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Opposes an Early Primary

Coltharp, Tex., Jan. 25, 1902.
EDITOR COURIER:—Will you allow space for a brief discussion of an early primary? There seems to be a movement on foot to have an early primary. The prime movers in this are, doubtless, those who have private ends to subserve. It is, certainly, not done in the interest of the voters, and is contrary to precedent, and, we believe, contrary to the wishes of the voters themselves. If held in the winter or early spring, it interferes with the work of the farmers, who are, at this time, too busy with their own private affairs to take an active part in politics however much they may be interested therein.

The people, for whom all government exists, have a right to hear all live issues discussed, and to investigate the character of the men who ask their suffrages, and to know something of the principles they advocate. This they have no opportunity of doing if the primary is held at a time when the farmers are busily engaged in planting and cultivating their crops. Under these circumstances the professional politicians and cliques control the primary, and nominate candidates that are objectionable to the better class of citizens who must either support these objectionable candidates, or become bolters.

The natural result of this course is to produce discontent in the party, and, in some cases, to drive good men from our ranks.

Then why this haste about holding the primary? Why not postpone it till some time in mid summer, when the busy season is over and men have heard all important issues discussed, have decided on the relative merits of the respective candidates, and can vote intelligently?

I think the resolution of the State convention of Waco was a good one, that primary elections should be held on the same day throughout the state. Whether this is done or not let there be no indecent haste in this matter, but let the primary be deferred till the people can inform themselves in regard to men and measures. This will preserve harmony in the party, and retain the control of the state in our hands.

A word to the wise is sufficient.
FARMER.

Something That Will Do You Good

We know of no way in which we can be of more service to our readers than to tell them of something that will be of real good to them. For this reason we want to acquaint them with what we consider one of the very best remedies on the market for coughs, colds, and that alarming complaint, croup. We refer to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. We have used it with such good results in our family so long that it has become a household necessity. By its prompt use we haven't any doubt but that it has time and again prevented croup. The testimony is given upon our own experience, and we suggest that our readers, especially those who have small children, always keep it in their homes as a safeguard against croup.—Camden (S. C.) Messenger. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

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the most healing salve in the world.

The Patrick Murder Trial.

If Albert T. Patrick, lawyer, be guilty of the crime with which he is charged, the authors of the criminal novel will have to hide their heads. No genius for literary horror could contrive a plot so intricate and cold blooded as that which the prosecution will undertake to fasten upon Patrick in the case of his wealthy and aged client, William Marsh Rice, whose life closed in September, 1900.

Patrick was indicted on evidence that he had first administered poison to Rice, a benevolent old man, wishing ill and unhappiness to none. When poison proved too slow, if the evidence should hold true, Patrick exerted some mysterious influence on Mr. Rice's valet, Jones, compelling the latter to administer chloroform to his employer in his sleep and thus hasten the death that the poison had failed to effect. Apparently the case of the prosecution rests altogether on the testimony of Jones, corroborated here and there by other servants and persons employed in a menial capacity by Patrick and by the old millionaire.

The manner in which suspicion was aroused, so that Jones was induced to tell his story, was as remarkable as the story of murder. On the day after Rice's death—at first accepted as the commonplace ending of a long life grown feeble—a check for \$25,000, signed by Rice in favor of Patrick, was sent to S. W. Swenson & Son's banking house. In the body of the check the Christian name of Patrick was spelled A b e r t. The paying teller of the bank noticed the omission of the letter "t" and that Patrick had spelled his name correctly in endorsing the check. When the check was returned to Patrick he incensed it, as a matter of course, with the misspelled name, and asked that it be certified and returned to him again at once. The teller's suspicions were vaguely stirred, and he made a telephone inquiry of Rice's household. The valet answered and said that his master was too ill to come to the telephone. Pressed, he admitted that Mr. Rice had been dead twenty-four hours.

Checks like the \$25,000 check, amounting in all to \$160,000, had been cashed by Patrick on the Saturday before Rice's death. These coincidences brought about an investigation by the Coroner and consequent statements from Jones, one being that he had seen Patrick administer the chloroform which killed Rice, and the second that he had done it himself at Patrick's command.

Patrick presented a will purporting to have been made by Mr. Rice in his favor and employed attorneys to push it through the Surrogate's court. Three other wills were produced. One was in favor of Rice's relatives and another in favor of a school bearing his name which he had established in Texas. These wills are now in litigation that awaits the issue of Patrick's trial.

The personality of Jones is not the least feature of the present case. Soon after he made the confession that he had acted as a means of murder, he made a feeble pretence of trying to kill himself with a knife in his prison cell.

When asked where he got the knife, he wept and said it had been sent to him by Patrick with the command to end his life at once. He has been carefully guarded by the attorneys for the people and there have been frequent reports that his mental condition was feeble and that he would collapse utterly before the trial. Certainly his physical state has shown him to be living under peculiar strain. It would require but little imaginative effort to believe him struggling in the toils of some supernatural influence exerted by an arch criminal with uncanny powers.

Meanwhile Patrick watches the selection of the jurors to try him with unruffled calm.—N. Y. Sun.

"DOWN BY THE RIO GRANDE."

The Annual Event of the two Republics. Yaqui, George Washington, the Laredos.

Some years since the citizens of Laredo and New Laredo conceived the idea of fittingly celebrating Washington's birthday, (February 22,) by suitable Mexican-American fiestas and parades, and from a small source this has grown to a magnificent annual event, unsurpassed in its splendid surroundings and interesting particulars by anything of a similar nature.

International in its character, located on the border line between the two great republics, occurring at a season of the year when business cares press lightly, and at a time when weather conditions in that locality are ideal, this event offers unsurpassed inducements to the pleasure seeker.

This year the celebration will consist of three days continuous festivities, February 21st, 22nd and 23rd, the principal day of course being the 22nd, and the program, which is very elaborate, will comprise several new and interesting features among which may be mentioned daylight and night bull fights, (the latter by electric illumination) torchlight parades, embodying typical Mexican and Indian features, sham battle and capture of the city by the Indians, Naval Fireworks, Military drills and display evolutions, Historical Pageants and trades display, Flower Carnival, Band and Musical contests, etc.

For this occasion low excursion rates will be made to Laredo, also for the benefit of those who desire to see more of Mexican life and customs, arrangements have been made for a sale of ten day excursion tickets to Monterey, permitting stop-over at Laredo in order to take in the International celebration.

Any particular information desired can be ascertained from your nearest ticket agent, or by addressing
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Lingering LaGrippe Cough.
G. Vacher, 157 Osgood St., Chicago, says: "My wife had a very severe case of la grippe, and it left her with a very bad cough. She tried a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and it gave immediate relief. A 50 cent bottle cured her cough entirely." Take no substitute.

Foley's Kidney Cure
makes kidneys and bladder right.

A Two and One-Half Million Acre Ranch.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 13.—W. J. Cox, the well-known cattleman, is just back from Chicago and Cleveland, after completing one of the largest transfers of Mexican land ever made in the United States. The property involved included 2,500,000 acres of land, beginning twenty five miles west of El Paso, on the New Mexico-Mexico boundary line, and stretching away to the westward along the whole northern boundary of the State of Chihuahua and into Sonora, a total distance of 175 miles. The vast tract of land has a breadth of thirty miles. The sale was made to Jeff D. Ryan of Leavenworth, Kan., and E. J. Carter and associates of Chicago. The ranch is one of the largest in the world. The cost was above half a million dollars.

Hunting With Trained Wolves.

Charleston, Ill., Jan. 14.—Bert Decker, a young sportsman of Tuscola, Ill., has succeeded in taming two wolves, and they are very valuable as hunters. He captured them when young, raised as "kittens," and now, though as large as shepherd dogs, they are quite tame and playful. Decker says the wolves can outrun dogs on the hunt, and are very long-winded. Their favorite way of catching a rabbit is to run alongside of him, put their nose underneath Mr. Cottontail and throw him ten or twelve feet in the air, catching him in their mouths as he falls. The wolves always return to their master when called. Decker's success has caused other sportsmen to undertake the training of wolves to supplant dogs in hunting, and it is probable that wolves will find a place in future kennels.

Notice to Candidates.

As the time for announcing for office is about at hand, the COURIER desires to say that it is ready to receive same, and that the cash must accompany each announcement. A man on entering the race for an office very naturally pays his announcement fee with much better heart than after he is beaten, and all can not be elected. And then announcing is something like going to a show. You pay the admission price with much better heart before seeing the performance than you would afterward even though you get your money's worth. So candidates will please not ask us to credit them. And we desire further to say that any communication or article in the interest of any candidate will be charged for.

Bilious Colic.
H. Seever, a carpenter and builder of Kenton, Tenn., when suffering intensely from an attack of bilious colic, sent to a nearby drug store for something to relieve him. The druggist sent him a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy three doses of which effected a permanent cure. This is the only remedy that can be depended upon in the most severe cases of colic and cholera morbus. Most druggists know this and recommend it when such a medicine is called for. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Frost Bites and Chilblains quickly cured by Banner Salve, the most healing remedy in the world.

A Disturbance Under the Plum Trees.

There was some sharp criticism of the figures which the COURIER gave last week as an estimate of what each county office paid. The criticism came mainly from the court house. We may have been a little over the mark in the figures of what the county clerk's office paid but we were under, if anything, the real earnings of the others and stand "pat," as the boys say, on our figures. If those in office would observe the law and keep fee-books showing every cent earned and make their annual reports, as the law also requires, showing the same the public could then know to the cent just what each office pays. But with two or three exceptions these fee-books are not made and until they are all made as the law requires there is bound to be some speculation as to the earnings of each office. The public have a right and a desire to know the earnings of all these offices and are interested under the law regulating fees in the receipts of each office. Under a recent decision of the Supreme Court quite a number of county officials have been required to turn into the county treasury large sums under the fee-law. Only a few days ago the Tarrant county grand jury under the same decision required the officers of that county to turn twenty thousand dollars into the county treasury of that county and they did it.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

A. H. Woollers, administrator of the estate of Simon Watson, deceased, having filed in our County Court his final account of the administration of the estate of said deceased, together with an application to be discharged from said administration, you are hereby commanded that, by publication of this writ for twenty days in a newspaper regularly published in the County of Houston, you give due notice to all persons interested in the administration of said estate to file their objections thereto, if any they have, on or before the next regular term of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court house of said County, in the town of Crockett, on the first Monday in Feb. A. D. 1902, when said account and application will be considered by said Court.

