking in the qualities that go to make an insurgent commander and neither Quintin Banderas nor Calixto Garcia has as much prestige as Antonio Maceo."

At San Cristobal Gen. Weyler joined forces with those of Gen. Obregon from Candelaria.

Capt. Gen. Weyler will continue encampment at Bayamo until to-day.

Gen. Weyler ordered a double ration of food and wine to be served to the troops yesterday.

Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, who is a member of the committee on foreign affairs of the United States house of representatives, paid a visit yesterday to the palace, accompanied by United States Consul Lee and Vice Consul General Springer. The Marquis of Ahumada, acting captain general, was absent, and an aide-de-camp informed the visitors that Gen. Weyler would soon return to Havana.

Mr. Money expressed his regret at not seeing the marquis of Ahumada and at being unable to await the return of Gen. Weyler before he left the island. The vice consul general will sail for the United States to-day on the steamer Olivetta.

Francisco Rivora was sent Thursday to St. Chafarinas, but upon arriving at Porto Rico he was liberated, it being proved that he was a Mexican. He will, however, be expelled from the island.

Arrested for Murder.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 2.—Al Williams, aged 32 years, and Mrs. Jane Mayes, aged 21, living north of Topeka, were arrested yesterday charged with the murder of Anna Belle Williams, the 12-year-old girl whose outraged body was found Wednesday in a meadow near Eudora. The body bears evidence of a dreadful assault on its person. The finger marks on the neck and the condition of the body show that the murderous fiend who committed the assault covered up his work by sealing her lips in strangulation. Williams was the father of the girl and accuses the Mayes woman of the murder. The pair agreed to take the girl to Kansas City in order to have her placed on a poor farm, the woman to accompany the girl. She says that when they reached Eudora she became sick and a strange man offered to take care of the girl. That is the last she saw of the girl. The pair are secure in jail and the officers say they expect to prove a deliberate scheme to make way with the girl.

Mary Tigone.

Once there was a little girl, as the saying goes, and she and her brother loved to pose in tableaux of their own conceiving. At the time when the Greek play "Antigone" was given in the city, they heard much talk about it from their elders, and were all afire to produce something brilliant themselves, on their own little stage.

"Let's play Antigone!" suggested Bertha, at last, when the old folks had been again talking it over.

"All right," responded Tom. "I'll be Antigone."

"No, you can't. She was a lady. I'll be Antigone."

"All right. You may. I'll be George Washington, and come in and tell her about my hatchet."

So the rehearsals were begun, and things went swimmingly. One day, however, Bertha got a little fractious, and longed for a change.

"I guess I don't like Antigone very well," she said. "I don't like her name."

"All right," said obliging Tom, "let's alter it."

"Why, what can we call her?"

"Mary Tigone. That's a good name."

The prima donna approved the change, and the play went on.—Youth's Companion.

Considerate,
"My face is my fortune, sir" quoth she.
"But I never could discount that," quoth he.

A DARING ROBBER.

HE GAVE HIS NAME AS CHARLES WILSON.

He was Chased Out of a Residence in the Day Time and Finally Captured and Locked Up—Said He Visited Other Places.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 2.—As George P. Jackson of Smith's stables was driving along South Ervay street about 8 o'clock yesterday morning, he saw a man come out of the front door of Mr. Eugene Crowdus' residence on the corner of Ervay and Coracanna streets. A minute later a negro came out the same door and, running after the man, who also broke into a run, began to shout, "Stop that thief; that thief." Jackson immediately jumped off his wagon and gave chase, overhauling the fleeing individual about a block away. The latter showed fight and attempted to use a big screw-driver which he held in his hand. His captor prevented this, however, by felling him to the ground and, raising his heavy whip handle, threatened to brain him if he attempted to get up. Mr. Philip Sanger, who had witnessed the whole proceeding from his residence across the street, came to Jackson's assistance and handed him a 45-caliber pistol, with which Jackson covered the man and, making him get in his wagon, drove him to the city hall and turned him over to the officers. He had a pair of opera glasses, a knife and a chisel on his person when searched.

