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A Special
REDUCTION SALE
that will induce
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Extraordinary Price Event. A Commanding Special Reduction Sale.
Prices that CLAIM ATTENTION
Cut Prices that Cut Competition

A Special
REDUCTION SALE
that means economy
to the home.

This mountain of merchandise must find ready takers—and it will, not only because of the price, but because styles are new, original and exclusive. No greater Bargain Budget ever emanated from our store, than this Special Reduction Sale presents. The next 20 days of the last month of the year must be busy ones. Why? Because we have decreed it so. We are determined to reduce our immense stock of merchandise, as we believe we have too many goods in our store at this time of the year, and we feel confident that this sale will grow in volume and popularity as the extraordinary reduced prices become better known. Read the below quoted down-hill prices. Come, see and examine the goods and see how quickly the pocket book flies open.

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 7c. bleach domestic sold. Reduction sale price 6 1-2 Cents.	Brown Cotton Flannel. 1 case brown cotton flannel—good value at 6 1/2 cents. Reduction sale price 5 Cents.	Feather Ticking Genuine Amoskeag A. C. A. feather ticking worth 12 1/2 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 37c 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 **75c**
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 **12 1/2c**
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 \$2.00**
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 **37 1/2c**
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**

Our Millinery Department
needs no newspaper puffs to indorse its supremacy. The department has already supplied the demands of most of the ladies of Crockett, and we advise those who have waited, to wait no longer, for here they will find extraordinary inducements.

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 90**
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 \$1.25, 1.50 and. **2 00**
Pretty line of ladies' waists at 50c and..... **75c**

Ladies' Shoes.
A General Favorite.
SEE THAT THIS
DAN McLEAN
TRADE MARK IS BRANDED ON EVERY SHOE.
Kibo Kid. Medium Heavy Welt Sole. Low Heel.
Exact Reproduction of this Style Shoe.

Shoes! Shoes!
We have the largest assortment of Misses' vici kid shoes, sizes 5 to 8, worth 75c, our price **45c**
Misses' vici kid shoes, sizes 8 1/2 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..... **55c**

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..... **12 1/2c**

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

Lace Curtains.
A handsome lace curtain full 3 1/2 yds long, good value at \$3.50, pr..... **\$1 25**

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

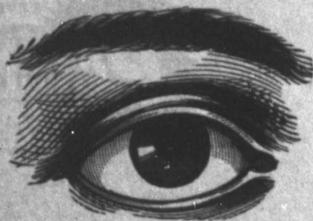
Just now our store is full of money saving chances—bargains of commanding importance. Reductions from our prices, means bargains in every sense of the word, for original prices were not fixed with the intention of eventually marking down for a special reduction sale.

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From Now Until Christmas

You'll Find Many Things to Interest You at

THE BIG STORE.



Keep an Eye on These.

30 yards Brown Domestic, yard wide for	\$1 00
25 yds. better quality Brown Domestic, for	1 00
20 yards Cotton Flannel heavy goods, for	1 00
20 yds. Mattress Ticking, good quality, for	1 00
20 yds. Dress Gingham, all colors, for	1 00
17 yds. extra heavy Cotton Flannel, for	1 00
25 yds. Best Calico, fast colors, pretty designs, for	1 00
20 yds. Bleached Domestic, free from starch, for	1 00



There'll Be Money in Your Wallet

When you get through making your purchases for the winter, if you do your buying at the Big Store. You can save money on every article you buy from us. There are still some very beautiful goods in our Dress Goods department, and for the rest of the season we will give you some great bargains—not only in that department, but all over the store. Prospects are brighter now and you can afford to get things you intended to do without. Below we give you a few ideas of the splendid goods and low prices we offer you, but it would take many times this amount of space to tell you all. Notice the crowds of people visiting our store daily—they wouldn't come if there wasn't something here to interest them.



Jackets and Capes for Ladies and Misses.

Your choice of our fine cloth Jackets, all taffeta lined, for **\$3.50**, were \$5.00 to \$7.50.

Plush Capes, all styles, \$1 to.....\$5.00

Cloth Capes, grey and black, 25c to..... 2.00

Shirt Specials.

Notice our show-window full of beautiful Percale Shirts, all late styles and colors. We have made a special price on these, and it is only 50c each. It's not often you strike a bargain like this—better get you a supply before they're picked over. We have shirts of all kinds, but can tell you of only a few.

Men's Knit Overshirts, very heavy	85c
Work Shirts, well made and strong, from 50c to	\$1.50
Serge Shirts, assorted colors	75c
All wool Flannel Shirts, all colors	\$1.50
Fine Percale Shirts, stiff bosom, all colors	85c
Full-dress Shirt, stiff bosom, white	75c
Full-dress Shirt, stiff Pique bosom	\$1.00

Men's Underwear.

Extra fine all wool Suit, white or camel's hair	\$2 00
Extra good fleece-lined cotton Suit	1 00
Cotton Shirts and Drawers, each 35c to	50c



Men's Stylish Suits

in black all wool English worsted, satin lined, frock or sack, worth \$15, at **\$10.00**. Others at \$3.50 to \$18.



Holiday Prices on MEN'S SHOES...

Men's every-day shoes, buckle, good and substantial, all sizes	50c
"Challenge," solid leather, cable screws, extension soles, splendid value	\$1.00
Desnoyer's Harwood, Director, Producer, Hold Fast, Prosperity, all first-class shoes for ordinary wear, in lace, congress or buckle, solid sole leather, any style heel and toe, all sizes	\$1.25
Dress Shoes, solid leather, selected satin calf, congress or lace	\$1.25
"Old Colony," a dress shoe, fine French calf, congress or lace	\$1.65
Celebrated "Regent," best vici kid, extension soles, bulldog toe, in lace only	\$3.00
"Best" Ideal kid, guaranteed not to crack, one of the best shoes on the market, lace only, all sizes	\$4.75



School Shoes.

Huiskamp's "Reliance" oil grain leather, bradded and sewed, heel or spring heel, button, all sizes	\$1 00
Desnoyer's "Winner" glove grain, bradded and sewed, spring heel, sizes 6's to 2's, only	75c

Skirts and Waists.

Our Rainy-day Skirts are very popular. They are all wool, light and dark grey Cheviot and Serge, trimmed with stitched satin bands, beautifully made, \$4.50 and .45 00

Black Silk Skirts, some are plain, some trimmed with the new chenille and ribbon ruffling, and some are tucked and corded, \$5 to..... 10 00

Ready made Waists, silk and flannel, all colors, sizes and styles from 98c to..... 5 00

Remember

We have a new lot of Premiums—Clocks, Lamps, China, Toilet Articles, etc. They will be nice for X-mas presents.

Ladies and Misses Corsets.

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. We have the celebrated W. B. Corsets, in all the new shapes, all sizes, \$1, \$1.25 and.....\$1 50

Also the Royal Worcester, all styles and sizes, at 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.75 and..... 2 00

Other Corsets, good and durable, at 20c, 25c, 35c and... 50c

Ladies Shoes.

