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FIRE AT LUFKIN.

Seventeen Business Houses, Four Hotels, Three Restaurants, Several Warehouses and Residences.

Lufkin, Angelina County, Tex., May 5.—The loss in yesterday's fire is greater than first estimated. Seventeen business houses, four warehouses and a number of residences are completely destroyed. The fire originated in the Chaney restaurant about the center of a solid block of frame buildings, from which place it swept rapidly both ways. When it reached a point opposite the Mantooth and Chaney brick building it leaped across the street to a brick occupied on the first floor by the Hodges Dry Goods Company, and on the second by Judge E. J. Mantooth as a law office and the telephone exchange. This is a solid brick block, but the fire did not stop until it had destroyed four buildings and damaged two others. The fire proceeded northward to Dozier Avenue, where it leaped the avenue, and the Shotwell Hotel was soon in flames. From this it easily spread throughout the block to the St. Louis Southwestern Railway, where the workmen got control of it.

Following are some of the estimated losses and insurance where known:

Mrs. A. J. Smith, hotel, \$2500; no insurance.
J. J. Richards, drug store, \$3500; \$1200 insurance.
B. Krantz, restaurant, \$500; no insurance.
Frank Robb, jewelry, \$400; no insurance.
N. B. Chaney, saloon, \$3000; no insurance.
W. A. Nelms, restaurant, \$300; no insurance.
Darr & Tillery, barbers, \$250; no insurance.
Darr Bros., saloon, \$1000; no insurance.
B. J. Milam, family grocery, \$1500; \$700 insurance.
Webner Bros., dry goods, \$1500.
St. Louis Tailoring Company, \$2000.
W. L. Anderson, barber, \$600; no insurance.

Hodges, dry goods, \$18,000; \$7500 insurance.

W. C. Weaver, saloon, \$3000; no insurance.

Moffit & Albritton, general merchandise, \$2000; no insurance.

W. M. Glenn & Co., hardware and furniture, damaged by water and loss of warehouse, \$8000; no insurance.

Dr. Mantooth, office fixtures, \$100; no insurance.

W. A. Colmorgan, \$3000; no insurance.

G. J. Collins, saloon, \$1500.

Mrs. Shotwell, hotel, \$2500.

W. A. Abney, warehouse, \$1000.

W. J. Lemp, ice and beer, \$2000; \$500 insurance.

T. N. Humason, bottling works and residence, \$5500; \$2000 insurance.

C. L. Cotton, household goods, \$800; no insurance.

J. D. Smith, carpenter shop, \$200.

Jones & Burns, market, \$500.

Keer & Co., warehouse, \$2500.

E. J. Mantooth, lawyer, \$8000; no insurance.

W. B. Patts, family grocery, \$600; no insurance.

D. J. Campbell, hotel, \$3000; no insurance.

W. R. Bounds, hotel, \$500; no insurance.

R. J. Smith, family grocery, \$1500; no insurance.

W. L. Anderson, residence, \$1000; no insurance.

There are others that your reporter failed to get, besides the great part of men in business were renting and the loss is not estimated on the buildings. No insurance on any of the buildings except T. N. Humason's residence.

PRESIDENT'S TRIP.

Yesterday Morning at El Paso—Plaza Gaily Decorated Where Cabinet Met—Prominent Mexicans Present.

El Paso, Tex., May 6.—The American and Mexican flags were intertwined in the decorations of the plaza where the official meeting of President McKinley and Cabinet took place this morning. The presence on the stand of Gen-

eral Hernandez, personal representative of President Diaz, and the Governor of Chihuahua gave international significance to the event. There were thousands of Mexicans in the vast concourse of people to whom the President spoke, and their enthusiasm was almost as wild as that of the Americans. General Hernandez addressed the President on behalf of his President, extending the latter's congratulations, and Mr. McKinley, in his response, paid a high tribute to the President of Mexico, and charged his emissary to convey to his chief his warm regard and personal esteem, with his best wishes for continued prosperity of our sister Republic. The President's speech was very happy and was especially notable on account of his injunction to the people not to be alarmed at imperialism. There was he said, no imperialist except the imperial power of the sovereign people of the United States.

The governor of Chihuahua also warmly welcomed the President to the border. The exercises were preceded by a military parade. The ladies of the Cabinet crossed the Rio Grande to Juarez, where they were tendered a breakfast by Juan Ochoa, a prominent Mexican banker. Mrs. McKinley did not attend the breakfast, but enjoyed a short drive during the morning.

At noon the presidential party resumed its journey westward.

The President and members of the Cabinet made short speeches.

At the conclusion of the address the party, including the Mexican officials, went for a drive. The President expressed a desire to look over into Mexico, and was driven down to the international bridge. There, at the office of the Custom House, he alighted and chatted for some time with those around him. The old church at Guadalupe, over 300 years old, the Spanish prison and other interesting buildings in Juarez were pointed out to him. From the bridge he could plainly see the Sierra Madre Mountains, 60 miles to the southward. President Harrison, in 1891, went half way across the bridge, but President McKinley did not so much as set foot upon the structure. On the way back to the city the party stopped and cheered the Mexican Consulate.

Down at Coltharp.

Spring is here Mister Edter,
Yes spring is come at last.
Don't yer see dem daisies,
Er peepin' thro' de grass.
De farmers air all workin'
De wether is mity fine.
De boys an' girls air fishin',
An' huntin' fer berry vines.
De school wus out last Friday,
An' de teacher is goin' away,
He'll not come back ter Texas,
So de people say.
De blind man's show de other nite,
Wus de best dats in de land,
He had a prize, prettiest girl,
An' ter de ugliest man.
De way dem people voted,
Was simply out o' site;
An' de prizes wus awarded,
Jest exactly rite.

De mill is still er boomin',
De people runnin' wild;
De well man still a borin',
We specks he is huntin' ile.

De railroad is shore a comin',
An' comin mity fast;
De gradin' camp is moved agin,
An' de town laid off at last.

Dere is a heap o' sic'ness,
An' de doctor has lots ter do,
He is all de time er goin',
But de deaths air very few.

Dere air lots o' speculators,
Dey air lookin' all 'round,
If dey find gold. Mister Edter,
Won't we have er town?

We had better stop,
De news is mitey scace;
We'd like ter see dis in yer paper,
If yer have de space.

We can't see Mister Edter,
Why yer don't come down;
An' start yer paper up,
In our little town.

"BILLY JONES.

The supreme court of Iowa has decided against a young lawyer who took out life insurance and accident policies to the amount of \$3,4000 and within a week came back from a hunting expedition with his foot so badly mangled that it was necessary to cut it off. The jury came to the conclusion that he had purposely maimed himself and declined to give him a verdict. The supreme court sustains this verdict.

Great Reformatory for Girls.

There is now being erected in the town of Bedford, N. Y., one of the largest reformatories for women ever built in this country. The reformatory, which is to cost \$300,000, is designed for girls and women from 16 to 25 years of age who are guilty of first offenses. The cottage system is to be used and the plan will be ready for use next summer.

No Husband for Mrs. Potter.

Mrs. James Brown Potter has been denying that she was about to be married. This time it was not a noble duke, nor a famous general with whom her name has been connected, but Frank Gardner, the American who went to live in England after he had made a fortune in Australian mining stocks. Mrs. Potter says she is not going to marry Mr. Gardner, in spite of all gossip to that effect, and that her acquaintance is the result of their meeting several years ago in Australia, when he advised her so judiciously in regard to her investments that she is now independent.

Still on Crutches.

Congressman Amos Cummings has recovered from the bicycle accident which he was lately, as he says, "mixed up." He is still on crutches but his leg is nearly healed.

Commercial Value of a "Good Front."

A little group of men were talking yesterday afternoon about the commercial value which the public at large places upon one's personal appearance. "I have had my ups and downs," said one man, "and my own experience has taught me the value of making what is vulgarly known as a 'good front.' The man who is financially independent is the only one who can afford to appear careless in his attire, and even then it is a doubtful experiment. The day of the ushaven and unshorn genius is past. The man of genius nowadays must be as neat in his attire as the man who has nothing else to think about. Even shabby gentility is at a discount. I have known times when I really didn't know where the next dollar was coming from, and those were the very times when I paid most attention to my personal appearance. By hook or crook I have always managed to get a fine suit of clothes from a tailor, just to impress the people with an air of prosperity. Half the battle of life consists in putting up a good bluff. If the world thinks you are down the world will do its best to keep you down. Some old philosopher once said that clothes don't make the man. In common with most old philosophers, he was at least half wrong. At any rate, that has been my experience, and I dare say it has been the experience of many a better man."

OIL STOCK!

