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A lot of Horse Collars and Breeching.

McKinley's Memorial Plans.
Honolulu will have its memorial to McKinley in the form of a park or square, if the sentiment of the people who have been brought into consultation upon the matter weighs with the members of the executive committee, who have the final decision. The memorial feature proper would be in a great arch entrance, which would give the name to the park, and at the same time give enduring form to the monumental feature. The arch could be built of native lava rock, and upon its summit could be placed a bust of McKinley, or a niche could be placed in the face of the keystone which would afford a fitting point for the bust.

Dogs Lead the Blind.
A new field of usefulness has been opened for especially intelligent dogs by the keeper of a kennel in England. The animals are trained to lead the blind, and, with this object in view, they are taught to walk in a straight line and at a steady pace. To accomplish this result with a frisky young puppy requires about two months of constant daily practice. The dogs are also taught to avoid carts on the street, and their sense of locality is developed to a high degree. It takes about five months to train the dog in all branches of his work, and when he has thoroughly mastered his profession he is sold for \$10 or \$15.

Salt Stopped Paris Electric Cars.
One result of the slight fall of snow was that several electric tramways in Paris stopped running. It would appear that snow itself has no hindrance, but that the coarse salt thrown on it to make it melt, in accordance with the instructions of the municipal authorities, acted as an insulating medium on the plots where the trolley system is not in use. The companies in question have asked that salt may no longer be scattered and have offered to clear away the snow themselves.

Surveying the Great Lakes.
The biological survey of the Great Lakes, which has been in progress several years, is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. Half a dozen scientists are spending much of their time in careful study of the various forms of animal life in which the waters of the Great Lakes abound.

A Book About a Letter.
This is indeed the age of "specialization." An English philologist has prepared for publication a volume which will be entirely devoted to the letter "h," its importance, its history and its uses in English, Latin, Greek and Gaelic. The book will be entitled "The Aspirate."

Intelligence in Philadelphia.
The Philadelphia Times notes as one of the "queer things" that law officers are at work in that city looking for children to go to school under the compulsory education act, when there is not room enough for the children who try to get into the schools of their own volition.

To Head Off Avalanches.
Avalanches are so common in Switzerland that devices are now being made to control them. The Swiss form earthworks or entrenchments which are pointed in such a fashion that avalanches coming in contact with them are split and so driven aside.

The Toothbrush Plant.
One of the most curious plants in the world is the toothbrush plant, a species of creeper which grows in Jamaica. By cutting a piece of the stem and fraying the ends the natives make a toothbrush, and a dentifrice to use with it is prepared by pulverizing the dead stems.

His Knowledge Was Limited.
A British missionary of the established church when sent to British Columbia took with him a lot of canned salmon, to eke out the meager diet he expected to find in that benighted region, not being aware that British Columbia's output of canned salmon is large.

Methodical Germans.
Prussia has 300 meteorological stations fully equipped, 2,200 rain gauge stations, and 1,400 stations that record storms and unusual phenomena. The results of their observations are reduced and published for each week, for each month, and for each year.

City Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett, that all horses, mules, asses and cattle found running at large within the old corporation limits of the city of Crockett comprising the lines running one-half mile from the center of the public square in the city of Crockett shall be impounded in a place to be provided for that purpose by said city, said place to be known as the pound, and a charge of one dollar for impounding shall be assessed against each horse, mule, ass or head of cattle so impounded and in addition thereto for any horse, mule, ass or head of cattle so impounded shall be assessed and charged the further sum of fifty cents per day or any fractional part thereof said horse, mule, ass or any head of cattle shall remain in said pound for which said charges said stock so impounded shall be held bound.

The owner or owners of stock

so impounded may recover the same by the payment of the above charges to the city marshal or some other lawfully authorized agent of said city council.

Be it further ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett that if any stock remain in said pound for five days exclusive of the day of impounding, the city marshal of said city, or some other lawfully authorized agent thereof, after advertising said stock so remaining for ten days, by posting notices at three public places in said city, one of which shall be at court house door, shall proceed to sell said stock at public auction, for cash, to the highest bidder. The proceeds, after paying expense of impounding, advertising and sale, if any, shall be paid over to the owner or owners of said stock.

All ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict with this ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed, this May 12, 1902.

S. T. BRASLEY, Mayor.
CHAS. LONG, City Sec'y.

Singing and Preaching.

ED. COURIER:

We had a great day at Mt. Vernon last Sunday, the 11th. Singing, preaching and dinner on the ground. People were there from miles around; several said they never saw such a crowd at Mt. Vernon before. Old and young enjoyed themselves in a way that was truly pleasant to see. We need never want to sit down to a greater dinner either in quantity or quality. Mrs. John Collier alone had enough for at least one-fourth of the crowd. So great was the enjoyment of the day that it was voted to repeat the occasion the second Sunday in June. If possible, we expect to have a greater time than we had this time, as we expect to add two new features: first, we expect to have a singer of state wide reputation, Prof. A. L. Reed, of Nacogdoches. No one should miss hearing Prof. Reed on this occasion. Second, we want singers to come from all parts of

the county that we might consider the propriety of organizing a county singing school convention. We believe this is greatly needed. We hope there will be enough present on that day of this opinion to advise that the convention materialize somewhere sometime in the near future. As we do not expect to make the dinner the leading feature on this occasion, we suggest that every one leaving home Sunday morning bring a lunch for themselves and another party; by so doing we will have enough, and the good old sisters will not worry themselves sick cooking. What do you all think about it? Don't you think a lunch dinner is all that will be necessary? On the first Sunday we want all the local singers to meet at Mt. Vernon at ten o'clock, to consider the propriety of organizing a local choir, and to practice some for the coming Sunday.

A. A. CAPERTON,
Pastor.

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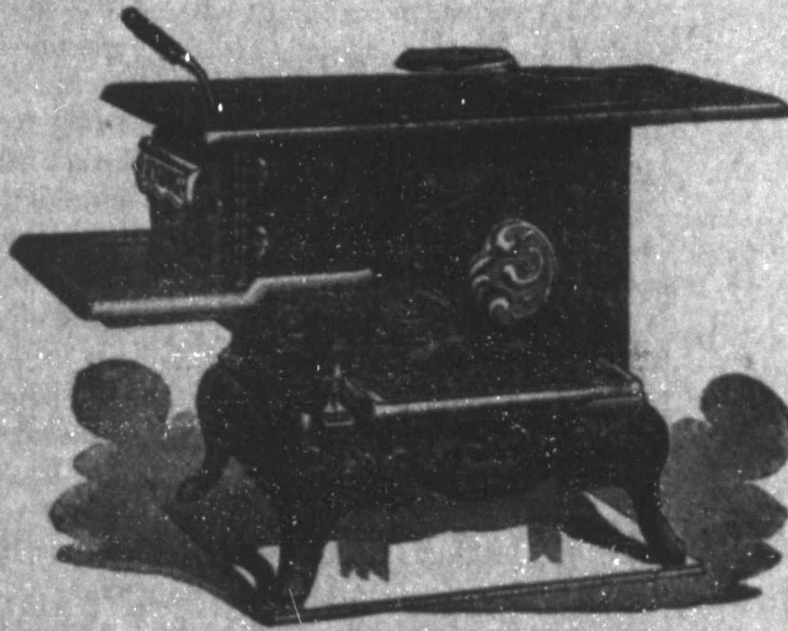
If you are a housekeeper you are interested in the prices and qualities of Groceries. Just a few are mentioned, but we have a great variety in stock. A few words about our Hardware—a mechanic is known by his tools, a woodman by his ax, and a housewife by her kitchen utensils. No one can do good work without the proper tools.

Groceries.

25 lbs. Good Rice	.....\$1.00
10 lbs. Washed Rio Coffee for	..... 1.00
8 lbs. Better Grade Rio for	..... 1.00
6 lbs. Selected Rio or Peaberry for	..... 1.00
3 lbs. Old Government Java for	..... 1.00
8 lbs. Arbuckle's Roasted for	..... 1.00
25 lbs. Plantation Sugar for	..... 1.00
20 lbs. First-class Y. C. Sugar for	..... 1.00
17 lbs. First-class Granulated for	..... 1.00
6 lbs. Good Soda for	..... .25
5 lbs. Banner Rolled Oats—piece of decorated china in each package, for	..... .35
Pearl Corn Meal, per sack	..... .75
Gas. S. Shivers & Co.'s Lone Star Flour	..... 1.00

Tobacco and Snuff.

Red Elephant, Belle of Winston and Black Horse, a pound	.....\$ .40
Schnapps, Early Bird and Good Luck	..... .45
Star and Wetmore's Best	..... .50
Addison Tinsley, W. N. T., Natural Leaf	..... .60
Holloway's Snuff, 6 oz. bottle 15c, 7 for	..... 1.00
Fashion Snuff, 6 oz. bottle 15c, 8 for 1.00
Log Cabin Snuff, 6 oz. tumbler20
Dental Snuff, 6 oz. bottle20



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These are high-grade stoves, at prices within reach of all.

They are complete in every way, and we guarantee them to give satisfaction. We'll gladly show them to you at any time.

Prices from \$15 to \$40 00

Hardware.