Mrs. Crowdus had gone upstairs for something and upon trying to enter one of the rooms at the head of the stairs, she discovered that it was being held by some one on the other side. Exerting all her strength, she opened the door wide enough to see that a man was holding it shut. Seeing this, she called her little son, Sidney, who was playing about on that floor, and went downstairs to notify the negro boy about the place. The boy immediately proceeded to investigate and just as he entered the front hall he saw the man run out of the front door. He immediately gave chase at the same time warning the neighbors, and assisted Jackson to capture him. The affair created a great deal of excitement in the neighborhood. The man gave his name as Charles Wilson of Butte, Mont.

A Narrow Escape.

Bonham, Tex., Jan. 2.—Quite a thrilling runaway occurred in the western part of the city Thursday evening. Mr. J. W. Carter had been out driving and returning home had alighted from the buggy to open the gate leading into the lot, during which time his 7-year-old daughter climbed into the buggy to ride into the lot. After she had gained a seat in the buggy the horse became frightened at something, whirled around and dashed down the street going west at a break-neck speed, the little girl wildly clinging to the seat. Pursuit was immediately made of the fleeing horse, who dashed down the street over a branch and ascending a steep hill he passed by Willow Wild cemetery, and coming to where the street turning due south and came to a standstill, panting and trembling with fright. The little child, now thoroughly terrified, scrambled out of the buggy and started down the road toward home as fast as her little feet would carry her, but she had not gone far when a new danger threatened her. The frightened horse suddenly wheeled around and came thundering down the narrow street, threatening to crush the life out of the now terrified child, who was fleeing wildly toward home. The child would probably have been crushed to death had not assistance happily arrived in the person of a young man, who caught the little girl in his arms and stepped to one side as the frightened horse dashed by. The animal was stopped in its mad career further down the street by parties coming to the rescue. Strange to say nothing was broken during the horse's wild race, and little Beryl escaped all injury.

Oil Company Organized.

Corciana, Tex., Jan. 2.—The charter of the Texas Petroleum Oil association of this city was forwarded to the secretary of state yesterday. The new company is organized for the purpose of developing, owning and operating petroleum wells in this city. The capital stock will be \$10,000, and the directors for the new corporation will be as follows: Capt. James Garrity, Capt. Charles H. Allyn, Mayor J. E. White, James L. Autry, Harris E. Kinloe, Fred Fleming of this city and T. S. Daniels of Kerens, Rod Oliver of Groesbeck, R. H. Chatham and T. J. Wood of Waco.

At Grand Rapids, Mich., two poltroons were pounded nearly to death by a gang of toughs the other day.

Near Taswell, Tenn., recently, Jane Neal was killed by a boiler explosion.

Some folks, like tug boats, seldom accomplish anything without a great deal of puffing and blowing; but, unlike tug boats, they often puff and blow without accomplishing anything.

The offer of fifty thousand dollars to Doctor Nansen for the exclusive right to publish the account of his exploration in the icy north is justly regarded as a substantial tribute to the value of cold facts.

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LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs. Dawes' harness is the best. Mr. K. D. Lawrence of Lovelady, was in town Monday.

H. C. Castleberg went down to Galveston Monday.

Mr. Ike Hart of Lovelady, was in our city Tuesday.

Judith, the little daughter of Mr. Henry Arledge, is quite sick.

The grocery firm of Kent & Hill in this city has been dissolved.

City marshal Lacy went down to Galveston Monday on private business.

Miss Florence Hogue is seriously ill at the residence of Mrs. Lunceford in this city.

Kyle Hallmark, son of S. B. Hallmark of the Creek neighborhood, died last Sunday night.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledge, Kennedy & Co's. Grocery Store.

Jack Christian is doing some good work on the principal streets of the city with his grading machine.

Mr. J. A. Blaylock, late a merchant in this city, has removed with his family to Gladden in Colorado county.

Will Janes will return from St. Louis the last of this week and take charge of the mechanical department of the COURIER.

Mrs. T. J. Satterwhite, wife of a well known citizen of this county, died a few days ago of pneumonia, at her home near Lovelady.

Mrs. Kate Henry of Porter Springs, daughter of W. G. Brazeale of that place, died at her father's residence last Monday morning.

A petition to the city council is being circulated for signatures asking that the ponds on the Anson Pollins property be declared a nuisance and filled up.

Last Sunday morning two miles this side of Grapeland a South-bound freight was derailed from some unknown cause and five cars of grain badly smashed. No one was injured.

