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Great November Reduction Sale at **DAN McLEAN'S.**

OWING to the prolonged warm weather, which makes the time for selling of winter goods only sixty days distant, in which time the bulk of fall business must be done, and having bought the largest stock of fall goods in the history of our business, we find that we have too many goods to sell in such a short time at regular prices, hence we inaugurate this **great money saving event.** Compare our prices and values with any that have been made this season and ask yourself the question whether you can afford to miss this **Great Sale.**

You Will Find Every ITEM as QUOTED

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| 27 inch Bleach Domestic. The same that others ask you 4 cents for. OUR PRICE 2 1-2 Cents. | Sold Medal Bleach Domestic As good as the best 7¢. bleach domestic sold. Reduction sale price 6 1-2 Cents. | Brown Cotton Flannel. 1 case brown cotton flannel—good value at 6¢ cents. Reduction sale price 5 Cents. | Feather Ticking Genuine Amoskeag A. C. A. feather ticking worth 12½ cents, the best that is made. Reduction sale price 10 Cents. | 250 Ladies' Cloth capes. Were a bargain at 35 and 50 cents. Reduction sale price 20 Cents. | All Wool Jeans. 500 yards of good heavy all wool jeans, worth 25 cents. Reduction sale price 20c. |
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John J. Clark's Spool Cotton.
We offer you 500 dozen good spool cotton at
25c Dozen.

Towels.
1000 large size cotton towels. A great bargain.
5 cents each.

W. B. Corsets
never stretch. See our line of corsets at
25c, 50c and \$1.

Men's Underwear.
75 dozen men's heavy ribbed fleece lined shirts and drawers, worth 37½c each, at
25 cents.
50 dozen men's extra heavy fleece lined shirts and drawers, worth and sold everywhere at 50c we sell them at
37 1-2 cents.

Blankets.
100 grey and white blankets, good size, worth 75 cents, at
50 cents pair.

Comforts.
125 comforts, good size and beautiful designs, worth \$1.00, this sale
65 cents.
85 extra large size comforts, good value at \$1.50, reduction sale price
\$1.

Red Table Damask.
5 pieces red table damask, worth 25 cents, reduction sale price
15c yd.

Counterpanes.
We give you a full sized white counterpane worth 75c, for
50c.

Ladies' Kid Gloves.
Ladies' undressed kid gloves in brown, tan, grey and white, every pair guaranteed, 75c and \$1 00
Ladies' dress kid gloves, every pair guaranteed, pr. 1 00
A good kid glove for 75c
La. kid Gauntlets for 50 and
La. cloth Gauntlets, black and tan 25c

Mackintoshes.
A good, well made men's mackintosh, all sizes, for. \$1 25

Men's Overcoats.
We give you a man's extra heavy beaver overcoat for \$4 00
A \$10 overcoat for 7 50
A good weight overcoat, cheap at \$3.50, for 1 50

Linens and Draperies.
Nice bleached table damask, full width, yd 20c
Full weight and width bleached table damask, worth and sold elsewhere at 35 cents, our price, yd 25c
50c quality, full width bleached table damask, yd 40c
75c quality, full width bleached table damask, yd 50c
Full width and heavy Turkey red table damask, yd 25c
36 in. linen towels, each 12½c
Large size-cotton towels, each 5c
Book-fold linen napkins, large size, cheap at \$1.50 doz. for \$1.00
Best quality book-fold linen napkins, at doz. \$1.25 and \$3.00
Fringed napkins at doz 35c

Flannels and Jeans.
Strictly all wool red twilled flannel, at yd 18c
Heavy all wool red twill flannel, cheap at 25c, our price, per yd 20c
Extra heavy medicated red twill flannel, yd 25c
Extra heavy blue twill flannel, worth 25c yd at 18c
White flannels from 18 cents yd to 37½c
Good waterproofing at yd 35c
Best waterproofing, 54 in., in black, brown and navy blue, yd 50c
Strictly all wool Jeans, worth 35c yd our price 25c
Good weight, all wool Jeans, at per yd 20c
Good quality wool mixed Jeans, yd 10c

Millinery—Millinery.
Don't fail to visit this department when you are in need of anything in the Millinery line. Great care has been taken in the selection of this stock and we are sure that you will be highly pleased.

Clothing.
We now offer you the greatest opportunity that you have ever had to buy high class tailor made clothing at the prices others charge for inferior clothing. We offer you a
Man's \$ 2.50 suit for... \$ 1 50
" 3.50 " " " 2 50
" 5.00 " " " 3 75
" 7.50 " " " 6 50
" 10.00 " " " 8 90
" 12.50 " " " 11 00
" 15.00 " " " 12 75
" 18.00 " " " 15 00

Boy's Suits.
We are showing the largest assortment of boy's good school suits that we have ever carried, in fact we find our stock too large at this season of the year and in order to reduce the stock have made prices on them that will sell them.
150 boy's school suits, the greatest bargains ever offered, at 50c and 75c
A boy's suit worth \$1.25, for \$ 1 00
45 boy's all wool suits, a corker at \$2.00, for 1 50
Boy's \$2.25 suits for 1 75
Boy's \$2.50 suits for 2 00
95 boy's well made all wool extra heavy suits, a bargain at \$3.50, we offer them at 2 50
75 boy's 3-piece suits, regular \$4.50 value, at 3 50
A boy's \$5.00 suit for 4 50

Staples.
33 yds yard wide brown domestic for \$1 00
25 yds better grade yard wide brown domestic for. 1 00
25 yds cotton flannel for... 1 00
25 yds good mattress tick for 1 00
25 yds checked gingham for 1 00
17 yds best Amoskeag check gingham for 1 00
25 yds dress style flannelette for 1 00
30 yds good 27 inch cotton plaids for 1 00
25 yds cheviot stripes for... 1 00
20 yds best cheviot stripes for 1 00

Ladies' Capes and Jackets.
We have the largest assortment of Ladies' Capes and Jackets to be found in Crockett, and the prices we are making on them can not fail to interest every lady in need of a Cape or a Jacket.
10 ladies' jackets in tan, castor and black, would be cheap at \$12.50, for \$10 00
Full line sizes ladies' black and tan jackets, worth \$10.00, for 8 50
15 ladies' jackets in black and tan, worth \$7.50, for 5 70
Ladies' jackets in light tan, velvet collars, a bargain... 4 50
Ladies' heavy broadcloth jackets in black, brown and blue 3 50
Ladies' jackets, all sizes in brown and black for 2 00

Ladies' Waists and Skirts.
A full line of the newest things in ladies' heavy broadcloth skirts in black, brown, blue and grey, at from \$2.50 to \$5 00
Ladies' black wool dress skirts at \$1, 1.25, 1.50 and. 2 00
Pretty line of ladies' waists at 50c and 75c

Ladies' Shoes.



We are the exclusive agents for the celebrated Queen Quality shoes which have no equal for style, finish and fit.
275 pairs ladies' glove calf shoes, all solid, worth \$1.25, for \$1 00
200 pairs ladies' dongola button and lace shoes, sizes 2½ to 8 at 1 00
150 pairs ladies' all solid dongola shoes, lace or button, heel or spring heel, sizes 2½ to 8. for 1 50
Our line of ladies' \$2 and \$2.50 shoes comprise everything that is new and up-to-date.

Shoes! Shoes!
Misses' vici kid shoes, sizes 5 to 8, worth 75c, our price 45c
Misses' vici kid shoes, sizes 8½ to 12, worth \$1, for... 65c
Misses' and children's never rip school shoes, all solid, at 65c, 75c and 85c
225 pairs men's satin calf shoes, lace or congress, worth \$1.50 for \$1 00
350 pairs men's satin calf shoes, all solid, lace or congress, plain or cap toes, have no equal 1 50
Men's genuine oil grain work shoes, buckle or congress, every pair guaranteed first quality, pr. 90c

Boy's Hats
10 dozen boy's sample hats, worth from 50 to 75c, at 25c

Trunks! Trunks!
A good 24 in. zinc covered trunk, good lock and tray, for 75c
A good 26 full finish trunk zinc covered, sheet iron bottom, worth \$1.85, we sell them at \$ 1 25
Good linen canvass trunks, large size, for \$2.00 and up to 14 50

Window Shades
A good linen window shade, 3x6 feet, all colors, at 20c
Best linen fringed window shades, 3x7 feet, in all colors at 45c
Good linen fringed window shades 3x6 at 35c

Rugs! Rugs!
A good large Smyrna rug for \$1 50
Extra large and heavy Moquette rugs, 36x72 for.... 3 50

Ladies' Vests.
50 dozen ladies' vests, all sizes for each 12½c

Union Suits.
Ladies' heavy ribbed fleece lined union suits, all sizes at 25c
Misses' and children's heavy ribbed fleece union suits at. 25c

Lace Curtains.
A handsome lace curtain full 3½ yds long, good value at \$3.50, pr. \$1 25

Outings.
Bright pretty patterns in outings, would be a bargain at 6c, yd 4c

One Price to All.

