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PARKER BROS. ARE STILL SELLING THE DEAN STOCK.

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A good line of Cutlery—better lay in a supply while it's cheap.	
1 doz. spools Good Thread.....	35c
A lot of Horse Collars and Breaching.	

PERISHED IN A MINE.

PROBABLY 250 MEN DEAD AT COAL CREEK, TENN.

Disaster Caused by Gas Explosion in the Shaft.

Knoxville, Tenn., May 19.—The most appalling disaster in the history of east Tennessee occurred at Coal Creek, in the coal mining section, this morning at 7:30 o'clock. An explosion of gas accumulated in the Fraterville coal mine probably brought death to 250 men and boys. It is certain that 175 are dead.

Out of the large number of men and boys who went to work this morning only one is alive, and he is so badly injured that he can not live. This man is William Morgan, an aged Englishman, who was a road man in the mine. He was blown out of the entrance by the force of the explosion. One hundred and seventy-five miners were checked in for work this morning by the mine boss. In addition to these, there were boys who acted as helpers and drivers and road men, and others to the number of perhaps seventy-five.

Late this afternoon an entrance into the Thistle coal mine, which adjoins the Fraterville mine, was effected by a rescuing party of eighty men, headed by Supt. Geo. Camp. Every available doctor in Coal Creek and vicinity was in the party. It was hoped that the party, by going through a circuitous route, could reach the "haulway" connecting Thistle and Fraterville, and thereby get to the entombed men. Thistle and Fraterville mines both belong to the Coal Creek Coal company. The company abandoned the Thistle mine some time ago, and it was understood Fraterville mine was soon to be abandoned. The latter has been worked continuously for thirty-two years, it being the first coal bank opened in the Coal Creek belt. The point at which the entombed men were at work is said to be three miles from the entrance to the mine, thus indicating the magnitude of the opening, which it is believed was filled with gas, and which probably added to the enormity of the upheaval inside the mine. The main entrance to the Fraterville mine was blocked by falling slate 500 feet from the mouth, thus necessitating the entrance of the rescuing party by way of Thistle. Supt. Camp tonight gave out this statement: "I am sure there are 175 men in the mine, as we have tags at the office for that number. The number may run to 250, as many boys and day laborers were in the mine with whom we had no regular contracts. I think a gas explosion caused the disaster."

Mrs. C. W. Ellis received a message Thursday morning stating that her brother at Austin, Mr. Jas. Heflin, was ill and in a serious condition. Mr. Heflin was raised in this county and is well known. His friends are apprehensive of the worst.

Cherokee Democracy Takes Action on Judge Perkins' Candidacy for State Senator.

The Democrats of Cherokee county, in their county convention held at Jacksonville on the 17 of May, 1902, by rising vote unanimously adopted the following resolution:

We, the democracy of Cherokee county, in convention assembled, recognizing in the Hon. Jas. I. Perkins a democrat of the highest and purest type, a citizen worthy of the respect and confidence of the people, a statesman who has displayed a most remarkable ability in the halls of our legislature, who possesses the confidence of all the people of his county, as evidenced by their unqualified endorsement of him in their several precinct conventions, and that without solicitation from him; do hereby endorse his candidacy for the State senate, and commend him to the people of

this Senatorial District as being a most suitable man for this high position, because of his ability, his untiring efforts in defense of Democratic principles and the cause of the people, his high personal character and integrity. And we do hereby instruct our delegates to the senatorial convention to cast the vote of Cherokee county in said convention for Hon. Jas. I. Perkins so long as he is a candidate, and we do further instruct them to use all honorable means to secure his nomination for State senator from this senatorial district.

Items From Daniel.

Editor COURIER: Crops are looking fine. Had one of the hardest rains Sunday eve we have had this season, people will have to work hard now to get out of the grass.

The good people of Concord had a Sunday school picnic, May 16th, songs and recitations by the

school; it shows what young ladies and children can do when they try.

We are glad to say that Mrs. John Reynolds is up again.

The address by Judge Aldrich was fine, every young man in the community ought to have heard his talk. Never saw such a dinner before, the ladies all came with trunks full of good things. The table was just loaded with cakes, pies, custards, etc., could have fed three times as many. There were several visitors from Crockett, Mrs. G. B. Lundy, Mrs. Frank Hill, Mr. Jas. S. Shivers and Miss Gussie Worthington, Miss Carrie Clark and several others. They all report a grand time.

The rain broke up preaching yesterday evening. There was a large crowd out to hear Mr. McLeod. Saturday night his sermon to the young men and ladies, the fathers and mothers was something everybody ought to have heard.

VISITOR.

A Summer Trip Unsurpassed.

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.

Most Costly Funeral.
The most costly state funeral which has ever taken place was perhaps that of Alexander the Great. A round million was spent in laying Alexander to rest. The body was placed in a coffin of gold, filled with costly aromatics, and a diadem was placed on the head. The funeral car was embellished with ornaments of pure gold, and its weight was so great that it took eighty-four mules more than a year to convey it from Babylon to Syria.

Cruelty of Pigeon Shooting.
During the hearing at Albany on the proposed bill prohibiting the shooting of live pigeons from traps Horace E. Henderson, master of St. Paul's school, in Garden City, L. I., where many such shooting contests take place, declared that frequently he had found wounded pigeons in the tower of the school chapel and he and his neighbors had found dozens of the winged birds in the window sills and doorsteps of their houses.

Speed of Circulation.
It has been calculated that, assuming the human heart to beat sixty-nine times a minute at ordinary heart pressure, the blood goes at the rate of 207 yards in a minute, or seven miles a day, and 81,320 miles a year. If a man eighty-four years of age could have one single corpuscle floating in his blood all his life, it would have traveled in that time over 5,150,000 miles.

Mulatto Rose to High Station.
Sir Conrad Reeves, chief justice of Barbadoes, who died a short time ago, was a mulatto who rose from the humblest social condition. He began life as a newspaper reporter and eventually came to be regarded as the greatest statesman, ablest lawyer and most patriotic of all native West Indians. At the time of his death he was 80 years old.

Ostrich, Not Anarchist.
The recent sensational but unfounded report that King George of Greece had been attacked by an anarchist had its birth in an incident far more amusing than serious. The king visited the zoo at Athens, when an obstreperous ostrich made for him, covering his majesty with dust and embarrassment. His dignity alone suffered. The report reached the world by way of Vienna, where the ostrich was transformed into a wild-eyed anarchist.

"Button Man" Bankrupt.
Meyer R. Blumberg, widely known as "Blm," the Button Man," because he manufactures campaign buttons, has filed a petition in bankruptcy in New York. His troubles, however, are not due to any slump in the button trade or to failure of the prediction he made as to what faces should go upon the buttons, but to outside ventures. The manufacture of the buttons will be continued by a company of which he is manager.