Last Saturday the Oil Mill in this city sold ninety thousand pounds of cotton seed meal to a firm in Willis. The mill has shipped over two hundred tons of meal to Hamburg, Germany.

Mr. Robert Janes has resigned his position as express deliverer man and assistant in the ticket office at the depot. Mr. Clem Valentine will discharge those duties hereafter and Misses Rose and Belle Valentine will also assist in the ticket office.

On Wednesday night of last week Miss Evy Hail, the little daughter of Mr. Ben Hail of this city, entertained a number of her friends at her father's residence and it was an evening of merry making which the young folks will always pleasantly remember.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

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

Col Aldrich is up and about again after a brief but severe illness.

Misses Minnie Bruner and Ruby Moore have returned from Dallas.

Allen Newton has sold out his livery stable interest in this city to Tucker Baker.

Mr. George E. Darsey, prominent merchant of Grapeland was in town Wednesday.

Mr. Thos. Crow of Henderson has returned to Crockett to resume the business of cotton buying.

Mrs. Byrd Wootters has returned from Huntsville where she spent the holidays with her mother.

Robert Nunn is home again from Corsicana where he went with his wife and child to visit the parents of Mrs. Nunn.

Mr. A. J. Knox, one of the substantial citizens of the Lovelady section of the county gave the COURIER a call last Wednesday.

Dr. S. T. Beasley is home again from Corpus Christi where he and Mrs. Beasley went to see their sick daughter, Mrs. Miller. Mrs. Beasley remained in Corpus Christi.

Mrs. Whitescarver, the venerable wife of Rev. J. L. Whitescarver living in the Hays Springs settlement three miles from Grapeland, died very suddenly last week of heart disease. She was nearly eighty years old.

Last Tuesday Sheriff Waller arrested Wm. Davis and Anderson Lott, both colored, on a warrant sworn out by Kate Lacy, colored, charging them with the theft of her hogs. Davis and Lott are both in jail in default of bail, to await the action of the next grand jury.

Last week the COURIER published the returns from the hog law election in all the precincts in the county where it was held, except the Sunflower community from which the returns had not then been sent in. At that place the vote was 13 for the law and none against it.

The Crockett Tram and Lumber Company filed its charter in the department of state at Austin last Monday. The incorporators are W. C. Teter of Galveston, John B. Smith, A. A. Aldrich, A. H. Wootters and D. A. Nunn. The COURIER has heretofore fully explained the purposes of this organization.

Prime hog killing weather during the past week, and more's the pity that the hog crop is so short. A well fattened hog would almost enjoy being killed in a purely dispassionate, non-partisan spirit in which there was no display of ill feeling, such mornings as we have had lately.

Within the past three weeks the following old people have died in this county, none of them under seventy years of age and one or two of them almost ninety: Rev. Ben Parker of Elkhart; Capt. R. S. Pridden of Sheridan; J. H. Murdock of Grapeland; Dr. Denny, George Smith, R. Douglas, Sr., and Mrs. Stephenson, all of Crockett and vicinity. The advanced age of these people, all of whom had resided in the county for many years, is strong testimony to the healthful character of the climate.

Col. Richard Douglass, one of the oldest citizens of Houston county, died on Thursday morning of last week, at his residence five miles east of Crockett, after a long illness of Bright's disease, in the seventy seventh year of his age. Col. Douglass came to Crockett many years before the war and was shortly afterwards elected assessor and collector of the county; after the war he was re-elected to the same office. He leaves a family of four sons, well known and respected citizens, and one daughter, Mrs. Rooks.

Crook & Crook have moved their law office into the Wootters building.

Miss Lela Hill of Weimar, is visiting Miss Grace Smith in this city.

Mr. J. T. Dawes is confined to his bed with a severe attack of la-grippe.

Another train of immigrants passed through Thursday, en route to the lower counties.

Miss Lucia Wootters has returned to Austin where she is attending the state university.

Mr. W. Neel and family of Elkhart, were in town Wednesday and gave the COURIER office a pleasant call.

Last week in Grapeland, Lively & Wright, general merchants, sold out their stock of goods to M. P. Herod.

One day last week a solid train of twenty-two cars loaded with corn en route for Galveston, passed through this city.

Misses Ida and Maude Cunyus, sisters of Dr. Cunyus of this city, came up Thursday from Houston to visit the doctor and his wife.