Best Axes, 3 1/2 to 4 pounds, 75 to	.....\$1.50
Hoes, 25c to	..... .50
Wash Pots, with balls, \$1.75 to	..... 2.50
Hand Saws, 75c to	..... 1.75
Best Grade Scissors, 25c to	..... 1.00
Pocket Knives, 20c to	..... 2.50
Razors, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and	..... 2.50
Chrysolite Preserving Kettle	..... .75
Granite Dish Pans, 75c, 85c and	..... 1.00
Pearl-Agate Wash Basin	..... .25
Tin Wash Basin	..... .05
Red Cedar Water Bucket, three brass hoops	..... .75
White Cedar Water Bucket, three brass hoops	..... .60
Galvanized Water Bucket	..... .25
Galvanized Well Bucket	..... .25
Oak Well Bucket, 4 iron hoops45
Good 4 string Brooms25

Almost anything you want in this line.

Stoneware.

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Died at an Old Age.

Mrs. Sarah Margaret Tenney, mother of Rev. S. F. Tenney and Mrs. W. A. R. French, died Tuesday. She was born May 25, 1812, and lacked only twelve days of being 90 years of age. She was one of the oldest residents of Crockett, if not the oldest. Her son, Rev. S. F. Tenney, has been pastor of the Presbyterian church here for over thirty years. For many years she has resided with him, much admired and loved by those who have been intimately associated with her. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock, burial immediately following in Glenwood cemetery.

Boys Fight.

Jap Brannen, the mill officer, brought to Crockett Tuesday night a negro boy, about 13 or 14 years old, whom he arrested near the mill for striking a white boy on the head with a heavy stick. The white boy is about the same age and a son of "Old Man" Lampkin, as he is known. The negro boy is a son of John Stewart. It was feared that the lick would prove serious, so the boy was arrested and brought to jail. His father came along and on Wednesday morning made the his bond, which was placed at \$200. Should the white boy die, the negro will be re-arrested.

To Remunerate Election Holders.

To the Editor Crockett COURIER: Dear Sir:—In view of the fact that it is customary in other counties to recompense the managers, judges and clerks holding the primary elections and deeming it just and proper for this to be done I would suggest that the candidates should make up a purse in

each voting precinct as a compensation to the officers holding the primary elections as said officers deserve and are entitled to some return for their time and services. Please publish this and oblige, Yours very truly,

J. E. DOWNES,
Chairman.

Potato Shipments.

The Crockett truck growers' association shipped one car of potatoes Saturday and five Tuesday. They received \$1.00 a bushel for them at the depot and are raising on an average of 150 bushels to the acre. This equals three bales of cotton at 10 cents a pound. Edmiston Bros. are handling the crop and are selling the potatoes readily at the depot here. We are informed that several buyers are on the ground to bid for them. Considerable activity was noticeable at the shipping platform Tuesday when the shipment of five cars was being loaded. Each car bore the inscription, in large letters, as follows: "Loaded with Red Triumph potatoes from Edmiston Bros., Crockett, Texas," which in itself will prove a good advertisement for this section. Considering the fact that two crops of potatoes can be grown on the same land in the same year, the potato business beats cotton six to one, and when labor is counted, ten to one. We heard one man speak of putting his land, after digging his potatoes, in tomatoes, thus diversifying and raising three crops, counting a fall crop of potatoes. The truck business is only in its infancy here and will prove a big thing when it is more fully developed.

Foley's Kidney Cure
makes kidneys and bladder right.
At J. G. Haring's.

Senator on Philippines.

Washington, May 12.—An important contribution to the discussion of the Philippine government bill was made in the Senate to-day by Mr. Foraker, of Ohio. He maintained that the United States could not leave the islands until order had been restored and until a stable government had been established. He declared that this government would not come away from the islands under the present or the next administration, even though the latter be Democratic, because the American people never would consent to poltroonry. Mr. Foraker read some editorials from the Denver News, of which Mr. Patterson, of Colorado, is the proprietor. The editorials maintained that the United States must retain control of the Philippines and put down the insurrection among the Filipinos. With keen sarcasm, the Ohio senator declared that the editorials did not read as Mr. Patterson's speeches read now. Mr. Foraker held that the policy adopted in the Philippines was one of the kindest and gentlest possible and in strict accord with the instructions of President McKinley. He declared that the minority had attacked the army, from the commanding general to the humblest private, all because the army had resented outrages, without parallel in cruelty, committed by the Filipinos. The American army, he said, had shown a humanity unsurpassed in history. The American people always had stood by their army and they always would.

There is a time for all things. The time to take Simmons' Cough Syrup is when afflicted with sore throat, hoarseness, coughs or colds. It is guaranteed to cure you. Price 25 and 50 cents.

The Rock Island Charter.

Austin, Tex., May 13.—The Attorney General approved and the Secretary of State filed the charter of the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Railway company, with principal office at Fort Worth. Purpose, to construct and operate a line of railroad from Fort Worth to Galveston through the counties of Tarrant, Dallas, Ellis, Navarro, Freestone, Leon, Madison, Grimes, Walker, Montgomery, Harris and Galveston, a distance of 295 miles.

The filing fee was \$3825. This amendment covers the same route as that of the amendment to the charter of the Chicago, Rock Island & Texas Railway, filed several weeks ago.

A Summer Trip Unsurpassed on the Continent.

The trip to Salt Lake City or to the Pacific coast via that point over the Denver & Rio Grande and the Rio Grande Western is the most beautiful in America. No European trip of equal length can compare with it in grandeur of scenery or wealth of novel interest. Then Salt Lake City itself is a most quaint and picturesque place and well worth the journey. Its Mormon temple, tabernacle, tithing office and church institutions; its hot sulphur springs within the city limits; its delightful temperature, sunny climate and its Great Salt Lake—deader and denser than the Dead Sea in Palestine—are but a few features of Salt Lake City's countless attractions. There are parks, drives, canons and beautiful outlying mountain and lake resorts. Imagine, if you can, a bath in salt water a mile above sea level and in water in which the human body cannot sink. Inquire of your nearest ticket agent for low tourist rates to Salt Lake City, or write for information and copy of Salt Lake City, the City of the Saints, to S. K. Hooper, general passenger agent, Denver, Colo.

Edward Kent of Colorado, who has been appointed by President Roosevelt to be chief justice of Arizona, is a son of the famous old whig candidate for the governorship of Maine and whose campaign called forth the stirring political cry, "Hell bent for Governor Kent."

Have Illustrations Names.

There are six George Washingtons in the house. Illinois and Indiana send two each and Alabama and New York one each. The next given name in favor is Henry Clay, of which there are three. There are two Benjamin Franklins and two Thomas Jeffersons.

New Owner of Colonial Estate.

William M. Ramsey of California has just purchased Westover, the famous country seat along the James river, whose history is well traced for 200 years. He will restore the estate to its colonial magnificence, but will not mar its colonial architecture.

Blast Furnaces in Britain.

The number of blast furnaces in course of erection December 31 in Great Britain was 70. Of this number 11 were in Scotland, 10 in South Staffordshire, 8 in Cleveland, 3 in West Cumberland, 7 in South Wales and 6 in Derbyshire.

Travelers Have No Recourse.

British railway travelers cannot receive damages if they have their fingers in the carriage door when the porters suddenly close it. "A railway company," says the judge, "cannot act as dry nurse to every passenger."

Bliss of a Congressman.

Thetus W. Sims, a representative in congress from Tennessee, was working thirty years ago in a brickyard at \$1 a day, and later wandered over the Big Bend State with the pack of a peddler on his back.

Remedy for Peculiar Disease.

A remedy, it is stated, has been discovered in the French Congo for the disease known as the "sleeping sickness," a kind of trance, which affects the negro population of Africa.

Royal Duke in Disgrace.

Duke Seigfried deliberately fouled a brother officer's mount in a race, was disqualified as a gentleman rider, and resigned from the Bavarian army.

ARE YOU WISE A great many people suffer through ignorance. They don't know that for all inflammation there is no remedy to equal Mexican Mustang Liniment.



an easy way

and a sure way to treat a case of **Sore Throat** in order to kill disease germs and insure healthy throat action is to take half a glassfull of water put into it a teaspoonful of

Mexican Mustang Liniment

and with this gargle the throat at frequent intervals. Then bathe the outside of the throat thoroughly with the liniment and after doing this pour some on a soft cloth and wrap around the neck. It is a **POSITIVE CURE**.

25c., 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

IT MAY BE YOU have long been troubled with a running sore or ulcer. Treat it at once with Mexican Mustang Liniment and you can depend upon a speedy cure.

**HOLLOWAY & GREB,
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East Side Public Square, Crockett, Texas.

THE MASS OF HUMANITY comprises two classes—those whose individual characteristics enable them to command situations and those whom situations govern. The weaker element covets constantly the attributes of preferment. Frequently the insufficient appear to triumph. Title and regalia, however, never yet made a thing. Half a dozen conventions occur within a few months, at Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Salt Lake City.

By reason of Advantages, natural as well as acquired, "THE DENVER ROAD" is master of the situation as to Pacific coast points and the North-west. It simply has the best of it any way you care to figure.