Every lady needs a good, substantial pair of shoes for winter. Even if your shoes are not worn out, it's best to lay them aside for warmer weather and get heavier ones. You'll find this is the store where you can get just what you want, for very little money.



Ladies vici kid Shoes, lace or button, all sizes, from \$1 to	\$2 00
"Polish," glove grain, lace only, common sense heel and toe, fine for every day wear	80c
Dongola lace, in all styles and sizes, solid leather, only	\$1 25
Desnoyer's "Electric," misses Shoes, vici kid, spring heel, nothing better, if you want a shoe that will last	2 50

Hosiery That Lasts.

Ladies' black cotton Hose, seamless, per pair	8½c
Fast black cotton Hose, double heel and toe, 19, 15, 20 and 25c	35c
Fast black lisle Hose, very fine, double heel and toe	35c
Fay Stockings for children, 25c to	35c

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is hard enough as it is. It is to her that we owe our world, and everything should be made as easy as possible for her at the time of childbirth. This is just what

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CRUSH OF BILLS.

Number for Fifty-Seventh Congress is Estimated at 25,000.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—The 1300 or more bills introduced so far give a fair idea of what this congress hopes to do in the matter of legislation. Of course, the majority of these bills are of no public consequence, being in the main private pension bills. Nevertheless, many of them propose general legislation and cover every imaginable scheme for the alleged benefit of the country. The regulation of trusts, the building of an Isthmian canal, the suppression of the oleomargarine industry, the lynching of negroes, the creation of a tariff commission, the reform of the currency system, the purification of ballot in Federal elections, the repeal of the national bankruptcy law, the irrigation of arid lands, are but a few of the propositions already submitted to the wisdom of congress. It would be impossible to forecast the number of legislative schemes which members of this congress have up their sleeves. The belief is that all records will be broken with regard to the number of bills introduced. The senate has not yet started, but guesses are that approximately 25,000 bills will be introduced before this congress passes into history.

The Texas members have made only a fair start yet, but they will do their share long before the finish comes. Mr. Stephens has introduced a bill opening to settlement 480,000 acres of land along Red river which was reserved out of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservations for pasturage. Several other bills of interest to the Territory have been introduced by Mr. Stephens, who is a high authority on all matters pertaining to the Indian Territory.

Mr. Wooten has introduced bills for the improvement of Trinity river and the enlargement of the Federal building at Dallas.

Mr. Stephens has also introduced the bill which was before the last congress providing for an international dam across the Rio Grande at El Paso. A joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution so as to tax incomes and inheritances, is another proposition submitted by the gentleman from the Jumbo district.

Mr. Kleberg has introduced

bills to construct a sheltered waterway along the coast of Texas; for the creation of a public building at Laredo, and to regulate interstate commerce.

Mr. Cooper has introduced a bill to provide for the payment of old cotton claims growing out of the Civil war.

Mr. Slayden has introduced bills for public buildings at Eagle Pass and San Angelo, bills introduced by him in last congress.

Within the next two weeks possibly a couple of hundred bills of all sorts will be introduced by the Texas members.

Deep Mining for Gold.

"The gold mines of Victoria are by no means exhausted, but we have to dig to great depths," said a prominent Australia man now touring this country, to an interviewer the other day. "In one mine at Bendigo, in which I am interested, we are now down 3500 feet. A great difficulty for the miners at such a depth is the terrific heat. The only way they are able to work is by an arrangement for forcing air down the shafts and through tunnels, connecting these shafts at the bottom. This is all quartz mining. Up to the present there are no signs that the pay rock is near being exhausted."

Where "Heartz" Are Trumps.

Mrs. Evangeline Hartz, member of the Colorado house of representatives, was made chairman of the committee on enrollment and a member of the committees on appropriations and expenditures, education, state institutions, temperance and public health. She introduced a bill providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment, under which the next legislature would be able to establish compulsory arbitration of labor disputes. Mrs. Hartz also acted as speaker of the house for an entire day.

A Forestry Course at Ann Arbor.

President Angell of Michigan university, announces that an instructor in forestry is soon to be appointed. Not only the problem of how to preserve forests is to be considered, but the further and more valuable information, in certain sections, of how to create new forests, is to be taught. It is expected that the chair of forestry will attract the sons of farmers in particular, since the profession is one more easily comprehended in its primary instruction by them than by boys from the city, and because high rewards await the graduate fully trained and competent in theory as in practice.

A Jag Cure Lincoln Memorial.

Abraham Lincoln's birthplace, a farm of 110 acres, near Hodgenville, Ky., is to be turned into an inebriate asylum. St. Luke's society of Chicago has bought the place and has an option on 350 acres adjacent. Dr. Struble, one of the directors of the society, says it will be a memorial to Lincoln, and the greatest temperance project ever undertaken in this country.

The Municipal Blacklist.

A Cotta, in Saxony, persons who did not pay their taxes last year are published in a list which hangs up in all restaurants and saloons of the city. Those that are on the list can get neither meat nor drink at these places under penalty of loss of license.

A Tripple Hanging.

Smith, Brown and Jones hang all their hopes of recovery upon Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets. They will be around soon shaking hands with friends. 25 cts. No cure—no pay.

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How He Got His Name.

Jay Cooke's father had a most remarkable name, the origin of which Victor Smith interestingly relates. The family from which he descended landed on Plymouth Rock, and built the third house in Plymouth, so his Americanism can not be questioned. Eleutheros Cooke was in the front flight of Ohio lawyers and went to congress as a Whig. He was elected for a second term but lost the office on a technicality. This arose from the inability of voters and election officers to spell his name correctly. "Eleutheros" was too much for the district. The congressman was so angry that he swore he would give to his son a name that everybody could write correctly so the boy was christened Jay, after our famous chief justice. Jay's father, it appears, was born in 1793, the year of the framing of the federal constitution, and some friend of the family at Granville, N. Y., knew just enough Greek to suggest as an appropriate name "Eleutheros," signifying "free." It striking the fancy of Mrs. Cooke her son was christened.

The Refrigerating Egg.

One of the oddest of recent inventions is a refrigerating egg, as it might be called. It is an ovoid capsule of nickel plated copper, about the size and shape of a hen's egg, hollow and nearly filled with water. For use it is frozen, so that its contents become ice. If you have a glass of milk that is not cold enough, you do not like to put ice into it, because dilution with water spoils the beverage. But if you have one of these eggs handy you may drop it into the glass and in a few moments the liquid is reduced to the desired temperature.

Virginia's Contribution.

The faculty of the University of Virginia, upon the suggestion of the alumni residing in St. Louis, will recommend to the State legislature, the erection of a state building at the world's fair that shall be a reproduction of the Monticello mansion of Thomas Jefferson. The faculty will also ask the 5,000 alumni of the university for funds to erect a world's fair building modeled after the rotunda of the university, to be a permanent museum and hall of fame, and to contain a marble statue of Jefferson.