Seals Are Rapidly Decreasing.
The increased value of seal skins in the fur trade induces the hunters of the Pribilof Islands, the breeding grounds of the seal herds, to kill 13,000 two-year-old seals, whereas the rule has been not to kill any seal which has not reached the age of at least three years. If this killing of two-year-olds is allowed to continue it is certain that the seal herd will soon be exterminated.

To Recover Stolen Treasure.
Two million dollars' worth of gold was stolen from the Transvaal three years ago, and a syndicate has now been formed to recover it. The gold was shipped on the French vessel *Ebenezer*, which was bound for England. The vessel was wrecked, however, off the coast of Zululand, and it is the sole survivor of the wreck that has formed the syndicate.

Money in Glass Shells.
The men who gather clam shells along the Mississippi river and its tributaries last year gathered and sold nearly 45,000,000 pounds, for which they received more than \$205,000. The shells are used in the manufacture of pearl buttons, there being a number of large factories in the various river towns, principally in Iowa.

Solved Problem in Unique Way.
The New York Times tells how a New York hostess, desiring to do honor to a recently married pair, solved the problem of letting her guests know the identity of the distinguished lady in the case, whose name had been lost in that of her husband. The cards read: "To meet Dr. and Mrs. Mary Wilkins Freeman."

Tercenary of Shorthand.
The tercentenary of shorthand writing will be celebrated this year, for John Willis published his book on the subject in 1693. Pitman's Phonetic Journal recently had an article on Willis' book, copies of which are preserved in the British Museum and in the Bodleian Library.

The Big Store.

We Are Slaying Prices Right and Left On Summer Dress Goods, Trimmings, Waists, Etc.



It isn't often that you have the opportunity, this early in the season, to buy your summer dresses, waists, etc., at greatly reduced prices. The reason we are making these unusual offers is that our goods came in early and began to sell at once. Of course, after a few weeks, lots are very much broken, and we have only a few patterns of each style, or a few yards from each bolt; naturally, we want to sell them out at once, and get more. If you will just notice the extra values, you can't fail to be interested.

<p>How Dear to the Feminine Heart is the Bargain Counter.</p> <p>Now is the time to help yourself to bargains. How is this to start with?</p> <p>32 and 36 in. best Percale, various colors and patterns; the price has been reduced from 12½c per yd. to 5c</p>	<p>Novelty Satin Stripe Muslin, white ground with figures in pink, green, blue and black, worth 10c per yd., marked down to 5c</p>	<p>1 Lot Swiss Plumetis, 44 in. wide, embroidered stripes in all colors, one of the most popular styles this season, marked down to 40c</p>
	<p>Belford Batiste, stripes and figures, in all colors, an extra good quality, was 8½c, but now 5c</p>	<p>1 Lot Embroidered Mouseline de Soie, in grey, pink, cream, blue, red and black, was from 50c to 80c per yd., now 45c</p>
<p>Waists, Kimonos, Etc.</p> <p>Just a few each of the Fancy White Waists, Kimonos, Dressing Sacques, Wash Skirts and Wrappers, and we'll sell them at 25 per cent. discount.</p>	<p>Remnants.</p> <p>Don't fail to examine our "Remnant Stand," for it contains some rare bargains. Some pieces have enough for a dress, and none are so small that they can't be used.</p>	<p>Shoe Bargains.</p> <p>This is a collection of all the styles of which we have only two or three pairs left. They were \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.50 a pr.; all sizes, your choice for only 98c.</p>

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

THE DEAD NUMBER 92.

OF THE INJURED THERE ARE 142,
MANY OF WHOM WILL
SUCCUMB.

Goliad is a Town of Sorrow and Desolation.

Goliad, Texas, May 19.—Twenty-four hours have passed since the terrible cyclone of yesterday, and some order has emerged from the chaos of last evening. The court house has been converted into headquarters hospital where all of the seriously injured that could be moved have received the best medical attention and nursing by an organized corps of physicians and nurses from neighboring towns. There are forty seriously injured, of whom possibly 75 per cent will recover.

In the confusion of yesterday there were several unavoidable errors in the list of the dead, as indicated in the corrected list of dead, but many more dead were brought in today and the total aggregates thirty-four whites and fifty-eight negroes dead, and 142 injured, of whom probably fifteen will die.

The Houston Post correspondent, while traversing the cyclone-swept district this afternoon, dis-

covered the body of a 4-year-old negro child under the wreck of a building and many more will doubtless be found in the same district.

The storm-swept district is the western portion of the city, beginning at the river where the iron county bridge is demolished, embracing an area varying in width from three to four hundred yards and extending a distance of a mile to the cemetery, where nearly every tombstone is down and but little of the shrubbery left standing. Not a single house escaped, and there was not a vestige of animal or vegetable life left in its trail. Here and there were wrecks of the most substantial residences, but of most of these there was not a stick of timber left. The entire pathway was strewn with the wreckage. The contrast presented by the beautiful valley of the San Antonio resting between the green hills covered with growing crops served to accentuate the desolation. A remarkable circumstance is that 225 were killed or injured out of about 250 who lived in the track of the cyclone.

A prominent citizen stated that he could see the tornado coming and that it came twisting and whirling so rapidly that he had only time to call the attention of his wife when it was upon them with all its fury and terrible death and destruction. It did not last over two or three minutes, when in its wake arose the cry of

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At J. G. Haring's.

desolation and despair from the throats of father, mother, wife and children. Those who were not in the track of destruction were struck with awe, and it took quite a while to realize that such havoc could be wrought in such a short space of time. Slowly awakening to the suffering of their relatives, friends and fellow citizens, the spirit of friendship and charity, man's noblest traits, were in full evidence. Relief to the suffering and tender care of the dead were their first act and thought. The messages of sorrow were sent to neighboring cities, who are now vying with each other in acts of kindness and charity to their fellow man.

A sight to make the strongest heart ache and to bring tears to the eyes of the most heartless was the tender ministering to the wounded by the best women in Southern Texas acting in the capacity of nurses.

Here was a little girl whose leg had been amputated. There a fond mother with hip, arm and legs broken. Here was a man with fractured skull, and all bore their misfortunes with such fortitude and resignation as only such people could who populated a good Christian community.

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Colored Snow Accumy trails.

Meteorologists have been lately prying into the phenomena of black, red, green, yellow and various other colored snowstorms, reported at various times from portions of this continent and of the old world. They find that colored snow actually falls. Samples of black snow which fell some time since over Indiana and Kentucky were sent to the weather bureau for explanation. They were turned over to plant physiologist Woods, of the bureau of plant industry, who, upon analysis, discovered that the black matter was silt, corresponding to the fine sediment found in drained streams. It appeared to have been evaporated into the clouds from the bottom of some shallow lake or river which had dried.

