

REPORT OF THE CONDITION

OF THE  
**First National Bank**  
AT CROCKETT.

In the State of Texas, at the close of  
business, February 5, 1901.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$122,581.56
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	42,574.82
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,400.00
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	7,000.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	31,439.22
Due from State Banks and Bankers	6,763.03
Due from approved reserve agents	101,695.19
Internal-revenue stamps	263.00
Checks and other cash items	1,473.17
Notes of other National Banks	210.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	83.40
Legal money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$12,450.00
Legal-tender notes	2,000.00
	14,450.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation)	2,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$380,645.39</b>
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	4,917.31
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	221,252.08
Demand certificates of deposit	30,478.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$380,645.39</b>

State of Texas, }  
County of Houston, } I, H. F. Moore, cashier  
of the above-named bank, do solemnly  
swear that the above statement is true to the  
best of my knowledge and belief.  
H. F. Moore, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th  
day of February, 1901.  
C. W. Moore, Notary Public,  
Houston County, Texas.  
Correct—Attest:  
J. C. WOOLTERS,  
JOHN B. SMITH,  
ARCH BAKER, } Directors.

Is Your Life Worth Saving.

We defy the world to produce a medicine for the cure of all forms of kidney and bladder trouble, piles and all diseases peculiar to women, that will equal Smith's Sure Kidney Cure. Ninety-eight per cent of the cases treated with Smith's Sure Kidney Cure that have come under our observation have been cured. We sell our medicine on a positive guarantee, if directions are followed, and money will be refunded if cure is not effected. Price 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

**Scrofula**  
THE OFFSPRING  
OF HEREDITARY  
BLOOD TAIN.

Scrofula is but a modified form of Blood Poison and Consumption. The parent who is tainted by either will see in the child the same disease manifesting itself in the form of swollen glands of the neck and throat, catarrh, weak eyes, offensive sores and abscesses and oftentimes white swelling—sure signs of Scrofula. There may be no external signs for a long time, for the disease develops slowly in some cases, but the poison is in the blood and will break out at the first favorable opportunity. S. S. S. cures this wasting, destructive disease by first purifying and building up the blood and stimulating and invigorating the whole system.

J. M. Seals, 115 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn., says: "Ten years ago my daughter fell and cut her forehead. From this wound the glands on the side of her face became swollen and burst. Some of the best doctors here and elsewhere attended her without any benefit. We decided to try S. S. S., and a few bottles cured her entirely."

**SSS** makes new and pure blood to nourish and strengthen the body, and is a positive and safe cure for Scrofula. It overcomes all forms of blood poison, whether inherited or acquired, and remedies so thoroughly and effectively cleanses the blood. If you have any blood trouble, or your child has inherited some blood taint, take S. S. S. and get the blood in good condition and prevent the disease doing further damage. Send for our free book and write our physicians about your case. We make no charge whatever for medical advice.  
THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

ANOTHER RAILROAD.

Headed This Way From Sabine Pass—The S. P. & N. W.

The following clipping from railroad circles will interest the people of this county. The proposed new road is to begin at Sabine Pass and to extend northwest to Palestine and thence on to Bonham. An air-line from Sabine Pass to Palestine would pass east of Crockett some ten or twelve miles and pass out of county near Augusta or Percilla. The road, when built, will certainly run up between the Neches and Crockett. The clipping relating to it follows: Fort Worth, Texas, February 20.—President F. W. McGuire of the proposed Sabine Pass and Northwestern road was here this morning conferring with the general attorney, Judge J. E. Martin, in reference to negotiations now under way with Wall street parties. Judge Martin said today it was intended by the company to have actual construction under way in sixty days.

Work is to commence at Sabine Pass. This road is to be built from that port to Bonham 300 miles. It is understood the company will make petition for an amendment for the charter, permitting it to also build from Palestine to Fort Worth. However, this will not be done until the line is constructed to Bonham.

The road is to cross the International and Great Northern at Palestine, the Texas and Pacific in Van Zandt county and the Cotton Belt and Katy at Greenville, Hunt county.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. R. F. MILLER.

"She hath done her bidding here, Ang'ls bear her soul above. Good she was, and fair in youth And her heart was wed to truth. Take her then forevermore For ever, evermore."  
"Friend after friend departs," and now few are left of that circle of friends, who lived, worked and wrought together in the dark days of the sixties, and thereafter becoming so intimately associated, enjoying each other's hospitalities, sharing each other's griefs, as well as pleasures, learning to understand each other and know the good that was in each of that circle of friends.

Now, we are called upon to give up another of that circle, in the person of our friend Mrs. R. F. Miller, who has passed from this life to join those dear ones gone before. Those who knew Mrs. Miller then and her friends of more recent years, will testify as to her worth, as a good, true, woman and sincere Christian; a woman who made no pretension to great excellence, but who made duty her watchword and who nobly and unflinchingly performed that duty. Coming to Crockett a fair, beautiful bride of seventeen summers, from her far away home in Virginia, her life became identified with all that was good in the old town, and made lasting and good friends. Those who knew her best loved her most.

A devoted wife, loving Christian mother, and faithful friend. What more noble epitaph for woman can be given?

"Assuredly in the day of judgment, it will not be enquired of us what we have read, but what we have done." Not how eloquently we have spoken, but how holily we have lived!"

And may her daughters, whom she loved so much, extract some sweet to mingle with the bitter, and be able to say and feel,

"From thy hand I take the cup and understand, And in my weakness, give myself to Thee. Although it seems so very, very far To that dear home, where my beloved are. I know, I know It is not so. Oh! Give me faith to feel it, when I say, That they are gone—gone but a little way. A FRIEND OF MANY YEARS.

To the Public.

Whereas smallpox has again appeared in different portions of this county, as your health officer I urgently request every citizen to assist in trying to confine the disease in as narrow limits as possible. As to the means of accomplishing this result: The first and principal one, is vaccination, next, isolation, and then cleanliness.

It is an acknowledged fact that the disease now prevailing is of a mild type with a very small death rate. Yet, that it is contagious, and very loathsome no one will deny. With the present system of vaccination, the unpleasant sequences that formerly existed have been eradicated. As the disease has become so common, the expense of an elaborate quarantine and hospital service would be such as but few counties could afford. Therefore, we are reduced to the necessity of letting the cases remain where they occur and endeavoring as best we can to prevent the disease from spreading.

I therefore appeal to the heads of families to have all children vaccinated and when the disease is known or believed to exist, to restrict intercourse with the affected people, as much as possible. I also request every physician in the county to promptly report all suspects to me at Crockett. I will cheerfully render what aid I can and wherever persons are not able to incur the expense of vaccination, will furnish vaccine points free of cost. Respectfully,  
S. T. BEASLEY,  
Health Officer, Houston Co. Tex.

How It is Done.

