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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

## ANOTHER BIG WELL.

The Oil Field Considerably Enlarged by a Strike at Sulphur, La.

STRIKE IS VERY IMPORTANT.

Black Fluid Spouted to a Height of Sixty Feet Over the Derrick.

Beaumont, Texas, April 30.—News was received in this city this afternoon which will revolutionize the oil situation here and throw conditions into the wildest sort of state if a very close study of the conditions have not led to wrong conclusions. This news is the most important which has been given to the world since the strike of the Beatty gusher. It is nothing less than a full fledged and vigorous gusher, at Sulphur, La., 43 miles east of Beaumont on the Southern Pacific railroad. Mr. F. Wyche Greer, secretary and treasurer of the United Oil Company of this city, today received a telegram from his representative at Sulphur containing this information and Mr. Greer had the utmost confidence in the information from the very beginning, but the news was afterwards verified by a gentleman who arrived here on this evening's train direct from Sulphur and confirms the report in every detail. This man is Mr. S. S. Hunter, one of the wealthiest and most prominent merchants and citizens of Shreveport, La. The well, according to Mr. Greer's telegram, is on property of the

Union Sulphur Company and adjoins that of the United Oil Company, 1200 feet away. Mr. Greer is naturally very much delighted over the news, but more from the fact that it verifies his judgment in going entirely out of the Beaumont field and securing land unthought of by any of the Beaumont investors, rather than for the advertisement it brings him. The United Oil Company has no desire for advertisement, but Mr. Greer's good fortune is very gratifying to his friends here.

The message received by Mr. Greer states that the oil is heavy and black in appearance and when it broke loose it went to the top of the derrick, some 60 feet high. It is thought the oil is a much better grade than the Beaumont product, but this is not definite, for it will require analysis to determine this point.

Mr. Hunter said tonight the information was correct and entirely reliable and that Union Sulphur Company has a genuine and troublesome oil spouter. He says all the employes of the company are very reticent about the matter and are using every effort to conceal the fact as much as possible. The oil shot up nearly 20 feet at the first leap and then increased until it went to the top of the derrick. This was seen by a number of men. Mr. Hunter says further that every well that has been sunk there has struck oil, and there has been a remarkable flow of oil, and that the field there will undoubtedly equal the Beaumont field. The only drawback to the place is the fact that it is almost entirely under the control of the Standard Oil Company, of which the Union Sulphur Company is said to be a part. It is this which has caused this field to be kept a secret as far as possible.

The wells have heretofore been bored solely for sulphur, which abounds there in rich deposits, almost absolutely pure. Frequently it is said this company has had to abandon their sulphur wells on account of the oil flow, which has made it impossible to mine further for sulphur. Mr. Hunter confirms the statement that the oil is black and heavy in appearance, but will not make a statement as to its quality, preferring to leave that to a chemical analysis rather than create a mistaken impression.

There have been wells at Sulphur before, Mr. Hunter says, which came up in genuine geyser fashion, but the fact has never gotten out and was never considered seriously until the Beaumont strike made it interesting. The strike today was actually seen, however, and Mr. Hunter says the well is there to show for itself.

Considerable has been written about this place during the past few days and the truth that the oil deposit is there was in a fair way to become public when this thing forced the situation today. The depth of the well is not known, but Mr. Greer, who has inspected and investigated there as thoroughly as possible, says it cannot be over 400 feet.

The Standard Oil Company owns or has leased in that section over 19 square miles of territory and has had it for some years. There is consequently but little land available for prospecting. The Forward Reduction Company has about 6000 acres leased there, and Mr. S. S. Hunter owns and controls about 3300 acres. Other than these there is no large acreage held in leases and the rest of the land there, not included above, belongs to small farmers and residents. This well is about one mile from the Southern Pacific

tracks and located very conveniently for marketing the oil.

Speculation as to the turn this new territory will give to the oil situation here is entirely useless, because it is one man's view. There can be no doubt there will be a great rush of prospectors to the scene of the new strike, but it will be limited as a field for speculation because of the great hold of the Standard Oil Company on the field and their ability to control perhaps everything except Mr. Hunter, the United Oil Company and the Forward Reduction Company. At any rate it is more polite to tell about afterward than predict it, and besides more judicious.

Late yesterday afternoon the drill on the well of the Lone Star and Crescent Company was removed to repair it, and while the pipe was out it was decided to bail the well to ascertain if possible its exact condition. When not quite half the water had been baled out of the well it was found the rest of the pipe was filled with almost solid oil, and after bailing a considerable length of time and finding nothing but oil they stopped and concluded to drill further. The well did not spout, but is in exactly the same condition as other wells which have come in here. The oil found evidently comes from fissure in the rock. This is of little importance, however, as bearing on the situation, because the well is decidedly in the known field, and it would be more strange if they did not find oil than if they did.

In the city to-day the situation is much more intense than yesterday, but there was little or no developments of a startling nature. The land selling goes on, new offices are being built on the streets, and around the Crosby House gal-

leries, while the Opera House is filled with land agents before the carpenter has finished it. The eagerness for a small booth is something inexplicable. Every available inch of space in the Crosby House has been utilized for offices, and there is now just room for the crowd to wind its way in and out Indian fashion among the railings and desks.

The impression left in these dispatches last night that the situation was cooling off was entirely unintended and erroneous. Yesterday was Monday, and after a Sunday which was the greatest day in the oil era, it is not surprising if Monday should be a bit subdued or seem tame at least, whether it was or not. But it is not cooling in the least particular. How it is going to keep up, though, is a mystery to the ordinary mind.

It is certain to die down a little for several days, or until the Kelley well comes in regular, or some well remote from the charmed circle shows up. Then the thing will go wilder than ever before. It is ridiculous to think that these people can keep trading these lands always, and until some new conditions arise to change the value of them the trading is certain to come to a standstill. I feel no pressing obligation to any one to boom this thing in any way, and these dispatches will show as clearly as possible the exact condition as it exists in Beaumont, irrespective of criticism from some one who is profiting by the excited situation.

### Collection of Fans.

Queen Victoria has a marvelous collection of fans, and fan-collecting is a hobby of more than one of her descendants, notably of Princess Louise, the duchess of Argyll. One of the fans owned by royalty is a Spanish specimen—a wedding present from the Empress Eugenie to the duchess of York.



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### Mother's Friend

Those who do know about it wonder how they ever got along without it. It has robbed childbirth of its terrors for many a young wife. It has preserved her girlish figure and saved her much suffering. It is an external liniment and carries with it therefore, absolutely no danger of upsetting the system as drugs taken internally are apt to do. It is to be rubbed into the abdomen to soften and strengthen the muscles which are to bear the strain. This means much less pain. It also prevents morning sickness and all of the other discomforts of pregnancy.

A druggist of Macon, Ga., says: "I have sold a large quantity of Mother's Friend and have never known an instance where it has failed to produce the good results claimed for it."

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#### A Novel Petition.

A correspondent of a southern paper writes of an odd petition. It was drawn up in the year 1734 by 16 young women of South Carolina, and was addressed to the governor. The petition stated that, whereas the widows of the colony captured all the matrimonial prizes, his excellency's petitioners did humbly pray that all bachelors should be prohibited from marrying widows from that time forth.