The black snowflakes contained minute plants, such as grow in stagnant water, cells of decayed grasses, bristles of plants, hairs of animals, pollen of flowers, butter-colored grass, ashes and sand. Perhaps the mixture had been blown up by the wind into a snow cloud of goodly size. Black snow fell over a considerable area in the west also in 1893. In 1863 a large extent of Ontario, Canada, was similarly covered by a storm of sable flakes. The territory thus blackened was 50x10 miles. It was estimated that about 500 tons of black matter thus descended from the sky.

Differences in Countries.

In Paris male domestic servants are encouraged to marry, as they are observed to be more settled and more attentive to their duty than when bachelors. In London such marriages are discouraged, as rendering servants more attentive to their families than to those of their masters.

British Electric Railway.

The estimate of the cost of constructing the electric railway between Brighton and London is in round figures \$7,238,403. The stations will cost \$230,000, and accommodation bridges and viaducts \$1,128,351, while no less than \$1,400,720 is to be spent on tunnels.

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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 preference. Frequently the insufficient appear to triumph. Title and regalia, however, never yet made a 'line.' 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.

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Mozart and the Major.

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Music and liquor! The Major loved them both; was something of a connoisseur in both; and was keenly susceptible to the influence of both. So, when he actually resolved to adopt a small colored boy, his friends were outraged, but not surprised; they only felt unable to decide whether the proceeding was to be attributed to the Major's pocketflask or to the boy's banjo, while the Major cursed the whole neighborhood in good, set terms, and went after his protegee.

"What's the boy's name?" he demanded when all other particulars had been settled to the mutual satisfaction of himself and the child's father.

"Well, Majah," was the somewhat astonishing response, "I don't jes 'zackly know."

The Major's temper uncertain, and his vocabulary ready.

"Then you're a durn fool," he replied with promptness and irritation.

"Well, Majah, you see, 'twuz 'is way. W'en dat chile wuz bawn, me 'n M'rier 'lowed we wuz gwine to call him fo' you; an' we wuz gwine to hab a great big crussenin', soon's it got so's he cud war a frock 'dout enny naik er sleeves, dat yo' ma gin him. But 'wile we wuz a-waitin', M'rier, she up an' jine de Baptis', an' one day, w'en I sez, 'M'rier, ain' it mos' warm 'nuff fo' de crussenin'?' M'rier, she say, sorter short-lak, dat 'dee ain' gwine be no crussenin'. Dat crussenin' infum baptizum, 'n dee ain' no sech 'ting es infum baptizum.' 'Dee ain', sez I; 'how'n the name o' Gord dat chile gwine to get named, den?' An' M'rier say, 'We jes gwine call him Moses right erlong. Dat bein' how he'd bin kinder drawn out'n de water by bein' kep' f'm infum baptizum, de preacher 'lowed he mus' be call Moses.' Well, sah, I jes p'intedly rah'd'n pitched. I sutney skeered M'rier. I 'lowed dat boy wuzn't gwine to be named no sech 'ting; an' he ain', mun, he ain'. M'rier, she call him Mose, jes fo' pure owdaciousness; but me an' de res' jes call him sonny. An' dat's hucome I don't jes 'zackly know his name."

At the termination of this remarkable narrative, the man stolidly awaited the usual string of expletives. But the Major stood silent, deep in meditation. A happy conceit had occurred to him and he was lost in admiration of its neatness and his cleverness.

"The boy's name shall be Mozart Mendelsahn," he said, with an unctuous relish of his own good thing; "Moz-art Mendels-ahn," he repeated, adapting the pronunciation to the slow mind of his hearer; "then Maria can keep on calling him Mose, and you can keep on calling him sonny, and by the Lord Harry! Adam himself couldn't do better than that."

So Mozart Mendelsahn it was; and if ever a small boy deserved a great name, this one did. Pitiably crippled and misshapen the little fellow was; but genius looked out of his dark, bright eyes, and spoke through his slender, ebony fingers. After a few preliminary trials, he could handle any instrument with a skill and expression rarely attained by months of practice; and, along this line, the limit of the Major's generosity was the limit of his purse.

Seated on the wide stone step of the west veranda, while the Major rocked to and fro above him, with a mint julep or a toddy at his side, Mozart would fill the air with soothing melody, until his watchful eye took note that the last drop had disappeared down the Major's capacious throat. Then, and not till then, with clasped hands around his crooked knee, and eyes fixed firmly on the distant landscape, would Mozart say, "I b'leve I cud play a fiddle."

"Well, blank my eyes!" the Major would roar, "a fiddle! and it's just like your durned impudence to think I ought to get you one. A fiddle! get up off that rock and go to the kitchen; before I break every bone in your body." And the Major would stalk in

from mouth to brain, and waked his heart and fingers to a new, strange power!

It was only a second-rate violin, played by a hunch-back negro; but the scent of the harvest field blew over the hot, close room, and a stream plashed gently under bending trees. Only a second-rate violin, but its spell was mighty. Men saw afresh life's beauty and its gladness. Old dreams awakened, of fame and love; and hope began to sing of what might be. He was only a hunch-back negro, but men dropped their heads and forgot their glasses on the bar as they listened. Within their hearts there stole sweet thoughts; within their eyes there crept hot tears; and no man smiled as the Major walked unsteadily down the room, until he stood before the player.

"Let's go home, Mozart," he cried, with trembling lips; "let's go home. We'll keep our Christmas there, please God! You and I—at home."

Out into the night, through a raging blizzard; buffeted by angry gusts of wind and volleys of snowflakes that obliterated the way; but the Major knew it not, until, at his feet, his companion stumbled and fell, exhausted with cold and weariness. But he knew it well, when, with Mozart in his arms, he plodded along over the road whose stretching white miles seemed endless to his tired feet. Dissipation had weakened the Major's frame, and Mozart's inert form was heavy, but still he walked, fighting against the fate that threatened them, until his eyes discovered, through the snow-lit darkness, a well-known gate. And then he paused.

"We'll get a little rest here, Mozart," he said, with a thick and halting utterance; "we'll rest a bit, and then we'll go on in; we'll both go in—we'll both go home together."

And when the sun climbed the golden ladder of morning, and lighted up the snow-clad earth, it seemed as if the mantle of heavenly charity was cast on two recumbent, half-hidden figures that had gone home together.

Lord Chancellor's Perquisites. The lord chancellor of England remains in enjoyment of perquisites of a unique character. As keeper of the great seal he retains always in his custody the important emblem of sovereignty.