The first object in life with the American people is to "get rich," the second, how to regain good health. The first can be obtained by energy, honesty and saving; the second, (good health) by using Green's August Flower. Should you be a despondent sufferer from any of the effects of dyspepsia, liver complaints, appendicitis, indigestion, etc., such as sick headache, palpitation of the heart, sour stomach, habitual constipation, dizziness of the head, nervous prostration, low spirits, etc., you need not suffer another day. Two doses of the well-known August Flower will relieve you at once. Go to Smith & French's and get a sample bottle free. Regular size, 75 cts. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

Children often inherit feeble digestive power and colic of a more or less severe character results, when food is taken which is at all difficult to digest. White's Cream Vermifuge acts as a general and permanent tonic. Price, 25 cents. Sold by J. G. Haring.

CHARTER AMENDED.

The East Texas Files an Amendment Extending the Line.

The following dispatch seems to indicate an extension of the railroad now building west from Lufkin. The extensive from Lufkin to eastern end of Trinity county which would be near May Apple Springs would indicate that the road is reaching out for timber. The point in Trinity is southwest of Lufkin and the two lines would make a sharp angle with each other. The Austin dispatch says:

Austin, Tex., Feb. 29.—An amendment to the charter of the Eastern Texas Railroad Company was filed in the Secretary of State's office today. It provides for the construction of that road from the eastern boundary of Trinity county through the town of Lufkin, in Angelina county, to the town of Crockett, in Houston county. The fact that this extension would be made was noted in Monday's News.

This proposed extension probably explains the road's action in building out from Lufkin west instead of from Crockett east.

Grapeland.

We are called upon to mourn the loss of a good and noble woman, Mrs. L. A. Brimbery, sister of our Mr. J. E. Hollingsworth.

Dr. F. C. Woodard has been quite sick for several days; it is thought that he is better. Mr. Edens Hollingsworth is quite sick with pneumonia.

Will Totty has a child that is very sick.

Dr. W. Jamison has been in our town several times during the past few days, in consultation with Dr. Meriwether.

Dr. Ben Elliot was over Sunday to see Edens Hollingsworth in consultation with Dr. Meriwether.

We are in hopes that the health of our people will improve since the snow and cold north wind.

Squire John A. Davis was called on Sunday to join in marriage, Mr. S. L. Driskill and Miss Passmore, stepdaughter of Rev. J. T. Brill.

Hon. J. W. Madden was in Grapeland Saturday on business.

There has been quite a number of our farmers who have been able to borrow money from the banks which will be a big saving to them and it brings about a more friendly feeling towards the banks, but am sorry to say that there has been a large number applying for credit not as many as in former years, but more than it looks like there should be, taking in consideration the condition of the country. There is more oats being planted this year than heretofore.

There has been two car loads of seed oats sold here besides what has been bought in Crockett and Palestine.

I hear a great many comments on the reduction of county expenses and hope that the commissioner's court will keep the good work up until they get the county on sound business principles. To the COURIER is given the credit, for we feel sure that its faithful work to the people has been a great factor in the results achieved.

But didn't you get off a windy on Hogg—full of thunder and lightning and big words! But no attempt to answer my questions.

Judge Aldrich is right. When the people in convention make a platform it should be carried out and if it is wrong let the people speak and undo the wrong at the proper time and not let a few set up and presume and speak for the people.

You have said much about the damage done Texas by the laws enacted under the Hogg administration.

Yet you, and not only you, but all, say that Texas is the most prosperous state of any. Not one of those laws has ever been repealed. If they were dangerous then, why not now? Honest capital has never been kept out of the state by those laws. Hogg has ever been a friend of the people. It is only the cry of the "Turn Texas Loose" crowd that did not fool the people then and it will not now. OBSERVER.

W. A. (Bill) Andrews, who lived two miles below Nevil's Prairie on Lovelady and Trinity road, died last Thursday. We are informed that Dr. Barnes of Trinity pronounced his case a genuine case of smallpox and that quite a number of people have been exposed. We hear that smallpox is also in the Geo. Thompson neighborhood. It was brought into the country by a young man from about Temple, so our information goes.

Couldn't help getting a cold never cures it; but carrying home a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and using it as directed, will cure the worst kind of cough or cold. Price, 25 and 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Paderewski's Wife His Agent.

Mme. Paderewski is in the future to act as her husband's secretary and business agent. During the pianist's tour here last winter his newly married wife kept a close watch on the tickets which came into the halls where he played, and she liked to know the exact proportions between the complimentary and other tickets. She assumed supervision of the private car in which he traveled, visited the markets and kept herself well posted on the expenses of the tour.

No Whites in This Town.

The town of Eatonville, Fla., has 1,200 inhabitants, with not a single white among them. It has its full quota of public officials, a bank and other business establishments requisite in a town of its size. James E. Clark, the negro postmaster, is in trouble for alleged violation of the local option law and it develops that in addition to his federal office he holds a local office and conducts a mercantile business.

The London of the Romans.

The London of the Romans lies buried about eighteen feet below the level of Cheapside, and still deeper than that is buried the earlier London of the Britons. In nearly all parts of the city there have been discovered tessellated pavements, Roman baths, tombs, lamps, vases, sandals, keys, ornaments, weapons, coins, and statues of the ancient Roman gods.

Couldn't Continue Drinking.

A confirmed toper of Franklin, Pa., made a bet previous to the election that if McKinley was successful, he would subsist entirely on whiskey for six months. He essayed to fulfill his obligation, but after a few days his stomach revolted and he found it physically impossible to continue drinking. He has now become a strict teetotaler.

Wales Collects Ancient Poem.

The prince of Wales has lately amused himself by collecting poems of famous writers of the Victorian era. He has one that belonged to Tennyson, one of Browning's, one of Swinburne's, of Hardy's and fifty or sixty more, including a curious libelous one the property of Robert Louis Stevenson.

# THE BIG STORE

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Leads in Styles, Low Prices and Courteous Treatment

To its Customers. Its Motto is: Good quality and honest quantity. Patronize the BIG STORE.

## 1901

Marks the beginning of a new century; one that promises greater achievements than any other since the beginning of this era. At the dawn of the Twentieth Century the BIG STORE was opened. It also promises the people of Houston and adjoining counties greater bargains, better goods, at lower prices than have ever been given in East Texas. You will miss it if in your purchases of Spring Goods our styles do not predominate. We will soon be opening up a magnificent stock of Dress Goods and Millinery for the Spring trade. Our assortment of wash fabrics will be one of the largest and most attractive to be found anywhere. Our departments, enlarged and improved, now comprise Dress Goods, Silks, White Goods, Notions, Domestic, Shoes and Millinery. We have the largest stock of Clothing and Gents' Furnishings in the city and they go at prices that defy competition. We have one of the largest Grocery and Hardware departments to be found in this section of Texas which enables us to carry car lots of Flour, Bacon, Corn, Oats, Hay, Bran, Bagging and Ties. Our second and third floors will soon be stocked with a complete line of Furniture and Farming Implements. We invite everybody to call on us and examine the stock and to see for themselves that the BIG STORE will sell goods cheaper than any house in the Sunny South.