#### Ended Mexico Twenty-Four Years.

When the presidential term closed on Nov. 30 General Porfirio Diaz had controlled the affairs of the Mexican republic for a period of twenty-four years, and under his wise, beneficent and energetic rule he has seen Mexico rise from a condition of industrial, commercial and political prostration and disturbance to a position which places it in an eminent niche among nations of the world.

#### Long Journeys to Wedding.

Rev. L. S. Ingram, a Protestant missionary, located at Oaxaca, Southern Mexico, went to Laredo, Tex., to be married to Miss Franc Battley of London, who came to this country to meet her fiancé. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Rommens of Lorain Ill. The bride traveled 5,000 miles, the groom 1,200 miles and the clergyman 1,500 miles to the place of meeting.

#### Silk Thread Cleans Teeth.

Something more than merely brushing the teeth is required to keep them in good order. You should draw between them, after each meal, a little bit of fine silk thread. This will remove minute particles of food which the brush is unable to reach.

#### Postal Convention with Venezuela.

Postmaster General Smith has just concluded a parcels post convention with Venezuela. The documents in the case having been brought to Washington with the signature of President Castro, of Venezuela, by United States Minister Loomis.

#### Valuable Bill at Oconomowoc.

A \$5 bill issued according to an act of the continental congress in 1776 is a valuable relic in the hands of G. T. Palmer of Oconomowoc, Wis. The bill, which measures 2 3/4 x 3 3/4 inches, was given to the present owner by his grandfather. The following words also appear on the face: "This bill entitles the bearer to receive five Spanish milled dollars, or the value thereof in gold or silver, according to a resolution of congress, passed at Philadelphia, Feb. 17, 1776."

#### Died at Age of 111.

M. Claude Botton, who died recently at Ranchal, near Villefranche, France, was born in 1789 and had consequently attained the prodigious age of one hundred and eleven. He was perfectly healthy and well remembered the events of his boyhood. Curiously enough, he died not of old age, but from an accidental fall. There is no doubt of his age, as his birth is recorded in the birth register of Saint-Germain-la-Montagne.

#### Partridge in Schoolroom.

The other morning, when a teacher opened her schoolroom in Westboro, Mass., she found a partridge there. A broken windowpane showed how the bird got into the room. When an attempt was made to capture the partridge it fluttered around the room and finally crashed out through another window. The holes in the glass are clean cut, as if made by a heavy object thrown through the glass.

#### Has Cured Thousands Will Cure You.

If you are troubled with Kidney or Bladder troubles, such as Dropsy, Bright's Disease, Catarrh, Gravel of the Bladder, Albumen in Urine and unhealthy deposits, or too frequent discharge of the urine, pain in back and bladder, dropsical swelling of the feet and legs, etc., etc., we guarantee that by using Smith's Sure Kidney Cure, a complete cure will be effected. Price 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

#### Information on Waterways.

Lyman Cooley, the original engineer of the Chicago drainage ditch, lectured at Ann Arbor recently, and said that boats to compete with railroads nowadays must have a carrying capacity of not less than 2,000 tons each. The roads are preparing for heavier hauls, and so must the boats if ship canal plans are to carry and succeed.

#### Navy Officers to Retire.

On March 4 next two officers well known to the navy will retire from the active list. These are Rear Admiral Philip Hichborn, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of construction and repair, and Pay Inspector Henry G. Colby, U. S. N., both of whom will reach the age of 62 years on the same date.

#### It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c Sold by J. G. Haring, druggist.

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#### Heir to Italian Throne.

It must be confessed that the new heir to the Italian throne is quite as interesting as the new occupant of that throne and his chances of becoming king of Italy are good. The duke is a cousin of King Emmanuel III. He is the father of two sons, whereas the new king, who was married four years ago, has no children. While the king is frail and dislikes physical exertion, the duke is devoted to sport and is one of the best horsemen in Italy.

#### Great Work of Pastor.

Rev. A. J. Bachmann of Schaeffers-town, Pa., has for twenty-two years presided over seven country churches. During his ministrations he has married 1,174 people, baptized 1,810 infants and 200 adults, preached 3,742 sermons, lectured 1,800 times officiated at 977 interments, paid 23,116 pastoral calls, traveled 60,000 miles to meet his appointments, has contributed \$5,812 for benevolent objects and \$25,900 for congregational purposes.

When the liver fails to excrete bile, the blood becomes loaded with bilious properties, the digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Herbine has a direct action on the liver and excretory organs, and a few doses will cure any case of biliousness. Price, 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

#### Football Player for West Point.

Charles Dudley Daly, captain of the Harvard football eleven, has been appointed by Congressman Fitzgerald of the Ninth Massachusetts District to a cadetship at West Point. Captain Daly has long had aspirations for a military career, and his friends are congratulating him on his preference for the coveted appointment. He will graduate from Harvard next June, and will then enter the academy.

#### Stigma Never Left Him.

The London papers record the death of Julius Lipman, nicknamed "Leather Apron," a cobbler, who in 1839 fell under suspicion of being "Jack the Ripper." He satisfied the police of his innocence, but the stigma never left him. His business gradually disappeared, and he went to another neighborhood, where he took to drink. He died of neglect and semi-starvation.

Rheumatism is conceded to have its origin in a poisoned condition of the blood, and to be most successfully treated by Herbine, which acts upon the liver, kidneys and other blood purifying organs, thereby divesting the system of the offending agents. Price 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

#### Five Years for a Killing.

James McCaffney of Parsons, W. Va., has been given a five years' sentence for killing W. H. Mars at Davis last winter. McCaffney was so sure of acquittal that when he had a chance to escape from jail in September he went away and after visiting friends for a day returned.

#### Self-Propelled Mail Wagons.

M. Dubois, who operates the mail wagons of Paris by contract, is about to establish 150 self-propelled vehicles in that service. To perform the work required of them these wagons will be compelled to average about thirty miles each per day.

#### Political Buttons in Canada.

Political buttons cannot be worn in Canada during the heat of a campaign. This is due to a clause in the dominion franchise act which says that no person shall exhibit any sign of his political faith after the official nominations are made.

#### Where Cats Are in Demand.

Cats are having a bad time in Germany just now. Ten thousand fur-lined great-coats and as many each of fur gloves and gaiters have been ordered for the troops in China, and pussy has to shed her skin for it all. For every great-coat 14 catskins are used, two for each pair of gaiters and one for each pair of gloves. Cats are going up in the German market.

#### University Chaperons in Vienna.

University chaperons are the latest Viennese novelty. In consequence of the riotous and insulting behavior of the male students when the women try to avail themselves of the newly granted permission to attend lectures many mothers of women students have registered for the university lectures in order to accompany and protect their daughters.

#### When It Was Tested.

Col. T. W. Higginson, while a member of the Massachusetts legislature, was one day arguing against a bill for the prohibition of oleomargarine. He insisted that good oleomargarine was better than bad butter, and fortified his argument by a story of a gentleman who had introduced the substitute without explanation at a luncheon, and who, on asking his guests to compare it with the best butter, also on the table, found them all selecting the oleomargarine. Suddenly his adversary arose and with the profoundest seriousness asked: "Will the gentleman kindly inform us at what precise stage of the luncheon party this test was applied?"

#### Collection of Fans.

Queen Victoria has a marvelous collection of fans, and fan-collecting is a hobby of more than one of her descendants, notably of Princess Louise, the duchess of Argyll. One of the fans owned by royalty is a Spanish specimen—a wedding present from the Empress Eugenie to the duchess of York.