The Trinity Oil Co.,

OF CROCKETT, Chartered Under the Laws of the State of Texas

J. B. VALENTINE, President.

A. H. WOOTTERS, Vice President.

D. M. CRADDOCK, Treasurer.

ARCH BAKER, Secretary.

The Trinity Oil Company owns leases on over 2000 acres of land in a number of different tracts near Trinity, Texas, and is acquiring leases on new tracts every day in the Trinity River Valley in Houston and Trinity counties. This territory is on a direct line between Corsicana and Beaumont and is the best undeveloped oil field in the State. There are more surface indications of oil here than even in the famous Beaumont field and there is no doubt of the existence of oil. A complete outfit of machinery has been ordered and the company will begin drilling as soon as it can be placed on the ground. The capital stock is \$100,000, in shares of \$1.00 each. The shares are selling now at 50c. on the dollar. No salaries are paid to any officer or any other one connected with the company and every dollar received from the sale of stock will be used in developing the property of the company. Fortunes will be made in oil in East Texas in the next few years. If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, send in your application for stock with remittance at once to

ARCH BAKER, Secretary, Crockett, Texas.

A GLANCE....

at our show windows will tell you what is to be worn this spring. These windows reflect all that is new and novel in the

Dry Goods Way

The Big Store

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

IF YOU WANT

to keep posted on the latest styles of the season, send for the Delineator. Price 15 cents at

OUR STORE

In addition to giving as much or more value for our customers' money, we gave away during month of April 127 pecks Irish potatoes and \$135.70 worth of useful premiums that are not only ornaments to the many homes in which they have gone, but are useful necessities.

In looking over the records of our business for the past 28 years we find nothing that equals the record of the past four months ending May 1st, 1901.

THE BIG STORE'S SALES

for the four months ending May 1st, 1901, exceeded the sales of the CROCKETT DRY GOODS CO. for the first four months, year 1900, by the handsome sum of

\$15,683.93

and they did an excellent business.

The Big Store does not solicit your patronage because we have been raised in your midst, but upon business principles, believing that our large facilities enable us to give better goods, larger values than those who are otherwise situated. This is the store that solicits your patronage and says unto you if anything bought here, except cut goods, is not as wanted bring it back, your money will be refunded without your being catechised.

Thanking you for the great increase your patronage has given us, and hoping to have you visit our store at an early date,

We remain yours very truly,

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.,

The Big Store.

Big Hotel for Women.

Nearly all of the capital of \$400,000 required for building a women's hotel in New York has been subscribed. The location will be just east of Madison avenue, between Twenty-ninth and Thirtieth streets. The hotel is designed for the accommodation of working women who are able to pay from \$7 to \$15 a week for room and board. The hotel company has assurances that a large establishment of the Mills hotel type can be filled and operated at a moderate profit.

A \$100,000 Train Party.

Dr. Seward Webb of New York, a Vanderbilt son-in-law, has originated a new social function, one that only a multi-millionaire can enjoy. It is a transcontinental private train party. Ordinary millionaires who go jaunting about the country with a few guests in a single private car hitched on to express trains found that amusement quite expensive, but Dr. Webb, with many millions of Vanderbilt wealth behind will set a standard in luxurious railway travel that not many men will care to beat. Today a train made up of six of the finest private cars in the world will leave New York for a run across the continent to California and back again. Dr. and Mrs. Webb and about thirty of their closest friends in the fashionable set will occupy the train, which will be the most magnificent that ever traveled over any railway. Not a single luxury that can be had in the Waldorf-Astoria will be lacking in the train with the possible exception of a ball room. The trip will occupy a trifle less than three weeks, unless Dr. Webb changes his mind. Stops of two and three days will be made at several places. A train of this kind, with all the accessories, would cost ordinary citizens about \$5000 a day, or close to \$100,000 for the trip.

"Immortality" Declined.

Jules Verne has declined to allow his name to be offered to the French academy, and while begging that body to accept the "gratitude of an old storyteller," replies; "I have just completed my seventy-third year and do not at such an age aspire to the academy." Dumas the younger asked me twenty-eight years ago. I declined and since then fifty-nine academicians have died. They may be immortals, but they have not been rendered immortal."

The Four Giuseppees.

There used to be a saying in France that the four living evangelists of New Italy were the four Giuseppees (Josephs)—one of the head of the people, Giuseppe Mazzini; one at the head of fighters, Giuseppe Garibaldi; a third one leading the philosophical ideal in parliament, Giuseppe Ferrari, and the fourth at the head of Italian art, Giuseppe Verdi.

Magazine Censor Needed.

"I believe a censorship should be established over American magazines," declared a Chicagoan in conversation with a group of newspaper men recently. The statement naturally occasioned surprise, and he was pressed for a reason for his belief. "Why," he exclaimed, "the magazines are plucking the laurels from the brows of too many of our heroes. No sooner does a man achieve fame, either in war or in the pursuits of peace, than the magazines are after him. He may hesitate for a time, but the tempter is strong and persuasive, and the hero generally falls. Once a man begins exploiting in the magazines his own achievements, down he comes tumbling from his pedestal. It shows that he is only human after all, and the people do not long worship common clay."

All Deaf May Hear and Talk.

The last census numbers the deaf mutes of America at 6,000,000, and Miller Keese Hutchison says he can enable every one of the 6,000,000 to hear and talk. Mr. Hutchison has invented a small electrical appliance which he says accomplishes these wonders. At a test of the instrument made in New York a few days ago the utility of the invention was demonstrated to the satisfaction of a number of experts of diseases of the ear. Mr. Hutchison's "discovery" consists of a utilization of the fact that certain vibrations can be sensed—one cannot say heard—even by those whose deafness is dense as a stone. From this basis the inventor has evolved an instrument which, when applied to the ear of a deaf mute, enables him to hear. In appearance the instrument closely resembles one of the small telephone transmitters which are clamped to the ears of all the operators at central stations. For ordinary conversation the instrument is not clamped to the head, but is carried in the hand, and applied to the ear when needed. Except when the instrument is at their ears the deaf mutes are as deaf as ever.

Thieves Took Her Sunday Clothes.

Among the articles abstracted by burglars from the wardrobe of a Paris banker were 312 pairs of trousers, 294 coats and 241 waistcoats. This eclipses all American records for extravagance in dress. It is instructive to learn that the financial Brunel in question is sought by the police for embezzlement.

Teller Calls It "Cuby."

Senator Teller always pronounces Cuba as if written "Cuby." This, he explains, is due to the fact that the chief town of Allegheny county, N. Y., where he was born, is named Cuby, but has always been called "Cuby" by the natives.

Four Dollars for Fifteen Cents.

A party of four government officials eat luncheon at a Washington cafe every day. They generally tip the waiter 5 cents apiece. The other day they heard one of the waiters say to the man who was attending to their table: "I'll give you 15 cents for your tips from that crowd." The waiter answered, "I'll take you. Them stiff ain't worth much more than that at any time, and may not give me anything." After luncheon the four officials paid the check. Then each man tipped the waiter \$1. They said it was worth the money to see the waiter turn over his \$4 tip for 15 cents.

A Countess Who Can Cook.

The Countess of Crewe and her sister, Lady Sibyl Primrose, are excellent housewives—indeed they can put to shame many young women of less exalted rank in this respect. In spite of the many claims of society, they have made a thorough study of domestic affairs, and attended for some time a school of cookery in Edinburgh, with the result that Lady Sibyl especially excels in the culinary art. The Countess of Crewe is also a very clever housewife.

Brosius' Question.

The late Congressman Marriott Brosius, of Pennsylvania, was once opposed to a lawyer who was trying to force a witness to give a direct answer, "Yes" or "No," and who declared, "You can satisfactorily answer any question by 'yes' or 'no.'" "Can you?" asked Mr. Brosius. "If so, I'd like to ask you if you have left off beating your wife?"

May Prohibit Absinthe.

A law has recently been passed which permits the French government to forbid the manufacture and sale of absinthe and certain other fabricated articles of drink declared to be dangerous by the Academy of Medicine.

France's New Temperance Law.

The French government, in addition to discouraging the use of absinthe, has adopted a general temperance measure, though one that would not appeal to American reformers who are accustomed to chafe beer and wine with whisky and other heavy alcoholic liquors. Consul Skinner at Marseilles notes that for the past fifteen years there has been a steady increase of alcoholism in France, for the seemingly contradictory reason that disease swept off the French grapevines and produced a scarcity of common wine, causing the introduction of cheap and strongly alcoholic substitutes. A new law became effective in France January 1, that is intended to act as a corrective by discouraging the use of liquors strong in alcohol, cider and beer, which are classed as "hygienic" beverages. This is done by increasing the tax on alcohol and reducing it upon "hygienic" beverages.

A Polley Approved.

"No," said the policeman, kindly, but firmly, "you cannot photograph that statue."