Here are a Few Prices.

### SHOES.

One lot of men's volu kid tan dress shoes in latest shapes, would be cheap at \$2, closing price..... \$1 38  
 One lot Kangaroo calf French plain Bal. solid leather shoes, cheap at \$1.75, closing price..... 1 50  
 If you want your money's worth buy our Hartland shoe. It is a Congress, plain toe; Rex Gore sole leather counters dress shoe. Regular price, \$1.50. We close them out at..... 98c  
 One lot of men's genuine French Cordivan extension sole Cambridge tips, a shoe that sells the world over for \$5.50, you get them at the BIG STORE at..... 4 50  
 One lot of ladies' bright Dong. Pat. Tip button shoes, a beauty at \$1.25, but for this week you may have them at per pair..... 90c  
 We specially invite the ladies to examine our line of ties and slippers, as we carry the celebrated Huiskamp line in the latest styles.  
 Several dozen pairs of ladies' glove grain button riveted and pegged shoes, worth \$1.25, BIG STORE'S price per pair..... 85c  
 One lot of unsurpassed Old Ladies' Comforts, double stitched foxed seam, bargain at \$1, price this week..... 75c  
 We are selling the best line of plow shoes in congress, lace and buckle, prices from 85c. to..... 1 25

### GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

One lot Scrivens elastic seam drawers, three seams, No. 50, we are selling at 50c. This is 50 per cent cheaper than can be bought elsewhere. For this week only..... 50c  
 One lot of men's Paragon negligé shirts with two detached collars and cuffs, are unequalled for quality, finish and style. To close this week for each..... 45c  
 Twelve dozen men's work shirts in all sizes, good value, at 25c. To close out we sell them at..... 15c  
 To close out cheap one lot of men's Australian super-weight undersuits, cheap at \$2 suit. We are selling to make room for spring stock at..... \$1 25  
 One lot men's fine camel hair and star knitted white wool shirts and drawers, a great bargain at \$2.25 suit, we are selling at..... 1 25  
 Now is the time to buy your winter wear.  
 One lot of fine derby ribbed natural wool shirts and drawers, extra heavy, superior quality and fine finish, would be very cheap at \$1.25; we sell this week at..... 90c  
 The above are but a few of the many good things in store for you. We will always have something for you at a bargain.

WATCH OUR ADS.

Thanking you for your past patronage and soliciting a continuance of same.

## JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.'S BIG STORE.

### Something About the Evangelist.

Rev. Thos. H. Leitch was born in London, Eng., March 25, 1850. At an early age his parents immigrated to the United States, locating at Augusta, Ga. As Mr. Leitch grew up to manhood, he took up the trades of machinist and railroad engineer. Following this as a profession, and leading a very dissipated life, until Nov. 6, 1879, when at Brooklyn, N. Y., he was gloriously converted to God. Feeling himself called to the work, he applied for and on Aug. 9th, 1887, at Augusta, Ga., he was licensed to preach. Since when he has faithfully and persistently preached the Gospel of Christ. God has highly honored the man, using him in the conversion of thousands of the lost ones of our race. Mr. Leitch needs not our endorsement in Crockett—God has endorsed him, and today are men

walking our streets (and some in Heaven, too) to whom he "came the power of God unto salvation," who with thankful hearts and in hope of Heaven, bless God for the converted railroad engineer—Thomas H. Leitch.

DEDAINES.

### Drowned.

A couple of negroes on or near Trinity river below Weldon the last of last week took another negro, stuffed his mouth full of cloth and after otherwise rendering him helpless threw him into Trinity river. Sheriff Hale and other officers spent Saturday of last week hunting for the body of the negro. They found it in the river as described. He arrested one of the parties suspected and put him in jail in Crockett. He confessed to doing it.

### Stock Law Election.

That whereas on the 13th day of Feb. A. D. 1901 at its regular term of the Commissioners' Court in and for Houston county, Texas, a petition was duly presented to the said court asking that an election be held in the following described territory in said county and state to determine whether hogs, sheep and coats shall be permitted to run at large in said territory to-wit:

Beginning at the S. W. corner of Crockett beat thence up said line N. W. to N. W. boundary line of A. A. Aldrich league line with said line S. 55 W. west on W. corner of same continuing same course to S. W. line of J. H. Cummings league. Thence up said line N. 35 W. to N. W. corner of same. Thence N. 55 E. to a corner from which point runs N. 35 W. leaving W. H. Threadgill on the west side to a lane divides the Wm. White farm and W. P. Turner's up said lane to its N. W. opening. Thence northwardly same corner to Union Prairie continuing same course to Morgan Williams land, leaving same on the west side. Thence westwardly to A. McGary line including the J. B. Smith survey same

course to Trinity river. Thence up said river to the S. W. corner of J. A. Dean's land. Thence with his line to J. R. Burleson survey. Thence south 35 E. to S. W. corner of same. Thence N. 55 E. with Burleson's line to N. Stirly survey. Thence S. E. to S. W. corner on Ropie Robinson's line. Thence N. 55 E. to J. N. Simmon's S. W. line. Thence S. 35 E. with said line to Simmon's S. W. corner. Thence eastwardly up Simmon's line continuing same course to west line of Crockett beat. Thence S. E. with said line to beginning; and J. M. Porter is appointed election manager and said election to be held on March 16, 1901, at Porter Springs.

Witness my hand and seal of office this Feb. 18, 1901.

(SEAL) E. WINFREE,  
Co. Judge, Houston Co., Texas.

No one knows the unbearable torture one undergoes from piles unless they are so afflicted. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment is a quick, safe and painless cure. Price, 50 cents in bottles, tubes, 75 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

For all pulmonary troubles Ballard's Horehound Syrup, taken in the early stages, proves a certain and sure specific. It is equally effective in croup and whooping cough, and if used in season prevents the further development of consumption. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Are you sick? If so investigate the merits of Herbine. It is a concentrated medicine, the dose is small, yet it quickly produces the most gratifying results, digestion improves, the lips and cheeks lose their pallor, the eye becomes bright and the step elastic. Price, 50 cents. Sold by J. G. Haring.

When children have earache, saturate a piece of cotton with Ballard's Snow Liniment, and place it in the ear. It will stop the pain quickly. Price, 25 and 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

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FROM THE CHEAPEST AIR RIFLE TO THE FINEST REPEATING GUN EVER PUT ON THE MARKET.

AMMUNITION—WE CARRY A COMPLETE STOCK, ALL KINDS OF CARTRIDGES AS WELL AS EVERY SIZE LOADED SHELLS IMAGINABLE.

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HAVE JUST WHAT YOU  
WANT.  
YOURS FOR BUSINESS.



# JIM BROWN



SPECIAL  
SIX VOLUMES OF COLT'S  
REVOLUTIONARY TREATISE  
ON DEATH.

