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## Sweets Pall Quickly.

It is an acknowledged fact that American Women are guided by curiosity in their shopping. They have a craving for something different; they want a change. There is not another country in the world where a change of fashion is so quickly and so generally adopted as here. There is not another people on the face of the earth who are so sensitive to a change of style as we are, or where all classes yield so readily and simultaneously. We are a restless nervous race and sweets pall quickly. Curiosity is an overpowering trait in female character. Women will come to look when nothing under heaven could tempt them to buy, but they will come and they will talk of what they see and spread the news,

### And That's What we Want.

This class of inspectors are usually regarded as trade oracles by their sister shoppers and frequently what they say goes. Therefore it pays to show goods and be courteous, even to those who do not want to buy. We will endeavor to keep for your inspection this season a bright, new and attractive line of the latest novelties in Dress Goods, Furnishing Goods, Headware, Footwear, and everything that will be pleasing to the eye, attractive to the body and gratifying to the soul.

Respectfully

**W. V. McCONNELL.**

#### LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

The Evans assignment bill is still the bone of contention in the house. The solons debate it until they get tired and then postpone it until another day. It will be up this week again but it is idle conjecture as to when the final vote will be taken on it. The house has refused to concur in the senate resolution to adjourn March 20th., or to fix any date for adjournment. Some very valuable legislation has just been accomplished in the way of amending the code of criminal procedure so that there may be fewer reversals on technical grounds. These measures have been signed by the governor and are now law. Here is the most important one of them, and it is good enough to make criminals quake and law abiding people all over Texas rejoice:

Section 1 That article 904, of title 10 of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Article 904. The Court of Criminal Appeals may affirm the judgment of the court below, or may reverse and remand for a new trial, or may reverse and dismiss the case, or may reform and correct the judgment, as the law and nature of the case may require, but in all cases the court shall presume that the venue was proven in the court below; that the

jury was properly empaneled and sworn; that the defendant was arraigned; that he pleaded to the indictment; that the charge of the court was certified by the judge and filed by the clerk of the court before it was read to the jury, unless such matters were made an issue in the court below and it affirmatively appears to the contrary by a bill of exceptions properly signed and allowed by the judge of the court below and incorporated in the transcript as required by law. In all criminal cases by it decided the Court of Criminal Appeals shall deliver a written opinion setting forth the reasons for such decision.

This act takes effect from its passage

#### District Court.

The district court resumed its session Friday, Judge Gill presiding and the following cases on the civil docket were disposed of: A. Woldert vs. S. C. Arledge, damages, compromised. Board of Church Extension of M. E. Church, colored, vs. Peter Burnes, et al, dismissed as to defendants, Mrs. S. A. Craig, Jordan Ware, E. P. Pierson, Alex Carr and Cupid Martin; judgment by default against remaining defendants; John Douglas vs. Willis Mickles, suit on note and for foreclosure, judgment by default; In re estate of Alfred Reess, deceased, appealed from county court, judgment for plaintiff; Geo. Neal

vs. Lucy Neal, colored, divorce granted at cost of plaintiff.

This disposed of the business for the week and court adjourned until the following Monday when it again convened and the case of I. A. Daniel vs the I. & G. N. R. R. Co., was called for trial. This is a suit for \$6000 damages for personal injuries. The case was tried and went to the jury Tuesday afternoon, and Wednesday afternoon that body was discharged from further consideration of the case, being unable to agree on a verdict.

The rest of this week will be devoted to civil business, and next week the criminal docket will be taken up. In addition to capital cases heretofore set, as published in the COURIER last week, the case against Ed King, colored, charged with murder, has been set for Friday, March 26.

There are very few country people in town this week although the district court is in session. Next week when the criminal docket is taken up, there will be a vast array of witnesses and jurors and others interested in the proceedings, although it is safe to say that no industrious farmer who wants to get ahead in the world, will lose time from his work at this season to come in to town merely to see the mill of justice "on the grind."

The gardens in Crockett were never more promising, but needing rain.

#### The Jail Boarders.

The following is the list of prisoners now in the county jail, together with the offence that got each one there: Claud Jackson, under indictment for assault with intent to murder; John Holly, same charge, but not indicted; Henry Small, forgery, indicted; W. M. McCorkle, unlawfully disposing of mortgaged property, indicted; — Saunders, lunacy, waiting to be sent to the asylum. All of the foregoing are white men. The following are negroes: Jim Hutchinson, serving out fine for theft of clothes; Andy Jones, serving out fine for carrying pistol; Joe Ansley, indicted for burglary; Jim McCoy, theft of horse, not yet indicted; Jim Smith, assault to murder, not yet indicted; Anderson Lott, theft of hogs, indicted; William Van, serving out fine for gambling; Andrew Britton, theft of horse, not yet indicted; Levi Morgan, serving out fine for aggravated assault.

A horse was stolen from the lot of Neil Watson, colored. Tuesday night, seven miles above town, and a saddle was stolen the night before from a neighbor of Watson. The thief headed for Palestine after doubling on his tracks to mislead pursuit. A warrant is out for a negro ex-convict seen lurking around the premises shortly before the theft.

Wednesday night at the residence of Col. D. A. Nunn, an informal reception was tendered to Judge W. H. Gill and his charming wife, at which many of our best people were present.

Now is the time to straighten the kinks in the town branch so that the Spring rains will wash it clean and carry off the refuse matter with which it is more or less choked. One good worker could do all that is necessary in a week, and sanitary considerations demand that it should be done. The town branch is an open sewer for Crockett and the numerous little curves and angles in it should be straightened as near as practicable so that every rain will flush it.

One day last January some daring lover of other men's horseflesh unhitched from the courthouse fence a horse belonging to John Allen who lives near town, and rode off on it. Some days later Mr. Allen got his horse which had been taken up loose near town by Will Rush, but he could get no trace of the thief or the saddle. Recently the saddle was discovered in possession of Alfred Pounce, colored, who said that he bought it. The result of following this clew was that Jim McCoy, colored, was arrested Monday charged with the theft of the horse, and is now in jail in default of \$300 bail.

# Houston County

ITS ADVANTAGES

## And Attractions for the man of Capital AND THE HOME SEEKER.

### A Statement of Facts.

HOUSTON 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 surpassed 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, linn, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in fine supply: holly, beech, maple, sassafras, cherry and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Palace" in Ft. Worth, Houston County was awarded the first prize gold medal for the best timber exhibit. A furniture factory, or any

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

#### OREN 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 with out 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 merchants are more prosperous, while the farmers are better off, 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, Ratchiff, Coltharp, Daly, Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, 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 excellent 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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**TILDY ANN'S TEST.**



**A** PLUGGED dollar may be bad enough, in these days when dollars are so hard to get," remarked an advance agent of commerce from the east, "but to have palmed off upon you a dollar that is made of lead is worse, for in that case the coin is entirely bad. At some time or other somebody gave me a dollar that had about as much ring to it as a piece of tin. I received it innocently and innocently tried to pass it. I was caught up by a clever shopkeeper, who, fortunately, knew me.

"No good," he remarked, as he handed the coin back.

"I mumbled something indicative of surprise and handed out a bill: 'I'll just put this in my pocket and credit it up to experience account,' I said, with a laugh; 'it will always be a warning to me, and the lesson is cheap enough, I'm sure.'

"So I always carried that bogus dollar in my left-hand trousers pocket.

"A year afterward I chanced to be in Iowa, in the little town of O—. I remember I had excess baggage on a trunk which I paid with a silver certificate, receiving in exchange one silver dollar and a two-dollar bill. When ready to leave O— my hotel bill amounted to three dollars. I tendered the landlord the change received from the baggage agent. He scrutinized the dollar very severely—like myself. Then he tossed away the tobacco he was chewing and applied an infallible test. He bit the coin. Realizing that I might unintentionally have handed out by pocket-piece, I felt for it. No—the dollar was still in my pocket. Had another counterfeit been worked off upon me? I was nervous, and I guess I showed it, for the landlord became suspicious.

"Isn't it good?" I asked.

"Don't taste right. But I kin tell in a minit." Elevating his voice, he turned towards a rear room. "Tildy! Tildy Ann!" Then he added, looking at me: "Thar's a gal that kin tell the time o' day by cribbin' a clock—I've seen her do it."

"He used the term 'cribbin' advisedly. Surely, if a horse could 'crib' a stall, his daughter could 'crib' a dollar—or a clock, for that matter. He did not understand that this might be a bad habit in both.

"A tow-headed, freckle-faced girl shortly entered the room.

"Well, paw, whut ye callin' me fer?"

"Fer to bite this dollar an' see if it's bad."

"For a moment the coin was lost to sight in Tildy Ann's mouth.

"How is it, gal?"

"Gow-wow-lak-suzl!" replied Tildy.

"Take it out an' mebbe ye kin talk better," suggested her father.

"She did.

"Bites bad," she said, looking at me severely.

"Then she whispered to her father.

"I guess so, too," replied her father in a tone loud enough for me to hear; "you go, Tildy."



**"BITES BAD."**

"The girl hurried out of the room.

"Where's she going?" I asked.

"Never you mind," he replied, edging around behind me and closing and locking the door. "I loved when I seen ye that ye was bad. You wear flaid pants an' carry a cane. That's a tough combination an' would convict any man in a intelligent community like this hyer, o' bein' a counterfeiter, or wuss."

"Do you take me for a counterfeiter?" I asked indignantly.

"Didn't ye try ter make me take that 'ere dollar?" he demanded. "I've sent my gal fer the sheruff—an' thar he is, now."

"The landlord opened the door and in walked a man in a slouch hat.