Witness, N. E. Allbright, Clerk of the County Court of Houston County. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office, in the town of Crockett, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1902.

N. E. ALLBRIGHT,
Clerk County Court, Houston Co.
A true copy I certify.
E. B. HALE, Sheriff.

Tried Five Doctors.

Mrs. Frances L. Sales of Missouri Valley, Ia., writes: "I had severe kidney trouble for years, had tried five doctors without benefit, but three bottles of Foley's Kidney Cure cured me."

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Our new silks are very attractive, and we have a beautiful assortment of colors. You will confer a favor upon us by asking to see them; we are always glad to display our goods.

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Used mostly for linings or facings, also for inexpensive fancy waists. However, they make very pretty dresses, especially for evening. In many beautiful color combinations, a yard,

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Women suffering from female troubles and weakness, and from irregular or painful menses, ought not to lose hope if doctors cannot help them. Physicians are so busy with other diseases that they do not understand fully the peculiar ailments and the delicate organism of woman. What the sufferer ought to do is to give a fair trial to

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Caesar Conquered Britain.

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The Origin of Pearls.

The origin of pearls has been a subject of much speculation. About 150 years ago Filippi of Turin announced that a living organism forms the nucleus, and in a recent investigation M. Raphael Dubois, a French naturalist, has shown that all pearls found in a common pearl-bearing mollusk are cysts enclosing distomes—small marine worms. In the month of August, when few pearls are obtained, the tiny young distomes, a fiftieth of an inch in diameter, are to be seen instead as reddish-yellow points. These become gradually coated with carbonate of lime, in an early stage appearing as black specks and later as brilliant pearls, which remain until the following summer, when they drop to pieces and the parasite resumes activity and reproduces its kind. But if the parasite dies the crust continues to grow, a large and beautiful pearl being but the sarcophagus of a long-dead worm. Just how nearly universal this cause of the formation of pearls may be does not appear, but experiments with fresh-water pearls show an egg as nucleus.

OFFICIAL NAME IS HAWAII.

Don't Write "Honolulu, H. T." in Addressing Hawaiian Letters.

The United States Postoffice Department recognizes only the term "Hawaii" as being the official designation for the Hawaiian Islands. "Territory of Hawaii," "T. H.," or "Haw." have no place in the official abbreviations for the new territory. When the islands became a territory of the United States considerable speculation was had as to how letter writers abroad should address their friends here, and many believed that "T. H." would about hit the mark. Chief Clerk Kenake states that when ordering stationery from Washington he made out the forms, intending to use the letters "T. H.," but the stationery came back with the word "Hawaii" printed thereon. Rubber stamps also come to his office with this word, and thus it has become recognized in the business and official circles on the mainland to write the word "Hawaii" in full on envelopes for the islands. The word "Hawaii" does not mean the Island of Hawaii in this sense. Letters addressed to Hilo, Hawaii, or Mahukona, Hawaii do not specifically designate the Island of Hawaii, but come into the postoffice under the same terms as letters addressed to Honolulu, Hawaii. There were formerly two Waimeas, one on Hawaii and one on Kauai. The Waimea on the Island of Hawaii has been changed to Kamuela, and the only Waimea now in existence, so far as the postoffice is concerned, is that on Kauai.—Hawaiian Gazette.

Maine's Steepled Tenement House.

There is a unique tenement house in Guilford. Years ago the old Universalist church in that place was abandoned as a place of worship and it fell into the hands of several owners who converted it into a large dwelling house by the alteration simply of the interior. Stairways were placed on the outside, leading to the upstairs tenements, but beyond these exterior additions the church retained all its former appearances of a "meeting house" and is known locally as "The Church." The high steeple and its weather vane added little ornament and no usefulness to this rather odd dwelling house, but they continued to occupy this exalted if incongruous position until a week ago, when the carpenters tore down the steeple, and this old landmark of "Fions hill" lost, as it were, its pithy.—Lewiston Evening Journal.

Wants a Warmer Climate.

ED. COURIER:—Will you please send to my address a sample copy of your paper? I want to learn something of what your country is. I want to go further south and get into a milder climate. I am tired of this freezing cold and would like to learn if your section of Texas is the place to go to. I don't want to spend another winter here if I can help it.

Most respectfully,

WILLIAM T. GARR.
Chillicothe, Mo., Jan. 24, 1902.

CANCER

Sufferers from this horrible malady nearly always inherit it—not necessarily from the parents, but may be from some remote ancestor, for Cancer often runs through several generations. This deadly poison may lay dormant in the blood for years, or until you reach middle life, then the first little sore or ulcer makes its appearance—or a swollen gland in the breast, or some other part of the body, gives the first warning.

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Cancer begins often in a small way, as the following letter from Mrs. Shirer shows:

A small pimple came on my jaw about an inch below the ear on the left side of my face. It gave me no pain or inconvenience, and I should have forgotten about it had it not begun to inflame and itch; it would bleed a little, then scab over, but would not heal. This continued for some time, when my jaw began to swell, becoming very painful. The Cancer began to eat and spread, until it was as large as a half dollar, when I heard of S. S. S. and determined to give it a fair trial, and it was remarkable what a wonderful effect it had from the very beginning; the sore began to heal and after taking a few bottles disappeared entirely. This was two years ago; there are still no signs of the Cancer, and my general health continues good.—MAX. R. SURMAN, La Plata, Mo.

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Foreign Woman's Club.

Berlin, Prussia, has a fine woman's club named the American Woman's club. It was organized in 1894, by Mrs. Mary B. Willard, sister-in-law of Miss Frances Willard, and has now a membership of nearly 300. Mrs. Runyan, wife of the American ambassador in 1894, was the first president, and she was succeeded by Mrs. Uehl. The present president is Mrs. White, who is devoted to the interests of the club, and at whose suggestion last year a literary circle was started in the club. Fine classes in German are conducted by native teachers, and on the last Saturday evening of each month a reception to gentlemen is given. The pleasant clubrooms have been prettily decorated by contributions from friends, and several wealthy American women have contributed to the support of the club.

Outwitting Mark Twain.

Sir Wemyss Reid while in the United States recently had a friendly bout with Mark Twain over the dinner table and came off victorious. Mark was chaffing Sir Wemyss on the vagaries of English pronunciation. "You spell a name B-e-a-u-t-i-f-u-l and pronounce it Marchbanks," he said. "And you do precisely the same thing," replied Sir Wemyss. "What do you mean?" asked Mark. "Well, you spell your name C-l-e-m-e-n-s and you pronounce it Twain."

Does It Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the most severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible, if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles. "Boscher's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease, but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try ONE bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Get Green's Prize Almanac. For sale by Smith & French Drug Co.

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FARM AND GARDEN.

MATTERS OF INTEREST TO AGRICULTURISTS.

Some Up-to-date Hints About Cultivation of the Soil and Yields Thereof—Horticulture, Viticulture and Floriculture.

Shrinkage of Corn.

The value of any variety of corn must be determined by a number of things other than the yield per acre. It has generally been supposed that the relative value of two kinds of corn could be determined at harvest time. Thus, if one variety gave 80 bushels per acre and another 85 bushels it seemed an easy arithmetical problem to determine which corn was the best. Old corn raisers, however, know that this does not prove the case unless the corn is to be sold immediately after harvest. The fall weightings of corn and the spring weightings differ enormously. The difference runs from 6 to 25 per cent of the whole weight of corn harvested. Even greater differences have been noted, especially in prize crops to be harvested at a certain time. In such a case it was only natural that the grower should plant his corn as late as possible and have it get sufficiently ripe to harvest at the appointed time. In such a case the corn is certain to contain an unusual amount of water and to weigh the maximum. If that same corn could be seen about the end of the following March, every kernel on the cobs would be seen standing by itself. The shrinkage would then be well up to 35 per cent.

In relation to the shrinkage we must consider the size of the cob. The cob in one variety of corn may be 13 per cent of the whole and of another variety 20 per cent. Yet the corn on the larger cob may shrink so little in comparison with the corn on the smaller cob that the large-cobbed corn may be the most economical to raise. Especially may this be so if the corn is to be held over six months or a year. We do not assert that this is true as a rule, but it has been found to be so in some cases. What all are aiming to do is to secure or develop a variety of corn that will have a small cob and that will shrink little in thoroughly drying.

It has seemed to the writer that prizes awarded for acre yields of corn should be for total weight of dry matter. The shrinkage of corn in drying and the variability of such shrinking constitute a very large problem as to the real yields of corn grown under stimulation of money-prize awards. It will also be understood that the farmer that has corn to sell in the fall can afford to let it go at several cents less per bushel than he can get for it six months after.

Orchard Pruning.

From the Farmers' Review: One of the questions often asked and as often answered is: When shall I plant my orchard and what varieties are most profitable? My method of planting trees is simple and has always proved to be good. My advice to the would-be orchardist is: don't plant your trees too early in the spring when the ground is wet and cold. Wait instead until corn planting time. The roots of your trees will need pruning with a sharp knife. All broken and split roots should be cut off, leaving them, however, as long as possible. Then cut back the top and limbs in proportion to the root pruning. When your tree is ready for setting put it into a gourd hole (a hole filled with thin mud and water). Leave it in the gourd hole for three to twelve hours, according to the dryness of the roots and weather. This well done is the life of the tree. The next step is to have your orchard well plowed and the distance between rows marked off. Then dig a hole for each tree large enough so that the roots will not be cramped; fill in fine dirt around the roots, tramp it down lightly, then add more and tramp again, and so on until the tree stands perfectly solid. I usually put the largest root to the southwest to hold the tree straight. Apple trees should always be planted the same depth that they stood in the nursery.

