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KNOWLEDGE IS POWER.

Among all the trite expressions that trip so glibly from the tongues of Americans, there is no more forceful one than that which heads this article. Knowledge is power in whatever walk of life you are located. If your station is lowly, knowledge will lift you out of it—will elevate you to a higher sphere. If your position is an already exalted one, knowledge will sustain you in it; knowledge will make you master of the situation in any and every case. Taken in a purely business sense, applied to merchandising in general and to the dry goods trade in particular, knowledge is an unmistakable source of strength. Knowledge of the Markets is the foundation of successful buying. Successful buying is the shortest road possible to successful selling. Successful buying and successful selling means absolute business success and fortune. We know when, where and how to buy and it is useless to tell you that

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STRIKE FOR and don't you know that John will get **SOME SUGAR** Out of this thing?

Ah me! It brings a smile all over my face to know the bargains that we will throw before the public. We know whereof we speak that every merchant in Crockett selling goods for cash have already bought up to their full capacity, that is, to their bottom dollar all their goods—notwithstanding we expect some of them to HOWL about their great bargains from the St. Louis fire.

Ladies : Don't : Get : Restless

and send to JERICHO for a hat. Our trimmer is now in St. Louis learning every thing that is late and new about hats and will soon be with us lavishly equipped for the Spring and Summer trade in Millinery dress goods, fine footwear etc.

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In - Conclusion,

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Its hope that keeps us up,

Its hope that makes our memories green,

Its hope that makes our lives sublime,

But it is soap that keeps us clean.

Blessed are they who buy soap here to day, for they shall surely become clean.

Respectfully

W. V. MCGONNELL.

District Court.

Following are the proceedings of the district court since the last issue of the Courier: W. B. Becton vs W. B. Worthington, et al., trespass to try title, verdict for plaintiff for land sued for and judgment for \$1500 against executor of R. B. Reed on warranty in favor of Woodson's administrator. First National Bank of Crockett vs S. H. Cook and F. A. Smith, suit on note, compromised. Chas. Long et al. vs J. B. Smith et al., case fully described elsewhere in this issue. Last Saturday, the grand jury came into court and returned three indictments for felony, and on the day previous, six indictments for felony and three for misdemeanors. The grand jury has adjourned 'till the 29th. inst. On Tuesday of this week the criminal docket was taken up and the following cases disposed of: State vs Wyatt Williams, (col.) assault to murder, jury trial, convicted and got two years. State vs Joe Ansley, (col.) plead guilty burglary, 2 years reformatory. State vs C. Watson, (col.) theft of hogs, now on trial. Thursday morning, Judge Gill announced that the following cases would be subject to call this week: State vs Andy Jones, assault to murder; vs Andrew Britton, conversion of horse; vs Claud Jackson, assault to murder; vs Jim Smith, assault to murder; vs Wm. Tryan, disposing of mortgaged property; vs

Andy Nathaniel, theft of hogs; vs Tom Bryant, theft of hogs; vs Mack Harrison, two cases assault to murder; vs Adam Guildford, assault to murder; vs Floyd Watson, theft of hogs. State vs Henry Martin, burglary, two cases, to be called Monday, 22nd. All other criminal cases not otherwise set, are subject to call March 25th.

A Sharp Legal Contest.

For two days and into the night on Monday, there had been going on before Judge Gill a spirited, stubbornly contested battle between what is known as the "Long heirs," on one side and J. C. Wootters and Dr. J. B. Smith on the other. The guerdon of the combat is a lot or piece of ground in East Crockett, on which the old female academy formerly stood, but which is now covered in part by the elegant and handsome residence of H. F. Moore. J. C. Wootters and J. B. Smith are represented by attorneys Earle Adams, Sr., and D. A. Nunn, Jr., Harvey Bayne, John Taylor, Tom Bayne, Mrs. Dunwoody, Mrs. Ed. Hall and Charley Long are represented by Judge Gould, of Palestine, and A. D. Lipscomb and John I. Moore, of Crockett.

After the lot had ceased to be used for school purposes, Dr. J. B. Smith, bought up the interest of the stockholders in said lot and took from each a transfer of their claims to the parcel of ground. After securing such transfers, J. B. Smith pro-

ceeded to sell and did sell the lot to H. F. Moore for residence purposes. In doing so, he proceeded on the hypothesis that the original deed from Col. John Long to the original stockholders was an absolute, indefeasible transfer and without qualification of reversionary interest. The heirs denied that Col. Long made such a deed, claiming that he conveyed the lot for a specific purpose, to-wit: To be used as a site for a female academy and after it ceased to be so used, the lot or land reverted to the Long estate to be divided among his heirs.

The battle was over this question or point, and as the deed had been lost or could not be produced and all records of that date were burned, the contest became an intensely warm one on both sides and both sides exhausted every resource to fortify their positions. Wootters testified that the deed was an absolute conveyance, without reservation or reversion and to sustain his view of it other witnesses were put on the stand. The other side were equally zealous and earnest and produced an array of witnesses to show that the conveyance was not an absolute but, qualified one. All the evidence was from memory and the conveyance was made forty odd years ago.

The fight was a most warmly contested, obstinate one, every inch of the judicial proceeding being fought over. The evidence, or

some parts of it, of every witness was objected to and the objection overruled or sustained by Judge Gill with a promptness, a dispatch and a clearness that contrasted singularly and pleasantly with the shifting, straddling and indecisive conduct of the gentleman who rattled around on this bench the two years past. Both sides closed about 5 o'clock Monday afternoon. The legal aspects of the case were first presented and argued by attorneys Gould and Lipscomb and then John I. Moore addressed the jury on the facts for about three quarters of an hour. Court adjourned for supper and argument was resumed at 7:30. After supper D. A. Nunn, Jr., Earle Adams and Judge Gould addressed the jury.

There was evidence to show that the deed in question was an absolute conveyance and on the other hand there was evidence to show that the conveyance, was for a specific purpose with a reservation and with reversionary interests. The evidence of Frank Beckham was unequivocal in its tendency on this feature and that of Dick Burton, W. E. Hall and others strongly supported and corroborated this theory. The testimony of Burton, Hall, et al., was ruled out as hearsay. The evidence of Harvey Bayne, Hardin Bayne and Frank Edmiston was to effect that J. C. Wootters had told them, or had said in

their presence that the property reverted.

This case has evoked no small degree of interest and the court room has been well filled by friends of both sides and both side, have warm friends and well-wishers in the contest. Argument on the case was concluded Monday night and on Tuesday morning Judge Gill delivered an exhaustive and lucid charge to the jury. The jury deliberated on the case all day, Tuesday, and in the afternoon, late, came into court and announced that they stood 10 to 2 with little prospect of agreeing. Judge Gill directed them to resume deliberations after supper again. Wednesday they again reported that they could not agree and the judge discharged them. It is learned that the jury stood 10 for the Long heirs and 2 for Wootters and Smith, the two being John McCann and E. A. Nichols. The full jury is as follows: B. S. Harrison, (foreman) Will Holcomb, J. H. B. Kyle, J. H. McCann, Garrett Holcomb, I. M. Baber, A. F. Morrow, Henry Kent, Jr., E. A. Nichols, J. P. Bowdoin, Scott Yarborough, Gid Webb.

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Houston County

ITS ADVANTAGES

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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 87 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.

ORES AND CLAY.

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

STOCK.

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

FRUIT.

The soil of Houston County is unsurpassed in its adaptability to fruit culture. Apples, peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots and grapes yield enormous crops. In this business there is a chance for fortunes to be made, as early fruit and berries can be matured and shipped to the northern markets before competition from other sections affects the market price. Strawberries, blackberries, dewberries and others are grown 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 Purley" 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, Belott 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 county 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 8500 to 10000. 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 3 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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Too Much Knife!

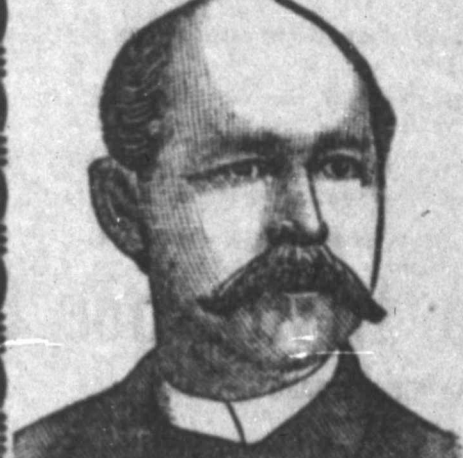
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LONDON IN 1772.

It Was Considered a Joke to Turn Cattle Into a Ballroom.