Dr. Lawrence Corley accompanied by his wife, left this week for Nevill's Prairie where he has located and will engage in the practice of medicine.

During the year 1896 there were 2437 chattel mortgages filed for record in the county clerk's office in this city, against 2055 for the year previous, an increase of 382 for '96.

On January 3rd., Mr. Otto Havaland and Mrs. Matilda Dean Booth were united in marriage by Elder J. A. Simmons at the residence of the latter in this county near Hagarville.

On Dec. 23rd., Mr. Hugh P. English and Miss Oattie Kennedy were married in this county at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. H. Kennedy, Elder J. A. Simmons officiating.

J. W. Howell, charged with the murder of Pink Kilpatrick, last week furnished bail in the sum of \$2500, and was released from jail. Friday night he left for Limestone county where the people live who made the bond for him.

The beauties of our sidewalk system here in Crockett have been thoroughly illustrated during the recent wet weather. The rate of progress we are making in sidewalk reform would require us to use geological cycles in computing the time necessary to complete the job.

Deputy Sheriff Hale, Ike and Albert Daniel, Sam Munn, district clerk of Burnett county, and Prof. Richey of the same county spent nearly all last week on a deer hunt out in the country around Coltharp. They killed three deer, had lots of fun and profess themselves satisfied with their week's sport.

Thirty one marriage licenses issued by County-clerk Albright during and immediately preceding the Christmas holidays would seem to indicate very clearly what is the favorite time for tying nuptial knots in Houston county. Very few of these marriages occurred in Crockett. Why is this thusly, ye marriageable male bipeds of this municipality?

To the Tax-Payers.

The law compels me to enforce the collection of taxes after January 1st., and as I wish to save taxpayers all costs possible, I will extend the limit until January 20th., after which time I shall be compelled to take legal measures to enforce collections.

JOHN R. SHERIDAN,
Tax-collector Houston County.

D. R. Richards, who will leave for Galveston the last of this week or the first of next and will make his home in that city.

Last Tuesday morning Sheriff Waller sold at public outcry in front of the court-house, the church building of the colored Methodists in this city, situated in the south part of the city near the residence of R. C. Spinks. It was sold to satisfy a mechanic's lien for \$600 owned by Mrs. L. A. Craig, and was bought in for her for \$275 by her attorneys, Crook & Crook.

Many merchants are well aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold, and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

Last Monday, in Justice Pritchard's court was devoted to the preliminary examination of Alfred Reese and Tony Williams, both colored, charged with the theft of thirteen hogs from Mr. F. H. Bayne living near town. The theft is alleged to have occurred nearly two years ago. Williams was held to bail in the sum of \$500, and Reese in the sum of \$300. Both gave bond.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowls, of Holland, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had la grippe which left me in low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

W. O. Phipps, the well known merchant at Lovelady, on Thursday of last week, made a deed of trust to his stock of goods at Lovelady and Holly for the benefit of his creditors, naming W. B. Collins as trustee. Three preferred creditors are mentioned in the deed, to-wit: Adams & Adams, attorneys, two claims aggregating \$500; Mrs. Mattie Caton, \$167; H. Kempner of Galveston, \$3672. In addition to the goods, fixtures etc., seventy-two bales of cotton are also included in the assignment. The amount of the liabilities is not stated. The deed provides that the goods may be sold at retail for a term not to exceed ninety days, and any goods left over after that date shall be sold at auction.

Frequently of late we have referred to the volume of immigration to this section and county within the last year. This tide shows no signs of abatement but on the contrary furnishes every indication of growing to still greater proportions. And all this too without any effort on the part of our people on organized lines. If all this can come about without special effort on the part of our citizens, what might we expect if the proper effort were made to induce those in search of homes to come. There is a great field here for profitable employment to some firm of hustling immigration agents. How is it that some enterprising gentlemen don't take hold of this business and push it?

In a recent letter from a prominent cotton firm of Houston, we gather the following on the probable future course of the cotton market:

"The course of the market, we think, depends entirely upon the receipts from now on. Should they

why the market should not rise further, and would not be surprised to see nothing cotton sell in Houston and Galveston at 6 1/2 cents before March 1st; but should there be a decided falling off in receipts after the holidays, we should have some improvement in the market. In other words, we believe that if the crop is 8,500,000 bales or over, we will see lower prices, but if by or soon after Jan. 1st., receipts at that time indicate a crop under 8,500,000, we believe we would see considerable improvement in prices. Yours truly,
Carson, Sewall & Co."

