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POPULAR EXCURSIONS.

PALESTINE, TEX., April 5-6, East Texas Teacher's (col.) Association.
GALVESTON, TEX., April 16, Re-Union Scottish Rite Masons.
GALVESTON, TEX., April 16, Grand Commandery Knights Templar.
GALVESTON, TEX., April 16, K. of P. Grand Lodge Convention.
GALVESTON, TEX., April 23, State Medical Association.
GALVESTON, TEX., April 27, G. A. R. Re-Union.
NEW ORLEANS, La., April 24-30, General Missionary Conference of the M. E. church south.
SAN ANTONIO, TEX., April 5-8, Fraternal Union of America.
DALLAS, TEX., April 2-3, Laundry Men's Association.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 18-21, Epworth League Convention.
MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 28-30, United Confederate Veteran's Re-Union.
FT. WORTH, TEX., April 25-27, State Convention Traveller's Protective Association.
LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas, May 16-28, General Assembly Presbyterian Church.
DALLAS, TEX., April 30, May 2, Federation of Women's Clubs. Low excursion rates will be made for all the above occasions. Ask ticket agent for particulars as to rates, dates of sale, etc., or write to
D. J. PRICE,
G. P. & T. A., Palestine, Tex.

CANCER

Sufferers from this horrible malady nearly always inherit it—not necessarily from the parents, but may be from some remote ancestor, for Cancer often runs through several generations. This deadly poison may lay dormant in the blood for years, or until you reach middle life, then the first little sore or ulcer makes its appearance—or a swollen gland in the breast, or some other part of the body, gives the first warning.

To cure Cancer thoroughly and permanently all the poisonous virus must be eliminated from the blood—every vestige of it driven out. This S. S. S. does, and is the only medicine that can reach deep-seated, obstinate blood troubles like this. When all the poison has been forced out of the system the Cancer heals, and the disease never returns.

Cancer begins often in a small way, as the following letter from Mrs. Shirer shows: A small pimple came on my jaw about an inch below the ear on the left side of my face. It gave me no pain or inconvenience, and I should have forgotten about it had it not begun to increase and itch; it would bleed a little, then scab over, but would not heal. This continued for some time, when my jaw began to swell, becoming very painful. The Cancer began to eat and spread, until it was as large as a half dollar, when I heard of S. S. S. and determined to give it a fair trial, and it was remarkable what a wonderful effect it had from the very beginning; the sore began to heal and after taking a few bottles disappeared entirely. This was two years ago; there are still no signs of the Cancer, and my general health is sometimes good.—Mrs. E. Shirer, La. Plate, Mo.

SSS is the greatest of all blood purifiers, and the only one guaranteed purely vegetable. Send for our free book on Cancer, containing valuable and interesting information about this disease, and write our physicians about your case. We make no charge for medical advice.
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District Court Proceedings.

State vs Will Hester—*theft of cattle*; verdict of guilty and punishment assessed at two years in penitentiary.
State vs. Bud Stubblefield—*assault to murder*; verdict of guilty and punishment assessed at seven years in penitentiary.
State vs. Wade Matthews—*theft*; guilty and fined \$100.
State vs. George Smith—*burglary*; guilty and punishment six years in penitentiary.
State vs. Tom Walker—*theft of cattle*; plea of guilty and punishment two years in penitentiary.
State vs. Shed Thaniel—*burglary*; plea of guilty and two years in penitentiary.
State vs. Will Wade—*assault to murder*; verdict of guilty and two years in penitentiary.
State vs. W. O. Brannon—*forgery*; verdict not guilty.
State vs. W. O. Brannon—*dismissed* by the state.
State vs. Chas. Durden—*sodomy*; verdict not guilty.
State vs. Fred Denton—*theft of cattle*; dismissed by the state, the defendant being dead.
State vs. Col. Mitchell—*theft of cattle*; verdict not guilty.
State vs. Albert Edens—*burglary*; verdict not guilty.
The only cases, not tried, continued or disposed of on the criminal docket up to the evening of the 27th of March were, viz:
State vs. Newberry—*set for March 28th.*
State vs. Skyles Brown—*set for March 28th.*
State vs. Bob Singletery—*set for March 28th.*
State vs. Henry Sims—*set for March 29th.*
State vs. Eugene Thomasson—*set for March 29th.*
State vs. Jno. A. Richards—*set for April 1st.*
State vs. James Moseley—*set for April 3rd.*
All of the above cases except the Newberry case, are indictments presented at the present term of the court. Four are for perjury, and the cases of Newberry, Richards and Moseley, being charges of murder, special venire were necessarily ordered.

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.

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 it 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 55 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.

Prairie Point.

ED. COURIER:—This community is in good shape in regard to farming, notwithstanding the late rains and cold, some few may have to plant some corn over, but their land will be in better shape. The farmers in this section have taken our (?) advice and are planting more corn.
Fayette Shaw is the happiest man on Nevils Prairie—on inquiry found it was a girl. Fayette says the only trouble is "feeding 'em," says he has enough for this year and next, but don't know what he will do year after next.
Spencer Monzingo of Lovelady has sold out his tonsorial business to Sam Irow, who seems to be doing a good business. Dr. Asa and Glover Speer are back from the Memphis Medical School, and will locate at Weldon.
There were two oil prospectors in Lovelady recently on their way to Henry Hyde's on Trinity river with a view of prospecting for oil and coal. What success they have had we are not informed.
Our Solons at Austin are still wrestling with the law problems. My advice to them is to pass the appropriation bill, draw their per diem and return home to Jane and the children. We have more laws now than the people regard.
The smallpox is still raging in the neighborhood below here. Some whole families are down with that dread disease.
Dave Hooper and Charlie Hines from Leon county were visitors at Prairie Point Sunday. Dave was on a visit to relatives and Mr. Hines, a young widower, was over to see Miss ——— well, will report later on. RENO.

Chautauqua Announcement.

The first meeting for this year of the directors of the Colorado Chautauqua Association occurred at Boulder, Colorado, Saturday, January 19, with President J. L. Long of Dallas in the chair. Extensive improvements were outlined for the dining-hall and other buildings. It was decided to make Sunday a free day, opening the gates to the public for the sacred concerts and sermons by visiting eminent divines. A splendid band is already engaged for the season. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has been invited to make the 4th of July opening address, and from the class of talent already engaged and that applying for place on this year's platform it is evident that the high standard of the past will not only be maintained, but even improved upon in the coming season.
The tried favorites of the assembly will return for the 1901 assembly, and the new attractions are to be selected from among others of national reputation. The session this year will open July 4 and close August 9.

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 costiveness, 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.

Moved Away.