Can anyone tell me anything of the city assembly rooms and the assembly rooms "on the Surrey side," i. e., Southwark, about the year 1772? The social side of the city about that time is curiously difficult to get at satisfactorily, says Walter Besant in the Queen. For instance, when Catherine Hulston went to London in 1783, being then 27 years of age, she went with a certain J. Woodhouse and his mother. They called for her at 7:30 in the evening, the gentleman being dressed in a suit of pale-pink French silk, spotted with pink and green, the coat lined with pink silk, his hair in a bag, a white feather in his hat, a sword by his side and his ruffe and frill of fine point lace. This seems very splendid. At the assembly the men were chiefly in "dress coats"—meaning, probably, of blue or pink silk, like that of Mr. Woodhouse; those who were not wore "cloth coats, trimmed with narrow gold lace, with waistcoats of silver tissue" and the hair "in a queue, with curls flying out on each side of the head." The other ladies were covered with diamonds. "The subscription to the city assembly is 3 guineas; there are 200 subscribers and late nights; the subscribers are the first people in the city; the rooms are lighted with wax; the branches for the candles, the urns for the tea and coffee and the baskets for the cakes and macaroons are of silver." I want to know more about this assembly. As regards the Surrey assembly all I can tell you about it is that the room was on the ground floor, and that on a certain night—the opening night of the season of 1772 (?)—while the dancing was at its height, some wag threw open the front door and gave admission to a drove of oxen, which began to run about in a most terrifying manner. Some of the men drew their swords valiantly; others tumbled down; the ladies fainted and fell over the men; caps, hoops, tippets, handkerchiefs were lying all about the floor. And the oxen bellowed and ran about, threatening with their horns. What would have happened one knows not; but "sprightly Mrs. Hanniver"—presumably a lady connected with the supper department—"coming from the lactarium with bub for the gentlemen"—"bub" is defined by Webster as a strong malt drink—snatched from the master of the ceremonies his mopstick—did the M. C. on the Surrey side carry a mopstick as a wand of office—and with so much spirit belabored the horny tribe that they fled incontinent. When the company gathered themselves together and picked up what they could, being horribly disheveled amid the general wreck—hoops gone, wigs pulled to pieces, head-gear destroyed, dresses torn—they proceeded, I suspect, to refresh themselves with the sprightly Mrs. Hanniver's stimulating bub. If anyone will tell me more about this assembly I shall be grateful.

Comfortable Shoes.

People who are troubled with cold feet may take heart. In Germany there has been patented a contrivance described as a "heatable shoe." The heel is hollowed out, and in this hollow is a receptacle for a glowing substance similar to that used in Japanese hand-warmers. Between the soles, imbedded in asbestos covers, is a rubber bag which is filled with water. The heating substance in the heel keeps the water warm, and it circulates while the wearer is walking, thus imparting a pleasant warmth to the foot. A small safety-valve is provided, so that the bag cannot burst. The warmth given by the sole never rises above seventy degrees Fahrenheit, and will last about eight hours. Popular Science News says that the sole is not unreasonably thick, being only slightly thicker than that of a wet-weather shoe.

Engagements Secured.

Engagements were not entered into lightly those days. It was a queer, barbarous time, and a man's or a woman's word was considered binding. One did not promise "for life," meaning "for a few months." Words were taken at their face value, and full payment was expected. To people who were thoughtful and honest the rule was a benefit, but to the careless and capricious it must have been often very irksome; so it can be seen that it was a shockingly bad principle, for it was inconvenient to the majority. It also interfered greatly with the authority of parents and guardians—another fault which totally condemns it.—Lippincott's.

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Too many people imagine that a debt is paid when its form is changed.

No tropical plant ever grew as fast as a small annoyance will increase.

We can all of us find excuses for hating, without sitting up nights to think.

Compulsory idleness is a monstrous iniquity. Every man should have a job.

Exaggerated truth is in many respects more dangerous than an all-wool falsehood.

Generally when a man's acts return to plague him, he whines around that he is persecuted.

Perseverance is all right, so long as it does not degenerate into obstinate butting of a stone wall.

The man who pays undue regard to himself does not appreciate that he is increasing his load of cares.

So far, bills have been introduced in the Kansas legislature touching every subject save hypnotism.

The man who pays undue regard to himself does not appreciate that he is increasing his load of cares.

The man who accepts alimony from his unfaithful wife is too honorable to fight a duel with a gypsy fiddler.

People who never do things they think wrong save themselves a vast amount of voluntary explanation.

One of the things which assures us of the stability of the republic is the spirit of absolute holiness with which the drawer of a salary in a public office celebrates every legal holiday by keeping from working.

Political "science," often of an ingenious sort, is used in choosing the sites of capitals; but Brazil has now employed natural science for the purpose. He de Janeiro being unhealthy, the Brazilian government appointed a commission of scientists to select a location suitable for a new capital. The commission has fixed upon a plateau 4,000 feet above the sea-level. The distance by rail from the coast is said to be eighteen hours. No yellow fever invades the spot, and other conditions favorable to health are reported. The Popular Science News says that this is believed to be the first occasion on record in which science has been called in to choose the site of a capital. Bad air and bad legislation have doubtless been associated, more than once, as cause and effect.

A decision of the Indiana Supreme Court upheld the validity of the state law of 1893, which provides for the taxation of telephone, telegraph, palace car, sleeping car, dining car, express and fast freight companies, and empowers the state board of tax commissioners to assess taxation other than that of a local character, and imposes a penalty of 50 per cent upon those failing to pay their taxes at the time specified. The amount involved in the Indiana cases is estimated by the Indiana attorney-general at \$100,000. In the Ohio cases the amount involved is more considerable. The state will, it is said, be a gainer by about \$400,000, the approximate amount of the taxes for three years, not to speak of the amount which will go into the state treasury from this source annually.

David Starr Jordan, president of Stanford University, says: "One of the most disquieting features of the social condition of our times is the rush of young men to the cities. Resulting from this is the weakness and instability of the farming population as compared with the same class half a century ago. Steadiness of national character goes with firmness of foothold on the soil. We may well look with alarm on a condition in which all men of wealth and power shall be gathered in the cities, while the farms are left to the weak and inefficient or to the peasants of other nations. As matters are, the cities are great destroyers of human life. We have not learned properly to govern them nor to make them effective, and every city is full of human failures, results of misdirected effort. A tour of the principal streets, halls and meeting places on Sunday evening in any great city will show how terribly true this is. Certainly one-fourth the present population of such a city as San Francisco for example has no real business there. These people are doing nothing which is effective for themselves or helpful to others, and the condition of the other three-fourths, and most likely their own condition, would be disturbed if they were not persons who would go back to the farms."

MISSISSIPPI IS RISING

MUCH SUFFERING IN THE FLOODED DISTRICTS.

People Surrounded by Water and in a Perilous Position on President's Island—Property Destroyed—Reply of the Porte.

Memphis, Tenn., March 15.—The Mississippi river continues to rise and the situation in the low lands of Arkansas opposite this city is very serious. Last night the river stood 36.3, a rise of seven-tenths since Saturday night. This is the highest record since the establishment of the weather office here in 1872 and probably since the sinking of the low lands of Missouri, Arkansas and Tennessee by the earthquakes many years ago. The government gauge yesterday recorded 36.3 feet above the low water mark, but owing to a change in the gauge since the previous high waters this would read on the old gauge 37.2. The high water mark on the old gauge was 36.5 made in the old flood of 1890. The rise during the day was slightly more than half a foot, and the indications are that the big stream will continue to rise slowly during the next twenty-four hours. On all of the islands near the city and in the low lands of Arkansas there is great suffering among the people and there is also great loss of stock and produce but no authentic reports have been received of persons having been drowned. People are leaving the low lands for this side of the river as fast as they can and are bringing with them all of the stock and property movable under the conditions. Several of the small levees or rather private dikes, around towns and plantations have broken but so far as heard from there have been no breaks in the main levee systems either to the north or south. All of these are being closely watched night and day.

At Marion, where a break in the dike occurred on Friday night, a scene of desolation exists. The little town is four or five feet under water, many houses and cabins have been washed away and the inhabitants have sought shelter elsewhere. Hundreds of horses and cattle have been destroyed by the resistless waters and today 400 swine, corralled on a small strip of ground near Marion, were swept away.

At Osceola grave apprehension is felt and yesterday every man and boy in the neighborhood went to work with a will building an additional levee to protect the town.

At Sans Souci, a small town immediately below Osceola, the Anchor Line steamer Bluff City yesterday afternoon attempted to land her passengers and freight. The citizens and levee patrolmen ordered the captain to keep his boat moving, saying that the waves from the steamer's wheel would break over the levee. The captain, however, attempted to land when the boat was met by a wholesale fusillade of bullets from the shore, but fortunately no one was hurt. The boat was then headed southward and the captain wisely proceeded on his course to Memphis.

Word was received here last night that many persons were surrounded by water on President Island five miles south of the city and that their position was perilous. A steamer has been dispatched to their rescue.

Last night the train dispatcher of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley said that all of the reports received over the company's wires from the South were to the effect that the levees were standing the strain well. At Helena the water is seven feet above the danger line, while at Vicksburg it is within a foot of it. The reports from the up country are anything but encouraging for this section of the country. While the Ohio river is falling at Wheeling, Louisville and Cincinnati, there was a rise during the last twenty-four hours of four-tenths of an inch at Cairo, while the rainfall in the watershed tributary to Chattanooga in the Tennessee basin has been two inches.

Local Option Prosecution. Georgetown, Texas, March 15.—The criminal docket of the county court will be cleared up this week, Judge Robertson and Prosecuting Attorney Chessier having pushed cases vigorously.

Parties charged with violations of the local option law have had rough sailing this term. The following convictions have been had: Will Massey and O. R. Bartosh, Grainger; Ad Rose, Georgetown, and Jess Hutchins, Bartlett, in two cases. J. H. Johnson, Round Rock, was acquitted in one case and there was a mistrial.

Manchester Market. Manchester, March 15.—There was a moderate trade during the last week and the general week is not discouraging. There was a steady call from Bombay and Kurrachee, and Calcutta is increasing its demand. China is placing regular orders daily and the market showed firm. Yarns are still leading and cloth is in good demand. There are few who are lacking the opportunity to sell, but the working margin is still poor. Continental spinners continue to be well. The London market is firm and satisfactory.

THE TARIFF BILL

Washington, March 15.—The final work upon the tariff bill occupied the time of the republican members of the ways and means committee today, and tonight they assembled for their last conference.