Old story of King Edward.

A story is being told in the London clubs about King Edward. A discussion once arose among a circle of his intimate friends as to how they would each meet a sudden reverse of fortune. One of them turned to the prince—it was before his accession—and said: "If the monarchy was overthrown here, sir, what would you do?" The prince of Wales thought for a moment and then replied: "Well, I think I might support my family by lecturing in the United States upon how it feels to be prince of Wales."

Feminine Financiers.

The women of New York are proving that they are not only politicians but also financiers. The campaign committee of the Women's Municipal League met Saturday and promptly decided to spend \$25,000 in the distribution of Low campaign literature. The only question was as to how the money should be spent—there was none whatever as to having it to spend.

A Western Ameer.

Few people realize how very "Western" the late Ameer of Afghanistan was in many of his ideas. His dinner table, for example, was a curious mixture of East and West. Elaborate silver and dinner napkins were used, while the practice obtained of setting forth a dish in the center of the table from which the ameer first helped himself without the aid of forks and spoons.

Two Oregon Heroines.

Anna Carter and Myrtle Love, living near Grant's pass, Ore., not long ago fought and whipped a panther, though neither of the girls had a weapon more deadly than a good-sized rock. The girls are nieces of Judge Hanna, who owns a large farm, and were engaged in washing clothes at a creek not far from the house, when one of them saw a large panther crouching within twenty feet of them. The big brute was evidently getting ready to spring at them. Miss Carter, who first caught sight of the animal, had an armful of clothes. These she slung at the panther just as he rose in the air. The brute became tangled in a sheet and before it could claw itself free the girls had poured in on his ribs and head a shower of rocks which they had picked up. This unexpected attack completely rattled the panther, which darted away with a snarling cry. Then the girls ran to the house and sent a couple of armed men after the prowler. That evening a handsome panther skin was nailed on the side of the barn.

Death Threatens the Poet.

Paul Laurence Dunbar, the negro poet, whose work is receiving such distinguished recognition, is threatened with pulmonary trouble, and is in contemplation of a Southern trip for the benefit of his health. This is Mr. Dunbar's second breakdown. He spent several months in Florida last winter with the same object in view.

Odd Industry.

The nut-cracking industry of St. Louis gives employment to over 1,500 people. The nut-crackers are driven by electricity, each nut being fed individually into the crusher. After the shells are cracked the nuts are winnowed by an air blast and the meat is picked from the crushed shells by hand.

Still Harping on it.

Edward Van Dyke Robinson is out in an article, "Was Bacon Shakespeare?"—as if, as Frank Stanton suggests, we hadn't had enough on that line! But he sums up as follows: "Thus different, thus opposed, are the works of Bacon and Shakespeare. If, then, Bacon, wrote the works attributed to Shakespeare, the conclusion is inevitable that Shakespeare, or some one else, wrote the works attributed to Bacon. For it is a human impossibility that both issued from the same brain."

ECZEMA'S ITCH IS TORTURE.

Eczeema is caused by an acid humor in the blood, forming in contact with the skin and producing great redness and inflammation; little pustular eruptions form and discharge a thin, sticky fluid, which dries and scales off; sometimes the skin is hard, dry and fissured. Eczeema in any form is a tormenting, stubborn disease, and the itching and burning at times are almost unbearable; the acid burning humor seems to ooze out and set the skin on fire. Salves, washes nor other external applications do any real good, for as long as the poison remains in the blood it will keep the skin irritated.

BAD FORM OF TETTER.

"For three years I had Tetter on my hands, which caused them to swell to twice their natural size. Part of the time the disease was in the form of running sores, very painful, and causing me much discomfort. Four doctors said the Tetter had progressed too far to be cured, and they could do nothing for me. I took only three bottles of S. S. S. and was completely cured. This was fifteen years ago, and I have never since seen any sign of my old trouble."—Mrs. L. B. JACKSON, 1214 McOee St., Kansas City, Mo.

S. S. S. neutralizes this acid poison, cools the blood and restores it to a healthy, natural state, and the rough, unhealthy skin becomes soft, smooth and clear.

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Miss Dena Ellison, who lives near Promontory Butte, A. T., is famous throughout the Southwest as a bear killer. She has killed so many of these brutes that her memory cannot keep track of their number. Miss Ellison's father moved to Arizona from Texas sixteen years ago, as he declared that the Lone Star state was becoming "too civilized" and his cattle lacked room to graze. Now he has room enough. His 20,000 head of fine stock can roam over a territory 100 miles square and nothing to stop their movement. It was long Colonel Ellison's habit to spend his leisure hours with his hounds pursuing bears and mountain lions. When his daughter Dena grew old enough to ride a broncho she would often accompany her father on his shorter hunting trips. Her first bear was killed with a revolver after it had attacked her in a rocky defile and killed her horse. The girl then lassoed one of her victim's cubs and killed the other with a shot. With the live cub tied to her saddle she proceeded home to tell of the incident.

Samuel R. Callaway, president of the American Locomotive company, was more than thirty years ago at the head of the shorthand writers of this continent. He kept up his practice and today could take a trick at an important assignment with the best of stenographers. He won his spurs at this clerical work in the office of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada, and his skill at pothooks and hangers had much to do with his subsequent advancement.

England's Biggest Tree.

The Cowthorpe oak is the largest in England. It is reputed to be over 1,600 years old, and its branches cover half an acre. At the close of the seventeenth century, according to Evelyn's "Sylvia," it was seventy-eight feet in circumference at the base of the trunk. Since then a quantity of dirt has been placed round it as a support. It is estimated to contain at the present time seventy-three tons of timber.



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

First Formal Communication of
Theodore Roosevelt to
Congress.

Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, has sent to congress his first annual message. He opens by feeling references to the assassination of President McKinley, praise of the great and kindly qualities of the murdered president and vigorous denunciation of anarchists. He recommends drastic measures along the line of repression and deportation of this dangerous and criminal class of men, branding them as murderers and as representing in no sense any creed of social advancement.

A section of the message is devoted to combinations or trusts. He deprecates violent and ignorant attacks growing out of envy or malice, but suggests intelligent control and regulation by federal power where there are interstate features.

The president urges the importance and propriety of ample protection for the laboring interests of the country—calling attention in this connection to the question of convict labor and the necessity of amending the immigration laws.

The present tariff system, subject to amendment from time to time as trade conditions change, is commended. The president announces his belief in the principle of reciprocity in dealing with foreign countries.

Much space is given in the message to the subject of forestry and irrigation. The president urges strongly the necessity of preserving our forests and the importance to the west of a proper conservation of the vast amounts of water that now annually go to waste.

The president advises congress that nothing better can be done for the Philippines than throwing them open to industrial enterprise by granting limited franchises under proper safeguards. A reduction in tariff duties on Cuban imports to the United States is recommended, and homestead land laws are suggested for Porto Rico.

The attention of congress is called to the crying need of a Pacific cable; and in setting forth the successful negotiations of the Isthmian canal treaty with England President Roosevelt expresses the hope that work will soon begin.