Children who are weak, fretful or troublesome should be given a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. They will then become strong, healthy and active, have rosy cheeks, bright eyes, will be happy and laughing all the day long. Price 25 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

#### Touch on Their Conscience.

A preacher in southern Missouri, after having announced that he would preach the following Sunday on "Hell and who will go there," received several letters from parishioners threatening dire vengeance in case he dared to make use of their names.

#### Bridge Rapidly Replaced.

A smart piece of work was recently accomplished on the railway at Streetville, near Toronto, where an old bridge was replaced by a new steel lattice girder bridge of 120 feet span, the traffic being interrupted for forty minutes only.

#### Earnings of Railroads.

The gross earnings of 143 representative railroads for the first nine months of this year amount to the sum of \$82,991,000. This is \$80,000,000 more than the same roads earned for the corresponding time in 1899.

#### Politics of New Governors.

When the newly elected governors of the states have been all inaugurated there will be twenty-six Republican, eighteen Democratic, and one silverite, the last being Reinhold Sadler of Nevada.

#### Descendant of Royal Family.

Robert W. Wilcox, who has been elected as the congressional representative from Hawaii, is a descendant from the old Hawaiian royal family on his mother's side.

#### Submarine Eruption in Gulf.

It is believed by the engineers who are repairing the Galveston-Mexico cable, which was broken by the Galveston hurricane, that the storm was accompanied by a submarine eruption. The evidence of this eruption is found in the twisted condition of the cable. The sheathing is found to have been reversed and the wires binding it to the core turned the wrong way.

#### Self-Leveling Chair.

With the idea of eliminating to some extent, at least, the disagreeable affliction of seasickness, two Englishmen have devised a self-leveling chair. The chair is suspended from two rings working in a framework at right angles to each other, and it is claimed the chair will remain level in the roughest sea. The idea is also applied to berths.

#### Arrow Straws for Office.

In Rush county, Kansas, there was a tie in the votes received by Mr. McCormick and Mr. Anderson for the office of county attorney. Before drawing straws, as provided by law, the men agreed that the winner should make the loser his deputy and equally divide the salary. Mr. McCormick, the Populist, won, and Mr. Anderson will be his deputy.

#### Restricting Marriages.

The Tri-State Medical association of Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia at its recent session in Chattanooga took steps to secure medical legislation in those states for the purpose of regulating or prohibiting the marriage of habitual criminals, persons afflicted with incurable disease, drunkards and victims of harmful drugs.

#### Stm Reeves' Receipts.

It would be difficult to guess the amount of money Stm 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.

## No External Symptoms.

The blood may be in bad condition, yet with no external signs, no skin eruption or sores to indicate it. The symptoms in such cases being a variable appetite, poor digestion, an indescribable weakness and nervousness, loss of flesh and a general run-down condition of the system—clearly showing the blood has lost its nutritive qualities, has become thick and watery. It is in just such cases that S. S. S. has done some of its quickest and most effective work by building up the blood and supplying the elements lacking to make it strong and vigorous.

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### A HORRIBLE SCENE.

#### Details of the Execution of Ketchum at Clayton, N. M.

Clayton, N. M., April 26.—Thomas E. Ketchum, alias "Black Jack," the noted outlaw, who has terrorized the people of the Southwest for the past 15 years, was hanged here this afternoon for train robbery, and his head was severed from the body by the rope, as if by a guillotine. The headless trunk pitched forward toward the spectators and blood spattered upon those nearest the scaffold. The execution took place inside a stockade built for the occasion. The enclosure was crowded, 150 witnesses having been admitted. When Ketchum mounted the scaffold at 1.17 p. m., his face was pale, but he showed no fear. A priest stood at his side as the rope was being put around his neck. The condemned man had consented to this at the last moment. Ketchum declined to make a speech. He muttered:

"Good bye."

Then he said: "Please dig my grave very deep," and as the cap was drawn over his face, shouted: "Let her go."

His legs trembled, but his nerve did not fail. At 1.21 p. m. the drop was sprung, the body shot through the trap and the head was torn from the trunk by the tremendous jerk. The head remained in the sack and fell into the pit. The body dropped to the ground quivering and bleeding. Some men groaned and others turned away unable to endure the sight. For a few seconds the body was allowed to lie there, half doubled up on its right side with the blood issuing in an intermittent stream from the severed arteries as the heart kept on with its mechanical beating. Then the officers rushed down from the scaffold and lifted the body from the ground. Dr. Slack pronounced life extinct within a few minutes. The result showed the drop with the running noose was too great for so heavy a man as Ketchum, who weighed about 170 pounds. Sheriff Garcia superintended the execution and himself let the trap drop.

Ketchum spent the greater part of the morning in reviewing his past life, during which time he displayed perfect self-control. He cursed the railroad and express companies and the officers who were instrumental in his conviction, the people of New Mexico in general and their laws. He acknowledged that he planned and led his gang in many robberies accredited to him, including the

robbery on the Southern Pacific, at Steins' Pass in 1897, and that on the Colorado Southern in 1898. He knew who killed young H. Steins, but would give no names, claiming the guilty persons were alive. He said he knew who killed A. B. Powers in Tom Green County, Texas, in 1896, and said that Bud Upshaw, who was accused, had no knowledge of the crime. He said he was not the original "Black Jack." The real "Black Jack," he said, got the name because he was very dark, and on the Erie round-up in Arizona there were two Jacks. They called him "Black Jack" to distinguish him from the other.

Ketchum said that Frank Herrington, the conductor who shot him, caused him to lose his right arm. L. C. Fort, the Wells Fargo Company attorney, will be killed within a year, he said.

"I smuggled a letter out of the prison at Santa Fe," he said.

### Hogg Gets Oil Land For Nothing.

Beaumont, Tex., April 26.—The oil-field brought no developments today of any importance, though encouraging news was received from the progress being made on the Smith-Kelly and Star and Crescent wells. It is probable that all these wells will come in before Sunday. The excitement in town is increasing daily, and the city is beginning to shape itself to care for the boomers. Every possible bit of space is being rented for stands and offices for oil companies and real estate.

Gov. Hogg, who has been in some difficulty about 1000 acres of land near the Humphreys League, effected a compromise with the parties today, and gets half the land without paying anything for it. Hogg had a very advantageous lawsuit, and, being a fighter from the shoulder, he brought force to bear on the opposition with telling effect. Hogg will now organize a \$2,000,000 company.

The New York joker who entered a 10-cent cat at a pet stock show and took a first prize, and also exhibited "Puldeka Orphan," a broken-down car-horse, at the horse show, remarks in an interview: "I never kick when the joke is turned on me. I have no patience with people who 'keep a joke up.' A man who will run a joke around till it is on its uppers and its tongue hangs out ought to go to bed with his natural brother, the lobster." This humorist has a considerable power of expression as well as a turn for hoaxes.—Ex.

### SUICIDE ON WEDDING DAY.

#### Spoils Half of a Double Ceremony; Other Couple Married.

St. Louis, Mo., April 24.—William D. Bender committed suicide at noon to-day while a carriage was waiting at the door to take him to his wedding. He was found a few minutes later by the friends, who went to his room to summon him.

