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**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.

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## FINANCIAL STATEMENT Of Houston County, Ending March 20th, 1901.

### JURY FUND.

Cash on hand last Finance Committee.....	\$ 58 46
Received since.....	1,504 68
Transferred from other funds.....	500 00
	2,063 14
Paid out since last Finance committee.....	1,696 12
Balance.....	\$ 367 02

### ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

Cash on hand last Finance Committee.....	\$ 241 35
Cash received since last Finance Committee.....	3,929 03
	4,170 38
Cash paid out since last Finance Committee.....	4,130 92
Balance.....	\$ 39 46

### COUNTY FUND.

Cash on hand since last Finance Committee.....	\$ 188 99
Cash received since last Finance Committee.....	8,180 43
	8,369 42
Cash paid out since last Finance Committee.....	7,788 91
Balance.....	\$ 580 51

### COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND.

Cash on hand last Finance Committee.....	\$ 27 29
Cash received since last Finance Committee.....	1,488 45
	1,515 74
Cash paid out since last Finance Committee.....	466 22
Transferred to other funds.....	500 00
Balance.....	\$ 549 52

### COURT HOUSE AND JAIL SINKING FUND.

Cash on hand last Finance Committee.....	\$ 942 08
Cash received since last Finance Committee.....	1,488 45
	2,430 53
Cash paid out since last Finance Committee.....	29 93
Balance.....	\$ 2,400 60

### ROAD AND BRIDGE SINKING FUND.

Cash on hand last Finance Committee.....	\$ 1,082 18
Cash received since last Finance Committee.....	1,488 45
	2,570 63
Cash paid out since last Finance Committee.....	\$ 30 00
Balance.....	\$ 2,540 63

### SCRIP OUTSTANDING.

County fund.....	\$ 5,779 57
Road and bridge fund.....	80 12
Jury fund.....	3,173 00
Total.....	\$ 9,032 69

### BONDS OUTSTANDING.

10 court house bonds.....	\$ 10,000 00
28 bridge bonds.....	28,000 00
1 bridge bond.....	463 05
Total indebtedness.....	\$ 47,463 05
Total cash in all funds.....	\$ 6,477 74

### AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND.

Cash on hand last Finance Committee.....	\$ 20,416 79
Received since last Finance Committee.....	17,986 43
	38,403 22
Paid out since last Finance Committee.....	23,052 05
Balance.....	\$ 15,351 17

### VALUE OF PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.

28 Houston county bridge bonds.....	\$ 28,000 00
10 Houston county court house bonds.....	10,000 00
1 Houston county bridge bond.....	463 05
8 Brown county bonds, \$700 each.....	6,080 00
5 Kent county bonds \$1000 each.....	5,000 00
1 land note.....	2,000 00
Cash.....	11,834 95
Total.....	\$ 63,378 00

### CASH IN COUNTY TREASURY.

Permanent school fund.....	\$ 11,834 95
Available school fund.....	15,351 17
Various county funds.....	6,477 74
Total.....	\$ 33,663 86

The interest on the bonded indebtedness of the county, amounting to \$2,487.78, will be due on April 10, and this amount will come out of the cash on hand. Also, the taxes for the present year being about all in, the debt of the county will increase \$7,000 or \$8,000 before any more taxes are collected.

**Protest Against Blabbers.**  
Under the headline, "Bounce the Blabbers," a Cedar Rapids paper makes vigorous protest against the chatters who disturb theater and lecture audiences. It offers a reward of \$5 to the first usher who will "go after such idiots in the proper manner," and refers to one of them as having a mouth that "would be a profitable enterprise if turned into a windmill."

**No Boom in "Kaffir" Stocks.**  
It was expected in London that with the collapse of the Boer republic would come a boom in South African stocks, or "Kaffirs," as they are called. These securities remain stagnant, however, investors realizing that a heavy bill is yet to be paid for the mine-owners' war, and there is no knowing just how much of it will be demanded of the gold mines.

**Condor Largest Flying Bird.**  
The ornithologists of Great Britain and America have just finished a spirited discussion which has lasted for more than a year as to which is the largest bird that flies. The prize has been awarded to an American bird, the great condor of the Andes. The second prize has been given to the fierce harpy eagle of the Philippines.

**The Siege of Khartoum.**  
The siege of Khartoum continued 317 days. Over 4,000 people, including Chinese Gordon and all his officers and all foreigners were slain. Only the black troops were saved. The city was pillaged and the women were distributed among the Arabs, and it has been described as one of the most horrible orgies of blood and lechery the century had known. This was in Jan. 1885.—New York Weekly.

**Algebra and Geometry.**  
The term algebra is generally used to denote a method of calculating by means of letters which are employed to represent the numbers and signs which are used to represent their relations. Geometry is that branch of the science of mathematics which treats of the properties of space. Algebra and geometry may be studied together; in fact this is the usual custom in schools.

**Sunday School Teachers' Salaries.**  
The pastor of an eastern church stated recently that certain teachers in his Sunday school were paid for their services. According to the pastor for the prime requisite of a capable teacher is the ability to tell stories. This is the form in which moral lessons can best be conveyed. And good story tellers, he concludes, are always worthy of their hire.

## WOMAN

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**King of Rat Catchers.**  
Thomas Wortly, who has just died in South London, was known as the "King of Rat-Catchers." With a bull's-eye lantern at his belt, a bag in one hand and a pair of tongs at the other he would descend nightly into the cellars of a West End hotel. A low whistle or squeak would bring out a swarm of rats. After dazzling them with his lantern, Wortly would pick them up with his tongs, and so dexterously drop them into the bag that comparatively few escaped.

**May Employ Extra Counsel.**  
The district court at Pawnee, Ok., has decided that county commissioners have a right to employ extra legal counsel, even when there is a county attorney in office and qualified to act. The county had sued cattlemen for taxes which the latter declared were illegal. Extra counsel was engaged and a verdict for \$50,000 taxes was obtained. The counsel was to have 20 per cent, and an effort was made to prevent payment.

**The Great Asphalt Lake.**  
Recent estimates are to the effect that asphalt is being dug out of the famous tar lake of Trinidad—the most notable existing source of the material in the world—at the rate of 80,000 tons per annum. There are still 4,500,000 tons in sight, but at this rate the supply could not last long, were it not that the lake of bitumen referred to is receiving a constant accretion from the bowels of the earth.

**Politics Not Impure.**  
President H. S. Pritchett of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in speaking of the belief that politics is impure, recently said: "No man can be brought in contact with the actual machinery of our government, can mingle with the men who make our laws, who interpret them and who execute them, without gaining not only a wholesome respect for the services of the state, but also a reasonable hopefulness for the future of our institutions."

**Germans Now Drink Whisky.**  
Germany is rapidly becoming a nation of whisky drinkers, according to the report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue Wilson. More distilled spirits are exported from this country to Germany than to any other foreign country. The Germans, apparently, are partial to bourbon whisky in preference to rye. For the year ending June 30, 1900, 411,489 gallons of bourbon and 1,17,578 gallons of rye whisky were sent.

**Neighbors Not Historically Posted.**  
A visitor to Cape Trafalgar reports that in the neighboring village, where he stayed a week, not one of the inhabitants had heard of the historic naval battle that was fought off the coast 95 years ago. An old muleteer who was passing through was better informed. In his youth he had heard old people talking about the fight, and had the impression that Christopher Columbus was the leading performer.

**Brokers Office for Pulpits.**  
There is a brokerage office in Brooklyn where preachers and pulpits are supplied. It is located at 30 Woodruff avenue, is known as the Metropolitan Ministerial bureau, and is in charge of Rev. J. N. Taft. Records of ministers wishing to be placed on the list are carefully looked up and as far as possible they will be sent to fields of operation suitable to their particular style of ability.