DAN McLEAN, Crockett, Texas.

OUR PREMIUM DEPARTMENT
Contains many Choice and Beautiful Articles.

THE BUTTERICK PATTERNS
For December are Ready for Your Inspection.

THE BIG STORE.

The Biggest Store In Houston County.

Matchless Values are Offered You

At the Big Store. Special prices to interest the thoughtful buyer. You will instantly recognize the lateness of our styles, and the particular taste used in making our selections. We arranged this list on the usual Big Store plan---less profits and more sales. Don't wait; these things won't last always.

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| <p>New Dress Goods.</p> <p>Our display of these goods is more attractive than ever before. We mention only a few prices, and we will gladly show you these or any other goods, if you will come to the store.</p> <p>40 to 48 inch Venetian cloth in soft pastel and street shades, a yard 75c to 1.50.</p> <p>40 to 50 inch Broadcloth, all colors for suits and separate skirts, a yard from 50c to 1.25.</p> <p>Pebble cloth, a new wave, in various colors, 6 yard patterns, per yard 50c and 75c.</p> <p>36 inch T.icot, a serviceable goods in all colors, a yard from 30c to 50c.</p> <p>36 to 44 inch Black Brilliantine, a yd 50c, 75c & 2.25</p> <p>36 inch Henrietta, in new fall colors, a yd 22½c.</p> <p>Double width wool filled Cashmere, all colors, a yard 8½c up to 25c.</p> <p>Waist Patterns, the new Flannel and Albatross, in every color and shade, some with borders, 3 yards to a pattern, each 2.00 and 2.75.</p> <p>Fashionable Trimmings.</p> <p>Trimming is very lavishly used on the winter dresses. We are showing an elaborate line of appliques in silk, velvets, lace, gold and silver; braids of all descriptions, buttons, liberty satins, chiffons, beautiful yokings, etc. The buttons are crystal, gold, silver, pearl, cloth covered, etc.</p> <p>The trimmings are all right, and quite the newest styles. The prices will not trouble you at all.</p> | <p>A Few Fashion Items.</p> <p>The newest skirt has a circular flounce, and is trimmed with applique, stitched bands or numerous rows of stitching.</p> <p>Fancy buttons hold an important place among dress decorations.</p> <p>Black dresses with white trimmings are quite popular this winter.</p> <p>Lace is used on dresses, wraps, hats and all feminine apparel.</p> <p>Gold braids and appliques are among the latest trimmings.</p> <p>One item of fashion, which seems to be settled, is the continued trimming of skirts.</p> <p>Princess and empire dresses are both quite fashionable.</p> <p>Red is used a great deal for trimming, and no color is prettier for winter.</p> <p>Ankle length walking skirts are used more than ever before.</p> <p>Many of the new skirts are unlined.</p> <p>Boas of every kind are worn. They are made of feathers and flower petals, mousseline and lace, or any thin material.</p> <p>Some pretty collars are made of chiffon, striped with rows of satin or velvet ribbon.</p> <p>Velvet ribbon is just as popular as ever.</p> <p>The bolero is still used, though not so stylish as it was last season.</p> | <p>Silk Specials.</p> <p>Best oiled black Taffeta, 27 inches wide, guaranteed not to split, a yard 90c.</p> <p>Black Peau de colr, superior grades, will not crack, 19 to 24 inches, per yd 75c, 1.00 and 1.25.</p> <p>Taffeta and China in pink, blue, red, black, green yellow and white, a yard 25c, 35c and 50c.</p> <p>Waist patterns, in beautiful colors, plain and fancy, 3 yards to a pattern, each 2.75.</p> <p>We have lots of other silks and satins, plain and fancy.</p> <p>Skirts and Waists.</p> <p>Our Rainy-day Skirts are very popular. We have them in green, brown, gray, blue and red, from 3.50 to 5.00.</p> <p>The silk Skirts are beauties, all the new styles, from 5.00 to 10.00.</p> <p>Plain ones, brilliantine and wool, in black, blue, plaid, etc, from 1.00 to 3.00.</p> <p>Misses Skirts, from 1.00 to 5.00.</p> <p>Ready-made Waists, Silk and Flannel, all colors, sizes and styles, from 98c to 5.00.</p> <p>Millinery.</p> <p>Did you visit our Millinery Department last week? If not, come this week and you will see an assortment of such stylish creations of Hats and Bonnets that will convince you at once that our Hats are the most stylish and economically priced in town.</p> | | |
| <p>CAPES AND JACKETS.</p> <p>We have a great assortment of the celebrated L. Brenner stock of Capes, any style or color you want at 50c to 5.00.</p> <p>Jackets in Melton, Beaver, Cheviot, Kersey and Serge, lined with taffeta, 3.50 to 7.50.</p> <p>FUR COLLARETTES AND BOAS.</p> <p>These are more stylish than ever. Everybody wants one; and when you can get them so cheap, there's no need to do without.</p> <p>We have them from 1.25 to 7.50.</p> <p>LADIES' GLOVES.</p> <p>Kid Gloves, every pair guaranteed \$1</p> <p>Kid Gloves, a good quality 75c.</p> <p>Kid Gauntlets, 50c and 75c.</p> <p>Cloth Gloves, 10c, 15c and 25c.</p> | <p>CORSETS.</p> <p>It is very necessary, to have a perfect fitting Corset, so your dresses will fit properly. If you must economize, let it come in something else, but always get a good Corset.</p> <p>We have the celebrated W. B. Corsets, in all the new shapes, all sizes, 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50.</p> <p>Also the Royal Worcester, all styles and sizes, at 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.50, 1.75 and 2.00.</p> <p>Other Corsets, good and durable, at 20c, 25c, 35c and 50c.</p> <p>UNDERWEAR.</p> <p>Ladies' Vests, cotton and Wool, long sleeves, high neck, each 15c to 1.50.</p> <p>Children's Vests, 10c, 15c, 20c to 35c.</p> <p>"Oneits" Combination Suit for ladies is a perfect garment, only 1.00.</p> | <p>SHOES.</p> <p>We will soon receive another lot of Shoes, but we have some rare bargains for you now. Notice a few of the prices:</p> <p>Ladies' viol kid Shoes, lace or button, all sizes, from 1.00 to 2.00.</p> <p>"Polish," glove grain, lace only common sense heel and toe, fine for every day wear, 80c.</p> <p>Dongola lace, in all styles and sizes, solid leather, only 1.25.</p> <p>Desnoyer's "Electric," misses Shoes, viol kid, spring heels, nothing better, if you want a shoe that will last, 2.50.</p> <p>FASCINATORS, ETC.</p> <p>Hand-made Fascinators, black and colors, 25c to 75c.</p> <p>Large crocheted Capes, only 1.90.</p> <p>Eiderdown and knitted Hoods, 17½c to 50c.</p> | <p>LININGS AND FINDINGS.</p> <p>Lining-form a most important part of a lady's dress. A poor lining can spoil the most skillful work of the dress maker, and a good fit is impossible.</p> <p>We handle only the reliable kinds. We keep collar canvas, linen canvas, and several kinds of skirt bindings.</p> <p>The findings go a good way towards making a dress fit properly.</p> <p>You can depend on the thread, hooks and eyes, bones, casing, etc., that you get here.</p> <p>HOSIERY.</p> <p>Ladies black cotton Hose, seamless, a pair 8½c.</p> <p>Fast black cotton hose, double heel and toe, 12½c, 15c, 20c and 25c.</p> <p>Fleece-lined hose, extra heavy, seamless a pair 15c.</p> <p>Fay Stockings for children, splendid for winter, 25c to 35c.</p> | |
| <p>LOW PRICES ON STAPLES.</p> <p>50 yards brown Domestic, yard wide, for 1.00.</p> <p>25 yards better quality brown Domestic for 1.00.</p> <p>Bleached Domestic, yard wide, best grades, per yard 5c to 9c.</p> <p>English Long Cloth, for ladies' underwear, a yd 10c, 12½c and 15c.</p> <p>10-4 brown Sheeting, a yard 15c and 18c.</p> <p>10-4 bleached Sheeting, a yard</p> | <p>18c and 25c.</p> <p>20 yards Cotton Flannel, heavy goods, 27 inches wide, for 1.00.</p> <p>20 yards mattress Ticking, good quality, for 1.00.</p> <p>Prints, all colors, at 3½c and 5c.</p> <p>Best Cheviot Stripes at 5c.</p> <p>20 yards Gingham, good colors, for dresses 1.00.</p> <p>20 yds Flannelette, fast colors \$1</p> | <p>HOUSEKEEPING LINENS.</p> <p>Bleached Table Damask, 54 to 72 inches wide, a yd 18c to 1.00.</p> <p>Towels, linen, buck and cotton, a pair 7c to 1.00.</p> <p>Towel Crash, a yard 3c to 10c.</p> <p>Linen Napkins, extra large, a dozen 1.00, 1.25 and 1.50.</p> <p>Fringed Napkins, all linen, a dozen 25c to 1.00.</p> | <p>ART NEEDLEWORK.</p> <p>Isn't it about time you were starting on your fancy work for Xmas gifts?</p> <p>You'll find everything you need for it in our Notion Department.</p> <p>Bautenburg braids, thread, patterns of all kinds, cushion covers, cushion cords, etc.</p> <p>BLANKETS AND COMFORTS.</p> <p>All wool Blankets, extra large and heavy, a pair 3.50 to 7.00.</p> <p>Cotton Blankets, splendid value, 50c to 1.00.</p> | <p>Comforts, covers of calico, silk-oline and satin, large size, at 75c, 1.00, 1.25 to 2.25.</p> <p>You should see our line of Counterpanes, white and colored, from 75c to 2.50.</p> <p>Our collection of bed coverings is worthy of the thought and attention of housekeepers.</p> <p>The range of qualities reach up to the finest, and we buy so many that we get them cheap enough to sell them to you for a great deal less than the usual price.</p> |