Mr. R. M. Atkinson and his wife and child left for Bentonville, Arkansas, last week, where they will make their future home. The departure of these good people from our town was accompanied with many regrets, and the loss is a heavy one, indeed.
Mr. Atkinson was raised here, and for several years has been engaged in the mercantile business. "Dick," as he was familiarly called, was a poor boy and began life as a school-teacher, and by dint of industry and economy, saved up money enough to go into business. He has followed it steadily for a number of years, and had established himself in a fairly lucrative business. Those who know him best recognize in him all the elements of an honest and honorable man, and he will be greatly missed by the people of Crockett and Houston county. There is one trait of his character which has especially left its impress upon all with whom he has been intimately associated, and which speaks volumes in his favor, and that is fidelity to his friends. No man ever thought more of a friend than he, and none ever stood more ready to show his appreciation of a favor. He is liberal, kind-hearted, progressive, enterprising, honest and manly; and is a thorough-going christian gentleman, having been an earnest and consistent member of the Methodist church for several years.

As to his good wife, words fail us to describe fully and fairly her many virtues and accomplishments. She came to Crockett some fifteen years ago and engaged in teaching elocution and is known as one of the best teachers of elocution in the state. She followed her chosen calling until failing health forced her to cease its pursuit, and we regret to say that her ill health led to their departure from our midst.

It is thought that, from climatic and other causes, her health may be restored, and the legion of friends she leaves behind her earnestly pray that this fond hope may be fully realized. She is a lady of rare accomplishments and is well equipped for a most useful member of society, if her health would only enable her to gratify her ambition in this direction. She is intensely pious and a zealous member of the Methodist church.

We bespeak for them and their little boy (their only child) the confidence and good-will of the good people of their new home, and assure the people of Bentonville that in them they will find most desirable additions to their town. We spare them reluctantly, and wish for them that meted of happiness and prosperity to which their honesty of purpose and nobility of character entitle them.

A FRIEND.

A Widow's Love Affair

Receives a setback, if she has offensive breath through constipation, biliousness or stomach trouble but Dr. King's New Life Pills always cure those troubles; clean the system, sweeten the breath, banish headache; best in the world for liver, kidneys and bowels. Only 25c at J. G. Haring's.

Receives Chesney Medal.
Captain A. T. Mahan of the United States navy, the well-known writer on naval subjects, has the honor of being the recipient of the first Chesney memorial medal of Great Britain. It is in consideration of the three great works of which he is the author—"The Influence of Sea Power on History," "The Influence of Sea Power upon the French Revolution" and "The Life of Nelson"—that Captain Mahan has been deservedly selected for this high honor.

Continuous Bath Seven Weeks.

Oscar D. Carpenter of South Bend has been enjoying a continuous bath for the past seven weeks, says the Chicago Chronicle. For almost a year he has been suffering torture from a sort of eczema, which refused to yield to treatment. Seven weeks ago, as a last resort, he was placed in a bath, the water being impregnated with some sort of chemical. He has been up to his chin ever since and has experienced much improvement.

Florida's Progress.

Florida continues to make steady progress in population. It now has 528,542 inhabitants, a gain of 45 per cent over 1890, while in the two preceding decades its percentage of growth was 45.2 per cent from 1880 to 1890 and 45.5 per cent from 1870 to 1880—a remarkably uniform increase.

Hoke Smith Donates Libraries.

Hoke Smith of Atlanta, Ga., newspaper man and former member of President Cleveland's cabinet, has given traveling libraries to fourteen counties in Georgia. The books are intended for school children and are to make the circuit of the schools.

Studying Our Homestead Laws.

The government at St. Petersburg has appointed an agent to visit the United States for the purpose of studying our homestead legislation, with a view to the partial application of the system to the present communities of Russia.

A Hospital for Sick Plants.

A Parisian millionaire, M. Hutinet, has started a hospital for sick plants in the Boulevard St. Antoine. Gardeners take care of the plants in immense greenhouses and hothouses, where they are kept gratis till they recover.

Pig Iron from Alabama.

The pig iron produced in the Birmingham, Ala., district the present year is put at 1,200,000 tons, against 1,043,905 tons in 1899. The coal mined is 3,750,000 tons, against 7,484,773 tons in the previous year.

Theodore Parker's Old Letter.

A letter from Theodore Parker, the famous Unitarian preacher and reformer, to James Freeman Clarke, with marginal comments by the latter, was sold in Boston the other day for \$75.

Curbed a Nuisance.

Prof. Tait of Edinburgh, after having subdued a lady pianist who annoyed him by taking to bagpipes, was troubled by an amateur elocutionist in the house. One day, the story goes, when the house was filled with oratory, a volley of explosions came from Tait's room, followed by smoke and unearthly smells. The lessons in oratory were suspended and everyone in the house collected to find out what the trouble was. Tait, with unmovable countenance, said to the landlord: "As there seems to be no restraint on the nature of studies pursued in these lodgings, I have begun a series of experiments in high explosives, from which I expect to draw much advantage." The elocution ceased.

The Siberian Railway.

The Siberian railway will cross thirty miles of bridges. Of these the line to Irkutsk required a large number, including such important ones as those over the Irtysh at Omak, 700 yards; over the Ob at Krivoshekovo, 840 yards; over the Yenissei at Krasnoyorsk, 930 yards; and over the Udo at Nijmi Udinsk, 859 yards.

Monster Engines.

Pittsburg locomotive works have just completed two engines which are claimed to be the most powerful and heaviest yet constructed. Each weighs 113 tons, the tenders having a water capacity of 7,500 gallons and a coal capacity of fourteen tons.

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IS NOW READY FOR THE

SPRING TRADE.

We Lead in Every Line.



Have just received our big spring stock, bought from manufacturers and we are ready for business. There is a promise of spring in every department, and with fresh, new styles, there comes such a pleasant placing of prices, that one sight of our stock of Dress Goods, Millinery, Clothing, Shoes, Gents and Ladies furnishing goods, etc., will bring joy to the most exacting purchaser. Miss Ada Haile in charge of the millinery department is the most fashionable millinery artist in Crockett. Some of the swellest shapes are now being shown here, and trimmings that are revelations. No styles that are shown here will compare with them. Miss Haile has spent several weeks in the market buying

and preparing for the spring trade. We guarantee latest styles and lowest price. Our mammoth stock of Dry Goods we cordially ask you to come and examine, and be fully convinced that we have what we have mentioned and more too, at a price below all competition. Our goods were bought right and are sold right. We will sell you for Cash or Credit the best



and most stylish goods, cheaper than you can buy them in Houston county, both WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. We are anxious to serve you and retain you as our customer, and if low prices in connection with our goods will do it we have no doubt but what you will trade with us.

COME TO SEE US.

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

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

Notice.

On the 5th day of March, A. D. 1901, direct interrogatories were filed in my office propounded by plaintiffs to W. B. Lynch, Mrs. S. J. Stuckley, Adam Huffman and A. W. McKinney, residents of Harris county, Texas, and F. R. Lubbock, a resident of Travis county, Texas, in cause W. B. Lynch et al vs. Stewart & Tullis et al, No. 4585, pending in the district court of Houston county, Texas, and this is to give notice that a commission will issue on or after the 30th day after publication of this notice to take the depositions of the above named parties, to be used and read in evidence in behalf of the plaintiffs on the trial of the aforesaid cause.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 5th day of March, A. D. 1901.