"Why not?" asked the tourist.

"Because it's against the law."

The tourist looked at the statue in question, a massive piece of contract work, and then answered:

"Well, I don't blame you. It's always decenter for people to keep their troubles to themselves instead of letting them be advertised all over the country."

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.

Pretty Children

"We have three children. Before the birth of the last one my wife used four bottles of MOTHER'S FRIEND. If you had the pictures of our children, you could see at a glance that the last one is healthiest, prettiest and finest-looking of them all. My wife thinks Mother's Friend is the greatest and grandest remedy in the world for expectant mothers."—Written by a Kentucky Attorney-at-Law.



MOTHER'S FRIEND prevents nine-tenths of the suffering incident to childbirth. The coming mother's disposition and temper remain unruffled throughout the ordeal, because this relaxing, penetrating liniment relieves the usual distress. A good-natured mother is pretty sure to have a good-natured child. The patient is kept in a strong, healthy condition, which the child also inherits. Mother's Friend takes a wife through the crisis quickly and almost painlessly. It assists in her rapid recovery, and wards off the dangers that so often follow delivery.

Sold by druggists for \$1 a bottle.
THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO.
 ATLANTA, GA.
 Send for our free illustrated book written expressly for expectant mothers.

When You Plant a Tree.

The failure or success of the young tree for the first two or three seasons after planting out depends largely on how this work is done. The young tree as it comes from the nursery row has been deprived in digging of probably half its roots, whose office is to supply nourishment to the top or to the branches and leaves. The supply thus diminished so considerably necessitates a rather severe pruning of the top, cutting away an amount proportionate to the amount of roots or rootlets left behind in digging. This pruning should be done just before planting the tree, using a sharp knife. Cut away about three-fourths of the top, preserving a strong center shoot or leader, which should be cut back well. The lower lateral branches should be left longer than the upper, which should be pruned back rather severely. Any broken or injured roots should also be pruned so that the ends will be smooth.

In planting the tree in the ground set it no deeper than it grew in the nursery, which depth may be determined by the discoloration of the bark at the base. Let the roots rest on a bed of well loosened soil. Replace the sub-soil or clay, at the bottom of the excavation with top soil, and let the excavation be somewhat larger than merely necessary to accommodate the roots. Fill in about the roots with pulverized soil, using the hand to perform the work. After the roots are covered tread the soil well with the feet. All the soil used for filling should be trodden down firm. After the tree is planted stake it and to the stake, or better still, make a compact hard mound of soil about the base of the tree, to prevent the wind from whipping it about. In the spring remove this mound. During the first few seasons the young tree should be well mulched with manure or grass clippings winter and summer.

Pavement Preserves.

Broad tires have been found to be of great value in the preservation of macadamized roads and unpaved country thoroughfares. It is believed that they are no less important in preventing city pavements from prematurely wearing out. Chicago is making an effort to protect its paving by the passage of an ordinance requiring all wagons carrying a load of 3000 pounds or more to have tires not less than four and a half inches wide.

Remarkable Presence of Mind.

Later information as to what happened when the Grand Opera House in Cincinnati was burned the other day supplies no explanation as to why the endangered people were so extraordinarily self-possessed, but it adds, on the contrary, to the astonishment created by the first reports of their behavior. In a letter published by the Boston Transcript Mr. Sothorn writes: "I never saw nor heard of such an orderly retreat from a ghastly danger. The flames shot up twenty feet high in the middle of the auditorium, but the people went out without excitement and a calm determination not to break into a panic that was a fine comment on the character of those who came to see the play. I helped a lot of women over the footlights. I said to the first one of them: 'If you will move that musician's chair nearer I can help you up, but wait a minute, if the others see you getting up here it may start a panic,' and she said, just as if I were talking at a tea party, 'All right, Mr. Sothorn, tell me when you are ready.' The others about her took the same tone, and in a minute I helped her over. Hundreds of women were helped up, all quiet and unafraid. In the meantime those at the back of the auditorium were able to get out without being crowded. Five minutes after the flames burst through the floor of the stage. The entire theater was destroyed; not a stick left." Mr. Sothorn more than hints his belief that the audience attracted by a Shakespearean play would naturally be intelligent enough to realize that the only chance of safety lay in the preservation of calmness. There may be something in the theory, but we have already expressed our doubts of its adequacy to account for the fact that absolutely everybody in this Cincinnati audience kept his or her head in a situation that has so often proved too much for ordinary humanity. Other motives than appreciation of dramatic poetry attract people to Shakespearean plays, and the possession of such appreciation by no means necessarily involves the possession of perfectly controlled courage in the face of death in its most dreaded form. There is some other explanation of that marvelous display. What is it?—New York

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration or Heart Failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Get Green's Prize Almanac at Smith & French Drug Co's.

Teddy's Washington Host.

Vice President-elect and Mrs. Roosevelt, with their children, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cowles in Washington from March 2 to March 5. They will then go to their Oyster Bay home and return about October to Washington, where they will occupy the house of Bellamy Storer, at Rhode Island avenue and Seventeenth street, which Mr. Roosevelt has leased.

At Lightning Speed.

One hundred and sixty miles an hour is the speed aimed at by a new electric railway company in Germany under the direct patronage of the emperor. Cars with accommodations for fifty persons each are now being built and will be tried on a thirty kilometer track.

When Henderson Met Blaine.

Speaker Henderson told yesterday a good story of one of his initial experiences among public men in Washington. It was before he had been elected to congress, probably twenty-five years ago. Blaine was then speaker. Naturally he was one of the statesmen that General Henderson desired to meet, and the opportunity came of a morning just as the speaker was passing through the lobby on his way to the marble rostrum. The formal greetings were exchanged in a brief moment, and General Henderson was left to see the swinging doors close on the stalwart form of the Republican leader.

Six years later General Henderson again came to Washington, this time to get Iowa divided into two judicial districts. He put up at Wormley's, where Blaine also lived, it being in those days a fashionable and flourishing hostelry. A week or so after his arrival from Iowa, as General Henderson was entering the dining room, he met Blaine, after having passed and repassed him many times. The Maine man grasped him cordially by the hand, called him by name and inquired about Iowa.

"I had heard of Speaker Blaine's wonderful faculty of remembering names," says General Henderson. "When I had seated myself at the table I beckoned to the head waiter. 'Hasn't Mr. Blaine asked you my name?' I said to him. 'Now, think hard and be sure of your answer.'"

"He done called me over las' night an' asked you' name an' all about you. I tole him you' was Mistah Henderson."—Washington Post.

Fought for His Life.

"My father and sister both died of Consumption," writes J. T. Weatherwax, of Wyandotte, Mich., "and I was saved from the same frightful fate only by Dr. King's New Discovery. An attack of Pneumonia left an obstinate cough and very severe lung trouble, which an excellent doctor could not help, but a few months' use of this wonderful medicine made me as well as ever and I gained much in weight." Infallible for Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Lung trouble. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00 at J. G. Haring's drug store. Trial bottles free.

Dugeon is Dead.

Dr. Dugeon, who died recently at Peking, was perhaps the best known of all the Europeans in China, with the exception of Sir Robert Hart. He went out early in the '60s to take charge of the British legation hospital, and the walls of the hospital were adorned with tablets testifying to his surgical skill. For twenty years the doctor was daily at his post receiving all sorts and conditions of Chinamen, and at times his patients numbered 100 a day.

Edward Still a Club Man.

King Edward VII, contrary to widely circulated reports, has not resigned from any of the London clubs of which, as Prince of Wales, he was a member. He has, however, retired from the committees of the Marlborough, on which he had been serving.

Likes to be Called Colonel.

Vice President Roosevelt prefers to be called by the title of "colonel" rather than by that belonging to the exalted civil position he now holds. "I earned my colonel," he says, "and the other thing came to me."

Piles are not only most painful, but also very dangerous, as the inflamed nodules are very apt to take on a malignant action and cancer of the rectum is produced. They should be cured. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure the most obstinate cases. Price 50 cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Souvenir Thieves.

The fad of souvenir collecting has become so widespread that hotel and restaurant keepers are seriously considering what would be the most effectual means for stopping this practice. Many a man and woman too, who thinks it a sin to appropriate a pin, is entirely devoid of such scruples when it comes to taking souvenirs of dinner parties, banquets, or similar festive occasions. Last week a class of one of the higher schools held its annual re-union and banquet at a hotel not far from Broad and Chestnut streets, and, as usual, the boys were on the lookout for mementoes. One spied an electric touchbell on a side table in the dining room, used by the head waiter to attract the attention of his subordinates. He kept vigilant watch on this all through the dinner, and on his way out slipped the prize under his arm, hiding it with his coat. Everything was moving serenely and the souvenir fiend was beginning to congratulate himself on having carried off the greatest trophy of the occasion. But when he reached the cloakroom, someone pushed against him rather heavily and caused his arm to press the bell, which, being of the automatic make, started to ring in a loud tone, thus attracting the attention of the man in charge. Of course, the bell was returned, but it is to be doubted whether the attendant was credulous enough to believe the lame excuse offered that "it was all done in fun."