He was to have been married at the church at 2 o'clock to Miss Annie Kienle. Miss Kienle was at Bender's home this morning, but shortly before noon left for her own home to prepare for the wedding. She and Bender appeared in the best of spirits.

After she left Bender went to his room, supposedly to dress for the ceremony. He had not been absent more than ten minutes when the carriage drove up to the door, gayly decorated with white satin ribbons. His friends went to his room and found him lying upon the bed beside his wedding clothes. He had shot himself and was unconscious. He died soon after he was discovered.

A little later Miss Kienle arrived at the home of her intended husband. She was dressed in bridal robes, ready for the wedding. She found a policeman standing over Bender's dead body and fainted. His friends can give no reason for his act.

The wedding ceremony this afternoon was to have been a double one. Miss Henrietta Bender, a sister of the suicide, and Theodore Killy were to have been married at the same time as Bender and Miss Kienle. They left the house soon after Bender died and were married, the opinion being that the wedding arrangements had gone so far that there was no necessity of delaying the ceremony on account of the brother.

The other members of Bender's family were absent at the time of the suicide, attending the funeral of the elder Mr. Bender's brother in Belleville.

The last pine grove in Allegany County, N. Y., consisting of 490 trees, has just been sold to a lumberman for \$7500. Some of the trees are 5 feet in diameter and 309 years old. The county is certainly no gainer by the sale of one of its most noted natural features for a few thousand dollars.—Ex.

Dress reform for women, according to a Harvard professor, is coming through tennis, cycling and golf, not through any spoken argument.—Ex.

### Promised Land.

Austin, Tex., April 27.—The visiting New Yorkers arrived at New Braunfels at 7 o'clock, and with sleep still in their eyes turned out to view the beauty and thrif of the little city. Through the kindness of Harry Landa, owner of the lovely natural park nearby, the guests were given an open air breakfast under the huge overhanging trees to the music of the purling streams beside them. This time the diversion of the millionaire visitors took on the shape of droll stories begun by the inimitable raconteur, Mr. Marble, and continued by Wicker, Hurley and others.

A surprise was sprung in the speech of welcome by Mr. Landa by the startling statements that in New Braunfels and Comal County there was no crime, that the Sheriff had no other official work to do than collecting taxes, that there was no use for the county jail, and that it was grown over with rice, that there never were any delinquents on the tax lists, and that for 25 years there had not been a failure or a mortgage, chattel or otherwise, filed in the County Court. Through Charles M. Jesup, L. E. Gendre, Alvah Trowbridge and Metz the people of the place were congratulated on such ideal conditions, who in happily phrased speeches called the community the "promised land."

### Hogg's Great Oil Winnings.

Austin, Tex., April 23.—Former Governor James S. Hogg, who purchased a small tract of oil land south of Beaumont about ten days ago for \$75,000, had an offer to-day of \$700,000 cash for the property. He declined the offer. Mr. Hogg is now rated as a millionaire. He has had phenomenal success in the new oil fields and is at the head of several of the biggest enterprises on foot there. In addition to his holdings near Beaumont he owns a large tract of land near the mouth of the Brazos for which he paid \$244,000 a few days ago. This tract is also oil land and it has increased in value more than 25 per cent. since Mr. Hogg purchased it.

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Oil in abundance will be a blessing to all. It will put down the dust. "There is no question in the minds of Californians," says the Oil City Derrick, "who have had experience with the use of crude oil for road-making purposes as to its value. In every instance where it has been properly applied it has proved a most decided success. A correspondent of a Santa Barbara paper writes as follows concerning its use in the town of Carpinteria: "Take all the roads experimented on last year by Superintendent Deadrick, and not a road became dusty in summer or muddy in winter, and this work was done experimentally, and consequently can be improved on very much. Crushed rock is not 'in it' with crude oil, and the rock will prove much more expensive in any event, when cost of hauling and crushing is taken into account. In this valley, on the Casitas road, for instance, when the sandy and stony stretches of road have been so bad even in the best of constructing and maintaining them. No State needs good roads more than Louisiana, owing to the heavy rainfall and the flat nature of the land, which makes drainage problems more difficult than elsewhere. Still if reports relating to the present movement are to be relied upon, Texas and other states may well look to this old mother State for an example along this line which they will do well to follow.—Galveston News.

A steamship having left Chicago for Europe by way of the lakes and the St. Lawrence River, a Chicago paper remarks that there should be another ship-channel to the Atlantic by canal connecting with the Mississippi. That such a route will be opened before many decades roll by may be regarded as certain. Sometimes it is argued that the difficulties in deepening the Mississippi to the sea are too great to overcome. Engineers do not talk in that strain. The English are radically improving the Nile by dams and the removal of obstructions. They have recently cut channels through the "sudd," or floating vegetation, that obstructs the Upper Nile, forcing it down stream for a distance of 250 miles. An open channel, from one hundred to four hundred feet wide, and twenty feet deep, is the result along that stretch, and the time required for the transportation of supplies has been reduced from twelve months to six weeks. A ship-channel in the Mississippi is merely a matter of money in a reasonable amount. Engineering science will do the rest.—Ex.

Partridges feed as soon as they wake in the morning, and an unscrupulous inventor is showing how they can be fattened by putting them in a dark cellar with electric lights. Every time the lights are turned up the birds think it is morning, and so eat breakfast five or six times in the afternoon. Why not add skylarks to furnish music at the meals?—Ex.

A system of public bath-houses in various parts of St. Louis is advocated by President Phillips, of the board of Public Improvements. His plan is to begin with five or six, one-half to be located along the river, the others at convenient points in the residence sections. The estimated cost of separate pools for men and women, with dressing-rooms attached, is \$5500. New York City has just

opened a large new public bath and also installed the first bathing facilities in a public school. In the State of New York public baths since 1895 have been mandatory in cities of the first and second class, while towns and villages of less than 50,000 people can loan their credit for public bath purposes if they see fit.—Ex.

The question has been asked, "Will the Beaumont craze affect various lines of business in other cities?" It will. A Fort Worth gentleman told me that one bank of his city, with \$3,000,000 on deposit, has had \$1,000,000 withdrawn the past few weeks to put in Beaumont. There is more Galveston money in Beaumont today than from any other city in the country, and more Galveston men are to be seen on the streets every day than from any other one locality. The effect of the withdrawal of this money will be felt in all lines of business. The ultimate prosperity, however, will more than make up for the temporary loss.—Galveston Review.

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A reporter's census of a mile of residences on Fifth avenue, New York, returns a total of fifteen children under the age of 12, an average of one child in three houses. On the East side the investigator found sixty-three children in one tenement-house.—Ex.