(SEAL.) J. R. STANTON,
Clk. Dist. Ct. H. Co. Tex.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by Green Braker, near Porter Springs, and estrayed before T. R. Hester, J. P. Pre. No. 6, Houston county, Texas, on March 4th, A. D. 1901, the following described animal: One sorrel mare, about 9 years old, about 14 hands high. No brand, right fore foot and both hind feet white. Appraised at ten dollars. Filed March 4th, 1901.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 5th day of March, A. D. 1901.

(SEAL.) N. E. ALLBRIGHT,
Co. Clk. Houston Co. Tex.

A Horrible Outbreak

"Of large sores on my little daughter's head developed into a case of scald head," writes C. D. Isbill of Morgantown, Tenn., but Bucklen's Arnica Salve completely cured her. It's a guaranteed cure for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, pimples, sores, ulcers and piles. Only 25c at J. G. Haring's.

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 goats 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. 65 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 Rophe 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 18, 1901, at Porter Springs.

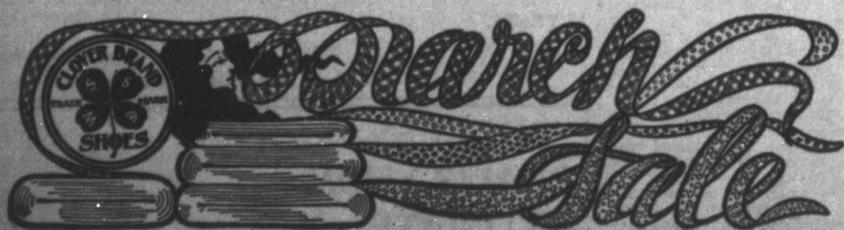
Witness my hand and seal of office this Feb. 18, 1901.
(SEAL.) E. WINFREE,
Co. Judge, Houston Co., Texas.

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.



Our Stock of Groceries is Now COMPLETE.

WE WANT TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO OUR SHOWING OF THE NEWEST AND LATEST

Spring Goods.

WE ARE DISPLAYING NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS. WE WANT YOU TO COME AND SEE THE NEW GOODS AND THE REMARKABLY LOW PRICES AT WHICH WE ARE OFFERING SAME.

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JIM BROWN



AN INHERITANCE IN WESTERN CANADA.

Indian Reservations and Other New Districts to Be Opened Up This Year.

In the Great Saskatchewan Valley and the Fertile Plains of Assiniboia.

To the Editor, Dear Sir: The past three or four years have demonstrated to a large number of Americans the value of the grain-growing and ranching lands of Western Canada. Tens of thousands have taken advantage of the offer made by the Canadian government as well as of the exceedingly low prices asked for lands by the railway, colonization and other companies. The experience of those who have been settled there for some little time is of a highly gratifying character. So much so that the Canadian government, who has control of the immigration into Western Canada, has decided to open up some new districts this year in the well known Saskatchewan Valley and also in the fertile plains of Assiniboia. These Districts are probably the most productive in the entire West and in close touch to largely settled communities as well as being situated on some of the most important lines of railway. They are within easy reach of markets, schools, churches and other social advantages. In some of these districts lands may be homesteaded as well as purchased outright at very low prices. Now as to what can be done on these lands. The evidence of the settlers in the neighborhood of the lands now about to be opened for settlement (some of them being located in one of the best Indian Reservations) goes to show that the very best results have followed even most indifferent methods. Cases are given where farmers having gone there with most limited means, barely enough to erect a small house and break up a little land, have in three or four years time become prosperous, all debts paid and money in the bank. The soil in the Districts mentioned, Assiniboia and Saskatchewan, is a rich black loam, fifteen inches to three feet deep. As a settler says, "It appears like the accumulation of decayed vegetation and ashes for centuries (the sub-soil is a stiff, putty clay)." On this soil it is possible to raise from 40 to 50 bushels of wheat to the acre, oats 75 to 100 bushels, all of which bring good prices at the local market. For mixed farming these new districts are probably among the best in Western Canada. Stock fatten easily on the wild grasses. Hay is plentiful, and prices splendid. Another settler writing to a friend in Iowa says: "The climate is all that could be desired, plenty of rainfall in summer, with no hot, dry winds. On the 28th of September I saw prairie flowers in full bloom, sweet corn, potato and tomato vines that had not been touched a particle with frost, and the winters are milder than those in the State from which I came. After the holidays the winter sets in clear and cold, with plenty of snow for good sleighing; no high winds or blizzards are known. Horses live out all winter and pick their own living, while cattle live all winter in open sheds and around the hay racks. Wheat, oats and barley are the principal grain crops. Potatoes and all other roots and vegetables do well, the yield being enormous as compared to those in the States. Wild fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries, cranberries, gooseberries and all varieties of currants yield in abundance. As a reader of your valuable paper for a number of years, I feel that I should inform you of the progress and advancement being made in Canada within the past few years, and the inducements and advantages that will follow settlement in Western Canada. Those who desire information can do as I did, and apply to any Agent of the Canadian Government, whose name I see appears in advertisements appearing elsewhere in the columns of your paper, and when writing ask particularly about the Saskatchewan Valley or Assiniboia Districts.

Yours truly,
Old Reader."



Two Big Pains

is to be the heritage of the human family everywhere, viz:

Rheumatism
and
Neuralgia

But there is one sure and
proven cure for both, viz:

St. Jacobs Oil

NEWS NUGGETS.

Pittsburg, Pa., had a \$250,000 fire. Liverpool Cotton exchange will be closed April 5, 6, 7 and 8.

The courthouse at Fayette, Miss., burned. The loss is about \$15,000.

A great seal catch has been made off Labrador. The first steamer arrived at St. John with 26,500 on board.

In a recent fight at Caney precinct, Morgan county, Kentucky, ten men were wounded, three of them fatally.

The authorities at Cape Town here approve the new invention of a Maxim gun mounted on a motor car for immediate service.

Mayor Van Wyck of New York has cabled Carnegie at Southampton, Eng., the thanks of Greater New York for his offer to erect library buildings.

At Greenboro, Ala., his native city, Capt. R. P. Hobson was presented by citizens with an elegant silver service with designs of the sinking of the Merrimac.

A young man at Perth, Ind., shot his sweetheart and then turned the revolver upon himself. He is dead, but the young lady will live. She had discarded him.

Madisonville, the county seat of Hopkins county, Kentucky, suffered a fire loss of \$125,000 to \$150,000. The insurance is light. Two tobacco factories burned.

The contractors at work in connection with the national defense loss more than a million dollars for failure to complete the work in the time specified.

It was said at the war department that no investigation has been started as to the extent of military secrets known to foreign attaches stationed in Washington.

Three hundred arrests were made in one day at St. Petersburg. The minister of Justice was fired and recently and the life of another minister has been attempted.

President James K. Patterson of Kentucky State college has announced that in his will he has set aside \$50,000 for a college library as a memorial to his deceased son.

George Cadbury, the chocolate manufacturer, has presented to the city of Birmingham, Eng., an estate of 461 acres valued at £180,000 upon which to build houses for the working classes.