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.



Women are Like Flowers.

Healthy and strong they blossom and bloom. Sickly, they wither and die. Every woman ought to look well and feel well. It's her right and duty, but she might as well try to put out a fire with oil as to be healthy and attractive with disease corroding the organs that make her a woman. Upon their health depends her health. If there is inflammation or weakening drains or suffering at the monthly period, attend to it at once. Don't delay. You're one step nearer the grave every day you put it off. Women can stand a great deal, but they cannot live forever with disease dragging at the most delicate and vital organs in their body. You may have been deceived in so-called cures. We don't see how you could help it—there is so much worthless stuff on the market. But you won't be disappointed in Bradfield's Female Regulator. We believe it is the one medicine on earth for womanly ills. There is as much difference between it and other so-called remedies as there is between right and wrong. Bradfield's Female Regulator soothes the pain, stops the drains, promotes regularity, strengthens, purifies and cleanses. It does all this quickly and easily and naturally. It is for women alone to decide whether they will be healthy or sick. Bradfield's Regulator lies at hand, \$1 per bottle at drug stores. Send for our free booklet.

THE BRADFELD REGULATOR CO., Atlanta, Ga.

Hysterical Days.

There is a Philadelphia dentist who makes a specialty of extracting teeth, and the people who live in the immediate vicinity of his office have noticed a peculiar thing in connection with his practice. On some days the patients will be perfectly calm under treatment, while on other days every person who occupies the operating chair—man, woman or child—will fill the air with moans, screams and inarticulate cries. This is always when they are recovering from the effects of the gas, and is not at all due to the pain of having the tooth pulled, as that is but momentary, and is deadened by the anaesthetic. The dentist was asked for an explanation of this seeming phenomenon, and confessed that he could give none. "I have noticed," he said, "that on rainy days, or even when it is damp and cloudy, my patients show a tendency to become hysterical when recovering from the effects of the gas. On clear days this condition is not apparent. Consequently, it must be due to some atmospheric effect. I have often wondered at it myself, but have never been able to figure it out."

No Place for Phelps or Stone.

In some parts of Peru—for example, in the province of Jauja—hens' eggs are circulated as small coins, forty-eight or fifty being counted for a dollar. In the market places and in the shops the Indians make most of their purchases with this brittle sort of money. One will give two or three eggs for brandy, another for indigo and a third for cigars. These eggs are packed in boxes by the shopkeepers and sent to Lima. From Jauja alone several thousand loads of eggs are annually forwarded to the capital.

Mareau's Amusing Mistake.

When General Mareau was in England he was once the victim of a rather droll misunderstanding. He was present at a concert where a piece was sung by the choir with the refrain: "To-morrow, to-morrow." Having a very imperfect knowledge of English he fancied it to be a cantata given in his honor, and thought he distinguished the words: "To Moreau, to Moreau." Each time the refrain was repeated he rose to his feet and gracefully bowed on all sides, to the great astonishment of the audience, who did not know what

The President.

When Roosevelt was nominated for vice president it was not because he was like McKinley, the embodiment of calmness and deliberation, but because he was different from him. He was chosen to give the Republican ticket the fire of aggressive youth, the inspiration of optimism. We doubt, moreover, that the second place was ever filled with less thought of disaster coming to the leader, a man destined by his sound body and fortunate temperament to a life reaching far beyond his term of office. Fate, however, has put Roosevelt in McKinley's place, and with him thus elevated the country, when it turns its face and satisfied.

When the new executive began his career in the legislature of New York, his ability as a public man caused people to forget his immaturity. As he has grown older his vigor of spirit and his passion for the open air have inclined many to forget his powers of mind and his unceasing devotion to public affairs. There need be no doubt of his equipment, in faculty and in training, for the task of directing the vast machinery of government over which his predecessor held the master's hand. We look forward to an able and successful administration, on the McKinley lines, under which our prosperity shall be unchecked and all national interests

Cigars Are Right and Left.

"It is not always because a cigar is badly made that the wrapper curls up and works off," said a tobacco dealer yesterday. "It is often because a right handed man is smoking a left handed cigar."

"Sounds strange, hey? Well, a 'left handed cigar' is one rolled by the markets' left hand, for all cigar makers must be ambidextrous. A piece of tobacco for a wrapper is cut on the filler. The other piece, for reasons of economy, is then used, and must be rolled the opposite way by the operator's other hand."

Hence, a smoker who holds his cigar in his right hand, sometimes, in twisting it about, rubs the wrapper the wrong way and unloosens it."

The Most Bejeweled.

Mrs. W. N. Cox, of Mason, O. will have the distinction on September 20 of wearing more and richer jewels than any member of her sex has ever worn before. On the date mentioned occurs the great fall festival and parade in Cincinnati and in the street display the feature will be the float of the wholesale and retail jewelers of the city. Mrs. Cox has been chosen as queen of the display and will wear gems valued at \$500,000.

Another Step Forward.

"The chances of smokeless powder seem seriously compromised by the recent invention of the Roman General Gilletta," says the Manchester Guardian. "Thanks to the latter's acoustic telemeter it is now possible to ascertain the exact spot whence the firing proceeds."

Would Spoil the Play.

Foyer—"Those plays that are full of brilliant conversation are entertaining enough, I grant you, but they are not true to nature. You don't hear conversation in real life that is full of epigrams."

Grooves—"No; but if society conversation was brilliant there wouldn't be half the fun there now is going on the theater."

Finished at a Sitting.

Host—"How do you like that whisky?"

Bibbles—"It's like a funny story."

Host—"Worth repenting eh?"

Bibbles—"More than that, it's too good to keep."

Our Artillery Army.

An important step in the military history of the United States was completed yesterday. The secretary of war issued an order for the organization of the sixth and final increase of the artillery corps of the army, which establishes the artillery on a permanent basis—a little army by itself, as it were, consisting now of 18,862 men. The importance of the matter is its demonstration of the fact that the government can get all the men it wants—and picked and superior men at that, graded above the physical and mental requirements of any other army in the world—for steady and uneventful garrison service at home as well as for the more romantic and active campaigning over seas. When the increase of the regular army was begun, it was found that nine-tenths of the men who offered themselves wished to go to the Philippines. Under such conditions, it was feared that the recruiting of the artillery corps might be difficult. It has been considerably slower than the filling of the infantry regiments designed for the islands, but it has been accomplished without any real difficulty. It is now demonstrated that there will certainly never be any trouble in keeping by voluntary enlistment our regular army up to a proportion of one man to every thousand of the population, which is probably as large a standing army as will ever be needed. It disposes forever of the notion that conscription will have to be resorted to.

The Queen's Visit.

A couple of years ago there died at Balmoral an old dame who was a young woman when Queen Victoria first took up her residence there.

As time went on and the sovereign began to visit her humble subjects in the neighborhood she also conceived the ambition of being honored in that way, and the realization of the desire became an absolutely fixed idea with her, practically crowding out every other.

One night she had a dream in which she beheld herself enacting the role of hostess to the first lady in the land; she saw herself curtsying and then collapsing with fear. For several weeks she was positively ill with apprehension of the by now dreaded, though heretofore ardently craved-for, distinction. Queen Victoria was informed of all this, and, one afternoon, leaving her carriage the cottage, alone and unannounced, and by her own kindness reassured the sufferer, or, as the queen called her, "the victim of her own mistaken estimate of a princess' grandeur."