Now we come to the sticking point, what to plant. If I were going to plant an orchard of one hundred trees I would set 75 Ben Davis, 5 Stark, 5 Jonathan, 5 Newtown Peppin, 5 Grimes Golden, 1 Snow, 1 Dyer, 2 White Rambo, and 1 Early Harvest. This would give the earliest and best fall apples, the finest flavored early winter fruit and the ever-bearing money-maker, the Ben Davis. It has more good qualities than any other apple in cultivation, and you cannot go wrong on it, though you may on some other varieties. I have two orchards and about thirty varieties and the Ben Davis yields more money than any other variety 2 to 1. I will not give any figures in this article, but if it is attacked by some one who "has it in" for the beautiful red-cheeked Ben Davis, with trunk like an oak and branches as tough as a hickory, its roots reaching in every direction, hunting for the moisture with which to

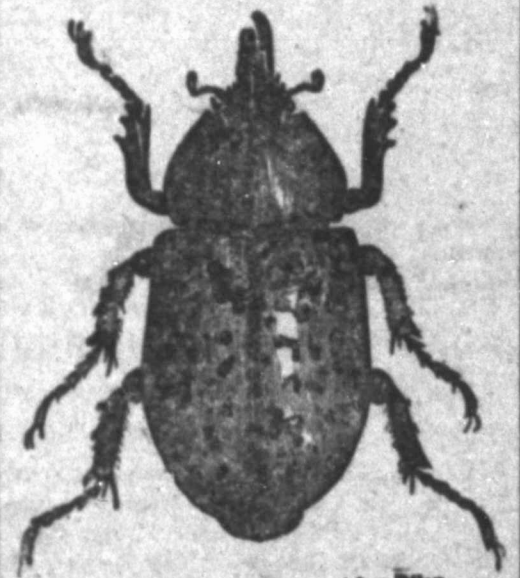
feed its luscious fruit, that smiles on and gladdens the heart of the man who planted it near his cot, I will come again and show that the Ben Davis is king.—A. T. Doerr, Montgomery County, Illinois.

California's Raisin Industry.

The average annual consumption of raisins in the United States for the past five years has been about 80,000,000 pounds, or not far from one pound per capita of population. Practically the total supply was produced in this country. In England the average annual consumption is upwards of five pounds per capita, and the total supply is imported from southern Europe. As we had no native grapes suitable for the production of raisins, varieties of raisin grapes had to be imported from Spain twenty-five years ago, but the industry did not reach commercial importance until 1885-86. Production that year amounted to 9,400,000 pounds against 3,500,000 pounds the previous year, and imports declined about 13,000,000 pounds. The industry increased rapidly until the high mark was reached in 1895 with a production of 108,000,000 pounds, and that same year imports fell to 15,921,278 pounds. Since that time the production of raisins in California has declined, but this, it is claimed, has been due to adverse climatic conditions and not to any decrease of interest in the industry. Production, however, has been almost equal to the demand, and although imports have not wholly ceased, they are practically offset by exports of California raisins, which are now sent in small and, it may be said, experimental quantities to all parts of the world.

Gigantic Ash Beetle.

The beetle here shown is probably the largest beetle in this country, measuring two and a half inches in length in mature specimens. Some are even larger. It attacks ash trees, and can be checked by spraying with Paris green. Another method is to



—Dynamite News—After Riley.

jar the trees, causing the beetles to fall, when they may be destroyed singly. The thorax and wing covers are of a pale olive-brown, spotted with black. The legs are shining black. These insects are quite easily kept in check, from the fact that they seldom appear in very large numbers. They give off a very offensive odor, which is very noticeable when there are a number of them in a locality.

The Clover Root Borer.

One of the greatest obstacles to the growing of clover is the clover root borer, an immigrant from Europe. Destructive as has been this pest in the United States, in Europe it is an insect of no consequence. Indeed the Europeans are not at all certain that it ever feeds on the roots of the clover plants. In this country it not only feeds extensively on the clover plant, but multiplies beyond anything ever known in its European history. It illustrates the same general law that seems to apply to both weeds and insects coming to this country from beyond either ocean, namely, an increase in prolificacy and a change in kind of food preferred.

So destructive has this insect become in this country that in some states some years half of the clover fields have been ruined. White clover seems to be free from the attacks of this insect, while Mammoth clover suffers most severely. Common Red clover is freely fed upon, while Alsike clover is attacked to some extent. The root borer prefers the large, succulent tap root, which may be why White clover escapes entirely and Alsike to some extent.

Attempts have been made to kill the root borer by putting chemicals on the ground in the shape of fertilizers; but no favorable results have been obtained. Plowing under and reseeded have given little reason for trusting in that method. The only method that seems to promise anything is to abandon clover growing for two or three years on ground where the pest has established itself.

It is believed, however, that the borers will gradually lose their voraciousness and aggressiveness, and perhaps sink to a position in this country similar to that occupied by them in Europe. The foundation of this hope lies in the reported fact that where the pest was most destructive a dozen years ago, clover is now grown without trouble.

The Boston postoffice officials and employes are taking great credit to themselves in the fact that there was not a single piece of mail remaining in the office to be delivered after the carriers had started out on their last burdensome trip on Christmas morning.

A SAN FRANCISCO PHYSICIAN

Uses Herpicide Successfully in Treating Syphilis of the Beard.

He says: "I recently treated a case of syphilis (similar to 'barber's itch') of the lower lip, with Newbro's Herpicide. There was an extensive loss of beard with inflammation extending well down on the chin. The result of the application of Herpicide was most gratifying. The loss of beard ceased and a new growth of hair is now taking place over the once inflamed area."

"(Signed) Melville E. O'Neill, M. D.,
"San Francisco," 345 Howard St.,
"San Francisco, Cal."

Herpicide kills the dandruff germ and causes the hair to grow abundantly.

There has been some controversy as to the identity of the youngest member of congress, but there is none as to the oldest in either branch. That distinction in the senate belongs to Pettus of Alabama, born in 1821, and in the house to Grow of Pennsylvania, born in 1823.

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Automobiles have become very scarce in the city proper of London in consequence of the application of an old ordinance forbidding self-propelled vehicles from going faster than three miles an hour.

Chronic Tetter.

Dr. James C. Lewis, Tip Top, Ky., writes: "I have an invalid friend who has had great benefit from Tetterine in chronic tetter. Send a box to above address." See a box by mail from J. T. Shuptrine, Savannah, Ga., if your druggist don't keep it.

The Westphalian steel works at Bochum, Germany, recently passed its autumn dividend. It distributed 17 per cent a year ago. The Schoenherr factory at Chemnitz, which paid 15 per cent in October, 1900, has also passed its dividend.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Brien, 322 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

Louis XIII. could not grow a beard, and in compliment to the king's smooth face the courtiers all shaved, and beardless faces were the fashion during his reign.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Sweden will strengthen her navy.
The volcano of Colima, in Mexico, is said to be again active.

John Lutz was hanged at Wilkes-barre, Pa., for wife murder.

J. L. Reeves, a pioneer of Mountain Grove, Mo., was found dead in bed.

William Conroy, a miner, fell down a shaft at Tessut, Ind., and was killed.

Scottish Rite Masons hold their fiftieth jubilee at Cincinnati, Feb. 18 to 21.

Rich gold strikes are reported on Good Pasture creek, near Skagway, Alaska.

Capt. Alexander A. Rice, one of the best known lawyers in Indiana, died at Lafayette.

Maj. John Flynn, a well known printer, aged 70 years, passed away at Dubuque, Ia.

The Iowa legislature re-elected Senators Dollyer and Allison to the United States senate.

Judge William H. De Witt, a distinguished member of the Montana bar, died at Butte.

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Darling sustained a severe injury by falling at Washington.

The steamship Ping Suey left Tacoma, Wash., for the Orient with a cargo valued at \$707,957.

While seated at his breakfast table in Charleston, Ill., Dr. E. J. Blair dropped from his chair a corpse.

The Paris Temps is inclined to criticize the welcome this country intends to give Prince Henry of Prussia.

Marion A. Crawford and his young son were thrown from their buggy near Saybrook, Ill., and died from their injuries.

Mrs. Garwood, widow of the late John Garwood, who was murdered near Wiltshire, O., died of grief at her home in Decatur, Ind.

Brisco Loque, the insurgent leader, and his entire command surrendered unconditionally to the American authorities in Batangas province.

Fiana True, one of the twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. Amos True, was smothered to death accidentally at Hannibal, Mo., by an older sister while both were asleep.

Concordia college, a Lutheran institution, recently destroyed by fire at Fort Wayne, Ind., will be rebuilt. At the June meeting of the Missouri synod an appropriation of \$100,000 will be asked.

Three leading mercantile establishments of Joplin, Mo., have consolidated and will be known as the Judon-Allison Mercantile company with \$30,000 capital. A department store will be conducted.

In future the general public will be excluded from the floor of the national house of representatives when that body is not in session, except on cards of admission from congressmen.

Representative M. Cleary of Minnesota has introduced in the house a bill increasing the pay of rural free delivery carriers from \$500 to \$600 for the first year, \$600 for the second and \$720 for third.

The Norwegian government has agreed to a proposal on the part of Denmark and Sweden looking for the elaborating of commercial relations between the three countries.

John T. Milliken, a wealthy St. Louis manufacturer, brother-in-law of Albert T. Patrick, on trial at New York for the alleged murder of W. M. Rice, says that if necessary he will spend \$1,000,000 in defending defendant.

Charles T. Norris pleaded guilty at Ithaca, N. Y., to grand larceny in the first degree, and admitted taking \$69,000 worth of bonds and other valuables from the trunks of a theatrical company in that city last October.

At the annual dinner of the Confederate camp of New York, Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of the famous general, was the guest of honor. President Roosevelt sent his regrets at not being able to accept the invitation tendered.

Leonard Raeder has celebrated his 100th birthday. He resides at Quincy, Ill. Mr. Raeder, who is quite spry for one of his advanced years, was with Gen. Blucher's army at the battle of Waterloo, when the war of Napoleon Bonaparte vanished from the vision.

HOTEL BLOWN UP.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION IN TUNNEL CAUSED THE WRECK.

Six Persons Were Killed and a Hundred Others Were Injured--Property Loss Is Very Heavy--The Loss on the Hotel Alone Will Approximate \$1,000,000.

New York, Jan. 28.—The reserve supply of high explosives stored at the Park avenue shaft of the rapid transit tunnel, now in course of construction, blew up shortly after noon yesterday. The giant blast killed six persons, injured a hundred others and seriously damaged all the property reached by the flying debris and the vibrations of the shock. The irregular square formed by the Murray Hill hotel on the west, the Manhattan Eye and Ear hospital and the Grand Union hotel on the east, and the Grand Central railroad station on the north, was the scene of the explosion. The buildings named sustained the greatest damage, but the area extended for several blocks in four directions.