"Whut's wanted?" he growled.

"Counterfeiter," said the landlord, shortly, waving his hand towards me.

"The case was then explained and the dollar adduced as proof. I protested my innocence. The sheriff seemed to be more intelligent than the landlord, and he listened intently to what I said.

"It's jest hyer, stranger," he replied, "mebbe yer a counterfeiter an'

mebbe not. If yer a counterfeiter, ye ought ter hev some more bad dollars 'bout ye an' I'll jest go through yer clo'es an' find out."

"That pocket-piece! I thought of it in an instant and my skin turned to goose flesh. The results of the sheriff's search were awaited by me with fear and trembling. The bogus dollar was quickly found.

"Bite it, Tildy," said the landlord handing the coin to the girl.

"She did bite it.

"Thar," she said, with a sigh, as she removed it from her mouth, "that dollar's all right. Lookee hyer—ye kin see my teeth all 'round the alge!"

"So I kin, gal, so I kin."

"Reckon the chap's all right, paw; she went on, apologetically, as she looked at me. "Don't 'rest 'im, Mr Sheruff—he didn't mean no harm Reckon 'twere all a mistake. He don't know how ter bite, nohow. Take that last dollar an' the bill, paw, an' let 'im go!"

"Which they did.

"Out of curiosity, I banked the dollar that Tildy Ann pronounced a counterfeit, when I got back to the city. It went through all right. And I've had an idea ever since that little Iowa incident, that it would be more profitable for Tildy Ann's father if Tildy Ann 'cribbed' nothing but clocks."

**Drinking Contaminated Water.**

Water that is left standing in the kitchen or bedroom, and, above all, in the sickroom, over night is liable to contamination by the absorption of impurities afloat in the air in such rooms and to be rendered wholly unfit for use. No matter that the water is cold even to near freezing; it is so much the more liable to absorb and hold in solution the foul gases and organic particles to which it has been exposed. It is dangerous to use such water. Water should not be so left; but if it should by chance so be left, it should be thrown away. Freshly drawn water only should always be used for culinary purposes, as well as for drinking whenever practicable. Moreover, the faucets over sinks and wash-basins are always more or less liable to contamination, hence the first water that flows on opening them after they have been left all night without use should always be let flow away—it is dangerous to drink and unfit for the teakettle or for cooking water; even boiled disease germs are unwholesome.

**Fled Through Dynamite Flames.**

From the Denver Republican: Saratoga (Wyo.) dispatch: Two miners in the Axis copper mine near this place had a narrow escape from death yesterday. They were working at the face of a 200-foot tunnel, and between them and the outlet was a tin warming magazine containing thirteen sticks of dynamite under which was a lighted candle. Suddenly the men noticed that drippings from the candle had taken fire and that the box containing dynamite was ablaze. For a moment the men were paralyzed with fear. They were afraid to run past the blazing box of explosives and equally afraid to remain where they knew the gas which would accumulate from the burning dynamite would smother them. Finally concluded to run and were obliged to cover their faces as they pushed through the flames, which by this time filled the tunnel. The powder did not explode, but was entirely consumed by the fire. It took several hours to clear the tunnel of the gases generated by the burned dynamite.

**Wild Wolf in Chicago.**

Driven to desperation by the cold a large gray wolf took refuge in a barrel in the patrol barn at the police station in Irving Park, a Chicago suburb, the other night. No one saw the animal enter the barn, and its presence was not discovered until late next afternoon. Desk Sergeant Kuebler fired a shot through the barrel, and the bullet struck the wolf in the side. The animal bounded from the barrel, and, with blood flowing from its wound, took a stand in one corner of the barr and showed fight. After firing four more shots the officer succeeded in killing the beast.—Ex.

**The Size of It.**

He—Well, I don't wish to boast, but I'm suah my fam'ly is quite awistocratic. She—Yes; under certain conditions it would be above criticism. He—Aw! How, may I ask? She—Well, if you had been born an orphan and died in infancy, say. He—Aw!—Brooklyn Life.

**The Very Idea.**

The oratrix grew impassioned. "Such an institution," she cried, "we must either mend or end." The woman's political cooking league exchanged glances. "End, of course," they remarked, decisively, one to another. "Mend? Huh! The very idea!"—Detroit Journal.

**Penalty for Football.**

A bill has been introduced in the North Dakota legislative assembly declaring it a misdemeanor for any person to engage in a game of football and providing fines of \$20 to \$50 for infraction of the law.—Ex.

**EXTRAORDINARY NERVOUSNESS.**

**Blindfolded, Could Count Every Seam When Walking Across a Carpet.**

From the Capital, S. dalia, Mo.

A newspaper from some friends in Denver, with a news item marked, and while reading it my eyes fell upon an account of a remarkable cure of locomotor ataxia, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, and the case as described was exactly similar to my own. I at once made up my mind to try the remedy, and began according to directions to take the pills. The first box had not gone when I experienced a marked improvement, and as I continued I grew better and better, until I was totally cured. I took about four boxes in all, and after two years of the most bitter suffering was as well as I ever was. Not only my feelings but my appearance underwent a change. I gained flesh, and though now forty-three years old, I feel like a young girl. You can say that Mrs. Roe owes her recovery to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and that she knows that there is nothing in the world like them.

(Signed) MOLLIE E. ROE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of August, 1896.

GEORGE B. DENT, Notary Public.

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Two bottles of Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me of a bad lung trouble.—Mrs. J. Nichols, Princeton, Ind., Mar. 26, 1895.

There are fifty-four temperance newspapers published in the United Kingdom.

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**

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William Shivers, a negro, reported to be a little more than 104 years old, died in Blackshear, Ga., recently.



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Deware of reforms that are proposed by people who harbor malice against former associates.

It's a mighty cold day when Richard Harding Davis doesn't find a new brand of hero in Cuba.

It is occasionally possible to judge a horse by his pedigree, but never trust it with the human family.

Many a man treats his body as though it had been given to his mind for experimental purposes.

The making of suggestions is a habit that leads directly into the most abundant variety of troubles.

There are people who imagine that they are moved by a desire for knowledge when in reality they are merely impertinently inquisitive.

Before boasting again of the climate of this country, remember that more than half the entire product of guanine in the world is consumed in the United States.

Yvette Guilbert, the vaudeville singer who sets New York crazy, sang to empty seats in St. Louis, and the papers say she was no good. It takes a little thing to tickle the east.

Why say "anent" instead of "about" or "concerning"? Whatever the past use of the word in literary English, "anent" now has an air of affectation when employed in ordinary speech or everyday writing. Simple, direct English ought to suffice for the daily need. A person who would write "anent" in a newspaper article would not think of saying to a friend: "I am anxious anent that umbrella I lent you."

An indiscreet orator in the east spoke of "half-baked states." This ungracious fling was one of many that have been cast at both eastern and western commonwealths within the last few months. The state of Kansas, for one, resents these indignities, and the cry, "Stand up for Kansas!" is now the watchword of the loyal sons of the Sunflower state. There are no half-baked states. Even the territories are well-baked; New Mexico, for example.

Fred Funston, the well-known young Kansan who is fighting for Cuba, has been promoted to the rank of major, for services rendered in an attack on the town of Guaymas last October. It was in this fight that Major Osgood, the famous football player of the Pennsylvania university, was killed, and Funston succeeded to his command. The siege lasted for several days, and resulted in the surrender of the Spanish. Funston writes that he has managed to get a pretty big stand-in with the leaders of the revolution, and thinks his chances of attaining the rank of colonel are fairly good.

Much interesting data about the occupations of the American people is given in a bulletin of the eleventh census just made public. It shows that the entire number of people engaged in occupations of all kinds in 1890 was 22,735,661. Of the whole number of working people the females form 17.22 per cent. Divided by classes, the working people of the country are as follows: Agriculture, fisheries and mining, 9,013,236; professional, 944,233; domestic and personal service, 4,260,577; trade and transportation, 3,326,122; manufacturing and mechanical industries, 5,091,295. Considerable more than four-fifths of the illiterate male population of the country and over one-fourth of the illiterate female population are working. Over 59 per cent of the workmen are married, over 37 per cent single, over 3 per cent widowed and one-quarter of 1 per cent divorced. In manufactures and mechanics, the carpenters and joiners, numbering 511,452, make up the greatest element, with dressmakers and milliners following, with 499,590. There are a little over 1,000,000 bookkeepers, clerks and salesmen, 690,658 merchants and overseers, and 3,064,081 agricultural laborers, 249,531 miners, and only a little over 60,000 fishermen and oystermen. Professors and teachers, aggregating 347,344, form the most numerous of the professional classes. Physicians and surgeons, 194,805, come next; then lawyers, 99,539; clergymen, 94,203; government officials, 73,591; musicians, etc., 64,155; engineers and surveyors, 63,261; artists and art teachers, 32,569; accountants, 21,343; and actors, 9,732.

## IN THE LEGISLATURE

### SUMMARY OF THE DOINGS OF OUR LAWMAKERS.

**Mr. Fisher Makes an Argument for the Evans Bill, Which Had Very Strong Answers—The Senate Passed the Wayland Fee Bill.**

Austin, Texas, March 9.—The Evans assignment bill was again before the house yesterday. Mr. Fisher made the star speech in its favor this evening, but in spite of his ability he was unable to controvert the proposition of its opponents that the State can not pass a law forcing non-resident creditors to accept the discharge of a debtor, and he was forced to admit that there never had been a law in Texas prohibiting common law preferences, although contending that the Evans bill was but a continuation of the present assignment law and not a new legislative proposition.