**Room Furnished with Feat.**  
A large Dublin manufacturer has a room entirely furnished with Irish peat. The carpets on the floor, the curtains at the windows and paper on the walls are made from the substance. For years he has experimented with the material, which is now largely exported as fuel, and he has discovered that from it it is possible to procure almost any kind of fabric.

**Sim Reeves' Receipts.**  
It would be difficult to guess the amount of money Sim Reeves received during his long career as a singer, but he was known to have been paid as much as \$3,000 for a single appearance. And yet it is said that the civil pension of \$100 granted to him in his old age by Queen Victoria was the only thing that saved him from want in his latter years.

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White's Cream Vermifuge not only effectually destroys worms, it also increases the appetite, aids assimilation and transforms a frail infant into one of robust health. Price 25 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

**Female Weakness Cured.**  
I was troubled with severe female weakness for over six months. I was treated by six very prominent physicians without any marked benefit. My last doctor was a skilled specialist, and he told me the only hope lay in an operation. I heard of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure, and after using it for one month I find myself cured, and even the doctor who last treated me now pronounces me well.  
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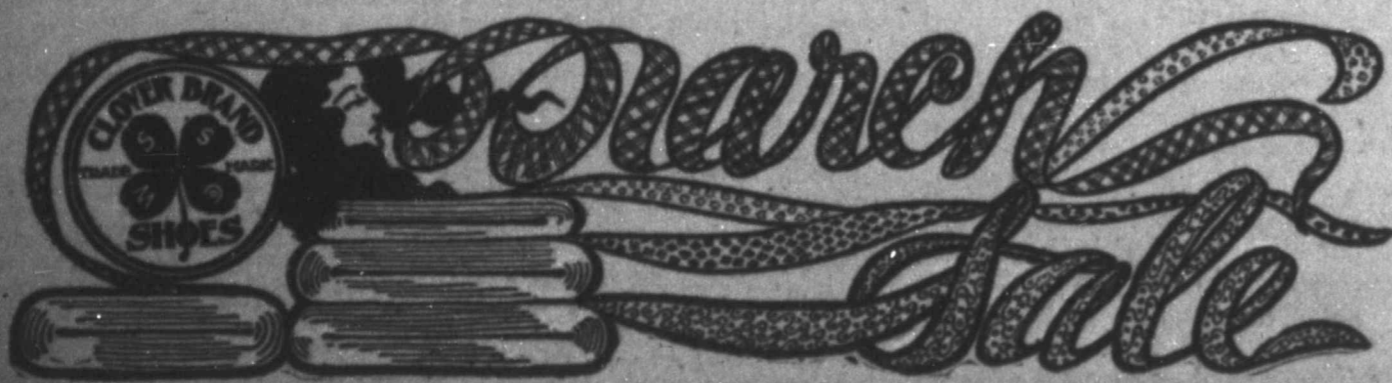
**A Testimonial From Old England.**  
"I consider Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the best in the world for bronchitis," says Mr. William Savory, of Warrington, England. "It has saved my wife's life, she having been a martyr to bronchitis for over six years, being most of the time confined to her bed. She is now quite well." It is a great pleasure to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be able to publish testimonials of this character. They show that great good is being done, pain and suffering relieved and valuable lives restored to health and happiness by this remedy. It is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

**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 out-

lined 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.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, and a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup used in time is worth a staff of physicians with a drug store or two included. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

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**EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.**

Scorpion goes to Venezuelas  
Colorado had a terrible blizzard last week.  
Postmaster General Smith denied he intends resigning.

Several persons were killed at Buena Vista, Ga., by a cyclone.  
The wholesale emigration of Porto Rican laborers alarm planters.

Six masked men broke into a bank at Somerset, O., and escaped with \$15,000.

Twelve fresh bubonic plague cases were officially reported at Cape Town on the 27th ult.

A Geneva correspondent says ex-President Kruger will visit the United States this month.

Charlotte Mary Yonge, the authoress, died in Winchester, England. She was born Aug. 11, 1823.

Lightning struck a negro shoolhouse at Kingston, Ga., killing two negro girls and shocking others.

Gen. Miles and party have returned from Cuba and say the people will accept the Platt amendment.

Three census enumerators have been arrested in Maryland charged with alleged frauds in St. Marys county.

C. J. Carleton of Muncie, Ind., has gone to New York to lay claim to part of the estate of the late Wm. Rice.

A man has been arrested at Pineville, Ky., alleged to be the murderer of six people at Santa Clara, Cal.

A mine explosion at Connellsville, Pa., kills one man, injures five more fatally, and others are badly burned.

Charles Lattimer of Chicago walked into his wife's millinery store, shot her dead and wounded himself fatally.

Two hundred bars of gold, an unprecedented number, are on the way north from the interior of Colombia.

In a collision between a passenger and freight train on the Chicago and Northwestern road at Little Rapids, Wis., one man was killed and seven other persons injured.

President McKinley expects to spend class day at Wesleyan, June 25 and commencement exercises at Harvard the following day. He will visit other Massachusetts points.

The total amount of the Spanish war claims handed in so far aggregate \$30,000,000. The largest single claim is that of John A. Brock, on property losses, estimated at \$2,162,514.

Chief Sanitary Inspector Gorgas reports to the war department that the Cuban death rate is steadily decreasing, being less in February than any previous month in twelve years.

Mrs. Carrie Nation had an interesting half hour in St. Louis. During her stop there she visited the "Nation" saloon and tried to persuade the owner to change the name, but without success.

The British government has protested against China making a convention with any power touching territorial or financial affairs until the present troubles in that country are concluded.

The verdict of the coroner's jury investigating the explosion at the Doremus laundry, Chicago, in which eight lives were lost, holds Abram F. Doremus the proprietor, to await the action of the grand jury. Boiler examinations were recommended.

Rev. Dr. Wm. C. Winslow, vice president of the Egypt exploration fund, has just received official word that Prof. Petrie has unearthed at Abydos the records of kings before Mena, the founder of the first dynasty, nearly 4800 B. C.

The verdict of the jury in the breach of promise suit of Mrs. Sophia Olason vs. John Anderson was against the defendant for the whole amount of the suit, \$10,000. The case was tried at Fort Dodge, La.

President Kent of the Southern Association of Baseball Clubs, expresses himself as highly pleased with the outlook for the national game in the cities comprising that league this season. Mr. Kent has visited the entire circuit.

At a meeting of his parliamentary adherents the premier, the Marquis Ito, referring to foreign politics, said Japan had attained a position enabling her to protect her legitimate interests and to take whatever steps the exigencies of the moment required.

The listing committee of the New York Stock Exchange, it has been given out, has admitted to the unlisted department transactions in the new United States steel corporation stocks which will be traded in "when issued."

**Commoner Comment.**

Extracts From W. J. Bryan's Paper.

**AN IMPOTENT REMEDY.**

President Hadley, of Yale college, in a recent speech at Boston renewed a recommendation which he made some months ago to the effect that there should be a public opinion which would drive the trusts out of existence regardless of statutes. The earlier dispatches quoted him as saying that we would have an empire here within twenty-five years unless something was done to destroy the trusts, but he has since denied making any such prophecy. The mere fact that so prominent an educator recognizes the menace of private monopolies is both significant and encouraging, but the remedy which he suggests is an impotent one. Public opinion is necessary, first, to enact, and second, to enforce law, but public opinion alone will never give the public protection from the trusts.

It would not be safe to keep horses if public opinion was the only protection society had against horse stealing. A man is influenced by the public opinion with which he comes into contact and the horse thief does not associate with those who have conscientious scruples against larceny; neither does the trust magnate associate with those who object to trusts. It will be a long time before the opinion of an ordinary mortal or, for that matter, of all the ordinary mortals, has an influence upon the man who can make a fortune in a year by preying upon those ordinary mortals.

Mr. Rockefeller would be indifferent to a petition signed by ninety-nine per cent of the people asking him to lower the price of oil (even at the risk of decreasing his donations to colleges), but he would heed a law made and executed by a majority of the people.