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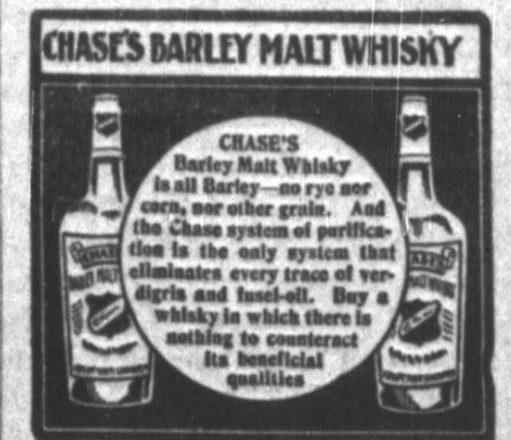
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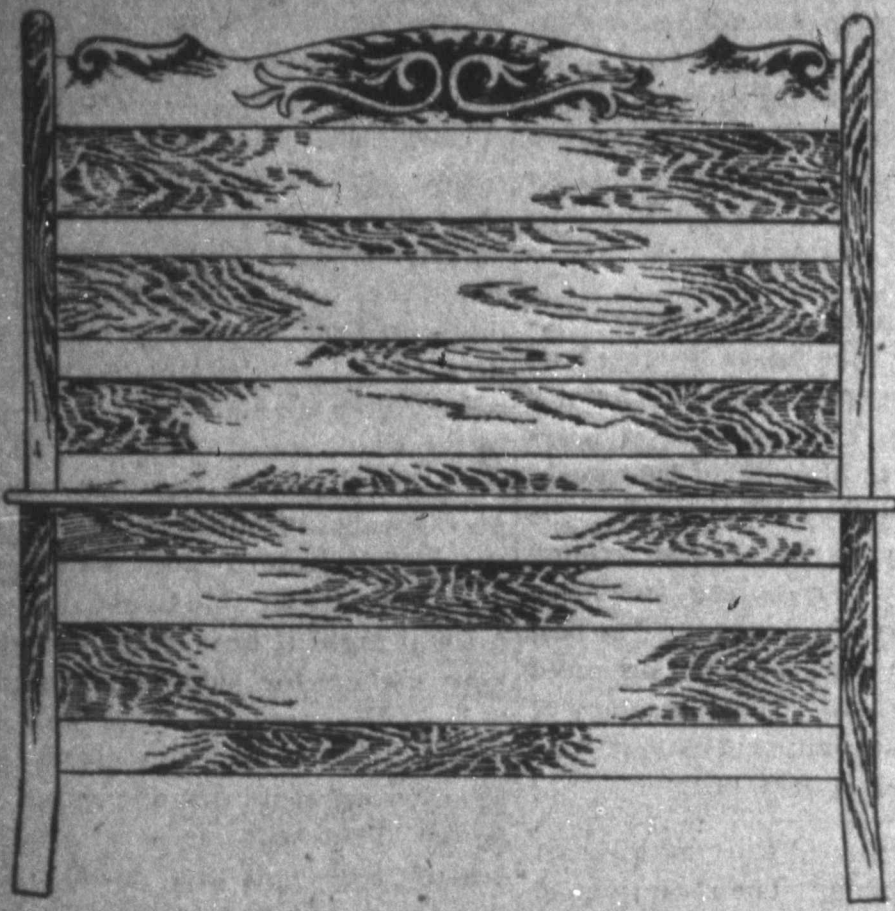
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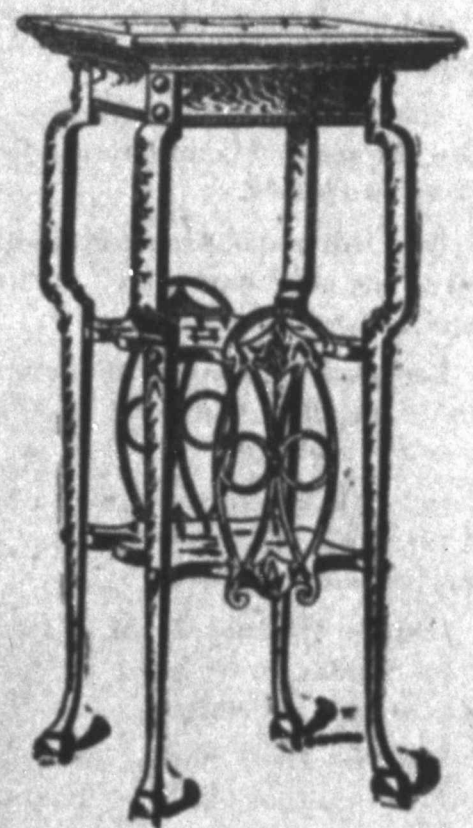
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The mere ordinary housewife finds that \$10 is the least she can hope to spend if she and her breadwinner can have food of good quality sufficient quantity and the simplest variety. Unless she is a person of resources it won't mean pastries and entrees and tit-bits, either. It will mean simple good things, tender chickens, good vegetables, good beefsteaks and chops, fresh fruit, fresh salads, and coffee, tea and butter of the best. These are simple things, but it is the simple things that cost. The second-rate boarding house can afford indifferent desserts and bad entrees.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

### Jollyng the Ladies.

When a man in his legislative capacity wreathes his face in smiles, puts a flower in his buttonhole, carefully arranges his spare locks to cover as much of his bald spot as possible, and considers the case of woman, queer things happen.

There is the Indiana house: by a tidy majority it passed on Monday a woman's suffrage amendment to the constitution. The ladies advocating the measure were delighted. Of course, the amendment had still to pass the senate, to go through both houses next year and to be voted upon by the people in 1903, but the suffragists were much encouraged. On Thursday, when the senate rejected the amendment by a decisive vote, it was better understood that the suave assemblymen were merely disposing of the question by putting it "up to" somebody else.

There is Kansas, too; even in Kansas one seldom sees queerer things done than the recent action upon a suffrage bill in the house, which passed it one day by a big majority and the next day—presumably the ladies had in the meantime gone home happy—reversed their action by an equally large adverse vote.

Some day the politicians of the gentler sex will learn to distinguish between tyrant man's conversion to the cause and his weak desire to "please the ladies" so long as their eyes are upon the house. Then they will watch the wily legislator from the first day of the session to the last, and what can he do but surrender?

### Monster Engines Just Built.

Pittsburg locomotive works have just completed two engines which are claimed to be the most powerful and heaviest yet constructed. Each weighs 111½ tons, the tenders having a water capacity of 7,500 gallons and a coal capacity of fourteen tons.

### Women Study Engineering.

In one respect Japan is clearly ahead of every other country. Both in Europe and America thousands of women are fitting themselves for various professions, but only in Japan are women learning to become civil engineers. The stimulus in this direction has been given by the wealthy family of Mitsui of Tokio, which has offered an extensive site in that city for the erection of a university for women, which is to be specially adapted for those who desire to become civil engineers and physicians.

The work is already in progress, and, as three other rich citizens of Tokio have contributed \$120,000 toward the cost of the necessary buildings, it is believed that the new university will be opened within a few months.

That it will at once attract a large number of students is considered certain, since the success of the Polytechnic school of Tokio, at which civil engineering is mainly taught, shows that there are many young women who desire and are well qualified to adopt this as a profession.

In Europe much surprise is expressed at the progress which Japan is making as regards women's education and more than one university is serious thinking of following Japan's example and arranging a course of studies for those women who may wish to become civil engineers.

### 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.

### A Mailbox Sleuth.

A new electric letterbox on exhibition last week in Washington, if adopted by the government, would make life anything but pleasant and comfortable for the careless or unlucky carrier. The electric letterbox registers at the main office each time a collection is made, so that it is impossible for a carrier in making his rounds to skip a single box without being instantly detected. Worse yet, if one letter is left in the box the electric attachment promptly records the fact at the main office and the carrier is liable to thirty days' suspension for undue haste and negligence.