The flagship Kearsarge of the North Atlantic squadron has been ordered to the New York navy yard to have the 12-inch gun which was damaged off the Florida coast replaced by a new one.

United States Minister Dudley at Lima, Peru, cabled the state department that the government of Peru had offered to settle for 3000 soles the Fowkes claim, and he was immediately instructed to accept the offer.

It has been announced that the turf congress has closed the deal for the purchase of Douglas Park Louisville, the mile trotting track situated a few miles from Churchill Downs, and it will be operated against the latter this spring.

Marcus Stein, assignee for James Shirley has brought suit against Wm. C. Greene of the Greene Consolidated Copper company, a West Virginian corporation, for recovery of \$1,000,000, being the commission claimed by Shirley for the sale of 100,000 shares of stock.

William Marconi, of wireless telegraphy fame, has arrived in America. His trip to this country is in connection with establishing stations along the coast to communicate with incoming steamers, and also with outgoing steamers.

Secretary Hay had a long conference with Senator Morgan respecting isthmian canal matters and the advisability of reopening negotiations for a treaty with Great Britain on the subject.

Municipal council of Venice offers a prize of 200,000 lire to any Italian or foreign navigator who may rescue Lieut. Count Franco Quirini and the Norwegian sailor who disappeared from the exploring party of the Duke of Abruzzi during an arctic expedition.

Members of the New York Cotton exchange have addressed to the board of managers a petition asking that the exchange be closed on Good Friday, April 5 and 6. Good Friday is a holiday both in Liverpool and in New Orleans.

George Hunt, attorney general of the state of Illinois from 1884 to 1892 and a veteran of the Civil war, died at his home in Riverside. Mr. Hunt secured the continuation of the Chicago Haymarket rioters in the United States supreme court.

THOUSANDS OF FAIR WOMEN HERALD PRAISES FOR PERUNA.

Catarrhal Dyspepsia and Nervous Prostration Make Invalids of More Women Than All Other Diseases Combined.



Peruna is the woman's friend everywhere. It is safe to say that no woman ever used Peruna for any catarrhal derangement but what it became indispensable in her household.

Letters From Women.

Every day we receive letters from women like the following. Women who have tried doctors and failed; women who have tried Peruna and were cured.

Miss Katie Klein, 6125 Bartner avenue, St. Louis, Mo., writes: "Peruna has done me more good for catarrh than the best doctors could. I had catarrh so bad, but after taking Peruna it is entirely gone, and I feel like a different person."

Miss Anna Prescott's Letter.

Miss Anna Prescott, in a letter from 216 South Seventh street, Minneapolis, Minn., writes:

"I am sincerely grateful for the relief I have found from the use of Peruna. I was completely used up last fall, my appetite had failed and I felt weak and tired all the time. My druggist advised me to try Peruna and the relief I experienced after taking one bottle was truly wonderful."

"I continued its use for five weeks, and am glad to say that my complete restoration to health was a happy surprise to myself as well as to my friends."—Anna Prescott.

A constant drain of nervous vitality depleting the whole nervous system causes the mucous membrane surfaces to suffer accordingly. This is the condition called systemic catarrh. It very nearly resembles, and there is really no practical difference, between this condition and the condition known as neurasthenia, or nervous prostration.

Peruna will be found to effect an immediate and lasting cure in all cases of systemic catarrh. It acts quickly and beneficially on the diseased mucous membranes, and with healthy mucous membranes the catarrh can no longer exist.

Peruna a True Friend to Women.

Mrs. F. J. Lynch, writes the following from 324 E. Division street, Grand Rapids, Mich:

"Gentlemen—I earnestly recommend Peruna to any suffering woman, as it cures quickly. Last year I had a most persistent cough which nothing seemed to cure. Two bottles of Peruna did more for me than all the doctors seemed to do. In a couple of weeks I found myself in excellent health, and have been enjoying it ever since. Hence I look on Peruna as a true friend to women."—Mrs. F. J. Lynch.

Peruna is equally efficacious in curing catarrh of the throat as in curing systemic catarrh or catarrh of the stomach. Catarrh is essentially the same wherever located. Peruna cures catarrh.

Peruna Makes You Feel Like a New Person.

Miss Mary Coats, a popular young woman of Appleton, Wis., and president of the Appleton Young Ladies' Club, also speaks in glowing terms of Peruna. A letter recently received from her by The Peruna Medicine Co., of Columbus, Ohio, reads as follows:

"I am glad to call the attention of my friends to Peruna. When that languid, tired feeling comes over you, and

your food no longer tastes good, and small annoyances irritate you, Peruna will make you feel like another person inside of a week.

"I have now used it for three seasons, and find it very valuable and efficacious."—Miss Marie Coats.

Diseased nerves are traceable directly to poor digestion, and poor digestion is directly traceable to catarrh. With the slightest catarrh of the stomach no one can have good digestion.

Very few of the many women who have catarrh of the stomach suspect what their real trouble is. They know they belch after meals, have sour stomach, a sensation of weight or heaviness, a fullness, irregular appetite, drowsiness, gnawing, empty sensations, occasional pain—they all know this; but they do not know that their trouble is catarrh of the stomach. If they did they would take Peruna.

Peruna cures catarrh wherever located. As soon as Peruna removes catarrh from the stomach the digestion becomes good, appetite regular, nerves strong, and trouble vanishes. Peruna strengthens weak nerves, not by temporarily stimulating them, but by removing the cause of weak nerves—poor digestion. This is the only cure that lasts. Remove the cause: Nature will do the rest. Peruna removes the cause.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

The Makers of Wetmore's Best



believe that the most men chew tobacco for the good of the tobacco and not for the sake of a premium. They are putting the value of the premiums all in the quality of the tobacco. The man who chews Wetmore's Best gets his money's worth in good tobacco. He notices the difference in flavor; in lasting quality; in satisfaction, and finds that all this goodness costs him less than cheap tobacco. Try a piece of Wetmore's Best and satisfy yourself that it's "all in the quality."

Made only by

M. C. WETMORE TOBACCO CO.,
ST. LOUIS, MO.

The largest Independent Factory
in America.

Former Chief Judge Logan Blekeley of Georgia has matriculated at the State university for a special course in mathematics. The judge is now 76 years old. He is writing a book in which he treats of mathematics, but finds that he is somewhat rusty on the subject.

Charity covers a multitude of sins—and so does success.

Even the best judges of tobacco can't always be depended on. Sometimes their taste goes back on them, so to speak, and remains blunted for a week at a stretch. Professional samplers of tobacco take a week off every few months and never look at the weed until they return to duty. In that way they keep in condition.

CURES RHEUMATISM OR CATARRH IN A DAY. TREATMENT FREE.