**ISLAM REVIVING.**

**Sultan Finds That the Prophet Has 176,000,000 Followers.**

It may come to many like a revelation to find that the Turkish government, or perhaps it might be more correct to say the Sultan, has been engaged in collecting statistics showing the Mussulman population in various parts of the world. The result has just been published, and in the dominions under the personal rule of the Sultan the Mussulmans are stated at 18,000,000 and territories in Asia, including Persia, while in the contiguous states, Afghanistan, Beloochistan, India, Russia, Turkestan, and China, their numbers are estimated at 99,000,000. Africa, where the Mohammedan religion has made great strides in the last half of the century, is credited with 36,500,000 followers of the Prophet, and 22,000,000 are described as inhabiting other countries and the island of the eastern seas. It does not appear that the total of these figures, 176,500,000, is exaggerated, as recent estimates have placed the Mussulman population of the world at close upon 200,000,000. The Islamic world, however, is divided religiously into two sections, the vast majority being Sunnis, and the minority, principally in Persia, being Shiites, who hold more or less aloof from the Sunnis, of whom the Sultan of Turkey is the nominal head as Caliph of Islam. The Mussulman population of India under the political rule of the British government and in the native states may be set down in round numbers as nearly 60,000,000. By far the greater part of these are Sunnis. Connecting the two important facts of the comparative energy with which the Sultan is pushing on the construction of the railway through Palestine to Mecca and his recent census-taking of the Mussulman world, it is quite evident that he is watching events and getting ready, in his way, for eventualities. He desires to concentrate in his own hands, as far as it is possible, the power of resistance contained in the mass represented by 176,500,000 of Mussulmans, and by means of the railway to Mecca he proposes to retain the permanent control of the holy places of Islam on which his authority as Caliph is based. Amid the uncertainties of the general political condition of Europe he may think he discerns an opportunity to enable Islam to reassert itself, and is preparing accordingly.

**CHAPPED HANDS.**

**Wash Them Thoroughly and Rinse Them in Running Water.**

Discomforts arising from chapped hands can be almost entirely avoided, says the Providence Journal. All that is needed is that the hands should be thoroughly rinsed in running water after they have been washed with soap. The hands, indeed, should never be washed in still water. This practice, so common as to be almost universal, is chiefly responsible for the roughening of the hands, and for producing the uncomfortable so-called "chapped" condition of these useful members, a condition directly resultant from the alkali remaining in the water from the soap. To prevent this the hand washing should be accomplished under a running faucet, which is also like the rain or shower bath, much more wholesome, as well as more tidy, than any other plan. Some radicals in this matter believe it would be a service to mankind if plumbers could be induced to omit the plugs from wash bowls, a procedure not likely to be accomplished at the present stage of popular education. In the contemplation of water, the human mind seems to revert at once to still water, a trait we have probably inherited from our savage ancestors, who had no opportunity of applying water save from ponds, rivers and lakes. Soap expended in pure soap, it should be added, is well laid out. The purest soap to be had is none too good and care should be taken to secure it, but whatever soap is used see that the hands are thoroughly rinsed and afterward dried.

**The First Oil Well.**

Pennsylvania has the honor of discovering the first coal oil well. This was in 1859, by Colonel Drake, in the outskirts of Titusville. The state a number of years ago erected a monument to the discoverer. The first well was not a great gusher, but as oil was then selling for about \$14 a barrel gushers were not necessary to produce a fortune in a few weeks. The methods of production were as crude as the oil, the old-fashioned well sweep being used to bring the oil to the surface. There was no casing then, as now, and no shooting of wells in the up-to-date way now employed.

**Lipton to Build Sailors' Home.**

Sir Thomas Lipton, with that forethought which when transmitted into coin has made knighthood a possibility, is about to build a sailors' home and hotel for the accommodation of officers of the fleet at Waterfall. The merchant prince already furnishes the vessels stationed there with supplies to the value of over £200 (£975) per week.

Servants in Germany have their "character books" duly stamped by the police, and in these are written full particulars of their conduct when in service. The employer keeps the book until the servant leaves, when it is handed over, after an account of the servant's behavior and the reasons for leaving have been entered.

The queen of Greece holds a unique position for, on account of her great love for the sea, the late Emperor Alexander III of Russia, made her an admiral of the Russian fleet, instead of giving her the customary regiment. Her majesty is the only lady admiral in the world.

The throne-room of the Sultan at Constantinople is a gorgeous sight. The gilding is unequalled, and from the ceiling hangs a superb Venetian chandelier, the two hundred lights of which make a gleam like that of a veritable sun. The throne is a huge seat covered with red velvet, and having arms and back of pure gold.

New Zealand has awakened to the advantage of cheap postage. Letters to foreign countries will hereafter be carried from that country for a penny stamp. The government anticipates that for the next year there will be a loss of \$400,000; but that increased correspondence will soon make up this loss.

Women lawyers in Boston have a large and flourishing club, with a noble disregard of "objects" other than to come into sympathetic acquaintance. Once in two months the members meet and dine at a well known hotel. The only officer of the Portia club is the business manager, who arranges for the meetings.