All credit to President Hadley for his effort to create a public opinion against trusts, but that public opinion must be crystallized into public statutes before it will check the trust evil.

**THE SITUATION IN ST. LOUIS.**

In the last number of The Commoner there appeared an editorial entitled "A Sample of Harmony," which called attention to the attempt which is being made in St. Louis to elect Mr. Wells on the democratic ticket, notwithstanding the fact that he opposed the national ticket in 1896 and 1900, and still refuses to accept democratic principles, though willing to accept a democratic office.

The St. Louis Republic in last Saturday's issue seems to admit the facts stated in that editorial, but attempts to avoid the conclusions drawn from them. It says:

"Mr. Bryan naturally does not care much about municipal government in big cities. That is a problem with which he has never been called upon to contend. But St. Louis democrats care a great deal; not only as citizens, but as party men. If they do not take the best course in municipal politics they will dwindle into a small political body in a short time. The comments on St. Louis politics in Mr. Bryan's paper have not the weight of knowledge or of sympathy."

The Republic is in error. Mr. Bryan does care about municipal government in big cities, but he does not expect good municipal government under the administration of a man who believes in making the president an emperor, and who is willing to let the trusts control the national administration. The man who sees no danger in imperialism, a large standing army, wars of conquest, private monopolies and the other policies for which the republican party now stands is not likely to give the people of any city, large or small, a wise, just or economical administration. The mind of an intelligent man is consistent and, as no one doubts the intelligence of Mr. Wells, it is fair to assume that he would be as willing to allow local corporations to control the city administration as he has shown himself willing to allow larger corporations to control the national administration. It is no answer to say that the republican candidate may be as bad as Mr. Wells. The democratic party is not responsible for a republican administration and can make political capital out of the wrong doings of such an administration. But if Mr. Wells is elected the democratic party must assume responsibility for what he does. If, as is probable, he would run the city according to the latest and most approved republican methods, the democrats would be compelled to repudiate his administration or obliterate the distinction between republican methods and democratic methods.

The republican governor of Utah has acted in the interest of the Mormon church as well as in the interest of the gentle population of his state, in vetoing the bill which was intended to prevent the prosecution of persons guilty of polygamy. The practice of polygamy, at one time endorsed by the Mormon church, is now denounced by the church and prohibited by statute. It is not surprising that there are occasional violations of the law, but these will become less and less as the years go by, until polygamy becomes a thing of the past. Any attempt to reopen the question by giving direct or indirect sanction to the practice would bring on a political controversy which could result only in one way, namely, in the continuance of present laws, and then to the enforcement of the law would be added the bitterness and prejudice which such a contest would be sure to arouse.

**AN INSULT TO DEMOCRATS.**

It is unfortunate from a party standpoint that Mr. Wells was nominated for mayor by the democrats of St. Louis. It would be a reflection on the democrats of that city to assume that none of them possessed the necessary qualifications for mayor. It would be an insult to the honest, intelligent and faithful democrats of St. Louis to say that none of them could be trusted to give the city a good administration. The main argument, if not the only one, made in favor of Mr. Wells' nomination was that he was a man who could "win." It seems, then, that he was nominated because he was thought available. Why available?

The Republic says that "Jefferson club leaders nearly all opposed the nomination of Wells," and adds that he was nominated by "business men." Are these the same business men who have been giving support to the republican national administration? According to the Republic's logic the democratic party must go to the "business men" whenever they refuse to come to the party. If so, the situation becomes clearer. When they refuse to vote for a democrat the remedy seems to be to nominate a republican. If this is good local politics, it may be applied on a larger scale. In other words, party principles are to be ignored and party success is to be the only thing considered.

The Commoner insists upon its original proposition. If the situation in St. Louis is such that democrats are justified in supporting a republican, the candidate ought not to be called a democrat or placed in a position where he can make the party responsible for the enforcement of republican ideas.

**COST OF A WORLD POWER.**

Congressman Livingston, the democratic member of the house committee on appropriations, has issued a statement comparing the appropriations of the recent congress with that of the congress that died March 4, 1897. The Fifty-sixth congress appropriated \$1,440,062,545.95. Congressman Cannon for the republicans points out that this is a decrease of \$128,000,000 from the appropriations made by the Fifty-fifth congress, which was the immediate predecessor of the recent one.

But Congressman Livingston maintains that it is better to make the comparison with the Fifty-fourth congress, that being the last to make appropriations for the support of the government prior to the war with Spain.

Mr. Livingston shows that the appropriations made by the Fifty-sixth congress exceed those made by the Fifty-fourth congress in the sum of \$395,482,272.05. He calls attention to the fact that nearly all this increase was due to appropriations for the support of the military establishments. For each of the two years prior to the Spanish-American war, the regular army cost \$23,000,000. Since then, however, it has increased to \$115,000,000 per year. The Fifty-fourth congress appropriated \$30,000,000 for the navy, while the Fifty-sixth congress appropriated for the navy \$143,793,000. During the last two years the pension appropriations have increased \$8,000,000.

**GRATES HARSHLY ON AMERICAN BARS.**

"Down with the Americans" is the popular cry among the people of the Philippines. "Down with the Americans" is the cry that resounded throughout Porto Rico last week. Even in Cuba they are beginning to whisper, "Down with the Americans." When the Spaniards called us "Yankee pigs" we were not in the least disturbed. Our conscience was clear. It was natural for a people engaged in upholding a despotism to show their hatred for a people devoted to liberty and a republican form of government. But this cry, "Down with the Americans" has become altogether too popular among people who have shown their devotion to liberty as thoroughly as we ever displayed our love for liberty.

Is it not about time for thoughtful Americans to ask what we have done to provoke this popular cry? Why have we done it, and why do we persist in it to the detriment of our material interests, the disturbance of our conscience and the destruction of our reputation as the foremost champions of liberty?

John Sherman, the greatest financier in the republican party, repudiated the Philippine policy of his party; Benjamin Harrison, the last republican president before McKinley, repudiated the Philippine policy of his party; Thomas B. Reed, the most distinguished republican out of office, has repudiated the Philippine policy of his party. These things might disturb the president, but for the fact that Mr. Hanna is ever near and keeps the finger of destiny pointed toward the Orient.

The trusts generally issue two kinds of stock—preferred and common. The preferred stock is intended for the preferred people and the common stock for the common people. The preferred stock has a fixed dividend, which must be paid before any dividend can be declared on the common stock; the common stock, therefore, is subject to the greater fluctuation. It might with propriety be called lamb's food, because it is most popular with young sheep before they have experienced the first shear.

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### FREAKS OF THUNDERBOLTS.

Mountains seem to be engaged in an Electrical War.

Professor Ellsworth Huntington says that during the geological trip through an almost unvisited part of the Taurus mountains in Turkey he heard of a peculiar electrical phenomenon. One of the natives told him that one mountain near his village fought with another mountain on the other side of the Euphrates river. The weapons were balls of light, which the mountains threw at each other. Professor Huntington thought at first, as the region was one of volcanic activity in comparatively recent times, and as hot springs and extinct craters are still to be seen, that this must be a traditional account of a volcanic eruption. He was, however, convinced subsequently that the story had its origin in a meteorological phenomenon. The story is detailed to him by ten or twelve men whom he saw at five different places within an area of forty miles as follows: A ball of fire would start from one mountain and go like a flash to another. At the same time there is a sound like thunder. This occurs by night or by day, although by day no light is seen. It always occurs when the sky is clear and never when it is cloudy. It sometimes happens two or three times in a year, and then again it is not seen for several years. For the last two years it has not been seen. It hardly ever happens except in the fall, at the end of a long, dry season of three months. One of the mountains which he visited was composed of metamorphic schistose shale of the cretaceous age. Its height is 7,350 feet and its top is comparatively flat. According to one account the ball of fire was at first small, but grew larger as it passed over, and then grew smaller again. Professor Huntington believed that in this case the observer was standing between the two mountains. While meteorologists have not been ready with explanations of these mysterious lightnings, it is mentioned that there are peaks on the Rocky mountains on which almost continuous electrical discharges have been observed, but they pass off into the air quietly, like St. Elmo's fire, and never in great flashes from peak to peak. It is also known that a cloud or a mass of electrified air that has not quite attained the cloudy condition may lie between two peaks, and flashes may proceed from it simultaneously to the two peaks in such a way as to lead a careless observer to say that one peak discharged over the other.