It consists of two heavy silver discs, six and a half inches in diameter, and close on one inch in depth, and each engraved with an elaborate design of the sovereign, hinged together so as to form a sort of mold, from which

is obtained in colored wax the impression of the great seal, as large and as thick as a muffin, which is attached by a plaited silken cord to all important state documents, such as treaties with foreign powers, patents of nobility and credentials of ambassadors to foreign countries.

A most beautiful purse, which is at once the receptacle and emblem of the great seal is solemnly borne in state by an official in court dress, called the purse bearer, before the lord chancellor as he enters and leaves, with slow and dignified steps, the house of lords or the court of chancery.

It is made of rich purple velvet, on which the royal arms are exquisitely embroidered in gold. The purse is renewed every year and the old one goes to the lord chancellor, or perhaps it would be more correct to say to his wife.

Lord Thurlow was lord chancellor for so many years that Lady Thurlow was able to provide several gorgeous counterpanes and hangings for her bed from the purses which thus fell to her as perquisites.

Advice That Was Not Wanted. "Ah, will I never be released?" wailed the imprisoned heroine, beating her fair white hands wildly against the bars of her window, while from behind the scenes could be heard the hoarse chuckle of the villain. Many in the audience were seen to apply their handkerchiefs to their eyes. Her prayers for release rose again upon the still air and lost themselves in the echoing flies above. "Either git a habbus corpus, leddy," shouted a friend from the gallery, "er walk out over de foot lights." And the curtain came down with a whizz.

A Big Hog. Down in Vladosta, Ga., recently, a hog was killed, whose gross weight was 1,260 pounds; his net weight was 955. Each ham weighed 102 pounds. This fat monster produced 510 pounds of lard, or nearly a tierce and a half—enough to last a small family about four years. Besides the lard, there was nearly a wagonload of sausage from this one pig, to say nothing about big dishpans full of hogs-head cheese, liver pudding and other products.

Death Asks for a Birth Certificate. A man of the name of Jean Baptiste Fabre, 37 years old, presented himself the other day to the mayor of Montreuil-sous-Bois to obtain at last a birth certificate. Scarcely had he uttered his request when he sank down without a cry. Men rushed to help him, but without avail; he was dead with a sudden stroke of apoplexy.—Paris Journal.

Chestnut and Hickory Grafting. The art of grafting may be quickly learned, but uniform success is difficult to obtain, even with experience of long standing. Chestnut grafting is considered one of the most difficult operations and the best hand is never completely successful. The hickory is perhaps quite as uncertain.—Mechan's Monthly for February.

Saw Lincoln Assassinated. Judge Manning of Armourdale, Mo., was a new boy in Philadelphia during the Civil War. He recently told a reporter he was in Fox's American theater in Walnut street when the assassination of President Lincoln was announced from the stage and can well remember the effect upon the audience.

A Chip of the Old Block. Richard Elkins, son of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, is described as a chip of the old block. On Jan. 1 he sold his father a tract of coal land in West Virginia and cleaned up \$12,000 on the deal. A friend secured the options for young Elkins and engineered the deal with his father.

Thomas Hitchcock of New York. Thomas Hitchcock, who has stirred up so much criticism in New York through at first declining to give up his opera box to Prince Henry, is a man of wealth and culture and was known for many years as a financial writer over the pseudonym of "Matthew Marshall."

"Candy Craze" in England. A London paper says the "candy craze" is the latest fashionable importation from America. "No theater party," it is announced, "worthy of the name can exist for half an hour without the comfort of the appearance of chocolates and sugared almonds."

Bald Cure for Spalding. The Girdle of the Blessed Virgin, which is preserved in the convent at Vatopedi, is now being carried about the province of Salonika by two monks in order to combat the disease which is prevalent, more especially in the mountains.—Cassanopolis.



"Out into the raging night."

from mouth to brain, and waked his heart and fingers to a new, strange power!

It was only a second-rate violin, played by a hunch-back negro; but the scent of the harvest field blew over the hot, close room, and a stream plashed gently under bending trees. Only a second-rate violin, but its spell was mighty. Men saw afresh life's beauty and its gladness. Old dreams awakened, of fame and love; and hope began to sing of what might be. He was only a hunch-back negro, but men dropped their heads and forgot their glasses on the bar as they listened. Within their hearts there stole sweet thoughts; within their eyes there crept hot tears; and no man smiled as the Major walked unsteadily down the room, until he stood before the player.

"Let's go home, Mozart," he cried, with trembling lips; "let's go home. We'll keep our Christmas there, please God! You and I—at home."

Out into the night, through a raging blizzard; buffeted by angry gusts of wind and volleys of snowflakes that obliterated the way; but the Major knew it not, until, at his feet, his companion stumbled and fell, exhausted with cold and weariness. But he knew it well, when, with Mozart in his arms, he plodded along over the road whose stretching white miles seemed endless to his tired feet. Dissipation had weakened the Major's frame, and Mozart's inert form was heavy, but still he walked, fighting against the fate that threatened them, until his eyes discovered, through the snow-lit darkness, a well-known gate. And then he paused.

"We'll get a little rest here, Mozart," he said, with a thick and halting utterance; "we'll rest a bit, and then we'll go on in; we'll both go in—we'll both go home together."

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"His name shall be Mozart Mendelsahn," he said,

the house, raging; while Mozart would walk off around the corner. "I b'leve I cud play it," he would say as he disappeared. And, in less than a month, he would be playing thereon, to the Major's intense delight and the neighborhood's intense disapproval. There was still one drawback to the

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J. G. Haring.

A Man and Two Women.

A thorny point in morals is submitted in the following letter:

"To the Editor—Sir: My advice was asked lately in a delicate matter which I hereby submit to you:

"What course should an honorable man pursue who, being engaged to be married, finds by the means of falling in love with another woman that he is capable of a much deeper love than he has given his fiancée?"

"A girl in a similar position would promptly break her engagement—that being the privilege of her sex; but we will all agree that the man who throws a woman over is an unutterable cad.

"And yet—and this is the point that puzzles me—in which case will he do the greater wrong to the girl to whom he is pledged: if he marries her, loving another woman, or if he breaks his engagement and thrusts upon her the inevitable scandal and stigma of such a proceeding?"

"It is a deadlock to me from an ethical standpoint. What do you and your readers say?"