Chairman Dingley said that the bill would be finished at this meeting, but it might be necessary for the committee to work all night to accomplish its task. As soon as the committee's draft of the bill has been completed it will be rushed to the government printing office and a force of picked men will be put to work upon it so that it may be presented in the house by 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

It is possible that changes may be made in some of the most important schedules even at this late hour, particularly the wool schedules over which there are differences of opinion in the committee. The reciprocity scheme has not yet been formulated into words, and some features of the plan are still subject to changes. Apart from the chances of revision tonight, the important feature of the bill will stand as they have been heretofore determined upon and as they have been outlined from day to day by the Associated Press.

The corridors of the Cochran hotel, where the tariff makers have an office, have been swarming all day with woolmen, wool manufacturers and representatives of other interests, and great pressure has been brought to bear to have various features of the bill hanged before it is given to the house.

Chairman Dingley said tonight that it had not been decided how much time would be allowed for tariff debate in the house. Every week of talk, he remarked, would cost the country hundred of millions in revenue through importations which would be rushed into the country under the existing low duties.

Alabama Race Riot. Birmingham, Ala., March 15.—Two tragic deaths, a policeman shot and a small riot in which a dozen persons were more or less hurt constitute the net result of what occurred inside of thirty minutes on South side this afternoon. Last night a burglary was committed. Policeman William Perdue was detailed in the case and this afternoon he found Will Hunter, a negro, and arrested him. Hunter drew his pistol and fired, striking Perdue on the jaw, inflicting a dangerous wound. After firing three shots, the officer fell from exhaustion; his last shot wounded Hunter fatally in the back. It developed afterwards that one of Perdue's shots killed Myrtle Boland, a five-year old girl, who was playing in an alley two blocks away.

When the police finally took Hunter in charge a mob of negroes gathered, threatening to rescue the wounded prisoner. A number of white men soon appeared on the scene and a general free fight ensued between the negroes and whites in which fully a dozen people were more or less hurt and several negroes badly beaten.

Jackson and Walling. Frankfort, Ky., March 15.—Many false reports have been sent out about the governor's action in the Walling and Jackson case. Late Friday evening he finally passed upon Jackson's case, refusing to interfere, which fact was bulletined by the Associated Press a minute after the official act. He then announced and has continued to announce that he will not pass on Walling's case until today or later. Walling's friends are greatly in hopes from the governor's manner that he will respite Walling for a few days or until Jackson is hanged and all hope of any confession from him is dispelled or fulfilled.

It is possible, though not probable, that he will do so. The governor has been flooded with telegrams from all parts of the country and from all kinds of people begging him to spare the lives of these men.

Policeman Henry Payne of Birmingham, Ky., was shot and instantly killed by Walter Merritt, a gambler, who was in turn killed by Policeman Morean and Cravens.

Reply of the Porte. Constantinople, March 15.—The porte continues to adopt an acquiescent tone in answer to the requests of the powers. Replying to the collective note of the ambassadors of the 5th instant, the porte announces in writing its intention to concentrate the Ottoman troops in Crete in the fortified towns as soon as the Greek troops have evacuated the island. The porte has also sent an identical request to the envoys of the powers, begging them to expedite the solution of the crisis.

Pillaging Continued. Cannes, March 15.—Pillaging began early at Candia, Retimo, and at this place and has continued. The bishop of Nice remains here, though alone, in the hope of being able to save the metropolitan church from pillage. The landing of the European troops is expected immediately.

The insurgents maintain a ceaseless cannonade at Spinalonga. They are in excellent spirits and the health and morals of the troops of Colonel Vassos show no signs of falling.

A LADY ASSAULTED

BY A NEGRO VILLAIN NEAR HONEY GROVE.

A Man Was Arrested as a Suspect and Harried Off to Jail—The Lady May Not Recover—The Citizens are Aroused Over the Crime.

Honey Grove, Tex., March 15.—News reached this place about 12 o'clock yesterday that Mrs. John Roaden, living on the Childs farm about five miles southeast of here, was attacked by a negro.

Yesterday morning at about 11 o'clock the negro entered the room where Mrs. Roaden was cooking dinner, closing the door behind him, and at the same time drove the two little daughters of Mrs. Roaden from the room, closing all doors, grabbed Mrs. Roaden by the throat, forcing her to the floor, leaving no one in the room except himself and Mrs. Roaden.

The screams of Mrs. Roaden and her two little children were heard by some parties passing. The negro became frightened and ran off. One party who heard the screams of Mrs. Roaden shot at the negro as he was making his escape, but his shot failed to take effect.

About 1:30 o'clock a negro by the name of Preston Rhodes was arrested and lodged in jail.

At 3:15 p. m. Sheriff Riddling arrived in this city in response to a telegram. He was met at the depot by Deputy Sheriff Larriem and others with the accused negro. They started in a carriage to the house of Roaden for identification. They were met by some parties who gave a description of the one that committed the deed.

It suited the negro that they had in their possession. Sheriff Riddling and his deputy turned their course with the negro, passing through this place, changed their horses at the livery stable and left for Bonham.

At 5 o'clock there was a mass meeting called at the city hall, where a petition was circulated and was signed by several hundred of the best citizens of this city requesting the sheriff to return the negro at once to be carried before Mrs. Roaden for identification, as she was not expected to live until morning.

Storage Reservoir Cut. Orange, Tex., March 15.—Some persons cut a levee at the Magnolia farm this week and lost to the owners thousands of gallons of head water from one of the large storage reservoirs, a loss that sixty days later would have cost the company a crop worth several thousand dollars.

W. T. Swinford, speaking of the matter, says: "It is not certain that the present statute on malicious mischief will cover the case, but if it will, it could not avail anything in restoring the damage suffered by the farmer, and the present legislature could not devote a portion of its time to a better purpose than by making such a crime a felony. The rice interest has within the last four years developed into a most important one for East Texas, as it raised the value on swamp and marsh lands that previous to this introduction were a drag on the market at 25 cents an acre to the highest values of any agricultural acreage in the coast country, and no species of vandalism deserves more severe treatment than the destruction of reservoirs. It is an offense much more serious in its results than that of fence cutting, since the ranchman can at least recover the cattle escape, but the rice planter loses his dam or levee, and in addition sacrifices his whole year's crop, for nothing else can be planted on the ground, and except in a very rainy season, rice can not be grown without being flooded, to insure which it is necessary to store the winter and spring rainfall."

Store Robbed. Satch, Tex., March 15.—A burglar entered Mr. S. J. Parker's house, of this place, Friday night through a window. He secured about \$4 in money, taken out of Mr. Parker's trousers pocket, and scattered some small change about the floor and left the trousers near the window where he entered. It is supposed that he went through a room where a young man slept, who had \$100, as a window was left up in that room, but did not get anything. Mr. J. W. Newsom ran a man from his house the same night.

Cattle Shipment. Marlin, Tex., March 15.—Eleven cars of beefs were shipped to the Chicago market from here last week. Four and five-pound trout and other fish continue to die at the lake here at the rate of about fifty per day last week until the last day or two, when fatality has not been so great. Visitors continue to arrive in the city on nearly every train, for the purpose of using the water from the famous hot artesian well, and no use has yet been reported that has not been benefited, if not cured by its use.

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The following are some readings for this week. Miss Marie, Grand Rapids, Wis. According to date the sign of Cancer, which the Moon rules, was rising at your birth, therefore the Moon is your ruling planet or signifier. Venus and Mercury are on the ascendant and must be considered as co-signifiers. You are medium height, or slightly above; plump form; medium to dark hair and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight; the complexion clear; you are more swift in your actions than the Cancer people usually are, as denoted by Mercury. You are quite changeable and often have a strong desire to change your business or location, or both; you are fond of parties, dances, amusements, etc.; you are very popular with the gentlemen and marriage will be average fortunate for you.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY OF THE DOINGS OF OUR LAWMAKERS.

Each Oratory in the House on Bill to Appropriate Recovered Lands—Childs Announces an Intention to Fight—Other Proceedings.

Austin, Texas, March 16.—The senate was unable to muster a quorum today hence transacted no business.

The house tackled two land bills, and as usual, whenever a proposition is made to that body to legislate on that subject, there was talk and trouble galore. The first bill assaulted provides for an apportionment of the lands recovered from railroads, as well as a portion of the unappropriated public domain, among the school, university and orphan asylum funds, as well as the appropriation of a slice thereof for the establishment of a university for colored youths and for the erection of a governor's mansion. There are about 4,000,000 acres involved altogether, very few of which, to tell the truth, are worth paying taxes on. Yet the idea that any one should desire to secure any of this burdensome patrimony to the university or to unload it upon some poor, deluded contractor in exchange for a new governor's mansion was too much for the professional constitution savers and they forthwith proceeded to agitate the atmosphere at a terrible rate. Very little damage was done, however, unless postponement of further consideration of the bill until Friday is considered injurious.

Fisher's bill providing for the validation of locations and surveys of lands made upon certificates granted Confederates under the act of 1861 met with a rough reception, but it passed to engrossment by a two to one vote.

Mr. Childs, who is now leading the thinned out friends of house bill No. 9, known as the general assignment bill, announces ready for today's fray and proposes to fight to a finish the adoption of the big four substitute. Should he succeed in getting the house to vote down said substitute he will offer a substitute of his own for the whole business, which proposes that the present assignment law shall apply to deeds of trust and chattel mortgages given by persons engaged in commercial pursuits, and further provides for the prevention of collusive attachments. Some thirty members had yesterday evening agreed to stand by Mr. Childs and he hopes to get more before the fight opens up this evening.

Chairman Garrison has been called home to attend the bedside of his wife, who is dangerously sick, and consideration of the general appropriation bill will probably be postponed until Friday owing to his enforced absence.