### He Feddes Morphine.

Long ago the rustling life of the Tenderloin shortened the current designation of the habitual morphine-taker from dope fiend to plain dope, says the New York Sun. In the process of mutation the term dope shop came to signify more often the resort of dopes than a place for the sale and purchase of dope. The dope shops are as well known as any other class of dives, and like various other classes have their regular followings. Out of this condition has come lately a peculiar product of this curious district. It is nothing less than a victim of the drug; who has turned the necessities and appetites of his miserable fellows into a means of livelihood. He is a dope of dopes, who could not work if he would and perhaps would not if he could. He is not old, but the mortgages on time which he has given to spend life under the seductive beckoning of his only charmer are recorded on his face. Late in the afternoon and night after night he meanders in the district haunted by the men and women who are morphine's victims. He carries in his pocket a rusty syringe, and a supply of dope, and he goes among the nervous wrecks and sells them what they crave at a dime a jab. He knows where to find them, and they have come now to know where and when to look for him. They call him the dope doctor. Both women and men are his patrons, and they appear to have welcomed his advent. And the Tenderloin adds to the number of its products the successful practitioner in contraband.

### Men Who Talk to Themselves.

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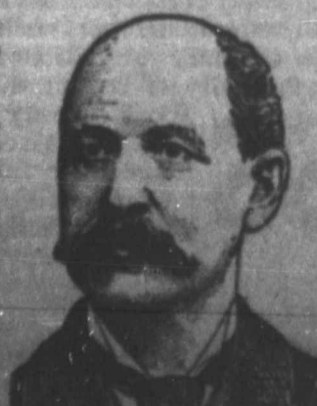
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The Commoner's Proprietor Will See What a Perfecting Press Will Do.

Beginning with the issue of April 7, 1901, William J. Bryan's paper, The Commoner, will be changed from an 8 to 12-page paper in size and be printed on a Web Perfecting press this dispensing with flat-bed work. The Commoner has been issued from the first by the Lincoln branch of the Western Newspaper Union, and the work has been handled in a most satisfactory manner in all departments. Owing to the rapidity of a Web press, a fear exists of the possibility of printing that has characterized The Commoner from the very first, and placed it among the up-to-date publications in point of mechanical effect. In the event the work is not satisfactory from a rapid press, Mr. Bryan will either install a plant of his own or go back to flat-bed work. In the latter event the Western Newspaper Union will again be designated.

**Descendants of Mayflower Emigrants.**  
Wisconsin now has a branch of the Society of Mayflower descendants, with 28 members, all but two being women: To be eligible one must be a lineal descendant of a passenger of the voyage of the Mayflower which terminated at Plymouth, Mass., in December, 1620.

**Congressional Record's Circulation.**  
The circulation of the Congressional Record has not reached the 26,000 mark. This includes numbers delivered gratuitously to members and senators and newspapers and those sent to regular subscribers, of whom there is a small but select list.

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An intimate and entertaining budget of "Personal Reminiscences of Queen Victoria" will appear in the April Century. It is anonymous, neither the nationality nor the sex of the writer being revealed, the only clue to his or her identity being this statement: "I saw her (the Queen) constantly in the summer of 1886, during my four weeks' peep into English court life, while temporarily forming a part of the suite of an illustrious personage, a guest of the Queen's at Osborne House." In this fresh revelation of her character and habits, Her Majesty appears as a very human and very interesting person.

Referring to the recent disaster in New York harbor, Lord Archibald Campbell writes to the editor of a Glasgow paper, asking why the law does not compel ship owners to have the port holes of their ships made large enough to allow a person to escape in cases of fire as when the doors are blocked up.

The annual statistics relative to the strength of the Swiss army have just been issued, and show that there are 151,253 men in the first-class, 87,546 in the second, and 277,296 in the third, making a grand total of 514,295 soldiers. Each man is a properly trained soldier and a marksman at 1000 yards.

A north Missouri paper pretends to have heard of the following call for professional services sent by a local resident to a doctor in a neighboring town: Dear Doctor:—"My wife's mother is at death's door. Please come at once and see if you can't pull her through."

An odd example of English is given in the Barber's Journal, which, speaking of the benefits paid by the Journeymen Barbers' Union, says: "What a blessing to the wife, mother or sister to be enabled to give to the departed loved one a respectable burial without depriving them of the comforts of life."

Some of the Oregonians are realizing the need of an executive mansion in Salem, the State capital, for the use of the governor, and among the properties suggested as available and suitable is the site of the former residence of Col. E. D. Baker. He lived there when he was elected United States senator.

In Belgium much progress has been made by the Wireless Telegraph company. Their messages have been successfully sent over mountains and through forests.

A young man in Emporia, Mo., recently received a letter from his sweetheart in another town and in it he was told to look "under the stamp on the envelope. The young man spent an hour steaming the letter and when he finally got the stamp off he read: "Was it hard to get off."

Two white deer were the features of the past deer hunting season in the Adirondacks. Prior to the killing of these, no white deer has been killed in New York state for fifty years. Both were pure white bucks, with pink ears and pink eyes.

The American magazine from year to year give more space to fiction. There they are but expressing a tendency which would seem at present to be characteristic of readers of the English language everywhere.—London Chronicle.

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# The Crockett Courier.

W. R. PAGE, Editor and Proprietor  
W. W. Aiken, Publisher and Local Editor  
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

## TYPE-TOLD TEXAS TALES.

Hico wants a cannery plant.  
A Confederate camp has been organized at Lancaster.  
The sheriff's department of Johnson county is after gamblers.

The capacity of the Corsicana cotton mill is to be increased.

There is but one felony case on the district court docket of Borden county. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Radford Moxey of Sherman strangled to death.

Claude Clifton, a boy, was run over by a train at Fort Worth and both legs cut off.

Firebugs burned a hay stack and a barn near Lorena, the property of H. M. Williams.

The Confederates of Fort Worth will have an old fiddlers' contest on the 11th, 12th and 13th insts.

Dr. J. H. Keever, a prominent physician of Oak Cliff, was seriously shot. W. R. Worden was arrested.

The Santa Fe railway shops at Cleburne are running day and night, so great is the amount of work on hand.

Jack Walsh, a member of the Houston fire department, was shot and killed. Miss Graham was placed under \$2000 bond.

A couple, first cousins, from Oklahoma, were united in marriage at Sherman. The laws of that territory forbid such marriages.

Work has begun on the flour mill at Savoy. The mill will be completed about May 1 and will have a capacity of seventy-five barrels per day.

The surveying corps of the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwest-ern returned to Mineral Wells, having completed their work locating a line from that place to Jacksboro.

The bankrupt stock of T. M. Thrift, et., was sold at public outcry at Yoakum and was purchased by Ross Bros. of that city, the consideration being \$3 705. Stock involved over \$7000.

The Alamo Dressed Beef company, a San Antonio organization, has let a contract for the erection of a packing house, the building to cost \$17,000. The machinery will be up to date in every particular.

Ed H. C. Church, Jr., of Corsicana, has sued the Southern Oil company of that city for \$31,000 for damages he alleges to have sustained by a crown block of a derrick hitting him on the head some time since.

J. D. Stuart, for many years chief clerk in the auditor's office of the Cotton Belt at Tyler, has resigned his position and will go to Monterey, Mex., to engage in the mining business. H. P. Taylor has been appointed his successor.