He is a Wonder.

All who see Mr. C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Iowa, as he is now cheerful, erect, vigorous, without an ache, could hardly believe he is the same man, who, a short time ago, had to sit in a chair, propped up by cushions, suffering intensely from an aching back, in agony if he tried to stoop—all caused by chronic kidney trouble, that no medicine helped till he used Electric Bitters and was wholly cured by three bottles. Positively cures Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, all kidney troubles. Only 50c at J. G. Haring's drug store.

Pierpont Morgan, the Man.

J. Pierpont Morgan, the man, is known to a comparatively small circle of friends. Everybody is aware of his genius for rebuilding railroads and consolidating steel companies. But how many know of his passionate love for Turkish cigarettes, Havana cigars, dogs and string music? This great mental giant, whose will and brain power almost sway the financial world, has little foibles and characteristics—as other and more flippant folk have. The Morgan of Wall street is crusty in his manner—even brutal if you will—but when the great doors of the marble front banking house close in him for the day, says one who knows him, no kindlier, more affable millionaire ever trod the Wall street pavements. Mr. Morgan cares as much for his dogs as he does for his railroads—but at a different time. He has \$50,000 worth of dog aristocracy, and is proud of it.

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.

When the liver fails to excrete bile, the blood becomes loaded with bilious properties, the digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Hering's 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.

Had to Be Identified.

While the committee on finance of the senate, shortly before the recent adjournment of congress, was discussing the revenue reduction bill, the question of abolishing the stamp tax upon express money orders was brought to the attention of the committee by Senator Platt, who, as everyone knows, is the president of the United States Express company, relates the Chicago Chronicle. The senators were not familiar with the money orders and Senator Platt undertook to enlighten them. Near the capitol, in the neighborhood of the Baltimore and Ohio depot, is an office of the express company. Thither Senator Platt wended his way. When he entered the office a young clerk was behind the counter. "I want a money order," said the senator, and the lad picked up the book of blanks. "How much, Sir?" he asked. "Five cents," said the senator. The boy paused, looked at the would-be purchaser and repeated the sum. "Yes," said Senator Platt, "I want a money order for 5 cents. I am the president of the company." The latter remark settled it with the boy. He hurried into the private office of the agent. "Out here," he exclaimed, "there is an old gentleman who says he is the president of the company, and he wants a money order for 5 cents. I am afraid to give it to him for fear he will raise it." The agent came out, recognized the senator, and a few minutes later the distinguished senators on the finance committee were examining a money order for 5 cents issued in the name of T. C. Platt.

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.

Hoosier Holds the Record.

Twenty-one poker players have been arrested in Indianapolis for taking part in a game which was kept up without a break for 150 hours. Of course, no one of the gamblers sat in his chair all that time. Even a six day walker or bicycle rider could hardly stand such a strain so long. But it is soberly recorded that one of the players was at the table for three days except for a nap of two hours. Indianapolis seems to hold the poker championship for a continuous performance.

Contagious Blood Poison

There is no poison so highly contagious, so deceptive and so destructive. Don't be too sure you are cured because all external signs of the disease have disappeared, and the doctor says you are well. Many persons have been dosed with Mercury and Potash for months or years, and pronounced cured!—to realize when too late that the disease was only covered up!

Like Bogies Like. driven from the surface to break out again, and to their sorrow and mortification find those nearest and dearest to them have been infected by this loathsome disease, for no other poison is so surely transmitted from parent to child as this. Often a bad case of Rheumatism, Catarrh, Scrofula or severe skin disease, an old sore or ulcer developing in middle life, can be traced to blood poison contracted **The Sin of the Parent.** in early life, for it remains smoldering in the system forever, unless properly treated and driven out in the beginning. S. S. S. is the only antidote for this peculiar virus, the only remedy known that can overcome it and drive it out of the blood, and it does this so thoroughly and effectually that there is never a return of the disease to embarrass or humiliate you afterwards.

SSS cures Contagious Blood Poison in any and all stages; contains no mineral to break down your constitution; it is purely vegetable and the only blood purifier known that cleanses the blood and at the same time builds up the general health.

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Letter from a German Friend.

Chermany, Somedimes, 1901. Dear Misder Bage:—I have somedings to say about dem fishes und dem fishermans. Both of dem ish like der Heathen Chine—dey is "beculiar," und for dot reason some people kond know too much about dem.

Der big fish knows somedings, he go always mit schools and dot make him smart. Dere is no more as one way to gatch der big fish. Yust lie in weight for him, und the more you lies in weight de bigger he is when you gatch him. Dis is der segret of sngress mit big fish.

Der biggest fish, he is smart enough to ged off der hoog efery time, but den all you haf to do is yust to keep on lying in weight, und doud sewer. It is a dancherous thing for dams to break loose. Yust sing out loud mit soufulness und encherly somedings from Wagner's "Gottedammerung." Dot make you feel better, und was enough for dot fish. Besides all dot, cursory remarks are not to der point.

Somedimes der fishes haf midy leedle sense. You yust drops dem a line, vich is a blain und simple invitation to come in out of der wet. A ijt could onderstand dot. But most of dem fishes dey nefer gatches on.

Dere is a whole lot of onreliable fishes. Dey is like der boy's galus button, dey is mostly off ven you want 'em.

But, der fishermans is more beculiar as der fishes. I dells you some chesnuds about dem. Dere vas one who vas descendet mit a diregd line from dem Adames vot lived in der Eden Garten, but lost der situation, und went oud into der country und raised cain. Vell, dot fishermans he garried his baüd in a din gan, because he was not afraid of snakes no more as his ancestors was. For dot reason, maybe, he was requested to make a speech mit demberance in der sagred land of Grovetown, somedimes ven he vas not pragdisen at der bar. Vell, dot vas a goot speech. Once he got thirsty und his chaws need some lubrications. So he dakes up der crystal goblet mit its sparkling contents, made und brovided for such ogations, und tries to blow der foam off dot glass water! Vell, dot congregation had been dere itseluf somedimes und it gatch on und smile some, und some of it goes outside und smiled some more.

Dot fishermans was savin' und egonomigal of der truth, und ven he comes back from his fishin, he chenerally withdraws it altogether from cheneral circulation.

He vas relichus mid a horn, (dot is a degnigal eggspression for nit) und von day der breecher he says to him, "Mein Frent, One of der deagons he says you was out gunning on Suntay. I vas very sorry to hear dot." Den dot fisherman he say "Dot is a mistake, und dot deagon he better look oud some." Der breecher he say "I was glad to hear you say dot. I did not think you vas dot sort of a Chrischin." Den dot fishermans he say some more: "Nein, I did not go gunning on Suntay, und if necessary, I haf der fish to prove it!" Der breecher he walk off mit a schmile dot was child-like und bland, und der fishermans, ven he was by himseluf alone, he yust sniggered right oud.

Somedime maybe I dells you some more about dem fishermans. Dere are plenty of chestnuts.

Your truthful frent,
HONTZ SCHMIDT, Cherman.

People who have oil on the brain should remember that speculative ventures, like other forms of gambling, are something like bookkeeping by double-

entry. For every credit there must be an equivalent debit; for every gain an equivalent loss; for every winner a loser. When fortunes are made rapidly by speculation, fortunes are lost in the same manner. When the earth is tapped the oil that flows is clear gain. But that is the reward of enterprise, and is not speculation. There will be sudden fortunes made in the Beaumont oil fields, and many a sucker will drop his small change in the same hole the oil comes out of. The writer of this was in Beaumont a year ago, and priced land in the now famous oil region and was told that it could be bought for \$5.00 to \$10.00 per acre. If he had known as much then as he does now, he might have been a millionaire, and somebody else would have written this paragraph, or it would have remained unwritten.—Farm and Ranch.

GEORGE GOULD IN A NEW ROLE.

He Is Said to Be Buying Large Tracts of Texas Lands.

New York, April 29.—Since George J. Gould's visit to the Southwest he has had men quietly at work looking into many investments, particularly in Texas, where the Beaumont oil fever has started a boom in many parts of the state. Among the enterprises that were most stimulated was the land business. Mr. Gould has already been heard from in one direction. He started in at once on his return to absorb the stock of the Texas Pacific land trust which has more than 8,000,000 acres located in thirty-nine counties of that state.