The sunken approach of the street railway tunnel used by the Madison avenue line cuts through Park avenue and the shaft for the rapid transit subway was run down beside it at the intersection of East Forty-first street. The street railway approaches were housed over with a superstructure used for the operating plant of the rapid transit constructors. Temporary buildings for storage purposes were thrown up against the superstructure at the mouth of the shaft and there the explosion occurred. It tore a great gorge in the street, demolished the temporary buildings and part of the superstructure and sent a mass of earth, splintered timber and twisted iron high in the air. Much of it went battering against the front of Murray Hill hotel and although the walls and main structure stood the shock, nearly every room in the front of the house was wrecked.

The cause of the explosion and the quantity of the explosive that blew up are not definitely known. Several causes have been advanced. One was that a fire started near the powder room and that Master Mechanic William Tubbs lost his life in a desperate attempt to quench it before it reached the deadly explosives. Another is that it started from a spark produced by a stray current of electricity. A third placed the blame upon a blast in the tunnel. Still another gave a gas explosion from electrical contact in the conduit in the street railway subway.

Pickpockets Active.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 28.—Two of the pickpockets who are doing business at the Grand Central station selected for a victim last night Gen. H. B. Stoddard, of Bryan, Texas, the right eminent commander of the Knights Templar of the United States. General Stoddard was a passenger on the Houston and Texas Central train that arrived in Houston at 7:25 p. m. He was on the platform of the first-class coach when a young man brushed heavily against him and threw him over one side. He turned on the party and was proceeding to lecture him when his attention was attracted by a young man on the other side who was making an effort to get into his pocket. Gen. Stoddard turned quickly and made an attempt to grasp the would-be thief by the arm, but he was too quick and got away, but without any booty. During the excitement the party who first brushed against Gen. Stoddard also escaped. The general reported the matter to the depot police and a search was instituted of the depot premises, but the suspects were not found.

For Personal Injuries.

Greenville, Texas, Jan. 28.—W. P. Whittington has filed suit in the district court against the Texas Midland railroad for \$10,000 damages for personal injuries, alleged to have been received on November 8, 1901, while a passenger on defendant's train. The train left the track, throwing him off of his seat and it is alleged produced complete hernia.

Industrial School Commission.

Huntville, Texas, Jan. 28.—The committee who are to locate the Girls' Industrial School spent yesterday and today here. They were taken in hand by a committee of Huntville representatives who placed the claims of their town before the committee in a business-like and most enthusiastic manner.

The New Company.

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 28.—Hon. James W. Swayne returned this morning from New York, where he negotiated a deal for the purchase of the Hogg-Swayne syndicate oil interests at Beaumont, with a company of \$10,000,000 capital, one-half of which is to be used in improvements. Mr. Swayne admitted that Lewis Nixon, Tammany's leader, was one of the purchasing company, and that his company will build the steamers for the big oil company to be used in transporting the product to foreign markets. Mr. Swayne also said that other shareholders than Nixon, whose names he would not give, controlled a hundred million dollars. He emphatically denied that the Standard Oil company was in the deal. The pipe line is to extend from Beaumont, via Houston, to Fort Worth and, eventually, to Dallas and New Orleans. Laterals are to be run from the main line to the smaller towns between this city and Beaumont.

Mr. Swayne left today for Beaumont, where he will meet an oil expert from San Francisco, who is representing the New York members of the company, for the purpose of making an investigation of the properties, after which the deal is to be finally consummated in New York.

Patrick's Case Goes On.

New York, Jan. 28.—The closing hours of this afternoon's session of the Patrick murder trial were ended by a clash between Patrick's counsel and Dr. Hamilton Williams, a medical expert for the people.

Dr. Williams' testimony was startling in its nature, but in the manner of his giving it he tried the patience of the court. The witness refused to answer questions save in medical terms, each accompanied by a verbose explanation, until the jury was worn out. Mr. Moore was desperate and the medical man was "hot." This witness was still on the stand when adjournment was taken.

The gist of his evidence was that the lungs were congested, and that this was due to the inhalation of some gaseous irritant, and that chloroform would have produced such a condition of the lungs. He later said pneumonia could produce the same condition.

Patrick's defense was revealed today. He will claim first, that Mr. Rice's death was caused by eating bananas, he having eaten nine just prior to the fatal collapse. Second, that a secret agreement existed between Patrick and Rice as to the disposition of the aged millionaire's money. Third, that Rice executed the 1500 will in Patrick's favor so that he might carry out the secret trust.

Injured at Drill.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 28.—Three men of the Second Field Artillery were dangerously injured while at drill on the drill grounds at Fort Sam Houston this morning, the accident being caused by the gun carriage overturning while a wheel into line movement was being made. Private George Wormslee of Los Angeles, Cal., had the scalp torn almost from his head. His right thigh was broken and he was otherwise injured. It is feared he can not live. Albert Davidson, of Mobile, Ala., and Albert Brown of McKinney, Texas, were also badly injured but will recover.

Dismissed on Demurrer.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 28.—The first of a series of suits which were brought against the Galveston Brewing company to recover money paid to the brewing company while it was a party to a trust was disposed of in the Fifty-sixth district court yesterday. It was the case of Frank Mason vs. The Galveston Brewing company et al., and it was dismissed on demurrer of the defendant. Judge Franklin sustained the demurrer and the plaintiff failed to amend and the suit was dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Roping Contest for Shiner.

Shiner, Texas, Jan. 28.—The second roping contest was the closing event of the three days' cowboy carnival here yesterday. Frank Perkins took the first prize.

A blizzard was raging at the time and the contestants had considerable difficulty in handling the lariats.

Burned Building Repaired.

Ennis, Texas, Jan. 28.—The building which was occupied by the Leader Millinery store and was burned several weeks ago, is being repaired and will again be occupied by the same firm of which Mrs. S. M. Keller is manager.

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Edwin Lemare, the organist of St. Margaret's, Westminster, has accepted the position of organist of Carnegie hall, Pittsburg.

Edwin Charles Madden, the third assistant postmaster general, is a Michigan man. His great-great-uncle was Lord Nelson, the hero of Trafalgar.

Dr. Richard Hogner of Boston, has been knighted and decorated with the Swedish order of Vasa, which is bestowed by the king for meritorious conduct.

John M. Penniman, a patrolman on the police force of Boston, has been a police officer for fifty years. He is claimed to be the oldest policeman in the country.

William Waldorf Astor is to be invited to accept the mayoralty of Maldenhead for the coronation year. The holding of this office will not, however, entitle him to an invitation to attend the ceremonies at Westminster.

The web of true religion is woven through the heart. Sorrow may be but the shadow of God drawing near.

Where there is faith there is almost sure to be fighting.

The most perfect etiquette will prove helpless in eternity.

You can give reproof only where you have given love.

We can bear pain without when there is peace within.

There can never be a free state where there is not a free church.

The love of home is the beginning of true patriotism.—Ram's Horn.

TRIFLES LIGHT AS AIR.

Indecision has been the cause of many a business crash.

Men of talent often lack the force of character to produce success.

A chronic grumbler objects to being regarded as such by his friends.

Some men tell exaggerated stories in a way to carry the stamp of truth.

Women with a fad are apt to close their eyes to the real things of life.

Women rarely accept an explanation which does not coincide with their own views.

Men dislike to have their opinions controverted by facts presented by a woman.

When caught in his own trap the practical joker is the most severe in his condemnation.

Circumstances often control conditions and compel compliance with unpleasant situations.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

SEVERE BLIZZARD.

ZERO WEATHER REPORTED IN VARIOUS LOCALITIES.

The Territory Will Suffer—Big Rain, Hail Snow and Sleet Around Dallas and—The Cold Wave is General Throughout the Whole Country.

Guthrie, O. T., Jan. 26.—The coldest weather of the winter, with the thermometer at zero and a howling north wind, covers all Oklahoma. Possible nowhere else in the outwest will its severity be so great. The weather has been so spring-like for the past month that the sudden change will play havoc with cattle in all portions of the territory. The wheat crop will also suffer less, as not enough snow has accompanied the blizzard to protect the rank growth. In the new country settlers and especially those in hoving wagons, of which there are hundreds who will suffer. In the Indian Territory, principally in the Creek Nation, where the full bloods are in destitute circumstances, the condition is very bad for undergoing the rigors of such weather. In this country are many whites, prospective citizens, without funds and friends.

Coldest of the Season.
Dallas, Texas, Jan. 27.—The coldest weather and the heaviest snowfall since February, 1898, visited Northern and Central Texas last night and today. The hardest winter drouth known in a quarter of a century was broken. Rain fell from 3 a. m. until 7, accompanied by high wind and terrific thunder. Then it sleeted and froze until 7, with frequent snow squalls.

Giddings, Jan. 27.—The coldest wave of this winter reached here at 10 o'clock yesterday. It was preceded by a light rain. Snow is falling.

Seguin, Jan. 27.—A cold wave came up about noon yesterday. The thermometer fell forty degrees within two hours. There are indications of snow and sleet.

Bastrop, Jan. 27.—A blizzard struck Bastrop this morning accompanied by some rain and it is freezing cold with the north wind blowing furiously.

Brenham, Jan. 27.—A wet norther reached here about 10 o'clock yesterday, increasing in severity until the weather was freezing.

Rice, Texas, Jan. 27.—Half an inch of rain fell here yesterday and at 8 o'clock a gale from the north was blowing and freezing as the mist fell.

Edward a Figurehead.
New York, Jan. 27.—A special cable from London says:

It should not be inferred from either of these comments that King Edward has been a mere figurehead of the British Empire for the past year. It is very practical truth that Lord Salisbury's ministry has had to reckon with the king on many a matter of important government policy. It is no secret that his majesty strenuously desires early peace in South Africa. This does not imply, of course, any sympathy with the so-called pro-Boer party, or any wish to make concessions, which his country would regard as humiliating, or which would interfere with the policy of an all-British South Africa. Two months ago the king had hopes that the war might be brought to a close before the end of the year. Now he has considerable confidence of which he recently gave public intimation, that peace is not far off, and it is well known that he will be grievously disappointed if fighting has not ceased before his coronation.

A Fatal Freight Wreck.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 26.—In a rear end collision between two stock trains northbound near Keller, fifteen miles north from Fort Worth, W. T. Stillwell was instantly killed and his body burned in the wreck. J. G. Adkins was mortally wounded. One leg and one arm were broken.