B. B. B. (Botanic Blood Balm) cures through the blood the worst cases by draining the poison out of the blood and bones. Aches and pains in the bones or joints, hot swollen muscles, swollen glands, sciatica, droppings in the throat, hawking, spitting or bad breath, impaired hearing, etc., all disappear promptly and permanently. B. B. B. cures where all else fails. B. B. B. makes blood pure and rich. Druggists, B. Treatment free by writing Blood Balm Co., 23 Mitchell St., Atlanta, Ga. Medicine sent prepaid. Describe trouble, and free medical advice given until cured. 2,000 testimonials of cures by B. B. B. don't give up hope, but try Botanic Blood Balm.

A Kentucky farmer claims to have succeeded in cultivating ginseng. In early times the plant grew abundantly in the forests of central and southern Indiana, and was extensively gathered for medicinal purposes, being largely exported to China. It is still found in some localities, but in limited quantities. Its preparation or cultivation, was supposed to be impossible.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

West & Texas Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Walding, Kinnon & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A dainty evolution of the scent bottle is shown by the Jewelers. It is a little ball of chased openwork gold, filled with a little sponge wet with a perfume which sends out a faint but constant aroma. It is a pretty idea, that may be attached to a locket chain or the muff chain during the day and to the fan during the evening.

Are You Using Allen's Foot-Ease?

It is the only cure for Swollen, Smarting, Burning, Sweating Feet, Corns and Bunions. Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

New York's great underground railroad will be completed in the fall of 1902, and by Christmas time of that year trains will be running from the city hall to the northern limits of the city.

Sweet cider at any time at a small cost. Two valuable and secret formulas sent by return mail on receipt of \$1.00. Cleveland Cider Co., Madison, Lake County, Ohio.

The chief staple of Siam is rice. The trade reports for 1899 show that the value of this product during that year was \$22,824,160 Mexican, and the value of the output is rapidly increasing every year.

In the Spring, take Garfield Tea. This wonderful Herb Medicine purifies the blood and gives new and vigorous life to systems depleted by the trying winter season.

As every man wants United States senators elected by the people, we will proceed not to do it for another hundred years.

Thirty minutes is all the time required to dye with PUTNAM FADE-LESS DYES.

Sure things are more or less uncertain.

FOR THAT VELVET FINISH on collars and cuffs use Velvet Starch. All grocers sell it. 10c a package. Try it once.

Solomon's wisdom may have been due to his having talkative wives.

Always use Russ' Bleaching Blue, the famous bag blue, one package equals two of any other bag blue.

A failure of one man is often the beginning of another man's success.

All the Kentucky Belles chew Kle-Me Gum. They like it.

Many Kentucky settlers look suspiciously like six shooters.

WANTED AT ONCE—Traveling salesmen with or without experience. \$30 and expenses. For particulars write Peerless Tobacco Wks., Joliet City, Ill.

Woman tempted man to eat but he took a drink on his own accord.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children's teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, always gives relief. 25c a bottle.

A WORD AS TO FACTORIES.

Manufacturers have proven the basis of the wealth values enjoyed by the Eastern and Middle States, and are impelling conditions in those of the Southern States possessing necessary facilities. Texas has been blessed in the matter of natural resources. Curious explorations and accident, have revealed the presence of large mineral deposits, and these, with the more familiar products of the soil, create elements which make manufactures possible and necessary, that the people of Texas secure their full advantage of existing conditions. The producers of raw material are dependent upon the seasons for compensation. These communities which manufacture draw upon the raw material and continue to augment no matter how short the crops. The demand for factory products is never ceasing, and with our raw materials going in a steady stream beyond the State and the manufactured article coming in equally as steady, it may be seen at a glance that the conditions are not equable. The balance is against us and will continue so until each town in the State is provided with establishments which will convert the fruits of plain, field and orchard, and the minerals of the earth into finished material ready for the consumer.—Literary Bureau, Southern Pacific, Sunset Route, H. & T. C. R. R.

A BROAD POLICY.

The action of Gov. Sayers in extending an invitation to New York business men to visit and examine the resources and possibilities of the State of Texas, indicates a policy, as broad as it is admirable. No better advertisement of the Lone Star State could have been conceived, and the effect of the governor's public spirit will be far-reaching and exert a powerful influence upon future business transactions on the part of Eastern capitalists and our own people.

The visit of members of the New York Merchants Association will open the eyes of the monied men of that State to the glorious opportunities which only await the influx of generous capital to blossom into brilliant realities. Texas presents a verdant field for investment, and this applies with equal force to all portions of the commonwealth. What attractions one section lacks is amply made up by another. Agricultural, mineral, manufacturing, timber and live stock interests, are all flourishing, but the possibilities alone have been touched and the results of cultivation will be but commensurate with the efforts put forth. Mr. Edwin Chamberlain of San Antonio, who has been commissioned by Gov. Sayers to arrange for the reception and entertainment of the probable visitors, is well qualified to manifest the advantages of Texas, and to make apparent the fact that of all the States of a wonderful South, Texas contains every element worthy of attention by the best business interests of the country generally.—Literary Bureau, Southern Pacific, Sunset Route, H. & T. C. R. R.

Here is a wrinkle how to get ice cold water in places where there is no ice. Wrap a porous jug in wet flannel; wrap it all around, leaving no space exposed to the air; place it, filled with water, in an open window, exposed to all the air there is. Keep the flannel wet. In an hour the contents of the jug will be as cold as if they had been iced.

A scientist has discovered that house cleaning is caused by a microbe.

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

ARBUCKLES' Roasted Coffee

buys much more than a cent's worth of quality and strength. A pound of Arbuckles' Coffee will give you more cupfuls of better coffee than you would get from other package coffees.

Be sure you get Arbuckles' Roasted Coffee. Other package coffees are but imitations of Arbuckles'.

In each pound package of Arbuckles' Roasted Coffee there is a list of articles. With each package in which the list is found the purchaser has bought a definite part of some article to be selected by him or her from the list, subject only to the condition that the signature on the package is to be cut out and returned to our Notion Dept. You should see this list. Address all communications to

ARBUCKLE BROS.

Notion Department, NEW YORK CITY, N.Y.

MORPHINE LAUDANUM, and all DRUG HABITS, ONLY FREE. HOME CURE KNOWN. TRIAL SAMPLE FREE. ST. JAMES SOCIETY, 138 Broadway, New York.

USE CERTAIN COUGH CURE. 25c. 50c. 75c. 1.00. 1.50. 2.00. 2.50. 3.00. 3.50. 4.00. 4.50. 5.00. 5.50. 6.00. 6.50. 7.00. 7.50. 8.00. 8.50. 9.00. 9.50. 10.00.