The Monroe doctrine is defined as simply a step toward insuring the world's universal peace.

A greater navy is recommended as the best guaranty against war and the cheapest and most effective form of insurance.

President Roosevelt considers

the army large enough for the present needs. In reaching the highest efficiency he advocates the process of elimination of officers in the service who are unfit to command.

The civil service system is again endorsed as the best method of securing honest and efficient government.

President Roosevelt calls the attention of congress to the consular service, which is found inadequate.

In discussing Indian affairs the president says the time has arrived to break up tribal government.

The president, after referring to affairs on the Pacific, in which he says the "open door" policy in China is advocated, with all that it implies, closes by reverently thanking the Almighty that we are at peace with the nations of mankind.

United States a Debtor Nation.

New York, Dec. 7.—The financial editor of the London Times, in discussing the foreign credit of the United States, dwells on the fact that, in spite of the large apparent balance of trade in favor of the United States against Europe, the balance has really been the other way, because of the borrowing operation necessitated by the enormous consolidations and other schemes in process of introduction by American capitalists. The United States, says the article, owes less abroad than it did, but it is still a debtor country, and must remain so for many years to come, temporary appearances to the contrary notwithstanding. Therefore, the New York exchange, except for a brief period, has been in favor of London.

The writer reviews the condition preceding and following the Wall street panic last spring. The article proceeds:

"Endeavors were made to keep up the delusion that the rise had been only temporarily checked, and that it would soon be resumed. The great prosperity of the United States was pointed to as evidence that prices would go much higher, and the belief that the United States was wealthy in the sense that the United Kingdom and France are, namely, in the possession of large quantities of cash or securities readily convertible into cash, was steadily upheld. It does not seem to have occurred to those who hold these views that no nation, however prosperous, can pass over in two or three years from a state of being largely dependent on money borrowed from abroad to one of being a large lender to foreign countries."

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REPUBLICAN MOVE

To Reduce Representation from the South—Crumpacker Circulating a Petition for a Caucus to Consider the Matter.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Representative Crumpacker, of Indiana, one of the original movers of the proposition to reduce the representation of the southern states in the house of representatives, is circulating a petition for the calling of a republican caucus to determine whether the dominant party in the house shall take up as a definite policy some plan of action against the alleged over-representation of the southern states.

Mr. Crumpacker stated today that no republican thus far approached had declined to sign the petition for the caucus. He said that he believed that two-thirds of the republicans of the house are in favor of action.

The caucus, if called, will determine two things:

1. Whether the reduction of southern representation is to be made a republican policy.

2. What means shall be adopted to reach the desired end in the quickest and easiest manner.

While there is unanimity among the movers in the campaign as to the object in view, there are many differences of opinion as to how it is to be gained. Several bills and resolutions on the subject have been introduced already, and a new bill will go in tomorrow. All propose different methods of operation. Mr. Crumpacker thinks the caucus should outline the procedure, and then there will be absolute concentration of effort. There does not seem to be a disposition upon the part of any one engaged in the propaganda to allow the pride of authorship to interfere with the work in view, for it is realized that time can be saved by the agreement. The object of many republicans is to take action before the next congressional election occurs, if possible.

Mr. Crumpacker received information today from influential republicans in the senate of approval in the upper body of the campaign that is being started in the house. These senators urged the house republicans to go ahead with the work and push it to early completion.

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A Good Cough Medicine.

(Gazette, Toowoomba, Australia.) I find Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is an excellent medicine. I have been suffering from a severe cough for the last two months, and it has effected a cure. I have great pleasure in recommending it.—W. C. Wockner. This is the opinion of one of our oldest and most respected residents, and has been voluntarily given in good faith that others may try the remedy and be benefited, as was Mr. Wockner. This remedy is sold by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

Editor Lysch, of "Daily Post," Phillipsburg, N. J., has tested the merits of Foley's Honey and Tar with this result: "I have used a great many patent remedies in my family for coughs and colds, and I can honestly say your Honey and Tar is the best thing of the kind I have ever used and I cannot say too much in praise of it." J. G. Haring.

A. S. Snell wanted to attend a party, but was afraid to do so on account of pains in his stomach, which he feared would grow worse. He says, "I was telling my troubles to a lady friend, who said: 'Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy will put you in condition for the party.' I bought a bottle and take pleasure in stating that two doses cured me and enabled me to have a good time at the party." Mr. Snell is a resident of Summer Hill, N. Y. This remedy is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

C. W. Lynch, Winchester, Ind., writes: "I owe the life of my boy to Foley's Honey and Tar. He had membranous croup, and the first dose gave him relief. We continued its use and it soon brought him out of danger." J. G. Haring.

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NICARAGUA CANAL

Likely to Occupy Much Time in the Near Future in Congress—Present Status.

Washington, D. C., December 7.—Nicaraguan canal legislation is likely to occupy the attention of both houses of congress to a large degree before the holidays, commencing next week in the senate, and as soon as the committees are appointed in the house. It would seem that the years of investigation, hesitation, debate and discussion of this subject are about to crystallize this session in definite action. The present status of the Isthmian canal project may be briefly stated thus:

The Isthmian canal committee has recommended the construction of an inter-oceanic canal via the Nicaraguan route, the cost of which is estimated, in round numbers, at \$190,000,000. Valid and sufficient reasons are set forth why the Nicaraguan route is preferable to the acquisition of the unfinished Panama canal. In anticipation of such a report, the executive branch of the government has negotiated a treaty with Great Britain, in which some alleged bars in the way of this government undertaking the work alone are removed and certain requirements fixed by the senate last year are met. This treaty was laid before the senate in executive session yesterday, and was made public to-day. It supercedes the much discussed Clayton-Bulwer treaty. It obviates the acquiescence of any foreign power in the sole ownership of the canal by the United States. It does not prohibit the canal being fortified; provides for the policing of the canal by this government, and provides that the treaty can not be affected by possible change of sovereignty of the country through which the canal passes. The first legislative step will be the ratification of the treaty by the senate. The Foreign Relations committee, of which Senator Cullom will be chairman, will meet early next week and go to work upon a favorable report on the agreement. Senator Cullom stated to-day that he did not look for unusual delay in the consideration of the treaty. He discredited rumors of contemplated democratic obstruction, for the sufficient reason that he could not see where political capital could be made by any party in adopting such a course.

In the meantime the state department is dealing with the Central American States of Nicaragua and Costa Rica for the lease to the United States of the territory through which the canal is to pass. The Isthmian canal committee recommended the acquisition of a strip of land 10 miles wide the

whole length of the route of the canal. The two Central American States have already signed protocols agreeing to make the necessary treaty, and it is expected it will be submitted to the senate before the close of this session.

While the treaty making powers are at work upon this branch of the subject another legislative step will be taken. A bill will pass the house and come to the senate authorizing the president to direct the secretary of war to commence the canal and making the necessary appropriation therefor. Mr. Hepburn of Iowa, prospective chairman of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce committee, will offer the bill, which will in the main follow the terms of the bill that passed the house last session. A bill of similar import will be offered in the senate and considered in committee.

