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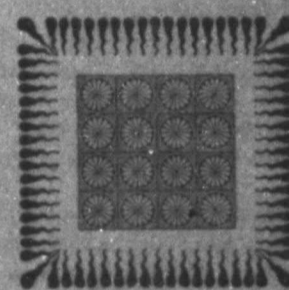
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#### LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

The mania of the average legislator for introducing bills still holds out among the solons at Austin, and if one half, or one fourth, or even one tenth of these bills should be enacted into law social chaos would instantly result. Fortunately, only a very small percent of these ambitious efforts at law-making run the gauntlet of the committees. It is impossible to keep track of all the proceedings at Austin, and there are so many intermediate stages in the passage of a measure, so much amending and referring and committing and pulling and hauling one way and another, that at this distance it is next to impossible to tell what the final fate of any particular measure is.

On Wednesday of last week the judiciary committee of the house reported favorably the following bills: For providing for safety of employes in mines; to fine convicts who escape during service of imprisonment; to change the penalty for gaming; to punish owners for letting stock run at large.

The following important bills were passed to engrossment in the house: That Article 333 of the penal code shall hereafter read as follows: If any person in this state shall carry on or about his person saddle, or in his saddle bags, any pistol, dirk, dagger, slung shot, sword-cane, spear or knuckles

made of any metal or any hard substance, bowie knife or any other knife manufactured or sold for purposes of offense or defense, he shall be punished by fine of not less than \$25, nor more than \$200.

The bill to define the offense of throwing a missile at a moving train or building of any kind and prescribing a fine of not less than \$1000 and imprisonment, was passed to engrossment.

Nothing definite has been done with the preferred creditor bill yet, and it comes up again this week for consideration.

One of the most important measures introduced is the bill designed to check the crime of lynching. The offense is set down as "unlawful killing by the act, agency or procurement of two or more persons, of a human being who is accused or suspected of having committed an offense in violation of a law of the state or some act deemed unlawful or infamous, with the intent on the part of the persons doing the killing to inflict on the person killed summary punishment for the commission of said act or offense, without the warrant or authority of law." Under the provisions of the bill all murder committed by lynching is murder in the first degree and punishable by death or confinement in the penitentiary for life. The Travis county district court is given exclusive jurisdiction of all offenses

of murder committed by lynching except those committed in the county of Travis, the jurisdiction of all such offenses committed in Travis being vested in any district court of the neighboring county of Bexar. All prosecutions of cases of murder committed by lynchings are to be conducted by the attorney general or assistants, and he is allowed for each conviction in such cases when defendant does not appeal or dies or escapes after the appeal and before final judgment of the court of appeals or when upon appeal judgment is affirmed, the sum of \$100, but the governor may employ such additional counsel as he may deem necessary.

In the senate last week a committee was appointed to work with a like committee from the house to redistrict the state into judicial districts. A bill allowing guarantee companies to furnish bonds for guardians was passed.

On last Friday, after being in secret session for five hours, the senate confirmed all appointments submitted by the governor, including that of Assistant Attorney General Mann Trice, whose confirmation was bitterly opposed by the judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals.

The following bill concerning separate railroad coaches and depot waiting rooms for the white and negro races, has been intro-

duced in the house:

Section 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Texas, that articles 1, 3, 4 and 5 of chapter 13, of the penal code of the state of Texas be amended so that said sections of said article will read as follows:

Art. 1010-1. Every railroad company, lessee, manager or receiver thereof doing business in this state as common carriers of passengers for hire shall provide separate coach and separate depot waiting rooms for the accommodation of white and negro passengers, which separate coaches and waiting shall be equal in all points of comfort and convenience.

Art. 1010-3. Each compartment of a coach or waiting room divided by a good and substantial partition with a door therein shall be deemed a separate coach or separate waiting room within the meaning of this act, and each separate waiting room shall bear in some conspicuous place appropriate words in plain letters indicating the race for which it is set apart.

Art. 1010-4. Any railroad company, lessee, manager or receiver thereof which shall fail to provide its trains, carrying passengers, with separate coaches and separate depot waiting rooms as above provided for, shall be liable for each and every failure to a penalty not less than one hundred nor

more than one thousand dollars, to be recovered by suit in the name of the state in any court of competent jurisdiction; and each trip run with any such train without such separate coaches, or without such separate depot waiting rooms, shall be deemed a separate offense.

Art. 1010-5. If any passenger on a train provided with coaches, or any passenger or person at any railroad depot provided with separate waiting rooms, shall ride in any coach, or wait in any waiting room, not designated for his race, after having been forbidden to do so by the conductor in charge of the train, or any ticket agent, depot master, or other railway employe, police or other peace officer in charge of the depot or the good order of the premises, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars.

The most important measure introduced in the house last Monday was a joint resolution to submit an amendment to the constitution to the people, which amendment provides that members of the house shall be elected for four years; that the maximum salary of each member shall be \$1000 and no mileage; that the senate shall consist of thirty-one members and the house of ninety-three.

# Houston County

ITS ADVANTAGES

And Attractions for the man of Capital

AND THE

## HOME SEEKER.

### A Statement of Facts.

**H**OUSTON COUNTY is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31 1/2 degrees north; longitude 95 1/2 degrees west; 100 miles north of Houston and 140 north of Galveston. The county is bounded on the east by the Neches and on the west by the Trinity river. The county is one of the oldest and largest in the state, embracing an area of 680,000 acres of land.

The population is 25,000. Of this number 17,000 are white and 8,000 colored; foreign born less than 1000.

#### RAILROADS.

The Great Northern branch of the International & Great Northern runs north and south through the center of the county; the Trinity & Sabine east and west near the south boundary line; the Tyler Southwestern (Cotton Belt) near the eastern boundary and the Trinity, Cameron & Western is now building through the southwestern part. Two other roads are chartered through the county, and are being partly constructed. The county is well supplied with transportation facilities and will be unsurpassed by any in the state when the new roads are built, as they will be before a great while.

#### SCHOOLS.

Houston County has the best system of public free schools in the state of Texas. The city free schools of Crockett run nine months and the county free school six months a year. The county has a school fund of \$70,000 in her own right, which draws an annual income of \$5,000. This, together with \$25,000 furnished by the state makes an available school fund for the county of \$30,000 a year. School houses are commodious and fitted with patent, first-class school furnishings.

#### CHURCHES.

All churches are represented and the different denominations have facilities equal, if not superior, to those enjoyed in the older states.

Debt and tax rates are very small. The bonded debt of the county is being rapidly liquidated and the total state and county tax is only 67 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation.

#### CLIMATE AND WATER.

The climate of this section is very mild and healthful. The temperature rarely goes above 90 degrees or below 25 degrees ABOVE ZERO.

The county is plentifully supplied with water for all purposes. An abundance of good water can be secured in any part of the county. At short distances there are never-failing streams of pure water which furnish power sufficient for all manufacturing purposes. No county in the state can boast of as many such streams.

#### LAND IN CULTIVATION.

Of the land in the county, about 100,000 acres are in cultivation, and the balance, 580,000 acres is virgin prairie and forest.

#### SOILS.

We have the greatest variety of soils, adapted to the cultivation of all farm products grown in the temperate zones. There are the black waxy, the black loam, the stiff black sandy, the gray sandy, the red, chocolate, alluvial and scores of others kinds. Nine-tenths of the area of the county was originally timbered. Nearly one-tenth of it is prairie land of the best quality, and is easily cultivated with all the improved implements.

#### TIMBER.

The timber in Houston County is of all kinds and in almost unlimited supplies. There are magnificent forests of long-leaf and short-leaf pine, red oak, white oak, post oak, gum, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in the county holly, beech, maple, magnolia, cherry and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Valley" in the north, Houston County was awarded the first prize in the timber contest of any

other using hard wood, would do well here. Pine lumber can be had at \$6 to \$8 per 1000 feet.

#### ORES AND CLAY.

We have in almost exhaustless supplies, rich iron ore of the brown hematite and laminated varieties, besides other kinds. There are undeveloped coal beds in different sections. Building stone in abundance. Clays for making brick, tiling, pottery, etc. Also there are beds of green marl, which have never been developed.

#### STOCK.

This county is especially adapted to the raising of fine stock. Jersey cattle, blooded horses and hogs are numerous and all do well.

#### FRUIT.

The soil of Houston County is unsurpassed in its adaptability to fruit culture. Apples, peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots and grapes yield enormous crops. In this business there is a chance for fortunes to be made, as early fruit and berries can be matured and shipped to the northern markets before competition from other sections affects the market price. Strawberries, blackberries, dewberries and others are grown without trouble.

#### STAPLE PRODUCTS.

The yield of cotton in this county averages one-half a bale per acre; corn 20 to 30 bushels; sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes 200 to 400 bushels and ribbon cane produces from 250 to 400 gallons of the very best syrup. Melons of all kinds, peas, beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, squashes, onions, beets, radishes, cabbage and all other garden vegetables grow in the greatest abundance.

#### A CHANCE.

One branch of industry has been nearly overlooked here. We refer to the production of tobacco. The soil in portions of the county is particularly adapted to tobacco culture and there are thousands of acres that will produce the very best quality of tobacco grown. The people are not familiar with the business; but there are fortunes here awaiting the men who bring knowledge of tobacco raising and curing to Houston County. Thirty years ago tobacco was one of the money crops of this section. The people have lost sight of it for the cotton crop. This year many farmers are ordering the different varieties of tobacco seed, including the "Connecticut Leaf," "White Burley" and other kinds of plug leaf. We have recently tried the Genuine Havana tobacco and find that, where the farmer has the proper knowledge of curing same, the yield is from \$200 to \$400 per acre, our Havana tobacco bringing 40 to 50 cents per pound in the New York market. New York buyers all agree that it is impossible to grow such tobacco in Texas, and will only believe that we grow it upon affidavits of the best men in the state. Money, land and assistance will be furnished EXPERT tobacco growers and warehousemen. We only need a good class of men, who understand this industry, to quadruple the value of all tobacco lands in the county. These are all facts, can be proven and are deserving of attention.

In 1894 Houston County produced 30,000 bales of cotton, 900,000 bushels of corn, more first-class ribbon-cane syrup than could be used at home, and enough meat for home use. Besides these crops oats, sorghum, peas, hay and peanuts enough to fatten all stock on hand through the winter.

The oak forests produce mast in abundance to keep hogs in good condition the year round.

#### WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

Is the fact that the crops raised here are absolutely without fertilizers, the soil simply being broken and seed planted. There is not a country in the world that can make a better showing than this.

The county is in better condition than ever before, notwithstanding the hard times, and the prospects are most prosperous, with the farms and lands of

financially, than for years past, despite the low prices of staple products.

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weches, Tadmor, Ratcliff, Coltharp, Daly, Porter Springs, Creek, Weidon, Holly, Pennington, Bellott and Daniel. Besides these there are over thirty cotton gins and lumber mills in the county, and at each of these are pleasant neighborhoods, usually having schools and churches.

Houston County has never suffered the evils of a boom and only desires a steady advance in population and prosperity. To those seeking pleasant homes and safe investments in a fine climate and country, we extend a hearty invitation to examine the resources and advantages of HOUSTON COUNTY, Texas.

The above is a careful and conservative statement of facts in regard to a fine country that has been too long overlooked.

We need progressive farmers, a canning and fruit-preserving factory, a furniture factory, and many other enterprises that can secure raw material without the expense of a long haul.

All letters of inquiry will be promptly answered and information will be given.