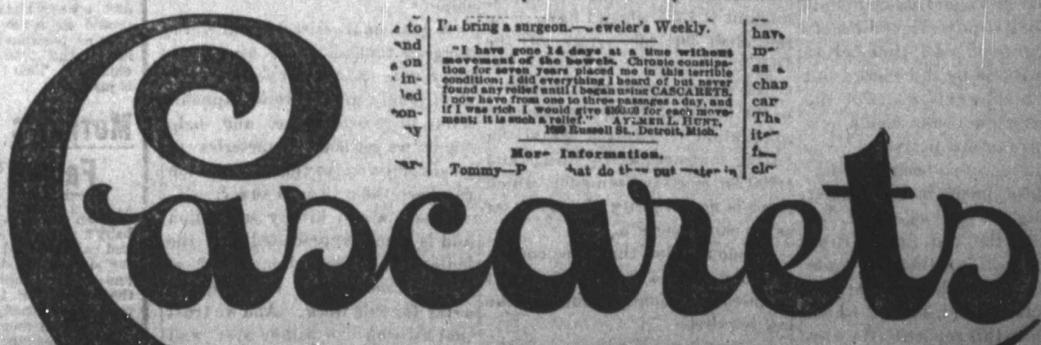
SURE CURE FOR PILES ITCHING Piles produce moisture and cause itching. This form, as well as Blind, Bleeding or Protruded Piles are cured by Dr. Bosanko's Pile Remedy. Stops itching and bleeding. Absorbs tumors. Use Jar or dropper or send by mail. Treatise free. Write me about your case. DR. BOSANKO, Philadelphia, Pa.

Thompson's Eye Water

WONDER BURNERS for Acetylene Gas; give the highest candle power. ENDORSED by Experts as the best Burner in the WORLD. Write for circulars. Samples only 25c each. STATE LINE Mfg. Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Bowels Don't Move?

Caused by over-work! Over-eating! Over-drinking! No part of the human body receives more ill treatment than the bowels. Load after load is imposed until the intestines become clogged, refuse to act, worn out. Then you must assist nature. Do it, and see how easily you will be cured by CASCARETS Candy Cathartic. Not a mass of violent mercurial and mineral poison, but a pure vegetable compound that acts directly upon the diseased and worn out intestinal canal, making it strong, and gently stimulating the liver and kidneys; a candy tablet pleasant to eat, easy and delightful in action. Don't accept a substitute for CASCARETS.



BEST FOR BOWELS AND LIVER.

THIS IS THE TABLET

THEY WORK WHILE YOU SLEEP

10c. 25c. 50c.

NEVER SOLD IN BULK. DRUGGISTS

GUARANTEED TO CURE all bowel troubles, appendicitis, biliousness, bad breath, bad blood, wind on the stomach, bloated bowels, foul mouth, headache, indigestion, piles, pain after eating, liver trouble, gallier complaint and distension. When your bowels don't move regularly you are suffering with constipation. Cascarets kills more people than all other medicines together. It is a styptic for the chronic ailments and long years of suffering that come you will never get well and be well all the time until you get your bowels right. Take one tablet, start with CASCARETS today, under an absolute guarantee in case of money refunded.

GUARANTEED TO CURE. Five years ago the Best box of CASCARETS was sold. Now it is over a million boxes a year, greater than any other medicine in the world. This is absolute proof of their worth, and guaranteed to cure so many ailments. We have pills, and will sell CASCARETS' only from a fair, honest trial, as our doctors direct. We have today, two 50c boxes, one after using one 50c box, returns the unused 50c box and the empty box to us by mail, or the original form when you purchased it, and get your money back for both boxes. Take my advice—no matter what ailment you suffer with, which you can't follow and you will bless the day you first started for CASCARETS. Best free by mail. Add: WINDING ROAD CO., 100 N. 10th St., Phila., Pa.

SPECIAL PRICES IN Furniture This Week

Solid Oak Bedroom Suits... \$15 00 to \$35 00
Dining Chairs... 50c. to 1 50
Rocking Chairs... 50c. to 8 00
Oak Centre Tables... \$1 to 4 00
Kitchen Safes... \$3.50 to 5 50
Bureaus from... \$7 00 up
Matting cut and laid on your floor at 15c. to 35c. per yard.

WE HAVE THE LARGEST FURNITURE HOUSE

and the most complete stock in East Texas.

ALDRICH & NEWTON.

Local Items.

Hardware cheap at Rich Bros'. If you need hardware go to Rich Bros'.

Remember C. W. Moore for fire insurance.

Jersey Cream flour at Hail & Dunwoody's.

Pants made to order. Geo. R. Aldrich.

New ribbon cane syrup at Hail & Dunwoody's.

When dry, call for a big beer at Hyman's saloon.

T. V. Goodrum, of Weldon, was in town this week.

Freshest and coldest keg beer at Hyman's saloon.

Try the 10 bars for 25 cents soap at H. J. Phillips.

Jersey cream flour \$4.00 per barrel at H. J. Phillips'.

The New Drug Store has a complete line of base ball goods.

H. J. Phillips sells high patent flour \$3.60 per barrel in sacks.

We want you to visit our store. JIM BROWN.

We have a full line of buggy and wagon material. RICH BROS.

The Big Store with little prices. JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Onion sets both white and red at BAKER BROS.

When in the city call and shake hands with us. JIM BROWN.

Base ball goods at the New Drug Store. Come and see them.

Buy your garden seed from BAKER BROS.

Tailor made suits to order \$7.50 up. GEO. ALDRICH.

Prompt attention given to all orders given us. JIM BROWN.

Eleven pounds of good coffee for one dollar at H. J. Phillips'.

Four times as much garden seed for your money at BAKER BROS.

The fishing season draweth nigh. Several parties have already been out.

The grand jury adjourned last Saturday to meet again next Monday.

Fishing tackle to suit any one at the New Drug Store, and sold right too.

Paul Jones and Joel B. Frazier are spending the summer at Hyman's saloon.

Call on Geo. R. Aldrich at J. C. Wootters & Co. and examine his nice line of woolens, etc.

Any one looking for the cheapest dental work will save money by calling on H. J. Conyus.

See C. W. Moore for fire insurance.

All kinds of work done at Rich Bros'.

Go to the lumber yard for Sash and Doors, a straight car load just received.

The New Drug Store has a nice window display of fishing tackle. Go and see it.

Garden seeds in bulk cheaper than anywhere else.

BAKER BROS.

For Sale or Rent.

A New House and lot on North Street. H. J. ARLEDGE.

Beautiful engravures free with Cream of Wheat, the breakfast dainty, at Hail & Dunwoody's.

Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

For Sale.

The Methodist church building. ELLIS SMITH, Pastor.

For Rent.

Good creek bottom farm, 3 miles from Crockett. J. H. PAINTER.

Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

The Trade Of Those Who Know Us.

The best trade any drug store has come with years

It does not come at all to some stores. It is the trade that comes you know not always why or where from—just comes and stays. It is the trade won by good goods, by the kind word of satisfied customers.

Our aim is to secure life-time customers. We strive to so treat patrons that each will become a center of influence in our behalf among his friends. We have hundreds of such customers and to them we must attribute much of our success.

We want your drug trade. We know how to keep it.

J. G. HARING,
PHARMACIST.

Houston County Lumber Co. has a car load of cypress shingles for sale at \$2.00 per thousand. Call and see them.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, dentist, office in new Chamberlain building. Open from 15th to 30th of each month. Charges moderate.

Geo. R. Aldrich will guarantee a perfect fit in tailor made clothes. Call and see his elegant line of spring and summer clothing.