Houston county lost one of her best known citizens last week when J. H. Kelley known throughout all her borders as "Goggle-eyed" Kelley, took his departure for Leon county where he will hereafter reside as a tenant on the Hardin estate. Mr. Kelley is a stalwart and enthusiastic democrat and his absence from our midst will be especially and profoundly regretted on campaign occasions when there is a democratic orator up addressing his fellow citizens. At such times "Goggle-eye" comes out strong, his special forte being to encourage the orator with frequent and forcible applause given regardless of its fitness at the moment to the sentiment applauded, and original interjections uttered in perfect good faith, but somewhat demoralizing at times to the impassioned orator who isn't expecting them. During the Clark and Hogg campaign, Mr. Falk of Athens was addressing a large audience in the court-house here, and "Goggle-eyed" Kelley, as was his custom, was seated on the front bench, with his eyes fixed intently on the speaker, drinking down his oratory with silent rapture and applauding, when the spirit moved him, with voice, hands and feet, no matter how quiet the rest of the audience might be. Mr. Falk had reached a point in his speech where he desired to quote some figures from a paper on the table, and as he opened the paper he commenced: "And now, fellow citizens, I am going to tell you the truth,—"

"Thank God for that!" burst in deep, solemn tones from the lips of the enraptured "Goggle-eye" before the astonished orator could complete his sentence. It was three minutes before Mr. Falk could resume, so prolonged was the applause. The COURIER sincerely regrets that Mr. Kelley has moved from the county, for we thereby lose a good citizen and a good democrat, and we trust he will prosper in his new home.

Old People.

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

The Lake of Blood.

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

THE COURIER,

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

On last Tuesday Hon. J. W. Madden of Crockett, retired from the position of private secretary to Governor Culberson and qualified as secretary of state. On the same day Hon. Allison Mayfield, late secretary of state, qualified as railroad commissioner to succeed Judge N. A. Stedman. Mr. Madden has appointed J. H. Cullom of Garland, as chief clerk in his office. E. R. McLean of Travis county, succeeds Mr. Madden as private secretary to the governor.

The legislature meets next Tuesday and it is conceded that Mr. Dashiell of Leon county, will be elected speaker without serious opposition. The legislature will have some difficult questions to handle, prominent among them the proposed change in the assignment law under which a debtor can now prefer creditors and about which there is a great deal of complaint. Governor Culberson's recommendations on this subject in his message, are looked forward to with much interest.

The last legislature deliberately ignored the recommendations of Governor Culberson touching the reform of criminal procedure in this state, to the end that the punishment of crime might be more certain and there might be fewer reversals on technical grounds. The governor will doubtless renew those recommendations—certainly he ought to, and if they are again disregarded, the members responsible for such a policy should be permanently retired to private life after the coming session.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN, late democratic candidate for the presidency, will speak in Houston on the night of January 20th, and Governor Culberson will introduce him to the audience. The extensive lecture tour projected for Mr. Bryan has been abandoned and when he fills his Texas engagements he will quit the field. He objects to the hippodrome style of advertising his lectures as being incompatible with his personal dignity. The subject matter of the lectures from which all reference to the silver question has been excluded, gives him no opportunity for oratorical display without which he feels that he would be disappointing to the public, and his lecture contract has been cancelled at his own request.

A FEARFUL wave of suicide has been sweeping over the country since the holidays and in nearly every instance the cause has been remorse and despair resulting from the embezzlement of trust funds. Great bankers both north and south have dared the awful uncertainties of the unknown world beyond the grave rather than face the shame and punishment resulting from exposure. It seems an easy way to get out of a peck of trouble if one can only shut out the horrible possibility that it may be a jump from the frying-pan into the fire, but it is frightful gambling anyway. We look at it, and it is enough to freeze the blood around the heart to think of the chance of losing at such a game. It is a significant fact that suicide keeps pace with the growth of agnosticism and irreligion generally throughout the world, and it is not difficult to trace something very like the relationship of cause and effect between the two. The preacher who knows how to think and to generalize on the current facts of his around him every day would find in this a pregnant

fact. The inquiry suggests an interesting field for investigation.