Meanwhile the friends of the Isthmian canal project are now watching for the next move of the enemies of the canal, who are the transcontinental railroads that are allied with the Panama railroad company. It is expected that the favorite device of playing the Panama route against the Nicaragua route will again be resorted to, notwithstanding the majority report of the Isthmian Canal Commission.

The friends of the Isthmian canal project say, however, that never before have the prospects for the construction of a canal been so favorable as at present.

All conditions have worked to this end within the past year. With every obstacle heretofore advanced removed, the finances of the government are found in condition to warrant the expenditure for the work, and there is general satisfaction over the outlook.

Cost of Living.

New York, Dec. 4.—Dun's index number, to be issued December 7, will say:

If a man purchased his supplies for one year on December 1, they would have cost \$101.37, while the same quantities of the same articles would have aggregated only \$72.45 on July 1, 1897, the lowest point on record; and \$121.75 on January 1, 1880. These price records are compiled by multiplying the quotations of all the necessities of life by the per capita consumption. Prices are now at the highest point in many years, and in fact surpass all records since present methods of manufacture and distribution have been in use and agricultural operations were first begun on the present extensive scale with labor-saving machinery.

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Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on the box. 25c.

A SAD SIGHT.

Numerous Abrasions Suffered by a Man in an Accident—Neck Dislocated.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 7.—There was a man in Brenham today, which, if his story be true, much of which his appearance indicated, and much of which there is no reason to doubt, is the most remarkable character on earth. In a railroad accident near Birmingham, Ala., some years ago, he was knocked from a caboose, had his shoulder dislocated, right arm fractured at the elbow, left leg at the ankle, right leg broken in two places, two ribs on one side and three on the other were also broken, and last and most remarkable his neck was twisted out of place or broken. Whether this last part of the story be true or not, he has no strength whatever in his neck, and when he removes a very ingeniously devised brace, his head falls to one side, on his back or breast at an angle entirely too acute to be possible if the spinal column near the head was not broken or out of whack, in some remarkable way. With the brace off that supports his head in a perpendicular position his vocal power is entirely destroyed. With it on, his voice is good, and his conversation just like the ordinary mortal. The above is but the merest outline of this man's "hard luck" story. If all of it were recited it would tax the credulity of the most confiding and good-natured person that ever walked the earth.

The fact that he was a living curiosity, and at some time and in some way broke all to pieces, was easily deducible from his general appearance, to which scores of Brenham people would go on the stand and testify.

He was the center of a large crowd at the depot, who, as he talked, would listen in silence with gaping mouths, as if an oracle from nether depths had the floor.

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The manufacturers of Banner Salve having always believed that no doctor or medicus can cure in every case, but never having heard where Banner Salve failed to cure ulcers, sores, tetter, eczema, or piles, as a matter of curiosity would like to know if there are such cases. If so they will gladly refund the money. J. G. Haring.

J. W. Bryan, of Lowder, Ill., writes: "My little boy was very low with pneumonia. Unknown to the doctor we gave him Foley's Honey and Tar. The result was magical and puzzled the doctor, as it immediately stopped the racking cough and he quickly recovered." J. G. Haring.

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COTTON MACHINE

Said to Do the Work of a Dozen Pickers.

Austin, Dec. 5.—P. P. Haring of Goliad, the inventor of a new cotton picking machine, arrived in the city this morning. When seen and asked about his new machine Mr. Haring said that it was not entirely new; that he had been working on the machine for the past twelve years, but it is only recently that it has been perfected, and he claims that it will pick as much cotton as ten or twelve persons. It is about the size of an ordinary cultivator.

The machine, or rather the model which he has at his shops at Goliad, cost him \$30,000, but he said that the machines would be sold from \$600 to \$1000 each.

So confident of the success of the new machine is Mr. Haring that he has organized a company for manufacture of the machine on a large scale.

The articles of incorporation of the concern were filed today by Mr. Haring. It is known as the Haring Cotton Machine company of Goliad, Goliad county, Texas, capital stock \$150,000. The incorporators are R. R. McMaster, Clark Denton, C. A. Maetze, L. Seeligson, Ed. Seaton, N. H. Brown, L. W. Chilton, Emil Bergman and P. P. Haring.

Mr. Haring declared that his machine would revolutionize things in the cotton sections.

A Small Cotton Crop.

New Orleans Picayune.

The government places the probable yield of cotton for the present season at 9,674,000 bales picked from 26,802,239 acres. To say that the publication of this small estimate created a sensation would be putting the matter mildly. No one expected so small a figure; hence the effect was immediate and startling. Contracts jumped half a cent a pound and spot cotton was but little behind.

Of course there will be many who will be disposed to be skeptical as to the bureau's small estimate, claiming that it is out of all reason, merely because it was not looked for; but, for all that, the estimate is sure to exert tremendous influence, because the government has been nearer correct in recent years than any other authority, and, moreover, it is well known that the agricultural department has uncommonly good facilities for gathering information, facilities which it would be impossible for any private crop authority to command. Thus, for instance, the bureau announced that, in addition to its regular agents, it had received special reports from 15,000 ginners and 5000 bankers throughout the cotton belt.

The mere fact that some people will ridicule the bureau's estimate as absurd, merely because it does not harmonize with the general expectation, should not be permitted to carry weight with thinking people. It must be remembered that last season the bureau's estimate was much larger than the popular idea, and the same criticisms were then made which we now hear; yet the sequel proved that the bureau was nearer the mark than any other prominent authority. It is equally possible that it may be right again this year. The weight of prestige and past achievement is on its side.

Should the foreign markets place confidence in the bureau's estimate, and they are disposed to hold the bureau in high esteem, a further sharp advance may be expected. The bureau estimate of 9,674,000 bales is a long way short of the supply of 11,000,000, which has been counted on abroad. In

expectation of such a supply, foreign spinners have been following a hand-to-mouth policy, and have no surplus stock of consequence. Once they are convinced that the crop is not more than 10,000,000 bales, the demand for cotton is likely to be very brisk, and there is no telling just how high prices may go.

In the light of the bureau's estimate, the balance of the South's cotton crop ought to be worth more money than sellers generally were willing to take for it some days ago. A crop of 9,674,000 bales means a veritable cotton famine during the coming summer. The trade has the experience of two summers ago as an object lesson of what a cotton famine means. Certainly whatever the outcome, the bureau's estimate can bring nothing but good results to the South's cotton interests.

Accident to an Actress.

Paris, Texas, December 7.—Miss Helen Grantley, leading lady for the Charles B. Hanford company, playing at the theater here tonight, met with an accident from which she narrowly escaped death. While in her dressing room her hat caught fire from the gas jet and was aflame in an instant, being burned nearly off before assistance could reach her. Her hair and eyelashes were badly burned, also her hands. Her face was in no wise disfigured. Her costume, valued at \$700, was destroyed. She was forced to finish the performance of Katherine in "The Taming of the Shrew" in her street costume.