Wu's Wholesale Wishes.

Wu Ting Fang, who was a guest at a recent wedding in Washington, was approached after the ceremony by the best man and jocularly asked to go over to the young couple and pronounce a Chinese parental blessing. The obliging Wu immediately complied. Placing his hands on the blushing bride and shaking groom, he said: "May every new year bless you with a man child offspring until they shall number twenty-five in all. May these twenty-five man-children, offspring present you with twenty-five times twenty-five grand-children, and may these grand-children—" It is said that the little bride grew hysterical about this time, and the best man made another request to Wu—this time to desist.

What's the Trouble.

with your back, old man? Rheumatism? Too bad, too bad. I advise you to try Hunt's Lightning Oil. It is said to be a wonderful remedy.

Pretty Tough to Scratch.

For a living and relief also. Hunt's Cure will cure you of itch, tetter, ring-worm, itching piles, eczema. Guaranteed by all dealers.

Liver on \$90 a Year.

Life on \$90 a year was the experience of A. M. Torrance, chairman of the London county council, when, at the age of 16, his career began in Glasgow. Mr. Torrance made \$90 meet all his needs, and he bought a book or two besides, which he almost learned by heart. He admires punctuality, loves a Scotch song above all things, and tells a Scotch story with no end of "pawky" humor.

The Fastening Penny.

When you engage a servant or make a bargain in China it is not considered binding until "the fastening penny" has been paid. Although his bad faith is notorious in some matters, yet, to do him justice, when once this coin has been paid by you the Chinaman, coolie or shopman, will generally stick to his bargain, even if the result to him be loss.

She Understood.

"Excuse me," he said to the applicant for the typewriter's position, "but I would like to know your age?"

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Where Patti Drew the Line.

Mme. Patti would never play in an opera where anyone had to sit on a table. This was because she had not made the success in "Carmen" that she had in other operas. She attributed this entirely to the fact that she had to sit on a table in the inn scene in the second act.

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The party was in the hands of one of those rare old guides who make a living finding out of the way of game. They had got mixed up in the tall timber one night and were vainly trying to find their way out to the clearing. The guide was as much at sea as anybody.

"Where is the moon?" said one of the party. "Where does it rise in this locality?"

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Live on \$90 a Year.

Life on \$90 a year was the experience of A. M. Torrance, chairman of the London county council, when, at the age of 16, his career began in Glasgow. Mr. Torrance made \$90 meet all his needs, and he bought a book or two besides, which he almost learned by heart. He admires punctuality, loves a Scotch song above all things, and tells a Scotch story with no end of "pawky" humor.

The Fastening Penny.

When you engage a servant or make a bargain in China it is not considered binding until "the fastening penny" has been paid. Although his bad faith is notorious in some matters, yet, to do him justice, when once this coin has been paid by you the Chinaman, coolie or shopman, will generally stick to his bargain, even if the result to him be loss.

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Geo. A. Points, Upper Sandusky, O., writes: "I have been using Foley's Honey and Tar for hoarseness and find it the best remedy I ever tried. It stopped the cough immediately and relieved all soreness." Take none but Foley's. J. G. Haring.

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Would Spoil the Play.

Foyer—"Those plays that are full of brilliant conversation are entertaining enough, I grant you, but they are not true to nature. You don't hear conversation in real life that is full of epigrams."

Grooves—"No; but if society conversation was brilliant there wouldn't be half the fun there now is going on the theater."

Finished at a Sitting.

Host—"How do you like that whisky?"

Bibbles—"It's like a funny story."

Host—"Worth repeating, eh?"

Bibbles—"More than that, it's too good to keep."

W. J. Shively, Batesville, Ohio, speaking of Banner Salve, says: "I used it for piles, and it has done me more good than any salve I have ever used, and I have tried a great many kinds." J. G. Haring.

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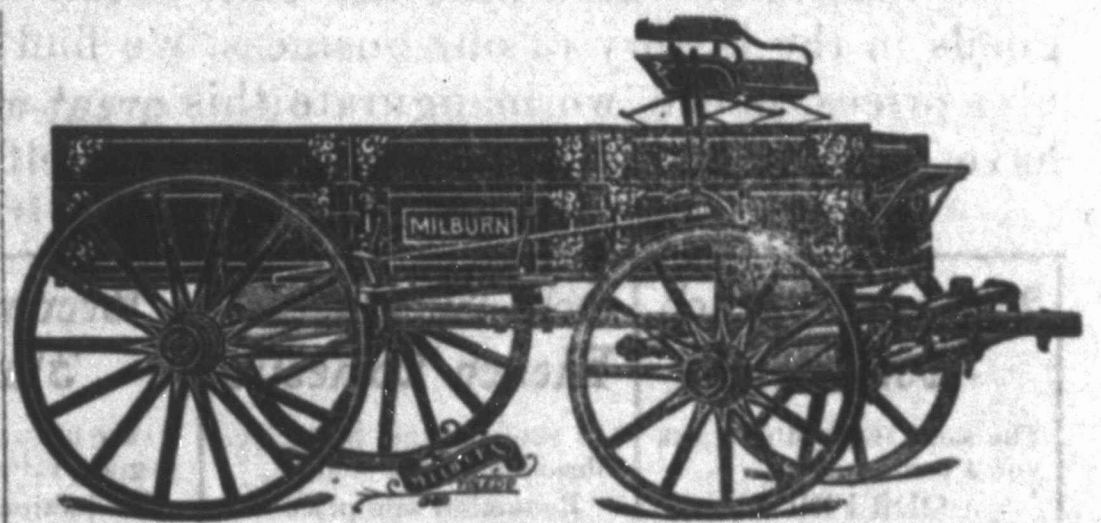
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G. H. Hausan, Lima, O., Engineer L. E. & W. R. R., writes: "I have been troubled a great deal with backache. I was induced to try Foley's Kidney Cure, and one bottle entirely relieved me. I gladly recommend it to any one, especially to my friends among the train men, who are usually similarly afflicted. J. G. Haring.

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The Work of the Sea.

When the sea is running in from the last I can see the waves hurrying up to put in each his contribution toward the modeling work in hand. There are a few million touches still required to finish the chin of the demon face formed by the corner of yonder red cliff, puckered and wrinkled already by a hundred years of wave-sculpturing. The sea knows that to-day there is a chance of getting in on the work, for the wind is driving it hard and the waves are climbing high up the face of the precipice. Each in turn dashes upward and aims a vigorous blow at the spot which must be hollowed out or rounded off. You can see the wavelets hobbling up here and there, far out at sea, in order to take the bearings of the spot to be attacked, which taken they shape their course, collecting material until they have formed a great rolling power; this trawlandward at speed, gathering pace and weight as it comes; now it is a full-blown roller, breaking and curling over the rocks which have been torn from the cliffs in years gone by and now lie strewn in its path, and it dashes at last with a roar against the perpendicular of the precipice in order to perform its share of the molding work to be done; its twenty millionth part in the removal of a few grains of red sand from the great block which, when a century or so more of similar waves shall have contributed their share of the work, will complete the resemblance to the chin of a demon face.

The sea does its work very gradually, tide by tide and certainly by century, but it is an untiring worker, and keeps its object in view; time is a matter of no consequence, everything is to be achieved by patience and diligence, and the mills of God grind very slowly, very surely.

No Tobacco at Italian Court.

The King and Queen of Italy cannot endure the smell of tobacco, and none of their ladies and gentlemen in waiting are permitted to smoke when doing their turns of service, and no smoking is allowed in the royal apartments. This aversion of the royal couple for tobacco is the more surprising when one recalls the fact that the young queen's mother and sisters all smoke cigarettes, that she was brought up at the Russian court, where smoking by ladies is the rule rather than the exception, and when one remembers how passionately fond of his cigars was the late King Humbert.

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"Women wouldn't spend so much money," said the man with a white spot on his mustache, "if they knew how hard it is to get it."

"My wife knows how hard it is," said the man with the loud necktie, lighting a cigar, "for whenever we get hard up she's the one that always has to go to her rich uncle to borrow some."

Willie's Forethought.

"Mrs. Knox," said the hostess at dinner, "your little boy doesn't seem to have much appetite."

"No, he doesn't, that's a fact."

"Don't be bashful, Willie," the hostess urged. "Won't you have some more of anything?"

"No, ma'am," Willie replied, "I filled up on cookies before I come, 'cause I heard ma tell pa we wouldn't get much here."

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Alfred and Popular Education.

The American Author's Society has been wrought upon by the news of the English agitation over King Alfred the Great and has decided to ask Mr. O'Brien, the president of the board of education, "to instruct the teachers in the public schools of New York to address their pupils on King Alfred as the father of popular education."