The lands of the Texas Pacific land trust formerly belonged to the Texas Pacific railroad, one of the leading Southwestern Gould properties, and to which the late Jay Gould devoted much of his attention. This company sold its land last year at an average of around of \$2.25 an acre and at this figure its assets could be liquidated for nearly \$7,000,000 in cash. This applied toward the cancellation of outstanding certificates would not be more than \$80 on each share. Since the boom set in lands can be readily sold for \$3 an acre, and some choice locations bring more than that. The demand for the company's lands is partly due to the belief that oil is likely to crop out in some of the thirty-nine counties over which it is scattered. Mr. Gould was quick to see the possibilities of this company, and banking interests which are said to represent him in many deals have been buying up the Texas land trust certificates since they were selling around thirty. The company leases many of its lands at a good rental, and most of the receipts from sales have been applied to buying up the certificates in the open market and cancelling the same. More than \$700,000 par value certificates were so retired last year, thus increasing the equity of the remaining \$8,500,000 and odd certificates. When all but \$1,000,000 worth, or 10,000 shares for example, have been retired, this little block of stock will own the assets. It is impossible to calculate the effect if oil in quantity should be found on the company's property.

Old Soldier's Experience. M. M. Austin, a civil war veteran of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctor's treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills, which worked wonders for her health." They always do. Try them. Only 25c at J. G. Haring's drug store.

Future of Men's Shirt Waists.

The prediction that we had about seen the last of the agitation for shirt waists for men is likely to be disproved by the action taken by postmasters and certain cities to clothe letter carriers and policeman in these garments.

What effect will this have upon the shirt waist as a summer article of dress for men generally? Surely it ought not to make the garment an impossibility. Fashion decrees that well dressed civilians should not look like uniformed officials. But the shirt waist, as it has been evolved up to this time, has taken various forms, colors and styles. The inventors are still at work on it, and the field is wide enough to produce a great variety and give us plenty of shirt waists that will not have the appearance of uniform garments.

When the cool shirt waist becomes a common sight, on the backs of public servants everywhere, will there not be a great demand for something as comfortable for the man who is merely a private citizen? Is not the adoption of the shirt waist for postmen and policeman likely to bring about the wearing of these garments universally?—St. Louis Republic.

How to Strike Oil.

My distinguished friend, G. Herbert Brown, of the Galveston Saturday Evening Review, has looked into the matter and is settled. Here, you craving oil fiends—here is all there is of it:

"It isn't a lake of oil. It isn't a stream. It lies between layers of rock, and the extent of this strata no man knows. Turn up the palm of your left hand and spread out your fingers. Drop a hatpin at the distance of two feet. If it strikes a finger or the palm of your hand, it draws blood. If it goes between it does not do any damage. That's the oil field. The oil may not lay in the outline of a man's hand, but one is just as apt to miss oil a few feet from a gusher as he is to strike it several hundred feet or yards or several miles away. It's all a gamble."

Now, gentlemen, you know how it is and govern yourselves accordingly. The enterprising Herbert has gone down there with his eagle imagination and you may take this version as entirely scientific. I need hardly suggest that it is proper to let the pin drop just in the right place. It is a very profitable thing to strike the finger.—Harlequin, New Orleans.

Census of the Samoan Group.

Tutuila, Samoa.—A census of the population of the Samoan group has been taken. The number of Samoans in Upolu and other islands under the German government is 32,000, while the population of the six islands under the United States government is returned at 5800. The slight increase during the last thirty years is about the same in proportion all round. The infant mortality is greatest, and this is due in a large measure to the ignorance and carelessness in dieting the young.

Bright's Disease.

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ROMANTIC WEDDING

In Which Romance, Religion and the Elks Figured in New York—Dallas Man the Groom.

New York, May 2.—The Herald says: Romance, religion and the brotherhood of Elks played prominent parts in the marriage of Mrs. Irene Lewine, a handsome widow, late of Flatbush, in Brooklyn, and Cecil Vorley Wright, a prominent resident of Dallas, Tex., the former home of Mrs. Lewine. They were married in the office of Bert Reiss, a Brooklyn lawyer, last Wednesday afternoon. Judge John Woodward, of the appellate division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn, was called from the bench to perform the ceremony—the first that has ever been performed by a Supreme Court Judge in Brooklyn. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wright were driven to Jersey City, where they took the first train for Dallas, Tex., where they will make their home.

Mr. Wright is a Christian and his bride is a Hebrew. Neither wanted a change of religion, yet each wanted to marry the other. It remained for Mr. Reiss to find a way out of the difficulty. The bride is Mr. Reiss' aunt, and to him she confided her troubles. Mr. Wright was in a hurry to get back to Dallas, where he had important business to attend to, but he did not want to return alone; he wanted to take his bride back with him. He called on Mr. Reiss and the two discussed the matter. The question was how to get married without violating either's religious belief. Mr. Reiss thought long and deeply.

"I have it!" suddenly he shouted. "You are an Elk, I am an Elk and Judge Woodward is an Elk. We'll get Judge Woodward to perform the ceremony here in this office."

Mrs. Lewine was summoned by telephone to appear at Mr. Reiss' as soon as possible, and in less than half an hour she arrived. The ceremony was quickly performed, and Judge Woodward hurried back to his seat in the court room.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright took a carriage for Jersey City, where they just caught the express train for Dallas. Mrs. Wright is the daughter of the Confederate General, Gabriel Selig. Her first husband died in Waco, Tex., her home city, about three years ago, and about one year and a half later she met Mr. Wright.

Cyclists should always carry a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. In case of accident, if applied immediately, it will subdue the pain, prevent swelling and discoloration, and quickly heal the wounds. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

ANOTHER GUSHER.

Distant Sections of Country Now Convinced that Early Stories Were Not Exaggerated.

Beaumont, Tex., May 3.—The well of the Lone Star and Crescent Oil Company is in for certain this time. It gushed forth the flood of oil which means untold wealth to the owners and more fuel for the world at 9 o'clock tonight. Details are not to be had yet, as the news was phoned here over private wires. It was stated, however, that the well came in one of the strongest and most vigorous spouters in the field, going to the top of the derrick with the first leap. Operators were in perfect control of the wild spouter and immediately closed the valves.

There has been a good deal written about this well lately, and much comment has been caused by the tardiness in finishing the drilling into the wonderful oil deposits. Faulty machinery has been the cause, but the complete success of to-night repays for any anxiety. This well is in the heart of the oil region, and 190 feet from Beatty and 500 yards from Lucas. It is on a seven-acre tract purchased of Charles Ingalls, while the Lucas gusher was going, by O. B. Greeves of this city for \$4000. Chas. Ingalls lived on the place and when the Lucas spouted he was the first to bring the news to town and hurrying back to the scene sold his place while looking at the Lucas.

Mr. Greeves associated with himself three other men, each paying \$1000 for one-quarter interest. These were Marion Fletcher, E. A. Fletcher and C. A. Hageman. These four then contracted with the Star and Crescent Company to put down a well. Recently the Lone Star and Crescent Oil Company of New Orleans was organized with a capital of \$10,000,000, and all interests were merged into this one giant organization.

Mr. Hageman, E. A. Fletcher and O. B. Greeves recently sold their interests to Marion Fletcher for \$25,000 each. Mr. Greeves bought back in an hour for \$30,000, but the others stayed out. E. J. Schleid of New Orleans is president and Marion K. Fletcher of Beaumont, vice president of the Lone Star and Crescent Company. Marion Fletcher has been managing the well here for the past few weeks.

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MARSHALL, TEXAS, May 13-18, Grand Lodge (col.) K. of P.
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.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 28-30, Reunion United Confederate Veterans.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1-Nov. 1, Pan-American Exposition.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., May 16-28, General Assembly Presbyterian Church.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., May 18, Launching Battleship Ohio.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 18-21, International Epworth League.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14-23, National Shooting Exposition.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 9-16, Southwestern Baptist Association.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 29th-June 7th, Medical-Surgical Association.

WEST POINT, MISS., May 16-23, General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, June 18-July 26, University Summer School.

KANSAS CITY, MO., June 11-12, Imperial Council Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

DETROIT, MICH., July 8-12, National Educational Association.