Aunt Lucindy

Always carries Hunt's Lightning Oil around with her. It's fine for swellings, toothache, cold, weak back and backache, cuts, burns, neuralgia, catarrh. Aunt Lucindy has sixty nine grandchildren and ought to know what she is talking about.

Chas. Replogle, Atwater, O., was in very bad shape. He says: "I suffered a great deal with my kidneys and was requested to try Foley's Kidney Cure. I did so and in four days I was able to go to work again, now I am entirely well." J. G. Haring.

Caesar Conquered Britain.

Malaria was conquered by Simon's Liver Purifier (12-1/2 box). Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

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We Can't Tell a Lie

When we say there is no shaking of bottles, no licking of spoons, no wry faces when Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets are used. 25 cts. No cure—no pay.

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A cold, cough or la grippe can be "nipped in the bud, with a dose or two of Foley's Honey and Tar." Beware of substitutes. J. G. Haring.

Swapping Lies

Is practiced, but don't swap off Hunt's Lightning Oil for a worthless article. Ask your druggist or merchant for a free sample bottle.

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Heaven Help Us

In our troubles, but use Hunt's Cure for Itch, Tetter, Ring Worm, Itching Piles and Eczema. Guaranteed.

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The Hamlet of Edwin Booth.

Through his Hamlet Edwin Booth made, upon the whole, his deepest and surest impression. In his performance of the part there was retained to the last, consciously and deliberately, more of the old-fashioned formality and precision of style than he permitted himself in other impersonations, and the effect was sometimes that of artifice. But Mr. Booth elected to present Hamlet in a style far less familiar and far more remote from ordinary life than he used for any other character in his large repertory. It was not that his Hamlet was all in one key; that its moods were not many and diverse; that the actor did not finely discriminate between the son, the prince, the courtier, the friend, the lover, the artist, and the wit. The contrary was true. It was as full of delicate and just differences as one could wish. But, through its prevailing quality, made constantly prominent by the tragedian's methods, certain definite and necessary results were reached. Hamlet differs from Shakespeare's other tragic heroes both in his supernatural experience and in his unique spiritual constitution. * * * To Hamlet, by the conditions of his life and his soul, is given the largest opportunity for choice and the smaller power of choosing. * * *

After all, there is a fine fitness in that closeness of association between Edwin Booth and Hamlet the Dane, which is to abide as long as the man and his art and his life are remembered. In his largeness and sweetness, his rare delicacy and sensibility, he was nobly human to the core, after the pattern of the most human of all the creations of the poet. Like the melancholy prince, was required to drink the bitter water of affliction, and to hold his peace when his heart was almost breaking; and, in its extraordinary depth and reserve, his soul, even as Hamlet's and as Milton's.

Was like a star and dwelt apart.

Bad Year for British Farmers.

This will rank as a bad year for the farmers throughout Great Britain. Alike in England and Scotland, the acreages sown in wheat and barley are smaller than they were last year, and there is a decline in the number of cattle, sheep and pigs kept in England. Nor is the decline an unimportant one. In many respects it leaves British agriculture in a more restricted plight than for years. In Scotland the position is not so bad as in England.

A Wonderful Pear Tree.

No fewer than 10,000 pears have been gathered from a Jargonelle pear tree in the garden of Borthwick Manse, Gorebridge. The tree was planted forty-eight years ago, and has been pruned and tended for forty-one years by the Rev. Walter Waddell, who has been the incumbent of the parish during that period. The present crop is the largest it has ever borne. The average weight of the pears is three to the pound.

Knighthood Twice Refused.

Few Englishmen are inclined to refuse the honor of knighthood when offered and yet this is what A. G. Jones, governor of Nova Scotia, did twice during the duke of Cornwall's visit to Canada. Mr. Jones' ancestors settled in New England over 200 years ago, but after the revolution emigrated to Canada.

The Souvenir Craze.

They say that after the duchess of York had visited one of the schools in Toronto and had graciously written her name on the school register, the teacher passed around the ink bottle in order that each pupil might dip a finger in the ink into which a duchess had dipped a pen.

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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 furnishing 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,

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RAILROADS CREATE PROSPERITY.

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Whither other lines have come to share in the results of the good times in that section.

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Local Items.

Stuffed Olives at Baker Bros'.
 J. H. Painter is in Galveston.
 Keg Soda cheap at Baker Bros'.
 Fire works at Hail & Dunwoody's.
 Green Coffee sold cheap at Baker Bros'.
 Sweet pickles and chow chow at H. J. Phillips'.
 Try those Pineapple Preserves at Baker Bros'.
 Postum Cereal Coffee and Grape Nuts at Baker Bros'.
 Hyman's saloon, headquarters for Christmas liquors.
 W. B. Smith called to see us while in town recently.
 Everything in feed stuff always on hand at H. J. Phillips'.
 Heinz's best Apple Butter and Mince Meat at Baker Bros'.
 Choicest teas, spices and extracts at Hail & Dunwoody's.
 Miss Eva Whitley of Palestine is visiting Miss Essie Fluker.
 Cream of Wheat the breakfast dainty, at Hail & Dunwoody's.
 J. W. Young leaves today for Austin on professional business.
 The Big Store and little prices. JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co., Inc.
 Buy your Christmas fruits, nuts and candies from H. J. Phillips.
 Seeded Raisins, Currants, Citron and Dried Figs at Baker Bros'.
 Go to H. J. Phillips for your fire works—from the least to the largest.
 R. E. McConnell's elegant new residence is receiving its finishing touches.
 Mrs. J. H. Painter and Miss Frances Wootters are visiting in Houston.
 Best 188 proof alcohol, best four-bit and six-bit whiskey, at Hyman's.
 Jimmy Howard took in the street fair and carnival at Houston this week.
 Mack Butts has been quite sick at the Aldrich house, but is now much better.
 Come and get your FREE chance at the fine organ at Hyman's saloon.
 S. E. Howard has sold his place in Crockett and will move his family to Corsicana.
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.
 There is a further advance in cotton this week. Middling is selling at 7½ to 7¾ cents.
 The firm of Jones, Frazier and Taylor are now ready for business. Office at Hyman's saloon.
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 Finest line of candies in town. Plain and fancy packages. Prices right. At the New Drug Store.
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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 to it personally that every customer has

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

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

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Raisins, currants, citron, almonds, walnuts, finest extracts and spices for your Xmas cake at Hail & Dunwoody's.

The truck growers held a meeting at the court house Saturday, but we have not been informed as to what they did.

S. C. Bitner of Lovelady, one of the COURIER's best friends, dropped in to see us a few minutes Tuesday morning.

There are more people buying homes and more people building houses than was ever known before in the history of the county.

Call at the Lumber Yard and examine our cypress shingles from \$2.00 to \$3.50 per thousand.
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The Big Store has received bagging and ties for 1900 bales of cotton. Get it there.
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The meetings at the Christian church continue and able discourses are being delivered nightly. Those who attend will no doubt be benefitted.