On a test vote on the adoption of the Blair amendment, providing for the preference of accommodation indorsers, the opponents of the Evans bill were this evening beaten by a vote of 55 to 47, and today will probably see the end of the fight so far as passing it to engrossment is concerned, when Mr. Tracey undertakes to substitute his bill therefor. Said bill does not prohibit preferences, but places the burden of the proof of the honesty of a preferred claim upon the maker and acceptor thereof and makes it a felony to attempt a fraudulent preference.

The Wayland fee bill passed finally in the senate this afternoon, having been called up out of its regular order, not without opposition. Senators Harrison, Darwin, Ross, Beall and Lewis put themselves on record as being against it. Mr. Harrison and Mr. Darwin, both populists, voted "no," at the same time declaring the bill a farce, and not what the people were clamoring for. Mr. Beall, when his name was called, arose and said the bill had been rushed through to engrossment under the gag rule, while he and others were absent in an official capacity, and some of them had amendments to offer. Mr. Lewis, as did Mr. Beall, asked to be marked present and not voting. He had not had an opportunity to examine the amended copy of the bill. Mr. Ross of Lamar voted "yes," and at the same time contended that he did so because it was a platform demand, but believed certain portions of it were unconstitutional.

The senate also passed Mr. Colquitt's bill amending and perfecting his delinquent tax act, passed by the Twenty-fourth legislature. The important features of said bill are the imposition of a penalty upon delinquents and a provision that counties with complete records, may, on blanks furnished by the comptroller, prepare their own delinquent lists.

#### To Prevent Competition.

Austin, Texas, March 9.—Judge Reagan of the railroad commission is exceedingly anxious for some legislation whereby railroads and their employees will not be permitted to compete in a commercial way other than mentioned in their charter, with merchants or other persons in other lines of business.

The bill by Mr. Colquitt, passed upon favorably by the senate committee on internal improvements a day or two ago and now before the senate, is a step in that direction. When the bill was considered the railroad commissioners appeared before the committee and presented instances where public interests were jeopardized by reason of railroads being in a position to compete more closely with commodities dependent on transportation for disposal in ready markets. One instance brought out by Judge Reagan was where railroads were either directly or otherwise interested in the coal fields of the Indian Territory and could place the black diamond on Texas soil in open competition with Texas mines, and to the latter's detriment. One of the committee members raised the question that the company operating in the Indian Territory was under a different name and charter than the extension of the lines in Texas and asked if that would not enable them to evade the law and continue as heretofore.

Judge Reagan offered it as his opinion, the other commissioners concurring, that if they did continue, with the law in force, they would be amenable to the extent of the penalty fixed by the bill.

The Corsicana Flouring mill has purchased 3000 bushels of wheat and will in a few days start grinding day and night.

#### School to Close.

Port Lavaca, March 9.—The school children were given an excursion down the bay to old Indianola Saturday and had a pleasant and enjoyable time; this is the beginning of the summer fun for them and only needs a little more warmth in the water to make them perfectly happy. The public schools close a six months' term on the 12th. This ends three terms of public schools taught here by Messrs. W. T. and J. W. Smith and no town in Texas can show better work done than these gentlemen and their assistants have given here.

### Sensational Reply Filed.

Knoxville, Tenn., March 8.—The Southern Building and Loan association case came up in the Federal court here yesterday. The sensational feature of the hearing was the filing of an independent answer in behalf of Herbert A. Butterick of New York and other stockholders, represented by Russell Winslow and Frumberg of New York and George W. Esley of Chattanooga. This separate answer charges collusion between the officers and counsel of the assistance in bringing the original suit and the appointment of Luttrell and Rose as temporary receivers; alleges that the officers and directors of the association, including its general counsel are liable to the association for large sums improperly paid out on withdrawals; denies that the association is insolvent and asserts that if the officers are made to pay the association the money improperly paid on withdrawals its solvency is unquestionable. The Butterick answer also opposes the continuance of Luttrell and Rose as receivers and asks that a referee be appointed to inquire into the solvency of the corporation and the liability of its directors and report thereon.

The ground on which the answer is based is that counsel for the association in their answer in its behalf have not set up these defenses which are alleged to be material.

The association through its counsel also filed a full answer denying the insolvency, but it is without sensational features and does not charge the directors with liability, but while admitting that they have paid out of the profits in excess of earnings, seeks to justify their course in so doing.

Joshua W. Caldwell of Knoxville was appointed by Judge Clark as referee to examine into the insolvency of the association and report at the earliest practicable day, not later than March 19. The case was adjourned until the report shall be made when the question of appointment of permanent receivers will be determined.

#### United States Minister Indicted.

New York, March 9.—The Herald correspondent in Guatemala sends word that a well known political leader and duelist offered an unprovoked affront to the United States minister, McGrane Cox, in the opera. The Guatemalan government promptly took the matter up and investigated it. Witnesses furnished statements against the offender and leading American residents petitioned Minister Cox to insist upon reparation.

The government then addressed a note to Minister Cox expressing deep regret and deploring to the highest degree the lamentable incident, as well as entertaining the profoundest conviction that the minister was not in the slightest respect responsible for the occurrence.

Criminal proceedings have been ordered against the offender.

#### Mrs. Beecher Dead.

Stamford, Conn., March 9.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher died yesterday the tenth anniversary of the death of her famous husband. She was 85 years of age.

Mrs. Beecher had been sinking steadily since Saturday noon, and during the twenty-four hours preceding her demise, had been unconscious. William Beecher, one of her sons, reached Stamford Saturday evening and remained until last night, when he left for New York. Her death was feared, but her marvelous constitution had so frequently enabled her to rally from sinking spells that her son seemed it safe to leave his mother's bedside. At the deathbed yesterday morning were gathered the family of Rev. Samuel Scovell, including the clergyman, his daughter, who is the daughter of Mrs. Beecher, and Mrs. Scovell's two children; a daughter and a son, and Mrs. Bullard of Massachusetts, a niece of Mrs. Beecher.

#### Queetsa on the Situation.

Washington, March 9.—Senator Queetsa, secretary of the Cuban legation, in an interview yesterday asserted that the revolutionists are gaining ground and the Spanish are retreating. The latter, he says, are becoming discouraged and admit the paper currency policy adopted by General Weyler is causing even the classes which for selfish motives pretended to sympathize with Spain to complain. He asserted that the finances of Spain were in a deplorable condition.

The Katy will soon erect a first-class brick round house at Smithville, and the citizens will contribute liberally towards paying for it.

#### Kinetoscopes Tied Up.

New York, March 9.—Unless Dan Stuart speedily makes new arrangements, it is probable the photograph of each blow in the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will not be taken, as the three machines of the Kinetoscope company which were to have gone to Carson are held to await a legal decision. This company has been sued by Edward Gregg and the machines are in the hands of the sheriff. Permission is granted them without the customary three days for examination of the security bond was denied in the supreme court yesterday.

## THE LAND TITLE BILL.

### IT WAS UP BEFORE THE HOUSE FOR CONSIDERATION.

Senate Bill Appropriating the Direct Fund to the State University Was Laid Before the Senate on Its Third Reading, Disbanding.

Austin, Tex., March 6.—When the house was called to order yesterday morning a resolution, which went over under the rules, authorizing the release of the old capitol when the present lease shall have expired, was taken up. Immediately thereafter the house adopted unanimously a resolution extending to J. W. Darlington, a Texas veteran, the privileges of the floor.

Mr. Robbins then moved that the house non-concur in the senate amendments to the bill validating the titles to lands erroneously sold as isolated and detached.

The senate amendments provides that titles to only those lands occupied by settlers, their vendees or tenants, shall be validated.

Mr. Blair, as a substitute, moved that the house concur in the senate amendments.

Mr. Martin spoke in advocacy of the motion to non-concur in the senate amendments.

The motion to non-concur was then carried. Mr. Seabury, Mr. Turner and Mr. Fields, of Hill, presented a resolution reciting that whereas, Hon. James B. Wells, a staunch Democrat of the Rio Grande, and "one of Texas' most distinguished and honored sons," was in the city, that the privileges and courtesies of the floor be extended to him. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

Austin, Tex., March 6.—After roll call yesterday morning the senate lost no time in getting down to work.

The president laid before the senate, senate bill No. 125, making all debts payable in any money of the realm, and intended to do away with the "gold clause" in notes.

There were two reports on the bill, the minority report against the bill being signed by Beall, Turner, Bowser and Kerr. The minority report was adopted, which virtually kills the bill. The vote stood 15 to 13.

Mr. Rogers called up his bill authorizing county officers to take fidelity and guaranty companies on their official bonds.

Mr. Linn, of Wharton, amended by adding a proviso that two solvent residents of the county be on the bond. The bill passed to engrossment.

Mr. Presler moved to reconsider the vote by which the minority report was adopted on the "legal tender" bill, and spread on the journal.

Mr. Kerr called up and had passed to engrossment his bill amending the law relative to apprehension of idiots.

Senate bill No. 10, appropriating the direct fund to the State university, was laid before the senate on its third reading.

Mr. Linn, of Wharton, moved to postpone further action on the bill until next Tuesday, and make it the special business for that day after the morning call.

This motion caused quite a discussion, a number of senators taking part. A vote was then taken on Mr. Linn's motion, and it was lost by a vote of 10 to 6.

Mr. Linn, of Wharton, offered an amendment that the comptroller retain enough of the direct tax fund to pay all claims for actual penalties and costs, amounting to about \$6000. The amendment was adopted.

A motion to adjourn until 3 p. m. was lost, when Mr. Atlee moved the previous question on the bill, the motion being duly seconded.

The bill was then passed by a vote of 21 to 4.