The following bills became law yesterday without the governor's signature: Gilbough's bill amending the charter of the city of Galveston by adding thereto a section empowering said city to grant rights of way to railroads and depot companies on avenue B west of Twenty-fifth street, and to confirm certain rights heretofore granted by the city council to the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe to maintain tracks on portions of avenue B and to occupy a portion of Twenty-sixth street for depot purposes. Hill and Ward's bill creating a more efficient road system for Travis county. Ewing's bill conferring jurisdiction upon the peace officer offenders against the statute prohibiting the carrying of concealed weapons and eliminating the imprisonment provision from said statute. Seabury's bill providing that returns of vote cast for presidential electors shall be opened on the Monday following the day of election and that the governor, attorney general and secretary of state shall constitute a board with authority to pass upon contests growing out of elections held for the purpose of selecting presidential electors.

Eleven cars of beets were shipped to the Chicago market from Marlin last week by Gip Smith.

Teachers Association.
Calvert, Texas, March 16.—The Central Texas Teachers' association, one of the largest in the state, met here yesterday in regular session. The teachers upon arrival were taken in charge by the local reception committee and escorted to the Grand Central hotel; after which they were driven to the school building, where the sessions were held. The association was called to order by Superintendent J. B. Wolfe of Hearne. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Secretary Reid of Mexia.

Fire at St. Louis.
St. Louis, March 16.—Fire broke out in the Ely Walker dry goods store at 7 o'clock last night. The firm carried a stock valued at \$1,500,000, with an insurance of \$1,000,000. The firm employed 1000 persons, who will be thrown out of work on account of the fire. The building was at the southwest corner of Eighth and Washington avenue. It was owned by the Linberger estate. The structure was seven stories high, built of granite and steel and was considered one of the best examples of fireproof construction extant.

Mississippi Breeds a Levee.
Memphis, Tenn., March 16.—The river at Memphis has broken all records, the gauge last night registering 36.4, showing the greatest height ever recorded in any rise.

News of the first serious break in the levee system reached this city yesterday. On Saturday night about a hundred yards from Old State levee, a part of the levee over which the St. Francis levee board was supervision, gave way at the Butler plantation, four miles below Nodena, Ark., and fifty miles above Memphis. The river is raging through the crevasse at a terrific rate, having the tremendous fall of fifteen feet to give it force to send death and destruction in the lowlands of Mississippi county, Arkansas. There is no doubt that the crevasse at Butler's will grow larger and it may affect to a very small degree the stage of the water there, but this has not been the case up to the time of the present writing. There will be no attempt to stop the break, as the St. Francis levee board has no boats or workmen on the scene and the people are busied about saving their lives and stock.

The break is more terrible because loss of life will surely occur from it. Indeed the most sanguine of those who know of the conditions there do not dare to hope that all the people in the lowlands escaped from the flood when it came upon them Saturday night.

The levee which gave way is in front of Mississippi county and it is thought the water will almost if not entirely cover this county.

In the Mississippi county lowlands the water will go to a depth of from four to fifteen feet. The people who thought they were protected by the levee which partly gave way are totally unprepared for an overflow and will hardly give a thought to their stock, so great will be their efforts to escape with their lives. They have no boats, although the water has in time gone by reached a depth of ten feet on their farms.

It is reported that five persons living on Four Mile bayou, near Marlon, Ark., were drowned in the floods yesterday. At West Memphis yesterday afternoon Jake Carter and child were swept away by the torrent and both perished.

All of the islands in the vicinity of Memphis are entirely submerged and many people have been rescued and brought to this city.

The small steamer Minnehaha was sent to Marlon and vicinity late yesterday afternoon to render what assistance it could. On returning to Memphis John M. Couch, in charge of the relief boat, said: "We went into the Mound City lake, four miles beyond Marlon. When we reached the Keely plantation all on board were sick with the sights that met our eyes. I saw many number of women wading in the water up to their waists and others up to their shoulders. Some of them were carrying with uplifted hands their little ones high above their heads. There was not a spot of dry land as far as the eye could reach. Many of the people were penned up in their homes with no means of egress. We rescued half a hundred of these, but we were told that scores of people were living back of the lake and could not get away."

A New Customs Record.
New York, March 16.—When on Saturday last the duties on withdrawals of imports from bonded warehouses reached the remarkable total of \$1,488,000 it was believed that the panic begun on Wednesday had reached its culmination. Yesterday's aggregate showed, however, that the panic only really begun Saturday. When the doors of the custom house closed at 5 p. m., Cashier Northrup had collected exactly \$2,067,979.51. This aggregate is the largest in the history of the New York custom house for one day, the previous record being \$2,308,000.

The senate committee of Denver, appointed to investigate the charges of bribery preferred by Bat Masterson against certain senators on the Sylvanite county bill has submitted its report. The committee found absolutely no evidence to sustain the charges.

Corner Stone Laid.
London, March 16.—The correspondent of the Times at Canea says that while the gunners of the Russian ironclad Cassioi Yelki were practicing Sunday afternoon, the bursting of a gun blew off the top of a turret. Fourteen men and one officer were killed. Sixteen were wounded, five fatally. It is believed that the accident was due to an ill closed breech. All the occupants of the turret were killed, while the falling debris of the massive structure killed and wounded others.

Kentucky Senatorship.
Frankfort, Ky., March 16.—There were large crowds in the senate chamber and hall of the house yesterday in anticipation of a ballot for United States senator to succeed Senator Blackburn, but in respect to the late Senator Salyer, both branches adjourned about noon without any session. At the executive department and at Bradley headquarters in the hotel it is denied that there is any coalition with the democrats to elect Governor Bradley senator over Congressman Hunter, the republican caucus nominee.

NEWS FROM WEYLER

HE HAS ORDERED ALL THE REGULAR SPANISH TROOPS

To Abandon the Towns in Which the Merchants and Landed Proprietors Do Not Provide Free Three Volunteers for Every Government Soldier.

Havana, March 12.—Capt. Gen. Weyler has ordered all the regular Spanish troops to abandon the towns in which the merchants and landed proprietors do not provide free of cost to the government three volunteers for every government soldier of the garrison. He has been in communication on this subject with the proprietors, merchants and prominent people who are most interested in preserving their fortunes.

Gen. Gonzales Munoz, chief of the general staff, sailed Wednesday for Puerto Rico with his family. From thence he will sail for Spain during the month of April.

Tomas Aras Carrillo, Eduardo Hernandez Falson, Victor Miranda, Julio Carbo and Miguel Hatuey Cespedes, all well known in connection with the insurgent cause, with seven other prisoners, were sent to the Chafarin Islands Wednesday, and ninety-eight members of the Nalgio society from Matanzas were sent to the plantation of Ferdinandobob.

Charged With Swindling.
New York, March 12.—The police yesterday arrested William Carroll Woodward, alias Musgrove, alias Hasley, and a woman, who gave her name as Jennie Sankey. They are wanted in Philadelphia on a charge of robbing a jeweler there of \$6000 worth of jewelry. They were arraigned and remanded and the Philadelphia police notified.

The police say that Woodward is a professional swindler, a gold brick schemer, a bunco man and a worker of confidence games of every known variety, a man who always goes in for big money and is so clever that he has never been convicted. They assert that he has been engaged in robbery in Ceylon, swindling in South Africa and swindling in England, and that he is known as a criminal in all the big cities of the eastern and western hemispheres.

After a series of crimes in this country with the assistance of the notorious burglar, Frank Tarbox, Woodward, according to the police, went to Europe. Tarbox accompanied him and the pair went to the fashionable West End of London, where they lived in style in Stanhope Gardens, South Kensington, Woodward passing as the Hon. Willard Musgrove, a rich American. He gained admittance to fashionable society and good clubs, robbing every one with whom he came in contact. In the clubs he made large sums of money by swindling at cards.

Woodward was once denounced in the West End club after his reputation had become unsavory. Then he and Tarbox inveigled Arthur Cockburn and Alfred Saville, the man who had denounced them in the club, to their rooms, locked the doors and set upon them with broadswords. The two criminals succeeded in escaping from the room, leaving their victims near dead.

Woodward went to Ceylon, where he swindled a native ruby merchant out of \$100,000 worth of gems. He returned to this country when India got too hot for him. Not long ago he was living in New Rochelle. He got mixed up in a law suit while there, instituted against the Garfield National bank of this city. The trouble was over money paid him by a well known man of this city. He deposited \$2000 of the money secured in the Garfield National bank. The man learned that the money was in the bank and his lawyers made an effort to attach it. Woodward turned his claim over to Frank Jarvis. Payment of the money was stopped. Jarvis took the case to the courts and won by default.

Arkansas News.
Little Rock, Ark., March 12.—The thirty-first general assembly came to a close by limitation at noon yesterday after a sixty days' session. The legislature was inharmonious to the end, and the result is that very little legislation was effected. None of the appropriation bills, except one to pay the salaries of the lawmakers, were passed and on this account Gov. Jones will be compelled to call an extra session which will probably begin April 1. The cause of the session being unsuccessful was the attempt to pass a railroad commission bill. The legislators became divided on the question and could not agree on a bill.

Jackson O. Foggy, treasurer of Howard county committed suicide at his home at Center Point yesterday by cutting his throat with a penknife. He was serving his fourth term as treasurer. Grief over the death of his wife, daughter and son, all of recent occurrence, is said to have unbalanced his mind, which is given as the cause of the rash act.

CAUSED ALMOST A RIOT.