Dan Craddock, Dr. Collins, Ben Satterwhite, Jack Smith, Wootters Smith and perhaps others attended the street fair and carnival at Houston this week.

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This is the week to buy. Every day will count—every day articles will be leaving the store that would have suited you exactly. Our goods will go rapidly because we have put attractive prices on them.

J. G. HARRING, PHARMACIST.

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We doubt if there is another town in East Texas that is selling goods as cheap as Crockett. Competition is keen, the stocks are large and the merchants are offering inducements to clear their stores as much as possible by the first of the next year. An unusually brisk trade is expected for the next two weeks.

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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. LE GORY.

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Bazaar and Supper.
 The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church will give a supper and bazaar on Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the Wootters rock building, from 4 to 11 o'clock. An interesting feature of the evening will be the stocking-hanging. No admission will be charged to enter the bazaar. An elegant supper will be served for 50 cents, children half price. The proceeds of this entertainment will go to pay off debt on parsonage. The ladies request the COURIER to say that the patronage of the public will be much appreciated and your money's worth is assured.

Methodist Appointments.
 The East Texas Methodist conference, which adjourned at Tyler Monday, returned Rev. Ellis Smith to Crockett as pastor and Rev. W. F. Davis to this district as presiding elder. We further note among the appointments as follows: V. A. Godby will be pastor at Tyler, Mr. Greathouse continues at Palestine, J. B. Laker remains at Grapeland, J. M. Mills at Augusta and J. C. Huddleston goes to Kennard. J. S. Mathis, who was once pastor of the Crockett church, is appointed to Daingerfield in the Pittsburg district, and A. S. Whitehurst, who was later pastor here, will be at Lufkin.

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THE COURIER.

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

We regret to have to say that there are many in long arrears to the COURIER for subscriptions. In revising our lists on January 1st, these will all be dropped. They have been getting the COURIER for a long time regularly and these arrears should be paid up. We dislike to part company with any of our readers, but we can't get out a paper without means to do so.

A FEW WORDS TO A RANTER.

There appears in last week's Enterprise an anonymous article which seeks to disparage the COURIER's business standing and to discredit its motives. The party who wrote it didn't sign his name, presumably because he was either ashamed of his cause or his argument or because he was afraid to get out into the open and face the humiliation which an exposure of his reckless assertions and his slashing, slambanging style of reasoning might entail. We don't care to notice any reference of his to the COURIER's business methods or motives further than to say that we are not soliciting the goodwill nor the patronage of any one who is capable of writing such stuff as the article referred to and we are frank to say further that the party who wrote the article in question in all probability is on the debit side of the COURIER's ledger now.

All sincere, honest friends of prohibition must have blushed when they read the silly, puerile arguments which the aforesaid anonymous writer puts forth in defense of prohibition. We have too much regard for the sensibilities of COURIER readers to inflict on them an extended review of the silly twaddle which that ripper of logic sends forth in behalf of the cause of prohibition. Nor should we devote a line to any part of it but for the fact that he goes out of his way in an effort to make capital out of the COURIER's attitude toward crime and the enforcement of the criminal law in this county and its position touching the question of prohibition.

We shall call attention to only one of his arguments—it is a sample brick, however, of the entire structure.

He howls about the increase in crime in Houston county and gloats apparently with much glee over the discovery in such increase of additional reasons for voting prohibition. He says there has been a deplorable increase of crime in this county. So do we. He says that whiskey is responsible for this extraordinary growth. Now watch this superstructure of brilliant reasoning tumble. There has been a great increase of crime in this county in the past two years. Both of us agree as to this. There has also been (and is now) more of Houston county under prohibition laws during the past two years than there ever has been since '87. No one can deny this fact. Now what is the logical conclusion, if whiskey, as he alleges, has anything to do with crime? It is, that the more prohibition, the more crime; the less prohibition, the less crime. That is the inevitable conclusion. Again, if whiskey, as he alleges, is responsible for crime and its increase, how is it that most of the crime and its increase is in prohibition precincts and not in those where whiskey is sold? Again, in Crockett and precinct one where the population is denser, where more whiskey is sold and more drank several times over than in all the rest of the county the crime doesn't

exceed ten per cent of the rest of the county.

Thus we see that this lone defender of a lost cause is the victim of his own reasoning, if we may apply a term of such dignity to the stuff he reels off. If his premises are correct and his system of reasoning sound, then there should be a campaign at once for the repeal of all prohibition laws in this county that there may be a return of those conditions and times when the criminal record of the county showed little more than half the offenses against human and divine laws it now shows.

CROCKETT IS COMING UP.

The Alleged Largest Saw Mill in the World Located Near.

Crockett Correspondence of the Houston Post.

Crockett, Texas, December 5.—Houston county is the scene of phenomenal activity in the way of progress and development. The new saw mill plant, said to be the largest in the world, to the east of Crockett, and the railroad from Lufkin to Crockett by way of the mill, are attracting a great deal of attention and turning loose vast sums of money. The county is settling up rapidly, all lands advancing in value and homeseekers pouring in. Crockett is feeling the beneficial effects of all this new life, and is keeping well up at the front of the procession. Another National bank has been organized. The oil mill doubled in capacity and is housed in a solid brick structure. A fresh impulse has been given to the vegetable and fruit industry: the acreage in fruit and vegetables is increasing several hundredfold every year; a canning factory is a matter of but a short time, and healthy public sentiment is growing in favor of a cotton mill. The town is one of the best, if not the best, business points in East Texas. It handles more cotton from wagons than any town on the International and Great Northern railway from Longview to Houston. Two elegant new church buildings are about completed—one by the Christian and one by the Methodist denominations. The latter is one of the finest and most imposing brick structures in East Texas. The people are soon to vote on the question of issuing bonds for water works. When the road from Lufkin gets through, a cotton compress at this point is in contemplation. Besides, other enterprises of a substantial nature are under discussion. There is not a county in Texas in a more prosperous condition than Houston; and when we consider that the proceeds from the sale of cotton, cotton seed, cotton seed products, cattle, hogs, fruits, vegetables, together with lumber and the coal mine output, which reach the enormous total of \$1,250,000 a year, a per capita of \$50 for every man, woman and child in the county, there need be no surprise at such a degree of prosperity.

"I am not, nor never have been, in favor of making voters or jurors of negroes, nor of qualifying them to hold office, nor intermarrying them with white people, and I will say in addition to this that there is a physical difference between the white and black race, which, I believe, will forever forbid the two races living together on terms of social and political equality—and, inasmuch as they can not so live, while they do remain together there must be a position of superior and inferior, and I, as much as any other man, am in favor of having the superior position assigned to the white race."—Abraham Lincoln, in his debate with Stephen A. Douglass in Illinois in 1858.

CROCKETT'S EARLY DAYS.

Told by A. A. Aldrich, Sr., an Old Citizen.