#### CROCKETT.

Crockett, the county seat, is located near the center of the county on the I. & G. N. R. R., the great artery of commerce between Galveston and St. Louis. It has a population of 3500 to 4000. Society is excellent. A splendid system of graded public schools is maintained by tax for nine months in the year. Nearly all christian denominations have church organizations and churches. There are fifty or more business houses of different kinds. The town is lighted by a system of electric lights. There is a cotton seed oil-mill with a capacity for crushing six to eight thousand tons of seed. An ice factory, laundry and other accessories of a live town have recently been put in. The town with a fair season will ship twenty thousand bales of cotton the season of 1897. The fruit industry is being developed on a large and lucrative scale and no town in Texas is supplied with greater and better adapted resources for raising and handling fruit and berries of all kinds. There is not a town in East Texas with as bright a future as Crockett, nor one that offers greater inducements to the man seeking a home for his family, in the way of superior educational advantages, refined society, excellent church privileges and all other influences that contribute to the full development of genuine manhood and womanhood.

The town has two weekly papers, the COURIER and ENTERPRISE.

Facilities for traveling are unsurpassed. The I. & G. N. railroad passes through the corporate limits of the city and furnishes a double daily passenger service both ways. South of the town a comparatively short distance, the T. & S. R. R. runs east and west, while on the northern and eastern borders the Gulf Short Line R. R. and the Houston East & West Texas R. R. run. A movement is on foot with every indication of being put through at once, to establish a large saw mill and planing plant with a tram road extending twenty to thirty miles to the eastern border of the county.

#### LOVELADY.

The town of Lovelady is about 12 miles to the south of Crockett and is situated immediately on the I. & G. N. R. R. The town has recently incorporated for school purposes and levied a tax which with the funds from the state and county, enables it to maintain a most excellent High School, free for about 9 months in the year. The society is well developed and church

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#### GRAPELAND.

Grapeland is another town, about 12 miles to the north on the I. & G. N. R. R. It, too, has recently incorporated for school purposes and by a local tax and such other help as it receives from the state and county funds, supports a splendid High School free for about 9 months in the year. The town is noted for its business enterprise and public spirit and no better society can be found anywhere. The people are wide-awake and extend the home-seeker a hospitable welcome.

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**Widows and Widowers in Europe.**  
In England there are 114 widows to every 54 widowers. In Italy the relative numbers are 138 and 60; in France, 139 and 73; in Germany, 138 and 50; in Austria, 121 and 44.

In Philadelphia—Her friend: "And when are you to be married?" She: "In three years. Charles, you know, is so impatient!"—Puck.

Gerald Du Maurier, son of the late author of "Trilby," will be a member of Beerbohm Tree's company during his coming American tour.

But one Wyoming county hasn't a coal mine.

**The Strongest Fortification.**  
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The February Ladies' Home Journal opens with a striking article—"When Kossuth Rode Up Broadway"—the fourth of its "Great Personal Events" series. In it Parke Godwin recalls the unprecedented demonstration and enthusiasm with which the Hungarian exile was welcomed to New York. There are articles on amateur photography, sweet pea culture, plans for a "\$1500 Summer Cottage," matters pertaining to dress and the usual departments. The magazine is bonanza in the scope and interest of its articles. By The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia. One dollar per year; 10 cents per copy.

In the February Century General Porter in his recollections of "Campaigning with Grant" recounts anecdotes and describes incidents of the movements of the army from Spotsylvania to the North Anna. General Porter records Grant's bearing under receipt of bad news, and sets forth the general's relations with his subordinates and his comments on various movements, and in brief gives the look of events as seen from the headquarters point of view.

The Review of Reviews for February makes "A Plea for the Protection of Useful Men" from bores and "societies," and all well-meaning people who bother the life out of public men by letters and calls on the pretext of seeking assistance in some worthy undertaking. The editor of the Review publishes letters on this subject from the late General Francis A. Walker, written only a few weeks before his death. In one of these letters General Walker wrote, "I am not well, and neither callers nor correspondents have any mercy."

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### SIGNS OF THE PLANETS AT TIMES OF BIRTH.

They Do Not Exert an Influence Over Life, but Indicate Events Likely to Occur—Comes from the Egyptians.



HE planets do not exert an influence over life. Their position at the time of a person's birth only indicate what that life is likely to be. The science has come down to us from the earliest ages of man, and was one of the foremost arts in the days of the supremacy of Egypt. Two hundred years ago its revival began. Its progress has been steady, especially in England and the United States. The most enlightened minds of the century are giving it special study, and its popularity is again in the ascendant.

The free readings in these columns should not be confounded with fortune-telling. The most cultured in the land study astrology. No sensible person takes notice of fortune-tellers or fortune-telling. The popularity of our free readings attest the esteem in which the science is held. Letters come from physicians, lawyers, bankers and merchants. Applicants for readings are again reminded that full name and address of sender must accompany every letter. Also date, hour and place of birth. If the applicant does not know the hour of birth he or she should send for special instruction by mail.

Persons not wishing their readings published in regular order can have them forwarded by mail. Mail readings are sent on receipt of twelve two-cent postage stamps. Address Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 South Clinton street, Chicago.

Following are the readings for this week:

**W. S., Marionville, Mo.**  
According to data furnished you are a mixture of indications of both Leo, which the Sun rules, and Virgo, which Mercury rules, therefore the Sun and Mercury are your ruling planets or signifiers. You are medium height or above; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; there is a notch formed in the hair above the temples. You are ambitious, industrious and energetic, rather reserved in manners, and when a boy quite bashful; you take great interest in animals, especially a fine horse; you are quite studious and like to read up on scientific subjects. Your house of money is afflicted by Mars; this is warning that you should at all times be extra careful of finances and avoid hazardous speculation. Marriage more fortunate than average, and your wife was from an excellent family, yet in some way not so fortunate correspondingly as her ancestors.

**Hazel S., Mechanicsville, Iowa.**  
According to the data the zodiacal sign Leo, which the Sun rules, was rising at your birth, therefore the Sun is your ruling planet or signifier. You are above medium height, with a slender, wiry figure, and wide shoulders in proportion to the rest of the body; you are medium to light complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes are quite large and expressive. You have a sunny, cheerful disposition, and are recognized as a leader; you will always hold a good position in life and can make money in that way if no other, but you will, with ordinary care of finances, always have money, even if you do generously give lots of it away. You are proud and ambitious, and no small kind of business will gratify your ambition. You have splendid command of language and would make a good orator. You are gifted in one or more of the fine arts, and in this you would be quite original. You are very fond of the occult and mysterious.

**C. A. R., Panama, Iowa.**  
According to the data furnished the Zodiacal sign Sagittarius, which Jupiter rules was rising at your birth, therefore Jupiter is your ruling planet or signifier, the moon is on the ascendant and is cosignifier.  
You are above medium height; slender, but well formed, and you will become stouter from this time on; you have dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes are very expressive and have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight. You are cheerful, happy, jovial, kind and obliging; you are very humane, and considerably inclined towards the scientific; you are kind to animals, and very fond of horses, you have an intellect that denotes a special ability in the management of subordinates. Your house of money is afflicted, denoting that your money gets away very easily, and you have little left to show for it.

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## A YOUNG GIRL

### WITH A WAXY AND SALLOW COMPLEXION.

She is the Daughter of the Editor of the "Reform Press"—A Straightforward Statement in that Paper in regard to it.

From the Reform Press, Centerville, Texas.  
CENTREVILLE, LEON CO., TEXAS.

September 28th, 1896.

My little girl, six years of age, has always been of pale, waxy complexion, and health delicate, until the early spring of this year, when her color became paler, her health worse, stomach hard and somewhat swollen, sleep restless and disturbed, often fretting and crying in sleep. We treated her for worms and various supposed disorders with different medicines, but nothing we tried did her any permanent good. In fact, her health became more uncertain and threatening, until both her mother and myself became considerably alarmed about her, and were more persevering in giving her medicines and tonics.

Finally, reading of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and the wonderful results effected by them in restoring weak, sickly and prostrated persons to good health, I determined to try them, but really had but little faith. I procured some of the pills from J. C. Steel, the druggist here, and was careful to give them regularly, according to directions, and before half the pills were taken, we noted a decided change for the better in our little girl, and when all of them were used up she was well, hearty, and possessed a rosy, healthy appearance. It has now been about four months since we discontinued the use of the pills, and so far she has remained in perfect health. We have every reason to feel

A single order for 1,000,000 pounds of smoking tobacco was a new record for that line of business recently achieved by a Virginia tobacco firm.

Mexico has a corn famine.

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The world has plenty of inhabitants who have been helped until they are practically helpless.

There are no greater wretches in the world than many of those whom people in general take to be happy.

Men who follow their impulses are generally as near right as when they think, and save themselves a vast amount of worry.

Louis A. Feltier, an Indianapolis undertaker, has the unsurpassed record of having buried 13,000 persons. He has been in the business sixty years.

A stock company recently organized in London offers 600,000 shares of stock to the public at a penny a share. At that price any one may become a capitalist with invested funds.

"His wisdom is a seal upon his lips," said Mentor of Ulysses, "which is never broken save for an important purpose." Happily for congruity, Grant instead of Bismarck was named in honor of this fine quality in the Greek hero.

Philadelphia has been called upon to return the modern triumphal arch under which Gen. Washington passed at Trenton on his way to the presidential inauguration in 1793. It has been demanded by the owners and will be placed in one of the rooms in the Trenton Battle monument. The arch was loaned to the city during the centennial, and was deposited in Independence Hall, subject to demand of the owner, Miss Mary Armstrong owned it then and was given a receipt for the arch from Col. Frank M. Etting, now deceased. Miss Armstrong died in 1882, and her legal heir, Elmer Ewing Green, has asked the return of the arch through Gen. W. S. Stryker.

The statistics of new railroad equipment built in this country in 1896 show that we have built more locomotives than in 1895 and very many more cars. Carrying comparisons back two years, the increases both in locomotive output and in car building are very great. The figures presented by the Railroad Gazette show that we built this year 480 locomotives more than in 1894 and 74 more than last year. The actual number of engines built in 1896 was 1,175, and in 1895, 1,101 engines. An interesting feature which is brought out in this summary is the growing importance of export orders. In 1896 309 engines were built in this country to export to foreign countries, the engines going chiefly to South America, but also to a considerable extent to Russia, Japan and South Africa. In 1894 only 80 engines were built for export, and in 1895 that number was exceeded, the number built in 1894 having been unusually small; but still the growth reported in 1896 is of especial interest. Locomotive builders in this country at present have orders on their books for 70 engines for Japan, where most of the engines now in service are of English make.

Tragedy may be associated with cheap domestic goods, and with "bargain counters." Articles are kept in stock, and sold by competing dry goods and other stores, the materials of which cost almost fully the price for which the goods may be bought. The Reverend Doctor Parkhurst of New York had a word to say in a recent sermon about goods into which may have been sewed the struggle for life of many a half-starved, wretched woman. He said: "If a lady goes to a store and buys an article that she knows is marvelously cheap, and cannot understand how such a piece of hand-made work can be sold at so pitiable a price, she knows, if she knows anything about the industrial conditions of the world she lives in, that some poor girl, in some sticky back alley, has been half-paid for her work, and she—the elegant lady—gets the benefit of it. This city is full of this, and so is every other city. The purchaser does not kill the girl outright, but she helps to kill her by inches." The preacher's declaration is mainly true. Few women, however, stop long enough to realize that in the purchase of such goods they are encouraging extortion: are taking from labor the just returns to which, by the law of God and of human brotherhood, it is entitled; and are upholding a system of trade that, in its cruel effects, holds commerce with privation, and hunger, and vice, and death itself. Purchasers should think of this whenever they are attracted by the pecuniary attractions of...