Mr. Beall moved to reconsider and table, and the motion prevailed.

Messrs. Darwin, Dibrell, Gough and Harrison voted against the bill.

On motion of Mr. Bailey the senate adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

#### Confederate Delegates Elected.

San Marcos, Tex., March 4.—P. C. Woods camp, United Confederate Veterans, met here Wednesday and selected the following comrades as delegates to the reunion at Nashville: F. R. Martin, O. W. L. Stephenson, George T. McGehee, Capt. Ferg Kyle. Sponsor, Miss Josephine Kyle. Commander Ferg Kyle delivered a short address to the camp on the duty of the organization to guard faithfully the memory of the heroes of the great struggle.

#### Furniture Factory Burned.

Beaumont, Tex., March 5.—About 11 o'clock Wednesday night G. W. Young's furniture factory and planing mill, combined, took fire from the engine room, and in about fifteen minutes the flames spread over the entire building, the wind being strong and in exactly the right direction to take the entire plant, nothing being saved except perhaps \$200 worth of furniture. Loss of machinery and stock will likely amount to \$4000. No insurance.

One of the latest uses of the Röntgen ray in surgery is almost sensational. It is nothing less than the performance of an operation with no other light than that proceeding from the mysterious ray. A child had swallowed a coin. The fluoroscope made the coin visible and enabled the physicians to grasp and withdraw it from the esophagus with instruments. Every movement of the instruments within the throat of the patient was clearly visible to the observer.

#### "STAY TOBACCO."

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### THE ASTROLOGER'S CORNER.

Some slight changes necessitated using less space for this department. Prof. Cunningham is hereby receiving flattering testimonials of his genius and marvelous power in reading the language of the signs and planets. His horoscope life readings with charts and daily consulting people of the great and VALUABLE INFORMATION to be had through his wonderful knowledge of astrology. He receives letters from every state and territory and his fame has extended into foreign lands.

Under no circumstances will names of correspondents be published, but the following are extracts from recent letters: "I received my horoscope, am much pleased with it. It is as near right as is possible to make it." Another writes: "I am surprised at its correctness." Prof. Cunningham now proposes to tell your ruling planet and send a test reading ABSOLUTELY FREE to the applicants whose letters happen to be the First, Third, Ninth and Twelfth opened each day's mail. All applicants for FREE READINGS must send sex, race or nationality, place, year, month, date, hour and minute of birth, A. M. or P. M., as exact as possible. Applicants entitled to FREE READINGS will receive them by return mail with their 25 cents refunded less 2 cents postage. All applicants must send 25 cents to pay for their reading in case they do not wish FREE reading. DO NOT DELAY! send at once. You are just as apt to win as anybody, and if you do not you will receive a valuable test by astrology for the small sum of 25 cents. Those not knowing their time of birth should send 4 cents for further instructions. These rules apply to all applications. No more applications for readings to be published will be received; there are more now than probably can ever be published, owing to changes likely to occur at any time, so all who have applied for readings to be published should enclose 4 cents in stamps and take part in the above contest. About 100 letters have been returned to me "unclaimed." All who gave fictitious names had better correct the error at once. Wonderful Horoscope Readings with Chart at from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Their completeness will be in accordance with amount of money sent. I will not be responsible for money sent in a letter. Send money order or stamps. Address:

**Prof. G. W. CUNNINGHAM,**  
Dept. 4, 194 S. Clinton-st.  
Chicago, Ill.

The following are some readings for this week: James, Walnut Springs, Texas. According to the data furnished you are a mixture of the indications of the signs Aries and Taurus, as well as the planets Mars, Venus and Saturn. You are medium height, plump form, the complexion, hair and eyes, medium to light; you are quite dignified in general appearance. You are endowed by nature with an industrious, ambitious, energetic disposition; you can endure but little opposition without being self-distrustful, however you will soon regain your normal mental status again. You are fond of the occult and mysterious and especially astrology. You are also fond of the fine arts, music, poetry, etc. You would make a good astrologer if you would study it. You had better avoid marriage.

Mrs. S. B. 6813 Capital. According to data the zodiac sign Leo, which the sun rules, was rising at your birth, therefore the sign is your ruling planet, or signification. You are tall, slender, muscular and wiry; the shoulder wide in proportion to the rest of the body; medium to light complexion, hair and eyes the eyes have rather a deep expression; you are broad, dignified and commanding endowed with great intellect, energy and will power; you are very capable and have the faculty of convincing people to think the same as you do; you are fond of having your own way and are a natural leader in anything you do; you become interested in anything you study because interested in it. You always have friends with love affairs.

## AN INSURGENT RAID

### STORES ARE RANSACKED AND THEN BURNED.

They Tried to Cut Off the Water Supply to Havana, but Failed—Smallpox is Raging and Two Hundred People Have Already Died.

Havana, March 3.—Guanajay, a village of 11,000 inhabitants, is infested with smallpox, 200 people having died of the disease. Jauco is also infested with the disease, which is raging so terribly through the town that it is feared the entire population will be wiped out.

The insurgent forces under Valdomero Acosta, raided Arroyo Apolo, province of Havana, sacked stores and burned houses. The same party attacked the Vento waterworks reservoir at Pelatin, in the outskirts of Havana, trying to cut off the water supply to the city, but failed.

The insurgent leaders, Frederico Nunez and Emilio Lorenzo, attacked seventy hands on an estate at Neptune, who were grinding cane without an insurgent permit, the insurgents seized considerable clothing and a great number of machetes but released the hands.

The report that Gen. Roloff has landed an expedition consisting of 300 Texas cowboys, three cannons and a quantity of arms and ammunition at Bajos, province of Pinar del Rio, is untrue.

### Heid for Embezzlement.

Newport, R. I., March 7.—Paymaster John Corwine, who is charged with the embezzlement of funds of the navy department, and who left here a week ago after cashing a \$5000 check at the First National bank of Newport, arrived in this city yesterday in charge of police officers. Corwine was immediately taken before Judge Baker and pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzlement of \$20,000 from the bank. He was held in \$3000 bail for examination on Friday. Bail was furnished and Corwine is now at home with his wife.

At the close of the arraignment yesterday Lieut. Clark, acting in behalf of Commodore McGowan, attempted to take Corwine to the naval station to answer charges of embezzlement from the United States government. Corwine's counsel objected on the ground that he might be held until after Friday, thereby forfeiting his bail in the state court. Commodore McGowan was then consulted and he agreed not to press the claim until the state case had been settled. It appears likely that such settlement will actually take place. Corwine has already, through his wife, returned to the First National bank \$4920 of the \$5000 which he is charged with taking unlawfully, and it is said that the bank may withdraw its charge, a proceeding which is permitted under the laws of this state.

While on his way back from Chicago Corwine related to Detective Richards the circumstances which led up to his last act. He said that three years ago while on board the Nepsic his clerk absconded with nearly \$20,000. Corwine's father-in-law, who was on his bond, made good the amount, as the clerk was a relative of the family. Ever since then Corwine has been endeavoring to pay back the amount, and in doing so he took some of the government funds. When he heard that the pay inspector had arrived he knew that the shortage would be found, and rather than to face the ordeal he left the station and cashing the check, started for Cripple Creek.

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### A Cranky Patient.

Doctor (to patient)—I don't wish to frighten you. If you have no objections, I would like to call in a couple of my brother doctors.

Irrascible Patient—All right! If you need any assistants in murdering me, call in your accomplices.

### Theater burned.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 8.—The Park theater, formerly the Metropolitan, the oldest theater in Indianapolis, was completely destroyed by fire Sunday night. The theater was a landmark of Indianapolis, and in former years the most famous players on the American stage, including John McCullough, Edwin Booth and Edwin Forrest, appeared there.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought to have been caused by an electric light wire. It appeared first in the box office. It spread rapidly, and inside of an hour the historic old place was in ruins. For a time it looked as if the block in which the theater was located was doomed, but the fire was confined exclusively to the theater. Oliver Byron was to have opened there Monday afternoon. His scenery and properties were not in the house at the time of the fire. A crystal maze, owned by P. Palm of Boston, which occupied the lower floor of the theater, was destroyed. His loss will be about \$20,000. Messrs. Dickson & Talbot estimate their loss at \$100,000, on which there is an insurance of \$38,000.

Arrangements have been made to transfer all the Park theater attractions to the Grand opera house, Messrs. Dickson & Talbot's other theater here, for the balance of the season.

Messrs. Dickson & Talbot stated that they would rebuild immediately, and that the new theater would be ready for occupancy at the opening of the regular season next August.

Several thousand people gathered about the burning building, and several narrow escapes are reported. A great crowd was in the state house yard, and on one occasion, when the smoke settled down on the people, it caused a stampede. Several women were knocked down in the rush, and one or two were trampled upon but not fatally injured. One woman's clothing caught fire and she was severely burned before the flames could be extinguished.

### Reports from the Flood.

Cincinnati, O., March 7.—While the flood of last Friday is over, the effects of it will be felt in northern Kentucky, southern Ohio and southern Indiana for weeks. The railways were all running their trains here last night as usual, but most of them are by circuitous routes over branch tracks. Roadbeds as well as bridges were washed away along the Big and Little Miami rivers. The damage to highways is also the greatest ever known, including thoroughfare bridges. The manufacturing along the MHI creek valley will be crippled for some time, and these include the largest concerns in the suburbs of this city. The Ohio river has done no damage the past week. The flood was limited to a few tributaries here and south of the city, and in that territory the records were all beaten. The damage here and within a radius of 100 miles of this is now estimated in the millions. The extent of the losses could not be learned at the time because the wires were down and railway communication was cut off.