One important consideration is distance. Just for example, would you deliberately choose to ride out 856 miles to a point 558 miles distant from Fort Worth via "THE DENVER ROAD," which reaches the place where the interesting part of the Los Angeles trip begins, with 268 miles less travel, taking less time, therefore less money, with neither changes nor waiting, too? Why, of course it makes a difference! It's so with all other possible combinations of lines—'twas so in old Euclid's time, 'tis so now, always will be—two sides of a triangle must exceed the third. Study the map.

Further than this, persons of discrimination recognize and appreciate the fact that certain modern conveniences are of the necessities of really good passenger service and that many of these "THE DENVER ROAD" alone provides. Such are:

Daily through trains, models of improved, box-vestibuled equipment; sleepers with ladies' dressing rooms, large enough for several, with no locks; coaches furnished with the most comfortable high back seats made; cafe cars, meals a la carte, pay only for what you order; no junctions to wait at, nor any change of cars; no matter how small your party, through trains for each, for everybody, each day.

Another point, "THE DENVER ROAD" gives choice of six routes from Colorado west, with through connections. You may view Colorado's grandeur going, returning, or both ways, if you will.

Study the map and think twice before buying. Tickets cost no more via "THE DENVER ROAD" than over routes where you'd get considerably more ride but less actual satisfaction.

"THE DENVER ROAD" doesn't need to be called "official." Correspond with us.

W. F. STERLEY, A. G. P. A. A. A. GLISSON, G. A. P. D. CHAS. L. HULL, T. P. A.
The Ft. Worth & Denver City Railway,
FORT WORTH, TEXAS.

Between Texas and St. Louis .. THE .. I. & G. N. .. Between Texas and Mexico
International and Great Northern Railroad Company
IS THE SHORT LINE Through Cars and Pullman Sleepers Daily
Superior Passenger Service.
Fast Trains and Modern Equipment.
IF YOU ARE GOING ANYWHERE, SEE
J. B. VALENTINE, Agent, CROCKETT. L. TRICE, 2nd Vice Pres. & Gen'l Supt. D. J. PRICE, Gen'l P. & T. A. PALESTINE, TEXAS.
Between Texas and Kansas City .. THE .. I. & G. N. .. Between North Texas and Southwest TEXAS

LONE HANDED SETTLER.

Put Up a Strong Fight Against a Band of Yaqui Indians.

El Paso, Texas, May 7.—Wm. Brown, a traveling freight agent for the Santa Fe, returned from a trip to Guaymas, Mexico, tells of an outbreak of the Yaqui Indians and a serious fight which occurred last Friday night.

"About twelve miles north of Guaymas was once the stamping ground of the Yaquis," said Mr. Brown, "but the Mexican soldiers have kept them away from that locality for a number of months. Once in a while, however, they make a run back to the old place and wreak vengeance on the Mexicans who have gone there and settled. Last Friday night a party of them arrived from their present location in the mountains and forthwith commenced a marauding spree. The Mexican settlers took to the hills, but one family was headed off and a desperate battle ensued. The family consisted of a man, his wife and mother and two children. The man put up a great fight against the odds and kept the Indians away until he fell fearfully wounded. His mother and one babe had been killed before he fell. With his wife supporting him they managed to crawl away with the remaining child and next morning reached a little station on the railroad, where the report spread. Soldiers rushed to the scene of the fight, but the wary Indians had fled, taking with them everything in sight."

Robinson Crusoe Island.

Many persons seem to think that the largest island in the Juan Fernandez group off the coast of Chile, was the scene chosen by Defoe for the adventures of his immortal "Robinson Crusoe." Our consul at Valparaiso wrote, a few weeks ago, of Juan Fernandez as "made famous by the story of Robinson Crusoe;" and one of the New York papers, last week, referred to this same island in the Pacific as "Robinson Crusoe Island."

The fact is that the Island on which Crusoe and his faithful Friday had so many charming or thrilling experiences never had an existence, except in the imagination of Defoe. On the title page of his book Defoe wrote of the solitary home of Crusoe as "an uninhabited island on the coast of America near the mouth of the Great River of Oroonoke." Crusoe, therefore, was environed by Atlantic instead of Pacific waters; but there is no island off the mouth of the Orinoco. If Defoe had cared a rap to make his immortal story geographically plausible he would not have placed the abode of Crusoe off the mouth of the Orinoco. The story itself carried with it the confiction of very truth, but not the geographical position assigned to Crusoe's island.

It is a noteworthy fact that many of the best accounts written of Juan Fernandez contain no illusion to Defoe's novel. The one book that has been written on the island, however, perpetrates the blunder alluded to above. A Chilean named Vicuna, in 1883, published a book of 834 pages in which he gave an exhaustive description of the island and its history. His sub-title was "History of the Island of Robinson Crusoe." His book contains a long account of the various opinions as to whether Defoe's book was based on the adventures of Alexander Selkirk when he led a lonely life for four years on Juan Fernandez.

The outline of Selkirk's life that has come down to us shows clearly enough that he had little merit of his own, but the controversy that

became even bitter soon after Defoe's story was published as to whether the novelist had appropriated Selkirk's narrative and interwoven it with his fiction had the curious effect to make Selkirk a hero for all time. His name became associated with the story of Robinson Crusoe simply because it was stoutly asserted in Defoe's day that the great novelist was a plagiarist, who had sponged on the sailor Selkirk for literary material.

It was agreed by all critics long ago that there is not a particle of evidence that Defoe made practical use of Selkirk's narrative in the preparation of his story. There is no similarity whatever in the descriptions of the real and the suppositious islands, in their climates or in the incidents given in the two books. Neither is there any more reason to believe that Defoe derived the main idea of his story from Selkirk's solitary life on an island than that he may have obtained it from the published account of the experiences of Peter Serrano, a shipwrecked sailor who lived alone for several years on an island in the Carribbean under conditions somewhat similar to those described in Defoe's story. An English edition of Serrano's narrative was published some years before Robinson Crusoe was written.

It is very likely that the idea of writing a story about a castaway on an island may have been suggested to Defoe by one or the other of these narratives of actual experience, but this is a very slender basis upon which to ground the accusations which were made against Defoe; and the very circumstance that he was falsely charged with having made improper use of Selkirk's book makes it unjust to the memory of the prince of raconteurs, as well as incorrect in fact to speak of Juan Fernandez as Robinson Crusoe Island.—New York Sun.

A Letter's Long Journey.

Washington Post.
Judge Bartlett of Georgia received a letter the other day which has been traveling for four months or more.

"Away back last December," said he, "a lady in my home town of Macon wrote me an appeal to locate her son, who had served as a soldier in the Philippines, been discharged, and disappeared. She was frantic on the subject and I earnestly besought the Adjutant General of the army to furnish me any information possible. He told me the department had records of the boy's discharge, but at that time there was nothing additional.

"My letter was referred to the Governor General of Manila, then to the Secretary of the Governor General, by whom it was ascertained that this boy had been a local policeman in Manila. The letter was then referred to the Chief of Police and to the detective office in the Capital of the Philippines. It was finally learned that the boy had left the police force and come back to the States on the transport Sheridan. With this information attached to my original communication, by means of indorsements, the missive started back on its travels to the other side of the world, and reached me after numerous other military indorsements had been added.

"I have sent it back to the lady in Macon, with my own indorsement, to the effect that this letter should be an object lesson to her of the extent of the American domain."

Stops the Cough and Works off the Cold.
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price, 25 cents.

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LOCAL OPTION LAW.
Constitutionality Assailed in a Case From Grayson County.

Austin, Texas, May 7.—A most important case was argued in the Court of Criminal Appeals this morning, that of ex-parte Granville Rippey, on application for writ of habeas corpus. Rippey is charged with violating the local option law in the precinct of Pottsboro, Grayson county, and is seeking a release by suing out habeas corpus, attacking the constitutionality of the entire local option statute. Pottsboro voted "wet," or prohibition failed, but an election was held in the entire justice precinct, including Pottsboro, and it went "dry," though Pottsboro had just a short time before declined to order prohibition.

The constitutionality of the local option statute is attacked on the several grounds, briefly stated as follows:

"1. That article 3395 operates to deny to the citizens the equal protection of the law, in that it discriminates against those who vote against prohibition, and in favor of those who voted for prohibition and operates to disfranchise for two years all citizens within the territory to be affected who are opposed to prohibition, and denies them the right for such period of time to legislate upon that question legally, while upon the contrary it confers that right upon those who favor prohibition to vote therefor as often as they shall see fit.

"2. Said article further denies the equal protection of the law, in that it provides that the failure to carry prohibition into a town or city shall not prevent an election from being immediately thereafter held for the entire justice's precinct or county in which said town or city is situated, and denies to those citizens who oppose local prohibition the privilege of so voting in the event prohibition should carry in a town or city.

"3. Said statute further denies equal protection of the law, in that it provides that in the event that prohibition should fail to carry in a town or city, and immediately thereafter those in favor of prohibition may inaugurate an election in a large district, to be selected by them, which shall include the said town or city, and in the event the election so to be held in such enlarged territory shall be carried in favor of prohibition the same shall operate as an abrogation and repeal of the previous election held in said town or city it can not be defeated by an inauguration of a subsequent election in an enlarged district, and upon the contrary provides that when prohibition has been carried at an election in the town, city or precinct such prohibition shall not be repealed, except at an election ordered and held for such town, city or precinct.