New York, March 12.—The citizens' mass meeting, called for the purpose of endorsing the ratification of the arbitration treaty between this country and Great Britain, at Cooper Union last night, through the speech of Civil Justice Wauhope Lynn, was turned from a meeting of peace into one of turmoil. For a time it appeared as if the police would have to interfere to restore order. Although the excitement was great, the meeting concluded without any serious disturbance. The trouble began when Judge Lynn captured the meeting by offering an amendment denouncing the resolution favoring arbitration.

The resolutions, which were read by Charles S. Fairchild, ex-secretary of the treasury, conclude as follows: Resolved, that in accord with our fellow citizens throughout the land, we respectfully petition our national senate for the ratification of the treaty as signed by the representatives of the high contracting parties.

Resolved, that we heartily concur in the declaration of our honored chief magistrate, that "the treaty presents to the world the glorious example of reason and peace, not passion and war, controlling the relations between two of the greatest nations of the world—an example certain to be followed by others," and in his further unqualified declaration that "the importance and moral influence of the ratification of such a treaty can hardly be overestimated in the cause of advancing civilization."

Judge Lynn launched into a bitter attack on England, which the audience applauded loudly. He said: "To-night the Greeks are defending their humble brothers when England, with arms and guns, is forcing that unfortunate people into bondage by coercion under the Turk."

"A treaty with a government that has permitted the Armenians to be slaughtered by thousands (applause); a treaty with a country that has broken every obligation and violated every pledge of honor she ever made."

The Bermuda Searched.
Jacksonville, Fla., March 12.—A dispatch from Fernandina says that the steamer Bermuda, Capt. Murphy, arrived there Wednesday from Bermuda. Capt. Murphy said he came for orders. The Bermuda on her arrival was searched by an officer of the revenue cutter Colfax, but nothing of a filibustering nature was found. The Colfax has been at Fernandina for two weeks awaiting the arrival of the Bermuda, and will probably stay until the Bermuda leaves. Capt. Murphy said that he had been lying to off Fernandina for five days, repairing his engines, which were out of order. Nothing appears to indicate that a filibustering trip is proposed. The Spanish consul was on hand to meet the Bermuda, and he has a force of men watching her.

The day has brought no further filibustering developments at Pensacola, Carrabel or Apalachicola.

The people of Tallahassee were much surprised to have a party of twenty strange Cubans, none of whom speak English, arrive there Wednesday morning, with no apparent object in view. It is supposed that they are members of the expedition that it is rumored would have cleared from Apalachicola the other day if the appearance on the scene of a man-of-war had not plucked the project in the bud.

Fined for Assault.
Texarkana, Ark., March 12.—The case against John M. Hallum, charged with shooting and seriously wounding Rev. W. A. Forbes last August at this place, was tried at Boston, Tex., and a verdict of assault, with a fine of \$50, was given him yesterday. Both parties have a state reputation in Arkansas. Forbes being a leading light in the Baptist church, while Hallum is a lawyer, and has also written several books. He pleaded his own case.

Gen. Hastings Resting Easy.
Washington, March 12.—The condition of Gen. Hastings of Bermuda, whose leg was broken Wednesday, is very satisfactory, and he is resting as comfortably as possible under the circumstances. Yesterday Mr. McKinley accompanied by Miss Mabel McKinley and Gen. and Mrs. Botsford, drove out from the White House to the hospital and Mrs. McKinley left a large bouquet of flowers for the sick man.

The Puritan Disabled.
Washington, March 12.—The navy department Wednesday received a message from the life saving station that Capt. Durant's station, just below Hatteras, had telephoned that the monitor Puritan was steaming back and forth off that station, and that the captain of the ship signaled: "Machinery disabled, can not make sufficient steam."

Capt. Sands of the Columbia, at Hampton Roads, was ordered to proceed to the relief of the monitor.

The Way with Relations.
She—Have you many poor relations?
He—None that I know.
She—Many rich ones?
He—None that know me.—74—311a.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

At Goliad, Goliad county, W. Dunn, ex-city assessor, died the other day from strychnine.

The 2-year-old girl of T. B. Scarborough, of Calvert, Robertson county, a short time ago, ate some belladonna tablets and died within a few hours.

A son of Wm. Hedrick, a farmer living several miles south of Denton, Denton county, while playing ball recently, had his left arm broken by falling over a rock.

Near Holland, Bell county, while ginning a remnant of cotton, a few days ago, Thompson's gin caught fire, but was promptly put out. Damage light, no insurance.

Granville Robinson, a colored man, aged 95, fell at his house on North Second street, Waco, the other evening, and died in a few minutes from hemorrhage of the lungs.

In Trinity, Trinity county, several nights ago three highway robbers drew their pistols on Charley Elliott and compelled him to give up all the money in the store. No arrest.

About three miles south of Kopperl Bosque county, recently, the 7-year-old girl of G. A. Latham was burned to death, her clothing catching fire from walking too near a fireplace.

At Gainesville, Cooke county, Ira Light, aged about 20 years, was stabbed with a pocketknife the other day and is not expected to live. John Blackburn, about the same age, was arrested.

At Beeville, Bee county, H. E. Tom, charged with the murder of Burnell Butler, after fifteen months' incarceration, is a free man. "Not guilty," was the verdict of the jury the other morning.

At San Diego, Duval county, the rangers are active. On a telegram from Beeville, Bee county, Capt. Rogers sent out a scout and captured about fourteen miles west of San Diego two men charged with murder.

Officers James and Freeman arrested a man giving his name as Perdie, in Denison, on the charge of throwing eggs at the Houston and Texas Central passenger train as it was leaving the union depot a few nights ago.

A medicine tent on East Franklin street, Hillsboro, Hill county, a short time ago was burglarized and \$10 stolen from the pocket of the manager, J. B. and Will Sealey and W. T. Fathore were arrested on charge of the burglary.

At McKinney, Collin county, C. D. Hays has filed suit for \$10,490 against J. M. Lee, J. T. McNulty, Tom W. Perkins, R. L. White and the Western Union Telegraph company. The plaintiff charges defamatory publication in a newspaper and the Western Union agent at Wylie, Collin county, with delaying the delivery of a message.

Julius A. Steisener, a prominent exporter of cotton seed products, was discovered in an unconscious condition in his room at the Tremont hotel, Galveston, the other morning. Death resulted an hour later. An autopsy showed that death resulted from Bright's disease. The German consul has cabled for instructions to relatives in Germany.

The Cotton Belt railroad dumped two carloads of ironstone at Greenville, Hunt county, recently, to be used as an experiment for macadamizing on East Lee street. If it works all right the street will be paved with this stone from the depot to the public square. The ironstone is very hard and makes a fine surface stone for macadam.

Mrs. Pearl Hixson, wife of W. C. Hixson, consul at Foochow, China, who left Longview, Gregg county, as a bride when her husband was appointed two years ago, returned home the other day. She is the daughter of Sheriff J. C. Howard. Mrs. Hixson brings with her an infant daughter, born to them in China. She made the entire trip alone with her baby, being over a month on the way.

In the Coucha settlement, about eight miles from Kenedy, Karnes county, Bill Brannum was shot and killed several mornings ago. Cause of the tragedy unknown. Brannum was a newcomer to that county. His parents live in Austin and were notified.

The Carolina, on Boaz street, Fort Worth, burned a few nights ago. It was a large two-story frame structure filled with boarders, all of whom escaped, but many in their night clothes. No loss of life or injury to person resulted. The property destroyed was valued at \$6000.

Near Santo, Palo Pinto county, J. J. Bradford, a section hand on the Texas and Pacific railway, while trying to board a moving freight train near the depot, recently, lost his footing and fell under the train. The trucks of the carboose passed over one leg just below the knee, severing it from the body.

Ross Sloan of Foard county was arrested by Capt. W. J. McDonald recently on the charge of theft of cattle. He waived examining trial at Quanah, Hardeman county, and gave bond for his appearance at the April term of court.

MATTER OF INSTINCT.

FATE was a cat and Leonard Herrick was a mouse. There had been some rare sport, but Herrick was of the opinion that it could not last much longer. He had run this way and that way, and a thousand times had fancied that he was going to escape. But always the velvet paws, with the long, sharp claws springing out of them, had caught him just in time. So at last he lay still, panting, not knowing which way to turn.

He stood with his back against the iron fence in front of Trinity church. There was just light enough in the western sky to give the pile of stone a shadow which fell upon hurrying thousands who did not notice it.

Herrick's hands were in his pockets. He crumpled a crackling piece of paper which meant that he could live several days longer if he cared to do so. As to a more extended future, he could not picture it. All the lines of his life seemed to end in a knot, which could be by no means be untied, but must merely be dropped. He remembered that there were miracles, but he could not think of one to wish for.

From 3 o'clock till 4 the crowd in that part of Broadway is rich and prosperous; from 4 till 5 it boasts of wealthy connections and takes a strong interest in life; after 5 it loses caste rapidly, and by 6 it is a lot of weary people going home to supper. Herrick felt the degeneracy of the throng without really seeing it. If a whole street full of people could get shabby in an hour, was it any wonder that he had done it in five years?

He crossed Broadway and walked down Wall street, slowly and with hesitation, for he had no errand. A voice cried, "Cab, sir!" almost in his ear. He turned and looked up at the man on the box.

"Is it possible," he said to himself, "that I still look like a gentleman?"

He felt toward the cabman as toward one who had given him a helping hand. Why not pay the debt? To do so would cost him only a day of his life. He had a five dollar bill in his pocket.

"Yes," he said; "take me up to the Fifth avenue hotel." It was the first place that had come into his mind. He got into the cab and snapped the door. The cushioned seat and the comfortable support for his head were very refreshing. A fancy came to him that he would dine decently and then go to a theater. The extravagance would be trifling, for it was really of small importance whether he starved to death on Sunday or the following Wednesday. He was in a mood to make a jest of it all.