### Earthquake Shock.

City of Mexico, March 8.—The government meteorological bureau has advised of the fulfillment of Prof. Juan Contreras' prediction that the earthquakes would be felt Saturday, there having been shocks in Acapulco, Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Orizaba and Cordoba at 7:30 in the evening. The weather is unusually warm, which is believed to be the sign of more shocks.

Investigation into the cause of the awful fire in the San Amara and San Francisco mines shows that a miner threw the wick of his lamp near some dry timbering. Fully 100 men perished, and probably more, of whom there is no record. The bodies of the miners were being brought up from the mines were exposed for some hours to the heat of the sun before they could be buried, and it is feared an epidemic may break out.

No trace of Harold Elmer has been found. Detectives are at work in all directions, and some arrests have been made.

### Damaged by High Water.

Memphis, Tenn., March 8.—A special report from over the state show that Saturday's tremendous rainfall was far more destructive than at first supposed. At the town of Prattville a number of stores and dwellings were wrecked and the cotton factories heavily damaged. At Selma the loss from high water flooding factories and washing out railroads is also quite large, and in the interior hundreds of bridges have been swept away and terrible havoc wrought to farm work and small grain crops entailing severe loss to the farmers.

### Each One is sui Generis.

Ned—What sort of a girl is she, anyway?  
Harry—Man alive, haven't you lived long enough to know that it is impossible to classify any living girl?

## A WOMAN ASSAULTED

### COMMITTED BY AN UNKNOWN NEGRO.

He Demanded Money and Was Refused, The Woman Plunged a Knife into Him, Whereupon He Fled—Officers in Pursuit, Stores Robbed.

Dallas, Tex., March 8.—Mrs. Eda Morrissey was assaulted by an unknown negro in her home, on the corner of Caroline and Payne streets, at about 9:30 o'clock Saturday night. The assailant met with determined resistance on the part of the woman, and was finally compelled to beat a hasty retreat through the front door, by which he had effected an entrance. The sheriff's department was notified yesterday morning, and are on the lookout for the negro.

A reporter called upon Mrs. Morrissey to get her statement regarding the affair. She said:

"I work in a laundry. We had a very heavy run Saturday, and I did not get through until 9 o'clock that night. I arrived home half an hour later and entered through the front door, which I left open. I lit a lamp, which was on a table close to the door, and then went to the rear of the room, which is screened off from the front by a curtain, and lit another lamp. Depositing some bundles which I carried in my arms on a table, I turned to go back into the front room and ran plump into the arms of a negro who was standing just in front of the curtain. He grabbed me in a very fierce manner, but it did not frighten me, for I thought it was my son Runyon. Runyon is a very playful sort of boy, and he often tries to scare me. Still thinking it was my son, I said, 'Runyon, behave yourself and leave me go this minute. Ain't you ashamed to scare me in that manner?' Then I saw it was a negro, and I exclaimed: 'You black wretch, what are you doing here? What do you mean, sir?' He gritted his teeth and said, 'I want money.' 'Well,' said I, 'I don't guess you are going to get it. You get out of here.' When I said that he made a rush at me and I shoved him back again. He then stood in the middle of the room and looked at me for some time, as if thinking what next to do. Seeing his hesitancy, I ran to Runyon's bed to get the pistol which he usually keeps under the pillow. It wasn't there—he had removed it to the machine drawer a day or two before, and I had forgotten it. I then ran to my jacket, which was on the bed and got my knife. The minute the negro saw the knife he made another rush at me, and I jabbed the blade right into his breast on the left side clear up to the hilt and twisted it around in him as I pulled it out. This time he hit me with his fist right in the center of the chest and nearly knocked me down. I staggered around a little bit, and he hit me again, this time on the nose, causing it to bleed copiously. I saw that I would either have to fight or he would soon beat me to death, so I started at him with the knife again and kept on jabbing at him until he had retreated clear out of the front door. Further than this I did not follow him. I concluded to let well enough alone and locked the door and sat down to get my breath.

Mrs. Morrissey exhibited the pocket knife with which she defended herself. It had a narrow keen blade about two and one-half inches long, which was stained and clotted with blood. Mrs. Morrissey is of medium stature, heavy set and apparently about 35 or 40 years of age.

### Kugadt Brought Back.

Brenham, Tex., March 7.—Charles Kugadt, charged with the crime of murdering his sister and burning her body, was landed in jail here Saturday morning. Sheriff Teague, accompanied by the prisoner, arrived Saturday morning from Napa, Cal., whither the accused took his flight after the crime. When seen in jail by a reporter Kugadt talked freely of his wanderings. He went to Bryan after shaving his beard off with a shoe knife. From Bryan he bought a ticket to Dallas, thence to San Francisco, and thence to Napa, his old home.

He emphatically denies the murder charge, and claims his sister fell from the wagon and was run over and killed. Fearing he would be accused of her murder, he says he knew of no better way of disposing of her body than by burning. He built a fire, and after feeding the flames with some clothes and a chest of the dead woman, placed the body of his sister in the fire. While describing the minutest details of his flight, capture and return, the accused does not enter into detailed particulars of the occurrences immediately prior to and at the time of his sister's tragic death.

### Paradoxical.

"How is the bicycle trade?"  
"Booming; and yet, as paradoxical as it seems, there is considerable falling off in the business."

### Aged Lady Imprisoned.

Key West, Fla., March 8.—Mrs. Conception Agramonte was a passenger on board the Mascotte from Havana, reaching here Saturday night en route for Tampa. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Agramonte is a widow, 62 years old, lives at Puerto Principe, and has five sons fighting in the Cuban army. She informed the correspondent of the Associated Press that the chief of police of Puerto Principe called upon her and told her that the government had ordered her arrest and conducted her to prison, where she was confined a small cell with eleven other prisoners. Her relatives, fearing that on account of her advanced age she would not be able to endure the severe treatment, offered to pay the authorities for better accommodations for her. These offers were received with sneers. Her relatives were told that anything was good enough for Cubans and they were asked why Mrs. Agramonte should get any better treatment than the rest. Her daughter's appeal to be allowed to see her, was refused.

"My sufferings," said Mrs. Agramonte, "were intense. After remaining in prison twenty-nine days I was sent to Havana and there confined in a house of refuge for women of all classes. The crowded condition of this jail made it worse than the Puerto Principe prison. After three days' confinement there I was released and after having been vaccinated and undergoing the quarantine regulations, I was permitted to leave on the Mascotte. There were no charges preferred against me, and I can think of no reason for my arrest except that my sons are fighting to free Cuba. At the time of my transfer from Puerto Principe jail, two other ladies, Marie Aguilar and Gabrielle Varona, were liberated."

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### Cotton Buyers' Association.

Corsicana, Texas, March 8.—Secretary Swarts of the Navarro County Cotton Buyers' association said yesterday evening:

"The cotton buyers' convention, which is to be held here, is going to be one of the largest affairs ever held in Texas. We expect cotton buyers from all over the state to be on hand to help put on foot an organization which means a great deal to all cotton buyers. Some buyers from other states have signified their intention to be here and participate with us. The local organization has made extensive preparations for the reception of the cotton men."

A dispatch to the Times from Rome says: The pope has decided to send Monsignor Morrey Delwall as apostolic delegate to Canada.

When the American line steamship St. Louis arrived in New York from Southampton, Y she reported that the passage was the most tempestuous she had ever made. Fresh gales blew from the southwest and northwest during the first two days out, when she logged respectively 475 and 379 knots.

### Preparing to Leave.

Athens, March 8.—The ultimatum of the six powers to Greece, insisting upon the withdrawal of Greek troops and fleet from Crete, which was presented on Monday last, expires at 4 p. m. today. At that hour, if Greece still remains obdurate, the ministers of the six powers will leave this city. They are already preparing their embassies for departure. No hostilities or coercive measures are possible until Wednesday, as the foreign admirals must first be advised of the departure of the ministers.

### Three Friends Again.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 8.—The steamer Three Friends left port before daylight yesterday morning, ostensibly for Hawk's channel, to raise the sunken Mexican tug Asserias, but as forty Cubans who had been awaiting here to go upon an expedition were also missing, it is believed that the steamer has really started with another expedition for Cuba.

Two carloads of ammunition that have been at the depot for a month have disappeared, and it is believed were loaded on the vessel at Mayport.

## TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

The other night at Waco, J. H. Welsh, aged 68 years, ruptured a blood vessel and died in a few minutes from hemorrhage.

At Chico, Wise county, Mr. S. C. Sneed's little boy was run over by a wagon several evenings ago and had his thigh broken and badly crushed.

W. J. Green, a prominent farmer at Maloney, fourteen miles west of Ennis, was shot the other evening. The ball entered the groin and the wound is considered a bad one. Officers are after the shooter.

At Greenville, Hunt county, at 4 o'clock the other morning a cottage on North Johnson street burned. It was owned by Mrs. Chandler. Loss \$600; no insurance. It was occupied by Mrs. Newell, who had \$200 insurance on the furniture, and saved enough so that the insurance will cover the loss.

Near Temple, Bell county, Dave Osborn, special policeman at the Missouri, Kansas and Texas depot, stepped off a train and went through a trestle near the water tank, a fall of about twelve feet. His left leg was fractured above the knee and the heel bone was crushed. The doctors despair of saving his foot.

The confectionery store of C. A. Hitchens at Rusk, was burglarized the other night and a lot of candies and groceries are missing. Two negro lads have been arrested charged with the offense. Dr. A. H. McCord's smoke-house was broken into and the doctor is short 1000 pounds of bacon. No clew.