The honorable man cannot get out of the scrape in any way that will leave him without a sense of dishonor, or, unless he is a man of great callousness and selfishness, enable him to find a happiness without regret. He is very unfortunate. Perhaps he is somewhat more than that. "Ain't I volatile, Mr. Copperfield?" asked Miss Motcher. How does this bemuddled lover know that some time he will not meet still a third woman who will inspire him with a still deeper love than that which he now feels for Number Two? This "deeper love" looks a little

suspicious. A man who goes about throwing the lead into the depths of his affections may be supposed to think a good deal more of himself than of the woman or women whom he thinks he loves. Does Number Two love him more than his betrothed does?

But suppose the man to be fixed in his affection for Number Two. Then his course, difficult, painful and technically dishonorable, is at least clear. In a novel or a play, he might marry the girl to whom he is engaged, binding himself with vows his heart has no part in, and try to go through life as an undiscovered hypocrite, a pretender and a liar. Only misery could come to husband and wife from such a marriage. The heroic resolution to be a man of honor would be pretty sure to end in his being a man of dishonor. The strength to play a part for a lifetime is not given to many. His wife would find him out; and in spite of many examples it is hard to see why it is any more creditable to a man to break his wife's heart than to break his sweetheart's.

Perhaps there need be no heart-breaking in the matter. We don't envy the man his errand, but he has got to tell that girl the truth. When he gets through with his story he will look so small that his fragments couldn't be recognized by the aid of a microscope. The girl will boil with pride and freeze

with disdain, and send him about his business. There will be no stigma or scandal, if he is prudent. She has dismissed him. Everybody must know that. And if he has as much conscience as a spider he will be reasonably slow about proceeding with his "deeper love."

The girl must have bitter hours and be deeply wounded. These are the little privileges which men seldom deny to women. Pride, a sense of her own worth and dignity, contempt for the shallow and shifting temperament of her former lover will sustain her. A great, but, let us hope, a temporary, grief has come to her. Likewise a lucky escape. Women bear everything bravely and hide their scars. It's a thousand to one that the man who prates about "deeper love" has not a thousandth part of the capacity or the depth of affection of the woman he wants to give up.

It is a nasty business. No doubt about that. Long after it is over and done, the man, if he has human sensibility, will be conscious of a feeling of degradation. Until his former betrothed has made a clearly prosperous and happy marriage, he will have no right to be comfortable; and there will be moments when he is extremely uncomfortable. Be it his weakness, his fault or his fate, he has given great, perhaps irremediable, pain. He has blundered and wobbled. He hasn't known his own mind. He has played fast and loose with a woman's heart. His honor rooted in dishonor stands. He can never be proud of himself.—New York Sun.

Sending Negroes North.

Baltimore, Md.—Gov. Jeff Davis wants other Southern states to join Arkansas in sending negroes to Massachusetts. Col. Jas. Tate, of this city, who sent a letter to Davis congratulating him on his course in pardoning a negro from the Arkansas penitentiary on condition that the negro become a citizen of Massachusetts within thirty days, has just received a letter from the governor, in which the latter says:

"I appreciate your letter. I conceived this idea on a recent visit to the East, from many expressions of sympathy for negroes I heard by people of that section, none of whom knew what they were talking about, and I resolved to give them a little taste of their own medicine, so that in the future they could handle subjects in concrete form, and I, therefore, thought it wise to put a negro in their midst, so that they could study him as he is, and not from anything they had read about him. I see that the Eastern papers are waxing warm over the matter, even going to the extent of saying that the negro is more preferable there than the Southern white man. I desire to say that I am going to send as many as possible to them, and hope that the other Southern states will join me in this enterprise."

Gov. Taft, who is soon to return to the Philippines, will find the situation a little more favorable to his country when he arrives in the islands than it was when he left them a few months ago. While the pacification may not yet be complete, an improvement has been made in the past half year. The insurgents under arms are fewer, it is believed, than at any previous time since the rebellion began. There have been many surrenders in the past three months, and others are promised before the beginning of the rainy season, now only two or three weeks distant.—Ex.

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From the New York Sun.

"There was a time in the life of the confederacy," said the Southern colonel, "when we had so little regard for the North, or so much for ourselves, that we didn't think a roll of greenbacks was worth any more than a roll of wall paper. Out of this feeling grew a very pretty little romance which began in Holly Springs, Miss., and ended at the Fifth Avenue hotel in New York city.

"I was a young fellow of the enthusiastic sort that believed utterly in the final success of our cause, and when in 1862 Van Dorn swung round into Holly Springs and captured Grant's money and stores I was on hand with the boys, whooping it up in great shape. Among the articles captured was a big lot of greenbacks \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000, more or less, and we had plenty of it.

"I had about \$50,000 in my saddle bags that I was taking along with me to give away as souvenirs. It wasn't good for anything else, in my opinion, but it was worth carrying along for that, as part of it was in \$1000 bills and didn't take up much room.

"I knew a pretty girl near Holly Springs, and I incidentally called on her. We had a good deal to say about the success of our arms, and as a little remembrancer I got out one of my thousand-dollar greenbacks and stuck it in her autograph album, writing my name and the date below the bill. I don't suppose there is a picture page in any of the best illustrated magazines of to-day that represents \$1000 in cash, as did that illustration I put in that girl's album.

"Later I rode out to our camp, some miles away, and, putting up my horse, I adjourned to the banks of a little stream near by and was pouring my soul out through a flute. There was only a small bunch of our men, and we weren't thinking much about Yankee soldiers. I know I wasn't.

"I wasn't even thinking about my saddle bags full of money which were lying under a convenient tree, where I had thrown them. I was thinking about the girl. Suddenly there was a row and a ruckus, and a troop of Yankee cavalry had swooped down on us.

"There was no time given for preparation, and thinking only of how to get away, I made a grab for my horse, and without saddle or bridle, and guided only by his halter, I cut out through the woods. The saddle bags I left under the tree, also the flute, and I haven't played the flute since. How I got away I don't know, but I did, and that was all I had in mind just then. I reckon those Yankees knew what to do with the saddle bags.

"The next chapter begins long after the war, only about ten years ago, in fact, and I hadn't seen the girl in all that time. One day I was passing along in front of the Fifth Avenue hotel when a gray-haired man, standing near the door, stopped me. I didn't know who he was, and he begged my pardon and asked if my name wasn't Stuart. I told him that was my first name, and gave him my last name. Then he grabbed me.

"You saved me and my family," he said, putting his arms about me and steering me toward the bar. "We'll have a drink and I'll tell you about it. You don't know how glad I am to see you."

"I instinctively felt that it was

no case of bunko, and went with him. He had told me his name before we reached the bar, and I knew he was the father of the Holly Springs girl. We had the drink, several, indeed, and he explained how I had saved him and his family.

"When the war was over he had lost everything, and it was decided that the family should gather itself together and leave Mississippi for some point in the West, to make a new start. In the process of packing up what was left the daughter came across the autograph album in which I had pasted the thousand-dollar bill.