JUDGE JAMES R. BURNETT, late judge of this judicial district, who held on to his populist convictions until they ruthlessly retired him to private life, has, we regret to say, peremptorily severed the relations which have bound him to the COURIER for years past, by ordering his copy of the paper stopped. We dislike to lose the judge for more reasons than one. First of all, he was a shining example which we commend to every delinquent on our list, in that he paid his subscription regularly, promptly and cheerfully. But our chief regret in losing him is that he is thereby removed beyond the circle of a special newspaper influence which we have reason to believe has been of a salutary and improving, albeit somewhat disciplinary and corrective character, and is now by his own voluntary act, for which we hereby solemnly disclaim all responsibility, cut off from a steady and reliable source of sound doctrine profitable for his general welfare and illuminating to mind and conscience alike, that would have been helpful to him in the future as in the past, and without which we fear he will be permanently lost in darkest populism. We shall miss the judge, but our consolation is that he will miss us also, and that he will carry with him into his unfortunate isolation from our healthful influence, the abiding impress of the COURIER and its good work.

THERE is abundant enthusiasm throughout the United States just now in behalf of unfortunate Cuba, but it is noteworthy that the generation which has come on since our own war is most ferocious in its expressions of hostility to Spain, while the veterans who fought the battles from Bull Run to Appomattox and know what war means, are much more temperate in their views. Senators Mills and Morgan are both notable exceptions to this rule, but it is not believed that either of those veterans seriously desires to imbrue his hands in Spanish blood, or cares to get nearer than Washington to the scene of the conflict he challenges. Mr. Cleveland is evidently opposed to any such crimson period to his pacific administration, and there are no reasons for supposing that the mild Major McKinley will not agree with him. Meanwhile the situation in Cuba is as badly mixed as ever. Both sides profess entire confidence and if they fight as well as they lie, mutual extermination is inevitable.

The journalism of this country suffered a serious loss last week in the death of J. B. McCullagh, the distinguished editor of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, who fell from the window of his sleeping room and was killed by the fall. His physician who had been attending him in a long and hopeless illness, pronounced it suicide, but the coroner's jury called it accidental death.

Marriages in Houston county are not increasing in proportion to the increase in population. During the year 1895 the county clerk issued 276 marriage licenses, and during the year just passed, 285 were issued. This is only an increase of nine and doesn't speak well for the popularity of a time-honored institution. In the country districts marriage still goes on at about the usual pace, but here in Crockett it is not keeping up, and what is true of Crockett is true of most towns in the state, judging by newspaper reports. Do hard times alone account for this? The inquiry suggests an interesting field for investigation.

OUR BIG PENS.

Increasing Number of Convicts a Source of Much Perplexity.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 3.—(Correspondence Galveston News.)—The citizen who thinks our penitentiaries are small concerns and penitentiary management easy sailing should read the biennial report of the superintendent and financial agent. The "gigantic concern," to summarize, started two years ago, November 1, 1894, with 4125 convicts and the term closed with 4421 on hand. Received in the two years, 2866; recaptured, 77; discharged, 1927; pardoned, 339; escaped 164; died, 217. The 4421 on hand are scattered in thirty-nine different camps, prisons, and railroad gangs. The earnings of the force amounted to \$1,540,825.40 and the expenses to \$1,445,524.16. It has been self-supporting.

The prisons proper were largely supported by the contract, share and state farms and the railroad gangs.

Notwithstanding the fact that the penitentiaries, by the assistance of the outside forces, were more than self-sustaining, it is noted that the steady increase in convict population presents a problem that the superintendent deems difficult of solution. He thought the sugar land amendments would have settled it, but that failing of popular endorsement, gives warning that prompt action of the legislature is necessary to provide means to employ and support the overflowing penitentiaries. The report indicates that the best paying employment is state farms. If the legislature assumes that the people endorse this employment the action advised by Col. Whatley would be adopted. To run along as now the only provision possible for profitable employment other than on state farms would be to increase contract farm and share farm forces and railroad gangs. It is noted as the convicts increase in number contractors are able to reduce the price of convict labor. Share farms are unsatisfactory and railroad employment ought to be discontinued for many reasons.