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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 T. F. Smith, In Probate Court 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.
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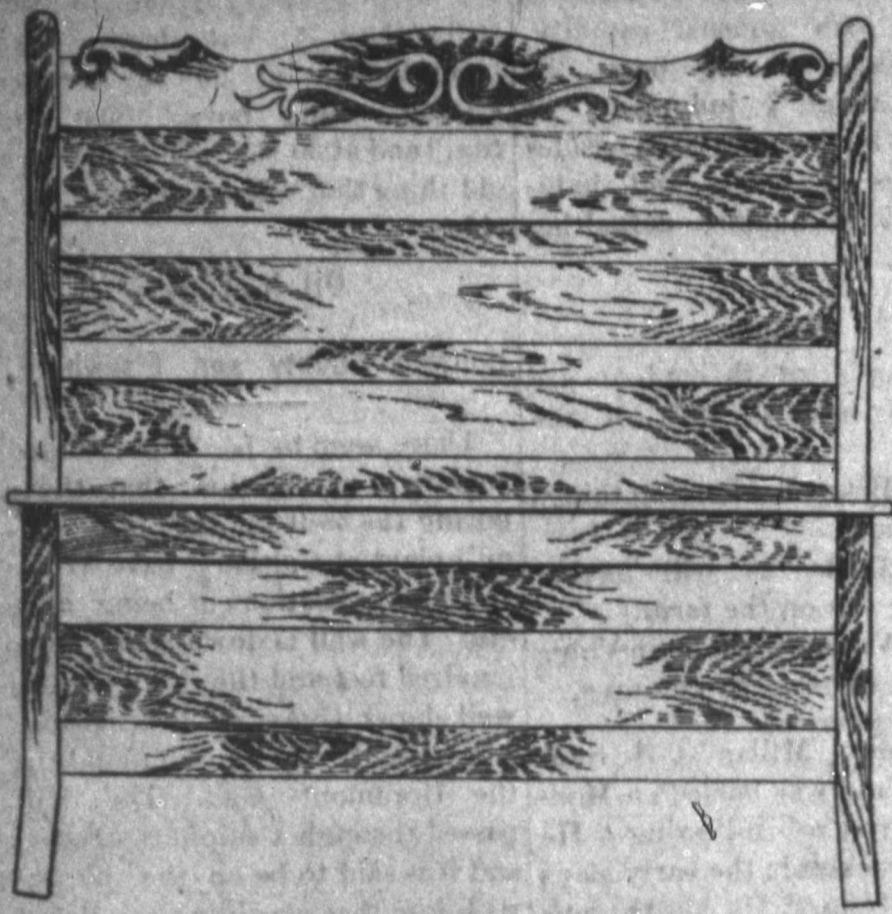
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Where also the premium can be seen and obtained.

What are Premium Stamps ?

They are premiums given by the following leading merchants, representing nearly every line of trade, to induce patronage. The customer is given one stamp with every 10-cent purchase, and when \$25.00 worth of stamps are collected the customer is permitted to present the book of stamps at the Depository and select a useful article of good value. Books containing \$100 worth of stamps are issued by the following merchants upon the request of customers, and when purchases are made stamps are issued for every 10 cents or multiple thereof. When stamp books are one-fourth full, or one-half full, or three-quarters full, or entirely full, premiums may be selected at the depository according to value. Premiums of higher value are given for two or three books of stamps. It is necessary for the purchasing public to remember three essential things, to-wit: First, that premium stamps have an actual value, and are issued by the following live and progressive merchants to increase their patronage and give a special benefit and decided advantage to their customers in dealing with them. Second, that the customer will not pay one cent more when buying from these merchants, but if anything much less, because the use of premium stamps increases trade, makes business "hum" and enables the stamp merchant to sell cheaper by reason of the large volume of patronage induced by the system. Third, that the premiums obtainable from the collection of stamps amount in reality to discounts on bills not otherwise obtainable from merchants, and decided by the courts to be a legitimate method of soliciting business. "A word to the wise is sufficient." Call on any of the following merchants for Stamp Books, which give full information of their use in English and German, and do not hesitate to ask for premium stamps on all your purchases from them in their different lines

DIRECTORY of leading and enterprising merchants of Crockett who give Texas Supply Company Premium Stamps:

PARKER BROS., General Merchandise;
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 ALDRICH & NEWTON, Furniture Dealers.

J. A. BRICKER, Jeweler.

THESE GUYS

Illustrate only a few of the many articles of furniture we give as premiums

Pretty parlor table which will be given away for premium stamps.

DIFFERENT KINDS OF DESKS can be had for nothing if you trade with Stamp Merchants.



Ludicrous Error.
 One of the most ludicrous mistakes made by the telegraph was caused by the loss of a single dot in a telegram from Brisbane to a London news agency. As it reached London it read: "Governor General twin: first son," which the news agency 'edited' and sent around to the papers in the following form: "Lady Kennedy, the wife of Sir Arthur Kennedy, governor general of Queensland, yesterday gave birth at government house, Brisbane, to twins, the first born being a son." The telegram arriving in the small hours of the morning, there was no time to check or refer to Debrett, and it was published by most of the newspapers in London and the provinces, and caused an unexpected sensation. Sir Arthur's friends pointed out with conclusive force that someone had blundered, as there never was a Lady Kennedy, Sir Arthur being a bachelor. The repeat message, which followed, read: "Governor General turns first sod," referring to a railway ceremony.

Willing to Go It Blind.
 One of the New York State senators tells a good story on himself. He indulges freely in wine, but never becomes intoxicated. His doctor informed him that if he did not give up liquors of every description he would be "stone blind." "What! Do you really men that, doctor?" the man exclaimed in evident consternation. The doctor assured him that he did. The senator thought for a moment and then, with a deep sigh of resignation, said: "Well, I guess I've seen everything worth seeing anyhow."

London's Unlucky Half Million.
 The London Lancet says there must be in that city some 500,000 persons, who cannot afford to pay a sufficiently high rent to secure comfortable homes.

For His Creditors' Sake.
 When Private John Allen's friends heard that he was to be one of the St. Louis fair commissioners they decided that something ought to be done. The idea that an ex-congressman of Allen's reputation should take a commission was too much for them. Therefore they deputed one of their number to remonstrate with John. "Why, John, you don't want this place," the friend began. "It will cheapen your fame. The thing for you to do is to come back to Tupelo and settle down." "Sh! come over here in the corner and I'll whisper something to you," replied Allen. "This thing of going back to Tupelo to settle down is all right, I suppose. But most of my creditors prefer I should take the commission and settle up."

Not Enough to Do.
 Judge Carroll Cook, of San Francisco makes the unique complaint that he has not enough work to do. His honor declares that there has not been a criminal in his department for a month, and that as a consequence he is suffering from ennui. Under its new charter San Francisco pays no fees to its public officials, and it is said that a large falling off in criminal prosecutions has resulted.

Coolley Day at Ann Harbor.
 The law department of the University of Michigan is making preparations for the observance of Coolley day. The exercises on this occasion will consist of an address in University hall in the afternoon and a concert at the gymnasium in the evening. The exact date has not as yet been fixed. It is stated that the exercises will be attended by a large number of members of the State bar.

Girls and Sociology.
 In the appearance at the courtroom of general sessions at the conclusion of a trial for grand larceny of a class of 25 young women from the School for Educational Reform, there was a striking and prophetic sign of the new day in science. Original research is carried into every branch of scientific study now, and earnest girls may be brought face to face with subjects in that department of sociology which they are studying for scientific reformatory use in the future, certain that their intentions will be appreciated. The proper study of mankind is man; and girls, as well as young men in our educational institutions, take up the inquiry into causes and cures of crime with the seriousness that is an accompaniment of all genuine scientific study, and with the optimistic hope that such study often brings. Psychic laws occupy the energies of true science in a more intensely personal and useful way than ever before in the history of the human mind. The application of these laws in sociological service has a peculiarly hopeful outlook at the present time, and there is a charming significance in the serious study of these matters by young Ladies Bountiful, who look forward to dispensing that which is "more than meat" in the educational reform of the future.--Mail and Express.

Italy's Fine Census Showing.
 In 1881 the official census stated the population of Italy at 28,460,000. The preliminary report of the census just completed puts the present population in round numbers at 35,000,000. This is an increase in twenty years of about 23 per cent. The semi-official estimates led to the expectation of not over 32,000,000, and most of the calculations were about 31,000,000.

Siam's First Railway.
 The people of Siam, or at any rate of the commercial capital, have just participated in an interesting and unique ceremony. This was the opening by the king in person of the first railway in Siam. The line is 134 miles long, took over eight years to build, and was responsible, in the course of its construction, for the death of five Europeans and 7000 coolies. The line extends from Bangkok to Ayuthia, and thence to Kohat, and was built at a cost of \$5,830,000.

"Babbie's" Own Railway Station.
 Maude Adams has decided to build a railroad station. She owns a beautiful summer home at Holbrook, L. I. The nearest station heretofore has been seven miles distant. The railroad company refused, with characteristic firmness, to spend any money for the convenience of one lone commuter and her friends, so she has offered to build a railway station of her own and to christen it Holbrook. Miss Adams will also lay out the grounds attractively.