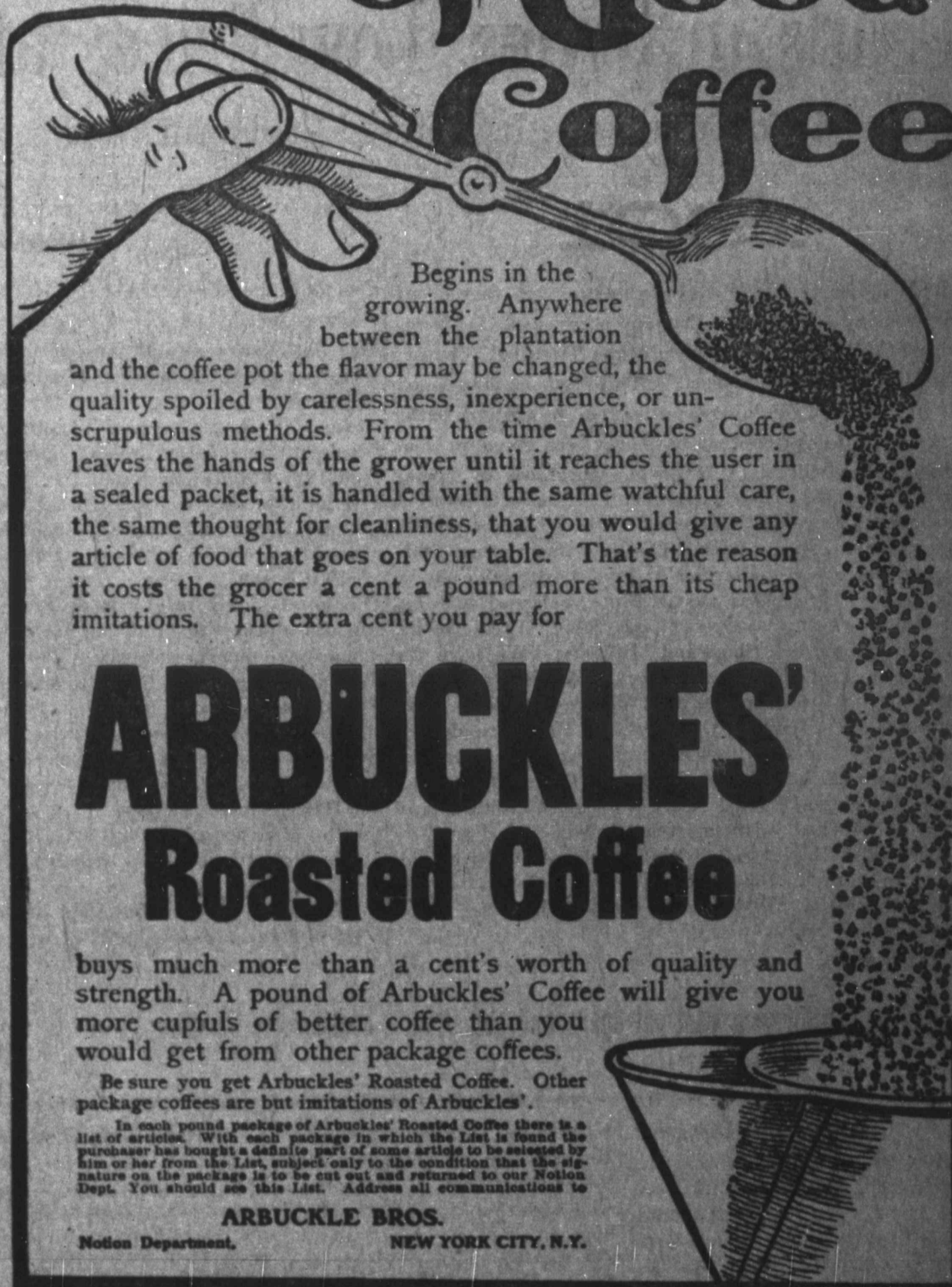
There is a special class of farm laborers in Sweden who are given so many acres of land for their own use in consideration of so many days' labor during the year for the owner of the farm. They are a sort of fixture to an estate, and their like exists in no other country.

The telephone service of the kingdom of Norway is now in the hands of the government, which has purchased, at a great expense, the private telephones in the country, and telephone communication has been established between Bergen and Christiania.—Lars Lea in Chicago Record.

While Mrs. P. T. Bulger of Portland, Ore., was traveling on a train toward Spokane, Wash., she gave birth to twins. The elder, a boy, was born in Oregon, and the other, a girl, in the State of Washington an hour later. This is the first case on record where twins were born in different States.

Laws, like sausages, often cease to inspire respect, when we learn how they are made.

# The Making of Good Coffee



Begins in the growing. Anywhere between the plantation and the coffee pot the flavor may be changed, the quality spoiled by carelessness, inexperience, or unscrupulous methods. From the time Arbuckles' Coffee leaves the hands of the grower until it reaches the user in a sealed packet, it is handled with the same watchful care, the same thought for cleanliness, that you would give any article of food that goes on your table. That's the reason it costs the grocer a cent a pound more than its cheap imitations. The extra cent you pay for

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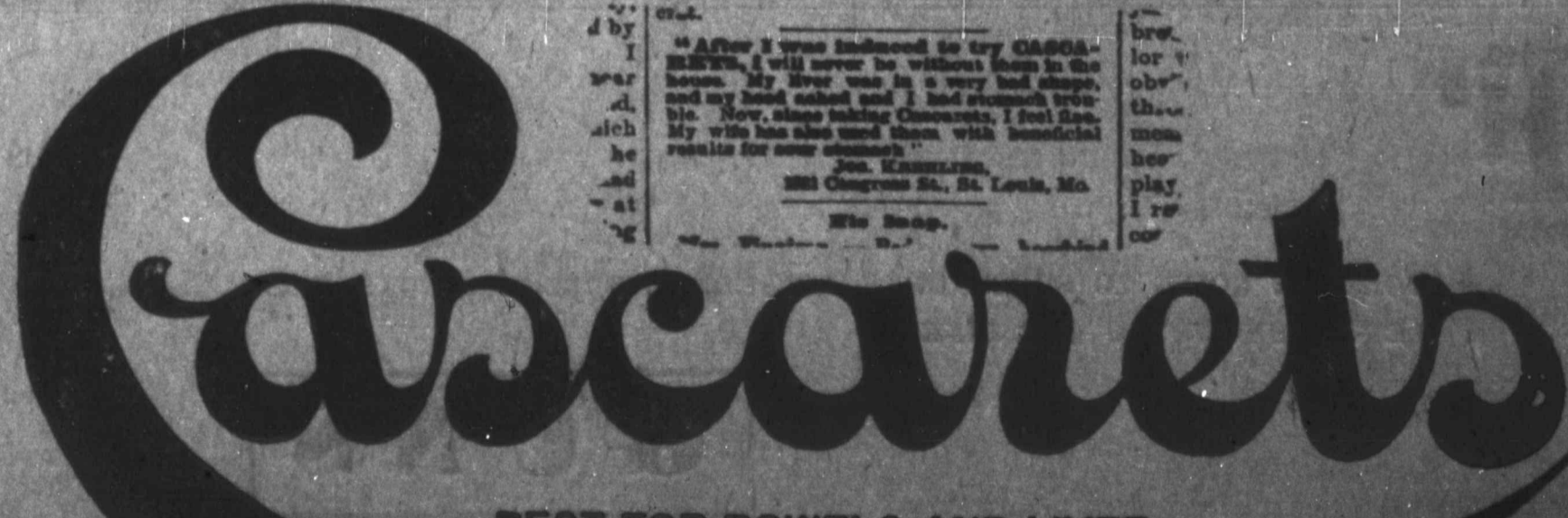
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# The Crockett Courier.

W. B. PAGE, Editor and Proprietor  
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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

## FIELD AND FLOCK.

Farmers are sowing oats. Grayson county wheat looks fine. Markets are supplied with turnips. Much rice will be sown this year. Stock are wintering well in Texas. Ellis county expects a large grain crop. Corn planting is under way around Kyle.

Buffalo goats are reported numerous in Smith county.

A. F. Schultze bought a carload of cows at San Antonio.

Texas is sending eggs to St. Louis and Chicago in carload lots.

San Angelo county expects to market 70,000 sheep this spring.

Four thousand acres will be put in rice around Seely this season.

One day last week Dallas received a carload of beets, turnips and radishes.

The egg production of the United States yearly aggregates 10,800,000,000.

There is said to be considerable northern corn being shipped into Navarro county.

In five days 5000 rabbits were shipped from Bonham to northern and eastern cities.

The average of all sorts of grain, except corn, in Grayson county will be greater than last year.