### Rise in Diamond Values.

"Speaking of diamonds," said a New York jeweler, "I can give you a practical instance of increased values. The other day a man who had borrowed \$15 from me on a solitaire ring a year ago called to redeem it. I offered to loan him \$30 on it any time in the future. The ring cost him about \$25. It is worth \$50 or \$60 today, solely as a result of a scarcity of stones. People who bought diamonds two years or more ago find them a pretty good investment and many are just beginning to realize the fact."

### Her Vocation.

The little daughter of a well known actor was once helping her parents to entertain some visitors, and she succeeded in the usual unexpected way of childhood. The talk was running on theatrical matters, when one of the visitors, a lady not unknown to footlight fame, turned to the little girl and said:

"Well, Virgie, I suppose you expect to become a great actress, too, when you grow up?"

"Oh, no," promptly replied the dear child, "Mamma intends me to marry."

### Tribute to a Woman's Wife.

Murray Hall, the woman who for years lived as a man, intended to keep up the deception even beyond the grave. Her will, filed for probate the other day, provides for the erection of a suitable headstone over the grave of "My wife, Celia F. L. Hall." The executrix is undecided whether to follow this odd instruction or not. If she does, it will be a monument commemorating the fact that at least one woman could keep a secret, and keep it well. She left an estate worth over \$80,000, assessed by hard work.

### Dentistry for Sheep.

A shepherd of New South Wales has tried dentistry for sheep with great success. He had a valuable ram which found great difficulty in masticating its food owing to the loss of teeth. Artificial teeth were inserted.

### Intrust Children to Elephants.

Siamese mothers often intrust their children to elephants, who are most careful of their little charges. If danger threatens, an elephant will gently lift the child with its trunk onto its back out of harm's way.

### Prosperity in France.

While the French population is stationary, there is a steady progress in prosperity, which is indicated by the increasing consumption of meat and the decreasing consumption of bread.

### Christian Endeavor in Belfast.

Belfast has in recent years become one of the strongest centers of Christian Endeavor work in the United Kingdom. Ten years ago there was but one society in all Ireland. Today Belfast has more than seventy.

### Man Sues for Alimony.

Reversing the usual order of things, John Kiefer of Dayton, O., has sued his wife for divorce and alimony, charging infidelity and willful absence. Mrs. Kiefer owns considerable property in her own right.

### Many Students in Law Course.

There are 644 students in the Harvard law school this year, eighty-two colleges being represented by their graduates, and Yale leading, its delegation numbering seventy-three.

## Local Items.

Jersey Cream flour at Hail & Dunwoody's.

If you want a good horse cheap, see Lace English.

Freshest and coldest keg beer in town at Hyman's.

B. F. Chamberlain returned last week from Beaumont.

Dan Craddock returned Monday evening from Beaumont.

City Attorney George W. Crook has returned from Beaumont.

Henry Ascher is again in Crockett, returning from St. Louis.

Close margin prices at The Big Store. JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

A regular glass factory—those big beer glasses at Hyman's Saloon.

A car load of horses for sale or trade at Lace English's livery stable.

Are you going fishing? If so, the New Drug Store has the tackle you need.

### For Sale.

One jersey bull. Call on N. E. Allbright.

The New Drug Store receives a new shipment of Gunther's candies every two weeks.

Base ball goods, from the cheapest to the most expensive, at the New Drug Store.

Reports from all over the county are to the effect that some cotton is being replanted.

Dr. J. B. Smith was able to be down town this week, after a spell of serious illness.

District Attorney J. M. Crook spent Sunday in Crockett. Court is in session at Palestine.

The New Drug Store has just received another big lot of fishing tackle and base ball goods.

Messrs. Henry and Jas. Leaverton and J. F. Martin of Grapeland were in town this week.

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

Try barrel Jas. S. Shivers & Co.'s own brand "Lane Star" flour. THE BIG STORE.

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

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist. Office over Parker Bros. Open from 15th to 30th each month. Charges moderate.

A car load of horses for sale or trade at Lace English's livery stable. See him if you want a good, cheap animal.

The city owns its own teams. It is able to do so and would result in a saving of expenses and better service.

Our motto—When you see a head, hat it. Millinery department Big Store.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

### OLD FRIENDS!

BONES:—Any kin to "Paul Jones" at Hyman's Saloon?

JONES:—No, sir! but the best of friends.

The state is making a big thing out of the organization of oil companies. The fee alone for chartering a company is one hundred dollars.

The following Crockett gentlemen have been visitors to Beaumont since our last issue: Tucker Baker, R. L. Aldrich, R. H. Wootters and Hyman Harrison.

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

Huiskamp slippers for ladies—It is a perfection of quality and wear, a popular price.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

### AT HYMAN'S!

CUSTOMER:—Do you sell your Joel B. Frazier whiskey by the ounce?

BARTENDER:—No, sir! by the dram.

Superintendent Martin of the Louisiana and Texas lumber company has moved his family to Crockett. Other families would come here if houses could be procured.

A protracted meeting is to begin at the Presbyterian church in this place to-night (Friday, May 3rd.) Dr. Crozier of Palestine is to preach. Rev. F. E. Robbins of Beaumont is also expected to assist in the meeting.

The Presbytery of Eastern Texas is to meet at the Presbyterian church in this place on Wednesday May 8th at 11 a. m. Some fifteen or twenty ministers and ruling elders are expected to be in attendance for a few days.

J. B. Valentine, president of the Trinity Oil company, has taken a thirty days' lay-off from his duties as railroad agent so as to devote his time to the business of the oil company. He is very enthusiastic over the prospects.

## Wall Paper Opportunity.

If you buy wall paper without seeing what we can do for you, you are apt to buy amiss. Every motive that should influence any buyer is a motive for picking from our stock. The assortment is exceptional in quality, coloring and distinctiveness. We have all the most desirable of this season's designs, we have exclusive styles and our prices are the lowest at which such paper can be had anywhere.

We wish to show you our line. The buying will take care of itself.

J. G. HARING,  
PHARMACIST.

We will show next week something entirely new in belts. "The Big Store."

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Dr. W. A. Downes and wife left Monday evening for their future home in New York city. They will go by way of Spartanburg, S. C., Mrs. Downes' former home, where they will stop for a short visit.

### Lumber! Lumber!

We have bought W. B. Wall's mill 3 1/2 miles north east of Crockett. We are prepared to furnish and deliver oak and pine, rough or dressed. Will be glad to serve you.

MELTON & BYNUM.

It is a rare thing that a drunk man is seen in Crockett these days. A man named Chumley was put in the lock-up Monday for drunkenness, but the officers do not seem to have as much of this to contend with as they used to.

### Ice Cream Party.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give an ice cream party next Friday from 6 p. m. to 11 p. m. on the college lawn for the benefit of the furniture of the new Methodist church. No expenses will be connected with it whatever, so that the entire proceeds will go to the church.

## 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

### Stray Horse.

One sorrel horse, about 7 years of age, no brand, was shod all around and has wire scar on hind leg at knee joint. Left about two weeks ago. Will pay to have him caught.

B. C. DENTON,  
Lovelady, Texas.

The new Christian church building is progressing finely. W. V. Berry, who has the matter in hand, is a hustler and no mistake. It will not be many Sundays before that denomination in Crockett will have a house to worship in.

Miss Addie Madden has returned from Brandon, Hill county, where she has been teaching, her school having expired. She has accepted a position with the Trinity Oil company as stenographer and went to work Monday morning.