A strong glare from an electric light struck down into the carriage, and made visible to him a package in brown paper that looked as if it might be a sandwich. The object protruded from under the seat. He thought it must be the cabman's supper which had been hidden in some small locker and had



HE DODGED BACK.

fallen upon the floor. The idea that the food should be spoiled was disagreeable to Herrick and so he picked up the little brown bundle.

He knew that the contents of that package was money. It felt like a mass of bills folded, awkwardly wrapped up, and fastened with elastic bands. Through the brown covering Herrick could feel the crispness of the government paper. The amount might be a poor man's monthly wages or a rich man's profit on a great transaction.

It seemed a long time before another light struck in upon him. At the moment when it did so he saw a face close to the cab door and he dodged back, covering the bills with his hands. But the chance passenger on the street saw nothing; he was thinking of his own affairs, no doubt, and had no inkling of the strange thing that passed so close to his eyes.

Herrick was himself again in a moment, and he bent forward, eagerly scanning the bills in his hand, and counting them feverishly. There were 46 of them, and each was of the denomination of \$1.00.

Throughout the later period of the young man's misfortunes, he had had substantially but one wish—to rest

Rest has many forms, suited to a vast variety of individual tastes. To Herrick in his day-dreams it had always taken the form of travel without care. All paths lie open for a man who has \$40,000, and there is no reason why care should sit behind him as he rides. Herrick had only the most shadowy thought for the person who had lost this money. He did not even speculate upon the manner of its loss.

He disposed the notes in his pockets in the best interests of comfort and safety. Then he folded up the brown paper and pocketed that also, with a dim consciousness that, if it were left in the cab, it might get the driver into trouble. The fellow was honest, no doubt, and Herrick did not wish that he should suffer a wrong. He preferred to keep the wrapper himself, and take the risk of it until he could find some means of disposing of it that would be safer than throwing it out of the cab window.

The cab stopped suddenly, its path being blocked by a tangle of vehicles. Herrick softly put his hand upon the catch of the door. It yielded noiselessly; the door swung open.

Herrick stepped out. Turning back for an instant he perceived the cabman sitting upon his box in entire unconsciousness of the fraud that was being practiced upon him. He was a poor man, and doubtless worked hard for all the money that he received. Still, it was reckless to attract his attention again; especially so after having left the cab in that strange manner.

There was a way to the sidewalk through the press of vehicles. Herrick saw it from the corner of his eye, and was about to take advantage of it. Instead, to his surprise, he found himself turned toward the cabman, and immediately he heard his own voice saying: "I have decided to get out here. How much do I owe you?"

The cabman named his price, and Herrick paid him with the five dollar bill which had been the sum of his wealth, and the end of it as far as he could see, so short a time before. He counted his change carefully, remembering that he would probably have to wait until the next day before he could break one of the thousands. Enough remained to him from the bill for a supper, a bed, and a breakfast.

He cared little for his bed. It would be no more than a place to lie and think of the future. It was many a night since he had really slept. Certainly, with so much upon his mind, he would not sleep this night, even if he should try. So when he had been shown to his room in a hotel he piled his pillows against the headboard of the bed and reclined against them, fully dressed. He was very happy. No question of right or wrong in what he had done or what he expected to do came to torment him. For a long time he had borne his life like a tremendous burden. This had suddenly slipped from his shoulders, leaving his natural powers benumbed.

In the midst of his first vision of a new life he was aroused by a knocking at the door. He started up; his legs would hardly support him; he had no voice with which to ask who was there. But one explanation was possible; he must have been watched by the police.

He tottered to the door and gave utterance to a hoarse, inarticulate sound. "Eight o'clock, sir," cried a voice without. "You asked to be called, sir."

He rushed to the window and flung open the shutters. Day streamed in, strong and beautiful. The gas flame paled. He knew that he had slept as he had not slept before in years. In the mysterious depths of his life he felt a new strength stirring, but it was only nascent as yet.

A bath and a breakfast revived him still more. He felt the exhilaration of a busy day upon which he was entering. He scanned the papers, but so far as he could see they had no news of the money that had been lost.

Presently he found himself riding downtown in an elevated railroad train. He was going to a steamship office to arrange for his journey; then to a banker's for a traveler's check book.

His pockets were bulging with money, but there was something in one of them that he couldn't remember to have put there. He pulled it out, and found it to be the brown paper wrapper that had contained the money. As he held it in his hand it was concealed by his newspaper. No fellow-passenger could see it; and it was doubly fortunate because, in plain sight upon the paper, was the name and address: "Herbert L. Graham, 40 Wall street."

The train was just stopping at Rector street. That was the station nearest the steamship office. Trusting the brown paper back in his pocket, he left the car and went with the throng down to the street. He was thinking about the accommodations he would choose on the steamer. He continued to think of that and kindred subjects, yet he turned north on Broadway instead of south. Presently he found himself asking an elevator boy in a big building if he knew where Mr. Graham's office was.

Mr. Graham happened to be in his outer office when Herrick entered. He was pouring a story into the ear of another gray-haired Wall street man, and Herrick heard a few words of it—

something about cabs, and cash and carelessness.

"I have found the money that you lost," said Herrick. "Here it is."

"Zion!" cried the banker, clutching the bills in his fingers. "My dear fellow, tell me all about it."

"There's nothing to tell," replied the young man. "I merely found it in the cab."

Mr. Graham eyed him a moment in surprise.

"You take it coolly," he said.

"I couldn't take it at all," responded Herrick, with a feeble smile. "I don't know why. It was instinct, I suppose. My ancestors must have been honest men."

"Upon my word you must take one of these notes," said the banker. "I've offered it in an ad and—"

"I can't do it," said Herrick. "I don't feel it to be right."

"But, my dear boy," exclaimed the old man kindly. "I must do something for you. I want to; believe me. At least come back and take lunch with me. Shall we say 1 o'clock?"

"It will give me great pleasure," said Herrick; and, bowing, he turned away and walked out of the office.

COLORADO MOUNTAIN SHEEP.

The Day Not Far Distant When They Will Be Extinct.

From the Denver Republican: Mountain sheep appear to be increasing in Colorado, and, straggler still, the rare and timid animals are leaving their dizzy haunts among the high mountain peaks and drawing nearer to the habitations of man than ever before. In the comparatively low lands, near the town of Jefferson, there is now a flock of fifty or more mountain sheep. Jefferson is on the South Park railroad, about eighty-one miles southwest of Denver, in Park county. It is an old-fashioned community, and has near it the well-known summer resort, Jefferson Lake. The vicinity, disturbed by the rumble of trains as well as the sounds of human life and industry, is not at all a quiet one. It has none of the characteristics which usually mark the natural home of the almost extinct mountain sheep. And yet for several days past, a band of at least fifty of the soft-eyed, large-horned native sheep of the Rocky Mountains has been calmly grazing around the town of Jefferson and close to the railroads. It is said that the sheep do not display any sign of fear of the Jefferson people. Many of them come in open daylight within easy pistol shot of the residences. They do not run away unless somebody purposely tries to frighten them. For many years past the sight of a mountain sheep has been a rarity in Colorado, and usually but one at a time has been seen. A hunter far off from civilization might descry a solitary sheep perched on a crag overlooking some wild and steep canyon, but hardly ever within gunshot range. No such thing as fifty sheep together has been reported, even by the veriest Munchausen of hunters. When a lone sheep was seen it usually disappeared from view at the slightest alarm. Considering these things, the descent of fifty sheep upon the town of Jefferson, as though they had formed themselves into an excursion party somewhere among the mountains, does not look reasonably explainable. The general theory is that bitter cold and deep snows in the higher altitudes drove them downward, and that they joined together for mutual protection as they traveled from peak to peak. Killing mountain sheep is absolutely prohibited by law in Colorado. It is a closed season all the year round with the animals, just as it is with buffalo.

The Budgeons of Constantinople.

These men of Constantinople were not armed in the common sense of the word. Some of them had revolvers, and the most of them had knives. But they seldom used either; for awkward questions might be raised if the police were called to account for failing to arrest armed civilians on the streets. Carrying ax-helves, pick-ax handles, heavy clubs like baseball bats, jagged fragments of broken scantling; carrying anything that can crush the skull of man, this horrible rabble flooded the streets of all Christian quarters of the city, like an all-desolating tidal wave, silent but irresistible. Their silence by day was almost as terrible as their howls by night. They would be seen going along the street, when they would meet an Armenian who had ventured to attempt to reach his home. Without a word they would break in his skull and go on their way entirely unmoved, and hardly having spoken a loud word. If resistance was offered they had only to say, "The Glours resist," and a horde of their fellows would come running from all directions to destroy one who had proved his seditious quality by daring to resist a Mussulman.—Scribner's.

A Case He Knew.

"I see in a recent book the idea is put forth that mankind sung before it talked. What do you think of it?" "Don't know, but there is a fellow on our block who is going to sing just before he dies, some time, unless he quits howling popular songs."—Cincinnati Commercial.

A VETERAN'S BATTLE.

A MEMBER OF THE FIFTY-THIRD ILLINOIS INFANTRY HAS A HARD TUSSLE.

Admitted for Five Years With Stomach Trouble—Sought the Aid of Physicians Without Avail, He at Last Cures Himself—Another Story from Cherokee, Kan.

From the Sentinel, Cherokee, Kansas.