Caldwell & Houston of Gonzales bought of H. B. Holmes of Luling 362 head of fine steers, paying \$30 per head.

Stockmen in Kinney and adjoining counties waged a war of extermination against coyotes and dispatched 207.

It is estimated that this country has sold to England over 100,000 head of horses and mules for the war in South Africa.

A Lamar county farmer has gathered 250 bushels of peanuts from three acres of land, and sold three tons of the vines as hay.

Southwest Texas has 1945 acres in cabbage, 385 acres prepared for watermelons, 340 acres for cantaloupes and five acres in figs.

The acreage of potatoes, turnips and beans will be nearly doubled in the Panhandle this season. Land has been prepared for these crops.

A truck farmer at Edna has cut 15,000 pounds of cabbage and sold it at a cent per pound. He will get about 25,000 pounds from his acre and a half.

Timde & Wilson of Corsicana shipped eight cars of beef cattle to St. Louis and Kansas City. Charles Walton also shipped seven cars to St. Louis.

Reports are coming in of an extensive acreage being placed in oats throughout Ellis county the last several days. The sowing has been delayed on account of lack of grain.

A 22-month-old Aberdeen-Angus steer, which has been exhibited at the Scottish National Fat Stock shows at Edinburgh and Smithfield has carried off \$1500 in premiums for his owner, George Bruce of Tochnical.

No more horse meat is being canned at Landon, Ore. Two years ago this industry was launched with a view to utilizing the then almost worthless heads of common range horses in the northwestern states.

The orange season for the present year in California will be the heaviest in its history. It is estimated that the output will amount to 18,400 carloads, and about 2500 carloads of lemons. The season extends through the winter.

The Kansas Experiment Station has demonstrated it is more profitable to feed pure bred hogs than mixed breeds. The reports says it takes 10 and 20 per cent more of food to make 100 pounds gain on the mixed breeds than on pure.

W. E. Welch of Chicago has organized a stock company of farmers in the vicinity of Seely, and as a result a cannery will be established in that city. The cannery will begin operations about April 15 or 20.

An Idaho sheepman, Frank R. Gooding of Pocatello, has just reported from Canada a large number of imported Canada sheep, which he will use as a foundation for the best flock of Idaho sheep ever raised in that country.

## AN IMPORTANT BILL

### HOUSE PASSED GREER'S RAILROAD BILL TO THIRD READING.

Affects Several New Enterprises—A Number of Other Bills Were Brought Up and Ordered Engrossed—Bill Reserving Mineral Rights.

Austin, Texas, February 26.—There was no session of the senate yesterday but the house did business and lots of it. The early part of its sitting was devoted to Greer's bill providing that lines of railroad not exceeding 115 miles in length having connections at the state line may lease themselves to such connections for a period of not more than ten years with the approval of the board of commission. The bill was called up out of its regular order and fought by Dillard, Shaw and Schluter but it was eventually passed to third reading by a majority of eighteen.

Upon the final passage of this bill, which will enable the Kansas City Southern to lease the Texarkana and Fort Smith (if the commission is willing), depends the extension of the St. Louis and San Francisco from Paris to Marshall and from Sherman to Fort Worth and Dallas and of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf of Amarilla.

A number of other bills were also passed to enrollment, among the most important of which was McKnight's bill, called up by Thurmond, which provides that natural drainage avenues may be used without subjecting the users to damages because of overflows.

One bill was passed finally. It amends the Sherman city charter.

The house committee on public land and land office yesterday afternoon acted favorably on a bill by Moore of Travis reserving to the schools, university and asylums the mineral and oil rights on all school, university and asylum lands sold after the law becomes effective.

### Child Burned to Death.

Palestine, Texas, February 26.—Saturday night the home of Mr. Henry McGhee, twenty miles northwest of Palestine, was discovered on fire. All the family escaped unhurt but two children; before Mr. McGhee could reach a 10-year-old daughter and a smaller child, who were sleeping together in an adjoining room, the burning roof fell in on them. The eldest girl was burned to death and the youngest probably fatally injured before the father could reach them; he was also badly injured. They had been sitting up with a sick member of the family and left a lamp burning in the house, supposed to have been origin of the fire. Total loss.

### Investigating Labor Troubles.

San Antonio, Texas, February 26.—Special Agent Seneca B. Bain of the United States department of labor is in the city for the purpose of gathering statistics relating to the labor troubles in San Antonio from July, 1894, to December 31, 1900. The principal inquiry will be on the following points: Number of people engaged in any strike; the cause or causes that brought on the strike; the result of the strike; loss in wages to strikers and the loss to employers on account of strikes. Mr. Bain will remain here a week and will get both sides in all strikes that have occurred in this city during the time indicated.

### A Successful Raid.

Topeka, Kan., February 26.—J. W. Adams was fatally shot during a raid in a Curtis street wholesale liquor house at midnight Sunday night. A carload of beer was unloaded during the day, but men armed with sledges and revolvers broke open the door and smashed the cases. Adams says he was shot by a policeman, Rev. F. W. Emerson was also hurt, but not seriously. Rev. Emerson was looked at the police station on the charge of resisting an officer. "It was successful," was all he would say of the raid.

### The Claim Was Allowed.

Austin, Texas, February 26.—Adjutant General Scerry received the following notice yesterday from the United States treasury department: The second installment of the claim of the state of Texas for reimbursement, has been allowed in full, in the amount of \$4,250,000, and settlement certificate No. 14,514 has this day been transmitted to the division of bookkeeping and warrants secretary of the war department and payment. Respectfully, F. E. SUTMAN, Auditor War Department.

## Rumor of Surrender.

New York, February 26.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Dispatches which were issued by the war office last night must put an end to the rumors that Dewet and Botha have already surrendered. They have already shown that the Boer commanders have been badly mauled and that the invasion of Cape Colony has been a decided failure. What may be the outcome of General Kitchener's successful plan of campaign it is difficult to foretell, yet a paper startled its readers by the announcement, on alleged good authority, that Kitchener indicated that Botha had asked for a meeting with a view of arrangements for a general surrender, and that summonses were issued for a cabinet council to consider the matter. No special meeting of the cabinet has, as a matter of fact, been held, and in view of the repeated statements made by Mr. Chamberlain that the British terms are unconditional surrender, military men do not think it likely that at the eleventh hour the policy of the government is going to be changed in favor of granting terms to a conquered army.

## Cuba's Future.

Washington, February 26.—At 12:15 p. m. yesterday the committee reported an amendment to the senate. In brief it says that Cuba shall not make any treaty with any foreign power tending to impair the independence of the island or to permit any foreign power lodgment therein; shall not contract any debts beyond the capacity of its revenues to pay interest and to provide a sinking fund; shall give the United States the right to intervene for the preservation of order and independence; shall ratify acts of the United States during occupancy; will continue all sanitary measures; shall leave the disposition of the Isle of Pines to further treaty; shall sell or lease to the United States sites for coaling stations, and shall embody the foregoing provisions in a permanent treaty with the United States.