Mr. John Wall, a prominent farmer, died at his home five or six miles north of town Tuesday night. He was a man of family and leaves a large number of friends whose sympathy go out to those bereft of husband and father.

Mr. G. W. Allbright, one of the best farmers in the county and one of its best citizens, was in Crockett Monday and called at the COURIER office. He said that a great deal of cotton was being replanted on account of the heavy rains and cold weather a few weeks since.

Mr. H. F. Moore returned last week from Beaumont. He says he never saw anything like the Beaumont oil fever, and he has seen it at its highest temperature in the Pennsylvania oil region a few years since. The oil fields of California and Pennsylvania are not in it at all with those of Beaumont.

Messrs. J. V. Collins, Will Denny and Henry Arledge went down to Beaumont last week overland. Mr. Collins returned Tuesday and says the oil business is simply wonderful and has had a powerful effect on the country in the way of increasing the value of everything in that section. He came back by rail, leaving Messrs. Denny and Arledge down there.

Luis Lopez, the hot tamale vender, thinks he knows where there is buried treasure and is going after it through the digging process. Tuesday night late he and three white men and a negro had excavated a hole about five feet deep on Miss Ella Nichols' lot in Northeast Crockett. The excavation somewhat resembled a grave. It is thought that nothing was found. Lopez claims to be in possession of certain evidence of there having been buried there at one time a large amount of money.

The good people of that good community, Concord, had a Sunday school picnic Wednesday. Judge A. A. Aldrich was invited to address the assemblage and accepted the invitation. On his return to town the judge had a great many nice things to say of the Concord community. That the picnic was a decided success goes without saying.

The Trinity Oil company continues to take leases in this and Trinity county near the Trinity river. It had over 2000 acres leased up to Monday of this week. The company is expecting its machinery to be on the ground and ready for boring in about twenty days from now. The best machinery that could be procured was purchased. The secretary of the company informs us that stock is being taken very fast.

Major Wootters is nothing if not hospitable. The reception at his home Thursday night of last week was quite an enjoyable affair and largely attended by the young people. The major is a great believer in young people enjoying themselves before they have the cares of life thrust upon them and what is their pleasure is his. The event spoken of was a reception to the young ladies' club and its young men friends.

The COURIER is glad to know that the Davy Crockett Oil and Mining company is meeting with success in the matter of subscriptions of stock. It will soon have half of the amount of its capital stock taken up. Close on to \$7000 is the amount of the subscriptions and the company is to be capitalized with \$20,000. When half of its capitalization is taken—\$10,000—a charter will be applied for. This is the company that is to bore near town for oil, and in the event oil is not found, water-works will be established. So we will either have oil or water.

They are telling a good joke on Rufe Ball, the new street commissioner and deputy marshal. His friends say that he went with the marshal to make an arrest, which being done, the marshal left the prisoner in charge of Rufe for a short while. After the marshal left, the man under arrest was seized with the idea that he was not being treated right and started in to take his spite out on the officer. Rufe's friends say that he made a break to get out of the fellow's reach and ran into the old well at the rear of Goolsbee's saloon. The fellow did not get away, however, although he did get on his mule, but Rufe got the mule by the bit and thus intercepted his exit. It is said that the first work Mr. Ball will do as street commissioner will be to fill up all the old wells in town.

### ICE, ICE, ICE.

The public is respectfully informed that ice tickets can be bought at rates named below. All ice sold for cash will be at the rate of ONE CENT per pound irrespective of quantity and all unused tickets will be redeemed at Company's office.

30 5-pound tickets	.....\$1.35
30 10 " "	..... 2.70
30 15 " "	..... 3.90
30 20 " "	..... 5.10
30 25 " "	..... 6.00
6 50 " "	..... 1.95
6 100 " "	..... 3.80

Ice wagon will not deliver ice on Sundays, so as to allow driver and horses to get needed rest. Thanking you for past liberal patronage and soliciting a continuance of same, we are,

Yours respectfully,  
CROCKETT LIGHT AND ICE CO.

R. D. Ball has been appointed by the city council as street commissioner. He is an old railroad man and his practical knowledge of grading and ditching and making culverts ought to result in everlasting benefit to Crockett. A man that thoroughly understands work of that kind is greatly needed. The people of Crockett have paid in enough street and road taxes to have first-class thoroughfares and sidewalks, but we do not make a misstatement when we say they are about the poorest in the whole state. We have reference to the streets for there are no sidewalks to speak of. With the aid of a lantern and walking stick one may be able to get down town at night if he is careful and knows where the sidewalk ought to be. The streets and sidewalks of Crockett are actually a disgrace to any town of its size and importance. There has been a great deal of money and time spent on the streets, but the results have not been as desired. With the first rain what good was accomplished was ruined. It is not every one that understands street making, and one who does is needed. It is to be hoped that the city will profit by Mr. Ball's experience as a track constructor and that the results of such experience will be better streets and sidewalks.

### Frairie Point.

EDITOR COURIER:—At last we are having some favorable weather for farming, and everyone is either driving Jack or swinging his hoe. Owing to so much rain and cold nearly all had to replant their cotton, so it will be late.

There was a very pretty wedding at W. H. Hooper's Sunday evening, Miss Nettie Hooper being married to Mr. Charlie Hynes of Leon county. The bride was one of our most popular young ladies, and we were loth to give her up. But such is life. Mr. Hynes comes well recommended, and is said to be one of Leon's best citizens. They will make Leon county their future home.

If you have no child of your own, do as John Goodwin has, hunt up some poor orphan child and carry it home with you and give it a home and treat it as your own. John is very proud of his charge, and speaks of "my boy" as though he was accustomed to it.

"Ye scribe" dined with J. L. Straughan Sunday and had for dinner nice fresh Irish potatoes and dewberry pie. Who can beat that with our cold, wet spring? How is that for old Houston county, anyhow? RENO.

### POPULAR EXCURSIONS.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, May 14-15, Texas Bankers' Association.  
MARSHALL, TEXAS, May 13-18, Grand Lodge (col.) K. of P.  
WACO, TEXAS, May 8, Confederate Veterans' Reunion.  
PARIS, TEXAS, May 24-25, United Commercial Travelers.  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS, May 21-22, Reunion of Mexican War Veterans.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, May 14-16, State Pharmaceutical Association.  
SHERMAN, TEXAS, June 26-29, State Teachers' Association.  
DALLAS, TEXAS, May 21-22, Grain Dealers' Association.  
DALLAS, TEXAS, May 14-16, I. O. Red Men.

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 5-6-7, Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

Low excursion rates will be made for all of the above occasions.

Ask nearest ticket agent for particulars as to rates, dates of sale, etc., or write to

D. J. PRICE,  
Gen. Pass. & Ticket Agent,  
Palestine, Texas.

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# The New York Store,

## AND NO LET-UP.

Limited space allows only comparatively few items, but you will find EVERY YARD of fabric. EVERY made garment and EVERY ARTICLE INTENDED FOR SUMMER WEAR AT THE SAME TERRIFIC REDUCTION.

But don't delay. Every day and hour makes a big hole in stocks. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY before it is forever TOO LATE.

### Embroideries and Laces.

We have received two thousand dollars worth of embroideries and laces that we are selling at fifty cents on the dollar.

Embroidery edging 3 to 9 inches wide, regular price 10 and 15 cents per yard, selling price 5 and 7 cents per yard. Inserting to match at same price.