Homeless and Animal Refuge.
 A Philadelphia society known as the Morris Refuge Association for Homeless and Suffering Animals spent \$3,858 in providing food and homes for such last year. During the year it cared for 24,810 cats, 4,740 dogs, and forty-five other animals. The care bestowed upon forty-five of the animals was putting them to death in as painless a manner as possible.

A Difficult Feat.
 A New York police commissioner advised the other day that it was not so long a matter to murder more than to dismiss a policeman. "Last year," he said, "the board had to pay out \$130,000 in back salaries to men who had been reinstated by the courts."

Fancy Gowns at Auction.
 Thousands of women have examined the magnificent Doucet, Pacquin and Worth Gowns of Mrs. J. De Trafford Blackstone and the Countess Chambay now on exhibition at the Knickerbocker auction rooms, New York. The entire personal effects of Mrs. Blackstone and the Countess Chambay are to be auctioned, beginning Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

In the joint collection there are altogether 976 pieces, and each and every piece is said to be worthy of all the descriptive eloquence of the auctioneer. The advertisements say that the sale is imperative on account of Mrs. Blackstone's early departure for Monte Carlo.

In the collection there are gowns that have commanded admiration at assembly balls, and others that have never before been out of the boxes in which they were imported. There is real lace valued at many dollars per square inch, linen costing as much as 1000 francs on the other side, but best of all is the Countess' own cigarette case, which was presented to her, so it is said, by the Sultan of Turkey.

An Anti-Leaden-Soldier League.
 The South African war, having created a great demand on the part of toy dealers for leaden soldiers, a number of Parisians have organized a society to oppose the manufacture and sale of the martial playthings. "The League Against Leaden Soldiers" is the name of the new organization, and Emil Zola is its president. The circular sent out by the league says that the numbers of leaden soldiers are increasing at a rapid rate, and that the manufacture of them is a profitable business. The league is organized to prevent the manufacture of these toys, and to have the leaden soldiers melted down and the metal used for other purposes.

Social Stems.

Miss Dell Winfree is very sick. If you want a good horse cheap, see Lace English.

Dr. B. S. Elliott of Augusta was in Crockett Monday.

Mr. J. H. Painter has returned from Galveston.

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

Miss Ruth King is visiting her sister Mrs. Judge Winfree.

Judge Gould of Palestine was in Crockett Monday.

Have you seen the dress goods at the "Big Store"?

Hyman Harrison returned Friday from Beaumont and Louisiana.

Choicest teas, spices and extracts at Hail & Dunwoody's.

Dr. W. B. Collins of Lovelady was in Crockett last week.

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

The millinery department of the "Big Store" is now alive with creations of beauty.

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

Messrs. J. S. Kennedy and McDowell of Kennard were in the city several days this week.

Miss Irma Gooch and Mr. Colly Exum of Palestine were visitors to Crockett last Sunday.

Try "Lone Star Flour" as good as the best \$1.00 per sack at the "Big Store."

Sheriff E. B. Hale returned from a business trip to Austin and San Antonio Sunday night.

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

Mr. J. W. Young was among those who went to Beaumont last week.

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

Messrs. John Wakefield and J. H. Newton of Lovelady were in the city this week.

Mr. J. T. Harrison and family are visiting relatives in Polk county this week.

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

Mr. J. L. Cain of Leon county was in town Monday and Tuesday.

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

J. E. Hollingsworth and G. E. Darsey of Grapeland were in the city Monday.

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

Tony Gossett who has been sick for some time is able to be on the streets again.

Mr. R. Platt of Austin is visiting friends and relatives in and around Crockett.

Mr. Louis Hoffman of Corsicana is the guest of Mr. Bromberg's family and Hyman Harrison.

Miss Alma Mitchell of Madisonville is visiting Miss Clara Rice of this place.

Mrs. Morgan Brashers living a few miles east of Crockett is reported dangerously sick.

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

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

County Clerk Allbright has been advised that oil leases will soon begin to flow into his office for record.

For Sale.

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

Messrs. Chas. and Jim Kennedy and Will McLean of Augusta were in town Monday attending court.

Tax Assessor Holcomb informs us that he has about finished taking an inventory of the county's wealth.

Mrs. Fannie Kirkpatrick of San Saba was summoned to Crockett by the sickness and death of her father, Mr. John C. Millar.

Edmund Hill brother of our fellow townsman F. H. Hill has bought property in East Crockett and will move to town in the near future.

New Buggies For a Dollar.

Cost will vary a little according to the size and condition of your vehicle, but it is trifling at most. You can transform your old buggy into a new one by slight expenditure of time and money. The carriage paints we sell are so perfect in every way and so easy to use that best results are certain. Anybody can apply them, they are all ready for the brush, one coat only needed as a rule, they dry with a high lustre. A variety of colors to choose from in handy size cans.

J. G. HARING,
PHARMACIST.

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

Messrs Dave Nunn, John Legory and Coll Stokes have been visitors to Beaumont since our last issue.

Gail King has been entertaining his father, from Dallas county. Mr. King is one of the prominent farmers of that county and is a very pleasant gentleman.

You will have a good fruit cyp. Eat what you can and can what you can't in Mason fruit jars, heavy glass and porcelain lined, non-corrodable tops at Hail & Dunwoody's.

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.

A protracted meeting is in progress at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the Rev. Dr. Crozier of Palestine. The meeting was begun Friday night of last week.

The jovial, generous hearted and prosperous H. W. Huff of Daly's spent a few days in Crockett last week recuperating, we regret to see Mr. Huff under the weather as he is, but hope he will soon be himself again.

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.

Mr. J. H. Webb left last week for Ballinger, Runnels county, where he will make his future home. He sold his farm at Pennington last winter. He shipped everything, including about 150 head of cattle. We regret very much to see Mr. Webb leaving the county, as he was one of its best citizens and farmers.

The Lankster Case.

PALESTINE, TEX., May 7th 1901. THE COURIER, Crockett, Tex.

The Lankster case is set for Thursday May the 16th at Palestine Texas and all witnesses are required to be present without further process being served.

Will you kindly make the above announcement.

Very respectfully,
J. M. CROOK.

The sad news was received in Crockett Tuesday of the death of Mrs. A. P. Moore of Tyler, who was more familiarly known in Crockett as Miss Mary Aldrich. She was a sister of Judge A. A. Aldrich, Mrs. C. M. Newton and Messrs. R. L., C. I. and Rush Aldrich, being a daughter of the lamented Oliver Aldrich. The news of her death came as a shock to her most intimate friends and relatives here, the cause being congestion. Judge Aldrich and wife, Mrs. C. M. Newton and R. L. Aldrich attended the funeral obsequies at Tyler. Mrs. Moore leaves a husband and several children besides relatives and numerous friends, to mourn her death.

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 " " " " " " " " " "	3.60

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.

County court convened Monday morning and has been dispatching business with unusual rapidity, about 30 cases having been disposed of, about 7 judgments of guilty having been entered besides forfeitures on bonds and judgments Ni si against defaulting witnesses.

Volga.

The people of this place are doing their best to stay in the lead.

C. H. Hickman is moving things to the front.

W. B. Butler is still having things his way on the farm.

J. W. Williams will be in Volga soon. COLORED SUBSCRIBER.

Mr. John C. Millar died Sunday night and was buried on Monday afternoon following. He came to Crockett in the early days and at the time of his death was one of the oldest residents of the town. He did a general merchandise business here prior to the civil war and cast his fortune on the side of the Confederacy during that struggle. Mr. Millar was born in Ireland. After coming to this country and settling at Crockett, he married into a most estimable family, that of the Pritchards. His wife still survives him with three children, Mrs. Fannie Kirkpatrick of San Saba, John Millar Jr. of Crockett and Pritchard Millar. A great deal of interesting reading could be furnished regarding this old Confederate soldier and citizen by some one who knew more of him during his life than did the writer. Suffice it to say that his friends were legion. He was city secretary at the time of his death.

Houston County Oil Signs.

Crockett, Tex., May 4.—The stockholders of the Davy Crockett Oil and Mining Company met today and elected the following board of directors: J. C. Wooters, W. V. Berry, J. V. Collins, W. A. Norris, W. H. Denny, H. J. Arledge and A. A. Aldrich. This company proposes to begin drilling for oil just as soon as the machinery can be put on the ground. They are negotiating with an expert well man, who assures them that he can be ready to begin drilling within 10 days. There are many indications of oil in this county, which is on a direct line from Corsicana to Beaumont. There are wells in this county in which oil has long been known to exist and one in which black lubricating oil has been found in sufficient quantities to be actually used by citizens as harness oil. Then there are springs emitting gas to an extent that they can be fired with a match. People are becoming aroused and real estate values are going up rapidly. Other companies are being organized.

