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## CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

### New Year's Eve Party—Dinner, Dancing, Reception.

On New Year's eve the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McConnell was open to the young people of Crockett, complimentary to the "Young Ladies' Calendar Club." Scarlet and green, the club colors, were the prevailing colors in the decorative effects throughout the hostess' home, and the cordial welcome given each guest by Mr. and Mrs. McConnell immediately made one feel at home. After giving a short while for friendly greetings, each one was given a card and pencil. The form of entertaining was quite unique and interesting. Each young lady of the club represented a month in the year, the guests guessing the months by the costumes. The old year (Miss LeGory) descended the stairs in a long black robe and powdered hair. January, (Miss Howard) a black silk gown in silver, white fur trimmings. February, Miss E. Hall, scarlet dress, gold hearts for decorations. March, Miss Stokes, in a dust-colored gown with shamrocks. April, Miss Laura Murchison, in a long rainy-day coat, alpine hat and umbrella. May, Miss Frances Wootters, white gown, carrying violets. June, Miss Long, white organdy, carrying June roses and diploma. July was represented by Miss Adams, who was very patriotic as Columbia. August, Miss M. Foster, who was dainty in a pink silk tissue and garden hat. September, Miss Sheridan was very picturesque in cream gown trimmed in autumn leaves. October, Miss Murchison, russet gown, carrying autumn leaves. November, Miss Jones, red velvet bodice, tan walking skirt decorated in strings of cranberries, carrying a basket of autumn fruits. December, Miss M. L. Hall, in a black point de sprit over red taffeta, with holly trimmings and a large silver star in her hair, was indeed beautiful. When the contest was over the prizes were awarded as follows: The ladies' prize, an exquisite bust of Sappho, was won by Mrs. John Murchison of Corsicana; the gentlemen's prize, a dozen cigars, was captured by Mr. D. F. Arledge. Refreshments besides punch served through the evening, consisting of chicken salad, sandwiches, olives and dates, were daintily served in the dining room which was indeed lovely, the color scheme being carried out more entirely here than anywhere, the table beautifully decorated in feathery ferns and holly and cut glass bowls of olives and dates made a picture one was loath to leave. After the lunch, the guests again repaired to the parlors where dancing was enjoyed until the ringing of bells announced the approach of the New Year. Little Miss Otis McConnell indeed made a pretty picture coming down the stairway under an arch of evergreens with the figures 1903 in gold, and her arms full of calendars, which she distributed among the guests.

"Swift as shadow, short as day dream" had passed the evening when the guests departed, thank-

ing Mr. and Mrs. McConnell for a most delightful evening. The dancing crowd then spent two or three hours at the Lotus Club rooms in dancing.

The course dinner given by Mrs. C. C. Stokes to a few of her friends on New Year's day was indeed enjoyable, the length of time spent at the table proving the deliciousness of the menu. But to say Mrs. Stokes entertained is to say the guests had an enjoyable time.

On New Year's night the young men returned the many courtesies of the young ladies by giving to the Calendar girls a dance, which was one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Miss Smith of Georgia with Mr. D. A. Nunn led the grand march, and dancing was indulged in until a later hour.

The handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Adams, Sr., was thrown open to callers New Year's day. The Calendar Club girls were as usual very charming in receiving the many callers who came to speak merry good wishes for the new year. Notwithstanding the weather, there was a constant stream of callers and at once on entering the brilliantly lighted home, bad weather was forgotten and under the genial influence of the welcome extended from each member of the club, guests were made to feel 1903 was indeed begun under pleasant auspices, and as one caller was heard to remark, the hall itself breathed forth a welcome. Delicious punch was served during the afternoon by Mrs. C. C. Stokes and Miss Bromberg. Several of the young ladies supplied music throughout the afternoon and to the lovers of classical music Miss Boyd of Belton afforded a rare treat, rendering several members exquisitely. Each gentleman gave a toast with the sentiment, "Long life and prosperity to the Calendar Club."