The Printing Bill.  
Austin, Texas.—Chairman McFarland of the house committee on public printing will hold a meeting of his committee Monday evening at 5 o'clock to consider the bill relating to public printing being kept in the state, etc. The meeting has been set for Monday at the request of parties from a distance who wish to appear before the committee to discuss the bill.

On the Right Track.  
"Tommy, what is a miracle?"  
"Something that never happens again."

**IN THE LEGISLATURE.**

SUMMARY OF THE DOINGS OF OUR LAWMAKERS.

The Assignment Bill Introduced by Senator Tracey—Judge Foulk's Opinion of the Bill For Validation of Illegal Land Sales—Public Printing Bill—The House.

Austin, Texas.—Representative Tracy has introduced the following: A bill to be entitled an act to amend title 8 of the revised civil statutes of the state of Texas in regard to assignment for creditors, by adding thereto articles 86a, 86b and 86c.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Texas: That title 8 of the revised civil statutes of the state of Texas be amended by adding thereto articles 86a, 86b and 86c, as follows, to-wit:

Article 86a. Provided, that any debtor hereafter executing any assignment or trust deed in which any creditor is preferred, he shall at the same time attach to said trust deed or other instrument in writing his affidavit in writing stating that said preferred debt is an honest and just claim, giving the amount and the date of the origin of said claim.

Art. 86b. The preferred creditor shall, before he receives from said assignee or trustee any portion of his preferred claim, file with said assignee or trustee his oath in writing, which shall state that said claim is honest and just giving the date and origin of the same.

Art. 86c. That any creditor who desires shall have the right at any time within thirty days from the date of such assignment of trust deed, to file his application with any court having jurisdiction to the amount of said claim, stating therein that he verily believes that the claims of some of the preferred creditors, naming him or them, are not honest, or that said claim is fraudulent. Upon the filing of such complaint, it shall be the duty of the court to issue citation to the said preferred creditor or creditors, the assignor and trustee, or either of them, and compel them or either of them to exhibit their books, notes and accounts, which books, accounts, notes and papers may be examined in open court; either party may have processes for witness in said cases as in other civil cases made and provided, and upon final hearing, if the court is of the opinion that the claim or any part thereof is fraudulent, it shall be his duty to instruct the assignee or trustee to dispose of said claim in accordance with the decree of the court. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith to be and same are hereby repealed.

The House.  
Austin, Texas.—The following bills were introduced in the house Saturday morning:  
By Morton: A bill providing for the investment of the state and county school fund not otherwise invested, in improved farm lands of the state.

By Burns: A bill amending the law regarding fire insurance and losses, providing a better law for suits for losses.

By Shelburne: A bill that one who disturbs religious worship shall be put under a peace bond.

By Pitts: To set apart and grant unto Prairie View normal school 150,000 acres of land and to set aside the same in alternate sections, one of 100,000 acres, granting and setting apart the other alternate sections, amounting to 50,000 acres to the permanent school fund of Texas.

By Stoker: A bill providing that the public schools shall be taught six hours each day, exclusive of intermissions and recesses.

By Dickinson: A bill defining lynchings, making it a capital offense, fixing the venue of all cases and providing for prosecution.

By Savage: A bill to prevent card playing in any place not a private residence.

By Tucker: A bill to amend article 3304, civil statutes, providing that the English language shall be taught in all public schools.

By Carswell: A bill to designate Thanksgiving day or Arbor day also.

By Crowley: A bill providing that recorded brands shall not apply as evidence of ownership of cattle in criminal cases.

By McFarland: A bill providing a uniform system of recording plats and maps of town lots, additions, divisions, subdivisions, and to legalize those already recorded.

The Assignment Law.  
Austin, Texas.—House judiciary committee No. 1, met Friday afternoon and heard argument from the same persons who appeared before the senate committee Thursday regarding the assignment law. Evens of Hunt county addressed the committee in favor of his bill and devoted a great deal of argument to the present preferred creditor law. His bill is a copy of the present state assignment law with an addition which repeals all laws allowing one creditor an advantage over another.

Appointments Indorsed.  
Austin, Texas.—The senate opened up Friday morning by inviting the Hon. John H. Cochran to a seat upon the president's stand after which Senator Turney sent up a protest from citizens of Buechel county against the proposed abolition and attachment of said county to Brewster county.

The president announced the appointment of Senators Prosser, Neal and Goss as a committee to prepare memorial resolutions upon the death of Senator McComb. Also the following as members of joint committee on judicial districts to prepare a redistricting bill: Dibrell, Boall, Yantis, Terrell, Linn of Wharton, Tillett and Stafford.

Senator Rogers' bill to permit surety companies to sign bonds of guardians was laid before the senate on third reading and passed.

House bill making an appropriation to defray expenses of presidential electors was called up out of its regular order and passed under a suspension of rules.

Senator Rogers' bill to permit surety companies to sign bonds of executors and administrators was laid before the senate on third reading and passed.

Senator Errell's bill providing for the attachment of witnesses without subpoena in felony cases in term time or vacation when there is good reason to believe that witness is about to leave the county, were laid before the senate on third reading and passed. Also Wood's bill, doing away with the distinction between adultery and fornication and fixing the penalty for same at from \$25 to \$1000.

Senate bill, making an appropriation to pay for the publication of constitutional amendments proposed by the Twenty-fourth legislature, was taken up and passed under suspension of rules on motion of Senator Stone.

Senator Stafford's bill, amending article 672 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, was laid before the senate on third reading during the discussion of which the senate went into executive session to consider the confirmation of certain appointments by the governor. The senate worked behind closed doors for an hour and a half, but without coming to any conclusion and adjourned until 3 o'clock.

The evening session lasted over two hours and when it closed the governor's appointments had all been confirmed, including that of Assistant Attorney General Man Trice. Consideration of his case was what caused the protracted session. As will be remembered, the senators received letters from the court of criminal appeals ten days ago, intimating that the members of that court were opposed to Mr. Trice's confirmation. Later the court filed certain charges against him, with the senate, to which he replied in writing. When his case was taken up today, nine senators voted to postpone it until the court could be heard from further and eighteen voted for immediate action. When a final vote was taken twenty-four senators voted for confirmation and four declined to vote at all. The discussion occasioned by the court's attitude towards Mr. Trice was at times somewhat uncomplimentary to that tribunal and indicated that the upper house is of the opinion that subversive action is not one of the necessary qualifications of a good assistant attorney general.

Adjourning till Monday morning.  
Johnson Grass Bill.  
Austin, Texas.—Representative Williams of Ellis introduced Friday a bill of great interest to the farmers of the state. It authorizes and requires the commissioners court of any county, upon the petition of fifty freeholders in each precinct of a majority of the justice precincts of said county, to order an election to determine by a vote of the freeholders, qualified voters thereof, whether or not cattle, horses, mules and asses shall be permitted to run at large.

Building and Loan Company.  
Knoxville, Tenn.—The Covenant Building and Loan company failed Thursday, making the seventh within the last week. Receiver was asked for in the same manner as the others, on account of being unable to pay off the applications for withdrawals caused by the panic.

Criticism acts on a man like a mustard plaster; if any is given you, hug it tight until it does you good.

Every one is the object of somebody's suspicion, and should regulate his conduct with that thought in mind.

Dr. Omasza, of Vienna, has invented a method of photographically registering the pulse beats.

Treaty Under Discussion.  
Washington, January 28.—The senate committee on foreign relations had the arbitration treaty under consideration for an hour and a half again yesterday, but failed to reach a conclusion. The committee adjourned to meet again Saturday when it is hoped the senate will not be in session and the committee can give the entire time to the treaty. There is a growing feeling in the senate that the treaty should be reported either favorably or otherwise as a whole.

Sheriffs Address the Committee.  
Austin, Texas, January 28.—The house committee on state affairs, Carpenter chairman, met yesterday afternoon. On motion, next Tuesday was fixed as the time when the committee will hear clerks of the supreme court and court of criminal appeals regarding the fee bill.

Sheriff White Shely of Starr county appeared before the committee. He spoke regarding the conveyance of attached witnesses. When the manner of conveying attached witnesses is gone away with it will turn loose criminals on the people. He stated that the Federal courts resort to attachment to procure witnesses.

Sheriff, Tom Bell of Hill county said he hoped justice would be done; that conditions were different in Central Texas than those in the vicinity of the Rio Grande border.

Sheriff Shely stated that in Starr county there are not over 45 or 50 qualified jurors out of 11,000 inhabitants. In Zapata county they can not get an American-speaking jury.

Sheriff White of Travis county was next heard. He submitted a statement from the comptroller's office showing the fees paid by all the counties in Texas for the year ending August 31, 1896. While the speaker was willing to abandon the attached witness system, he did not think it ought to be abandoned to work a detriment to Sheriff Shely and others in such counties.

In answer to questions, Sheriff White stated that if sheriffs are placed on a salary they will not be able to offer rewards for criminals. He said he knew a case where Ben Cabell spent \$1500 catching two men. The speaker remarked: "This fellow Burt, here in jail now, cost me \$500. I paid \$100 for him and I can never make over \$100 out of him. Now, some folks say 'What do you do this for? You got to do it. Well, you have got to do it if you ever expect to run for office again.'" Sheriff White asked that the legislature exempt sheriffs from damages in levying an attachment or writ of sequestration.

County Attorney Jordan of Hill county spoke of the discrimination against county and district attorneys, who receive no fees unless a conviction is secured. Sheriffs and other officers get fees whether the defendant is convicted or acquitted.  
Tax Collector W. B. Thrasher of Travis county next came before the committee. He gives a bond of \$140,000; his commissions amount to \$2200 annually and clerk hire costs him \$400 per year. His net amount from the office is about \$2100 annually.  
Epps G. Knight of Dallas county gives a bond of \$310,000. He applied to a security company to give his bond and the charge was \$1800 per year. He then had his friends make his bond. He submitted figures showing that as collector of Dallas county he does more work than collectors in six smaller counties combined and the cost to the State and county was one-third as much for Dallas county as for the six counties combined.

Mr. Knight said further that if the salary was fixed at \$1800, as some say, it would cost that much to make his bond if he did so through a security company. He employs five clerks, who cost him \$300 per month. Mr. Knight said since he has been in office he has eaten but three warm meals and that his deputies were confined the same way. They are very much rushed with work. If the collector is on a salary it will destroy the incentive to push collections.

Tax Assessor Turner of Dallas county made a statement. According to his figures \$2200 is about his net income.  
Tax Assessor J. W. Frost of McLennan county said he was glad to get before the committee and talk business. The committee adjourned to meet again Friday.

Welmar, Texas.—The Southwestern Telephone company, notwithstanding the severe cold weather now prevailing, does not stop work, but their long distance line is now being erected through this little city.

The Assignment Law.  
Austin, Texas, January 28.—Today has been designated by the judiciary committees of each house as the time for consideration of the proposed amendments to the assignment law. The merchants of Texas, as well as those of other states doing business in Texas, are manifesting a great interest in this matter and while, naturally, opinion is somewhat divided, the large majority seem to favor the repeal, or modification, of the present law. A meeting of the merchants and business men interested has been called.

Johnnie was bathing with a friend of his in the surf, when the latter, another small boy, was rapidly carried out to deep water by the undertow and would have been drowned had it not been for timely assistance. During the excitement Johnnie stood around open mouthed listening to his elders discussing the affair.  
When he arrived at home he was asked:  
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The following was his version of the affair:  
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7:52	2:12	8:02	Hoffron	9:01	4:00
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## A FAMILY BURNED.

SEVEN LIVES WERE CREMATED IN HOBOKEN, N. J.

Many Poor People Were Made Homeless and Had Narrow Escapes for Their Lives. The Fire is Thought to be of Incendiary Origin.