The dead man and injured man lived in Rosebud, South Texas, and owned the stock that was being shipped to St. Louis. The collision was on the Transcontinental or joint track.

Activity in Land.

Angleton, Jan. 27.—The activity in land sales is increasing all over Brazoria county due to the great demand for cheap rice lands. The real estate transfers show some big deals. This land is adjacent to Angleton.

The Letter from Schley.
New Orleans, Jan. 27.—A special to the Times-Democrat from Washington says: It is probable that the navy department will take official cognizance of the letter purported to have been written by Admiral Schley to George Edward Graham, author of "Scley and Santiago," in which the admiral is quoted as saying that Sampson was in the harbor of Sibony at the time the battle of Santiago was begun.

Sampson's position at the beginning and during that battle is a tender subject at the navy department, and friends of Sampson at the department are quick to challenge any statement that eliminates him from that engagement.

Admiral Schley's letter, on the face of it, is a personal one to the author, with reference to the book, but it is reported to have been incorporated in a circular addressed to book reviewers to establish the extent to which Schley sanctioned the book.

Schley's case is just now receiving the attention of the president and it would tend to complicate things if Schley should be called upon to explain.

The Schley Case.

Washington, Jan. 27.—Secretary Long was in conference with the president for over an hour tonight, presumably in regard to the appeal of Rear Admiral Schley from the findings of the court of inquiry which was referred by the executive to the navy department for "comment." The secretary was accompanied by Judge Advocate General Lemly and Solicitor Hanna, who conducted the case before the court. The meeting with the president followed a gathering of the three gentlemen at Secretary Long's apartments and when they departed for the White House they had with them bundles of papers which had the appearance of legal documents. Secretary Long declined to say anything for publication regarding the conference.

Rice Lands Double in Price.

Pierce, Texas, Jan. 27.—Messrs. Bond & Hanson, the real estate dealers who have for sale the A. H. Pierce lands, together with several other tracts of land, yesterday sold to Mr. J. S. Milner of Helena, Mont., four tracts of fine rice land embracing 1236 acres, at \$20 per acre. This included 380 acres of Mr. R. P. Wingate who recently moved here from Orange. Mr. Milner will begin preparing land for rice at once and will irrigate with pumped wells. Since November the price of suitable land for rice has increased from \$5 to \$10 per acre and values continue to go up.

Tried to Shoot Her Sweetheart.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 27.—Miss Lulu Ortman, a stenographer employed by a local lumber firm, is held at the police station on account of an attempt to shoot "Chick" Stahl, the Boston-American League ball player.

Friends of Stahl informed Superintendent of Police Gorsline this evening that the woman was armed and looking for Stahl. The superintendent overtook her on the street just as she met Stahl and was drawing her revolver. He disarmed her and took her to the station. She says Stahl jilted her for another girl and that she intends to kill him on sight.

Swift Punishment.

New Albany, Ind., Jan. 27.—After slashing Sam Shutters five times about the head and stabbing him three times in the shoulder, Andrew Wilson was ground to pieces by a Southern railway train. Shutters and Wilson had been drinking together late Saturday night and had started for their homes when the cutting asphy occurred. Shutters finally escaping into his house. Wilson then started for his own home, but this morning his remains were found scattered along the railroad track for half a mile.

Negro Killed a White Woman.

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 27.—Thos. Tucker, a colored boy, cut the throat of Mary Deall, a white woman, in front of the negro Methodist church last night. Finding that she was dead he went home, told his mother what he had done and then tried twice to shoot himself but missed both times. Tucker then cut his own throat with the same knife he had used on the woman. He will probably die.

Shot and Mortally Wounded.

Coleman, Texas, Jan. 27.—Dr. Stanloe, father of Mrs. Holmes, recently acquitted of the charge of killing her husband, shot and mortally wounded Mr. McDaniels at Santa Anna last night.

NEWS CONFIRMED.

PIPE LINE PROJECT TO BE PUT THROUGH BY NIXON.

Nixon is at the Head of It Because of His Large Ship Building Interests—The Syndicate's Plan Has Been in Contemplation for a Long Time.

New York, Jan. 25.—The announcement that a big oil syndicate was about to be organized in Texas which was to pipe petroleum from the Beaumont oil district straight through to New Orleans, touching all the manufacturing centers of the state of Texas and affecting a large saving to oil consumers and that Lewis Nixon, the temporary head of Tammany hall, was to play a prominent part in the syndicate, was fully corroborated today by J. T. Swayne, who has been promoting the deal.

Mr. Swayne said the announcement was not only correct and that Mr. Nixon would be president of the corporation, if his political duties did not interfere, but also that the statement hitherto telegraphed giving in full detail the purpose of the corporation were accurate in every particular.

It was stated by Mr. Swayne that long before Lewis Nixon knew he was to be Tammany's leader, it was the intention and desire of backers of the oil enterprise that Mr. Nixon should head the corporation and it is hoped by his associates that his lately acquired political duties will not interfere with his taking the presidency.

Mr. Nixon was chosen as the syndicate's head because of his standing in the ship building world and not because of his political affiliations. As the further purpose of the corporation is to equip an immense fleet of oil tanks ships, it is plain to be seen why a business connection with Mr. Nixon and his extensive shipyards would be of great aid to the enterprise. Mr. Nixon's connection with Tammany hall will in no way affect the purpose of the corporation.

The vague conjecture that ex-Governor Hogg of Texas, who has large holdings in the Texas oil fields, is interested in the present enterprise is without foundation. It is also untrue that Col. James Guffey, the Pennsylvania oil magnate, has stock in Mr. Nixon's syndicate.

Mr. Swayne left New York last night for Texas to complete negotiations for land and franchises.

An important feature of the new company's oil tank fleet will be an attempt to equip the United States navy with fuel oil. It is claimed that great time can be saved to war vessels by meeting the oil ship at sea, where ordinarily a long cruise to a coaling station would be necessary.

A Surprise for Patrick.

New York, Jan. 25.—Two witnesses put on the witness stand in the Patrick murder trial just before adjournment testified that Patrick had lied to them about the disposition to be made of W. M. Rice's body. To one, Lawyer James W. Girard, he had said that Rice's body was not to be buried until Tuesday, and that the relatives in Texas had been notified and would come for the funeral.

To the other, a reporter, he had authorized the statement that Rice would be buried in Wisconsin. At that very time Patrick was arranging to have the body hurriedly and secretly cremated.

All of the witnesses were subjected to a searching cross-examination, so close, indeed, that at the close of the day's proceedings Recorder Goff announced that in future he would not allow needlessly voluminous questions.

Found Dead in Bed.

Yoakum, Texas, Jan. 25.—Yesterday morning the proprietor of the Aransas Pass hotel, on going to the room occupied by a stranger who had been here but a few days, was startled to find that the occupant was dead. The authorities were notified and an inquest was held, the verdict being that deceased came to his death from natural causes. From papers found among his effects it was found that his name is David Marshall. He was engaged in selling spectacles and nothing is known of his previous history.

Died of Her Injuries.

Bryan, Texas, Jan. 25.—News has just reached here of the death of Mrs. Alphia, an aged lady of Madisonville, which occurred this morning. She was severely burned on Wednesday and died of her injuries.

Treaty Has Been Signed.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The treaty of cession of the Danish West Indies islands from Denmark to the United States was signed at the state department today by Secretary Hay and Constantine Brun, the Danish minister. The treaty will be submitted to the senate for ratification immediately.

Following the invariable rule in such cases the state department officials decline to make public any of the details of the treaty. The price is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$5,000,000. It is known also that Denmark has abandoned the position she was inclined to occupy towards the conservation of the political rights of the inhabitants of the islands and leaves the United States a free hand to deal with them, without pledge of American citizenship or of free trade privileges. So it is assumed that the status of the Danish West Indies, politically and commercially, should the treaty be ratified, will be similar to that of Porto Rico. The state department officials believe that the treaty is certain to receive the approval of the United States senate.

The new treaty is peculiar in that it will require action not only by the senate and the Danish rigsdag, but by the United States house of representatives as well, since it will be necessary for the house to supply the needed appropriation to defray the expense of purchase.

The Danish government has given notice that before it ratifies the treaty it will submit the question of cession to the people of the islands.

Satisfactory Time Made.

Galveston, Tex., January 25.—The cattle shipments inaugurated between Galveston and Liverpool a few weeks ago by J. H. Welsford & Co., mention of which appeared at the time, seem to be meeting with success. The first shipment went via the Itabal and was delivered in Liverpool quicker than any shipment of cattle ever sent from this port. That other shipments were to follow was announced on the authority of J. Merrow, who said that the cattle were being shipped from North Texas and that the service would continue if the business warranted it. Mr. Merrow said that he was in the steamship business and not in the cattle business, but that of course if the cattle men could find a market in Liverpool sufficient to justify them in shipping cattle there, there, his company was prepared to transport the cattle. Regarding how many shipments are to follow he was not prepared to state.

An Explosion in a Mine.

Okaloosa, Ia., Jan. 25.—As a result of a terrible explosion disaster at Lost Creek this afternoon twenty-one dead are in an improvised morgue and eight are in temporary hospital.

The explosion occurred at noon and was what is known as a dust explosion. The miners had just fired their usual noon shots, one of which proved to be a flaze. The burning powder ignited the gas and the explosion followed. Smoke and debris were blown out of the shaft 200 feet high. Part of the top works was torn away and the fans and cages were partially wrecked. This made the work of rescue very slow and it was 3 o'clock before volunteer parties dared to venture into the east entry, where the explosion occurred. When they fought their way in a horrible sight greeted them. The dead and injured were terribly burned and mutilated, some of them almost beyond recognition. Fire had broken out and this added terror to the spectacle. The flames were finally controlled and after several of the rescue party had succumbed to the fumes all the dead were found and carried to the top of the shaft. It was nearly 6 o'clock when the last dead was taken out and the screams of anguish among the families of the men were pitiful. Nearly all of the men were married and leave families in poor circumstances.

Accidental Shooting.

Denison, Texas, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Palo Grissom was accidentally shot this morning by her husband at their home just west of Pottoboro. Her injuries are very serious and may prove fatal. From what can be learned, Grissom and his wife were standing close to the fireplace, one being on either side; Grissom was handling a target rifle, which was in some way discharged. The ball entered his wife's side and passed through the stomach and, it is feared, lodged in the liver. Grissom is a farmer about 50 years old and lives on what is known as the Wade place. The couple have only been married about two months.