S. W. Ogle, who was convicted twenty years ago charged with the murder of the Saine boys and given life imprisonment, but recently released from penitentiary owing to thirteen men indicting him, has been reindicted at Hillsboro.

Dr. M. Gardner, chief surgeon of Southern Pacific headquarters San Francisco, was at El Paso to select a location for a Southern Pacific railway hospital. The ground required will embrace a half square and the plans for the building are elaborate and extensive.

A company has been organized to construct and operate a telephone line to connect Richardson, Alpha and Audelia, Dallas county. A number of farmers living along the route will have telephones placed in their farm houses, being on party lines.

Ben F. Wood of Keene, Johnson county, has secured oil well machinery and is preparing to prospect for oil in his town. One reason for this action is due to the finding of small veins of coal about Keene.

At Bonham the case of State vs. Newt Ramsey, charged with assault upon his own child, was given to the jury and a verdict was rendered, finding him guilty and sentencing him to punishment at confinement in the penitentiary for life.

Dr. J. S. Scofield, 75 years old, died at his residence six miles from Hillsboro. The doctor located in Hill county in 1856. He was county judge during the civil war and a brigadier general of state troops during those days.

## RUSSIA IS ANXIOUS.

### HAS ISSUED AN ULTIMATUM TO CHINESE GOVERNMENT.

The Czar Wants the Manchurian Agreement Signed Without Further Delay. A Matter Which Concerns All the Other World Powers.

Washington, April 2.—Information has reached here to the effect that the Russian government, being seriously perturbed by the course of China in not signing the Manchurian agreement, largely because of the protest made by the several powers, has conveyed a distinct and unmistakable indication to China that if this course is persisted in there may be an interruption of diplomatic matters between Russia and China and a termination of the present intercourse between them. This is so little short of an ultimatum that China must sign or take the consequences of a termination of her friendly relations with Russia.

To what extent the United States will take cognizance of Russia's disposition to enforce the signing of the agreement has not yet been made apparent. It appears to be the policy of the Chinese authorities to consider this as a subject which concerns the powers quite as much as it does China. The matter has become further complicated by reports reaching Washington that the Chinese authorities themselves are divided on the course to be pursued, some of the most influential, including Li Hung Chang, urging that acquiescence be given to the Russian proposals, while others insist upon rejecting the agreement. The attitude of Li Hung Chang is accounted for by his well known friendliness for Russian interests. In this case, however, there appears to be arrayed against him the strong influence of the southern viceroys, Chan Chin Tung and Li Kun Yi, who oppose the signing of the treaty.

The reports reaching here this morning showed that the agreement had not yet been signed. Its status is most peculiar. The time within which it was to be signed expired last Tuesday, but on that day Yung Yu, the Chinese minister at St. Petersburg, fell in the legation and hurt his head, so that he was unable to transact business. This misfortune has caused much amusement here, and some irritation in certain quarters, as it has been recognized as a most timely means of avoiding a direct issue on the subject. It is not clear to what extent the Russian ultimatum has gone, but in any event, it gives an urgency to China's cause, which has not been presented thus far.

London, April 2.—The foreign office here tells the Associated Press that it is quite untrue that Great Britain has protested at St. Petersburg against the Manchurian convention and it does not believe that any other power has done so.

London, April 2.—"The Chinese emperor, I am officially informed, has instructed the Pekin plenipotentiaries," says the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Mail, not to sign the Manchurian convention, even in a modified form.

New York, April 2.—Today will mark the start of a new era in the history of the United Mine Workers of the anthracite region. The union will attempt to restrict employment to union men only. Union cards will be issued to members, and a committee will be appointed at each colliery to see that men without cards are not employed. It is possible that the operators will object as there are not enough workmen, union and non-union, to fill all the places. There are several thousand non-union men in the region, and it is sought to either force them into the union or out of the mines. If the operators side with the non-union men there may be trouble.

This policy of the miners, if successful, will give the union the power they desire it to have—absolute control of all the workers, preventing frequent strikes. It is the provision upon which the promise of future recognition of the union is based.

New York, April 2.—A report was issued last night by local union No. 30 of the National Union of Brewery workers to the effect that it has suspended a member named Fitzpatrick for joining the National Guard. Some of the unions have adopted rules forbidding their members to join the National Guard on the ground that if they are in the militia they may be called upon to fire on strikers.

## They Wanted to Stay.

Newport News, Va., April 2.—Four of the five Chinese seamen of the German steamer Verona, Captain Hansen, have been recaptured and are aboard still at large in the woods somewhere the ship. The other Chinese seaman and the police are searching for him. The Chinamen left the steamer shortly after her arrival here from New York by way of Norfolk, and it is believed that they were held for reward by persons who knew they were ashore in violation of the Chinese exclusion act. One man returned to the ship, but refused to tell where the other four were. The customs officials were satisfied that Captain Hansen was innocent of any intent to let the Chinese ashore in violation of the law, but he was arrested by a United States marshal and taken to Norfolk for a hearing.

The fine for permitting Chinamen to go ashore from vessels is from \$500 to \$1000 for each man. When the fugitives are recovered the fine is sometimes remitted. Last night four Chinamen were found over a laundry. One was arrested by a policeman, but the other three jumped through a window and escaped. Two were afterward arrested in the woods by a posse.

## J. F. Morgan's Latest.

Chicago, April 2.—A special to the Chronicle from Washington says: J. Pierpont Morgan has a gigantic scheme that the United States government shall abandon its plan of building a canal across the Isthmus of Panama and permit private capital to take up and finish the work already accomplished on the Panama canal. Last night Messrs. Morgan and Hill and Senator Hanna were in conference at the senator's home. It is understood that a syndicate headed by Mr. Morgan and Mr. Hill has secured at a very low figure control of the Panama company.

## Panama Company Willing to Sell.

New York, April 2.—A special to the Herald from Washington says: While M. Hutin, president of the French Panama Canal company, has been awaiting the participation of Colombia in the negotiations for the sale of the Panama canal to the United States, M. Brunau Barilla, formerly an engineer of the company, who says he represents some of the stockholders, has indicated to the Isthmian canal commission that the company is willing to sell its concession and property. M. Barilla will leave in a few days for France. He has been in Washington for several days. M. Hutin has seen M. Barilla and the two have talked over the situation.

## End of Famous Case.

Austin, Texas, April 2.—Gib Gay, charged with murder in the first degree was today released from custody. This is one of the most famous murder cases in Texas criminal annals, the case having been reversed four times. It has been pending in the courts of Texas for several years. Three times Gay was given a life sentence and one time he was sentenced to be hung. The evidence against him was entirely circumstantial. He was charged with having killed a German farmer and buried the body and the bones of the charred remains were the only evidence against the prisoner.

## Pan! Quinn Anniversary.

Waco, Texas, April 2.—Pan! Quinn college, the best known institution for the education of the negro in the South, will celebrate its twentieth anniversary Thursday. A number of the leading men of the negro race will be present, among them Bishop M. B. Salter of North Carolina and Bishop Grant of Indianapolis. An elaborate program has been arranged and the event will be a great one in the history of the institution, which has been located in this city since its foundation.

## Pension For Ret.

Austin, Texas, April 2.—The comptroller today made the apportionment of Confederate pension funds. Hereafter the old veterans will receive \$6.15 each quarter instead of \$6, an increase of 15 cents. There are at present 6400 pensioners on the rolls, and the State pays out \$39,360 each quarter to the old veterans.

## Written by a Mad Dog.

Huntington, Texas, April 2.—Mr. Zimri Robert, living near Zavala, was bitten in the face by a mad dog about two weeks ago and was considerably scared about it, but a madstone, which belongs to the family of Noels of Alto being applied stuck for several hours and he feels confident now that the poison has all been extracted.

## FIELD, RANCH, GARDEN.

Some tomatoes are on the market.