## Prisoner Tortured.

New York, February 26.—An excited mob in Matteawan, N. J., Sunday night hanged Charles Herbert, a resident of that place, in an effort to make him confess that he had started a fire which destroyed the business portion of the town of January 27. Herbert protested his innocence. He was strung up a second time and when lowered again asserted that he was not guilty. This time the torture ceased and the man was taken to jail. Last night a dwelling occupied by Herbert's mother caught fire and when the flames were extinguished it was discovered that the stairway in the house had been soaked with kerosene. Suspicion pointed to Herbert and his arrest and torture followed.

## A Double Execution.

Berlin, February 26.—The Lokal Anzeiger has the following from Peking, dated February 25: The execution of Chih Shu, former grand secretary, and Hsu Cheng Fu, son of the notorious Hsu Tung, tomorrow by the hangman, will occur upon the same place where last summer two pro-civilization mandarins were beheaded. The spot is within the German zone. All the other officials whose lives are demanded by the ministers of the powers will be beheaded in Sian Fu. The opinion largely prevails in Peking that Prince Tuan's punishment will necessitate the choosing of another heir to the throne than his son.

## Large Standing Army Proposed.

New York, February 26.—According to the Tribune's London correspondent a great scheme of army extension is spoken of in England, and if the stories which have been widely circulated should prove to be correct, much time will be occupied in its consideration. It is said that the British government proposes to increase its standing army to 150,000 men, but it is hardly credible that such a proposal will be made, as it would mean almost the doubling of the strength of the regular forces.

## Victims of The Rio.

San Francisco, Cal., February 26.—No more bodies of victims of the Rio de Janeiro wreck have been recovered, and it is not expected that an will rise to the surface before next Thursday or Friday. At the spot where the vessel is supposed to lie, the water is thirty-six fathoms deep, which is said to be twice the depth at which divers can work. It is thought by expert divers that the bodies of those who went down with the ship will never be recovered.

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As a result of the changeable climate, catarrh has become one of the most prevalent and universal diseases known to man. Nearly one-third of the people of the United States are afflicted with catarrh in some of its many phases and stages. Add to this the fact that catarrh rapidly tends to become fixed or chronic, also the further fact that it is capable of producing a great many other diseases, and we begin to realize the true nature of this dread disease.

So formidable was catarrh become that in every city or town of any size numerous doctors are to be found who make the treatment of catarrh a specialty. Of course a great deal of good is accomplished in this way, but as yet a comparatively small number of the people can avail themselves of this treatment because of the great expense necessarily attached to it.

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**EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.**

Zeburg observatory burned.  
Virginia is to have a constitutional convention.  
Over 1500 entries were made at the New York dog show.  
Missouri will have a \$50,000 display at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo.  
It is claimed the new Russian tariff act will damage Chicago \$20,000,000 yearly.  
The sawmill and lumber yard of A. Wilbertson at Plaquemine, La., burned. Loss \$10,000.  
Miss Annie Davis, a prominent young lady of Rockwood, Tenn., suicided by taking rough on rats.

Rolla F. Williams, well known in Texas and professor at the Armour Institute in Chicago, died of appendicitis.  
Capt. Nehemiah M. Dyer, who commanded the cruiser Baltimore during the battle of Manila bay, May 1, 1898, was retired on account of age.  
Hilario Rubio the alleged ringleader in the Macabebe outrages, has been arrested in Manila for receiving much co-operation from the insurgents.  
A train was derailed by the Boers near Jalbosch and looted by natives. Two cars were ordered out and the Boers fired on them, killing two persons and wounded many.

William P. Hill, for over fifty years a prominent New England newspaper editor, died of grippe at the home of his son-in-law, R. R. Williams, in Denver. Mr. Hill was born in 1815 in Concord, N. H.

J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. deposited in the First National bank of New York a check for \$23,127,016. The check represents the recent transfer of the Central Railroad of New Jersey to the Morgan interests.

John Skelton Williams of the Seaboard Air Line railway denied the report that a syndicate had purchased a controlling interest of the Chattanooga, Rome and Southern railway for the Seaboard Air Line syndicate.

Charles A. Leinard, ex-state representative and late assistant justice of the supreme court of New Mexico under President McKinley, died at his home at Caldwell, O., of consumption. He leaves a wife and one daughter.

The threatened war among the transcontinental roads over rates for the Epworth League meeting at San Francisco next summer has been averted by the meeting of the Transcontinental Passenger association. The agreed rate is \$50 for the round trip.

The Pretoria correspondent of the London Daily Mail hints that Lord Kitchener is planning a campaign in the northern Transvaal, especially in the neighborhood of Pietersburg and in other districts not yet visited by British troops.

Gen. MacArthur has informed the war department that the transports Hancock and Kilpatrick have departed from Manila for the United States. The Hancock had the Thirty-eighth volunteers on board and the Kilpatrick 400 sick soldiers.

Maj. O. B. Gunn, a well known civil engineer, died at Kansas City, Mo., of stomach trouble. Dr. Gunn built the central branch of the Union Pacific railroad, now the Missouri Pacific, and was superintendent of that road for some time.

The heavy snow in the Sacramento and Blanco mountains of New Mexico interrupted mining operations. On Mount Blanco the snow was ten to fifteen feet deep and the roads are impassable. At the foot of the mountains the small mines suspended work.

The John Weir Zinc and Lead company, which has been operating zinc mines in East Tennessee, has just purchased the controlling interest in the Magistral copper mines at Chihuahua, Mexico.

A failure for \$1,000,000 or over, with assets to the amount of a \$10 bill, was shown in the voluntary petition in bankruptcy filed at Boston by George R. Eager, railroad builder of Massachusetts. The actual figures of liabilities are \$1,407,341.

John P. Squire & Co., with a capital stock of \$7,500,000, was incorporated at Trenton, N. J., to do a pork packing business in Boston, Mass., and other eastern points, absorbing about a dozen, including the business of John P. Squire at Boston.

New Year's rations and copper coins were presented on the 18th at Peking in the district under American supervision to 4000 Chinese. Gen. Chaffee gave \$400 and Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang an equal amount. Four soup kitchens were busy all day.

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## THE COURIER.

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### THOSE AMENDMENTS ONCE MORE.

Our Grapeland correspondent is still very unhappy. He is greatly worried to think that any one should take issue over the adoption of the Hogg amendments or impeach the underlying motives which prompted these propositions. He ignores a rational discussion of them, expresses a contempt for good English, resorts to slang and throws himself in blissful repose on the infallibility of his political Pope. In the opinion of our Grapeland correspondent the author of these amendments can do nothing wrong and has a divine right to say what the people need and to enforce same whether they wish it or not. But lack-a-day! he announces the startling proposition that all of our prosperity is due to James Stephen Hogg! There is no arguing with a man who nurses such a hallucination. One who talks thus will insist that water flows up hill, that midnight is the brightest hour of the day, that the Law of Gravitation is a fraud and that a Limburger cheese factory ought to be started in the moon.