At Terrell, Kaufman county, Hulick Ford was cut three times severely the other morning, once across the cheek laying it open for several inches, one on the back of the hand severing the main leader, and the other on the wrist, cutting the main artery. Frank Wicks and Ford have been placed under arrest.

Dwight McFarland, son of C. H. McFarland of South Travis street, Sherman, Grayson county, was accidentally shot by a smaller brother several days ago, who was handling a 22-caliber rifle. The ball entered at the chin and following the bone around the right side of the face, lodged in the muscles of the neck.

At Paris recently, Miss Mattie Marshall, a white woman, who has been a domestic in the household of J. F. Reynolds, was taken into custody by Sheriff Hammond and held on the charge of insanity. A telegram to the unfortunate woman's relatives in Kansas brought back the request that Miss Marshall be placed in an asylum.

At Celeste, Hunt county, the Lindel hotel was destroyed by fire at 6:30 o'clock the other morning. The fire was discovered in a small house near the hotel, used for supplies. The hotel was owned and occupied by J. C. Short. House valued at \$2000; insured for \$1000. Furniture valued at \$1000, insured for \$500. Part of the furniture was saved, but badly damaged.

At Corsicana, Miss Mabel Butler, who resides on Fountain hill, was thrown from a buggy the other afternoon at about 2 o'clock, and seriously injured. She was driving on South Seventeenth street, when the animal attached to the buggy became frightened and ran at a break-neck speed for 300 or 400 yards to West Twelfth street, making a turn and throwing the occupant out.

The other day at Abilene, Taylor county, Assistant United States District Attorney O. L. Carter was representing the government in the taking of depositions in Indian depredateion claims. The claims under consideration are those of M. W. Northington for \$10,000, losses sustained from depredateions of the Comanches in Hamilton county in 1885, and the claim of S. W. Hood for losses sustained from depredateions of the same tribe in Taylor county in 1876.

Greenville school children are living almost an epidemic of accidents. Recently a little boy at the east school broke his leg, and later a little girl at the high school broke her arm. The other day two similar accidents occurred. One boy, while jumping from a spring-board, broke his left arm below the elbow. Both bones were broken. Another boy, 14 years of age, while riding a horse, was thrown from his horse and when found was unconscious, in which condition he remained for several hours.

From Denton, Denton county, W. H. son Bros. shipped five cars of beef cattle to Kansas City the other night. This shipment makes the total number eight cars shipped from this point for the past few days, and the total number for the month to this date twenty-eight.

A few days ago five children of three different families, living near Palmer, Ellis county, were playing in the woods and finding some mislaid barrels, ate them and all were poisoned thereby. One has since died, but the others will probably recover.

# THE NEW PRESIDENT.

## GRANDEST DAY AT WASHINGTON FOR YEARS.

Simple and Impressive Ceremonies at the Old Senate Chamber—Mr. Stevenson Said Farewell and Mr. Hobart Called the New Senate to Order.

Washington, March 5.—President McKinley made his fealty to the American people at the east terrace of the capitol in the presence of a great multitude. A dazzling and inspiring scene spread out before him as he appeared on the steps of the senate wing to take the oath and deliver his inaugural address. A golden Southern spring sun blazed from a blue sky, an auspicious omen for the administration in 1889 there has been no such auspicious day for the administration.

In contrast to Mr. Cleveland's inauguration in 1889 there has been no such auspicious day for this great ceremony.

Glimpses of soldiery flashed from radiating avenues as far as the eye could reach; the windows of the houses overlooking the scene were massed with people and every available perch of the capitol building was occupied. The terraces in front were precipitous hillocks of humanity; the broad platform, smothered with National flags, on which the ceremony occurred, was built out into the crowd in the form of a right angle.

Mr. McKinley faced the park full of people from a raised and carpeted platform.

The square space at the juncture of the angle was filled with about a thousand kitchen chairs, reserved for the cabinet officers, senators, representatives, members of the diplomatic corps, the supreme court and other dignitaries

called upon to acknowledge the reception, by bowing right and left.

He then took a seat in a big leather chair. The pressure against the stand was so terrific that women screamed with pain and several fainted.

Meantime the procession from the senate continued. The senators, well dressed and imposing, followed by the more nondescript members of the house, sifted into their seats. Then came the dignified and pompous diplomatic corps, headed by the British ambassador.

The governors of the states, the general of the army and the admiral of the navy and officers who had received the thanks of congress, all resplendent in full uniform, made up the rear, and were closely followed by the distinguished assemblage of men and women who had crowded the senate galleries.

Then Mr. McKinley arose and uncovered, while Chief Justice Fuller, in his flowing robes, administered the oath in the presence of the tremendous multitude.

### Birth of a New Senate.

Washington, March 5.—The senate chamber was the center of attraction early yesterday and later in the day the galleries presented a beautiful picture. The senate proceedings, were brief in the terms between recesses. The time had gone by for anything beyond vital legislation on the appropriation bills.

The galleries were started shortly after 11 o'clock when former Queen Lilloukala entered the diplomatic gallery, accompanied by her secretary Mr. Palmer.

The presidential family party arrived at 11:30 and entered the east reserved gallery. Mrs. McKinley, sr., garbed befittingly to her aged years, was a conspicuous figure in the group seated in front. The diplomatic corps entered a moment later led by the chief justice associate justices of the United States

President, calling an extra session of the senate having been read, Vice President Hobart requested the new senators to advance and take the oath of office. At the presiding officer's suggestion, Mr. Morrill, the patriarch of the senate, was complimented with being the first to be sworn in. As the new senators took the oath there was a hum of interest throughout the gallery.

Just before the official party withdrew, Mrs. McKinley and the mother of the president were escorted from the gallery to the east front of the capitol, where the oath of office was taken by the new president. Occupants of the public gallery were held in their places for some time in order not to block the procession of the officials. Gradually the chamber was deserted, and the scene of action was removed to the east front.

### Her Hour of Triumph.

Washington, March 5.—Nancy Allison McKinley, 87 years old, witnessed the inauguration of her son, William, as president of the United States.

She has been waiting for it twenty years. Almost from the time he entered public life she confided the hope to those who knew her best that she would live to see William in the White House. When the hope is realized she will remain a member of his household.

As she entered the hotel Tuesday, leaning on the arm of Chairman Bell, the cheers were heartier than those that had greeted the president-elect a moment before. Every one knew that "Mother" McKinley's hour of triumph was at hand. The relatives and neighbors who had come from Canton all talked of the fatigues of their journey, but she was sprightly and vigorous. At her advanced age she is still strong, mentally and physically.

The cheeriest person on the presidential train was "Mother" McKinley. She watched with the faith that she had in the train rolled along with the keenest interest. When she herself was recognized she nodded pleasantly and chatted with her traveling companions. She had read all about the preparations for the inauguration and contrasted them with former inaugurations. The weather prophecies, too, have received due attention, and it may interest the general public to know that "Mother" McKinley from the store house of experience drew the prophecy that the weather March 4 would be bright and sunny.

The mother of the president-elect does not quite understand newspaper reporters, but tries to oblige them for "William's sake."

The major's mother is in excellent health. She wears her age and her black gown and bonnet with an almost youthful air.

### The Inaugural Ball.

Washington, March 5.—With the night came the crowning glory of the inauguration. The residence and public buildings were aflame with lights, the streets were still crowded with people, but it was at the brilliantly illuminated pension building that politics paid its tribute to society. Thousands of electric lights glittered in the enormous hall and a vast assemblage of prominent men and women were present.

Of dancing there was none during the first two hours, and little thereafter, for the floors were too crowded to watch the display and they did not care to risk their toes and garments in the crush.

The presidential party arrived at the ball at a quarter before 10 o'clock. The president and his wife were escorted by General Nelson A. Miles and General J. M. Wilson of the army. After them came Vice President Hobart and Mrs. Hobart, John Addison Porter, the president's secretary; the president's brother, Abner McKinley, and several members of the McKinley and Hobart families.

Mrs. McKinley's gown was a gray brocaded satin, tinted from gray to blue. It is lined throughout with blue silk and the skirt is a stately train with three panels of embroidered brocade. The waist had a fluffy fichu of rare point d'Alencon producing a decollete effect. The sleeves were full length and finished with a wide frill of lace. The waist at the corsage was caught with diamond pins and she wore a brilliant sun burst in her hair.

Mrs. McKinley, mother of the president, wore a stately black satin gown. Mrs. Barber, the sister of Mrs. McKinley, wore a handsome black moire antique trimmed with Venetian lace. Miss Helen McKinley, sister of the president, wore a gray moire silk trimmed with chiffon and point lace.

Mrs. Hobart is still in mourning, and was consequently simply gowned. The presidential party remained only about an hour. A reception to some of the most prominent guests was cut short when it became evident that Mrs. McKinley was becoming tired. After partaking of light refreshments President and Mrs. McKinley were driven to the White House.

It was shortly after 11 o'clock when they took their departure. The ball was then formally opened. A light supper was served and the remainder of the evening was given up to dancing as the crowd had thinned out sufficiently to permit it.

The "speaker" of the house was so called because he was supposed to deliver all messages orally. This was error. The governorship of New Jersey, who decreed that communications to congress should be made by written message. The title of "speaker" still remains.

The police of New York assert that during the past few months 15,000 New York husbands have been arrested for failure to provide for their wives and children. Hard times is the excuse given by these recreant Benedicts.

### Over the Precipice

Hosts of invalids tumble to destruction simply because they will exercise no discretion in the matters of eating, drinking and the avoidance of exciting causes, and above all, in the item of medication. They persist in dosing themselves in season and out of season with drastic and violent remedies, opiates and mineral poisons. The best, the safest, the pleasantest substitute for such hurtful no-remedies is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, potent for malarial, rheumatic, dyspeptic, nervous and bilious complaints.