If this request is made Mr. O'Brien will have an opportunity, of which he will probably not be slow in taking advantage, to instruct the American Author's Society in the truth that King Alfred had no more to do with popular education than he had with any of the other progressive measures attributed to him by those who regard mythology and tradition as history.

Popular education is almost as old as the human race. It flourished in Greece and Rome. It never wholly died out on the continent of Europe. It appeared in England after the Norman conquest, when Alfred had been dead nearly three centuries. But it was a very limited form of popular education. Not until 1870 did England really take up with the idea, and even to-day England is far behind the other nations of Western Europe in this matter.

Alfred was a worthy and progressive chief of a small tribe of semi-barbarians. As a "literary person" he is interesting rather than important. As a political figure he is almost wholly a myth, and the little that he did was completely wiped out by the conquering Danes from whom the Normans finally rescued England. Alfred's sole contribution to education was the establishment of a sort of primary school at court to which only the sons of nobles could gain admission.

Popular education was brought to this country by the Puritans from Holland. They established pay schools with provision for those who could not afford to pay. The first free school in America was established on Manhattan island by the Dutch.

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World of Difference.

Barclay—"You say Perkins is no gentleman. Why isn't he?"

Didbin—"I borrowed a five of him about a month ago, and when I met him to-day he actually asked for it."

Barclay—"But you asked for it in the first place."

Didbin—"That was a financial transaction; his was a dun."

Population of French Towns.

The following are the latest census returns of the towns in France most frequented by Anglo-American visitors: Paris, 2,680,559; Marseilles, 494,769; Havre, 129,044; Nice, 125,099; Cannes, 34,151; Boulogne-sur-Mer, 49,083; Calais, 59,793; Pau, 34,692; Rouen, 115,914, and Avingoon, 46,209.

Lucky Error.

Borus (struggling author)—"Naggus, I'm under many obligations to you for calling my last book 'hot.' It's selling splendidly."

Naggus (literary editor)—"Great Jupiter! Was it printed 'hot'? I wrote it 'rot.'"

The Short Walking Skirt.

It is not often that a new fashion deserves to become an institution. Woman's short walking skirt has at last and slowly but convincingly triumphed all over the civilized globe. It is the first fashion invented and maintained in the United States and adopted by the rest of the world on its merits.

Its merits are many. The fundamental merit is its hygienic character. No intelligent person can see a long skirt trailing over filthy street crossings without wondering at the lack of common sense shown by the wearer, who either fails to hold it up out of the muck or so holds it as to make a grotesque or pathetic figure akin to caricature.

Peereesses in the House of Lords.

England is interested in the pretensions of certain English women, who are peereesses in their own right, and believe that they can sit in the house of lords if they choose and help govern the empire. It is centuries since a peereess has done it, but there is to be a fancy dress coronation in London next year, and London gossip says that certain of these self-regulating peereesses propose to go to it as members of the house of lords, and have their trains borne by pages as the peers do. It seems an exceedingly proper purpose, and ought to be applauded, not by woman suffragists alone, but by every one who likes a noble show fitly ornamented.

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If Baldwin Fails.

The attempt to reach the North pole with a Russian ice breaker has been abandoned. The frozen sea cannot be forced by direct assault of that kind. But among the many exploring expeditions in the history or Arctic adventures, the Baldwin crusade to attain the long coveted goal seems to have been planned with a notable admixture of foresight and liberality. If this essay fails, efforts to raise the flag of any nation upon the pole may wisely be put off for generations.

One Who Knew.

"Women wouldn't spend so much money," said the man with a white spot on his mustache, "if they knew how hard it is to get it."

"My wife knows how hard it is," said the man with the loud necktie lighting a cigar, "for whenever we get hard up she's the one that always has to go to her rich uncle to borrow some."

Willie's Forethought.

"Mrs. Knox," said the hostess at dinner, "your little boy doesn't seem to have much appetite."

"No, he doesn't, that's a fact."

"Don't be bashful, Willie," the hostess urged. "Won't you have some more of anything?"

"No, ma'am," Willie replied, "I filled up on cookies before I come 'cause I heard ma tell pa we wouldn't get much home."

Laugh and the World.

Laughs with you, have chills and you chill alone. Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets cures, gives an appetite and strength. Most convenient chill tonic on earth. Can carry in the vest pocket.

Protecting the President.

From President Roosevelt's free movements about the streets and roads of the capital it is evident that he holds to the views he expressed a few days after Mr. McKinley was shot—that personal precautions on the part of the president are useless and unwise. In his personal courage and impatience of restraint he disdains caution and refuses to admit that there is a distinction between the safety of Theodore Roosevelt and the safety of the president. He carries to the extreme Montaigne's theory expressed in the essay on the modes of rulers in dealing with plotters. "In a life of ambition and glory," says Montaigne, "it is necessary to hold a stiff rein upon suspicion; fear and distrust invite and draw on offense."

But whatever Mr. Roosevelt's views, he ought not to permit them to interfere with the reorganization of the secret service.

That politics-cursed department had agents at Ford's theater so stupid that they permitted a crazed stranger to enter President Lincoln's box unchallenged and shoot him down. It had in the railway station at Washington the day President Garfield and Secretary Blaine were leaving, agents so careless that they did not note a wild-eyed person walking nervously up and down for twenty minutes, asking questions about the president, and when he arrived, drawing a revolver and firing at him. It had at Buffalo agents so worthless that they permitted a man with an agitated countenance and body trembling with excitement to come along a narrow and not crowded lane toward the president with a revolver in his hand most ostentatiously concealed.

All three of our assassinated presidents have been assassinated in ways that hold up the secret service to contempt. Is it surprising that Mr. Roosevelt prefers to rely upon his own sharp eyes and strong fists?

Patti Accounts for Her Success.

For something like a third of a century Adelina Patti has been undisputed queen of the operatic stage. Recently she was asked to give her way of accounting for such a totally unparalleled success. This is how the diva summed up her winning points: "I am not beautiful, but I am pretty—that's one. I am tolerably graceful—that's two. I am an effective dresser—that's three. I have a way with me that is piquant—that's four. I like my public—for my public likes me because I like them and never tire of pleasing them—that's five. I have a good voice—that's six. I know how to sing well—my own way—that's seven. I always know my music—that gives comfort to my audience—that's eight. I act fairly well with the roles I sing—that may count as nine."

Fair Cigarette Fiends.

In France a woman of fashion need no longer apologize to her guests for lighting a cigarette after dinner, and even as an accomplishment to 5 o'clock tea a golden tipped Egyptian cigarette is frequently indulged in by fair Parisiennes. Russian ladies who inhabit the capital are largely responsible for the growing taste for tobacco among the grande dames of Paris. It is interesting to hear that at the leading couturiresses boxes of fragrant cigarettes are kept in stock to help madam to pass the time agreeably while being fitted.

A Costly Failure.

Sir Thomas Lipton's expenses during his late attempt to lift the America's cup are estimated to have about half a million dollars, or, more accurately, \$462,985.

GUILTY OR NOT GUILTY.

Don't be guilty of paying one dollar for something that you can get for nearly half the price at

The Blue Front Store.

Mr. Asher spent most of this summer in the market watching snaps, buying up bargains, bankrupt stocks, sheriff's sales, sample goods and all for the spot cash.

We now have a heavy stock of clothing, shoes and gent's furnishings goods and we offer it to the trade for at least 25 per cent. less than you have to pay for regular goods.

Come around, price our goods and convince yourself.

The Blue Front Store,

H. ASHER,

Proprietor.

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All this, taken with the activity of immigration and real estate agents, many new settlers, numbers buying Special 30 Day Home Seekers' Tickets, and others seeking information, indicates that "The Denver Road" is considered good company in a desirable neighborhood.
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Local Items.

Stuffed Olives at Baker Bros'.
Keg Soda cheap at Baker Bros'.
Fresh grits at Hail & Dunwoody's.

Miss Hallie Mae Green is visiting in Dallas.

For Loss of Appetite.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Try those Pineapple Preserves at Baker Bros'.

W. F. Dent of Lovelady was in the city Monday.

Postum Cereal Coffee and Grape Nuts at Baker Bros'.

12 bottles of 6 oz. snuff for \$1.00 at Daniel & Burton's.

For Nursing Mothers.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Come and see the Crockett Candy Kitchen when in town.

All kinds of fine candy at the Crockett Candy Kitchen.

Just received a fresh barrel of Mackerel at Baker Bros'.

Hon. J. H. Ratcliff of Ratcliff was in to see us last Friday.

To Fortify the Blood.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Dr. W. B. Collins of Lovelady was in the city Wednesday.

Heinz's best Apple Butter and Mince Meat at Baker Bros'.

Candy made fresh every day at the Crockett Candy Kitchen.