SASKATCHEWAN, WESTERN CANADA.

In a letter written from Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, one of the districts of western Canada, by Henry Laughlin to Dr. C. T. Field of Chase, Michigan, and which appeared in the Road City (Michigan) Clarion, appeared the following:

"If any one should ask you how I like it up here, tell them I am perfectly well satisfied; for me it is just the place. I have as good a piece of land as ever laid outdoors. Wouldn't exchange it for the whole of Lake County, or at least the township of Chase.

"Of course, I have not been here very long, but as much of the country as I have seen it cannot be beat anywhere. We had as good crops here last fall as I ever saw, and everything gets ripe in good shape. We had as good ripe potatoes as I ever ate in my life. There is no better place for stock on the continent than here. Horses and cattle will do as good running out all winter here as they do where they are fed all winter there. Have built me a residence and now all I want is a wife to keep house for me. I have some breaking already done on my place, but next summer I intend to have more done and then I will be ready for business.

"We have had a very fine winter so far. It has not been much below zero, if any, excepting about a week in the middle of November. It has been quite cold the past day or two. We are in log shanties, and they are just muddled up on the outside, and nothing has frozen on the inside as yet. There is no wind or rain, just nice steady weather all the time.

Apply to any agent of the Canadian government.

Eighteen peasants of the district of Tcherdinsk, bearing the family name of Dyaval (devil) have sent a petition to the czar asking for permission to change the name to Bugolbow (God beloved). The request was granted them.

At Montalto, in the province of Genoa, in tearing down an old church a small underground room was found full of art objects of the Roman time, chiefly chased silver amphorae and vases filled with gold and silver coins.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. See Hall's Family Pills are the best.

M. Sully Prudhomme of the French Academy is going to turn the \$200,000 Nobel prize which he has just received into a fund for the anonymous publication of poems by young poets who cannot find a publisher. The Societe des Gens de Lettres will have to pick out the poems.

SALZER'S LIGHTNING CABBAGE.

This is the earliest cabbage in the world and a regular gold mine to the market gardener and farmer.

By the way, there is lots of money to be made on earliest cabbage, beets, peas, radishes, cucumbers and the like.

For 10c, and this Notice the John A. Salzer Seed Co., LaCrosse, Wis., will send you their mammoth catalog and 150 kinds of flower and vegetable seeds. Market gardeners' catalog, 2c postage. W. X. U.

Professor Wilbur C. Knight of the state university of Wyoming is engaged in putting together pieces of a sea serpent which he discovered in 1895. The animal was sixty feet long and is one of the most valuable specimens ever captured.

A Cure for the Tobacco Habit.

Mrs. J. Kay, A. W. High street, Des Moines, Iowa, has discovered a harmless and inexpensive remedy for the tobacco habit, which has cured her husband and hundreds of others. Any druggist can put it up. The prescription and directions sent free for a stamp to pay postage.

France, with upward of 40,000,000 of population, has but one really large city—Paris, with 2,715,000 inhabitants. The two next largest are Marseilles with 494,767, and Lyons with 453,245 inhabitants.

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Some idea of the vast wealth of London may be gathered from the fact that the fire insurance carried by the metropolis is now \$4,550,000,000. Canada's fire insurance amounts to \$756,257,000.

The greatest of professional athletes use Wizard Oil for a "rub-down." It softens the muscles and prevents soreness.

The number of artificial eyes worn in New York city is estimated to be a little less than 12,000. For the whole country the number may be placed at 150,000.

DOUBTS BIBLE MIRACLES.

Northwestern University Professor Takes a Decided Stand.

Charles W. Pearson, professor of English literature in Northwestern University, who has published a paper declaring that the Bible is not infallible, has long been an advocate of the revision of the creed of the Methodist church. Two years ago, in a paper



Prof. Charles W. Pearson.

read before the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, he stated that the story of Eve was a myth and that the Christian churches should abandon all creeds. Mr. Pearson's life has been one of practical experience. At the age of 14 he left his home in England and became a sailor before the mast. He spent several months in India, and then went to South America and taught in a mission school. Later he entered the academy of Northwestern University, and was graduated from the College of Liberal Arts in 1871.

DR. GILMAN NAMED.

Probable Head of Proposed National Scientific Institution.

Dr. Daniel Coit Gilman of Baltimore, who was recently re-elected president of the Civil Service Reform League at its meeting in Boston, will be requested to assume direction of the proposed national scientific institution to be founded here by Andrew Carnegie's gift of \$10,000,000. Dr. Gilman was formerly president of Johns Hopkins university and is regarded as an ideal man to lay the ground plans for the great school which will grow from Mr. Carnegie's benefaction. Dr. Gilman it was who developed Johns Hopkins into one of the foremost post-graduate schools in the world. It is understood that he has already mapped out a plan



Dr. Daniel C. Gilman.

for an institution of learning unique among schemes for liberal education in the sciences.

Royalties as Admirals.

It is rumored that Rear-Admiral the Prince of Wales, R. N., will shortly be promoted to the rank of vice-admiral. He is still on the active list of the navy. It is said that this is the first time that a prince of Wales has so figured, but it is certainly not the first time that a duke of York, being heir to the throne, has been on active service. James II, before his accession to the throne was duke of York, and as admiral of the fleet he did good service, proving a better sailor than he did a monarch. He signaled himself by defeating the Dutch at Solebay and was again victorious over the same enemy in 1672.

Flying Days Near.

In deciding to issue a magazine dealing with aerial navigation we make no attempt at prophecy, but there is no question that flying by human being is nearer realization than many people imagine, and when we reflect upon what has been done in other branches of engineering it requires a very small effort of the imagination to realize what may transpire in the development of aerial navigation in the near future.—London Flying.

WATCH AN

(From the Pall Mall Gazette, London.)

How often on returning home late on a dreary winter's night has our sympathy gone out to the poor old night-watchman as he sat huddled up over his cage fire, overlooking the excavations which our city council in their wisdom or otherwise, allow the different water companies to make so frequently in our congested streets. In all weathers and under all climatic conditions, the poor old night-watchman is obliged to keep watch over the companies' property, and to see that the red lights are kept burning. What a life, to be sure; what privations and hardships; no wonder they have aches and pains, which nothing but St. Jacob's Oil can alleviate.

"Old Joe" is in the employ of the Lambeth Water Works, and is well and favorably known. He has been a night-watchman for many years, in the course of which he has undergone many experiences. What with wet and cold, he contracted rheumatism and sciatica, which fairly doubled him up, and it began to look a serious matter for old Joe whether he would much longer be able to perform his duties, on which his good wife and himself depended for a livelihood; but as it happened, a passerby, who had for some nights noticed Old Joe's painful condition, presented him with a bottle of St. Jacob's Oil, and told him to use it. Old Joe followed the advice given; he gnawed home the next morning and bade his wife rub his aching back with the St. Jacob's Oil "a gentleman gave him," and undoubtedly his wife did rub, for when old Joe went on duty at night he met his friend and benefactor, to whom he remarked: "Them Oils you gave me, Guv'nor, did give me a doing; they was like pins and needles for a time, but look at me now," and old Joe began to run and jump about like a young colt. All pain, stiffness and soreness had gone; he had been telling everybody he met what St. Jacob's Oil had done for him. Old Joe says now he has but one ambition in life, and that is to always be able to keep a bottle of St. Jacob's Oil by him for he says there is nothing like it in the world.

St. Jacob's Oil serves the rich and the poor, high and low the same way. It has conquered pain for fifty years, and it will do the same to the end of time. It has no equal, consequently no competitor; it has many cheap imitations, but simple facts like the above tell an honest tale with which nothing on earth can compete.

"The day will yet come when the maid servant will demand piano privileges. It will be a revival then," observes the Boston Journal. As it remembers history, in Queen Bess' time the maid servant who could sing and play the harpsichord was not forced to sit all day in an employment office.

MORE FLEXIBLE AND LASTING.

won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

A would-be philosopher was discussing with H. B. Kirk, a millionaire merchant of New York, the qualities in young men that make for success. "What do you find hardest to get out of your men?" he asked. "A day's work," was the grim reply.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures croup, whooping cough, and all the ailments of infancy.

Work has begun in the Salt river valley on a great plan for the growing of citrus fruit indoors. The project involves the roofing of more than 1000 acres of orange, lemon and pomelo trees, and is undertaken by the Territorial Association of Citrus Fruit Growers.

WHEN YOU BUY STARCH buy Defiance and get the best, 15c. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

There is a very strict law in Italy against the export of works of art, and a member of the royal family even could not sell or give away a picture or statue, ornamental piece or pillar from a palace without the consent of the authorities.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tab.ets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure, 25c.

Parisian thieves have discovered a new method, which has taken the form of abstracting the platinum tubes from the interior of motor cars. Hundreds of thefts of this kind have been committed during the past few weeks.

Ask the devil what things most interfere with his plans and he would tell you work.

Typhoid fever in South Africa has been spread largely by means which sanitation could not cope with, the germs being conveyed into food and water by flies, and the dust which pervades everything.

What age is to wine, youth is to women.

Taxes come high but we must have them.

A FASHIONABLE PERFUME

Carina of Russia Made Edelweiss Popular in Paris.

The edelweiss having been the particular fancy of the Parisians since the carina's visit to France, it has not only figured conspicuously in millinery and dress for the last few months, but now serves its turn as a charm in enamel and pearls for the Christmas season, says the Philadelphia Ledger. The newest and most fashionable perfume is edelweiss, which has a subtle, elusive, but pleasing scent; small sachets simulating the little mountain flower, are made to sew inside and perfume the dress. The edelweiss has always been regarded with affection by the superstitious, on account of its supposed health-giving and lucky properties. A pretty fancy is the legendary origin of the flower, which imagines it to be the guiding star which went before the magi, and led the wise men of the east to Bethlehem dropping to earth after having fulfilled its mission.

FAVORS CHURCH THEATER

Rev. G. W. Terbush's Congregation Indorse His Proposal.

Rev. G. W. Terbush's proposal for the endowment by the churches of a Christian theater has been much discussed since the issue was broached in a sermon recently. At first the proposal fell like a thunderbolt on the congregation of the West End Methodist church of Pittsburg, Pa., but upon



Rev. G. W. Terbush.