New York, Feb. 1.—During the early hours of yesterday two fires occurred in Hoboken, N. J., which resulted in the loss of seven lives. Many poor people were made homeless and even had narrow escapes for their lives.

The fires occurred in different parts of the city and one of them at least is believed to have been of incendiary origin. The first fire started in the three-story frame building at 410 Newark street. There a mother and five children lost their lives. At the other fire a little girl was burned to death. The dead are: Mrs. Nellie Schoeder, 40 years old, wife of Charles Schoeder, and her children: Henry, 11 years old; Kate, 9 years old; Maggie, 7 years; John, 3 years and Willie, 3 months old; Mabel Mangles.

The second fire was at Nos. 153 to 159 Fourteenth street. It was there that Mabel Mangles perished. Several families lived in the new building, the lower floors of which were occupied by a blacksmith shop and a carpenter shop. The Schoeders lived on the top floor. Charles Schoeder, who is a bartender out of work, was not at home when the fire started. His wife and children were asleep in their rooms. It took but a moment for the flames to get complete control of the building. All but the Schoeder family, however, managed to make their escape, a number of them getting to the ground from the windows.

After the firemen had got to work it was discovered that the Schoeder family was missing and every effort made to reach the top floor of the blazing building. Flames and smoke drove the men back and it was not until the building was almost completely destroyed that the firemen were able to get to the Schoeder apartments. This was about an hour after the blaze began. Mrs. Schoeder was found lying on the bed, which was partly burned, with her infant on her breast. Two of the other children lay on the bed and one on the floor. There was a flicker of life in the woman and she was quickly borne down the stairway and through the still burning hall. She died a few moments later.

The four children, all dead, were brought down also, but the body of the fifth could not be found then by the almost asphyxiated rescuers. An hour later, however, when the fire was almost extinguished, a more thorough search of the rooms was made and the body of the fifth child was found under the bed, close to the wall.

Meanwhile Schoeder himself, who had been playing cards in a nearby saloon, appeared on the scene, but the calamity did not seem to affect him as much as had been anticipated.

Hardly had this fire been put out when the men were compelled to hasten to Fourteenth street, where fire had got control of the building at No. 157. Within a few minutes after the outbreak the entire house was a mass of flames, and men, women and children appeared at the windows in their night clothes and called for assistance frantically.

A number of thrilling rescues were made and all the tenants except the family of G. Spangies on the top floor were got out in safety. Mangies and his wife and family were awakened by the smoke and roar of the flames and tried to make their escape by the stairway. They were met by a sheet of flames and driven back into their rooms. Eventually and by the use of ladders from an adjoining house, all were taken out except the child Mabel. She was lifted to the roof, but on taking hold of the edge of the scuttle hole found it was hot and let go her grasp. She fell to the narrow landing at the head of the stairs and fell down into the furnace beneath. One of the other children was severely burned and was sent to St. Mary's hospital.

**Boat Capsized.**  
Lake Charles, La., Jan. 31.—Messrs. Daniel Beyer and Daniel Hush left here several days ago for Sabine Pass, where they were to procure a yacht and sail around to Galveston, a distance of sixty miles. Word reached here Saturday morning of the very narrow escape of the two adventurers while about four miles off the Sabine coast. Their small sailboat was capsized in the heavy wind, and before they knew it the two were battling with the waves. The life saving crew, by some chance, saw the accident, and reached the scene of the disaster just in time to save the men from drowning.

They were stiff with the chill, and it was some time before they were thoroughly revived. Both Beyer and Hush are prominent young men of Lake Charles, and their mishap has caused considerable apprehension.

## The Brooklyn Struck a Rock.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 1.—The United States cruiser, Brooklyn, the latest pride of a peerless navy, calculated to withstand the fiercest onslaught of shot and shell, yesterday lay almost helpless because of a narrow ledge of sunken rock in the Delaware river above Marcus Hook, Pa., on which she struck heavily Saturday afternoon. Her heavy double compartments forward were completely stove in and it was only the merest good fortune that the big vessel did not sink. This would undoubtedly have been the result had not her inner compartments successfully withstood the shock.

As it was she pulled clear of the rocks and is now tied to the big stone ice breakers at Marcus Hook, protected from the heavy ice gorges in mid river. The big vessel is seriously damaged and it is impossible to say when she will be able to go into active service. At present she is in no danger of further damage, being fully protected in the safe anchorage afforded by the ice breakers. How the accident occurred can only be established by a court of inquiry and this Capt. Crook of the Brooklyn has already asked for. The exact place where the vessel struck was on Schooner Ledge rock, between Chester and Marcus Hook, at about 1:45 o'clock. What makes the accident even more deplorable is the fact that this was the first time that the ship has been handled by the present officers and crew since going into commission in the early part of December.

Since then she has been lying at League Island navy yard and certain small repairs have delayed her sailing. By the early part of the present month, however, all arrangements had been completed for her going to sea, when the cold snap set in and was followed by the piling up of the ice in the river and particularly at the bend in the river immediately below the navy yard, known as the Horse Shoe. The city ice boat managed to keep the channel clear of ice, but on the sides it piled up from two to six feet.

## Christian Murdered.

London, Feb. 1.—A dispatch, dated Sunday, says that serious news has been received from Heraklion. It is stated that ten Christians were murdered Thursday while outside the gates of the city, and that armed bands of Mussulmans leave the town daily for the purpose of plundering and burning the villages of the Christian. The dispatch adds that these outrages are evidently in accordance with hints received from Constantinople.

The situation is so serious that the foreign consuls have wired the governor general of Crete, calling for the adoption immediately of stringent measures looking to the protection of the people. Foreign warships are now arriving at Heraklion, with a view of offering protection to the Christians there. The Christians in the districts in the vicinity of Heraklion are arming and occupying strategic places for the purpose of preventing an influx of Mohammedans to the town, and a serious collision is feared in the near future.

## Trainmen Meet.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 1.—A special meeting of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen was held here yesterday, at which over 700 delegates from the states of New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia were present. Grand Master P. H. Morrissey and Deputy Grand Master Fitzpatrick, both of Peoria, Ill., were also in attendance. The session was behind closed doors, and matters affecting the organization were discussed, together with some action on what is known as the car coupler law and some matters of legislation before congress. Besides this a general grievance committee and board of adjustment were appointed for the present year.

## Insurgents Lose.

Havana, Feb. 1.—Col. San Martini at Jaquilla, province of Pinar del Rio, has been engaged with a band of insurgents who left eight men killed, a number of arms, a banner and several documents of importance upon the field. The troops had five men killed. A dispatch here from Matanzas announces the surrender of sixteen armed insurgents, and in addition the surrender of the insurgent leader, Barrosa, with another band of sixteen.

## Italians Arriving.

Texarkana, Ark., Feb. 1.—One hundred able-bodied Italian laborers reached here over the Iron Mountain yesterday morning from Chicago, at which point they were secured by an employment agency to do work on the Texarkana and Fort Smith grade, between Mens and Horlotio, Ark. It is understood that 100 more have been engaged for the same work and that they will reach here within the next ten days.

Novell Whitesides was killed at Franklin, Ky., the other day.

## A DARING ROBBERY

WAS COMMITTED BY BOLD HIGHWAYMEN.

The Express Car Door Blown Open With Dynamite and the Safes Looted—Express Car Burned—Fosse in Pursuit of the Bandits.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 30.—The north-bound overland train, which left San Francisco Wednesday, and was due here yesterday morning, was held up two miles west of Roseburg, Ore., early yesterday morning.

As soon as possible after the hold-up began Fireman Hendricks of the train crew slipped from the engine and ran to Roseburg and gave the alarm.

Arming himself, he quickly started back to the scene of the trouble.

Superintendent Fields of the Southern road, who was at Roseburg, quickly took a dozen armed men and an engine and started for the scene. Heavy explosions of dynamite or powder were distinctly heard at Roseburg. During the progress of the hold-up the light of either fire or a torch was seen.

Fireman Hendricks stated the train was first flagged by the highwaymen. The express car was then looted and burned, and the safe blown open. No one was hurt, and the highwaymen succeeded in making their escape.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 30.—The following particulars of the train robbery near Roseburg, Ore., were given out by the Southern Pacific officials here:

The north-bound Oregon express was held up yesterday morning at Shady-point, two miles south of Roseburg, by two or three men. The express car was detached from the train by the robbers, and the door blown open with dynamite. Two small safes in the car were then blown open and looted. The express car took fire and burned. The contents were destroyed. The messenger thought the robbers did not succeed in getting into the big safe, and consequently they could not have secured much money. The mail car was also visited by the robbers and registered letters taken.

Passengers were considerable shaken up and frightened, but no one was injured. An imperfect description of one robber was secured.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 30.—The Southern Pacific train, which was held up yesterday morning, near Roseburg, arrived here yesterday evening. Charles Piper, the postal clerk in charge of the mail car, said:

"Two men did all the work of holding up the train, but I think there were five in the gang. They exploded two dynamite bombs in the express car and half a dozen on the outside. When the express car took fire I realized that my car, which was next to express car, was in danger. One of the robbers drew his revolver on me while he went through the mail I don't believe he took anything of value. The express car was soon a mass of flames, and I set about to save my car, if possible, by carrying water from a pond near at hand. The entire end of the mail car was burned out, but only a small part of the mail was damaged."

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 30.—The postoffice authorities here have received a brief dispatch from the postmaster at Roseburg, stating the registered mail for Seattle, Portland and Astoria had been taken. Postal Inspectors Munroe and Thrall left yesterday evening for the scene of the robbery and will thoroughly investigate.

## Worried by Spanish Officers.

New Haven, Conn., Jan. 30.—The three-masted schooner Jennie A. Stubbs of Lemoine, Me., Capt. Dorr, which put in here Thursday night after an unusually rough voyage from Rum Keys, West Indies, reports maltreatment at the hands of Spanish officers at Porto Rico. The Stubbs left Philadelphia in December for Porto Rico with a cargo of coal, and Capt. Dorr carried a bundle of American newspapers for his consignee.

Upon arrival at Porto Rico the Stubbs was boarded by Spanish officers, who relieved Capt. Dorr of his newspapers and subjected the officers and crew to the closest scrutiny. They were dogged throughout their stay on the island, and at every turn were watched and annoyed by Spanish officers.

## Motion for a New Trial.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 30.—A motion for a rehearing in the case of Millionaire Murderer Arthur Duestrow, convicted of the murder of his wife and child, and sentenced to hang, has been filed in division No. 1 of the supreme court at Jefferson City. Action of the motion will probably not be taken for two weeks.

The motion makes the declaration that the members of the division of the court deciding the appeal did not examine the record in the case as required by an express statute of this state, but overlooked it together with questions based upon it duly prescribed by the appellant's counsel.

## Chinese Warships.

Washington, Jan. 30.—An outline of the plans of the Chinese government in the direction of reconstruction and replacement of the navy destroyed and captured by the Japanese during the late war reached the navy department through Commander M. F. Barber, retired, who was invited to address the Chinese Thinsung Li Yamen, or imperial council, last fall upon the feasibility of securing ships in the United States. He was informed that China proposed to reconstruct her navy, and become a first-class naval power in ten years. The bay of Kichatow, on the south side of Shang Tung promontory, is to be thoroughly dredged and fortified for a great naval depot, and the arsenal at Foo Choo is to be reorganized and enlarged under French engineers, so as to be capable of constructing modern vessels of war of all types.

There is a new arsenal from the manufacture of small arms and ammunition now in progress of construction in the Shang Tung promontory. Nine vessels have already been ordered from Europe, two of these are unarmed cruisers of 4300 tons and twenty-four knots speed with Armstrongs in England.