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

For Pale, Sickly Children.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

J. B. West of the Tadmor section was in to see us Tuesday.

20 lbs. Y. C. sugar, best grade, for \$1.00 at Daniel & Burton's.

Owen Brady of Coltharp called to see us while in town Wednesday.

W. H. McComb of Hagarville remembered the COURIER Tuesday.

W. N. Lane of Belot was a caller at this office Thursday of last week.

Malaria Makes Impure Blood.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures Malaria.

Fancy California evaporated peaches and apples at Hail & Dunwoody's.

Buy Your Christmas presents from Smith & French Drug Co. 3t.

The New Drug Store is the place to buy your Christmas goods, toys, etc. Right prices.

Say, you can sit in a rocking chair and eat candy at the Crockett Candy Kitchen.

Pale People ... Pale Blood.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic makes rich blood.

Go To Smith & French Drug Co. for your Christmas presents. 3t.

Miss Adele Winfree left Wednesday for Palestine where she will visit for several days.

He was born in Old Kentucky, but Crockett is his home. "Paul Jones" at Hyman's saloon.

M. C. DuPuy of Tadmor returned from a few days' visit to relatives at Elkhart Friday last.

Finest line of candies in town. Plain and fancy packages. Prices right. At the New Drug Store.

Overcoats—all kinds at all prices at The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

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

Malaria Makes You Weak.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic makes you strong.

Many People

In every section of Houston county have found it to their advantage to do business with us. They have been pleased with the way we treat our customers, and have recommended us to their friends. We want your trade, and will extend to you every accommodation in our power. We see it personally that every customer has

The Best

Attention, and our goods and prices are always right. We are headquarters for glass, paints and oils.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN DRUGGIST.

Malaga Grapes at Baker Bros'.

Green Coffee sold cheap at Baker Bros'.

10 lbs. best Rio coffee for \$1.00 at Daniel & Burton's.

Fine candy of all kinds at the Crockett Candy Kitchen.

Just received at Baker Bros' one barrel Sweet Pickles.

A General Strengthening Tonic.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

White Wave flour \$3.90 per barrel at Daniel & Burton's.

The New Drug Store wants to sell you your holiday goods.

Cream of Wheat the breakfast dainty, at Hail & Dunwoody's.

Seeded Raisins, Currants, Citron and Dried Figs at Baker Bros'.

All kind of ready-to-wear goods for the ladies at The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

We claim to handle the very best of alcohol, four-bit and six-bit whiskeys. Hyman's Saloon.

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

California dried Peaches at the Big Store. Same new and delicious. JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

The New Drug Store has quite an attraction in the way of a fifty dollar basket of Gunther's candy.

Better for the Blood than Sarsaparilla
For those living in the Malaria districts. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Readers of the COURIER will find the court and court house items article especially interesting this week.

C. H. Robinson of Huntsville, president of the Crockett Light and Ice company, was in the city Sunday.

Strength Enables You to Stand the Heat
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic gives strength.

The New Drug Store has nothing in the holiday line except new goods. No left over or shop-worn articles.

Rev. S. F. Tenney has an appointment to preach at Oakland church next Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

See Smith & French Drug Co.'s display of Christmas goods before you purchase. 3t.

Miss Wright from St. Louis arrived last Friday and now has charge of the millinery department at Dan McLean's.

While you have a chance, don't miss the chance of getting a free chance at the organ given away free at Hyman's saloon.

18 lbs. Y C Sugar \$1 00
12 " Good Coffee 1 00
20 " Good Rice 1 00
Many other bargains in groceries.
The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

To be correctly dressed a man should have his clothing made to order. Interview us.
KING & MURCHISON.

Barrel Flour in sacks, \$3.80. Quality guaranteed. Same in wood, \$3.90. The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Call at the Lumber Yard and examine our cypress shingles from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per thousand.

T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

It doesn't cost you a cent to look at our samples and fashion plates or to ask our prices.
KING & MURCHISON.

Saddles, Saddles, Saddles. We are selling them cheaper than any one. The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Suits, overcoats, and trousers, very high as to quality and style, but very low as to price.
KING & MURCHISON.

"Joel B. Frazier" whisky is highly recommended for medicinal purposes. You can't afford to do without it. Sold at Hyman's saloon.

A. McTavish, John Kennedy, Mr. Bradley and J. A. Smith of the Louisiana and Texas lumber company, Coltharp, spent Sunday in Crockett.

Muddy Blood. Means a muddy complexion. Pure blood means a clear complexion. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic makes rich, clear blood.

Our Holiday Readiness.

Months ago we began thinking about the holiday stock and any time after Nov. 25th you can come and see what our thinking has amounted to. We can't specify now; only say that stock is much larger and more varied than last season's and you know how ample that one was.

Pays to be prompt.

Holiday buying begins earlier than it used to; people appreciate the advantage of choosing deliberately before the rush begins, and of being able to pick from an unbroken assortment.

Come early and as often as you like.

J. G. HARING, PHARMACIST.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Deupree were called to Oakhurst by the illness of Mr. Deupree's father last week and returned Monday. Dr. Stokes also went down.

Tom Bookman, an employe of the COURIER, who got his hand mashed in a press three weeks ago, is still deprived of the use of it and will so be for two weeks yet.

If you want something in an up-to-date Walking Jacket, Automobile or Box Coat, you can get them at the Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

We have all kinds of rough and dressed lumber on hand at the Lumber Yard and prices the lowest. Give us a call.
T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

The electric light and ice plant is now using Beaumont oil for fuel, having substituted it for coal. They were using Houston county lignite until making the change.

Stoves, Stoves, Stoves. We handle everything in Heaters, Cook Stove Ranges. Get prices from us before buying.
The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Notice, City Tax Payers. City taxes are now due and if not paid by the 1st of January the regular penalty per cent will be added.
J. B. HARRIS, City Collector.

We are the people when it comes to ready-made clothing. We can save you from \$1 to \$5 on a suit. See ours before you buy. The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

We have the largest and most complete line of shot guns, rifles and pistols in Houston county and our prices are the lowest.
DANIEL & BURTON.

For Rent. Two and a quarter acres of land suitable for truck farming. Within 300 yards of depot. Apply to 2t.
JOHN SPENCE.

You can get anything you want in silks, satins, dress goods of every description. Trimming of all kinds in our dress goods department. The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Hugh Cain and sister, Mrs. Minnie Goodson, arrived in Crockett recently from Tennessee on their way to Col. J. L. Cain's, across Trinity river. Mrs. Goodson's husband will soon follow.

Go to the Lumber Yard for rough and dressed lumber of all kinds, lime, cement, sash and doors, moulding, etc. Our prices defy competition.
T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

For the balance of this season we are pushing our Millinery trade. You will find some rare bargains in Hack hats and other millinery goods. See them. The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

The Eastern Star supper in the Wootters rock building Monday evening is said by those who attended to have been quite a success. The order of the Eastern Star is a branch of the Masonic order for the wives and daughters of Masons.

We carry in stock more shoes, more styles and better shoes at lower prices than any house in Houston county. It will pay you to make your bill with us. Satisfaction or your money refunded. The Big Store.
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Farm for Sale. I have a place 64 miles west of Crockett, 96 acres of land, about 40 acres in cultivation, a good house with six rooms, smoke-house and crib and a well of water. For cash I will sell cheap. Also in one mile of a good school.
2 mos. A. J. SPENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wagner and two children of Fort Worth arrived Saturday afternoon from Grapeland, where they had been visiting relatives for several days. After spending Sunday with relatives here, they left on the noon train Monday for home, accompanied by Miss Fannie Thomas, who will visit in Fort Worth for some time.

\$100 Organ Free. With each \$1.00 cash purchase at Hyman's saloon, you will get a chance, free of charge, at a fine Cable "Chicago Cottage" Organ, with book of music and stool. It will pay you to trade where you can get good goods, full measure, fair treatment and a chance at a fine organ without any additional cost to you.

Gus LeGory, Jr., was partially paralyzed Thursday morning of last week while at Self & Wootters' gin. His left side was affected and for a while grave apprehensions were felt for him. Under the skill of the physicians and nursing of relatives, assisted by friends, he has improved some and his recovery is now thought to be probable. He is now able to see out of the eye on the paralyzed side, which he could not do at first after receiving the stroke.

The Big Store wants to put one hundred thousand dollars in good cotton. Bring it to
JAS. S. SHIVERS,
Buyer for Cotton Dept.

Fine Whiskies and Wines.

The following brands of fine whiskies and wines are kept in stock by A. LeGory: Whiskies—I. W. Harper, Magale's, Joel B. Frazier, Sugar Valley, Marshall, Kentucky Turf, Bloom of Youth, Tennessee Corn, Dave Whitebeck, Athletic Club, Kidney Gin, Old Edgemont Whiskey, Rum, Irish Whiskey, Pineapple Rock and Rye, Peach and Honey, Peach and Apple Brandy, Cognac Brandy, Alcohol and all kinds of bitters. California Wines and Brandies, Claret, Port, Sherry, California Brandy.