Oats are fine in parts of Ellis county. Ellis county farmers report splendid corn prospects.

Harrison county farmers are well up in corn planting. Four cars of hogs were shipped from Van Alstyne the 25th and 26th ult.

The recent freezes do not seem to have injured the fruit crop of Texas.

J. B. Wilson of Dallas shipped six cars of beef cattle from Terrell to Chicago.

It is estimated 4,000,000 sheep died in Brazil last year from disease and floods.

S. E. Townsend of Midland has sold to E. D. Harrington three calves at \$25 per head.

Williamson county farmers estimate the recent rains worth thousands of dollars to them.

A number of Collin county cattle have died from eating poisonous weeds found in creek bottoms.

Including the 26th ult., twenty-six carloads of hogs were shipped from Van Alstyne to Sherman.

Johnson county farmers one day last week shipped from Cleburne a car load of chickens and ducks to Chicago.

Knox county wheat is fine. At San Angelo John Bryan bought of John Loomis 100 cows at \$20.

In 1874 only 123 head of cattle were sent to Europe from the United States. Our exports for 1900 were 302,695 head.

One day recently truck farmers around Alvin shipped 1000 crates of strawberries, besides large quantities of vegetables.

J. L. Borroum of Del Rio has bought 1000 three and four-year-old steers from Coahuila, Mex., which he will send to the Indian Territory.

Ben Datlington has shipped from San Antonio a carload of fine bull calves to Gunter & Jones. The latter will place them on their Cameron county ranch.

Some Collin county farmers in the neighborhood of Plano are plowing up their wheat that has been ruined by the green house and planting the land in wheat and cotton.

On the 25th ult. halfstones as large as pigeon eggs are reported to have fallen between Fredericksburg and Kerrville. Many lambs were killed and vegetables considerably injured.

President Peters of the Texas Cotton Growers' Protective association has called on farmers to hold county meetings on the 6th to consider the advisability of reducing cotton acreage.

Wall & Scharbauer of Midland sold to Rhea Bros. of Bovina 2400 2-year old steers, 200 3-year old steers and 1000 yearling steers for May delivery, the amount paid aggregating \$75,000.

Capt. Jot Gunter of Sherman says the entire wheat and oat crops of North Texas is threatened with destruction. The spraying experiments of Prof. Mally are watched with interest.

A truck grower in Bexar county has some sweet potatoes that grew in a bunch. There were sixteen of them and they ranged in length from six to twelve inches and were about four inches in circumference.

John Browder, a Hall county farmer and stock raiser, is trying the experiment of feeding 300 calves Kafir corn. He has been trying it three months and also uses a ration of cotton seed meal. They are in fine condition and fast fattening.

There are between 75,000 and 100,000 head of cattle on the 400,000-acre King ranch in southwest Texas, and about 10,000 horses. The land was purchased for from 10c to 50c per acre many years ago.

A number of farmers around Burleson report that portions of the wheat on most of the farms is now ruined by the ravages of the wheat louse, and unless they cease their destructive work shortly the entire wheat crop will be a failure.

J. P. Steele, a Grayson county farmer, residing ten miles northwest of Denison, has a peach tree in his orchard which was planted in 1866 and is still bearing fruit. At the ground it measures seven feet around. It was imported from England.

It is reported that the Southern Pacific railway company will at an early date establish a dairy and creamery department in connection with its immigration bureau. An experienced person will be placed in charge of the department.

Wealth is not his that has it, but his that enjoys it.

## What Will Become of China?

None can foresee the outcome of the quarrel between foreign powers over the division of China. It is interesting to watch the going to pieces of this ancient but unprogressive race. Many people in America are also going to pieces because of dyspepsia, constipation, blood, liver and stomach diseases. We are living too fast, but strength, vigor and good health can be retained if we keep off and cure the above diseases with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Samuel H. Davidson, who died in London, O., a few days ago, at the age of 88 years, was locally famous for having kept an uninterrupted daily record of the weather for the past seventy years. He was the village oracle on this subject, and his record was accepted as unhesitatingly by his townsmen as accurate.

## BRIGHT'S DISEASE CURED.

I suffered from kidney trouble, which finally became so aggravating that I was obliged to give up my position which was paying me \$100 per month, and I came to the city for treatment, but after several months I was worse instead of better. I was advised of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure and I bought a bottle, and I am now so well that I shall return to take a better position. My cure I regard as almost miraculous. My wife was also suffering, and she has been taking your medicine for a short time, and is so much improved that she already regards a cure for her as certain.

J. H. WRIGHT, Clarisdale, Miss. Price 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

King Edward has expressed a preference for one very popular hymn. Six years ago he directed a letter to be written, stating that among hymns of a certain kind he thought there was "none more touching, nor one that goes more truly to the heart, than 'Nearer, My God, to Thee'."

## Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflammation of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, too. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A faith cure believer in Columbus, O., put himself under the care of a doctor in order to get sick benefits from his lodge, and then threw away the medicines which the physician prescribed.—Chicago Chronicle.

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 English say number two is an unlucky number. They say no monarch died to "two" in any way has been a success.

PAYS FIVE TIMES AS MUCH AS CORN. Buy Rice lands in E. Texas and S. W. La. at 10c to 15c per acre. Send \$20 per acre. Write S. L. MEYER, Houston, Tex.; Casson & Moore, Liberty, Tex.; Geo. J. McMane, Beaumont, Tex.; E. H. Hovens, Jenkens, La.; Hiram C. Wheeler, Galveston, Tex. Go south via Santa Fe, Ill. Cos. & So. Pac. R. Cos.

If you want anything well done do it yourself. Always laugh at your own jokes.

All diseased conditions of the blood and skin are benefited by the well known remedy, Garfield Tea; it purifies the blood and clears the complexion.

But for prejudice more opinions would become universal.

I am sure Piso's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. BURNHAM, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

The reputation of woman is in the hands of man entirely.

LADY'S BEAUTIFUL HANDKERCHIEF given away with two packages of Velvet Starch. Ask your grocer all about it.

When you question the goodness of an egg, it is bad.

Ladies who take pride in beautiful, clean white clothes should use Russ' Bleaching Blue, the modern bag blue.

When a man's wife bears him call her maid an angel the fly season is at hand.

'Tis sweet to kiss; so is Kiss-Me Gum to chew.

Every noble work is at first impossible.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on the box. 25c.

The man who is afraid to think for himself would acquire a wife.

POTNAM FADELESS EYES do not spot, streak or give your goods an unevenly dyed appearance.

Too many men like to stand around and grunt while some other man lifts.

Why experiment with untried remedies for pain? Use Wizard Oil at once and be happy. Your druggist has it.

**SPECIAL PRICES IN  
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Solid Oak Bedroom Suits... \$15.00 to \$35.00  
Dining Chairs... 50c. to 1.50  
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Matting cut and laid on your floor at 15c. to 35c. per yard.

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**Local Items.**

Dr. J. B. Smith is seriously ill. 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. The grand jury is again in session this week. When dry, call for a big 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. Ed Walton and Russell Thomas spent election day in Palestine. H. J. Phillips sells high patent flour \$3.60 per barrel in sacks. 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. Base ball goods at the New Drug Store. Come and see them. Buy your garden seed from BAKER BROS. 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 Jewish Passover began Wednesday night and will last one week. Dr. W. B. Collins of Lovelady came up to attend the Sam Jones lecture. Mr. J. K. Chandler is very ill at the residence of Steve Allee in Crockett. 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. A number of people from over the county were noted at the Sam Jones lecture. The Coltharp prohibition election resulted in a victory for the prohibitionists. Mrs. C. E. Brazeale of Porter Springs has had her subscription moved up a year. Lovelady and Groveton were well represented at the Sam Jones lecture Monday night. Dr. McCarty of Porter Springs was in Crockett Monday and attended the lecture Monday night.