Evidently the legislature has a serious problem to solve. The people may endorse and probably do endorse the state farm idea, but not by expenditure of school fund. It resolved itself into this question finally: Shall we undertake to purchase farms out of the general revenue when there is no surplus likely during the two years to come? It would be very expensive. Harlem state farm represents an investment of \$250,000 and employs 164 convicts. Probably the state could rent on long time and improve lands at less expense at the outset. However that may be it is a big problem for the members of the new legislature. It gives the officers in charge serious apprehensions. They cry out for prompt action and say the emergency admits of no delay. The citizens will not know who most to pity in the emergency, the officials and convicts or the legislature.

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat of Jan. 2nd says: Another straw to indicate the importance to which the Gulf ports are attaining is found in a great reduction of running time to be inaugurated between Galveston and St. Louis. The new train will run over the Texas and Pacific, the International and Great Northern and the Iron Mountain, and will make the trip in twenty-eight hours, attaining the greatest rate of speed ever attempted in this route to and from Texas. The reduction will, of course bring Galveston just that much nearer St. Louis.

CREEK.

Christmas is over and all are putting on their thinking caps for another year: There were three deaths here last week, Mr. N. Oliver and his two sons. Their family has the sympathy of the entire community. Mr. Edward is going west to live. Miss Loma Mersfelder, our assistant school-teacher, spent Christmas on Nevill's Prairie. Mr. Gus Lansford is visiting relatives at Porter's Springs. Mr. R. H. Furlow's daughter spent Christmas with the family. Mr. Session has returned from Mississippi where he has been on a visit to his relations. There has been some excitement here on account of a belled buzzard recently seen in this neighborhood. Mr. Hall Long and wife of Rusk, are visiting Mr. J. W. Goodwin. Mr. Ewell Taylor from Goliad, is on a visit to his old home. Dr. W. J. Bevers spent Christmas on Nevill's Prairie. Very few hogs have been killed here—no corn to fatten them and very little to feed horses to make a crop. The crops were as near a failure as was ever known in this section, but there is no use to give up. We must all try it again.

ISHMAELITE.

Marriage Licenses Since Dec. 21.

J. L. Rice to Florence Mortimer; Hugh P. English to Ottie Kennedy; M. S. Brewton to Hattie Farmer; W. F. Rayburn to Lula Hogg; James Williams to Ludie Johnson; C. G. Blue to Minnie Smith; Joe Lynn to Devilla Goodrun; A. E. Clinkscals to Willie Bartee; Lee Holly to Pearl Shepard; Payne Hicks to Fannie Wallace; George Blackshear to Mrs. M. Moss; Ike Howard to Harriet Potts; Floyd Jones to Amanda Murry; Gilbert Lovelady to Aro Duncan; I. E. Craven to Miss J. B. Bitter; Hiram Reece to Ella Reece; Peter Herron to Mary Gray; William Canard to Malinda Jones; Samuel Ellis to Delia Williams; J. T. Stubblefield to Callie Baker; John Long to Cornelia Brenham; J. F. Saxon to Ruth E. Rice; Will Tarver to Beecher Gardner; Sam Berry to Della Robert; A. B. King to Lucina Bates; C. D. David to Hattie King; O. Haverland to Matilda Deen; C. L. Noble to Mattie A. Driskell; B. L. Kains to Miss E. M. Withers; Wm. O. Weaver to Maggie Marsh; Frank Crisby to Ella Smith.

Of Interest to Teachers.

To the teachers and trustees of Houston county: I wish to call your attention to the letter of Hon. W. B. Wall in the Crockett Enterprise of Dec. 23rd, asking the teachers and trustees to furnish him a list of the various kinds of text-books presented by the scholars for use when the schools reopened last fall, that is, how many kinds of histories and their authors, readers, grammars, geographies, arithmetics, geometries, spelling-books, and also the number of examinations each teacher has undergone during the last five years, and the loss of time and cost of such examination. Also any suggestions from the school officers and teachers of the county in reference to the above subjects and any other matters looking to the betterment and improvement of the public schools of the county. Now as the legislature will meet in a few days, I would ask you to give this letter your attention right away and act upon it.

Yours truly,

S. M. BRUCE.

For a pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders, will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

To the People of Houston and Adjoining Counties:

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

Watchmaker & Jeweler

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

We Buy and Sell for cash; No Other way.

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

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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.

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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

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

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

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

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