On the 15th day of January, 1902, I will give away three cash prizes of \$25 each in gold. Every one making a dollar cash purchase will be entitled to a chance. When you make the purchase you will receive free of charge a numbered ticket which you hold until the prizes are awarded. The winning numbers will be determined by shooting a round board and the three numbers having shots nearest to them will receive the prizes.
A. LEGORRY.

S. B. Mobley of Palestine, travelling auditor for the I. & G. N. railroad company, spent the latter part of last week in Crockett. On being asked by the local editor as to how Crockett classed up with other towns in freight receipts, Mr. Mobley said that this was the best point outside of Palestine in East Texas; that he did not know anything about the business of the town, but that it ought to be away above the average for towns of its size, judging from the amount of freight receipts.

To-day (Thursday) is the day set apart by both the president and the governor as a day of national thanksgiving. A union service is to be held at the Christian church in this city, to be participated in by all the different denominations. Stores will be closed before the noon hour and opened up some time afterward. The banks and postoffice will be closed all day as it is a national holiday. Verily the people of this glorious nation have much to be thankful for and there should be feasting and rejoicing on every hand.

Lancaster Case Reversed. The Lancaster case has been again reversed and the defendant gets a new trial. Lancaster was first sent up from this county for twenty-five years for the murder of Reinhardt, but the case was appealed, reversed and venue changed to Anderson county, where he was given fifteen years. Again appealing his case, he got off with a sentence of seven years in the penitentiary. On the third appeal the case is again reversed and Lancaster will come to trial for the murder of Reinhardt for the fourth time.

Truck Growers' Association will meet on Saturday, 7th day of December, 1901, at 1 o'clock p. m., at the court house. This will likely be the last meeting for some time. All interested in truck growing are invited to be present and place their orders for seed. The potato acreage is large and it is important that you be present if you want seed. Also, tomato culture will be discussed at next meeting. A good lot of onions has been planted. Come and learn for yourself.
F. H. BATNE.

For Rent. A nice little place about half way between Crockett and Lovelady; 30 acres open, good orchard, good well, shallow; cribs, stables, etc.; good little house. Some of the land will make a bale to the acre. Rent can nearly be paid in repairs.

I also have a jack in his prime, 10 or 12 years old, has as fine record as any jack in the county. Will swap him for a young stallion of good size.
J. R. B. BARBER.

COURT AND
COURT HOUSE

Items of Interest.

During the term of district court just closed there were sixteen convictions for felonies, of which twelve were on pleas of guilty as follows:

- Will Robinson, burglary, five years, in each of four cases.
- Albert Lewis, robbery, 5 years.
- Albert Green, burglary, 5 years.
- Tom Bryant, theft, 2 years.
- Jim McCoy, burglary, 5 years.
- Wesley Brown, theft, 2 years.
- Coleman Johnson, murder, 25 years.

Alfred Davis, rape, 20 years.
Cal Mourning, assault to murder, three years.

There were four convictions on pleas of not guilty as follows:

- Chas. Walker, murder, 12 years.
- Esau Nelson, murder, 5 years.
- Henry McKinney, theft, 2 years.
- Henry Griffin, burglary, 2 years.

Of the above convictions, one was given a new trial, Henry Griffin; one goes up on appeal, Esau Nelson; ten sent to penitentiary, and one to reformatory. Those gone to the penitentiary are Henry McKinney, Jim McCoy, Cal Mourning, Chas. Walker, Coleman Johnson, Alfred Davis, Albert Lewis, Tom Bryant, Wesley Brown and Will Robinson. Albert Green was sent to the reformatory.

There were the following verdicts of not guilty:

- H. F. Freeman, swindling.
- Schlyer Brown, perjury.
- Bob Singletary, perjury.
- Engene Thompson, perjury.
- Minzie Rushing, assist to murder.
- Lee Blount, murder.
- William Platt, murder.
- Peter Washington, murder.
- Joe Dykes, murder.

There were changes of venue to Trinity county in eight cases, two Nelson and two Crowson cases.

There was only one mistrial, that of T. B. Payne.

Those in jail on charges of murder are Norris McKinney and Jere Lang. There are ten others in jail on other offenses and pending appeal.

The term of district court just closed cost an enormously large sum, an amount unprecedented. In order that the public may know what they are paying for the luxury of judicial government, we will give below the expenses of the last term. We have another purpose, too, in giving the people an insight into these matters, to set up in their own minds the inquiry as to whether a large per cent of this extraordinary expense of the criminal court is due to a lax administration of justice, thereby creating in the minds of the criminally inclined the idea that any kind of crime may be committed in Houston county and the criminal come "scot free" except for the expense entailed by his act on the rest of the county. In other words, if the criminal laws were vigorously enforced and felons made to pay a penalty for violations of law, the criminal docket would soon show a wholesome diminution as well as the expenses of the courts.

The actual cost of last term of district court, barring salary of district judge, was \$5,047.78. Of this sum two thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine dollars have to be paid by Houston county, two thousand, six hundred and eight dollars by the state. Nearly all

paid by county went to jurors. Of this amount paid by state the sheriff's bill is for \$1516.00, the district clerk's bill is \$282.80 and district attorney's bill is for \$612.00. While the sum for attached witnesses is one hundred and ninety-seven dollars.

In figuring on total claims allowed for quarter from August to November at all special as well as regular sessions of commissioners' court we omitted the amount for paupers from the total. Adding this amount of \$410.50 to the sum already reported it makes the enormous sum of \$4,640.20 for the last three months.

The stationery allowed continues very large and extravagant. People are beginning to wonder what is all this stationery for and how it is used. In this connection we would invite attention to the sum allowed for stationery supplies by the Anderson county commissioners' court, which was in session about ten days ago. The sum was \$154.00. The sum for stationery supplies as shown by minutes for Houston county for quarter ending November was \$274.42. Compare that with the Anderson county allowance. The last finance committee reports that for period of six months covered by their report the total of \$815.82 had been paid out for stationery in this county, making a total for a year of at least \$1600. Well may the public begin to inquire why such sums are paid out for stationery for public officials. Six to eight hundred dollars ought to buy all the stationery needed for the county for a year.

Tax Assessor Holcomb is very busy overhauling and working over the tax rolls in order to eliminate the illegal tax of 15 cents.

The next time the commissioners' court are in doubt about a matter of constitutional authority, we suggest that the attorney general at Austin is paid to get an opinion on such questions, that it will cost nothing to give his opinion. This may save trouble and complications and besides will save this county the expense of paying a local lawyer a fee to defend an illegal tax levy as the court had to pay Mr. Madden.

Tax Collector Brightman says he has no funds with which to refund taxes to those who paid the illegal tax before the injunction proceedings and those who paid their taxes before that proceeding may have to wait some time.

Those who have not paid their taxes can do so now.

The attention of county treasurer is called to the heavy penalties imposed on him by Acts of '99 for paying any voucher on any sinking or interest fund except to pay interest or to take up a bond. Other features of this same law are of interest. This matter is suggested by the fact that the August levy of taxes creates an R. & B. sinking and interest fund. There is no general R. & B. fund—still scrip is being issued on such.

The tax-paying public will be interested in knowing just how much the luxury of being governed is costing them. Let them consider the cost of the district court just ended, over five thousand dollars, of which nearly four-fifths come out of pockets of people of Houston county, then add to that sum some forty-six hundred dollars, a three months' allowance for county government, making a grand total of eight thousand dollars for these two pieces of governmental machinery, the one for three months and the other for six months.

The Lancaster case has been reversed again, this the third time. Of course it will have to go to

Anderson county for trial again. There will be another heavy expense bill to follow. When we think of the expense of change of venue in this one case, people will begin to be somewhat dazed by the amount of expense to this county to follow the change of venue of all those cases to Trinity, where possibly they may be on trial first and last for years.

Another injunction to stop an election ordered by the commissioners' court is in course of preparation, so we hear.

To the People of Houston County.

Business engagements require my absence from home, and attention to business, and shall leave home the 24th.

I have no time to devote to mid-winter primaries, a year in advance of the election. The people of the district have my name under consideration. I am content to abide their judgment. In due time I will decide whether I shall become a candidate for congress from this district, and, if so, I shall submit my name to the general primary when the people are called upon to decide as to their candidates, and before the primary election takes place I shall meet the people in their neighborhoods and meet every issue raised. I can not see that I could be released from my business engagements, so as to enable me to give attention to political matters until after our next district court in April, which will allow seven months for candidates to air themselves before the election, and will allow two or three months probably before the democratic primary election which generally takes place in the summer. This will be ample time for all parties to be heard. Then I promise you, if I become a candidate, to make full discussion before the democracy of Houston county on every question pertaining to the issues of this campaign.