"4. Said statute further denies the equal protection of the law, in that it provides that when prohibition has been carried at an election in the entire county no election shall thereafter be ordered in any subdivision of said county until after prohibition has been defeated in the entire county; and in disregard and denial of equal protection it further provides that should an election fail to carry prohibition in a county, those in favor of prohibition may immediately thereafter inaugurate an election for any and all such portions of the county as they may choose, and in the event prohibition carries in such subdivision so immediately inaugurated such elec-

tion shall have the effect of abrogating the previous election held in the entire county.

"The mere statements of the above propositions, sustained as they are by the provisions of the statute, manifests the gross discrimination and inequality of these laws."

After a review of a number of authorities cited the brief for relator adds: "We stand before the court asserting and demanding the fundamental law of this republic, to-wit, the absolute equality of every citizen before the law, without which this government is a farce and a failure; and we ask of this court the vindication of this sublime principle of the American Constitution by the prompt and speedy discharge of the relator, and condemnation of this one-sided legislation, which now disgraces our statute book."

Judge George Clark of Waco and F. M. Etheridge of Dallas were attorneys for relator, while Assistant Attorney General John defended the constitutionality of the local option statute.

Machine to Pick Cotton.

The first regular contract ever made in the world to pick cotton by machinery was closed in Greenville, Miss., a few days since and the first experiment with the machine will be made on the Rosenstock plantation, in Washington county, next fall. A Pittsburg man named Thomas R. Morris is the inventor of the device, and for the past ten years he has been conducting experiments in the vicinity of Greenville.

He now claims that the device was modeled on a practical working basis and feels confident that he will revolutionize the cotton-picking industry of the South. The machine, he admits, is valueless except on the level uplands, low valleys and prairie grounds, but even if it should prove successful with this limit, its effect on the labor question in the South will be very marked.—Huntsville Item.

The Art of Being Brief.

From the New York Post.
A beginner in newspaper work in a Southern town, who occasionally "sent stuff" to one of the New York dailies, picked up last summer what seemed to him a "big story." Hurrying to the telegraph office, he "queried" the telegraph editor: "Column story on so and so. Shall I send?"

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Candidates' Meeting.

The candidates of Houston county met at the court house on Friday, April 11, 1902, for the purpose of arranging the coming campaign. Tony Gossett was elected chairman, J. W. Brightman, secretary, and N. B. Barbee, treasurer. The chairman was authorized to appoint a committee to see that tickets are printed; the following were appointed: C. C. Stokes, M. M. Baker, J. B. Stanton and N. B. Barbee. Each district, county and precinct candidate was assessed 50 cents to pay for printing tickets. And the committee was instructed to leave off of the tickets the names of any district, county or precinct candidate, who fails or refuses to hand in his 50 cents to the treasurer. Mr. N. B. Barbee, on or before June the first. The chairman was instructed to appoint a committee of five to arrange dates for speaking.

The following were appointed, to-wit: H. L. Mobley, Porter Newman, J. E. Richards, Earle Adams, jr., and B. M. Hatchel.

The committee recommended that the district, county and precinct candidates meet at the following places, on dates specified, which was unanimously adopted:

- Porter Springs, Tuesday, May 27th, 1902.
 - Creek, Wednesday, May 28th.
 - Weldon, Thursday, May 29th.
 - Prairie Point, Friday, May 30th.
 - Lovelady, Saturday, May 31st.
 - Holly, Monday, June 2nd.
 - Arbor, Tuesday, June 3rd.
 - Coltharp, Wednesday, June 4th.
 - Tadmor, Thursday, June 5th.
 - Weches, Friday, June 6th.
 - Belott, Saturday, June 7th.
 - Jones' School House, Monday, June 9th.
 - Augusta, Tuesday, June 10th.
 - Grapeland, Wednesday, June 11th.
 - Daly's, Thursday, June 12th.
 - Crockett, Friday, June 13th.
- Motion carried that the secretary furnish each of the county papers a copy of the proceedings of this meeting, with a request that they each publish the same in their next issue. J. W. BRIGHTMAN, Secretary.

Spring Ailments.

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GRANT'S DISMISSAL

By the President in a Summary Manner Topic Among Texans.

Correspondence of Galveston News.

Washington, D. C., May 7.—The summary dismissal of Dr. Grant as United States marshal for the Eastern District of Texas was an interesting topic in Texas circles here to-day. Democrats, as well as republicans, conversant with Texas politics, are of the opinion that this episode is going to bring on a great factional row in the republican ranks of Texas. It will at least accentuate the differences which already exist. Dr. Grant is a fighter and has an influential following, and it is said he will not endure the humiliation of a summary dismissal without striking back. He is first of all a Hanna man for the presidency, and a large portion of the Texas machine is with him to this extent. That the Roosevelt faction is strong and influential there can be no doubt, and it will grow stronger as the Texas patronage is distributed, but the outs are always more numerous than the ins, and the more the president swells the ranks of the outs, the greater the resistance he creates for himself.

But considerations of political expediency have not swayed the president in this case any more than in a number of others.

There is very little system in his manner of dealing with patronage or officeholders. He slugs the organization or fires an officeholder with little thought as to results. He unquestionably acts upon his view of what is right and lets politics take care of itself. He wants the renomination, and wants it earnestly, and he particularly desires that unique commodity in republican politics known as the southern delegate, but not at the price of his conscience. He has been conscientious in all his dealings with the patronage question, and in rare cases, if at all, has he made an appointment just because he believed it would be to his political interest.

So far as Senator Hanna is concerned, he has not yet become a candidate for the presidency, and he will not until the campaign gets near enough for him to size up the situation. There are numerous situations and conditions confronting the republican party which he wants to know about before he definitely decides his own course. The record of the Fifty-seventh Congress must be made up, as well as the better part of the record of the Fifty-eighth Congress, before the great parties will line up for their quadrennial fight, and there are too many things which might happen to affect the situation to warrant a man of Senator Hanna's sagacity getting into the field now. In the meantime, he is keeping on

the best of terms with the president, and is constantly consulted about appointments, especially those concerning the Southern states. The president understands that Senator Hanna may be a candidate under certain conditions, but has confidence that nothing will be done in the meantime by the senator in the underhanded line.

But it is clear enough to observers that that the president in dealing with appointments has not strengthened himself as a rule in a political sense, though his splendid independence and his clean-handed way of doing things command the respect of the country.

So far no applications for the vacant marshalship in Texas have been filed here, but there will be plenty of them within a few days.

Cures When Doctors Fail.

Mrs. Frank Chiasson, Patterson, La., writes June 8th, 1901: "I had malaria fever in very bad form was under treatment by doctors, but as soon as I stopped taking their medicine the fever would return. I used a sample bottle of Herbine, found it helped me. Then bought two bottles, which completely cured me. I feel grateful to you for furnishing such a splendid medicine, and can honestly recommend it to those suffering from malaria, as it will surely cure them." Herbine, 50c bottle at J. G. Haring's.

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Ruling of the Court.

Austin, Texas, May 7.—All railroad tickets must in the future be stamped "non-transferable" or possession can legally pass as often as the holders care to sell and still be recognized on the passenger trains.

The Third Court of Civil Appeals affirmed the case of International and Great Northern Railway Company vs. John H. Ing, from Travis, giving verdict for \$502.90, for humiliation, etc.; for being ejected from a passenger train because he was riding on an excursion ticket from Austin to San Antonio, purchased by another party.

The court lays down this doctrine: "As to the point in reference to the assignability of the ticket, we hold that in the absence of Constitutional or statutory prohibition or a stipulation to the contrary on the face thereof, a railroad passenger ticket is transferable and entitles the holder thereof to the rights of the original purchaser."

Will Cure Consumption.

A. A. Herren, Finch, Ark., writes: "Foley's Honey and Tar is the best preparation for coughs, colds and lung troubles. I know that it has cured consumption in the first stages."
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Olla Podrida.

An ignorant man is a merciless critic.

A man never does anything if fed regularly.

Wise are they who never love any one except for love.

The less a man cares the more love a woman wastes on him.

It sometimes happens that cheap notoriety is dear at half the price.

When a man does wrong, it is a poor excuse to say there are others.

If you would acquire a profound knowledge of men, study women.

It is a waste of time to repeat hair-raising stories to bald headed men.

Wise is the prophet who does not allow his predictions to go on record.

There are more rooster-pecked wives in the world than hen-pecked husbands.

A woman always seems surprised when a man proposes to her, but she isn't.

Courtship is a game in which a girl plays her heart against a man's diamond.

A wise man doesn't believe all he hears, but a fool believes more than he hears.

Any man who gets in on the ground floor and stays there has use for a fire escape.

Don't wait for ordinary opportunities; seize common occurrences and make them great.

If women looked like pictures in fashion magazines, every man would take to the woods.

Only the good man with the umbrella is able to appreciate the silver lining of some dark clouds.