The officer presented a strong argument to the Yamen to show that it would be good policy for China to buy some of her new navy from the United States. The commander also endeavored to show that technically the United States had the best ships in the world, and that owing to the encouragement heretofore afforded by the government our ship builders were now able and desirous of meeting the bids of any European concerns for ships of the first quality.

## News from Mexico.

City of Mexico, Jan. 30.—The early morning exercises of the convention of Christian workers was conducted by W. J. Kelsey, the Quaker missionary from Northern Mexico. Rev. Dr. John Butler, head of the Methodist missions here, spoke on denominational comity, the subject being discussed by native workers. Rev. Dr. Sloan, Baptist missionary, made a capital address on the need of one standard version of the Scriptures for the Spanish speaking people. The Bible has been translated into Spanish, but as a whole is not on a level with the great English version as respects the literary style. This question was discussed with much animation, one of the debaters being Rev. E. M. Seen, a nephew of the Catholic archbishop of San Luis Potosi and now a Quaker missionary.

The Mexican Traffic association has issued its freight tariff for all foreign business to the City of Mexico and Pachuca via the ports of Tampico and Vera Cruz. This applies to railways included in the pool, consisting of the Mexican National, Mexican Central, Inter-oceanic and the old Mexican on the Vera Cruz line.

## Help for Cubans.

Stockton, Cal., Jan. 30.—Dr. C. H. Bulson, late of the National guards of California, who received the rank of major, is gathering a company of men in this city to help the Cubans in their fight for independence. Bulson is said to be acting under a commission from Gen. L. W. Colby, of Nebraska, who is stated to be at the head of the American Cuban volunteers. Bulson admitted he had thirty or forty volunteers and wanted sixty-eight, expecting to get that number without any trouble. He said he hoped to take leave in a few weeks for Tampa or Jacksonville, Fla., to embark with the rest of the volunteers for the scene of the war. He said he was not organizing a military company, as it was against the law, but that the volunteers would all take passage for Florida together, nominally as private citizens.

## Made No Statement.

Caddo, I. T., Jan. 30.—The parents of Thomas Rowe, the man who states that he has sixteen wives, now confined in the Sherman jail and his wife, Mary Rowe, and two little girl children live in this city. A reporter called on Mrs. Rowe to see what further facts could be learned as to the reliability of the case. She declined to be interviewed or enter into details. Mrs. Rowe reports that she is his wife and that they were married at Purcell, I. T., in 1889.

## Raided Chinese Societies.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 30.—The police have commenced active operations in Chinatown by raiding the meeting places of the See Yup High-binder societies and destroying their furniture. A number of pistols and iron bars wound with strings were seized considerable commotion has been caused in the Chinese district by the widow of "Little Pete" offering a reward of \$2000 for the conviction of his murderers.

At Chicago, Ill., recently, Mrs. Mary Benning was shot and instantly killed.

There was a \$50,000 fire at Patonburg, Mo., the other day.

## A CUTTING AFFRAY.

FOUR MEN WERE INJURED BY A NEGRO MAN.

The Men Were Snowballing the Negro When He Cut Them with a Knife—All the Parties Were Arrested—Charged With Opening Mail Boxes.

Denison, Tex., Feb. 1.—A serious cutting affray took place on Main street yesterday, as a result of which Dit Spencer, John Rockwall, Hunter Dempsey and an unknown man are carrying knife cuts of a more or less serious nature.

The young men named, together with others, were snow-balling passers-by on Main street yesterday morning, when a negro, in a wagon, approached and was given a fusillade of snow balls. He informed the boys that he had a corpse in his wagon and the throwing ceased, but was immediately renewed by other boys as soon as he climbed into his wagon, whereupon he jumped out and attacked the crowd with a knife, with the above mentioned result.

Hunter Dempsey and John Rockwall have two bad cuts each, both in the side and hip. Dip Spencer, who received a slight cut, is well known as the "Texas Kid Shortstop," who played with Paris last year and who is signed with Austin for this season. The parties were arrested.

## Charged With Opening Mail Boxes.

Waco, Tex., Jan. 31.—J. W. Collier and L. A. Donaldson were before Hon. John H. Finks, United States commissioner, Saturday, to answer the charge that the two defendants named "did forge keys to the United States mail boxes and did steal United States mail matter." The witnesses testifying were J. W. Collier, one of the defendants, Inspector L. S. Woods of the United States postoffice department, and Postmaster John H. Harrison. The testimony showed that L. A. Donaldson is a resident of Waco and J. W. Collier halls from Waxahachie, Ellis county.

Postmaster Harrison testified that during last December locks were taken from the street letter boxes at the corner of Seventh and Webster streets. The disappearance of the locks was reported to the department and officers assigned to the duty of tracing the matter up. Inspector L. S. Woods testified that he went to New Orleans, and in company with a deputy United States marshal arrested L. A. Donaldson. The inspector identified several thin steel saws, several files, keys and strips of metal as the property of L. A. Donaldson and found in his possession when he was arrested on the 6th instant at No. 320 Liberty street, New Orleans. A key which fit locks of street letter boxes was identified by Inspector Woods as having been found on the person of Donaldson at the time of his arrest. With this key the inspector opened several locks taken from letter boxes of the government S. V. R. combination, and testified that the key would open any street letter box at Waco or Austin, as the same combination was in use at both those points.

J. W. Collier took the stand, and under oath incriminated himself as an accomplice in the robbery of the letter boxes. He testified in part as follows: "I have been off and on for seven years a resident of Waxahachie, Ellis county, Texas. I became acquainted with L. A. Donaldson last spring in Waco, and lived with him on North First street. I helped him paint his house. He told me he knew a way to make money easy, without working, and told me to bring him two letter box locks. I cut the locks off the boxes with a file Donaldson gave me, and he burst them open and fitted keys to them, using brass from which to make the keys. We went together and opened a box on Austin avenue and another on South Eighth street, taking out letters which Donaldson opened and destroyed. He gave me two of the keys he had made and sent me to Austin. I was told by Donaldson to rob letter boxes at Austin, San Antonio and Galveston, and to return to Waco in time to meet him here the day before last Christmas day. I opened one box at Austin and was arrested by Chief of Police Lusey." The witness identified files, keys and saws as the property of L. A. Donaldson. He gave his age at 18, and stated that he was a farm hand. The commissioner placed the ball of the two defendants at \$1000 each. They could not furnish bail, and both went to jail. The charge of robbing letter boxes with forged keys is rare, and excited much interest, the commissioner's court room being crowded during the hearing.

## Had Had 'Em.

Once upon a time, ever and over so long ago, there was a man named Adam. And his wife's name was Eve. And there arose a mighty epidemic of measles in that land. But Eve wasn't afraid. She had Adam.

## A WOODEN SHOE.



IT WAS announced to all Paris that Paganini had fallen seriously ill at the conclusion of his grand concert, had been attacked by a fever which refused to yield to the remedies employed by his physicians.

Some days later, Paganini, whose form was almost spectral, seemed to have his frail existence suspended by a thread, which the slightest shock might sever. The physicians ordered solitude and absolute repose, therefore he removed to the Villa Lutetana in the Faubourg Poissonniers.

It was an excellent establishment and stood in a large park-like garden, where the patient could enjoy either solitude or society at choice. A great charm of the place was that every one lived as he pleased; in the evening, either retiring to the solitude of his apartment, or joining in the games, music and conversation held in the drawing-room. Paganini preferred passing the evening in quietness and retirement. There was plenty of gossip about him in the drawing-room and three or four censorious old women fell on him tooth and nail.

"Ladies," began one, "have you seen this great musician? He salutes no one and never speaks a word. He takes his bowl of soup in an arbor in the garden, and then hastens away if anyone approaches. What an oddity he must be!"

"That's part of his malady," said another. "People say that there is some terrible mystery about his life; some love story, I imagine."

"Not at all!" added a third. "Paganini is a miser; there's no mystery about that. Do you remember the concert which was organized in favor of the families who suffered from the inundation of St. Etienne? The great violinist refused to take part in it because he would have to play gratuitously. Depend upon it, he fears that were he to mingle in our society, he might be asked for similar favors."

In the entire household Paganini never exchanged a word with anyone except Vicette, the housemaid who attended him. She was a cheerful, innocent country girl, whose prattle, when she served his meals, amused him.

One morning Vicette presented herself with a sad, drooping countenance, and served breakfast without uttering a word. The musician noticed this change in the young girl and questioned her about it.

"What's the matter, my child? You look sad. Your eyes are red; some misfortune has befallen you, Vicette?"

"O, yes, sir."

"Would it be indiscreet to ask you what it was?"

Paganini fixed his great black eyes on the girl's troubled countenance.

"Come," he said, "I see how it is. After having made you a thousand promises he has quitted you, and you no longer have any tidings of him."

"Ah! poor fellow! He has quitted me certainly, but it was not his fault."

"How is that?"

"Because in the conscription he drew a bad number, and he has been sent away with a long gun on his shoulder and I shall never see him again," sobbed poor Vicette as she buried her face in her white apron.

"But, Vicette, could you not purchase a substitute for him?"

The girl, withdrawing her apron, smiled sadly through her tears.

"Monsieur is jesting," she said. "How could I ever buy a substitute? This year men are tremendously expensive on account of the report that



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there is going to be war. Fifteen hundred francs is the lowest price."

The musician pressed Vicette's little plump hand between his long, sallow fingers as he said:

"If that's all, my girl, don't cry; we'll see what can be done."

Then taking out his pocketbook he wrote on a blank leaf:

"Mem.: To see about giving a concert for the benefit of Vicette."

A month passed on, the snow came and Paganini's physician said to him: "My dear sir, you must not venture out of doors again until after the winter."

"To hear is to obey," replied the musician.

At Christmas eve, on the anniversary of the birth of the Lord, a custom exists in France very dear to the children. A wooden shoe is placed at the corner of the hearth and a beneficent fairy is supposed to come down the

chimney laden with various presents and dainties, with which he fills it.

On the morning of Dec. 24, four of Paganini's feminine critics were in consultation together.

"It will be for this evening," said one.

"It is settled," replied the others.

After dinner Paganini was, according to his custom seated on the drawing-room sofa, sipping his eau sucree, when an unusual noise was heard in the corridor. Presently Vicette entered and announced that a porter had arrived with a case, directed to Signor Paganini.

"I do not expect any case," said he, "but I suppose he had better bring it up."

Accordingly a stout porter entered, bearing a good-sized wooden box, on which, besides the address, were the words, "Fragile, with care." Paganini examined it with some curiosity, and, having paid the messenger, proceeded to open the lid. His long, thin, but extremely muscular fingers, accomplished the task without difficulty and the company, whose curiosity caused them somewhat to transgress the bounds of good manners, crowded around in order to see the contents of the box.

The musician drew out a large packet secured with several seals. Having opened this, a second, and then a third wrapping appeared, and at length the curious eyes of twenty persons were regaled with a gigantic wooden shoe, almost large enough to serve for a cradle. Peals of laughter hailed this discovery.

"Ah!" said Paganini, "a wooden shoe. I can guess who sent it. Some of these excellent ladies wish to compare me to a child who always expects presents and never gives any. Well, be it so. We will see if we cannot find some method of making this shoe worth its weight in gold."

So saying, and scarcely saluting the company, Paganini withdrew to his own apartment, carrying with him the case and its contents.