Now in fairness I ask that no precipitate action be taken in reference to the primary, and that no unusual methods be adopted, and that all be allowed a fair hearing before the people. This much will, I think, be accorded by every fair-minded man. D. A. NUNN.

Married in a Millinery Store.

Mr. Henry S. Dudley and Miss Kate Connor were married in Dan McLean's millinery emporium Saturday evening at about 8 o'clock by the Rev. Ellis Smith. Saturday night after supper Mr. Dudley went to Mr. McLean and told him that he was going to get married and that he wanted to buy some things for both himself and his intended bride. Among the articles wanted was a hat for the young lady. While one of the clerks had Mr. Dudley in the gents' furnishings department, another took the young lady to the millinery department to let her select an appropriate hat for the occasion, where she was soon joined by Mr. Dudley. It did not take them long to decide that that was a fit place to get married and the Rev. Mr. Smith was telephoned for, Mr. Dudley having already procured his license. When Mr. Smith arrived, it had been whispered around that there was to be a wedding upstairs and a dozen witnesses, besides the employes of the store, were on hand to see the knot well tied, the local editor among the number. Since this marriage several young ladies have expressed a desire to get their hats at McLean's if they could induce a young man to go up with them.

Mr. Dudley lives near Daniel and his bride is from the Cedar Point community, south of Daniel. They left immediately after the ceremony in a two-horse buggy for Mr. Dudley's home.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Regular Session Business—Interesting Details.

The following claims were allowed:

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| For holding local option elections in several precincts of the county..... | \$108.00 |
| E. R. Cook, building bridge | 35.00 |
| Call Null..... | 4.50 |
| C. A. Turner, road service | 11.75 |
| J. W. Manning, " " " | 22.50 |
| W. W. Pridgen, " " " | 5.25 |
| D. B. Pennington, " " " | 3.75 |
| C. L. Manning, " " " | 25.50 |
| H. W. McElvy, " " " | 58.25 |
| John King, " " " | 31.25 |
| W. H. Harvey, " " " | 3.00 |
| Marion Willis, " " " | 3.00 |
| M. M. Baker, " " " | 4.50 |
| Frank Richards, " " " | 3.00 |
| J. D. Hill, " " " | 1.25 |
| W. E. Gallant, " " " | 5.75 |
| A. M. Driekill, " " " | 3.00 |
| C. H. Barbee, " " " | 2.25 |
| M. M. Friday, lumber..... | 115.08 |
| G. M. Kirby, " " " | 10.45 |
| H. W. McElvy, bld'g brdgs | 80.00 |
| B. C. Williams, lumber.... | 38.55 |
| C. G. Blue, " " " | 48.40 |
| Mr. Waldrig, " " " | 33.77 |
| G. W. Tatum, bld'g bridge | 40.00 |
| Clarke & Courts, stationery | 1.25 |
| H. County Lbr. Co., lumber | 27.35 |
| J. H. Bussel, lumber..... | 30.01 |
| G. W. Tatum, bld'g bridge | 17.50 |
| J. H. Maxey, hauling lumbr | 1.50 |
| E. H. Calloway, road service | 16.00 |
| F. Calhoun, cleaning well | 2.25 |
| Mac Lusk, " " " | 2.25 |
| Wm. Patton, merchandise.. | 4.20 |
| Barnard & Co., stationery | 12.25 |
| E. M. Callier, inquests.... | 10.00 |
| B. R. Barolay, autopsy.... | 10.00 |
| Sam Sibley, coffin (pauper) | 5.00 |
| R. D. Ball, burying pauper | 3.00 |
| Crockett Courier, stationery | 25.00 |
| Dr. T. M. Sherman, autopsy | 10.00 |
| J. H. Paxton, lumber..... | 9.87 |
| E. M. Dancer, bld'g bridge | 27.18 |
| Jim Reed, team on road... | 1.50 |
| Roy Williams, road service | 18.50 |
| Jeff Smith, " " " | 3.00 |
| Frank Richards, " " " | 24.00 |
| Henry Holcomb, asses. taxes | 551.46 |
| Maverick Clark, stationery | 189.10 |
| H. C. Addison, license rebate | 2.46 |
| J. T. Crysup, merchandise. | 11.30 |
| B. F. Brown, pauper service | 9.00 |
| Brooks & Walters, lumber. | 121.49 |
| Stokes & Wootters med svce | 10.00 |
| R. T. Payne, inquests..... | 15.00 |
| A. N. Lediker, lumber..... | 59.08 |
| S. T. Beasley, med. services | 83.50 |
| N. E. Albright, lucacy fees | 14.30 |
| E. B. Hale court attendance | 94.00 |
| W. T. Harrison, inquests.. | 15.00 |
| Enterprise, stationery.... | 143.07 |
| Aldrich & N. cots for jail.. | 15.00 |
| Jno. McConnell bridge hdw | 54.45 |
| J. N. Dean, nails..... | 5.45 |
| W. A. Norris hauling lumbr | 12.00 |
| J. E. Bynum, wood..... | 10.00 |
| Smith & French, mdse.... | 9.80 |
| J. B. Smith, medical svces. | 38.00 |
| N. E. Albright, ex officio.. | 25.00 |
| W. C. Foster bld'g pris'ners | 575.80 |
| J. B. Stanton inj'ction court | 13.75 |
| E. B. Hale, " " " | 2.50 |
| W. A. Norris, " " " | 12.00 |
| Wootters & Co. rat' grand jry | 10.00 |
| T. C. Lively, road duty.... | 10.00 |
| H. S. Dudley, nails..... | 1.00 |
| J. W. Madden, legal svcs.. | 50.00 |
| N. E. Albright, ex officio.. | 25.00 |
| W. H. Brown hauling lumbr | 9.75 |
| Charley Allen, " " " | 4.00 |
| C. A. Turner, road service.. | 11.00 |
| C. B. Tims, nails..... | 1.35 |
| Henry Kent, road service.. | 75.00 |
| E. Winfree, trying 8 cases.. | 24.00 |
| Bill Miller, load wood.... | 1.50 |
| I. W. Tatum hauling lumbr | 21.23 |
| H. Asher, merchandise.... | 1.00 |
| Court house janitor..... | 20.00 |
| E. Winfree, school supt... 150.00 | |
| E. Winfree, county judge.. 100.00 | |
| N. E. Albright, ex officio.. 68.75 | |
| J. B. Stanton, " " " 63.50 | |
| E. B. Hale, " " " 62.50 | |
| Commissioners' pay 7 days | 102.00 |
| W. B. Page, money expended on road..... | 6.60 |
| Jim Reed, team on road... 1.50 | |
| E. Winfree, trying case.... 3.00 | |
| M. C. Foster, guarding jail | 45.00 |

Mr. E. J. DeuPree, Sr.

Mr. E. J. DeuPree, Sr., died at Oakhurst Sunday and was brought to Crockett Monday morning for burial. His remains arrived on the 11:30 train and were immediately conveyed by the Masonic order to Glenwood cemetery and laid to rest, the funeral services being held at the cemetery at 12 o'clock, where a large concourse of friends had assembled.

Mr. DeuPree was the father of W. L. DeuPree, until recently one of our townsmen; E. J. DeuPree of Oakhurst, superintendent of the Columbia lumber company and Trinity Valley railroad; T. R.

DeuPree of Crockett, manager of the Houston County lumber company. He was until recently a citizen of Crockett, when he went to Oakhurst to live with his son. He was a prominent Mason, by which order he was buried. His remains were accompanied from Oakhurst by his sons, W. L., E. J. and T. R. DeuPree.

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Denver is a queen among fair cities, standing upon a broad, elevated plain, with mountain ranges of great beauty. It has a population of 100,000, and is noted for its commercial activity and beauty as a residence city. Its enormous smelters, with towering, smoke-vomiting stacks, do not seriously deface it, and themselves are an interesting and instructive sight, for many millions of gold and silver are there extracted from Rocky mountain ores each year. The Queen City of the Plains has periods of winter cold and snow, but commonly the air is delightfully temperate when Eastern cities are icebound and shivering.

Within a few months smokeless engines will be threading the mountain lines of the Colorado and Southern railway. This will be a great boon to excursionists and summer tourists who have heretofore suffered inconvenience from smoke and cinders. In the open country the smoke is no obstacle to one's enjoyment of the ride, but in pent-up mountain canons, whose sides may extend perpendicularly 500 or 1,000 feet, the conditions are different. The Colorado and Southern railway is the first of the mountain roads to attempt to solve the smoke nuisance. The railway company will make use of oil or electricity. The first test will be made with oil from Beaumont, Texas.

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