Two people may be able to live as cheap as one, but it depends on whether they are married or engaged.

If the average man isn't born great or is unable to achieve greatness, he tries to thrust himself upon it.

Any true American is bound to get a move on himself, even if it is only for the purpose of chasing a delusion.

Don't brood over the past nor dream of the future, but seize the instant and get your lesson from the hour.

David said in haste that all men were liars; but he was wise enough to not say it leisurely to one man at a time.

Now send your best girl a box of strawberries and thus convince her that you don't go broke during the holidays.

It is just as important to say the right thing in the wrong place as it is to say the wrong thing in the right place.

If a man can live alongside a public school for two years without losing his temper, the recording angel ceases to pay any attention to his actions.—Ex.

For Those Who Live on Farms.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ill., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommend it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns." Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns and bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at J. G. Haring's.

A Revelation.

If you will make inquiry it will be a revelation to you how many succumb to kidney or bladder troubles in one form or another. If the patient is not beyond medical aid, Foley's Kidney Cure will cure. It never disappoints. J. G. Haring.

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BRET HARTE DIES.

Wrote Stories of the American West That Made His Fame—Was a Friend of Mark Twain in California.

London, May 6.—Bret Harte died at Camberley, near Aldershot, last night.

Since 1878 Bret Harte has lived abroad. Yet in all these twenty-four years' absence from his native country he did not lose his keen interest in all that pertained to home. He had the good sense, above all, to keep to the literary text which first won him fame. His characters and the scenes in which he placed them continued American and generally Californian to the last.

It was as Consul to Crefeld, Germany, that he first went abroad. Then in 1880 he was made Consul at Glasgow, where he remained until 1888. Next he went to London, where he relied solely upon his literary work for an income. One reason he gave for living in England was that by so doing he was able to prevent the pirating of his works. His wife, from whom he had separated, one son, who died in Brooklyn recently; another son and his two daughters lived in this country. One daughter, Jessamy, who married Willis Steel of this city, has done some magazine work.

Mr. Harte would have been 68 years of age had he lived until Aug. 25. He was born in Albany and his father was a tutor in the seminary there. He died when Bret—Francis Bret Harte was his full name—was a child. The family knew the pinch of poverty, but the boy had a good common-school education and even as a child showed a distinct literary leaning. When 11 years of age he sent to the New York Atlas a poem entitled "Autumnal Musings," which was printed.

In 1853 he and his mother went to California. Young Harte tried gold digging, but had only indifferent success. Then, in Sonora, he taught school for a time. He drifted naturally to the vicinity of printer's ink and learned to set type. For several months he was a messenger of the Wells-Fargo Express Company, in charge of the letters and treasure carried on stage coaches from a mining camp to the nearest large town. It was a dangerous business, for stage robbers were plentiful. Harte's predecessor was shot through the arm and his successor was killed; but he himself had no thrilling adventures.

Mr. Harte's first success was with the short story, "The Luck of Roaring Camp," which was published in the Overland Monthly just after he was made editor of that periodical. The story was regarded as immoral on the Pacific Coast, but its success in the East was instantaneous, one of the first results being an offer from Fields, Osgood & Co. of Boston to publish anything Harte would write and at his own price. In 1870 appeared the "Heathen Chinee," intended only as a local political satire, but which took the entire country by storm. Then Mr. Harte accepted the professorship of modern literature in the University of California. He resigned very soon, however, and came to New York to live. That was in 1875. Three years later he went abroad.

In London Mr. Harte was very popular, and was a member of a number of clubs. His personal appearance was very striking of late years—his fresh, almost youthful face, in interesting contrast

with his snowy white hair and mustache, making him conspicuous.

Mr. Harte was a slow, painstaking writer, very methodical in his literary habits. His later work showed no diminution in his powers, and the scenes of California life written in London were as fresh and vigorous as those written years ago on the Pacific Coast itself. Among his more popular works are his condensed novels, in which he displayed much satiric humor in his imitations of well-known writers; "Echoes of the Foot Hills," "Tales of the Argonauts," "A Waif of the Plains," "A Phyllis of the Sierras" and "A Protege of Jack Hamlin's." "M'Liss," one of his stories, was made into a successful play.

"Mark Twain" and Bret Harte met and were friends out in California long before either of them attained fame. It was Harte who inspired Clemens to write the first sketch that made him famous. Clemens had been away in the mining district on some newspaper assignment. On his return he visited Harte, who in a recent interview told the story this way:

"In the course of conversation he remarked that the unearthly laziness that prevailed in the town he had been visiting was beyond anything in his previous experience. He said the men did nothing all day but sit around the bar-room stove, spit and swap lies. He spoke in a low, rather satirical drawl, which was itself irresistible. He went on to tell one of these extravagant stories, and half-unconsciously dropped into the lazy tone and manner of the original narrator. I asked him to tell it again to a friend who came in, and then asked him to write it out for the Californian. He did so, and when published it was an emphatic success.

"It was the first work of his that attracted general attention, and it crossed the Sierras for an Eastern hearing. From that point his success was steady. The story was 'The Jumping Frog of Calaveras.' It is now known and laughed over, I suppose, wherever the English language is spoken, but it will never be as funny to anybody in print as it was to me, told for the first time by the unknown Twain himself that morning in San Francisco."

Mr. Clemens was much moved when he learned yesterday of Bret Harte's death.

"Bret Harte and I were intimate friends many years ago in San Francisco," he said.

"He was the editor of the Californian and I was a reporter on the Morning Call when we first met. In 1866 I went to the Sandwich Islands and when I returned after several years Harte was famous as the author of 'The Heathen Chinee.' He said that the 'Heathen Chinee' was an accident and that he had higher literary ambitions than the fame that could come from an extravaganza of that sort. He said 'The Luck of Roaring Camp' was the salvation of his literary career. It placed him securely on a literary road that was more to his taste.

Of it in the stilly night a racking cough doth rob us of that sweet sleep which nature seeks to give. Simmons' Cough Syrup is an infallible cure; untroubled sleep and pleasant dreams it doth assure. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

They never did fail; they never will fail. What? Cheatham's Laxative Tablets—to cure a cold at once. Carry them in your vest pocket. Always ready. Guaranteed. Price 25 cents.

BANNER SALVE
The most healing salve in the world.
At J. G. Haring's.

EXTORTION IN VENICE.

Practices in Cafes That May Explain the Trouble of the Chicago's Men.

"When we hear the stories of the officers and men from the Chicago who got into trouble in Venice," said a man who recently returned from Europe, "I think that the American public will find that there is quite a great deal to be said on their side about the disturbance on the Piazza de San Marco. I was in Venice about six months ago and I heard a great deal about extortion practised upon the unwary foreigner in the cafes in that particular locality and the tricks used in furtherance of that extortion.

"In one of the San Marco cafes, which I was particularly warned to avoid, they have a very neat method of getting out of a foreign visitor more than he expected to spend. One or two of the tables are so arranged that a kick deftly administered in the proper place to one of the supports will cause the whole table to collapse. Tables of the same sort were used in some resorts in this city not so many years ago.

"When a prosperous-looking foreigner who does not seem very familiar with the Italian language or the customs of Venice appears in this cafe, it is usually contrived to seat him at one of these trick tables. At the proper moment a waiter or somebody else in the employ of the restaurant gets into a dispute with the visitor and the foreigner is made as angry as possible. Then over goes the table and down go the glasses and crockery upon it.

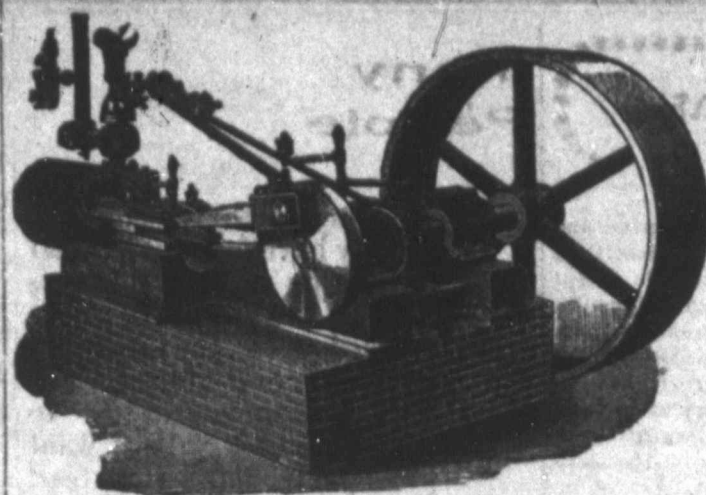
"Immediately a bill for \$25 or thereabouts for damages to the cafe's property is presented to the unwary stranger. If he fails to settle promptly the police are called in.

"I heard of many Englishmen and Americans who had been caught in that way, and since the news of this so-called escapade of the Chicago's officers was printed I have been wondering if something of this kind may not have happened in their case. If it did, and they were angry at being fooled, 'resisting the police' might very readily follow."—New York Sun.

Sound Experiments in a Balloon.
From the London Standard.