The losses at Jacksonville Florida are something appalling for a city of that size. There are more homeless and hungry people there than were in Galveston after the hurricane of last September. In Galveston thousands of people were lost with their homes, but in Jacksonville the people have been left while their homes are in ashes. Then in Galveston the business district survived the storm and there were larger stocks of groceries and provisions on the ground. In Jacksonville the greater portion of the business district has been swept away and food must be sent in from other towns. The neighboring cities, fortunately, the State of Florida and the National government are acting promptly. But there will be unmeasured suffering.—Houston Post.

At 16 a girl enjoys being kissed for the pleasure of it; at 20 she still enjoys it, but denies ever being kissed; at 25 she begins kissing young boys, "just for fun," and at 30 she will kiss any old thing that offers itself for sacrifice.

OIL NOTES.

Houston County and Elsewhere,

There seem to be well-founded rumors in circulation that those boring the well for the big saw-mill plant at Coltharp have struck splendid indications of being near oil. The well is down some nipe hundred feet and the log of the well shows signs at the bottom substantially like those found in the Beaumont field. The drill passed through a sulphur stratum and it is said to be on the porous rock like that overlying the Beaumont oil bed. We are informed that boring has stopped for the present and that some of those in charge have gone to Kansas City, presumably to advise with parties directly interested.

Leasing of lands in Houston County continues. There are quite a number of agents in the field effecting options for different companies, local and foreign. We hear that another rig has been ordered for Houston County boring, making two besides the one in operation at Coltharp. The oil excitement is not confined to Beaumont but is gradually claiming the entire state. Every man woman and child in the state, seem to have the fever and there is scarcely a neighborhood in Texas where the hopes if not the eyes of the people are not looking down a hole in the ground. Fortunes have been made by men who had limited means before the oil discoveries and there are those who a short time since were denouncing corporations and corporate wealth are over their ears now in fortified corporate privileges and rolling in corporate wealth. But such is, ever has been and always will be human nature. Alex Sweet of Texas Siftings wasn't far wrong when he said: "D—these plutocrats! How I wish I was one of them."

COLTHARP.

EDITOR COURIER:—Our school has closed under the management of Prof. Geo. W. Sickles. Mr. Sickles is a model and up to-date instructor and a gentleman whom any community would be proud of. We regret very much to give him up as a teacher or as a citizen—as he is a gentleman in every respect—and loved by all his scholars both large and small of whom he had quite a few. I do not remember of ever seeing as many children so much attached to the teacher. The school closed last Friday at noon and the whole band, teacher and all spent a big part of the evening on the creek fishing. It seemed to your humble writer that it was a hard task for the professor and his little band to disperse for good and all time to come.

The oil fever seems to be contagious. It has broke out here and I think it will have a good field for operations as there is none here who has ever had it. There are men riding over the county trying to lease lands for the purpose of prospecting for oil where there never was a drop of oil—unless some one spilled some.

The work on the new mill and railroad is progressing very slowly. Railroads and saw mills don't grow like magic; it takes time, work and money to build them.

Crops are not good here. Corn is very sorry, I am afraid there will be but little made again this year. A SUBSCRIBER.

CUTTING AND SLASHING

at

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. ALLEN, Publisher & Local Editor

The Lobster is not noted for its bashfulness, but it turns red on getting into hot water.

The farmer who is influential in his home community should not move to the city to be nobody.

An exchange says: "We hear a faint tinkle which sounds like wedding bells." Quinine probably.

An Arkansas verdict over the body of a man who died on board a boat is that "deceased was taken off ten minutes after he was taken on."

"How can we grasp a fortune?" is the way an advertisement opens. We should probably grasp it firmly with both hands if we saw it coming our way.

Hellet Luce is said to be a recruit from Iowa in camp at San Francisco. We hope the Filipinos will realize his name when he gets after them in Manila.

Says a California poetess: "We stood knee-deep in the restless grass by the whispering breezes stirred." She is probably in the hospital now, unless she is a prevaricator.

You will find as you grow older that a good many who claim to have their coats off working for you have them rolled up for pillows and are sleeping on them in the shade.

After being divorced for ten years, a Kansas City woman called on her former husband recently and took a shot at him. Not time nor change can alter a woman's love.

It is said that there are a few \$1000 counterfeit bills in this State. It would be just the luck of some country editor to get one of them in payment for back subscriptions.

A Montana miner who proposed to a widow and was rejected, set fire to her residence and then bravely rescued her. That fellow's scheme to destroy weeds is too startling to become very popular.

A bill was introduced the other day in the Kentucky legislature, making it "unlawful for any person to fire or discharge at random any deadly weapon, whether said weapon be loaded or unloaded."

A New York minister declares that "money is the devil." If he is correct, the reverend gentleman must acknowledge that he is guilty of trying to raise the devil every time he starts the deacons' round with the contribution baskets in his church.

Queen Wilhelmina's refusal to pay her husband's debts puts the prince consort in an embarrassing position. His state allowance is regarded as meager, and he is not permitted to work for a living. The little queen is said to be very angry. This would suggest that when she negotiated for Prince Henry she did not know he was incumbered.

Minister Wu says the brightest children are mixed bloods, offspring of whites and Chinese. Some day this suave, courteous and ever-smiling diplomat will make some one of us throw something at his head—or adopt the custom of his country and throw his head at the cat.

During the month of March the Santa Fe railway consumed 85,000 barrels of crude oil petroleum as fuel on its engines, an increase of about 30 per cent within a few months. The use of crude petroleum is to be extended over lines of this system outside of California.

Coltharp.

EDITOR COURIER:—School closed Friday noon. Prof. Sickles presented the pupils with handsome little souvenirs and after some closing remarks proposed a fishing expedition for the evening, in which every one joined and it is almost needless to say that we had a good time. Mr. Sickles left Coltharp Monday for Detroit Mich. Too much can not be said of the good Mr. Sickles has done for our young people during his two years with us. Let us hope he will return for the next term.

Mr. McDowell and Mr. John Kennedy from Kennard were visitors in Coltharp Wednesday.

Mr. Charlie Durham spent Sunday with friends in Coltharp.

Mrs. Sam John is on the sick list, we hope she will soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. Lesterjett have moved from Coltharp to take up their residence at Kennard.

Miss Pauline Hopper who has been attending school here returned to her home at Hagerville Sunday.

Mr. Johnston of Jewet made a business trip to our city Friday.

Mr. Lipscomb Sherman is to be congratulated on receiving a first grade certificate at the last teachers examination.

A very enjoyable time was had at the dinner given by Mrs. Tom Rogers last week the event being

the 4th birthday of her little daughter, Jewel.

Mr. I. A. Daniels is in the village this week attending to his business interests here.

We are glad to say that Mrs. Alex Buchanan is convalescing from a recent attack of fever.

A sad death occurred in our community last week the deceased being Mrs. Caledonia Campbell wife of Mr. Alex Campbell. She was a lady of excellent character and loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. She leaves a husband and daughter, her mother, Mrs. Gaston, a brother and four sisters to mourn her loss. The interment took place at the Coltharp cemetery Saturday May 4th and a large number of people accompanied the remains to their last resting place. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. J. W. Valliant and Mr. Marvin Murray made a trip to Beaumont last week to look after their investments in oil in that part of the country.

Mrs. Sallie Mangrum of Grove-ton was in Coltharp Saturday attending the funeral of her sister Mrs. Alec Campbell.

Miss Netta Lee Kennedy entertained a large number of friends at her home last Friday night. The house was artistically decorated with red and white roses and greenery. The evening was spent in salamigundi fashion and the young people certainly enjoyed the variety of games. Miss Kennedy is one of Coltharp's prettiest young ladies and the event proved her to be a charming hostess.

BUD AND MIRANDY MEANS.

HAIL AND WIND STORM.

People Caught in a Church Building and All More or Less Injured. One Man Killed.

Marlin, Tex., May 6.—A wind, hail and rain storm passed over a strip of country in the eastern part of this county about 9 o'clock last night, doing great damage to crops and farm houses. At Center, a community a few miles from Marlin, a church building was completely demolished. Prayer meeting was in progress in the building at the time and every one present was more or less injured in escaping. Several negroes en route to a railroad camp on the Fort Worth extension of the International and Great Northern Railroad sought refuge in the church building just before it was blown from the blocks. They were admitted and one of them lost his life in the destruction of the building. He was a stranger in the community and from papers on his person his name is thought to be J. C. Owens of McGregor, Texas. This is the only death so far reported from the storm in the county.

The hailstones are reported to have been very large and the roofs of many houses have been badly damaged. A great many crops are said to have been entirely destroyed. The track of the storm through this county is said to be from a mile and a half to two miles wide. The wind for several minutes was terrific and blew one or two houses from the blocks. At Marlin the wind blew very hard, but very little damage was done. A very fine rain fell all over the county, which was being needed.