"Thousand dollar bills of United States money had somewhat appreciated in value to the Southern mind by that time, and instead of tossing it aside as waste paper, the girl made a running jump with it to her father. Very, very carefully, they soaked the album leaf in warm water and very, very carefully they detached the bill. It was taken to the bank and pronounced sound in every respect.

"There isn't much more to the story. When a man hasn't a cent in the world, and the people around him aren't any better off, \$1000 is a great big pile, and the Holly Springs girl's dad had it. He hurried off to Memphis, laid in a stock of all kinds of necessities, and coming back to the old place, he braced himself and bled on.

He hadn't grown rich, but he had enough to give me back the thousand by a little "squeezing," and he wanted to do it, but I was pretty flush just then myself, and I told him to keep it and make more with it to give to his daughter's children, for the girl was married and had a houseful."

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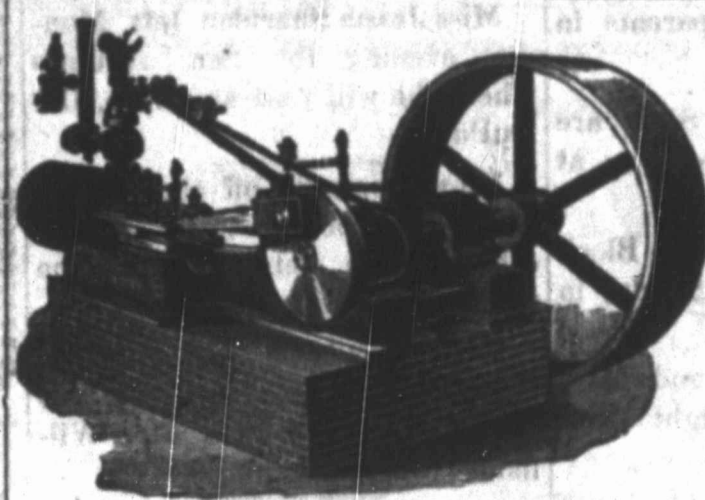
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More people get off and on the trains at Crockett than at any other station between Palestine and Houston.

F. P. Gandolph has gone to Houston to live, having sold his barber shop here to a Mr. Williams from Groveton.

The Crockett Candy Kitchen did not close this week. Will Dunwoody is in charge during the absence of Mrs. Ellison.

We noticed some peaches for sale on the streets Wednesday. They were grown here. The peach crop will be large.

Fire was first put under the boiler of the Crockett canning factory Wednesday and the whistle sounded for the first time.

Mrs. Pink Hail and children left Saturday evening for a visit to Corsicana. Pink accompanied them as far as Palestine.

Do you want a flour suitable to make your cakes and pastry? Phone us to send you a sack on trial. JIM BROWN.

Next Monday and Tuesday the Big Store's millinery department will sell all of the ribbon that's on hand at the great discount of 25 per cent.

Always on hand—the best grades of flour, sugar, coffee, etc., in fact everything kept in a first-class grocery house at prices that are the lowest where the goods are the best. Big Store.

Mrs. Earl Adams Jr. went down to Trinity Tuesday evening to meet her grand-mother, Mrs. Henry of Livingston, returning on the Fast Mail with her.

One package washing powder, One cake laundry soap, One cake toilet soap, One cake scouring soap, all for 10c at C. L. Shivers'.

There are still one or two mud holes in front of the row of buildings on the east side of the square that need looking after. These mud holes will cause sickness.

Up to Wednesday night there had been nineteen cars of potatoes shipped from Crockett. The two cars shipped Wednesday sold for 75 cents a bushel at the platform.

The cattle that were fattened on meal and hulls from the oil mill here were shipped to Chicago Friday. Wortham LeGory took advantage of the shipment for a trip to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison left Sunday night for San Antonio. From San Antonio Mrs. Ellison will go to Meridian, Miss., where she has a son attending school who will return with her to Crockett.

Sermon on Education.

The pupils, patrons and friends of the public school are invited to attend a special service at the Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The service will be in the interest of education.

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.

Stray Mule.

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.

The COURIER is a good advertiser. It enters the home, the office and the shop. It is appreciated as a county newspaper. It is referred to fifty-two weeks in the year. Every business man should know this and this is why we are telling him.

Mr. J. G. Haring left Sunday night for Goliad. He received the sad news Sunday of the death of his mother and the serious injuring of his sister by the fearful storm that overswept that city Sunday afternoon. His two brothers were uninjured by not being at home at the time.

Summer Normal.

The State Summer Normal at Lufkin, Texas, will open May 26th and close July 3rd. Good board from \$3 to \$3.50 per week. For further information, address Prof. J. W. Stegall, conductor, Burke, Texas, or Prof. J. W. Bond, Lufkin, Texas. 3t

Potato shipments continue. The wet weather the first of the week interfered somewhat with digging, but shipping started again Tuesday. We believe 75 cents is the price being paid. Between fifteen and twenty cars have been shipped from this point to date.

Looking over the bank statements in the COURIER last week, we heard a gentleman remark that a second bank always created new business. He said the new bank at Crockett was enjoying a nice patronage and that the older bank seemed to have lost very little if any of its former business.

Marriage Licenses.

Porter Pearson and Didy Penick.

Arthur L. Grimes and Julia Campbell.

R. E. Hazelett and Pearl Blades.

Gump Allis and Kate Currie.

J. A. Wood and W. B. Harkins.

Hiram Armstead and Miss Corry Phillips.

N. B. Vinson and Minnie Spivey.

Crockett is continually worked by the agents of outside printing concerns which have no interest in the town further than to get an order for a job of printing. These outside concerns never spend a cent here nor in any way help the town. They have not the welfare of the town at heart. They usually secure nice orders from business men who, when they want something done for the good of the town and the people generally, and want it done gratis, come to the COURIER.

M. C. Foster Dead.

Mr. M. C. Foster, mention of whose sickness was made in the COURIER last week, passed away Thursday afternoon and was buried Friday. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World and was buried by that order. He was jailer and deputy sheriff at the time of his death, making a faithful and courageous officer. The disease of which he died was a rather complicated one, baffling the skill of the physicians. He leaves a wife and several small children who have the sympathy of all.

Crockett Bottling Works.

In extending our thanks to our many customers for the liberal patronage given us last season, we wish to call their attention to the fact that we are now prepared to serve them better than ever. It will be our particular pleasure to supply the homes of Crockett with the many delicious beverages we put up. Ladies and children who cannot come to town can enjoy these healthful luxuries at home. The sick will find it most refreshing. We make free delivery anywhere in the city. CROCKETT BOTTLING WORKS.