The chief object of Mr. Bacon's balloon ascent, which was made from the grounds of the Artillery Barracks, Woolwich, on Tuesday last, had been suggested by a recent discussion at the Society of Arts. It was the testing of the penetration of certain sound signals as heard from a great distance, and the attempted elucidation of the mystery which enshrouds their behavior under certain circumstances. No conditions more favorable for the observation of sound vagaries can be conceived than are afforded by a balloon flying free in the open atmosphere.

On this occasion, arrangements had been made by which the penetration of sounds of different kinds could be practically put to the test, and by the kind cooperation of the military authorities, Trinity House, and the Royal Observatory, skilled observers were on the lookout at varying distances from the center of operations. The balloon was under the charge of Mr. Percival Spencer and Mr. Bacon. Unfortunately for the sake of some of the experiments anticipated, a thick haze overspread the sky at a very moderate elevation, and the ballooning party quickly entered the mist, and in five minutes had completely lost



Do you want to buy any kind of machinery this season? If so, I sell

CORLISS ENGINES,

Slide Valve Engines, stationary and portable Steel Boilers, Saw Mills, Edgers, and Corn Mills, etc.

I sell also the

Lummus Gin, Murray Pneumatic Cotton Elevator, Double Box Screw Packing, Direct Steam Packing and Hydraulic Cotton Presses. I represent the

Southern Engine and Boiler Works, Jackson, Tenn.,

the largest factory in the South, and

F. N. Lummus Sons Co., Columbus, Ga.

I sell directly from factories and have nothing to do with any general agents. I am able to make the lowest prices and as favorable terms as any. If you want anything, I shall be pleased to hear from you. Respectfully,

J. O. BROWN, CROCKETT, TEXAS.

sight of the earth. A large portion of East and North London was traversed at a height of from 4,000 to 5,000 feet, but at this elevation nothing was to be seen but a dense white cloud piled like the mouth of a huge crater around the balloon.

A sharp ear was kept for the sound of the vast city that penetrated upward. Trains were heard in practically continuous rumble, punctured by their shrill whistles. Sirens from the river and various factories rose sharp and clear. Most noticeable were the barkings of high-voiced dogs, and the raucous yells of street hawkers could be distinctly heard even at a mile high. The highly instructive fact was noted, however, that, though the city was crossed just at noon, when from the streets the striking of clocks and bells is always such a noticeable feature, yet the most careful listener aloft could detect no sound of this description. The tenor bell at Woolwich Church, which was rung at the time of the ascent, was also wholly inaudible, though a bugle blown from the barrack field was heard a long while after the start. These observations go to prove how inferior are the carrying powers of bells as heard from aloft, and to emphasize the fact that sounds of an unmusical, discordant nature have much better chance of making themselves heard at a distance than have more harmonious noises. Two miles high all sounds of earth were lost save the rattle of trains.

Merely a Supposition.

A Confederate veteran passing through the city on his way home from Dallas stopped long enough to tell the following story at the expense of a Christian scientist:

"Boss," said one of his hands one morning, "Ben kaint come ter work terday; dat niggah's shore nuff sick."

"Oh, pshaw!" replied the Christian scientist, "that nigger isn't sick; there is no such thing as sickness; he just thinks he's sick."

"Well," asked he, the following morning, "how is that nigger? Does he still think he's sick?"

"No, suh," replied Cuffy, "he thinks he's daid."—Houston Post.

Prefers Dogs to Other Food.

Brenham, Texas, May 8.—Geo. Johnson, a well known colored man, who lives on the Chappell Hill road, two miles east of Brenham, attended church in town last night, leaving his wife and children at home. During his absence a fierce animal, described by the children as being larger than a Newfoundland dog, came into the yard and attacked the dogs, one of which fled to the Pennington place and can not be coaxed to return. The wife and children were too much frightened by the vicious animal to go into the yard to learn

what had happened. When Johnson returned home from church about midnight he was informed of the affair and with a lantern made an investigation. He found his dog, a good sized, full grown cur, in the back yard with his head severed from his body and all the flesh stripped from both the head and body, and supposed to have been eaten. Johnson offers no theory or explanation of what kind of animal it was, nor where it came from or where it went. This revives some stories of similar occurrences in the Earlywine community and other places in the county 15 years ago. In half a dozen instances, and as many different places, some kind of a large animal invaded yards, attacked, killed and devoured dogs. But up to last night only puppies and half grown dogs were killed and eaten. Some of these dog-eating animals have been seen and chased, but none ever killed. They always go alone. Some people contend that the animal is only a powerful, prowling dog, ravenously hungry, and for this reason ready to pounce upon and devour any flesh. There are those who do not consent to this theory, but maintain that they are real dog-eating animals and support their contention by reciting instances where they could have had a pig, young calf, lamb or poultry, with more ease, but a dog was selected in preference as being more to the animal's taste. There is some show of reason in this last position, for a case is recalled that occurred 10 years ago in the northern part of the county of a half grown dog being killed and eaten in a barn lot, where there were half a dozen young calves and 25 or 30 fat pigs. There is no instance known of these strange dog-eating animals, whatever they are, committing their depredations in daylight; they work always under the cover of darkness.

Kills Himself.

El Paso, Texas, May 7.—A. W. Schofield, a half-brother of Gen. Schofield, committed suicide here Tuesday by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. No cause is given for the act except temporary insanity. He has held a responsible position as cashier and bookkeeper with the Caples Lumber company. For several years Schofield had been a prominent citizen of El Paso and moved in the best circles. He was 41 years of age. He leaves a widow.

Hunt's Cure is not a misnomer. It does cure itch, ringworm, eczema, tetter and all similar skin diseases. A wonderful remedy. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

You never heard of any one using Foley's Honey and Tar and not being satisfied. J. G. Haring.

Local Items.

ADVERTISING RATES.

Local rates 10 cents per line first insertion and 5 cents per line each subsequent insertion. There will be no exception to the rule except for the following: Obituaries, cards of thanks, and notices of entertainments given for religious, educational or charitable purposes, which will be at 5 cents per line. Articles or communications in the interest of candidates will be charged for according to their length.

Drink at Chamberlain's.

Take your beeswax to the Big Store.

Just "Four Roses" and that's all. At Hyman's.

Miss Nannie Barbee is visiting at Grapeland.

J. D. John of Coltharp was in town Wednesday.

10 bars of good laundry soap for 25c at the Big Store.

The family of F. P. Gandolph has moved to Houston.

Buy your oat cradles and grass blades at the Big Store.

Dan Craddock was in Grapeland Wednesday on business.

Regular services next Sunday at the Methodist church.

Saturday's election over the county passed off quietly.

Dr. W. B. Collins was up from Lovelady Monday evening.

Cleanliness is the leading feature at Chamberlain's soda fount.

There is no better investment now than Houston county land.

Hay, bran, oats and corn. JIM BROWN.

Buy your towels, table linens and napkins from the Big Store.

The Black Cat is still jumping. Call to see us. JIM BROWN.

Case whiskey 50c per pint, \$1 per quart at Lee Goolsby's saloon.

Mason's Stone Fruit Jars in all sizes—better than glass—at C. L. Shivers'.

Rev. Ellis Smith is attending the Methodist General Conference at Dallas.

You will find the coldest and best keg beer in town at Lee Goolsby's.

The largest glass, the lowest temperature and the freshest beer at Hyman's.

M. C. Foster, who has been quite sick for three weeks or more, continues so.

Chas. Shivers has opened up a store at Coltharp with Ike Lansford in charge.

A Friend in Need are those parasols and umbrellas at the Big Store.

Call For Cracker Jack whiskey at Lee Goolsby's at \$1 per qt.

Nat Patton of Tadmor, a student of the State Normal at Huntsville, was in Crockett Monday.

A "Giant" bottle of "Old Crow" cased goods, 3 to full gallon, for \$1.00 at Hyman's saloon.

Remember that Holloway & Grebb keep oysters and fish and the best beef in Crockett.

Mrs. A. W. Phillips, who has been sick for some time, we are glad to note is improving.

Express your opinion freely. We have a nice new stock of spring goods. JIM BROWN.

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

Horses and Mules. A car load for sale or will trade for cattle. ENGLISH BROS.

Commissioners' court is in regular session this week, this being the second week of county court.

Many People

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

The Best

Attention, and our goods and prices are always right.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN DRUGGIST.

Order a "Taylor" made toddy from Hyman's.

Misses Emily Smith and Laura Murchison visited at Trinity last week.

The finest toilet soaps, perfumes and talcum powders are at the Big Store.

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

See our beautiful line of new spring calicoes and lawn. JIM BROWN.

A few more walking cultivators on hand at the Big Store; save a hired hand's wages by buying one.

Frank Hill has returned from Kennard where he has been helping in getting the postoffice installed.

That line of oxfords and sandals at the Big Store that sell for 95c per pair are worth double the money.

Hamilton Carhartt overalls and jumpers for sale by C. L. SHIVERS, Coltharp, Texas.

For the benefit of those who may not know, we will state that a heavy rain fell at Crockett Wednesday.

Filth breeds flies and sickness. The flies are here and sickness will be here if your premises are not kept clean.

Self & Wootters are preparing to put in an immense ginning outfit at their old stand below the passenger depot.