The reception given by Mrs. C. N. Corry, complimentary to the Calendar Club girls on Saturday evening, was indeed delightful in every way, thoroughly justifying her reputation for knowing just how to make people happy. The decorations were emblematic of the season; branches of mistletoe and holly with its rich clusters of red berries swaying gracefully from the chandeliers, making a most inviting place for the young ladies to stand. The guests were greeted by little Miss Bella Lipscomb at the door who made a beautiful picture with a pretty background of stately palms and ferns. Progressive anagrams was the game enjoyed and indeed it was enjoyed. Mrs. Self and Miss Cunyus had charge of the tables, each table being designated by a watercolor sketch appropriate to the class of words to be spelled at the table, and were kept busy settling disputes; for instance, Miss Lacy and Mr. Nunn insisted that in Texas squash was spelled "quash" and onion "union" and "Xmas" day was one of our largest cities. These are only a few of the impromptu words which were coined and insisted upon, and the one

who contended the longest came out winner, one young man declaring the prizes were not awarded for merit, but nerve was the winning card in this game. There were several contestants for the prizes, but Miss Worthington of Corsicana won the ladies' prize, an elegant cut glass vase, and Mr. C. C. Stokes the gentlemen's prize, a handsome silver letter opener. Punch was served in the dining room from the table, which was exquisitely beautiful with the decorations of ferns, evergreens and ribbons. Broad pink ribbons were suspended from the chandeliers to the corners of the table, where they were fastened with graceful sprays of pink roses. Everything was illuminated by candles, mellowed by dainty shades of green and pink. The menu was as follows: Fruit, gelatine, brandy cherries, fruit cake, dates, peppermints, coffee, chocolate.

The guests departed declaring the entertainment had been a social triumph.

The hop at the Lotus Club rooms Tuesday night given by the young men to the Calendar Club was delightful and well enjoyed.

E. H.

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## To Farmers and Business Men of Houston County.

A serious problem confronts us at this time in the menace of the boll weevil to our cotton crop. Wide spread interest is being taken in this subject throughout the state. Our ablest scientific men have been giving it thoughtful attention for several years past, and experiments have been made, whereby something has been learned, and it is important that the people of Houston county profit by such information as may be attainable. We recommend and advise that there be a meeting in the town of Crockett of representative men, including farmers, merchants and all others interested in the welfare of the county on the 17th day of January, 1903, it being Saturday. We suggest that every one be present who can contribute any information on this subject by reason of their experience and observation of this boll weevil pest. We think this meeting can be made of great practical utility to the people of Houston county, and we think the merchants should see their interest is as much involved as that of the farmers—in fact, the prosperity of our county is at stake; the business interests of the county as well as the value of lands; and the chance of making the living by the farming class. This meeting can also deal with the question of diversification and of cognate subjects. Let no man feel that he is not concerned in this matter, for if he has interest in Houston county of any kind whatever, he has interest in this subject. Let us have a large meeting and every neighborhood in the county be represented. In this way we will endeavor to get all the information spread throughout our county that is at present attainable. And by concerted action we think good results can be achieved.

D. A. Nunn,  
J. B. Smith,  
J. E. Downes,  
J. C. Wootters,  
J. W. Hall,  
W. A. R. French,  
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**H. M. Barbee.**



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"It was by no means a bad idea of the International and Great Northern while advertising the advantages of their country to new people abroad, to stir up the people already here to demonstrate to the new people the matchless possibilities of the International and Great Northern country, so that when they come we can 'show

We can't begin to tell you, in this small space, of all the different articles we have in this department, but we assure you our stock is the most complete in the county. We carry everything a farmer needs in the way of Plows, Cultivators, Planters, Etc., and the prices—well, if you could see the great number of these things that leave the Big Store you would say the prices must be right.

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**Foley's Honey and Tar**  
cures colds, prevents pneumonia.