James O'Malley, a Union war veteran, who served in Company I, Fifty-third Illinois Infantry, and who has resided on his farm in Cherokee County, Kansas, for the past twenty years said to a reporter recently:

"I was afflicted with stomach trouble for five years and during that time I suffered intensely. Just after meals my stomach would pain me so that I could scarcely endure it. I sought the advice of several good physicians but the relief I got from them was short lived, for in a few days the old trouble would return."

"I began to lose hope of ever being cured and felt utterly discouraged. About this time a friend urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. As I had taken so many remedies without receiving any benefit I had grown skeptical, but as my friend became so urgent I decided to give the pills a trial, with little hope, however, of getting any relief. But I was soon undeceived, for before I had taken half a dozen doses of Pink Pills I had decided improvement, and by the time I had taken one and a half boxes of the pills I was completely cured and have been entirely free from pain in the stomach ever since, and that was two years ago. I keep a box of Pink Pills in the house all the time and consider them invaluable."

Mr. O'Malley's post office address is Mineral City, Cherokee County, Kansas.

Two years ago, Miss Clara Rex, a resident of Cherokee, Kansas, was taken with severe pains between her shoulders which confined her to her home for three months. She was threatened with consumption and the pains in her breast and shoulders she says felt as though someone was run-

ning a knife through her. Several physicians were called, but Miss Rex could get no relief and her life was despaired of. Finally a relative induced her to try Pink Pills for Pale People. Of the result Miss Rex says:

"When I commenced using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills I was so weak and prostrated that I could not walk a step, but within a week afterward I was so much better that I could go about the house with but little inconvenience, and when I had taken less than two boxes of the pills I found myself entirely well and free from all pain. That was two years ago. I have been well ever since and can now easily walk six miles."

A. C. Sprague, Justice of the Peace, Cherokee Kansas, on July 22nd, 1896, said:

"I suffered with rheumatism for three years and spent hundreds of dollars for medicine but could get no permanent relief. I was treated by several able physicians without result. So I purchased some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills at Peckleton's drug store and commenced to take them. I was surprised to perceive that I began to improve at once and by the time I had used up two boxes of Pink Pills I was completely free of the malady, and there has been no recurrence since, and that was three years ago."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are sold in boxes (never in loose form, by the dozen or hundred) at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, and may be had of all druggists or directly by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

The San Francisco Chronicle says that the new charter of San Jose will provide that no man be retained as an employe of the city who does not pay his debts. This provision is a practical way of saying that without private integrity there cannot be public efficiency, measuring service as it ought to be measured. A man untrue to himself, as is a shiftless or criminal debtor, cannot be expected not to break faith in some way with the community.

Only the forgetful girl neglects to rearrange the parlor chairs after the young man called, before she goes to bed.

The six-days bicycle races which have become features of recent exhibitions are reprehensible in every sense of the word. The severe strain has in nearly every case resulted in fatal injuries to the contestants. Joseph Jefferson, commenting recently on undue athletic training, said that some years ago he met Laurence Barrett on a street corner in Boston, and Barrett said he was waiting for a street car to take him to a gymnasium. "Why not walk?" asked Jefferson; "that is better exercise than you will get at the gymnasium, and you will save the trouble of going there."

Generally when a man's acts return to plague him, he whines around that he is persecuted.

We are all apt to fail to discriminate between what we believe and what we hope for.

"STAR TOBACCO." As you chew tobacco for pleasure use Star. It is not only the best but the most lasting, and, therefore, the cheapest.

The man who has no interest in the contents of a safe always has the most to say when it is being moved.

It is a self-evident proposition that those who pay the fiddler are entitled to have the kind of tunes they desire.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

The odd thing about marriage is that a fool is just as likely to make a desirable one as the wise people.

"I am only too glad to testify to the great value of Ayer's Sarsaparilla which has been a household companion in our family for years. I take from 3 to 5 bottles of it every Spring, generally beginning about the first of April. After that I feel like a two year old, for it tones up my system, gives me an excellent appetite and I sleep like a top. As a blood medicine it has no superior, at least that is my opinion of it.—H. B. WILDEY, Philadelphia, Pa., March 20, 1896.

WEIGHTY WORDS FOR Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

LOCAL NEWS.

ARLEDGE & KENNEDY

DEALERS

Groceries & Hardware

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

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

H. C. Leaverton, of Grapeland is in town Tuesday.

The Hatchell Market handles the best meats, fish and poultry.

An interesting letter from Rat cliff is left over until the next issue.

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

Better streets, better sidewalks and water works are the issues from now on.

Jimmie Howard, clerk at the Capitol Hotel, is sick with an attack of measles.

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

When will the telephone system that was contemplated some months since, be put in?

John Mangum has just received a car of the celebrated White Swan flour, the best in the world.

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

Mr. Dick Monk is reported to be quite ill with malarial fever at his residence six miles from town.

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

Subscribe for one or more electric lights, and in this way aid in maintaining a great comfort.

Highest price paid for cattle and hogs at the

HATCHELL MARKET.

Miss Hortense Craig of Waco, is visiting at the home of her uncle, Postmaster Edmiston, in this city.

Now for the waterworks. The city needs them and a plan is on foot to secure them that is practicable.

To get the best and choicest groceries you have to get the freshest and the only way to do that is to get them of C. W. Ellis, the East Side Grocer.

The town needs waterworks, a fire company and cheaper insurance rates. Establish the first, and the other two follow as a logical sequence of the situation.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Call at the CASH STORE for all kinds of GRAIN and FEED. Good mixed CORN at 38c per bushel. WHITE PEARL MEAL, 35c per bushel. BEST PATENT FLOUR, \$5 per barrel. TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 32c per bushel. Car bright FORNEY Hay, cheap, syrup, the best grade, 33 1-3c per gallon; by the barrel 30c.

The above prices are no fiction. Money saved is money made, so be sure to drop in and price before buying.

B. M. ATKINSON.

Remember the hog-law election next Saturday.

Go out next Saturday and vote your honest convictions on the hog law question.

Mrs. Winfree and Miss Ruth King are on a visit to relatives in Grimes county.

Get your meats from the Hatchell Market. They keep everything that can be had in the fresh meat line.

Captain Dowser of Terrell, was here this week, visiting at the home of his sister in law, Mrs. Helen Hudson.

The rain Monday night was a bountiful and glorious one. It was heavy in some places, doing some damage from washing.

Hon. N. B. Barbee spent the Sabbath with his family in this city, and returned to his legislative duties at Austin, Monday.

A letter from Bryant Wilson in St. Louis, states that he has nearly recovered from the measles and will be home in a few days.

John Winship, who was formerly here as an employe at the depot, has returned from Tampa, Florida, and expects to remain here.

Mr. B. M. Veronee, manager of the now paper to be established at Grapeland, gave the COURIER office a pleasant call, Wednesday.

The weather wizard, Foster, predicts as follows for the last week in March: "weather stormy, changeable, uncertain and disagreeable."

The district court took up the criminal docket this week. The result is that the town has been crowded with jurors and witnesses.

The COURIER is informed that A. B. Hardin, one of the best known citizens of Leon county, and well known here, has sold all his property in that county and moved to San Marcos in Southwestern Texas.

In the great Fitzsimmons-Corbett fight last Wednesday at Carson, Nev., Fitz knocked Corbett out in the 14th round. Some small change was transferred among the local sports here as a result of the fight.

Salvage goods at 1/3 price will be the attraction at Mistrot Bros & Co's., this week, or as long as they may last and will be found on separate tables. None of these goods will be reserved or delivered unless paid for.

Last Saturday night in Jefferson, this state, the wife of Owen Bartlett, the actor who played here recently with the Schwarz troupe, died suddenly and mysteriously in convulsions. She was leading lady in nearly all the plays presented here.

Fitzsimmons has knocked out Corbett and is today the recognized champion of the world, just as Mistrot Bros & Co. have knocked out high prices in Crockett and stand prepared to defend their title as champion in their line against all comers.

It don't cost any more to get an up to date dress, or silk waist pattern, such as Mistrot Bros. & Co., are now showing in black and colored silk grenadines, etamines and English mosimbeques. Let us have the pleasure of showing them to you.

Tuesday afternoon, Henry Thomas, sheriff of Galveston county, came up in charge of an attached witness in the McCorkle case. Mr. Thomas is an excellent representative of the modern Texas sheriff, and while he is a courteous and intelligent gentleman with no "gun" in sight, he gives out the very clear impression of coolness, nerve and good judgment in emergencies.

One or two men have put their money in the electric plant, hoping that the public would cooperate in making the plant self-sustaining. The public have done much to this end, and there are those who have not done anything that can do something.

Crockett needs telephone service among its own people and also with its neighbors along the I. & G. N. In central and western Texas there is hardly a village along railroad lines but has long distance telephone service with other parts of the state.

Grapeland is to have a weekly paper. We wish it all success. This speaks loudly for the enterprise and thrift of this little city. The plant will come down from Palestine and will be under the control of D. McNaughton, an old newspaper man of that city.

Don't forget the hog law election on Saturday next, (March 20.) The district marked out for the Crockett precinct is of such a circuitous and angular shape that the election manager, B. F. Duren, had better post himself in advance about league lines, headrights, etc.

Monday afternoon at the depot there was a lively skirmish between the brakeman of a freight train and the foreman of a bridge gang whose cars were sidetracked here. Sheriff Waller arrested the foreman Justice Pritchard assessed a fine against him which he paid.

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.

One of the most enjoyable affairs of the season was a quiet home party given by the K. of P. on Thursday night of last week in their castle hall in this city. The knights are famed for their delightful entertainments, and this one was no exception to the rule. The guests were entertained with games of different kinds, and during the entire evening a Mexican band stationed behind the palms and ferns sent forth strains of sweetest music. About 11 o'clock, delicious refreshments were served. At the close of the evening each young lady present in her heart was hoping that she would be so fortunate as to enjoy one of these informal home parties again.