Pittsburg minister who advocates the endowment of Christian theaters, reflection many of the churchmen are inclined to favor the plan.

TEACHER'S READY WIT.

Attempt of Boys to Annoy Instructor Not Emulcantly Successful.

There was once a veteran teacher in a boys' high school who often made his classes wince under his bitter sarcasm and ready wit. One day a little half-starved yellow cur strayed into the school, and the boys thought they saw a chance to express their feelings toward their teacher, who was busy in another room. The frightened mongrel was picked up, quickly fitted with a pair of large wire spectacles and placed on the teacher's chair. The teacher entered the room, walked to his desk, calmly surveyed the work of his pupils, and then, turning to them, pleasantly said: "In my absence, I see you have held a meeting and elected one of your number chairman."

ROSE TO HONORS.

Former Section Hand Appointed Judge on Illinois Bench.

Frederick G. White, who has just, at the age of 30, been appointed County Judge of Livingston County, Illinois, to fill the unexpired term of Judge Brickman, resigned, was a few years ago a section hand on a railroad. Judge White was born of poor parents and earned money for a college term by tamping the ties of the Chicago and Alton railroad. He was educated at the Illinois State Normal University, taught school for a time, served as



Judge White.

city clerk and deputy circuit clerk, and in 1898 was admitted to the bar.

Win cattle in Africa.

The American windmill is having large and rapidly increasing sales for a cheap power producer in many countries. It is now seen on the west coast of Africa, as well as in the interior of Europe and Australia.

It is the practice in Berlin, when any poor person dies and leaves no heir, to have the bed disinfected and stamped by the official stamp of the town council. In this way a large number of beds are collected and are then lent to the very poor.

Gold Counterfeiting.

The gold used in color printing and on mirror and picture frames is only an imitation. It is made from bronze and spelter, and not from the pure gold leaf. There is another article also very much imitated, and that is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the celebrated family remedy for indigestion, dyspepsia, constipation, biliousness, and liver and kidney troubles. Beware of counterfeits when buying. The genuine must have our Private Stamp over the neck of the bottle.

The loftiest tableland in the world is that of Assuay in the Andes.

This Will Interest Mothers.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, cure Feverishness, Teething Disorders, Stomach Troubles and destroy worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Oimsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

The number of government officials in France is 416,000. Fifty years ago it was 188,000.

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Many a self-made man has been undone by a tailor-made woman.

The average man finds it much easier to pay compliments than debts.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES color more goods, per package, than any other. Sold by druggists, 10c. per package.

The depth of beauty often depends upon the thickness of the paint.

KIDNEY TROUBLES.

Mrs. Louise M. Gibson Says That This Fatal Disease is Easily Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I felt very discouraged two years ago, I had suffered so long with kidney troubles and other complications, and had taken so much medicine without relief that I began to think there was no hope for me. Life looked so good to me, but what is life without health? I wanted to be well.



Mrs. Louise M. Gibson.

"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me and made me well, and that is why I gladly write you this, and gladly thank you; six bottles was all I took, together with your Pills. My headache and backache and kidney trouble went, never to return; the burning sensation I had left altogether; my general health was so improved I felt as young and light and happy as at twenty."—Mrs. LOUISE GIBSON, 4813 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill.—\$5000 forfeit if above testimonial is not genuine.

If you feel that there is anything at all unusual or puzzling about your case, or if you wish confidential advice of the most experienced, write to Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass., and you will be advised free of charge. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has cured and is curing thousands of cases of female trouble.

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A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-killer and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve headache and sciatica. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all rheumatic, neuralgic and gouty complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household. Many people say "it is the best of all your preparations." Price 15 cents, at all druggists or other dealers, or by sending this amount to us in postage stamps we will send you a tube by mail. No article should be accepted by the public unless the name carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine. CHESEBROUGH MANUFACTURING CO., J. H. Stone Bldg., NEW YORK CITY.

Local Items.

Bulk garden seed at Baker Bro's.

Shredded whole wheat biscuit at Baker Bro's.

Lew Stewart is reported quite sick with pneumonia.

Weather report: Slight drop in the temperature Sunday.

Hyman's saloon, headquarters for the best grades of whiskies.

John LeGory has been on a visit to Corsicana during the past week.

You can get ten bars of good laundry soap at the Big Store for 25c.

Get your money's worth by buying bulk garden seed at Baker Bro's.

Sheriff Shrewsbury of Grayson county was a visitor to Crockett this week.

Miss Lone Lauby returned Monday night from a visit to relatives at Corsicana.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Davis of Cleburne are visiting the family of J. M. Jordan.

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

Buy the best home-made ribbon cane syrup at 50c per gallon at Chas. L. Shivers'.

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

A child of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Rich let last week, striking on its head and sustaining serious injury.

Have you tried that Diamond Rye Double Stamp Whiskey at Lee Goolsby's saloon? It is mild and mellow.

An elegant line of white India lincens in all grades from very nice to extra fine, from 10c to 25c per yard, at the Big Store.

Just arrived: The nicest line of embroideries ever brought to Crockett. Latest patterns and designs at Chas. L. Shivers'.

Call at the Lumber Yard and get prices on sash and doors. Car load just received.

T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

Try a bottle of Baltimore Rye, bottled by the Romeo Distilling Co., Maryland. You will find it at Goolsby's.

Miss Reta Adams of Crockett and Miss Lizzie McCord of Cameron are visiting at the Pendleton home.—Temple paper.

22½ lbs. rice for \$1.00, 8 lbs. Ar-buckles coffee for \$1.00, Wilbur's cocoa 20c for 4 oz. can. Good as the best. At Chas. L. Shivers'.

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

T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

Just a few comforts and blankets left that we are selling at very close prices to close them out. Come and price them at the Big Store.

G. W. Allbright of Lovelady came up Tuesday on the noon train, returning the same day, but did not fail to call at the COURIER office.

They say whiskey is all good, better and best. This is true when you choose between "Paul Jones," "Joel B. Frazier" and "Old Kentucky Taylor" at Hyman's saloon.

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

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For the choicest pickles, catsups, sauces, olives, baking powders, shredded coconut, flavoring extracts and jellies go to Jas. S. Shivers & Co.'s Big Store.

Don't forget that you will find anything you need in hardware, dry goods, notions, groceries, hats, etc., at live and let live prices at Chas. L. Shivers'.

Notice.

All parties indebted to Brooks & Walters will please call around and settle up their account and oblige. BROOKS & WALTERS.

Just received at the Big Store fifty rolls of fine China and Japan matting in linen, cotton and jute warp that we will sell from 13½ to 50c per yard.

Miss Kate McNabb, who has been the guest of Miss Jessie Long, leaves today (Thursday) for Comanche where she will visit before returning to her home at Decatur.

Notice.

The Lumber Yard has just received a car of windows and doors, all styles and sizes, and our prices are the lowest. Call and see.

T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

"Old Kentucky Taylor" whiskey is highly recommended for medicinal purposes. Its purity, mellowness and fine flavor make it a good stimulant for family use. Sold exclusively at Hyman's saloon.

A friend in the eastern part of the county, in a private letter to the COURIER, writes: "We are opposed to an early primary. It will suit us best to have it in July." This seems to be the sentiment of a large number.

Miss Jessie Sheridan left Monday evening for Palestine where she will visit for a week and will then proceed to Fort Worth where she will spend another week, and after visiting at Fort Worth will leave for her home at Quanah.

New line of dry goods, including calicoes, ginghams, chambrays, satins, cashmeres, flannels, percales, selesias, cambrics, bleached and brown cottons just received this week, styles the latest, prices the lowest at Chas. L. Shivers'.

For Sale.

My gin outfit, consisting of two 60-saw Pratt gins and all improved machinery for cleaning and handling cotton. This gin is comparatively new. Has run one season, ginning 1080 bales. If taken in the next 60 days will be sold at a great bargain. Also one good delivery hack and horse. Call on W. E. Cannon, Crockett, Texas.

Notice.

Be sure and get prices on my case whiskies before you buy. Prices to suit the times at Lee Goolsby's saloon.

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 COURIER wants short, pointed letters from every neighborhood in the county, giving the neighborhood news with a brief comment on current events. Our friends will oblige us by sending such communications every week or so.

While you have a chance, don't fail to get a free chance at the fine organ at Hyman's saloon. You get value received, anyway, and you can't possibly lose anything, but may win something worth having. This offer is good until Feb. 1st, 1902

Los.

A dun horse, branded "F" on left shoulder, 9 years old, foretop cut out. A bay colt, 17 months old. Both together when last heard from. Five dollars for return to undersigned at Crockett.

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Need Some Stationery?

There is no need of depriving yourself of wide choice in the matter of stationery, or of paying too much for it. We have an uncommon line of stationery, and everything that goes with it. Our stock of papers is constantly supplemented by the latest styles and designs as fast as they come out.

Box and bulk papers. All sizes and shapes.

Inks, mucilage, pens, pencils, erasers, etc.

J. G. HARING, PHARMACIST.

Rev. Dr. Thompson of New York will hold three services at the Methodist church on the first Sabbath in Feb. All of the pastors have agreed to join these services. The services will be mainly in the interest of Sabbath reform. Dr. Thompson is a very fine speaker on any subject, and all the public are expected to hear him. No collection will be taken.

ELLIS SMITH, Pastor.

The Organ at Hyman's.

The fine organ given away free at Hyman's saloon will soon become the property of its lucky winner. All the numbers will be put on a large octagonal board and the shooting will take place on Saturday, Feb. 1st, 1902, at 4 p. m., under the supervision of three reliable and impartial judges, who will see that everything is done in a fair, square and legitimate manner.

Miss Myrtle Murchison entertained the young ladies' social club Friday afternoon of last week in a most delightful way. A contest for a prize was entered into by the young ladies and the prize was awarded to Miss Ethel Wooters. We believe this was Miss Myrtle's initial entertainment to the club and the event was one most enjoyable. Visiting young ladies present were Miss Archie Denman of Lufkin, Miss Jessie Sheridan of Quanah and Miss Kate McNabb of Decatur.

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Crockett, Texas.

Railroads This Way.

The chief engineer of the Texas Midland (Hetty Green's and her son Ed's road) was interviewed at Austin a few days ago. He stated that the Midland would build an extension from Ennis to Beaumont. Such a road on an air line would strike Crockett.