### Payment of Poll Tax by San Antonio Germans Considered Significant.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 3.—During the month of December 964 State and poll taxes were paid in Bexar county, and out of that number 753 were paid by people who paid no other kinds of tax. This poll tax was paid generally by Mexicans who own no property and who have never been in the habit of paying the poll, and by the Germans who have no realty on which to pay the tax. This fact is regarded as significant by politicians, in view of the approaching city election, at which there will be no less than four candidates for mayor, one of whom is a republican. It is understood by everybody here that the German vote is straight republican, and it is evident that that party is already marshaling its forces by having the voters qualified by paying the State and county poll tax of \$1.75.

**In Bed Four Weeks With La Grippe.**  
We have received the following letter from Mr. Roy Kemp, of Angola, Ind: "I was in bed four weeks with la grippe and I tried many remedies and spent considerable for treatment with physicians, but I received no relief until I tried Foley's Honey and Tar. Two small bottles of this medicine cured me and now I use it exclusively in my family." Take no substitutes. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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# A STRONG TRIO.

Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi Seeking Closer Business Relations.

The Progressive Union of New Orleans, one of the strongest organizations in the South, has made an announcement through a number of the daily papers to the effect that a convention of the commercial clubs of Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi will be held in New Orleans Jan. 14 and 15. It will be the object of this convention to stimulate the organization of commercial clubs, industrial, agricultural and manufacturing associations, or other institutions which will foster the cause of progress and the upbuilding of community. Invitations have been issued to the business bodies of the various towns of the three states mentioned and the New Orleans Progressive Union is very anxious to have every commercial exchange or club represented at the meeting in question. Addresses will be made by several prominent railroad men representing the trunk lines centering in New Orleans, and the project will undoubtedly be one of the most interesting and most instructive ever held in the South.

A man was arrested near Basking Ridge, N. J., for violating the game laws. The constable who arrested the man called up Justice Bowers by telephone. His honor heard the evidence over the wire and fined the offender \$30 and costs, which was paid.

## INSIST ON GETTING IT.

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As the seal fishery in the Behring sea has been a failure this year, the Canadian sealers are turning their attention to the Falkland Islands, in the South Atlantic, where seals are stated to be plentiful.

"Brightening their intellect" is a Birmingham (England) euphemism for violent assaults on the police.

**Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold**  
Laxative Broncho Quinine Tablets. Price 25c

Formerly the office sought the man, but at the present stage of the game it is kept busy trying to dodge him.

An enthusiastic sightseer in London was telling her friend that she had been fortunate enough to get a good view of Lord Kitchener. "Ah," said the friend, "I suppose he's a very hellicose man?" "Oh, no," was the reply, "quite slim, I assure you."

The Gemshall Sparrow club, Surrey, England, has accounted for 25,702 birds during the last six years.

## Try One Package.

If "De-fiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does, you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction and will not stick to the iron.

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# THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

## NILE ENGINEER TO BE PEER.

Sir John Aird, Who Built Assouan Dam, Complimented by King.

King Edward has publicly complimented Sir John Aird, the head of the great engineering firm which has completed the dam on the Nile at Assouan, and it is understood that he may be raised to the peerage in the next list of birthday honors. It is regarded as largely due to Sir John's unflagging industry that the immense works have been completed.

It is estimated that the value of this improvement to Egypt in the way of increased area of cultivation, of checking of floods and of providing water in the event of a low Nile will be not less than \$5,000,000 a year. By means of this dam and the corresponding works at Assiout nearly all the land of Egypt which it is possible to cultivate will be irrigated, the belt of irrigation only ending abruptly where the sand of the desert has not been



SIR JOHN AIRD, MP

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## BANKS IN GREAT COMBINE.

Immense Consolidation Recently Announced in New York.

A banking consolidation is announced at New York which will bring into harmony the large insurance and financial interests of the Mutual Life Insurance company, the Equitable Life Assurance society and the Morton Trust company. The united resources of the concerns interested foot up \$1,000,000,000. The consolidation was brought about at meetings of the directors of the National Bank of the United States, which was acquired some months ago by the interests which control the Morton Trust company, and of the Western National bank.