See C. W. Moore for fire insurance. All kinds of work done at Rich Bros'. Fresh BOCK BEER on tap at Hyman's Saloon. 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. 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. Cunyus. Garden seeds in bulk cheaper than anywhere else.

**BAKER BROS.**  
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 Rent.**  
Good creek bottom farm, 3 miles from Crockett. J. H. PAINTER.

Mr. Watters Cannon from Houston has located in Crockett to engage in the commission business.

**AN EASTER NICKEL**  
It would be impossible to spend 5 cents in a way that would give more joy to the little folks than to invest it in a package of our

**EASTER EGG DYES.**  
Any one can use them. They are harmless. They produce beautiful colors, and by combining them any number of tints can be made. Directions with every package. Ten colors for 5 cents.

**OTHER DYES.**  
We have a complete line of dyes and dye stuffs for all purposes. Easy to use and results are perfect. The chances are you have a number of discarded fabrics that could be made like new by dyeing and at very trifling cost.

**J. G. HARING,  
PHARMACIST.**

Freshest and coldest keg beer at Hyman's saloon.

Mrs. Sol Bromberg has returned from a visit to Nashville. She was met at Longview by her husband.

In the case of State vs. Tom Newberry, charged with murder, the jury found the defendant not guilty.

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

Miss Lena Bromberg will be at home Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Huntsville, where she is attending the State Normal.

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

Our wholesale and retail grocery department is complete in every respect. Buy of 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.**

Every lady that wants a fine pattern hat or ready to wear hat call on Mrs. Bricker, she is selling at cost for cash until Saturday night.

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Sale once, trade for all time; that is the way our customers stick. The Big Store. **JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.**

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.**

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.

Mr. O. Peterson, who has been in Houston for the treatment of an injured eye, was in Crockett for a few days this week, but returned to Houston for further treatment.

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.**

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.**

**For Sale.**  
At lowest prices balance of suites, springs, pillows, chairs, tables, stoves, dishes, etc., belonging to and used in the Capitol Hotel. Apply at once to Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

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.**

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.

There will be an Easter service at the Methodist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Wm. A. Bowen of Dallas will preach the Easter sermon, and the public generally are cordially invited to worship with us. **ELLIS SMITH, Pastor.**

'Tis Easy to Feel Good. Countless thousands have found a blessing to the body in Dr. King's New Life Pills, which positively cure Constipation, Sick Headache, Dizziness, Jaundice, Malaria, Fever and Ague and all Liver and Stomach troubles. Purely vegetable; never gripe or weaken. Only 25c at J. G. Haring's drug store.

**Notice.**  
There was a coat left at Bennett & Son warehouse the owner can get same by paying for this notice. **BENNETT & SON.**

The Cemetery Association will begin work on next Tuesday, the 9th inst. They have employed an experienced man to take charge of the work. As there is so much work to be done, the association wants every man in town to be on hand to work or send a man in his place.

The "Widow" will be in Crockett Monday night April 8th; you should not fail to see her; she will be at the opera house accompanied by the "Fool" and between them we are assured an excellent performance, by the Orris Ober Stock Company. One week commencing Monday.

In the city election Tuesday, J. B. Harkins was elected marshal by a majority of 13, he receiving that many more votes than did Chas. Long, who came second. There were six candidates in the race for marshal. W. A. Norris, B. M. Jones and R. E. McConnell were elected aldermen without opposition. The retiring aldermen are G. B. Lundy and Chas. Long.

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.

Col. J. L. Cain of Hardin's Store, Leon county, was in Crockett this week and called to see us. He is having the COURIER sent to his brother, Mr. T. C. Cain, in Tennessee. We are indeed glad to note that the Colonel is again enjoying good health, after happening to the unfortunate accident of getting an arm broke last fall. He also had a spell of sickness in the summer which told on him, but as above stated he is himself again and in fine spirits.

There is complaint of depredations being made on the flowers in the new cemetery. It is said that flower-beds have been dug up and carried off, to say nothing of the flowers that are carried away in bloom. Cemetery depredations are an intolerable nuisance and there should be an ordinance against people taking anything in the way of shrubbery or flowers from the graves of the dead, if there is none. Those who have dear ones resting there have gone to no little expense in beautifying the grounds by planting flowers, and otherwise, and something should be done to rid the cemetery of the flower-stealing nuisance.

**Save Your Tin Tags**  
Taken from the following brands of tobacco: Show Down, Bob Hancock, Chip, Red Heart, Dewey Twist and Uncle Henry and ask your merchant to show you the lithographed hanger we sent him, showing cuts of forty useful and valuable presents which we are giving away until Jan. 1st, 1902 in redeeming these tags. Write for list of presents. **HANCOCK BROS. & Co. Tobacco Manufacturers, Lynchburg, Va.**

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**To Be Married.**  
On this (Thursday) evening will occur one of the prettiest weddings ever celebrated in Crockett. We refer to the marriage of Miss Mildred Long to Mr. Louis Bond, which happy event will take place at the Presbyterian church. The church is being beautifully decorated for the occasion, and owing to the popularity of both these young people, the event will be largely attended. A reception will follow at the home of the bride-to-be. Miss Mildred is the oldest daughter of Mr. Charles Long, one of Crockett's best citizens. She is a fine type of Southern beauty, a decided brunette, and is altogether one of Crockett's most charming young ladies. Mr. Bond is in the employ of Mr. Dan McLean and has lived in Crockett for several years, making many friends all the while. He is a most excellent young man and is to be congratulated and to receive the well wishes of a large number of friends.

**The Orris Ober Stock Company.**  
An exchange says of this company: The Orris Ober company opened a three nights' engagement at the opera house last night, presenting Milton Royal's great play of "Friends." It is by far the best popular price company that has ever appeared in this city and surpasses a great many higher priced companies. Miss Orris Ober, the leading lady, is a finished artist and played her part in a charming and natural manner. Miss Errol, in the part allotted to her, was in entire sympathy with the audience. Miss Brumley played her role well. Messrs. Etsinger and Cordon, as the two friends, both looked and acted their parts with a spirit that gained them many admirers. The specialties introduced were clever and numerous.

At the opera house one week beginning Monday night, April 8.

**Stone in the Bladder.**  
My son has suffered with stone in the bladder eight years. I have taken him to several watering places also to Cincinnati, New York, Chicago and Nashville, where he was put under eminent physicians, with no improvement; on the contrary, it was gradually getting larger, until I lost all hope of getting him cured, when I was told of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure I had him try it, and to my surprise he began to improve at once, and he was cured with two bottles. His general health was improved wonderfully. **JOHN E. REDMAN, Memphis, Tenn.** Price 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

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### COUNTY FINANCES

The COURIER publishes in this issue a tabulated statement of the County's finances as made out by the recent Finance Committee. An examination of same will be found interesting, especially so to those who have followed the discussion of county finances which has been running through the COURIER for about four months. Some two or three weeks since we reviewed casually the financial statement issued by the Commissioners' Court or rather with their endorsement and stated at the time that there were several gross errors in same. We preferred to await the findings of the Finance Committee before saying more, feeling confident that the COURIER's position would be fully vindicated. It will be remembered that in the statement issued by the court at the February term the "total indebtedness of the county" was fixed at \$38,399.12. In the statement made by the Finance Committee the present total indebtedness of the County is \$47,495.74. The committee did not make a full and complete statement except by implication. In summing up the County's indebtedness there are two other items which should have gone into the statement because they represent a debt or liability which the County already owes. In a footnote of their report they speak of \$2,487.78 interest on bonds which they say will be due on April 10th, which is a fact, but \$2400. of this had accrued when the committee made its report and should have gone into the statement of the public debt. Another item is the money raised from taxes for the tax year from Oct. 1, 1900 to Oct. 1, 1901. All this money has been collected and turned in by the tax collector. The theory of the tax laws, and the practice too in every county whose expenses are not exceeding the resources, is that the taxes collected for any and every tax year are to be used for the County's current expenses for that year. In other words the taxes collected for the tax year from Oct 1, 1900 to Oct 1, 1901 are to be used so the law presumes and contemplates for meeting the expenses of the County from Oct 1, 1900 to Oct 1, 1901. This is a self evident proposition. But where is all of this money, collected for the year ending Oct 1st, 1901? Is it in the hands of the County treasurer for the purpose of paying the County's obligations as they accrue to the 1st of Oct 1901? Not a dollar of it is left. What became of it is then the point! It was used to liquidate scrip issued in past years and past due. So much of the money collected for the tax year from Oct 1, 1900 to Oct 1, 1901 in the hands of the treasurer for paying the expenses of the County from the date of the finance report, March 20th, to Oct 1st, 1901, as the law contemplates, was used to cancel scrip long since due. This was cash on hand and amounted to \$7,000 or over. If the County hadn't been in debt or behind this \$7,000 would be in the hands of the County treasurer to-day to pay the expenses of the present district court and other expenses to the 1st Oct next. But it is not there as we all know. Then where is it we again ask? It has been borrowed to wipe out accrued debts. The resources for current county expenses from March 20th to Oct 1st next have been borrowed and all the obligations usually incident to conducting the affairs of the County to that date