Every person in our little city is interested in the maintenance of the electric light system. It is not as some have supposed, a money-making bonanza. On the contrary, it is struggling for existence. We know whereof we write when we say what we do. And this being the case, all should encourage those interested, by doing all in their power to make it a success. At the present price of the lights almost every one can take one or more of the globe lights, and all things considered, the electric light is nearly as cheap as oil and incomparably more convenient, decent and comfortable. Let all subscribe for lights who can possibly take them, and thereby help to sustain and perpetuate a public and a private necessity and comfort.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring time, use
"To find him sick in bed with the chills, poor
"But Chamberlain's Chill Tonic got him up on his
"And he now daily sings, while tripping the
"It undoubtedly cured his shakes, he has"

DOCTOR T. H. HAIRSTON,

Bryan, Texas, Makes a Specialty of
RECTAL - AND - PRIVATE - DISEASES.
Piles or Hemorrhoids, Fistula, Fissures, Itching or Pruritus Ani and Ulcerated Bowels.

The KNIFE, LIGATURE, CARBOLIC ACID and other Dangerous Remedies are not used by me.

A NEW AND PAINLESS TREATMENT.
I WILL DEPOSIT MY MONEY IN BANK AGAINST A FEE THAT I CAN CURE Any Case of Piles—the best Guarantee that can be Offered.

No charge for Consultation or Examination. Patients may be accompanied by their family physician. Examination and Treatment may be made at the home of the patient when preferred. No DEFERMENT FROM BUSINESS NECESSARY.
Office Hours: 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m.

Will be at Capitol Hotel, Crockett, Tex., on 4th of Each Month.

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce the name of H. W. McCelvey 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. WOOLTERS,
Mayor of City of Crockett, Texas.

ATTEST:

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

The pulp, the bench and the bar recommend Cheatham's Chill Tonic as the finest antiperiodic in use, being free from poison and guaranteed. Put up in both tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless in 50c size.

For Rent

One three room cottage near public square.

ALDRICH & LIPSCOMB.

For Sale

I will sell at reasonable figures and on reasonable terms the following property: one saw-mill, one gin, one grist-mill, one engine and boiler, 20 horse power, and 360 acres of land with residence. If can't sell, will exchange for good real estate in this or other counties. The above property is situated about ten miles north of Crockett and about three miles east of Grapeland, in a good community.

J. J. BROOKS,
Grapeland, Texas.

For Sale.

All my property in the eastern part of the county, including several hundred acres of land, saw-mill, and gin, all appointments, equipments and improvements. Terms easy and figures surprisingly low to any one in earnest.

J. H. RATLIFF,
Ratliff, Texas.

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. WINFREE,
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.

I will give a 3 mo. subscription free to the Texas Farm & Ranch, The Christian Advocate for Christian Courier and The Baptist Herald with every bottle of Cheatham's Chill Tonic bought from me B. F. Chamberlain.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Mrs. Hamilton, Cambridge, Ill., says: I had the rheumatism so bad I could not raise my hand to my head. Ballard's Snow Liniment has entirely cured me. I take pleasure in informing my neighbors and friends what it has done for me. Chas. Handy, clerk for Lay & Lyman, Kewanee, Ill., advises us Snow Liniment cured him of Rheumatism. Why not try it? It will surely do you good. It cures all Inflammation, Wounds, Sores, Cuts, Sprains, etc. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

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

Did You Ever

Try Electric Bitters as a remedy for your troubles? If not, get a bottle now and get relief. This medicine has been found to be peculiarly adapted to the relief and cure of all female complaints, exerting a wonderful direct influence in giving strength and tone to the organs. If you have loss of appetite, constipation, headache, fainting spells, or are nervous, sleepless, excitable, melancholy or troubled with dizzy spells, Electric Bitters is the medicine you need. Health and strength are guaranteed by its use. Fifty cents and \$1 at B. F. Chamberlain's.

To live or not to live, is a question which annually confronts the residents of our low grounds and swampy districts. Take Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and live to die a nobler death than by a commonplace chill. Cure guaranteed. Tasteless 50 cents a bottle.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

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

A lady was so reduced in flesh last summer by the chills that she actually had to wear suspenders to hold her girdle up. Some friend advised her to take Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic—she did so. That pair of suspenders for sale cheap. She now tips the beam at 140 lbs. Guaranteed. Tasteless 50c size.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

We guarantee this to be the best cough syrup manufactured in the whole wide world. This is saying a great deal, but it is true. For consumption, coughs, colds, sore throat, sore chest, pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, croup, whooping cough, and all diseases of the throat and lungs, we positively guarantee Ballard's Horehound Syrup to be without an equal on the whole face of the globe. In support of this statement we refer to every individual who has ever used it, and to every druggist who has ever sold it. Such evidence is indisputable. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

THE COURIER.

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

The committee on constitutional amendments, of the house of representatives at Austin, has reported favorably an amendment to the constitution changing the period of office tenure. It provides for holding elections every four years, instead of two as now, and renders the governor ineligible for a second term. This is the best piece of work the present body has done and we hope to see it submitted to a vote of the people for adoption. We have firmly resolved to quit politics and all things political, but we will make an exception in this instance and say that, if submitted to a vote, we propose to divest ourselves of our coat, roll up sleeves and go to work for the amendment as we have never before worked for anything or anybody. This is a splendid stroke of state-craft and we trust it will be put through both houses without delay.

Houston County Cattle Interests.

The people of Crockett and the county generally during these hard times when nearly every man "puts up a poor mouth," do not fully realize what their resources are. There are large factors working for our prosperity which most of us overlook. Houston county has no wide repute for its cattle interests, but those interests have helped immensely during the past six months to tide our people over the hard times by largely increasing the amount of money in circulation among them. "If you don't believe this," said Mr. O. D. Kirkpatrick to a *Courier* reporter, Monday afternoon, "just go to the First National Bank in this city and ask for the figures." The cattle resources of this section of the state are greatly underrated, and a brief talk with Mr. Kirkpatrick, a well known stockman residing here, brought out some interesting facts and figures in this connection. Houston county alone is feeding thousands of cattle for the market, and what is true of this county is true of those immediately around. Mr. Kirkpatrick and T. F. Smith, both prominent stockmen in Crockett, attended the recent San Antonio convention of the cattle raisers of Texas. When they returned they were accompanied by J. H. Sherwood, a well known stockman of the Indian Territory who has just closed a contract with Messrs Kirkpatrick and Smith for 1000 head of steer yearlings to be delivered on the cars in Crockett next month. These cattle will come mostly from Houston county, and this fact is rather a large item in itself, for it means thousands of dollars paid to two citizens of Houston county, and paid out by them, their profits excepted, to other citizens of this and adjoining counties. In addition to this, Mr. Kirkpatrick will deliver next Monday, in Crockett, 420 head of yearling steers to E. L. Rucker, an Indian Territory cattleman. Next month Mr. Kirkpatrick will deliver at Crockett to Rucker Bros., of the Territory, 550 yearling steers and during the same month he will deliver to S. B. Barnett of Fort Worth, 1000 head of cattle gathered in Houston and adjoining counties. Mr. Kirkpatrick and T. F. Smith, although not partners, will jointly ship from here in April, 500 cows to G. G. Walker of San Saba county, and nearly the same number of steers to T. S. Walker of the same county. During April Mr. Kirkpatrick will ship from here to his pasture at Tulsa, Indian Territory, 700 cows and 500 steers. Messrs Kirkpatrick and Smith will handle over 10,000 head of cattle next month, gathered in Houston and adjoining counties. In addition to these, W. E. Mayes and John I. Melver have 2000 head of cattle in this and adjoining counties to be put on the market soon.

A Law For The Hog.

EDITOR *COURIER*:—The majority of citizens within certain bounds in Beat No. 1 have decided to dictate for the loose hog, having concluded that they are tired of doing without pasture and grass and at the same time being forced to keep up a rat proof fence—and, withal, paying more for bacon than the value of all the hogs combined by ten fold. The change will not only be a pecuniary advantage, but will dispense with the worry incident to farming. A farmer or tenant cannot with any certainty count on a crop while robbers (loose hogs) are prowling around hunting washouts, broken rails, slack wire, or perchance where a tree has fallen on the fence, in order to slip in and get the proceeds. The fallacy that a tenant will be damaged is easily disproved. The land owner will delight to furnish him with all the pasture requisite. Two acres of barley sowed in the woods (undergrowth being cut off) will make winter pasture enough for eight average hogs. A bushel of corn will feed a hog 100 days, using an ear a day. At forty cents per bushel one dollar will keep him 250 days in the meantime, besides the pasture, and if the corn is not accessible a rotation vegetable crop can be substituted. The owner of 100 acres of land, on an average works about one third of it; the remaining 66 acres, even in the woods, could be utilized in pasture the year round by grasses that are perennial or otherwise; but the loose hog being a prohibitionist, deprives him of his rights. He does without summer or winter pasture and works the year round for his stock which eat in value ten fold as much as his family of farm products. And if he fails to make all this he is compelled to cross his hands in a mortgage and try again, and bogs a little deeper every year. The law for the individual is "contra." If he helps himself to the hog he must serve the state two years, so the loose hog is possessed of a prerogative as a free thief. In other words, he ranks the farmer, hence the vote on the 20th will decide the relative rights of the farmer and the hog.

Subscriber.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alterative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents and \$1 per bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's.

Something to Depend On.

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

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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. WINFREY,

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 at 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. WINFREY,

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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Notice is also 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 20th, 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.
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