During three days he did not appear in the drawing-room. Vicette informed the company that he worked from morning till night with the tools of the carpenter. In fact, the musician, whose hands were wondrously flexible and dextrous in other things besides violin playing, had fashioned a perfect and sonorous instrument out of the clumsy wooden shoe. Having enriched it with one silver string, his work was complete. Next day a public notice appeared that on New Year's eve Paganini would give a concert in the large hall of the Villa Lutetana. The great master announced that he would play ten pieces, five on a violin and five on a wooden shoe. The price of the tickets was placed at twenty francs each. Of these only 100 were issued and they were immediately purchased.

The evening arrived and Paganini appeared, smiling, with every appearance of renewed health, and on his favorite violin played some of those marvelous strains which never failed to transport his auditors to the seventh heaven of delight. Then he seized the shoe, which in its new guise of violin still preserved somewhat of its pristine form, and his whole being lighted up with enthusiasm, he began a wondrous improvisation which captivated the souls of his hearers. It represented first the departure of a conscript, the tears, the wailing of his betrothed, then his stormy life in the camp and on the field of battle, and finally his return, accompanied by triumph and rejoicing. A merry peal of wedding bells completed the musical drama.

Long and loud were the thunders of applause; even the old ladies who disliked Paganini could not refrain from clapping their palms, and bouquets thrown by fair and jeweled hands fell at the feet of the musician. In a corner of the hall next the door, Vicette was weeping bitterly. The sympathy of the conscript had gone straight to her heart.

At the conclusion of the concert the receipts were counted and they amounted to two thousand francs.

"Here, Vicette," said Paganini. "You have five hundred francs over the sum required to purchase a substitute. They will pay your bridegroom's traveling expenses."

Then after a pause he continued: "But you will want something where-with to begin housekeeping. Take this shoe violin, and sell it for your dowry." Vicette received from a rich amateur six thousand francs for Paganini's wooden shoe.

This violin is to-day in the possession of the Marquis of Cluflerin and Ava.

WILL M. CLEMENS.

### Chewing Money Killed Him.

Alexander Waltzfelder, a betting man, well known as "Sheeny Dan," died in New York from the habit, it is thought, of holding greenbacks in his mouth when he was counting money or trying to make bets on the race track. A short time ago he bit his lip accidentally and the result was blood poisoning.

### The Most Costly Tomb.

The most costly tomb in existence is said to be that which was erected to the memory of Mohammed. The diamonds and rubies used in the decorations are worth \$2,905,000.

## COLLEGE DESTROYED.

### PATTON SEMINARY FOR YOUNG LADIES BURNED.

All the Boarders Escaped in Their Night Clothes—Origin of the Fire is Unknown Some of the Inmates Had Narrow Escapes.

Dallas, Tex., Jan. 29.—The large three-story frame building at 220 Grand avenue, Oak Cliff, known as the Patton college for young ladies, was destroyed by fire about 10:40 o'clock last night.

The teachers and pupils escaped from the burning building, in most cases leaving their wardrobes behind them. The flames were first discovered at about 10:40 o'clock and an alarm turned in. The fire department responded promptly, but the fire spread with great rapidity and was beyond control. Prof. A. S. and Mrs. Laird, who are in charge of the college, the corps of teachers and the scholars numbered in all about forty souls. The girls had retired for the night, and when the alarm was sounded a veritable panic ensued. The fire broke out in a lumber room on the second floor, and the inmates of the rooms on this floor, although greatly frightened, made a rush for the stairway in their night clothes, and all escaped without a burn or a scratch. Those who occupied rooms in the third story found themselves in a most perilous position, with all avenues of escape cut off. The Misses Edna Ware, Frances Morgan and Baker and Mrs. Crosby ran down the stairway to the second floor, and thence to the floor below by means of the second flight of stairs.

There were clouds of fire and smoke all about them, but not one was injured. Miss Ellie Santanski and Miss Lizzie Caswell were not so fortunate as their companions. They were compelled to crawl out of a window and descend to the ground below by means of a rope-ladder fire escape. The building was valued at \$13,000; insurance not known.

### House and Senate.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 29.—President Jester rapped the senate to order at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, and a call of the roll showed a quorum present.

The bill of Mr. Linn, of Wharton, relating to stock running at large in counties and sub-divisions thereof, known as the local option no fence law, was laid before the senate on its third reading and passed with amendments, exempting three senatorial districts and a number of counties, making in all nearly 100 counties.

A motion by Senator Colquitt, that the senate go into executive session today at 10 o'clock was adopted.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 29.—The regular order was immediately suspended yesterday morning when the house met, and Mr. Beard's bill removing the distinction between adultery and fornication was taken up.

When the clerk began to read the bill Mr. McGaughey moved that the bill be made a special order for next Friday night, which motion prevailed.

Senate joint resolution providing for a joint committee to redistrict the state for judicial purposes was laid before the house and adopted.

Mr. Maxwell's bill was taken up and finally passed.

The committee substitute for Mr. Seabury's bill permitting translations of conveyances, to be recorded, was laid before the house and passed.

Mr. Pitts' concurrent resolution, instructing the governor to call a cotton convention, to meet at Galveston, was taken up and adopted.

The house bill to facilitate trials in district courts by requiring a party to a suit in asking a continuance on account of the absence of witnesses to show what he expects to prove by such absent witnesses was taken up on engrossment.

Mr. Ward stated the purpose of the bill, and Mr. Beard, of Smith, spoke in opposition to it.

The bill was ordered to engrossment.

Mr. Henderson's bill to define burglary was taken up by unanimous consent. The bill defines burglary as "entering a house by force, threats or fraud at night, or in like manner by entering a house during the day or night, and remaining concealed therein with the intent in either case of committing felony or the crime of theft."

Mr. Turner offered an amendment to insert the word "day" after the words "at night."

The amendment was lost.

The bill was passed to engrossment. The bill to define the offense of throwing a missile at a moving train or building of any kind, and prescribing a penalty of a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100 and imprisonment, was passed to engrossment. Adjourned till 10 a. m.

### Impossible to Accept.

"Will you be my wife, Franklin Paul, and make me happy?" "I am sorry, doctor, but I should like to be happy myself."—Humoristic Blaster.

## TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

At Sealy the other night at 7:30 hand car was struck by the Santa Fe yard engine and two men were mortally injured and one killed outright.

The new air pumps were put on at the waterworks at Waxahachie recently. After the air had been properly adjusted the pumps threw the water out lively.

Mary Dubose, a negress, was accidentally shot and killed at Grimes' Prairie the other day, by another negro woman who was handling a rifle thought to be empty.

At Tehuacana, Limestone county, at a recent meeting of the board of trustees Dr. L. A. Johnson was elected president of Trinity University. As yet he has not signified his acceptance.

Frank Sarzedas, doing a saddlery and harness business, filed a deed of trust at Galveston recently, conveying all his stock and fixtures to John Hagermann, trustee, for the benefit of his creditors to the amount of \$1457.

The reports from all sections of North Texas and the river belt country indicate that the prospects of the growing wheat crop has been greatly improved by the snow storm which prevailed a few days ago. The ground has been left in much better condition than if it had rained.

Mr. N. F. Norris returned to Paris, recently from a hunting trip in the Indian Territory, and reported having found a corpse in a log. He and his party of hunters started to camp to notify the authorities, and when they returned the corpse was gone. The dead man was supposed to have been a government surveyor.

The Cotton Belt railway will commence the erection of a large concrete dam across Spring creek, one mile west of Plano, and establish a water station at that place as soon as the work is completed. The water will be piped up to the depot where a large tank will be built. The material for the work is now on the grounds.

The other afternoon a criminal assault was made upon Nellie Douglass, the 9-year-old daughter of Mrs. Douglass, who resides at the corner of Avenue A and Forth street, Galveston. The matter was not formally complained of to the police until the other morning, when Mrs. Douglass preferred a charge against Charles Carlson, a boarder in her house.

At Ladonia, Fannin county, R. H. Long's residence, occupied by A. B. Ewing, burned the other night, with everything that was in it. The origin of the fire was not known, as no one was at home. The house was insured in the Phoenix of Hartford for \$500. The furniture was insured for about \$1000, company not known.

Near Chillicothe, Hardeman county, the Texas cement works are running day and night filling back orders. William Och, president of the works, says that the supply of "gyp," from which plaster of paris and cement is made, is almost inexhaustible in the vicinity of their plant and the products find ready sale in the large cities.

At Galveston the dry goods stock of Fellman & Grumbach, who assigned a few weeks ago, was sold at auction by I. H. Kempner, trustee, to Louis H. Fellman for 55 cents on the dollar of New York cost. The stock as estimated value is \$75,000. As soon as an inventory is taken and the transfer made business will be resumed at the old stand.

At 1 o'clock the other morning the business portion of Lindale, Smith county, was destroyed by fire. The fire originated in the store of J. A. Theford & Co. Seven houses were burned. A portion of the contents were saved in all except Theford & Co.'s store. It is estimated that the loss is between \$12,000 and \$15,000, partly covered by insurance.

Mrs. A. F. Baker, wife of the editor of the People's Journal, and proprietor of the Southern hotel, died the other morning from the effects of fire inhaled at the burning of the Southern hotel and other buildings at Lampasas. She and one daughter were saved by being carried out by the firemen and the doctors had hard work to revive her. The daughter's recovery is still in doubt.

Near Tanglewood, Lee county, recently, Asa Fulgham and Talford Chapman went rabbit hunting and treed a rabbit. While Asa was chopping a hole at the foot of the tree Talford, seeing the rabbit trying to come out, kicked at it with his foot and Asa, striking with the ax at the same instant, hit the boy's foot, cutting a gash from the base of the big toe across the foot diagonally to the instep. The ax cut nearly through the foot, the four minor toes hanging by the under skin.

Ed Allen was shot at Millican a few days ago, twice. His wounds are serious. His horse was shot from under him and he fell in front of a passing train but rolled off the track and escaped injury from the train. Dick Ours was slightly wounded in the leg.

## HOW OLD IS NIAGARA?

About 30,000 Years Is the Scientific Estimate.

The Niagara River, which had first been a strait joining Lake Erie to the Ontarian gulf, gradually became a wide, shallow, rapid stream, and then, as the waters of the lower lakes subsided, its bed narrowed and its fall increased to 420 feet, says Knowledge. But the river was soon greatly enlarged. The land was rising to the north of Ontario as well, and ultimately the outlet from Lake Huron to the Ottawa Valley was blocked, and the surplus waters of these greatest lakes flowed by their present course to Lake Erie, and thence to the Niagara River. With the continued rise of land, especially toward the east of Ontario, the water level rose until it attained its present elevation, and the fall of the river between the two lakes was reduced to the present 360 feet. Can dates be assigned to these events? The first estimate of the age of Niagara River was given by Elliott over a century ago at 55,400 years; Blakewell, 1830, gave 12,000; Lyell's estimate of 35,000 was accepted for many years after 1841, but recent writers, using the mean rates of recession during forty-eight years as determined by surveys, make the value 9,000 years. Dr. Spencer has made a new and careful computation of the age of Niagara River and falls. He shows that the recent estimates have not taken into account the various changes that have occurred in the fall and volume of the river. His calculations result in a value nearly that of Lyell's.

Dr. Spencer believes that Niagara River was formed 32,000 years ago, and that 1,000 years later the falls were in existence. For 17,200 years their height was about 200 feet; thereafter the water fell 420 feet. Seven thousand eight hundred years ago the drainage of Lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron first flowed through the Niagara gorge, and 3,000 years ago the waters rose in Lake Ontario until the level reached that of today. The falls, then, are 31,000 years old. This estimate, calculated from the rate of erosion, is confirmed by another made from the terrestrial movements—one as to the past, the other concerning the future. The lakes came into existence after the glacial epoch and Niagara after the lakes, and calculations based on the mean rate of rise of the beaches in the earlier period of the lakes' history show that the close of the ice age may safely be placed at 50,000 years ago. As to the future: With the present rate of calculated terrestrial uplift in the Niagara district, and the rate of recession of the falls continued, or even doubled, before the cataract shall have reached the Devonian escarpment at Buffalo, that limestone barrier shall have been raised so high as to turn the waters of the upper lakes into the Mississippi drainage by way of Chicago. An elevation of sixty feet at the outlet of Lake Erie would bring the rocky floor of the channel as high as the Chicago divide, and an elevation of seventy feet would completely divert the drainage. This would require 5,000 to 6,000 years at the estimated rate of terrestrial elevation.