must run up against an empty treasury until the tax grist is once more ground out. Then if this sum has been borrowed from that part of the current tax year for which the law intends it shall be applied, it is as much of a debt as if it had been borrowed from a bank or an individual and should have been put into any statement of the County's indebtedness.

So taking the Finance Committee's statement of the County's debt, to-wit, \$47,495.74 and adding thereto the items of \$2,400.00 and \$7,000.00 which they in effect admit the gross total indebtedness of the County will be \$56,895.74. From this deduct \$6,477.74 total cash in all funds and we have the true net indebtedness of the County, which is \$50,418.00. By comparison with statement of indebtedness issued by court to-wit, \$38,399.12 we find that the court missed the real indebtedness of the county by something over twelve thousand dollars, a fact to which we called attention at the time.

### From Austin.

AUSTIN TEXAS, March 30 1901.  
EDITOR COURIER:—The 27th Legislature has nearly made its record, and I shall endeavor to give your readers a brief report of some of the work already done.

One of the earliest laws enacted by us regulates the practice of medicine. It provides for three boards of medical examiners for the entire state instead of the district boards, which we now have. One of these boards will be composed of physicians of the Allopathic school, another of the Homeopathic school, and the third will be known as Eclectics. The purpose of the law is to restrict the practice of medicine to those who are qualified, and to prevent the use of fraudulent diplomas issued by disreputable institutions. The evidence before the legislative committee disclosed the fact that diplomas could be bought from many of these so-called medical colleges, by simply paying their price, regardless of qualifications on the part of the purchaser.

Another law that proves the friendship of this Legislature for the colored people, is one that provides for a four years course of classical and scientific studies at Prairie View Normal. This law will give the colored student an opportunity to secure a thorough education, and his diploma will be a permanent certificate. The author of this law is Senator A. G. Lipscomb, who is a grandson of Supreme Judge Lipscomb of early Texas fame.

At last a libel law has been enacted in response to the long continued clamoring of the big newspapers. Fortunately the law is not such as the newspapers demanded. I cannot conceive of a greater calamity to our country than a law that would throw no restrictions around the press. The bill as advocated by the newspaper people, and as introduced in the senate by Senator Staples, and as passed by that body, was a dangerous departure from the time-honored safeguards of the common law. It sought to limit the recovery in civil damage suits to the actual pecuniary loss suffered by the slandered person. This would put all character at the mercy of the newspaper and would result in perpetual resorts to personal violence. And in this connection I might as well refer to the democratic state platform demand on this question, and my cause as representative. The platform recommends a law that will be "fair and just to both the public and the press." In my opinion no law will be fair and

just to the public that does not to the fullest extent protect private character. When we see the broad liberty allowed the press under the common law rule, we certainly cannot contend for anything more for the newspapers, and if anything is needed to be "fair and just" it would be further restrictions. So believing that the law just enacted was a step in the direction of unbridled license I opposed it, and I propose to plant myself squarely in opposition to all efforts to license the powerful press of the country to murder human character with impunity. Character is more valuable and sacred than life, and should be protected as far as legislation can protect it.

Another law that will be of some interest to the lawyers is one fixing the venue of suits in personal injury cases. Under the old law suits of this class could be brought in any county through which the railroad runs. The result being a concentration of such cases in cities like Dallas, and the establishment of a most disreputable system of soliciting such business and of maintaining the litigant by attorneys pending the suit. Under the new law the suit must be brought either in the county where the injury occurred, or where the plaintiff resided at the time of the injury.

The school law has been amended so as to permit school to be taught on all legal holidays except Thanksgiving day, March 2d and April 21st. I endeavored to secure an amendment providing that schools might be taught on all legal holidays, but providing that appropriate exercises should be had on such legal holidays. This was defeated, and strange to say the opposition came from the school teachers, several teachers being members of the House. My contention is that it is more important to teach the children patriotism than anything else. The State establishes public schools for the very purpose of making good citizens, and nothing would contribute more largely to this purpose than proper exercises of a patriotic character. If the Governor does not veto the bills there will be a new state Normal school at Denton, and another at San Marcos. This will provide more places for those desiring to make teaching a profession and will enable representatives to appoint more students to these institutions.

The law has been amended so as to make appeal bonds from Justices' courts to the County court, in criminal cases, merely appearance bonds. There are several Justice court lawyers in the House who set their hearts upon the passage of this bill.

Our Senator Lloyd secured the final passage of his bill making the legal weights of peaches 50 pounds, tomatoes 55 pounds and apples 45 pounds. The purpose of this law is to prevent imposition from express companies which have been in the habit of arbitrarily fixing the weight of a bushel of these products at about 30 pounds and thus making rates exorbitant. It is a good measure for the fruit and vegetable producing districts, and will be a direct benefit to Houston county.

A matter of very great interest is the pending measure to regulate the printing of election tickets for both primary and general elections. It has passed the Senate and has been amended in the House and passed to engrossment. It seems probable that it will become a law.

The appropriation bill, covering the period from March 1st to September 1st, has passed the House. It appropriates about one million

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and a half dollars. Many of the items seemed to me extravagant and I opposed them. One item I opposed vigorously. Heretofore, it has been customary to appropriate six hundred dollars per year for medicines and medical stores for the Confederate Home. This year the appropriation was increased and made to cover "whiskey, wines, etc." I made an effort to strike out the provision for buying "whiskey, wines, etc." and earnestly contended that it was wrong in principle, and that we should not buy these intoxicants to be used as beverages. There were men who openly contended that the old confederates should have these liquors to drink at the expense of the state, and the House refused to adopt my amendment. I then secured a provision in the bill that these liquors should only be used as medicines. This may not seem, at first sight, to be a matter of much importance, but I believe that it involves both a principle and matters of great import. As a result of agitation on the part of the Christian people of America the "canteen" has been swept out of the regular army. Now shall we, of Texas, permit a "canteen" in our Old Soldier's Home? I, for one, protest against it, and hope that some future legislature will recognize the dangerous ground upon which we have entered, and abolish the provision for liquors among our honored old veterans.

My road bill has finally passed both House and Senate and will be the road law for Houston county. It is, no doubt, very imperfect, but it is an improvement upon our present system, and in my opinion will mark the beginning of better roads for our county. As our county commissioners' will be charged with very grave duties, I recommend that they give the law close study and prepare themselves for the responsible work placed on their shoulders. The law is sufficient to give us good roads, in time, if the commissioners only realize and respond to the great responsibilities laid on them. It is now fully determined that we will adjourn April 9th and after that date I will be at home and hope to meet my people again. I am of opinion that the early adjournment is hasty and ill-advised, but personally I am happy in the contemplation of an early return home.

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