### Santa Fe to San Antonio.

Beginning January 16 and every day thereafter a through Pullman sleeper will leave Paris at 5:20 p. m., Dallas at 8:50 p. m., Cleburne at 10:50 p. m., Fort Worth at 9:40 p. m.

Passengers from Fort Worth will connect with sleeper at Cleburne, arriving at San Antonio 8:45 a. m. via Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe to Cameron, San Antonio and Aransas Pass to Flatonia, Southern Pacific to San Antonio, one change only, with direct connections for coach passengers at Cameron. This is absolutely the quickest time between North Texas and San Antonio. W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., G. C. & S. F. Ry.

The average American writes about twenty-one letters a year.

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

The public takes care of many people who are not in the poor house.

TEST BUS POTATOES PER ACRE. Don't believe it, nor did the editor until he saw Salzer's great farm seed catalogue. It's wonderful what an array of facts and figures and new things and big yields and great testimonials it contains.

Send This Notice and 10 Cents Stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., for catalogue and 12 rare farm seed samples, worth \$10, to get a start. W. N.

Fear and hate are nearer akin than first cousins.

Good advice cannot create something out of nothing.

Close cultivation is better than larger fields in any kind of occupation.

Catarh Cannot Be Cured with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarh. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, price 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

### \$1.00 FOR 14 CENTS.

Millions now plant Salzer's seeds, but millions more should; hence offer. 1 pkg. Blamrock Cucumber .....15c 1 pkg. Round Globe Beet .....10c 1 pkg. Earliest Carrot .....10c 1 pkg. Kaiser Wilhelm Lettuce.....15c 1 pkg. Earliest Melon .....10c 1 pkg. Giant Yellow Onion .....15c 1 pkg. 14-Day Radish .....10c 3 pkgs. Brilliant Flower Seeds.....15c Now all of above 10 packages, including our mammoth plant and seed catalogue, are mailed you free upon receipt of only 14 cents' postage. 25 pkgs. Earliest Vegetable Seed \$1.00 21 Brilliant Blooming Plants.....\$1.00 John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. W. N.

A New York man went up to Fall River, Mass., last week and bought \$5,000,000 yards of calico. What a big family of girls he must have.

### On to Kootenai.

The call of 1897 is "On to the Kootenai," the wonderfully rich mining country of Montana, Idaho and British Columbia, where so many mines of gold, silver, copper, lead, iron, etc., have been discovered during the last year or two and new towns and industries established. The town of Roseland grew from 200 people to 6000 in twenty months. Maps and descriptive matter of the entire territory sent free by F. L. Whitney, G. P. & T. A., Great Northern railway, St. Paul, Minn.

The old settler remembers well because there was little to remember.

Montana has the usual numbers of inventors for a new state. There is one to every 1,738 of its population.

Just try a 10c box of Cascarets, candy cathartic, the best liver and bowel regulator that is.

Look up the best man that ever lived, and you will find something "on" him

Java Blend Coffee the leading brand. Hermetically sealed. 1, 2 and 4 pound handsome tins. American Coffee Co. Galveston Coffee Co. (Branch)

It is calculated that the earth weighs about 6,048,838,000,000,000 tons.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 23c Most people who imagine that they need more leisure really require greater energy.

A man is about at the end of his usefulness when it amuses people to make him swear.

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W. N. U.—HOUSTON—No. 11—1897

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.



President McKinley has announced the appointment of his cabinet, as follows: Secretary of state, John Sherman, of Ohio; of the treasury, Lyman J. Gage, of Illinois; of war, Russell A. Alger, of Michigan; of the navy, John D. Long, of Massachusetts; of agriculture, James Wilson, of Iowa; postmaster general, James A. Gray, of Maryland; attorney general, Joseph McKenna, of California; secretary of the interior, Cornelius Bliss, of New York.

who were entitled to admission to the floor of the senate, and the benches, which ran back, tier on tier in both directions, were occupied by those who filled the senate galleries.

Preceded by two military aides, Mrs. McKinley and her party emerged from the senate chamber and were escorted to their seats on the platform in advance of the procession.

The future mistress of the White House, heavily wrapped, rested on the arm of John Addison Porter. She walked somewhat feebly and was given a large leather chair immediately behind the platform, from which her husband was to deliver the inaugural. Mother McKinley and the other members of the party were shown seats just in the rear.

Next came Chief Justice Fuller and the justices of the supreme court, their black silk robes displaying the curves of their generous figures. Immediately in their rear followed Colonel Bright, the sergeant-at-arms of the senate, and the senate committee on arrangements, in which the tall spare form and intellectual countenance of John Sherman, the new premier, was conspicuous.

Then came Mr. McKinley and Mr. Cleveland, arm in arm. Almost instantly they were recognized by the multitude that had been straining for the first glimpse of them. A universal shouting greeted their appearance. The president-elect showed no trace of his recent illness. He held himself splendidly.

As they walked down the platform the wife and daughter became deafening, and when they stopped on the raised platform Mr. McKinley fell

supreme court. Members of the house of representatives, headed by Speaker Reed, then entered the chamber.

There was a stir of interest when the senate announced Vice President-elect Hobart, who entered from the right door and stepped to a seat near the presiding officer's desk.

All this was accessory to the main scene which has been so eagerly awaited—the arrival of President Cleveland and President-elect McKinley. It was just 12:20 when they entered the main doors facing the vice president, and attention at once centered on these two figures. They were seated immediately in front of the presiding officer, facing the senate and the crowd.

The presidential party took their seats and Vice President Stevenson arose and invited his successor to step forward and take the oath of office. Mr. Hobart advanced to go to the desk, raising his right hand and took the oath in accordance with the constitution. Then Mr. Stevenson delivered his valedictory address, speaking hoarsely as a result of the recent strain.

Mr. Hobart now advanced to the presiding chair, and for the first time exercised his official functions by calling the senate to order.

Mr. Hobart moved aside for the blind chaplain of the senate, Mr. Milburn, who, in an impressive voice, delivered the first invocation to the new senate.

As the chaplain closed Vice President Hobart addressed the senate for the first time, speaking in a strong, well modulated tone, as he delivered his introductory address.

The proclamation of the outgoing

LOCAL NEWS.

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J. H. Beasley of Daly, was in town this week.

Walter Connally, a prominent merchant of Tyler, was in Crockett this week.

Big salvage sale of fine organdies, lawns and other popular dress goods now on at MISTROT Bros & Co.

You can get a meal or lunch at all hours at Crockett Bakery Restaurant, N. W. Cor. square.

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

Dave Richardson, who left this city recently to locate in Galveston, has changed his residence to El Paso.

Come and see for yourself what all that scum is over, down at Mistrots. Count yourself lucky if you don't get left.

Judge Gould of Palestine, was in town this week representing the railroad company in important litigation in the district court.

Arthur Collins left Sunday for Beeville in Southwestern Texas where he will make his home. He will go into the commission business.

County-assessor Clinton and Deputy John Ellis have departed from the court-house and are now in the country districts assessing the taxes for 1897.

Charley Shivers has returned from New Orleans and says that the crowd there to witness the Mardi-Gras festivities was simply stupendous.

The public well in the court-house yard has been completed and seems to be a substantial job. Water in abundance was struck at a depth of thirty-five feet.

W. E. Mayes, T. F. Smith, O. D. Kirkpatrick and Arthur Collins are in San Antonio this week attending the annual convention of the Texas Cattle-Raisers' Association.

The grand jury found eight indictments for felony and two for misdemeanor last week. Of the eight men indicted for felony, all had been arrested previous to their indictment and those not in jail were out on bond. District Attorney Jones commented on this as an unusual fact and decidedly creditable to Sheriff Waller.

**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.

Fresh bread and cakes at the Crockett Bakery, N. W. Cor. square.

Miss Lena Stevenson of Lovelady, died in that town last Sunday.

Mrs. T. M. Bowers and daughter, Jessie, left Sunday night for a visit to Austin.

R. D. King has returned from a business trip through North and East Texas.

Miss Adele Bruner has returned home from Pennington, her school there having closed its term.

The Crockett Ice and Light Company made the first run of ice with the new machines last week.

Go to Arledge & Kennedy for your fishing tackle and ammunition. Sporting goods of all kinds.

George Thompson, the commissioner of the Lovelady precinct, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday.

M. M. Furlow of Waco, formerly of this city, who has been visiting friends here, returned Tuesday to Waco.

Misses Mina Stov and Sallie Caldwell, of Grapeland, are visiting Mrs. Dan J. Kennedy, this week.

Have you seen the latest in spring and summer clothing from the Royal Tailors? If not call on Gail King at MISTROT's.

Misses Reba Miller and Adele Winfree left this (Friday) morning for Coltharp to be present at the closing exercises of Miss Ruth King's school.

Constable Satterwhite left Monday afternoon for Shady Grove to see his mother, Mrs. F. M. Satterwhite and his two sisters, all of whom are ill with pneumonia, his mother seriously so.

W. B. Mandlestamm and family are here the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Bromberg. Mr. Mandlestamm will take charge of a dry goods store to be opened here.

District Attorney Jones returned Monday from his home at Athens and has been busy all week helping the grand jury and preparing for the arduous work ahead of him when the criminal docket is taken up next week.

The men's prayer meeting recently organized in this city, will meet every Monday night during the present month at the Baptist church. Next month the meetings will be held at another church. They are for men only.