The new bank will continue under the management of V. P. Snyder, the



VALENTINE P. SNYDER

president of the Western, who has had so large a share in the remarkable success of that institution.

## Inopportune.

Several months ago the farmers of Berks county were complaining of the severe drought. One Sunday the pastor of one of the rural churches prayed earnestly for rain, and just as the services were drawing to a close it commenced to fall rapidly. Two of the farmers, walking home together, got very wet, and the one, after a while, commented on the efficacy of the pastor's prayer. "Yes," replied the other, "but he lacks judgment."

## Gambling Casino for Corfu.

Despite opposition at Athens, where the press was strongly opposed to the scheme, the municipal government council of Corfu has ratified the contract which the mayor of Corfu made with a syndicate of European capitalists to allow the establishment at Corfu of a gambling casino on an elaborate scale.

Indigestion, congested liver, impure blood, constipation, there are what afflict thousands of people who do not know what is the matter with them. They drag along a miserable existence; they apply to the local doctors occasionally, and sometimes obtain a little temporary relief, but the old, tired, worn-out, all-gone, distressed feeling always comes back again worse than ever, until in time they become tired of living, wonder why they were ever born, and why they are alive unless to endure constant suffering. To such sufferers there is a haven of refuge in Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops, which was discovered more than 60 years ago, and which is a wonderful medicine. One trial will convince the most skeptical that any or all of these difficulties may be removed, and a perfect cure effected, by taking Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops. Get a bottle at once, before it is too late.

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CONSUMPTION



## The Crockett Courier.

W. B. PAGE, Editor and Proprietor  
W. W. AIKEN, Publisher and Local Editor  
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

A good epitaph is all right in its place, but it comes a little late.

The woman with a past is often the most eager to tackle a future.

In a year Minister Wu will be able to continue his interrogatory by cable.

The English language is to be taught in Mexican schools. Make way for Mexico.

World-wide sympathy is expressed for Doukhobors in their efforts to Christianize Canada.

That French movement for universal peace might first try its hand on the chamber of deputies.

Exercise is great to keep people warm. And it doesn't cost any more than it did last winter.

It was indeed a brilliant society event in London when Capt. Tew and Miss Ward were made one.

George Gould walks to and from his office every day. We always knew we resembled George in our habits.

Lord Curzon has found King Solomon's throne, and flatters himself that it will prove to be a good fit.

Mr. Carnegie's digestion is reported to be impaired. Evidently he has been eating something besides Scotch oats.

Some men manage to consider themselves great by bequeathing their brains to certain institutions of learning.

But then, it is possible to lead a too strenuous life. A New York boy has played truant from school 108 times.

Apostle Smoot is said to be very susceptible to the blandishments of the fair sex. Smoot is easily smitten, no doubt.

The Ohio man who advertises for a wife with money enough to offset his brains should apply at the nearest almshouse.

But after all Sir Hiram Maxim is not the only foreign celebrity who has come to this country with the intention of flying high.

King Alfonso has a cabinet crisis on his hands, but it will take something worse than that to spoil his taste for cigarettes.

The Britons whipped the Boers, but the latter are getting a terrible revenge. They're all writing books and selling them to the English.

Newport has established an asylum for dogs and cats, and it is now in order for the dogs and cats to establish an asylum for some of their owners.

Payne Whitney has bought fifty acres at Manhasset, Long Island, as a site for a country seat. He evidently doesn't believe that ten acres is enough.

May Yohe and Captain Strong are preparing to go upon the vaudeville stage. The vaudeville stage has much to answer for, but really it doesn't deserve this.

Sunday newspapers may have to reduce their size on account of the scarcity of paper. If this is a blow at the comic supplement, let the families do its worst.

A fire in a large Chicago brewery is said to have "damaged the stock." If this means that the beer was badly smoked it might be bottled and sold as Scotch whisky.

A University of Michigan professor has discovered seven new poisons. This should put additional life into the growing infant industry of distributing candy by mail.

The man who built the first apartment house in New York in 1853 died this week. He lived to see 75 per cent of the people of the island living in apartments and swearing at the janitor.