He appeals to Judge Aldrich's position for help. But the Judge himself is not consistent. His party conscience is quickened by the supreme demands of a platform. Why plead that in justification of one's position, unless one complies fully with all such demands! It is a platform *flat* says the Judge. So has free-silver coinage been a platform demand of state and national platforms for half a score of years. Why not be consistent and do nothing in contravention of this paramount principle of party fealty? You say they didn't. We say they did. What is it? The present legislature in a spirit of high treason to the party and its platform demands undertook to launch a presidential boom for the leading gold standard democrat by inviting him to Austin to make a speech. David Bennett Hill. We are not criticizing such a course but simply invoke it to measure the degree of consistency for we have never believed that even ten per cent of those who went on the stump and "rent their hair" for free-silver ever believed in it. It was a straight and short cut to the "coon" as the boy said who wanted it and went after it and got it.

Our Grapeland correspondent seeks to revive the prejudices of the Hogg-Clark campaign. That is not discussion but an appeal to passion. It doesn't apply to us in any event for the COURIER supported Hogg after the Houston convention as loyally as any paper in Texas. Nor is that all. We worked and voted for a railroad commission before Hogg ever advocated it and have been and are yet a staunch believer in such an agency for the control of these corporations. The railroad commission has ample power to protect the people (and is doing it) from the grasping tendencies of railroad corporations. Has any one of that commission suggested such legislation as that contained in these amendments? Has Reagan done so, or Storey or Mayfield? They are in a position to know about those things. Do they advise such legislation? Not one of them, individually or collectively. On the contrary they in effect and virtually say emphatically that there is no need of these Hogg amendments, that

there is already ample power in the constitution and the statutes to secure the ends sought. But says our correspondent where is the harm in the submission of these amendments to a vote? The harm will be in the "wild and woolly" campaign to secure their adoption by a scuttling crew of agitators. Their views will be heralded abroad as the views of the people and such a construction will do the state irreparable injury.

Railroads are not criminals necessarily and the ownership of such property is not a crime as these amendments seem to contemplate. It is contended that they will do good. In one or two ways they will do good. They will give scheming agitators an opportunity to reestablish waning political fortunes. That is one thing they will do. Another is that a score of railroads will be thrown into the hands of receivers and a carnival of rich and redolent pickings for certain members of the legal fraternity will be held in a score of towns in Texas. The unsavory memories of the receivership business are still fresh in the minds of some people and it is yet to be shown where one ever benefitted any one but New York road wreckers and those fortunate enough to get into the receivership "swim."

In our next issue we hope to give an analysis of the recent Financial Statement of the county and to show some of the errors of same.

### Boll Weevil.

It seems that the cotton planters of East Texas are making up their mind that they are going to have a serious fight with this latest invasion from Mexico, the boll-weevil. Several years ago they made their first appearance in Southwest Texas. The government sent an expert down there to study the pest. He reported that the insect was a dangerous one to the cotton grower but that its ravages would likely be confined to Southwest Texas. In this he was mistaken. The pest has gradually pushed forward, north and east, and entire districts in south and south middle Texas were almost totally ruined last season.

They have advanced as far or farther north than Waco and have come as far east as the Trinity. We are reliably informed that the manager of the state farm at Weldon thinks that the farm near that place sustained a loss of from one to two hundred bales of cotton last season from boll-weevil. South Texas, where they can produce cane and rice, are abandoning cotton altogether on account of the boll-weevil. The cotton planters in this section will soon be face to face with a serious peril to their staple crop and they might as well begin to realize the fact and prepare to meet it.

With the I. & G. N. R. R. passing through the center of the county, north and south, the Katy running east and west near south border, the Cotton Belt on the north and east, the East Texas passing through the county from east to west, the Santa Fe running up the Trinity Valley on west border of county and the Sabine Pass and Northwestern through the county east of Crockett to Palestine, where is the man who will say that Houston county will not be in the "swim" of prosperity? There are great times ahead for this section. But one shadow darkens the prospect and it is that of the wide-mouthed, leather-lunged agitator.

John Arrington shipped a car load of hogs to Houston last week.

### LAST WEEK'S SHOOTING.

#### One Killed, Two Wounded—A Tragic Affair.

We referred briefly in our last issue to the shooting scrape north of Lovelady. Our information then was that both the Brocks had been killed and Platt mortally wounded. Since then we have had a straight account of the unfortunate event and are glad to state that only one of the Brocks was killed while the other received only a flesh wound. Platt, though seriously wounded through the lung, it is thought, will get well.

From the most reliable statements we can get, the shooting was the result of a feud between the families of long standing. It probably originated from the fact that a negro laborer who had been working for Brock quit work and hired to Platt. After working there for a while he went back to work for Brock. Hard feelings and recriminations followed which caused quite a bitterness between the parties, although they were brothers-in-law. An effort had been made to reconcile all concerned but without avail. On Wednesday of last week, the Brocks, father and son with their wives, came to Crockett in a wagon on business. They returned in the evening. On their way home they passed the home of Platt. As they passed Platt was standing near his home and called to them to stop. They failed to do so at once and drove on down the road, stopping some fifty yards or more from Platt's home. Platt went up to the wagon where they all were with a Winchester in his hands. On reaching the wagon he remarked to the elder Brock that he "wanted to apologize to him and would do so but that his son had said something about him which he would have to retract." The younger Brock said in effect that "he, Platt, couldn't make him retract." Other words passed and then it seems that the shooting began. The young man was armed, a fact probably not known to Platt. From accounts the first shot was fired by young Brock. Platt, it is said, thrust his Winchester against young Brock's abdomen and fired, the ball passing through vital parts. One of the shots from young Brock's pistol passed through Platt's left lung. Another, it is said, passed through the upper part of the elder Brock's arm who was making an effort to stop the trouble. Young Brock died soon after the shooting. An exhuming trial was held at Lovelady before Justice Payne who held Platt in a \$2000 bond.

#### Night Was Her Terror.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicine failed, three \$1 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, la grippe, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at Haring's drug store.

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#### Revival of an Old Feud.

There was a fatal shooting affray at Groveton on Saturday night last. G. W. Washburne being shot and instantly killed by Wright Terry it is said. There was a good deal of drinking Saturday evening and the constable feeling that he needed help in preserving order, summoned Washburne to help him. In an effort to quiet matters, an arrest or two were attempted, the constable and Washburne acting together. Terry drew a pistol and placing it close to Washburne's person fired. It seems that there were hard feelings still existing from an old feud about a year ago in which Washburne had killed Stevenson and the most of the town then was arrayed in two factions. At that time the governor had to send some of the state Ranger force over there to quiet things. Washburne hadn't had his trial for the killing of Stevenson when he was killed on Saturday last.

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