Valenciennes laces 1c a yard per dozen yards 10 cents.  
 " " 2c a " " " " 20 cents.  
 " " 3c a " " " " 28 cents.

All-over embroideries and laces from 20 cents to \$1.50 per yard.

Torchon laces from 2c. to 15c per yard.

### Dress Skirts Given Away.

200 dress skirts given away at 99 cents.  
 150 " " " " " 75 "  
 200 " " " " " \$1.00.

### Ladies' Shirt Waists.

75 cent waists going at 47 cents, better waists going from 75 cents to \$1.75.

### Belts.

Latest style belts from 15 cents to \$1.00.

### Staples.

Best yard wide brown domestic 4 cents yard.  
 Best yard wide Sea Island domestic 4 1/2 cents yard.  
 Good cheviot stripes at 5 cents yard.  
 Extra heavy brown drill worth 8 1/2 cents yard at 5 cents.  
 Good quality bleached domestic free of starch 4c yard.  
 Amoskeag A. C. A. feather ticking 11 cents yard.

### Clothing.

Men's all wool suit \$3.00.  
 Men's linen suit \$1.50.  
 Men's crash suit \$1.50.

### Gents' Furnishing Goods.

50 cent Negligee shirts at 25 cents.  
 75 " " " " 35 "  
 \$1.00 " " " " 50 "  
 Balbriggan underwear 35 cents per suit.

LOOK for the Sign of the THE NEW YORK STORE. Yours for Bargains,  
**HENRY BLOCH.**

### THE COURIER.

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

Every man who has the interest of the town at heart should join the waterworks movement. People who have made their money here ought to take an interest in such things.

It is figured that the saving in insurance rates alone would pay for a system of water works. This being the case, and it has not been denied, then are not business men foolish in not having water for protection, to say nothing of the other conveniences it affords?

A great many towns that could not raise enough money to build a cotton mill last summer—something that would have been of lasting benefit to the town and county where the money was made—now have millions to send to Beaumont to invest in oil stock. Home enterprises are the safest investment and do not drain a country of its surplus accumulations.

Some parties over at Nacogdoches who were seized with the oil craze could not wait for a train, but chartered a hand-car and pulled out. Such a desire for speculation never had hold of the people before and is a fine indication of an abundance of capital. The country was never in better shape financially. Towns that do not display a spirit of enterprise at home now are past redemption.

No greater spirit of enterprise could be displayed than in the organization of a waterworks company. An artesian flow would have to be secured. The local company organized to prospect for oil in and near Crockett will be

merged into a water company in the event oil is not found. This is a worthy enterprise and deserves a liberal subscription of stock by the business men of the town.

When the fires have ravaged the town and destroyed its business houses and residences, then property owners will read their hair and in the agony of their loss wonder why they had never secured waterworks for protection. It will be too late then. When the horse is stolen it is too late to lock the stable. Then why not organize a waterworks company and have some protection from fire?

Now is the time for Crockett to put in waterworks and other city conveniences. There is enough idle capital here to start a half dozen such things. The COURIER is always glad to see any movement on foot which may result in improvement to the town. The dust this summer is going to be almost unbearable and the wares of the merchant almost ruined, and it will be so next summer unless something is done.

There has never been anything to equal the oil excitement. The whole country has been wild and the excitement does not seem to abate in any great degree. Capital has been attracted to Beaumont from the whole of North America and as far away as Europe. The rush to Beaumont has been of a speculative crowd, eager for quick and great gains. Some have made fortunes, while others are no doubt sad but wiser.

It is believed, and there are good reasons for the belief, that Houston county is rich in oil. A line drawn from Corsicana to

Beaumont passes directly through the center of the county. All new wells sunk at Corsicana are in this direction and all new discoveries at Beaumont are toward this way. In fact, all indications point in this direction. Surface indications are fine. The result of the boring at Coltharp and Trinity will be anxiously awaited.

### NEW YORK PROMOTERS

Of Oil Companies in Texas and California Swarming in the Metropolis.

### MANY WILDCAT CONCERNS.

New York, April 29.—Since the wonderful discovery of oil in Texas and in lower California there has been a sudden influx of promoting talent into the city. Within the last few weeks new firms of "bankers and brokers" have been established in and around Wall Street, and one and all are advocating the purchase of shares of Texas and California oil mining schemes that will bear thorough investigation before an intended investor severs himself from his money and receives in return a beautifully engraved certificate. Many reputable financiers and even mining men acquainted with the production of oil denounce many of the new oil companies as the "wildest kind of wildcat schemes," and that many are based on the various forms of speculation. There is little or nothing reliable to be gleaned from the many prospectuses of the oil companies, in many instances, as shown by an investigation made

by a reporter for the Herald. In one case it was found that a company claimed an entire tract of several hundred acres near Beaumont, Tex., district, while a part of the same tract was included in the prospectus of another company. The so-called maps are liberally sprinkled with asterisks or stars, frequently labeled 'wells.' That they are wells now proposed or wells already sunk and found to be dry it is thought not necessary to state. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent in all manner of advertising and shares of stock in these oil companies are sold all the way from 5 cents a share to \$5, even before some of the companies have filed their corporate papers in Texas, an essential proceeding under the law of that State before the company can take title and hold property. Some of the companies do not own an acre of land in fee simple, but merely have leases or options on property. In nearly every case the land has been put in at fabulous prices. One representative of a company acknowledged that \$2 an acre would have been considered a fabulous price less than a year ago for the same land that his company has figured in at \$5000 an acre. Oil has been discovered in Texas near Beaumont, and the flow of the Lucas gusher, for instance, has been enormous. Not only is this a good well, but there are many others in the neighborhood. All the prospectuses of the "bankers and brokers" give pictures of that well known well and the stocks of the companies start and end with that phenomenal flow, notwithstanding that their property may be miles distant. There are few of these companies which are in a position to guarantee anything except this: "That those who

buy shares, par value \$1, from 5c up, are speculating on the possibility of 'something turning up' after the company gets to work. Glittering inducements are held out to the unwary investors and these new arrivals in town offer wonderful chances for a fortune. When the discrepancies are pointed out to them in their statements they do not seem to worry at all and offer a somewhat plausible excuse or explanation.

In the meantime legitimate companies with legitimate oil fields and wells are done great harm by these "wild cat" schemes which are being pushed and developed every day in New York. Not only are these schemes finding investors among the unwary in the city, but they extend to all cities of the Union, and even to small towns, the headquarters being in New York.

### The Sports That Make the Man.

Sir Thomas Lipton, K. C. V. O., has written especially for the Saturday Evening Post, of May 11, an article on The Sports that Make the Man. He places yachting high on the list, and gives some interesting anecdotes of his own career as an amateur yachtsman.

Sir Thomas is hopeful, if not confident, of "lifting" the America's Cup next autumn. He says, however, that if it were a certainty he would not cross the water; for there is no sporting interest in "sure things."

This article will appear exclusively in The Saturday Evening Post, of Philadelphia.

### Notice in Probate.

Estate of } In Probate Court.  
 T. F. Smith, } of Houston County.  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1901, appointed by the Probate Court of Houston County administrator of the estate of T. F. Smith. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same within the time prescribed by law. The residence and postoffice address of undersigned is Crockett, Houston County, Texas.  
 J. H. SMITH,  
 Adm'r Estate of T. F. Smith, Dec'd.