Crockett Correspondence of the Houston Post.

Crockett, Texas, Dec. 5.—A. A. Aldrich, familiarly known as "Uncle Gus," speaking of the early days of Crockett and of Texas, said:

"Soon after Texas gained her independence the town of Crockett was laid out. It derived its name from the fact that Davy Crockett camped several days on a spring branch that runs through the western part of town. It was on this branch that a party of Indians who had, in the northwestern part of the county, kidnaped a white woman, were attacked by a party of settlers and the woman rescued. Several Indians and two of the attacking party were killed. Right over there (pointing to the large brick court house that stands in the center of the square) once stood the little log court house in which Chief Justice George F. Moore made his maiden speech. The first merchants of the town were Hall, McKeever & Co., who did business in a log house on the west side of the square. The next were Kirchoffer & Co., whose log structure on north side was afterward occupied by General Thomas P. Collins. This last named was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1871. When the boys were organizing to go to the war, in the spring, 1861, a big barbecue was given them.

"John," he continued, being visibly affected, "nearly every one of the old ones have gone, Colonel Long, Dr. Lipscomb, Judge Thompson, Major Cundiff and many others."

Here he was interrupted by general Bill Berry, Pickwick proprietor, calling "Dan, Dan, oh, Dan," and pulling a plug of tobacco out of his pocket he cut off a section and hollering at Henry Gregg, who was on the opposite side of the square, he walked away.

Go Way Back and Spend Christmas.

A through car over the I. & G. N. for the Old States will leave Galveston at 2 p. m., Dec. 21st, with all-the-way passage to Memphis via the Iron Mountain route. Passengers on this train will have advantage of through cars from Palestine to Holly Springs, Tupelo, Birmingham, Atlanta, Nashville, Tullahoma, Stevenson, Chattanooga via Memphis and the Iron Mountain route.

Complete particulars will be furnished by local I. & G. N. agent or D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A., I. & G. N. R. R., Palestine, Texas.

The Prince of Wales.

A man who has studied these things says of the Prince of Wales: "I see that Edward VII. intends doing the right thing by his son. The present king will last only a few years at best, and England must make the most of the mediocre heir apparent. We are forced to admit that George Frederick on his tour of the colonies has conducted himself in a thoroughly princely manner, and those of us who love old Mother England are satisfied that he will get out of his kinks in time and make a satisfactory figurehead. The young man has not a few titles, but 'Prince of Wales,' the most coveted of all, is not yet among them. England is full of dukes, but there can be only one Prince of Wales. That title is not inherited, and has usually been bestowed by patent and investiture, though in a few cases the heir to the throne has become Prince of Wales simply by being so declared."

Permanent School Fund of Houston County.

I have succeeded in collecting the last dollar with interest, due on land notes for the 17771 acres of school lands sold to various parties, amounting to \$63,378.00, which has been invested, and stands today as follows:

20 city of Crockett 6 per cent bonds, each \$500	\$10,000.00
28 Houston Co. bridge 6 per cent bonds, each \$1000	28,000.00
1 Houston county bridge 6 per cent bond	463.05
10 Houston Co. court house and jail 6 per cent bonds, each \$1000	10,000.00
5 Kent Co. 6 per cent bonds, each \$1000	5,000.00
6 Brown Co. (the balance) 6 per cent bonds each \$760	4,560.00
Cash on hand uninvested	5,354.95
Total	\$63,378.00

The last note due by estate of N. Fant, deceased, with interest for \$2331.10 having been paid this week. Thus, every cent of principal and interest for the lands sold, having been collected.

E. WINFREE, Co. Judge of Houston Co.

Notice of Bankruptcy.

In the district court of the United States for the Eastern district of Texas, at Tyler:

In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of T. F. Annis, Bankrupt No. 1335.

To the creditors of T. F. Annis, of Weldon, in Houston county, in the Eastern District of Texas, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that said T. F. Annis was this day duly adjudicated a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held on Saturday, the 14th day of December, 1901, at 10 o'clock, in the forenoon, at my office in the city of Tyler, in said district, (said place being most convenient for all parties at interest), when and where said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such business as may properly come before said meeting.

C. G. WHITE, Referee in Bankruptcy. Tyler, Tex., Dec. 2, 1901.

Fast Train Service.

What is claimed will be the fastest train service in the world is just being inaugurated on the Union Pacific road in connection with the Southern Pacific, Northwestern, Lake Shore and New York Central roads. The train leaving Omaha for the West each afternoon will run to Ogden, 1,025 miles, in twenty-one hours, the average speed being fifty-five miles an hour. In many places a speed of from sixty-five to seventy miles is expected.

Rigid Vaccination Rules.

The board of health of Ottawa, Canada, has ordered that every resident of the city who has not been vaccinated by November 9, be prosecuted. The penalty under the law is on conviction a fine of \$5 and costs. It was stated at the meeting of the board that of the forty sufferers from smallpox on the past island at present only two show any signs of ever having been vaccinated.

X-mas Feasting!

Everybody looks forward to the Christmas holidays as a time of feasting and merry-making; and everybody wants to have something especially good to eat during that time.

We are getting in all kinds of Choice Groceries for that feasting; and no matter whether you let "copper cents" or "common sense" govern your grocery buying, we can serve you to your entire satisfaction.

Murchison & Monk

A Kansas City Product.

Rev. Burriss A. Jenkins, who has just been elected dean of Kentucky university, is 32 years old, and one of the youngest men in the county to be chosen head of a college. He was born in Kansas City, where he received his early education in the public schools, after which he entered Bethany college, in West Virginia, from which he was graduated with the highest honors. He was a reporter on a Kansas City paper before he was ordained to preach, and went to California, where he filled several pulpits. Later he preached in the Hawaiian islands. Returning to America, he entered Yale, taking the graduate course for two years.

A Great Race Horse.

The death of Alix, one of the most universally liked mares that ever won honor on the trotting course, is heard with sorrow. She was young to die, for her class usually live long, and she was but 13 years old. A beautiful creature, docile and spirited at once, as high-bred horses are wont to be, she was one of the great ornaments of many meetings. Her mile in 2:03 1-4 in September, 1894, was the champion record until The Abbot lowered it by half a second in 1900.

A Cuban Tribute.

The regard which the Cubans of New York held the late President McKinley was shown on the day before his relapse, when he asked that he be permitted to smoke a cigar. Senor F. E. Fonseca, who represented the Cubans afterward in sending the floral tribute to the capital, at once instructed the expert of his factory to select the choicest leaves of Havana tobacco and have made 100 cigars to be sent to the president. This was done at once, and they were ready to be forwarded on the following day, each wrapped in silken tissue paper, with the president's name thereon. His death prevented the sending of the gift, and Senor Fonseca has distributed them among a few of the president's close friends as mementoes.

Lee Goolsby,
Candidate For
YOUR Patronage,
Subject to the Action of those inclined to Drink the Finest
WINES, WHISKIES, BEER, ETC.
Crockett, Texas.