Our wholesale and retail grocery department is complete in every respect. Buy of The Big Store. JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

We show the proper things in dress for the first spring of the new century.

KING & MURCHISON.

We can make you a better suit at lower price than any one in the city. Call and see our line.

GEO. R. ALDRICH.

Sale once, trade for all time; that is the way our customers stick. The Big Store.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

The lumber yard has just received a car of sash and doors. Get our prices before buying elsewhere. T. R. DEUPREE, Mn'gr.

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.

Drugs and Toilet Articles....

We
are
headquarters
for
them....

We have a fine stock to select from and our prices are the lowest.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN

City Marshal John Lacy has returned from Hot Springs where he went with his son, Hal, and where he left him for treatment for a throat trouble.

I represent the noted tailoring firm of Myer & Co., Chicago, Ill. They are not the cheapest, but guarantee their work to be the best. GEO. R. ALDRICH.

I can make you a high grade suit for \$11.95. Call on me before placing your spring order. GEO. R. ALDRICH, With J. C. Wootters & Co.

If you want a nice skirt or suit, one that will be "a thing of beauty" see those Peau De Soies and Oiled Taffeta's that Jas. S. Shivers & Co. show at The Big Store.

The following committee has full power to dispose of the Old Methodist church building: J. E. Downes, J. C. Wootters, Chas. Stokes, R. Cassidy and Jas. DeDaines.

The Misses Smith, with their mother and brother, left on the 3 o'clock train Tuesday afternoon for Houston, where they were to take the Sunset Limited for their home at Fresno, Cal.

You don't have to be told that thunder is noisy, that grass is green, and sunlight luminous—don't have to be told that the goods at The Big Store are bargains. JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Men's Spring Suits.

The prices we sell them for tell their own eloquent story—in a word, stylish up-to-date suits at lowest prices.

KING & MURCHISON.

This is not a hazard collection of catch penny headgear but a gathering of artistic styles, bought in such quantities that we can and do undersell competitors at The Big Store. JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Tom Walker, one of the men being held in the Cameron jail on suspicion of being implicated in the Volga safe burglary, was brought back by Sheriff Hale, tried and convicted for cattle theft in the district court this week.

Extraction of teeth without pain, 50 cents; teeth per set \$6.75, best \$8.50; fillings, crowns, and bridge work accordingly, by Dr. W. A. Gustavus. Office in New Chamberlain Building, Crockett, Texas. Open from 15th to 30th of each month.

Mr. Morgan Murchison died at 6 o'clock Friday morning of last week, and was buried at 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, the funeral services occurring at the residence of his son, Mr. L. W. Murchison, in Crockett, and burial at Glenwood Cemetery.

Spring Tailoring.

Our new spring stock of imported and domestic woolens, also a choice collection of fancy vestings are new ready for your inspection. High class work and a fit guaranteed. KING & MURCHISON.

We have just received an elegant line of oxfords, one, two and three strapped sandals in patent leather, vici, patent vici and enameled kid and are going to sell 'em right at The Big Store.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

The Misses Bliss, who visited here several weeks ago from Alabama, are expected to arrive this week from San Antonio, where they have been visiting since leaving here. They will be the guests of Mrs. Mary Douglass at Park Hill.

Mrs. George W. Crook entertained last Friday evening complimentary to the Misses Smith, of California, who are related to Mr. Crook. The evening was spent most pleasantly, as is always the case when Mrs. Crook entertains. She enjoys an enviable reputation as hostess, which was established a few years back before her marriage, and which she is amply sustaining. The Misses Smith made many friends during their visit here whose best wishes follow them.

The show Tuesday night was all that could be expected from a two-bit show. The horses were well trained, the trick male amusing and the clowns were on hand with their usual supply of stale jokes. The elephant was alright, "what there was of it, and there was plenty of it, such as it was." The trapeze acting was good, but the acrobat performance looked a great deal nicer, if it was not better. The female actors were clad in black skirts, which left the impression that there was at least a degree of modesty about the business.

The live, wide-awake merchant, who appreciates the advantages of a first-class advertising medium, such as a first-class weekly newspaper affords, is the one who will reap the golden harvest. By judicious advertising he will catch the trade, and the more goods he sells the cheaper he can sell them. The cheaper he sells his goods the more buyers he will have, and in the end the customer will reap the benefits of low prices and the merchant the benefits of a big trade. Thus it will be seen that merchant and customer are both benefitted alike by judicious advertising.

A man was in town from the Trinity river Wednesday with a wagon-load of fish for sale. The largest one weighed thirty-eight pounds and was a cat-fish. The man was a typical trapper and claimed the Choctaw Nation as his home. He said he had been in below here hunting and fishing and was working his way back up the Trinity toward the Nation. He was driving a pair of Choctaw ponies to a dilapidated-looking wagon. His skin was tanned, his hair long and unkempt, and his clothes gave him the appearance decidedly characteristic of his calling.

Election Notice.

Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Crockett that an election is hereby ordered to be held on the first Tuesday in April, A. D. 1901, within the corporation limits of said City of Crockett to elect a City Marshal and three Aldermen to serve for a term of two years. John E. Monk is appointed manager of said election.

S. T. BEASLEY,
Mayor of the City of Crockett.
JNO. C. MILLAR, City Sec.

Miss Goodgion has just returned from St. Louis with a beautiful stock of millinery. She has employed a competent assistant with natural skill and exquisite taste, and will endeavor to please even the connoisseur.

Pattern hats on display the 28th and 29th.

She extends a cordial invitation to the public to inspect her styles before purchasing elsewhere.

The Latest... Thing In Millinery!!!

At the Big Store will be shown in our Millinery Department at our informal opening on 1st and 2nd days of April. The latest parisian models designed by Pouyanne, Paris; by Laurence, Paris; by Viro, Paris; by Pujot, Paris; by M'ne Core, Paris; by Linn Faulkner, Paris; by Heintz Boyer, Paris, and by Esther Meyer, Paris. On account of a rush of business it will be impossible to have a formal opening, but come on the days mentioned and we will be prepared to give you the best of attention, and we are sure that you will open your eyes in wonder at the beautiful and fashionable designs displayed. Such a variety of "Hack" hats were never before shown in Crockett.

Tax Notice.

Be it ordained by the city council of the City of Crockett that the city attorney of said City of Crockett is hereby ordered to enter suit for all taxes due the City of Crockett remaining unpaid on and after March 15th, 1901, and the city attorney is hereby ordered to file suit for all delinquent taxes remaining unpaid immediately after said date.

S. T. BEASLEY,
Mayor of the City of Crockett.
JNO. C. MILLAR, City Sec.

The 2nd Quarterly Conference met at the Methodist church Monday night with a large attendance of the officials of the church. The reports of the pastor and the stewards were very encouraging, and shows the church to be on the upgrade along all lines of church work. The committee appointed by the last Quarterly Conference to estimate amount necessary to build the new church, made their report, and were discharged. The following building committee was appointed with authority to dispose of the present church building, and with the instruction to begin the erection of the new building not later than May 15, 1901, the committee as follows: J. E. Downes, J. C. Wootters, Chas. Stokes, R. Cassidy, and Jas. DeDaines. Rev. W. F. Davis, P. E., was present, and his presiding gave genuine satisfaction to all concerned. C. W. Ellis sent in his resignation as Superintendent of the Sunday School, and Jno. A. McConnell was unanimously elected to the vacancy. Since the last quarterly conference the church had received 32 members, and being thereby entitled to another steward, T. Roy Deupree was unanimously elected. PASTOR.