Rev. S. F. Tenney will be absent for the next two weeks attending the Presbyterian General Assembly at Jackson, Miss.

Miss Jessie Long will entertain the young ladies' club Friday afternoon. She will be assisted by Miss Jessie Sheridan.

Miss Dora Arledge leaves Thursday evening for her home in Tennessee, after a visit of two weeks with Mrs. C. L. Edmiston.

P. H. LeSeur had the misfortune of getting a finger caught in a press at the Enterprise office Saturday, mashing it badly.

When there is as much filth as there is in some of the back alleys of Crockett, there is bound to be a great deal of sickness during the summer.

Shirts. Shirts worth 75c, \$1 and \$1.25 on the bargain counter at the Big Store and are going at 68c. Take your choice.

The case of Carl Butler, charged with selling liquor in a prohibition district, which was set for trial for Friday of last week, was continued to the August term of county court.

The north-bound passenger train Tuesday evening was delayed six hours between Trinity and Lovelady by the breaking down of the engine.

Mr. C. W. May of Ohio, brother-in-law of H. F. Moore, is here this week on a prospecting tour. He is favorably impressed with the country.

Miss Lucy Miller is at home from Bastrop where she has been teaching in the public schools. She will probably spend the summer at home.

There is enough filth in some of the back alleys of Crockett to kill half the people in the town before the summer is over with if it is not cleaned up.

Hal Lacy will probably leave Saturday for Hot Springs where he will stay three weeks or more. Wilse Hail and Gus LeGory, Jr., are already there.

Statements of both banks are published in this issue. They both make a healthy showing. The Farmers & Merchants is, comparatively, a new bank.

Mr. John W. Haskins of Houston is here this week conferring the degree of Royal Arch Masonry in the Masonic order. There are twenty-two applicants.

It is our information that Wes Cannon got 150 bushels of potatoes from an acre of ground. He sold the potatoes at \$1.00 a bushel, bringing him \$150. He can raise another crop, if he so desires. The land on which these potatoes were grown recently changed hands at \$35 an acre. The first crop of potatoes will pay for the land.

The potato market had a downward tendency Wednesday. On Tuesday potatoes were bringing a dollar a bushel, but on Wednesday they were not worth but 85 cents, and some growers were being offered only 75 cents. Two cars went out Wednesday at 85 cents. This makes eight cars shipped up to Wednesday night.

Mr. Frank W. Powell died at the residence of A. H. Stringfellow Monday evening at 7:20 o'clock and was buried at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in Glenwood cemetery. Frank Powell at one time owned considerable property near Crockett, but at the time of his death had about gone through with it all. He was his worst enemy.

The head of a syrup barrel lying on its side blew out Monday in C. L. Shivers' store, caused by an accumulation of gas in the barrel. The barrel contained fifty gallons of syrup which all ran out with the exception of about a half gallon. Those cleaning it out seemed to have a sweet job, but were not stuck on it, as some may think.

Two 60-saw Pratt gins with all the latest improvements—improved system of cleaning and handling cotton. Would sell engine and boiler separate from gins. This machinery has only been run one season and is as good as new. Can be bought at a great bargain. Reason for selling is to put in a larger outfit. For particulars call on or address W. E. CANNON, 4t Crockett, Texas.

The negroes had a picnic Friday of last week on one of the bayous near town. They took a shot gun out with them. One of them, a man, went to shoot at a dog, which perhaps had strayed into their midst. He missed the dog but hit seven negroes. As negro luck would have it, the gun was loaded with bird shot and no one was killed or even seriously hurt. The small shot scattered promiscuously, those hit receiving only a few slight wounds. The pleasures of the picnic were not seemingly interfered with.

One black mare mule, 14½ hands high, 5 years old, long bush on tail, mane cut close, leather halter on. Branded D with circle over. Will pay \$10 for return to English Bros.' stable, Crockett, Tex.

One Winship cotton press, almost as good as new. Also one Lummus gin stand and condenser, complete, and a Hall condenser alone. Will give any one a bargain wishing them. Will sell either singly. Address, D. F. THOMSON, Ratcliff, Texas.

After House Cleaning Add the final touch to your work by freshening things up with paint or varnish. They make old things look new and different. We have varnishes of every kind. Varnish stains that stain and varnish at one operation. Everything else in the fancy paints. Quality highest. Prices lowest.

J. G. HARING, PHARMACIST.

All candies at the Crockett Candy Kitchen are at cost this week only on account of having to close for 15 days, beginning May 19. Come early and avoid the rush.

The shipping platform at the depot Tuesday looked very much like business. Wagon after wagon was unloading, coming and going in a solid stream. This potato business is getting to be a big thing.

Mayor S. T. Beasley informs us that people who do not reside in Crockett and desire to have their children enter the public school, should give names and age of children to City Marshal J. B. Haskins before June 1.

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Yes, sir, that's the place.

KING & MURCHISON.

They are the boys for my money. Nobody dresses any better than I do when I am dressed up, and nobody gets their clothes any cheaper than I do. They carry a

Complete Spring and Summer Line of Woolens.

Satisfaction and a Saving Guaranteed by

KING & MURCHISON

The Waterworks Question.

City Attorney Geo. W. Crook has heard from the attorney general at Austin in regard to the city of Crockett issuing bonds for general improvement purposes, which would include waterworks. He wrote the attorney general about three weeks ago. The city will have to wait until the state legislature meets, when, by special act or permission of the legislature, the city can be authorized to issue bonds for general improvement purposes. This is on account of some difficulty that can be remedied only by an act of the legislature.

Emmett Hit Davis.

Saturday, at the rear of Lee Goolsby's saloon, two white men, by name Emmett Robb and Davis Moore, were scuffling and wrestling. Davis took offense at something Emmett did and, it is said, cursed him. Whereupon Emmett, laying hold of a heavy piece of scantling, swung it over and landed on the side of Davis' head with a heavy blow. No doubt Davis thought that Emmett had gone into the lumber business, that lumber was on the decline and that Emmett was trying to unload on him. Davis received a severe lick which laid him out for awhile. Dr. John B. Smith was summoned and pronounced the wound only one of the scalp and not serious. The wounded man bled profusely. He was carried into the office of Drs. Stokes & Wootters and his head bandaged. The one doing the striking, Emmett, gave himself up to the officers and was bound over to the city court for trial.

Fly Time

is at hand, as is also the time for screening your house. We have a fine line of

Screen Doors and Windows

which we are offering low down. Now is the time to buy while our stock is complete. Also a full line of

Sash and Doors

at the lowest prices.

Houston Co. Lumber Company,

T. R. DEUPREE, Manager.

THE COURIER.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS:

Crockett Courier:—
You will please announce my name as a candidate for Congress in this Seventh Congressional District, subject to a Democratic Convention hereafter to be held for the District.

D. A. NUNN.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the democratic primary.

- For County Judge:**
Porter Newman.
E. Winfree.
- For County Clerk:**
Nat E. Allbright,
Hugh English,
James R. Richards.
- For County Treasurer:**
M. M. Baker.
G. H. Bayne.
- For Tax Collector:**
John W. Brightman.
- For Sheriff:**
Jake Sheridan.
E. B. Hale.
- For District Clerk:**
J. B. Stanton.
- For County Attorney:**
John Spence.
Earle Adams, Jr.
- For Tax Assessor:**
H. L. Mobley,
Sam H. Sharp,
Bailey Hatchell,
Tony Gossett.
- For Representative:**
N. B. Barbee.
Colt Stokes.
C. B. Isbell.
- For Commissioner, Prec. No. 4:**
Hugh W. McCelvey.
J. E. Smith.
Albert Douglas.
- For Commissioner, Prec. No. 1:**
F. P. Kennedy.
B. S. Hearn.
J. K. Jones.
H. P. Almond.
- For Commissioner of Prec. No. 3:**
Cal Barbee.
Ab Thomason.
John D. McCullar.
- For Commissioner of Prec. No. 2:**
W. E. Hail.
J. A. Hughes.
R. C. (Dick) Hancock.
Elias Lansford.
- For Justice Peace, Prec. No. 1:**
J. F. Duren.
John W. Saxon.
Watson Patterson.
- For Constable Prec. No. 1:**
A. W. Phillips.
T. B. (Bony) Satterwhite.
- For Justice Peace Prec. No. 3:**
J. H. Childress.
- For Constable Precinct No. 3:**
Horace Rodgers.

ALL AS ONE NOW.

In the recent congressional contest in this county between Colonel D. A. Nunn and Hon. A. A. Aldrich the COURIER was conducted along strictly neutral lines, championing the cause of neither and extending to both in equal measure the courtesies of its columns. The contest over and the result declared, we feel that it is the duty of the COURIER as it is of every county paper and every one who feels a pride and takes an interest in the success of a county man to come together in honest, earnest support of the county's choice. If Judge Aldrich had been the choice of this county his friends and supporters could and would have appealed to the friends of Colonel Nunn to join with them in their efforts to secure the nomination for their favorite. And this paper would have been as prompt, if Judge Aldrich had been the choice of the county, in urging a united effort of all democrats in his behalf as we are now in behalf of Col. Nunn. Thus we think is the correct view of the matter and we feel confident that Judge Aldrich and his supporters will take the same view.