Wedding.

Saturday night last at 9 o'clock Miss Woody Harkins was married to Mr. J. A. Wood at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Harkins. The wedding was very quiet, only a few of the most intimate friends of the family being present. Mr. and Mrs. Wood left on the 11:20 night train for Groveton, where they spent Sunday with the groom's brothers at that place, and returned to Lovelady Monday, at which place they will make their home. The groom is book-keeper for J. P. Gantt. His bride was reared to womanhood in Crockett and has many friends who extend best wishes and congratulations.

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.

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 Lancaster Case.

W. H. Lancaster was again tried at Palestine last week for the murder of Jones Reinhardt in this county in 1899. The killing is yet fresh in the minds of the people. Reinhardt and Lancaster had a suit in the justice court at Crockett over some cattle transactions and the suit was decided in favor of Mr. Reinhardt. Mr. Lancaster went to his store in the western part of the county, got his shot gun and was returning toward Crockett, where his family lived. On the road he met Reinhardt and Stringer in a two-horse wagon, who were also returning to their homes across the river in Leon county. Words passed between them, when Lancaster shot and killed Reinhardt and slightly wounded Stringer. The case was first tried at Crockett and the defendant given twenty five years in the penitentiary. A new trial was secured and also a change of venue to Anderson county. The case was next tried at Palestine and the verdict was lowered to fifteen years. The case was appealed, reversed and remanded, and the third trial resulted in a verdict of seven years. The case was again appealed, reversed and remanded, and came up for trial the fourth time last week at Palestine. The most of the week was taken up with the case and the jury brought in a verdict late Saturday evening, which was for twenty five years in the penitentiary. Hon. Earl Adams has represented the defendant from the beginning and has been untiring in his efforts to secure an acquittal for his client.

To Prospect for Oil.

Mr. F. M. Campbell returned Friday night from Beaumont, where he had been to interest some oil companies in prospecting on his land near Crockett. He succeeded in taking the matter up with two of the largest companies at Beaumont, who have promised to come to Crockett in the near future and investigate Mr. Campbell's land. The companies interested are the Guffey and Higgins companies. Mr. Campbell says he has some fine indications, the oil oozing out of a hillside in wet weather. He could have scooped up several barrels of it at one time.

For Sale.

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.

St. Stop the Cough and Works of the Cold.

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No cure, no pay. Price, 25 cents.

THE COURIER.

W. B. PACS, - 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.
 - Coil 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 Thomasson.
 - 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.

IN REGARD TO THE SENATOR.

We publish in another column the action of the democracy of Cherokee county on Judge Perkins' candidacy for state senator. As its publication was intended solely in the interest of Cherokee's candidate, in keeping with an established rule we make a charge for it. As before stated in these columns, the COURIER has none but the kindest feelings for Judge Perkins. But Cherokee's candidate is not our choice for the senator. In our issue of April 25, two weeks before the congressional primary in this county, the COURIER went on record as favoring either Trinity or Angelina county for furnishing the senator and gave its reasons for so doing. Among them we cited the fact that Cherokee and Anderson had both had the senator since Houston and referred to Houston county's claim on the position if she had a candidate. But Houston has no candidate nor has Angelina. We then pointed out the fact that Trinity has a candidate in the person of the Hon. G. C. Clegg, and stated, as we believed, that Trinity was clearly entitled to the office. We are still of this opinion. In the

last legislature Cherokee had three representatives—the senator, a county representative and the floater. As before stated, Cherokee can not reasonably expect the senator again. In all fairness Trinity county is entitled to the office and her candidate should receive the support of Houston county.

Col. Nunn is now in Galveston, looking after his interests in the congressional race. His chances for carrying Galveston county are believed to be the best and his chances over the district are good. It is believed that Trinity and San Jacinto will go for him and he also has assurances of strong support in Polk, Liberty and Chambers. The race lies in Galveston county and it is believed that on account of Col. Nunn's friendly attitude toward Galveston in time of her distress and from assurances that he and his friends have from prominent men of that city, he will receive the instruction of Galveston county without any trouble.

We would like to call the attention of the railroad officials to the fact that Crockett deserves a better depot than she has. Strangers coming to a town are always impressed, favorably or otherwise, with what they first see. The town shows up in a bad light to them and to people passing on the trains on account of the shabby and unsightly depot which the railroad company maintains here. The business the company does at this point justifies a better building and we would like to see the proper officials take the matter up for consideration.

Those who have stuck to the COURIER for the past dozen years, and there are many of them, are among the best and most substantial people of the county who believe in paying for what they get. There are very few homes in the county, where a paper is paid for, that the COURIER does not go. This paper is proud of its subscription lists, and has a right to be, considering the fact that said lists are paid up and that the paper goes into the homes of the best people of the county.

The COURIER pays cash for what it buys and pays cash to its employes. They, in turn, spend their money here, from where it is got. The business men of Crockett, who expect, and reasonably, the COURIER to work for the building up and improvement of the town, should consider these points when they go to place an order for printing.

Trinity county is entitled to the senator from this district. First, it is hers as a matter of right. Secondly, all who have a friendly feeling for the success of the choice of this county for congressman will also have a reciprocal friendly feeling for our neighbor to the south of us and our associate in both the congressional and the senatorial district.

Galveston is recognized as the great commercial seaport of the whole southwest and much of the west. Without the port of Galveston this section would be at a great disadvantage. This congressional district embracing Galveston needs such a congressman as Houston county can furnish in the person of Hon. D. A. Nunn.

The COURIER does no cheap-John, cut-throat business. It puts a fair and legitimate price on its work and is entitled to a reasonable profit. There is not a man or firm in Crockett who ever had to give this office an order for printing in order to collect a bill, which is a point worth considering.

COMMISSIONERS' COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Regular Term—Items of Interest.

The Commissioners' Court met in regular session on Monday, May 12th, all members of the court being present.