Moore's Pilules are a guaranteed cure for all forms of malaria, ague, chills, and fever, swamp fever, malarial fever, bilious fever, jaundice, biliousness, fetid breath and a tired listless feeling. They cure rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poison produced from malarial poisoning. No quinine. No arsenic, acid or iron. Do not ruin the stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street, St. Louis, Mo. For sale by J. G. Haring.

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor and Proprietor
W. W. AIKEN, Publisher & Local Editor

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For City Marshal

We are authorized to announce
J. V. COLLINS
as a candidate for the office of City Marshal. Election Tuesday, April 2.

Report of the Finance Committee.

To the Hon. John Young Gooch,
District Judge:

The committee appointed by your Honor to examine into the financial condition of Houston county and the manner in which the business of the county is conducted by its officials, herewith submit our report: We have carefully gone over the books and accounts of the different officers, and while we have found some improvements since the report of the former finance committee there are still many matters that are irregular and should be corrected.

In examining the books of the county clerk we find he has not kept the finance ledger as required by Art. 824, Revised Civil Statutes, and yet continues to draw the amount of \$100.00 a year for services not rendered. It is impossible to get any information as to the financial condition of the county from the ledger as kept, and it should be a complete record of all the financial transactions of the county. Art. 2495i of the Statutes requires certain of the county officers to keep a detailed statement of the fees and commissions collected by them, and we find that only one of the county officers has complied with this law. The county clerk has filed a report of fees and commissions collected by him, but it is not kept in detail as the law requires, and we doubt if it is correct. If a correct detailed statement of fees and commissions were kept we believe there would be a balance due the county from this office. Art. 2495g provides a penalty for failure to make these statements.

Art. 824a requires the county clerk to make a quarterly statement in detail to the commissioners' court of all money received and paid out by the county treasurer. Art. 824b, also, requires the county clerk to make an annual statement of the financial condition of the county and have same published in a newspaper. These laws have not been complied with by the clerk so far as we can ascertain.

We called on the county clerk to show us the bond filed by parties who build a number of bridges for the county under contract, and also the bond filed by parties who built the brick culvert near the depot, but they could not be found.

Art. 3381 requires liquor dealers to file a bond each time before license is issued by the clerk, but notwithstanding this, some of the liquor dealers have not filed a new bond in five or six years.

We find there has been considerable improvement in the manner of keeping the convict bond record since the last finance committee's report, but there is quite a number of bonds that are past due and uncollected, a list of which we attach to this report. We also attach to this report a statement of bonds that, from the bond record, shows to have been paid since the report of the former finance committee, and the amount paid the county treasurer and the balance due on same.

There is also a number of convict bonds that were allowed to go out of date and no effort made so far as we can learn to collect them. The sureties on the most of these bonds were of the best class and

that they were allowed to go out of date is inexcusable.

If it is possible to recover anything on the official bonds of the officers responsible for this state of affairs they should be sued on to recover the amounts justly due the county.

The sureties on the new bonds approved within the last five or six months are of the best class.

Under the law the county clerk is the proper custodian of all the convict bonds, but they are now and have been for a number of years kept in the office of the county judge. This law should be complied with.

The school matters in charge of the county judge so far as we were able to learn in the short time we could give to this matter were in excellent condition.

Our chief criticism of the methods of conducting the business of the county relates to the commissioners' court. We found bills for stationery had been allowed at the November and February terms of the court that could not possibly have been for the use of the county—being blank land notes, blank deeds and bonds for title amounting to about thirty-five dollars.

We attach the invoices of this stationery to this report showing the county officers who bought, or to whom this stationery was shipped. Such negligence on the part of the court in allowing these bills deserves the severest condemnation. Other extravagant and useless bills have been allowed, one of which is a bill for \$16.00 for writing and printing four bonds. From what we can learn this is an enormously high price for this work and while of itself it is not a large amount, it serves to show how careless the court has been in allowing bills against the county. If the court was careful and conscientious in allowing bills against the county they would not allow the amount of \$100.00 a year to the County Clerk for keeping the finance ledger when it is absolutely worth less as it is kept.

Another instance wherein the court is derelict in its duty is auditing the reports of the officers who handle money belonging to the county.

There were several errors in the last quarterly report of the county treasurer that should have been corrected by the court before approval if they had done their duty as the law requires.

We will state in justice to all parties concerned that the money refunded to the County Judge by the commissioners' court at the November term for errors in the report of the last finance committee was done in good faith, they having acted on copy of the report certified to by the Dist. Clerk. This amount of \$3.00 should have been refunded, but the errors of the Dist. Clerk made it \$17.00.

We wish to again call attention to the fact that the commissioners' court allow themselves \$2.00 for letting contract for any bridge and \$2.00 for receiving same for which there is no authority of law so far as we can ascertain.

We do not find that the county attorney made a quarterly report to the commissioners' court as the law requires.

In examining the books of the County Treasurer we found as stated before several errors which we have corrected so that the books now show the correct balances in all the funds.

Attached hereto will be found a financial statement of the county as shown by the books of the Treasurer on the 20th inst., showing the amounts received and paid out on each fine since the last finance committee and the balances on hand in each fund.

There is a small discrepancy

amounting to \$104.42 between the cash in the hands of the Treasurer and the total balance as shown by the statement.

It seems to have been the policy of the commissioners' court in the past to keep the bonded indebtedness of the county as large as possible in order to provide an investment for the permanent school fund. This method of financing is entirely wrong in principle and while it may be a good thing for the school fund it must in the end result disastrously for the tax payers. The bonds of the county should be retired as rapidly as possible and not kept outstanding just to get to pay interest on them.

There is over eleven thousand dollars in the permanent school fund uninvested. An order has been passed by the commissioners' court instructing the County Judge to invest five thousand dollars of this and the Judge tells us steps have been taken toward carrying out the order. All of this money should be invested as early as possible.

One of the heaviest items of expense to the county is in the matter of building bridges and buying lumber for same. A great part of the present debt of the county was made by building bridges, in many cases needless ones.

We would suggest to the commissioners' court that they curtail this part of the county's expense at least until its finances are in better shape.

The books of the tax collector we found in good shape, he being the only one of the officers who was able to make a correct statement of fees and commissions collected.

No settlement has been made by the sheriff for the last sale of lands for delinquent taxes.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. F. MURCHISON,
B. F. CHAMBERLAIN,
ARCH BAKER,
Committee.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this March 22d A. D. 1901, and filed.

J. B. STANTON,
Clerk Dist. Ct. H. Co. Texas.

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