The imperative duty of all now

is to go to work for the choice of the primary. Nothing inspires confidence in a contest and smoothes the way to success to a man engaged therein so much as the earnest, enthusiastic backing of the people from among whom he comes and from whom he has the right to expect loyal help. The number of votes polled in the recent primary was surprisingly large when we consider the time at which it was held and the fact that the color line was drawn. The primary was preceded by a joint canvass of the county on past and present issues touching party alignment and party loyalty; the friends of each were tireless in their efforts and zeal to get out a full vote. After such a canvass and campaign, in a primary exceptionally clean and straight, exceptionally free from charges and countercharges of undue influences and unfair methods to secure votes, Colonel Nunn got the nomination by a handsome majority. Having got it, he has the right to expect, and will receive, the earnest, sincere and enthusiastic support of all democrats in this county. From now on there should be but one aim and aspiration on the part of all democrats. From now let all act as one.

We do not believe in withdrawing from the Philippines nor in a policy of scuttle. We can not endorse the attacks made on the United States army by some of the democrats in the senate. The insurrection should and will be crushed, even if harsh measures have to be resorted to do it. War is war. The Philippines should be retained and we do not believe a majority of the democrats in the senate are in favor of withdrawing from or disposing of the islands.

Mr. J. E. Downes, chairman of the county democratic executive committee, is of the opinion that managers, judges and clerks holding primary elections should receive some remuneration for their services. We publish a note from him elsewhere.

THE OFFICIAL COUNT

Of Saturday's Election For Candidate For Congress.

VOTING BOX	ALDRICH	NUNN
Crockett Box No. 1	140	204
Crockett Box No. 2	73	228
Lovelady	89	138
Grapeland	127	91
Augusta	58	76
Porter Springs	26	36
Dalys	17	21
Percilla	35	13
Weches	60	20
Tadmor	45	4
Coltharp	39	32
Pleasant Grove	28	18
Warren	00	17
Holly	8	15
Weldon	36	17
Creek	58	28
Shiloh	24	8
Boggs	22	8
Daniel	36	25
Antioch	30	44
Sunflower	3	28
Kennard	39	160
Grounds	18	15
Dodson	16	7
Totals	1025	1243
		1025

Nunn's majority..... 218
Freeman returns have not yet been received.

J. E. DOWNES, Chairman.

The Most Common Ailment.

More people suffer from rheumatism than any other ailment. This is wholly unnecessary too, for a cure may be effected at a very small cost. G. W. Wescott, of Meadowdale, N. Y., says: "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for some time and it has caused me much suffering. I concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm and am pleased to say that it has cured me." For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

STORY OF DISASTER

As Far as Known, Given to a Correspondent By the Consul On His Return.

THIRTY THOUSAND CORPSES

Strwn About, Buried in Ruins or Floating in Sea—Hideous Sharks Swimming About.

Fort de France, May 12.—It now seems to be generally admitted that about 30,000 persons lost their lives as a result of the outbreak of the Mont Pelee volcano at St. Pierre on Thursday last.

Careful investigation by competent government officials show that the early reports of the Associated Press were accurate. The consul at Guadeloupe, Louis Ayme, has reached the desolate spot where St. Pierre stood and confirms the awful story in all its essential details.

From an interview with Consul Ayme, who is a trained American newspaper man, a correspondent of the Associated Press learned the following facts:

Thursday morning the inhabitants of the city awoke to find heavy clouds shrouding the Mont Pierre crater. All day Wednesday horrible detonations were heard. These were echoed from St. Thomas on the north to Barbadoes on the south. The cannonading ceased Wednesday night and fine ashes fell like rain on St. Pierre. The inhabitants were alarmed, but Governor Mouttet, who arrived at St. Pierre the evening before, did everything possible to allay the panic.

The British steamer Boraima reached St. Pierre on Thursday with ten passengers, among whom were Mrs. Stikes and her three children and Mrs. H. J. Ince. They were watching the rain of ashes, when, with a frightful roar and terrific electrical discharges, a cyclone of fire, mud and steam swept down from the crater over the town and bay, sweeping all before it and destroying the fleet of vessels at anchor off the shore. There the accounts of the catastrophe, so far obtainable, cease.

Thirty thousand corpses are strewn about, buried in the ruins of St. Pierre or else floating, gnawed by sharks, in the surrounding seas.

Twenty-eight charred, half dead human beings were brought here. Sixteen of them are already dead and only four of the whole number are expected to recover. The Associated Press, chartered in Guadeloupe, neared Martinique at 6:30 Sunday morning. The island, with its lofty hills, was hidden behind a huge veil of violet or lead colored haze. Enormous quantities of wreckage of large and small ships and houses strewed the surface of the seas. Huge trees floated, and hideous sharks swimming about were to be seen.

At Le Precheur, five miles north of St. Pierre, canoes with men and women frantic to get away begged for passage on the steamer.

The whole north end of the island was covered with a silver-gray coating of ashes, resembling dirty snow. Furious blasts of fire, ashes and mud swept over the steamer, but finally St. Pierre was reached.

The City of St. Pierre stretched nearly two miles along the water front and half a mile back to a cliff at the base of the volcano. The houses of the richer French families were built of stone.

The still smoking volcano towered above the ash covered hills.

Well Drilling.

I take this means of notifying the public that I am prepared to drill your wells at a smaller cost than you have ever had it done before.

I use two-inch pipe and will furnish a good wind mill pump for use after the work is done.

The casing is galvanized, the bottom of which has a brass strainer attached.

One of the advantages of these wells is that nothing can get in them and another is that they never have to be cleaned out. A child can draw water from them without danger.

J. A. Shupak

No. 5853.
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK, AT CROCKETT.

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, April 30th, 1902.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$73,635.81
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,621.77
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,815.63
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,678.23
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	651.20
Due from State Banks and Bankers	2,568.97
Due from approved reserve agents	6,596.12
Checks and other cash items	1,042.09
Notes of other National Banks	1,300.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	14.00
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$5,200
Legal-tender notes	2,300
	10,100.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	635.00
Total	\$119,138.82

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	600.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	3,408.03
National bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Individual deposits subject to check	52,540.79
Total	\$119,138.82

State of Texas, } I, Arch Baker, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

ARCH BAKER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1902.

D. M. CRADDOCK, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
JOE ADAMS,
W. H. DENNY,
R. F. CHAMBERLAIN, } Directors.

The ruins were burning in many places and frightful odors of burned flesh filled the air.

With great difficulty a landing was effected. Not one house was left intact. Viscid heaps of mud, ashes and volcanic stones were seen on every side. The streets could hardly be traced. Here and there amid the ruins were heaps of corpses. Almost all the faces were downward.

In one corner twenty-two bodies of men, women and children were mingled in one awful mass, arms and legs protruding as the hapless beings fell in the last struggles of death's agony. Through the middle of the old Place Berlin ran a tiny stream, the remains of the River Gayave. Great trees, with roots upward and scorched by fire, were strewn in every direction. Huge blocks of stones, still hot, were scattered about. From under one large stone the arm of a white woman protruded. Most notable was the utter silence and the awful, overpowering stench from the thousands of dead.

Careful inspection showed that the fiery stream which so completely destroyed St. Pierre must have been composed of poisonous gases, which instantly suffocated everyone who inhaled them, and of other gases burning furiously, for nearly all the victims had their hands covering their mouths, or were in some other attitude showing that they had sought relief from suffocation. All the bodies were carbonized or roasted.

Neptune Carnival,
GALVESTON,
May 19 to 24, 1902.
INCLUSIVE.

I. & G. N. Excursion Low Rates.
Tickets On Sale
MAY 17th to 23rd, INCLUSIVE,
Limit
MAY 26th FOR RETURN.
Special Excursion
FROM CROCKETT, \$3.00,
MAY 21.

Call on I. & G. N. Agents for particulars.
D. J. PRICE,
L. TRICE,
2nd Vice Pres. & Gen'l Mgr.

No. 4884.
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank AT CROCKETT.

In the State of Texas, at the close of business, April 30th, 1902.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$179,705.45
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	25,517.91
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,400.00
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	5,000.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	6,082.54
Due from State Banks and Bankers	439.03
Due from approved reserve agents	26,713.63
Checks and other cash items	1,451.36
Notes of other National Banks	300.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	420.70
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$16,008.00
Legal-tender notes	2,000.00
	18,008.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas' (5 per cent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$228,502.62

LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	16,245.10
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	847.70
Individual deposits subject to check	185,734.70
Demand certificates of deposit	1,175.80
Total	\$228,502.62

State of Texas, } I, H. F. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. MOORE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1902.

C. W. MOORE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
J. C. WOOLTERS,
A. H. WOOLTERS,
JAS. S. SHIVERS, } Directors.

San Antonio Meteor.
San Antonio, Tex., May 13.—A meteor of unusual size and exceeding brilliancy was seen in the heavens over the northern part of the city at 7 o'clock this evening, and it remained in sight for about half a minute. Instead of dipping toward the earth, the meteor took an upward turn, going in a north-west course, leaving in its trail a perfect shower of sparks. When first seen it had a long tail and greatly resembled a comet.