### Friend of the Workingman.

Miss Ellen Key, a Swedish lady, has attracted much attention in her native land by her efforts to ameliorate the condition of workingmen. Jointly with Dr. Anton Nystrom, she founded the Workingmen's Institute of Sweden, which now owns a handsome building in Stockholm and branch establishments in all provincial towns. It has courses of lectures by the most distinguished literary and scientific authorities of the country on historical, philosophical, scientific and literary subjects, adapted to the comprehension of laboring men, who attend in large numbers. Swedish literature is the topic treated by Miss Key, who, in addition to her philanthropic labors, has done literary work, publishing books, chiefly on sociological themes. One is a biography of Anne Charlotte Leffler, Duchess of Calanella, who is widely known through her sketch of the life of Sophie Kovalevsky. Miss Key is a sort of lay confessor of the working classes, who come in crowds every Sunday to her modest lodging to consult her on every possible question, from family tiffs to controversies about wages. She is a believer in socialism for Sweden, but only as a transitional means to larger ends. She desires the enfranchisement of women.

### Good for the Health.

Jenks (who has taken to horseback riding and bounces about ten inches at every step)—Ah, howdy do, Blinks? I think horseback riding is good for the health, don't you?

Blinks—Yes, indeed. All who see you will be benefited. Laugh and grow fat, you know.—New York Weekly.

### German Business Women.

The registration of business in Germany has had the effect of showing how large is the number of women engaged in trade. In Chemnitz alone 8,000 retail businesses and workshops are the property of women.—Philadelphia Press.

LOCAL NEWS.

**ARLEDGE & KENNEDY**

DEALERS IN

**Groceries & Hardware,**

Keep a good Fresh Stock and you will do well to call on them before buying, they are never under sold A good stock of Farming tools on hand.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs. The City Council meets next Monday.

Mr. D. W. Martin, of Grapeland, gave the COURIER a call on Tuesday.

Mr. W. T. Stephens of Augusta, gave the COURIER office a call, Wednesday.

Mr. W. W. Gainey, of Augusta, gave the COURIER office a call last Monday.

W. A. Champion has concluded to dispose of his property here and move west.

Dr. J. A. Corley and wife are both able to be up, again after recent illness.

Mrs. Robert Nunn has returned from Corsicana accompanied by her sister, Miss Reed.

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

Mrs. S. W. Jones, of Galveston, is visiting at the residence of Mr. J. E. Downes in this city.

It is said that many pigs throughout the county were frozen to death during the late cold snap.

Thos. B. Russell of Blount county, Alabama, nephew of W. R. Dean of this city, is here on a prospecting tour.

The epidemic of la grippe throughout the county is rapidly abating, and here in Crockett there are no very serious cases now.

It is expected that the Oil Mill will start up next Monday and make a run of about ten days which is expected to end the season.

Fruit growers in Houston county have no complaint to make of the recent cold snap for it greatly diminished the danger of premature budding of the fruit trees.

This, Friday night, at the residence of Col. Nunn, there will be a reception complimentary to Miss Reed of Corsicana, sister of Mrs. Robert Nunn, who is now visiting in this city.

Mr. Winship of Waco, was here this week to visit his daughter, Mrs. A. J. Leighty, who is stopping at the residence of J. G. Haring. Mr. Leighty has, as relie agent, taken charge of the railroad station at Dodge on the L. & G. N., between this city and Houston.

**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.

In the Sterne murder case at Palestine last week, the jury disagreed and was discharged. It is understood that seven of the jurymen were for conviction and five for acquittal.

It is a rule subject to few exceptions in Texas, that a mid-winter snow fall accompanied by very cold weather, is generally followed by a good crop season with abundant rain to make the corn.

Tuesday night, a cotton house in which a large amount of corn and fodder had been stored, belonging to Will Rush, four miles north of town, was destroyed by fire. It is believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

During the very cold weather last week three horses froze to death on the place of W. H. Walker five miles northwest of town. They were out in the snow storm Monday night and were found next morning frozen stiff.

Our fine Italian climate is with us once again, and we love it all the better since our recent experience with a week of grim northern winter that strayed into this latitude, possibly to let us know by comparison how much we had to be thankful for.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Moore and children of Tyler, reached the city last Friday on a visit to relatives here. Mr. Moore, who is a whole sale grocer in Tyler, returned to that city on Sunday, but Mrs. Moore will remain for some time yet. She is the sister of Judge Aldrich, and Mrs. C. M. Newton.

The proceedings of the county court were interrupted in a not unpleasant manner last Tuesday morning by a nice looking young colored couple from the country, William O'Neil and Anna Brooks, who desired the services of Judge Winfree to unite them in marriage. The judge did so then and there in impressive style, after which the judicial mill resumed its grinding.

Our Houston county farmers in precincts in the county which lately adopted the stock law as to hogs, sheep and goats, will be interested in knowing that the lower house of the legislature this week passed a bill to the following effect: Any one who shall willfully turn out stock to run at large in districts where there is a stock law, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$200. The bill will probably pass the senate and become a law.

Night watchman Enos Simpson, has adopted a simple but effective method to let the people know during the still hours of the night that he is up and alert and "all's well." At intervals during the night he strikes one of the iron awning posts on the square a number of times slowly and sharply with an iron instrument, and the sound can be easily heard a mile away on a still night. When you hear the sound you may know that Mr. Simpson is on deck and looking out for the safety of the sleeping town.

Rev. Sid Williams, the Baptist evangelist, reached the city Tuesday morning and that night he preached to a large congregation at the Baptist church. He has preached morning and night since, and will continue the services as long as the interest and attendance justify. Morning service begins at 10 o'clock. Mr. Brown, the singer who accompanies the evangelist, is a strong feature of the meetings, not only because he sings well, but because he accompanies himself on a magnificent harp six feet high, from which his well trained fingers extract most tuneful notes.

The gentlest and purest, the oldest and youngest, the proudest and humblest, the largest and smallest, all use Chamberlain's Chill Tonic. Guaranteed. Put up in both tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cents.

Two interesting communications, one from Trinity Chapel and the other from Center Point, are crowded out of this issue and will appear next week.

There was an annular eclipse of the sun last Monday afternoon, but as a spectacular event it was a dismal failure. If any part of the sun was in eclipse it was not observable to the naked eye. About four o'clock in the afternoon, a kind of haziness seemed to come into the atmosphere and to some extent obscure the brightness of the sun's rays, but that was all.

On Friday night of last week Mrs. J. T. Murray, whose husband is a substantial and well known citizen residing in the neighborhood of Porter Springs, died at her home there, of pneumonia, after an illness of about two weeks. Mrs. Murray was a most estimable lady and her death has brought deep sorrow, not only to her husband and children, but to the entire community.

The January examinations at the United States Military Academy at West Point were unusually short this year, and many a cadet who fondly dreamed of shoulder straps and Uncle Sam's commission, failed to pass and was consequently returned to private life. Among the fortunate ones who got through all right was Cadet E. E. Downes, of Crockett, son of our well known citizen J. E. Downes, and among those who didn't get through was the son of Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee, a grand son of Gen. W. S. Hancock, and a son of Col. Thos. Ward assistant adjutant general of the army.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with any thing. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough and it is famous for its cures. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

An almost daily nuisance and sometimes a serious one, is the obstruction of the gate ways leading into the court house yard, by horses hitched near them. Many of these intelligent animals, seeing no other way to revenge themselves on the human race for hopeless servitude, will put themselves to trouble to get squarely across the pathway leading through the gate, or—better still—take up a position that makes their heels a most uncomfortable menace to the nervous citizen dodging hastily past them. It is not infrequently a matter of practical impossibility for ladies to get to the court house without a masculine advance guard to clear the way, because of this long tolerated nuisance by a good natured people, and considerations of gallantry to the fair sex, to say nothing of other and more urgent ones, should induce the county commissioners to abate the nuisance. It can be done at trifling cost by having two wooden arms put up at each gateway, projecting out the proper distance, and this would make a passageway which horses hitched to the fence could not obstruct. Age doesn't give a nuisance prescriptive rights, and there never was a better time than right now, to abate this particular one. The commissioners' court meets next Monday and it will earn the gratitude of all sorts and conditions of people of both sexes if it will at once attend to this matter.

**Grand and Petit Jurors.**

The following is the list of grand and petit jurors for the ensuing March term of the district court commencing the 1st day of March 1897:

**GRAND JURORS.**

J E Hendricks, F H Bayne, D J Kennedy, T S Kent, W J Murchison, Geo Darsey, John Harvey, J W Goodwin, John McConnell, J T Skidmore, J H Russell, John Kennedy, (Augusta,) R B Womack, D C Webb, W L Driskell, R R Harvin.

**PETIT JURORS FOR 2D WEEK.**  
To appear on Monday March the 8th 1897.

Will Holcomb, Will Leediker, J H B Kyle, Tom Satterwhite, J H McCann, Garrett Holcomb, Dick Hancock, J T Herrod, J H Beasley, E D Helridge, I M Baber, Willie Campbell, T J Alexander, A F Barrow, Henry Kent, jr, John Bitner, E A Nichols, John Rosamond, Goe Whitley, sr, R B Edens, J L Shotwell, J P Bowden, Jno Rains, E D Collier, J W Murchison, John McCall, J H Brent, J T Daves, Wm Hunt, Scott Yarbrough, Een Harrison, Jack Jones, (Percilla.)

**PETIT JURORS FOR 3D WEEK.**  
To appear on Monday the 15th day of March 1897.

J B Ash, Dick Johns, N M Ravburn, A J Bennett, Chas Thames, J W Manning, Jas Newman, Dan Keel, B C Denton, Wm Kirkpatrick, J G Alexander, Fletcher Warren, W H Denny, John Wall (Augusta,) W J Garner, Adam Leediker, Ed Tyler, G W Woodson, Geo Berry, Mode Barbee, Dock Guice, Billie Steed, R E Kent, Chas Sheridan, Jas Pennington, J W Saxon, Jim Adams, R M Brooks, Silas Holcomb, J T High, J R Bennett, Everet Douglas.

**PETIT JURORS FOR 4TH WEEK.**  
To appear Monday, the 22d day of March 1897.

L T Green, J H Davis, Geo Hallmark, J J Bynum, J B Lively, Samps Pridden, Ben Berry, B R Eaves, D J Cater, Harmon Parker, W H Whitescarver, E T Johnson, J Z Brister, L C Edge, V B Smith, Dock Gant, Spearman Adams, Henry Holcomb, Hardin Bayne, John H Ellis, W O Phipps, J A White, J M Selkirk, G W Furlow, Emmet Lundy, Joe Rice, E A Williams, W C Lassiter, J D Sexton, Geo Caton, Ed Foster, S H Beauchamp.