The following claims were allowed:

- Washington & Murray, lumber.....\$ 5.00
- W. M. Cannon, road work 7.25
- T. R. Hester, inquest..... 5.00
- J. M. Jordan, building bridge..... 42.00
- A. W. Phillips, court attendance..... 2.00
- E. N. Waldrip, lumber... 99.84
- Enterprise, printing..... 11.00
- J. J. Brooks, lumber..... 67.19

- Courier, printing and stationery..... 33.00
- G. W. Allbright, road service..... 4.00
- Grant Campbell, road service..... 1.50
- J. L. Monk, road service.. 4.50
- Tom Calhoun, " " " 4.00
- Brooks & Walters, lumber 2.40
- L. O. Nelson, road service 3.00
- Grant Campbell, " " " 1.50
- Bud Calhoun, " " " 6.00
- J. M. Hager, " " " 3.00
- E. H. Calloway, " " " 24.00
- J. K. Reaneau, " " " 1.50
- Brooks & Walters, lumber 8.40
- C. E. Jones, road service. 3.00
- C. F. Payne, inquest..... 5.00
- E. M. Callier, " " " 5.00
- Jno. Kennedy, " " " 5.00
- M. Bromberg, mdse..... 1.75
- Sam Sibley, coffin..... 5.00
- Shivers Bros., mdse..... .75
- Dan Kennedy, " " " .75
- Norrell Mfg. Co., mdse.. 13.50
- R. S. Willis, lumber..... 40
- G. D. Barnard & Co., stationery..... 78.25
- Jno. McConnell, mdse.... 17.00
- Jno. A. Davis, inquest.... 5.00
- J. B. Smith, med. services 52.50
- W. V. McConnell, mdse.. 13.19
- N. E. Allbright, keeping finance ledger, lunacy fees, etc..... 40.00
- T. C. Lively, road service. 50.50
- E. B. Hale, court attendance..... 82.00
- E. B. Hale, burying pauper 12.00
- E. B. Hale, feeding prisoners..... 282.70
- Enterprise, printing..... 8.00
- H. J. Phillips, mdse..... .80
- B. F. Brown, med. services 16.50
- J. E. Smith, road service.. 10.00
- E. Winfree, trying cases.. 24.00
- W. E. Hail, road services. 33.50

Order was passed allowing sale of the old Dickey school house and the proceeds to be invested in a new one.

The returns of an election for a special school tax in the Bethel school district were counted. There were 11 for the tax to 00 against. The court ordered the levy of the tax.

The sum of \$433.00 was allowed for paupers.

Reports of the following officers were examined:

- N. E. Allbright, G. H. Bayne,
- W. T. Harrison, T. R. Hester,
- Jno. A. Davis, E. Winfree, E. M. Callier, A. W. Phillips, E. B. Hale, Earl Adams, J. W. Brightman.

EX OFFICIO ALLOWANCES

- E. Winfree, Co. Judge... \$100.00
- E. Winfree, School Supt.. 150.00
- N. E. Allbright, Co. Clerk 68.75
- E. B. Hale, Sheriff..... 62.50
- J. B. Stanton, Dist. Clerk. 62.50

COMMISSIONERS' PAY.

- E. Winfree.....\$15.00
 - T. C. Lively..... 15.00
 - J. E. Smith..... 15.00
 - E. H. Calloway..... 12.00
 - W. E. Hail..... 15.00
- Total of all claims \$2000.05.
- The report of the finance committee, composed of G. M. Wal-

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.

Herbert Leaverton and Chas. Long, made at the spring term of the district court came up for consideration. After some discussion of the matter further consideration of it was postponed for want of time till June.

County Treasurer Bayne made a new school bond in lieu of the one which was held to be void. The sureties on the new bond are A. H. Wootters, J. W. Hail, Joe Long, Jno. B. Smith, Rev. Jno. B. Smith, F. H. Bayne, W. V. Berry, A. LeGory, H. F. Moore and W. V. Clark.

After Galveston had gotten up her carnival, it was a small thing in Houston to extend an invitation to Galveston visitors to stop over in Houston. By so doing, Houston could only hope to profit at the expense of Galveston. It was Galveston's carnival and Houston had no right in making the effort to attract her visitors there.

Let's all go to work for Houston's candidate for congress—Col. D. A. Nunn. His ability is recognized all over the district and his friends are confident of success, but still there is much work to be done.

DEMOCRAT DEFENDS ARMY.

Loyal Speech by McLaurin of Mississippi.

Washington, May 16.—There were two surprises in the senate this afternoon. The first of these was the glowing tribute paid to the army of the United States by Senator McLaurin of Mississippi, a democrat. The next was the attitude of Senator Lodge, who insisted upon an adjournment of the senate from to-day until Monday.

Senator McLaurin is the first of the democratic senators to publicly disavow the speeches of his colleagues in the minority in which assaults have been made upon the army and the flag. He did not favor the bill now up for consideration, which provides civil government. He did depreciate the efforts of his colleagues to disparage the army and attack the present administration. He confined his criticisms to the general policy involved in our operations in the islands, and declared that no cruelties practiced by the soldiers of the United States but must have been warranted by the circumstances surrounding them, and justified as retaliation for atrocities practiced by the natives against the troops.

McLaurin's speech is expected to be followed by others designed to correct the democratic record in the debate. It has long been realized that none of the older or conservative democratic senators approve of the assaults of Rawlins and Carmack and other immature democratic senators.

The action of Senator Lodge in seeking adjournment over Satur-

day, when two days ago he was threatening to extend the sessions and insisting upon morning and night sessions, is taken to indicate that he has assurances that an agreement will be made for a vote on the Philippine bill some time during the next week.

Belott.

ED. COURIER:—Everybody is getting along nicely with their crops at this writing. Some are laying corn by and some are done chopping cotton. We have had fine rains in this part of the country, and at this writing it looks as if we were going to have some more.

Crops are good so far, far better than this time last year, and if nothing happens we won't starve next year as prospects for corn are good, and as old Sambo said, "as long as you have got a corn dodger you're not gwine'r starve."

The writer attended the picnic at Concord last Friday, 16th, and had a nice time. Judge Aldrich made a nice talk to the people and especially to the young people.

What's the matter? I think the candidates must all have got lost; there wasn't but one out. Mr. Mobley was shaking hands with the people by himself.

As stated before in the COURIER, the candidates' speaking will be at Belott June 7th. Everybody is invited to come as the people are going to try to have a lunch for all, and we would like to see the editor out too. But say, you had better not come with the candidates as you might get arrested. Success to the COURIER.

PETE.

Belott Notes.

ED. COURIER:—A meeting of patrons of New Energy school has been called for Saturday, May 14, at Miller's store to enroll their children and elect trustees for the next school year.

Rev. Jim Lively preaches for us every third Sunday and Rev. Frank Wright every first. Sunday school and prayer meeting every Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Shields has just completed repairing and painting his home. Belott is up on well kept farms and pretty houses.

We will have a picnic June 7. Everybody and everybody's baskets are invited.

Farmers report plenty of rain, plenty of grass and good crops.

Some of the young folks report a pleasant time at the Concord picnic last week. Some of the boys like Concord, anyway.

Now and then a candidate wends his weary way through Belott, usually from the far-off forks of the creek, where he has been telling the dear voter how it is. By and by the 14th will come and then the voter will tell the dear candidate how it is.

Maybe I will come again with another letter if the boys don't find out who it is. FALSTAFF.