Prof. R. L. Dewees has closed his school at Enon near Grapeland, for the term, and was in town last Saturday. A bright young man is Prof. Dewees, and he has in a brief time established an excellent reputation as a teacher.

Over \$3000 worth of dress goods, shoes, clothing, ladies' waists, hats and men's furnishing goods; some slightly damaged by water, but most of them in perfect order, from the Underwriters' Salvage Co., of New York, now on sale at 1/2 price at MISTROT's.

Bryant Wilson, who left here last week for St. Louis to buy goods, is now lying sick in that city with a well developed case of the measles. A friend with him has written to Dan McLean, Mr. Wilson's partner, that there is no cause for uneasiness.

Last Sunday afternoon at the court house an organization of the Christian Church in this city was perfected with a membership of twenty-six people. Rev. H. Hamilton of Lovelady, who preached that night, will hereafter conduct services in Crockett the first Sabbath night in each month at the court house.

Master Priest Valentine left Tuesday night for Warren, on the Southern Pacific, to accompany back here his grandmother, Mrs. M. R. Valentine, who has been visiting her daughter in Warren and is just recovering from a serious spell of illness.

For the month of February, Collector Sheridan turned over the following moneys: To the county treasurer, \$1862.55; to the state treasurer, \$1081.02; to the county treasurer for school purposes, \$1054.95; to the city treasurer for school purposes, \$117.22. Total, \$4115.74.

Jim Smith, the negro who shot his brother-in-law, Bob Williams, on the M. M. Baker place north of town and then made his escape, on Thursday of last week, came in next day and surrendered to the sheriff. He is in jail in default of \$500 bail. Williams is in a fair way to recover.

C. W. Ellis, the grocer, like every successful modern merchant, believes in printers' ink. Mr. Ellis has won his way to the front rank of the family grocery business in this city and section and he knows the value of business reputation too well to relax a moment in his efforts to hold his well earned supremacy. His house is headquarters in his line.

Miss Hattie Woodward, sister of Mrs. Fannie Long of this city, left Sunday night for San Antonio where her parents reside and where she will remain indefinitely. Miss Hattie is one of Crockett's charming young ladies, a general favorite in the best society circles here, and her friends all feel that San Antonio has robbed our town of one of its sweetest girls.

On Wednesday afternoon in the district court, E. H. Carter, of Shelby county and Porter Newman, of Augusta, this county, were examined for admission to the bar by a committee of lawyers composed of Judge Aldrich, J. M. Crook, D. A. Nunn, Jr., A. D. Lipscomb and Earl Adams. It was, of course, a trying ordeal for the two young men but they had burned midnight oil to good purpose and were recommended for admission.

Simon S. Hartman, of Tunnelton, West Va., has been subject to attack about once a year, and would have to call a doctor and then suffer for about twelve hours as much as some do when they die. He was taken recently just the same as at other times, and concluded to try Chamberlain's colic, cholera and diarrhoea remedy. He says: "I took one dose of it and it gave me relief in five minutes. That is more than anything else has ever done for me." Sold by B. F. Chamberlain, Crockett and W. Totty Grapeland.

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**Announcements.**

We are authorized to announce the name of H. W. McElvey as a candidate for City Marshal at the approaching city election in April.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. C. Lacy, as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal at the approaching city election in April.

**Election.**

It is ordered by the City Council of the City of Crockett that an election be held within the corporate limits of the City of Crockett on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1897, for the election of three aldermen and a City Marshal of the City of Crockett to serve for two years. Geo. W. Crook, presiding officer Passed March 3d 1897.

J. C. WOOTTERS,

Mayor of City of Crockett, Texas.

ATTEST:

EARL ADAMS, JR, Sec'y of the City of Crockett, Tex.

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**Bids Wanted.**

For reason that the pauper list has become so extensive and expensive, costing the county now something over three hundred dollars per quarter or over twelve hundred dollars annually, the county commissioners are considering the policy of purchasing a poor farm and establishing thereon a poor house for the support and maintenance of 28 paupers now drawing from the county treasury over twelve hundred dollars per year, and as many more who have made application and been rejected; therefore by virtue of resolution passed by the commissioners' court, vesting such authority in me as county judge, I call for bids to sell the county a suitable place of one hundred or one hundred and fifty acres or thereabouts of good, productive farming land convenient to the town of Crockett. Said offers or bids to be filed with county judge by first of April, 1897—said commissioners' court reserving the right to accept any bid or offer, or to reject all. For further particulars call on

E. WIFFARE,  
County Judge, Houston County.

All last winter Mr. Geo. A. Mills, of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. At times it was so severe that he could not stand up straight, but was drawn over on one side. "I tried different remedies without receiving relief," he says, "until, about six months ago I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using it for three days my rheumatism was gone and has not returned since. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Crockett, W. Totty, Grapeland.

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**Clinton, Missouri.**

Mr. A. L. Armstrong, an old druggist and prominent citizen of this enterprising town, says: "I sell some forty different kinds of cough medicines, but have never in my experience sold so much of any one as I have of Ballard's Horehound Syrup. All who use it say that it is the most perfect remedy for Coughs, Colds, Consumption, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs, they have ever tried." It is a specific for Croup and Whooping Cough. It will relieve a cough in one minute. Contains no opiates. 25c and 50c. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

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THE COURIER.

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

If the legislature would only submit a constitutional amendment providing for elections every four years and making every state officer ineligible after one term, it would erect a monument to its wisdom and patriotism which no other body has ever done.

We have always believed in a proper observance of the Sabbath and most heartily condemn and condemn this almost universal habit of violating it in games of base ball and similar amusements.

What He Saw in the Country.

A prominent and observant citizen of Crockett who has just returned from an extensive trip through the rural districts of the county, was so much gratified and enthused with what he saw that he cornered a representative of the COURIER at the first opportunity and delivered himself in about this fashion: "I have been living in Houston county for nearly forty years and have kept tab on these people until I know them about as well as the next one."

thoroughly, practices economy, buys nothing that he can raise and has a surplus of something to sell every year that will be clear profit to him, will always keep ahead and get better fixed each year.

Waterworks.

The COURIER has been pulling for and advocating a system of waterworks at either public or private expense. We are led to hope that by fall the scheme will be carried out and the town fully equipped with this almost indispensable accessory.

We Should Stand By It.

Intelligent self interest should prompt the citizens of Crockett to give a strong and growing patronage to the Electric Light Company in this city. Electric lights are a part of the scheme of modern civilization as much as railroads or any improved form of machinery in general use.

Hog Law Elections.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Crockett, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to wit: Beginning at the N. W. corner of the John Box league, thence E. with line of same to N. E. corner, thence with E. line of said league to S. E. corner of same, thence with S. line of same W. to N. E. corner of N. C. Hodges league, thence with E. line of same passing S. E. corner to San Antonio road, thence with said road N. E. to W. line of J. Masters Jr. league, thence with W. line of same to N. W. corner, thence with N. W. line of same to J. Strode league, thence with W. line of same to S. W. corner, continues same course to E. line of Joseph Teague league, thence with said line to passing S. E. corner and continuing same course to Coltharp road, thence W. to Jarrett Allen's labor and S. with E. line of same to S. E. corner, thence W. with S. line of same and S. line of J. W. McLean's labor, continues same course to Coltharp road and with said road to S. E. corner of William Stanton's land, thence Southwesterly and down Dickey's Creek to S. E. corner of Joseph Hodges' league, thence with S. E. line of same to S. W. corner of same and continues same course to S. E. corner of John Moore league, thence with N. E. line of same to N. E. corner, thence with N. W. line of same to the N. W. corner and continues same course to E. line of Porter Springs' beat, thence up said line to Hurricane Bayou, thence up said Bayou for line to mouth of Black Run creek, thence up said creek to N. line of B. B. Ellis' survey, thence E. with line of same to N. E. corner and continues same course with N. line of Charles Frazier's land to N. W. corner of William White's league and with N. line of same to S. E. corner of A. W. Beckham's league, thence with line of same to Elkhart Creek, thence up said creek to place of beginning—the said election to be held free of cost to the county. B. F. Duren is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE,

County Judge, Houston County.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Weches, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of San Pedro Creek, running up said creek to the McLean creek, up McLean creek to the San Antonio road, thence with said road to the 15 mile post from Crockett, thence Southward to the Burnt Bridge road to the Moffet old field, thence Eastward with said road to the old Burnt Bridge on the Neches river, thence up the river with its meanderings to the place of beginning—the said election to be held free of any expense to the county. R. P. Robbins is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE,

County Judge, Houston County.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Daly, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to wit: Beginning at the Navarro crossing on Trinity river, thence with the Houston and Anderson counties' line to the Horn School House, thence with the Grapeland road to the North Elkhart creek, thence up said creek to the old Magnolia and Crockett road, thence with said road to the Big Elkhart creek, thence down said creek to the Gordiana Bodilla league line, thence with the East boundary line of said league to the Joseph Walling headright, thence with said Walling headright line to the Grapeland and Trinity road, thence with said road to the Southeast corner of the Garrison Greenwood survey, thence with the boundary line of said survey to the old Crockett and Navarro road, thence with said road to the place of beginning. The said election to be held free of expense to the county. W. P. Kyle is hereby appointed manager of said election.

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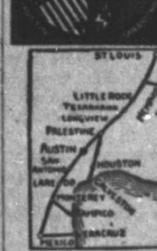
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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, PALESTINE, TEXAS, Feb. 6, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 5th, 1897, at 11 o'clock, A. M. pursuant to the By-laws of the Company, for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting. Notice is also hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 5th, 1897, at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to the By-Laws of the Company, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. A. B. HOWARD, Secretary.

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