**PETIT JURORS FOR 5TH WEEK.**  
To appear on Monday, the 29th March 1897.

Joe Ashmore, Ab Carey, Sidney Johnson, Richard Cassidy, Frank Creath, R E McConnell, Jas Worthington, B F Hill, Newt Oliver, H C Sessions, Jesse Rogers, Ben Goodwin, J W Gilbert, O D Kirkpatrick, K D Lawrence, D McLeMore, Frank Alford, Jasper Bynum, C J Hassell, Kirby Smith, M E Lansford, Jas Starnes, Willie Mills, R S Garrett, Tom Lundy, Cicero Dupree, W M Curry, B S Smith R C Barbee, J W Gulliams John Goolsby, Collin Aldrich, jr.

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

**Throw Away His Cane.**

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

**AGENTS WANTED**—For War in Cuba, by Senator Quesada, Cuban representative at Washington. Endorsed by Cuban patriots. In tremendous demand. A bonanza for agents. Only \$1.00. Big took, big commissions. Everybody wants the only endorsed, reliable book. Outfit free. Credit given. Freight paid. Drop all cash, and make \$200 a month with War in Cuba. Address today, THE NATIONAL BOOK CONCERN, 22-26 Dearborn St., Chicago.

**Ballard's Snow Liniment.**

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

Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic, the best ever made. It's been in the battle and through it stayed, it hoisted the banner, "No Cure, No Pay," and thus the motto it works under today.

**Old People.**

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

If you ask what is the quickest, best, and safest Chill Tonic, the answer will invariably be, my friend use Cheatham's. It is pleasant, and guaranteed. Put up in both the tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cents.

**A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.**

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

"Little spells of fever, little chills so bland, Makes the mighty graveyard and the angel band A little of Cheatham's Chill Tonic taken now and then Makes the handsome women and the healthy men."

**What a Prominent Insurance Man Says.**

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

**Something to Depend On.**

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, coughs and colds is guaranteed to do this good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at B. F. Chamberlain's.

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editors. J. T. DIXON.

It is about time to see some grist coming out of that legislative mill at Austin. The grinding has been in progress long enough to at least show the color of the meal.

In addition to Sherman, Gage and Alger, previously selected for the cabinet, Major McKinley has selected Congressman James Wilson of Iowa, for secretary of agriculture.

It is quite in keeping with the general decadence and rotten borough status of Nevada that its legislature should have legalized the brutish sport of prize-fighting in that state and its governor approved the measure. Nevada is now unique in its degradation as the only state in the Union that would descend so low, and in the face of its shame Texans can feel renewed gratitude to Governor Culberson and the 24th legislature for saving their own state from such a fate.

JOHN SHERMAN for secretary of state, Lyman J. Gage of Chicago, for secretary of the treasury, and General Rufus A. Alger of Michigan, for secretary of war. These are the three cabinet appointees thus far selected by Major McKinley, and they have all signified their acceptance. John Sherman is one of the best known men in public life; Gage is a national banker who voted for Cleveland in '84, and Alger is a generous millionaire with a good war record and no special ability.

DR. JOHN GRANT, "the original McKinley man" up in Sherman, is in hard luck. Not only have his cabinet aspirations come to nothing, but it is now given out that his rival, E. H. R. Green, he of the long puzze and rich mother, will undoubtedly control the patronage of Texas. Dr. Grant has discovered early in his ambitious political career which he fondly hoped to make Napoleonic, that presidents like princes are fickle with their favors, and no question of mere sentiment can outweigh the prestige of great wealth when it comes to farming out the patronage of a republican administration.

At no time within the memory of living men has there been so much destitution and suffering in the great northern cities as during the present winter. The recent savage cold weather has brought all this misery into ghastly prominence, and the mayors of New York, Chicago and St. Louis have all issued urgent appeals to the public for contributions to aid the distressed. Down this way we complain of hard times, but the daily problem of how to avoid starving and freezing to death that confronts tens of thousands of people in the large centers of population up north, is something we happily have no experience of.

On Wednesday night William J. Bryan concluded his Texas tour with a lecture in Galveston, after which he left for his Nebraska home. When the public mind is passive and unexcited no mortal man could possibly retain the colossal dimensions which the fierce enthusiasm of the late campaign lent to the personality of Mr. Bryan in the eyes of his admirers. He got a cordial Texas welcome wherever he went in this state, but with no glare of the red lights on him nor shouts of frantic multitudes surging around him, he shrank to the unheroic proportions of a respectable gentleman lecturer. For profit on a threadbare subject and thereby doubtless lost in some considerable more than he made in money.

DEVIL TAKE THE HINDMOST

The entries for the gubernatorial stakes next year are already being rubbed down. Crane's friends have considered him in for some time; in fact, since the Tyler hierophant used the position of attorney general for reaching after higher things, the office has been regarded as a kind of vestibule to the governor's office. This custom will be vigorously assailed and, possibly, overthrown next year. There are those who have been strong admirers and adherents of the present administration and its policies who are going to dispute the right of the attorney general to succeed to the office of governor. One of them is Joe Sayers of Bastrop. He has been in public life for nearly a score of years. His official course has been a clean one and he, himself, faithful and loyal to every interest of the masses of the people. He is known in Washington as "Honest Joe Sayers," and on the democratic side is recognized as the treasury watch-dog. He will make a strong race for governor, and Attorney General Crane will not go over the track in a canter as some of his predecessors have done. Crane is a brainy young man, has a splendid record for work, for honesty and for fidelity to every trust which he has ever held. He is a young man of high character whose official life has been consecrated to a study and a defense of the rights of the common people as he understood them. The contest between him and Sayers is going to be a battle royal, with the chances in favor of Crane. The great weight of the administration's influence will go to Crane, and this will be invaluable and incalculable. Already the sagacious student of events can discover a pin being stuck here and another one there, a wire strung at this point and another at some other point. They are not so plain that the running man may read them; they are there, nevertheless, and at the proper time will show up as a forceful and determining resource. To be elected governor of Texas a man must have a record as a devourer of corporations—not one, but many. In fact, he must eat one every morning for breakfast, lunch on the attorneys of these monsters at noon, and gobble down one or more for supper every day in the year. Crane has such a record, and long since such plutocrats as Rockefeller, Gould and Sage would have been breaking rock in stripes if Crane could only have gotten his clutches on them. Both were supporters of Bryan in the late "onpleasantness;" both were defenders of the 16 to 1 faith, Crane to the degree of proscription even. Just now it is difficult to foresee just what and how much influence the free silver craze will call out next year. But it will be up and an issue. In short, it will last as long as those who want office can make it last. Those who cannot by their own merit command support enough to give them official position, will use the free silver slogan to help them in. "It is good enough Morgan" for them so long as it serves their ambitious plans. In this respect Crane and Sayers occupy the same ground, Sayers being perhaps the more liberal of the two, never having avowed himself in favor of dumping out of fifth story windows all who dared to oppose such a fallacy and folly. At the present we cannot say that these two will be the only entries. Blake, of Mexia, is mentioned, and we presume he is not averse to receiving the nomination. He is sound on the great overshadowing issue of 1896. It is possible that just this one issue may land him in the executive office. Like the others, he will work it for all it is

worth. As an office fetcher and a fee-getter nothing is so powerful that we can ever recall. The outlook for 1898 is as we have briefly sketched it. There is fun ahead and lots of it.

It is the general feeling throughout the country that we have seen the worst of the bad times and that the year ahead will see a marked revival of prosperity.

Went into Effect Sunday.

The new time card on the I. & G. N. is in effect and it is for the most part vastly more satisfactory to our people. Under the new schedule there is a double daily passenger train service both ways and the four trains arrive at Crockett as follows: South bound passenger No. 5, reaches here at 11:43 p. m.; south bound passenger No. 11 reaches here at 8:42 a. m.; No. 6 north bound passenger reaches here at 7:18 p. m.; No. 12 north bound passenger reaches here at 3:18 p. m. No. 6 north bound, known as the flyer, stops only at county seats, ends of divisions and junctions. All the trains carry mail.

County Court.

Last Monday county court met in regular session, Judge Winfree presiding. This week has been devoted to criminal business, and a large number of cases have been disposed of, mostly by dismissal or continuance. Andy Jones, colored, pleaded guilty to carrying a pistol, was fined \$25 and costs; Las Thomas, colored, for theft of property under value of \$50, plead guilty and was fined \$5 and cost; Dave Rhodes, colored, charged with carrying a pistol, was found not guilty; Levi Morgan, colored, charged with aggravated assault on Isabella Ellis, colored, had a jury trial, was found guilty and fined \$40 and cost.

Our people are growing more and more in the habit of looking to B. F. Chamberlain for the latest and best of everything in the drug line. He sells Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds, croup and whooping cough. When in need of such a medicine give this remedy a trial and you will be more than pleased with the result.

CREEK.

EDITOR COURIER:

We have had some very cold weather lately. A good many cases of measles on the creek. Mr. Steve Hallmark had seven cases at his house at one time. Ike Murchison and Fred Davis were at Creek this last week buying cattle, and it is a help to some, for they can buy meat and corn with the money they get for the cattle. Our merchants, Nat Atkinson and S. H. Owens, are rushing their business. Some deaths here recently, mostly children. Mr. James Bynum and Dr. G. W. Hackney have each lost a child. The graveyard improvements have been almost completed and greatly help its appearance. There is some changing of property here and Creek is on a small boom. Miss. Loma Mersfelder, the popular teacher will leave us soon. No teacher ever here, had more friends. The trustees speak very highly of this lady and the patrons of the school would do well to engage her services again. I see that the COURIER is writing up the county, and as Creek must have a show I will write it up in a few weeks.

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Citation By Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Mollie Stephens, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3d Judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 3d Judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Houston county, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Crockett, on the 1st Monday in March A. D. 1897, the same being the 1st day of March A. D. 1897, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of Sept., A. D. 1896 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court, No. 4010, wherein W. T. Stephens is plaintiff and Mollie Stephens is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were legally married to each other on or about September 25th 1890, and that they continued to live together as husband and wife until about September 15th 1895, when defendant left the bed and board of plaintiff and went away to live in adultery with sundry persons, in now leading the life of a prostitute, that prior to said 15th day of September 1895, defendant committed adultery with sundry persons without the knowledge of plaintiff and that plaintiff has never condoned the said offences of defendant. Herein fail not, but have you before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Tony Gossett, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Crockett, this the 3d day of February, A. D. 1897.

TONY GOSSETT, Clerk District Court, Houston County.

I will give a \$3.00 subscription free to the Texas Farm & Ranch, The Christian Advocate for Christian Courier and The Baptist Herald with every bottle of Chamberlain's Chill Tonic bought from me by Chamberlain.

NOTICE IN PROBATE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS: County of Houston } To the Sheriff or any constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by publishing for twenty days in a newspaper printed in the aforesaid county, you summons all persons interested in the estate of J. H. Stuart, deceased, to answer an application, filed by W. B. Page, administrator of said estate, in the County Court of Houston county, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1897, for his final account and exhibit to be approved and that he be discharged as such administrator and be relieved from further liability, which will be heard by said Court at its February term A. D. 1897, at the Court House of said County, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application if they see proper.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett this 14th day of January 1897. N. E. ALLEIGH, Clerk County Court Houston Co. Tex.

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NOTICE IN PROBATE.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by publishing for 20 days, exclusive of the day of publishing, in some newspaper published in your county, a true copy of this Writ, you summons all persons interested in the estate of S. F. and Martha Wall deceased, to answer a final exhibit filed by John C. Wall administrator of said estate in the County Court of Houston County, on the 7th day of Jan'y 1897, showing condition of said estate and an application to be discharged which will be heard by said Court on the 1st day of Feb'y 1897, at the Court House of said County, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said exhibit and application if they see proper.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett this 7th day of Jan'y 1897. N. E. ALLEIGH, Clerk, County Court, Houston County, Texas. By JOHN SYRNER, Deputy.