The president of the Orange & North Western was also in Austin seeking permission to bond the part of that road completed which is about 35 miles. He stated that they expected to build on to Corsicana from Buna, the point to which they are now operating that line. This line calls for this county in its charter.

Sunday's Blizzard.

One of the greatest drops in temperature occurred Sunday. At breakfast time it was so warm that one thought of getting into a linen suit and before supper everything was froze up stiff and still a freezin'. Varied experiences are related of Sunday's change. One young man told of how he got water in his shirt sleeves to bathe in and before he could get his clothes off the water froze. A listener said he believed the freezing part all right, but he thought some one else must have put the water in the young man's room for some other purpose. It was cold to such extent that church services were interfered with, very few venturing out after supper.

Marriage Licenses.

Shedrick Buckner and Rosa Wiley.

J. A. Rosamond and Ida Harper.

W. L. Knox and Florence Sowers.

A. G. Mason and R. T. DeBreh.

Ira Johnson and Mattie Allen.

Allen Howard and Vicena Edens.

T. A. Summers and Minnie Reynolds.

N. W. Richey and Dora Parker.

Ed Bell and Purlee Thompson.

John West and Ella Roberts.

R. E. Sanders and Normer Byers.

Smith Williams and Mattie Polk.

John M. Reves and Willie Crowson.

The above licenses are for the week ending Tuesday, Jan. 21. The marriage record shows that on Jan. 14 a gentleman procured license to marry one woman and that on January 23 he returned the document unexecuted and procured license to marry another woman.

From Grapeland.

CROCKETT COURIER:

The norther struck us about 11 o'clock Sunday and today the earth is covered with a thin coating of sleet. A great deal of stock will suffer on account of the scarcity of feed.

Mr. Sam Howard formerly of Crockett has bought the residence of H. G. Carter and is now a bona fide citizen.

Mr. Edens Hollingsworth and wife from Willis are in town visiting relatives this week.

The smallpox scare is on right and everybody that wants to are getting vaccinated. A great many cases are reported on the Elkhart between here and Crockett among the colored folks.

Mr. Ed Keene of Forney was in the city last week visiting relatives.

Mr. James Owens went to Maybank, Kaufman county, last week on business, and while there had a good case of mumps.

The Baptist church has employed Rev. W. H. Rosser of Weches as pastor for this year. He will preach on the first Sunday in each month. They have secured the town hall and will use it as a meeting place.

Mr. Dan Leaverton is keeping "back" on the Nath Oliver place and says he is delighted, with the exception of the trouble in getting the biscuit dough from between his fingers.

Tom Campbell's withdrawal from the race for governor is a disappointment to a great many of his friends here.

Yours for luck,
BRE'r RABBIT.

Election Notes.

The county executive committee meet Friday of this week. They are called more especially for the purpose of considering the matter of having a special congressional primary. They will probably give some attention to the question of a primary for county and precinct offices.

The voluntary retirement of Holcomb and Callier is causing quite an interest among the friends of possible candidates. In addition to those named last week for assessor we hear also the names of Bryan Jones and S. D. Ratcliff. We also hear the name of Hugh English as a possible candidate for county clerk as well as that of Dan Williams of Lovelady and James Richards of Grapeland for the same office. The name of J. V. Collins for Justice Peace of Precinct 1 is being spoken of. Porter Newman is mentioned as a probable candidate for county judge.

Most of the counties ordering primaries are drawing the color line test and there seems to be no one opposing such a test in this county.

All new candidates for office will likely oppose an early primary while those who are candidates for re-election will in the main favor an early one.

Strayed.

One red Durham cow with short crumpled horns, unmarked and unbranded; also one red muly heifer yearling, unmarked and branded X H on the right hip. Five dollars reward for any information leading to recovery.

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THE COURIER.

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"BY GATLINS' PILL, SHOW THEM."

Editor Page of the Crockett Courier has predicted that ex-Gov. Hogg will take a drop down in Texas about the time politics begin to boil over, and tell the good people all about the trusts and monopolies, and lead them as of yore right along up to the polls. We are watching the indications to see what sort of a prophet Mr. Page is.—Lovely News.

In view of developments of the last two weeks what do you think of the COURIER's prediction now? Hogg returned from New York about two weeks since and hadn't been in Texas three days before he issued a political manifesto. Never in the history of state politics has there appeared a document the like of it in point of gall and impudence. It bears all the marks of being sent out by one who feels that he is a supreme dictator of party policy and that in his personality is to be found the last and only rallying point for a defense of the rights of the "plain people."

Rolling in wealth by the millions which he has made in the last year, chiefly by chance and luck and with scarcely a stroke of work, the possession of which he does not deny, he still affects to pose as an incorruptible tribune of the people, the expounder of their rights, their barrier and protection against the onslaughts of corporate greed and rapacity and the only one capable of leading them in their battles against the enemies of popular government. Though many times a millionaire by his own admission, he seeks to make the "plain people" as he calls them believe that he and he alone is the chosen, the appointed and the anointed one to save them from the exactions and the oppressions of the wealthy and strong. With an unspeakable contempt and an exquisite disdain of what public opinion may be touching the inconsistent and contradictory phases of his utterances in the forum as a tribune of the people and his conduct in private life in amassing almost uncountable wealth in the short space of one year, he returns to the state from a visit among Wall street and other financial magnates, and before he has time almost to lay aside his Waldorf-Astoria toggery and array himself in those frayed out garments in which for so many years he has posed as the apostle of the "plain people" and the friend of the laboring man, he grasps his sceptre as a party autocrat, he summons his immediate retainers who appear before him trembling, he issues his orders which are flashed over the State to those henchmen who are not within reach of his persuasive tones and then sits down in that big, soft, plushy, chair, made for the voluptuous ease of an oil magnate only, and says: "By gatlings," I will show the boys a thing or two about politics. I will give them to understand that I am still in the ring if I am an oil baron and own 300 acres of oil land worth three hundred thousand dollars an acre. I propose to take a hand in the politics of this State. I am the plain people's friend myself and the only one and do not intend that they or their rights shall be gobbled up by corporate wealth or the money power."

He gives out specific orders. But over his mind there steals a suspicion that maybe—so some fellow will think about all the wealth he has accumulated and say something about it. Then in a burst of generosity so deliciously arch, cool and candid, he comes out in favor of fixing by legislation the

price of oil at 20 cents a barrel! This spirit of apparent self-sacrifice, he thought, might possibly re-establish him in the minds of the "plain people." But the "plain people" don't burn oil. It is used mainly by railroad corporations and manufacturing syndicates. The plain people burn wood and coal. Why not fix by law the price of a cord of wood or a ton of coal? Oh, the humbuggery! The humbuggery! The humbuggery!

Carbon Herald: We have been requested of late to publish long, windy articles for State and district officers, some of them, too, from our best friends—men whom we expect to support for office. We are publishing the Herald strictly on business principles and our space is for sale for any honorable object. If we should publish these articles free, then it seems to us that we should be in honor bound to give our county candidates likewise the same amount of space. When a man announces for office he does so for the money there is in it (as well as the honor,) and if he don't expect to foot his newspaper bills and to get elected through paperism he ought not to announce.

An announcement is considered of value by the candidate. Otherwise he would not make any. To do it he must use the labor of the editor; that is, the printer whom the editor must pay for setting up the announcement. He must use the ink and paper of the publisher and the latter must pay the postage on the announcement, it being a part of the paper. In fact, the candidate appropriates the property of the newspaper man to his own use and benefit. It is absurd to say he ought not to pay. Why should one seeker of office be exempt and others made to pay? Has the editor the moral right to make distinctions in such matters? By doing so it is possible that he might decide who should and who should not run for office. The best rule is to make them all pay. It is the fair rule.—Galveston News.

T. R. Day, superintendent of the city schools of Henderson, Texas, is an applicant for the presidency of the A. and M. college made vacant by the death of Col. Foster. Mr. Day has been put forward by his friends at Henderson and elsewhere who are in a position to know of his special qualifications for the place and who are giving him their strongest support. The Houston county teachers' institute, in session last week, passed resolutions strongly endorsing him for the position. Knowing him personally and knowing of his splendid qualifications, the COURIER would be glad to see him secure the place for which he is so well suited.

In a long letter to the democracy of Texas, published in the daily newspapers Sunday, Col. Tom Campbell of Palestine withdraws from the race for governor. This leaves the field practically to Mr. Lanham.

Vaccination is the only way to stop the spread of smallpox. If every one who is not immune would get vaccinated the disease would be thoroughly wiped out in two months.

Smallpox is prevalent, it seems, all over the world. In England compulsory vaccination is resorted to.

In 1886 the citizens of Greenville formed a building and loan association with a capital of \$30,000. Since that time its charter has been amended four times, each being an increase, and its capital is now \$300,000. It has enabled about 250 people there to secure their own homes, and it is one of the most successful and popular institutions in that progressive city.—Kaufman Sun.

From Ratcliff.
ED. COURIER:—A few lines this cold morning—sleet, freezing and blowing—everything at a stand-still.
Rev. J. C. Hudelston, our new pastor, preached his first sermon Saturday night and again Sunday at 11 o'clock. We are well pleased with him.
Ratcliff & McClaug are making shingles at the rate of 35,000 per day at Ratcliff's old stand, worth from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per thousand. Ratcliff is running his saw mill over at the big mill now day and night, and yet the company is crowding him for more lumber.
Machinery is coming in for the big mill by the car load.
A few cases of smallpox in our section is making people stay close at home.
Well, we are just entering into a political campaign and I hear of prospective candidates by the half dozen or more. By the way, we have a candidate in our village for tax assessor in the person of S. D. Ratcliff.
Right here permit me to suggest to our county committee not to place our primary so early that we will have to have two. Let the congressional and county candidates all come in to the same primary and settle the question, and if our candidates want to get votes that will put them in the lead, they had better not stay long at a place or else furnish feed as they go. Suppose they agree to submit their names to the people through the papers and stay at home. I am sure they will fare just about as well. Above all let's have but one primary and a white man's test and that a democratic test. I think it is time to draw the line. Success to the right man. Sun.

W. W. Umbarger, grocer of Marshall, Mo., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar is the best cough cure on the market to day. I have used most all kinds and am sure that there is no other so good for both you and old, and especially for children. We are never without it in the house."

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7 bars Silk Soap for 25c	20 lbs. Japanese Head \$1.00
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