If some of the stories told before the anthracite strike commission by the miners are true, the Almighty must have forgotten something when he made out President Baer's divine commission.

If Brother Smoot is already having a hard time dodging the brickbats of the purity league and bands of hope it is evident that he will have to go to Washington in an armor-clad car if he is actually elected to the senate.

## ALLIES' BLOCKADE

CASTRO TO BE GIVEN A TASTE OF THE ALLIES' POWER.

HOPE TO HASTEN HIS DECISION

Naval Officers Claim a State of War Exists and Acts of War Ought to Follow.

Berlin, Jan. 6.—Great Britain and Germany came to an understanding four days ago to enforce the blockade of the Venezuelan coast precisely as though the negotiations for arbitration were not going on. It was doubtless in consequence of this understanding that vessels at Puerto Cabello were taken, though both the foreign officials and the navy department are yet without advice showing that vessels were taken or that marines were temporarily landed.

The official view here is that the blockading commanders acted quite in accordance with their instructions. The allied governments' determination appears to be that, pending the signature of the arbitration protocol, the blockade within the limits agreed on shall be sharply applied. Hence, unless the preliminaries for arbitration are arranged immediately, action similar to that adopted at Puerto Cabello naturally will be taken at other ports. By making the blockade felt, it is claimed, President Castro's decision probably will be hastened. There is also an impression that President Castro ought to have a taste of the allies' power while making up his mind, as a completely eventless blockade would make the allies rather ridiculous in the eyes of Venezuelan people and of the rest of the world.

It is pointed out by naval officers that a state of war exists and that therefore acts of war ought to follow as rapidly as the circumstances warrant, until the peace preliminaries are signed.

The German cruiser *Speerber* sailed yesterday from Kiel for Venezuela.

Liberated Her Lover.

Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 6.—A special to the Birmingham News from Oneonta, Ala., says that, during last night, Miss Etta Alldredge, daughter of the sheriff, liberated two prisoners, Louis Curley charged with murder, and Mayburn Murphree sentenced for adultery. Miss Alldredge, it is said, accompanied one of the prisoners in his flight, supposed to be Murphree, who is a handsome young man of good address. The sheriff was absent on business last night and his daughter was in charge of the jail keys. Miss Alldredge is 22 years old, and a very handsome young woman. Notice of the jail escape has been sent to all near-by officers and they are on the lookout for the escapes and the girl.

The story of the jail delivery and Miss Alldredge's flight is confirmed by a deputy sheriff, who works for Sheriff Alldredge; also by the editor of the Oneonta Dispatch, and the correspondent of the Birmingham News. Officers are on the lookout here.

A Mysterious Suicide.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 6.—An unknown girl, barely more than 17 years of age, swallowed four ounces of carbolic acid this afternoon, committing the act in a thick clump of brush about 150 yards north of Baylor street. She died at 7 o'clock. She was stylishly dressed and her clothing was of good texture. Up to a late hour she had not been identified.

Fate of a Gambler.

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 6.—Augustin Loya, a gambler who won heavily at the games at the Juarez fiesta Sunday, was found murdered yesterday morning in the dry bed of the Rio Grande. Marks of violence convinced the officers that Loya had been choked to death. Not only was his money missing, but his body had been stripped of clothing. Loya lived here, and was killed while returning home late last night.

To Establish a Colony.

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 6.—A Monterey, Mexico, special says: Local officers of the Central have been notified that there will be a party of 250 residents of Wisconsin go over the Mexican Central to Escondido the early part of next month. They will establish a colony near Escondido.

McKinney.—The completion of Dr. E. E. King's sixth year as pastor of the First Baptist church here was marked with special services at the church.

## A FAILURE IN EAST TEXAS.

The Wettermark Firms Have Gone Into Liquidation.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Jan. 6.—Yesterday morning when the note was discovered on the door of the bank of A. Wettermark & Son, "closed for liquidation," the whole community was dumfounded. No one here knew that the bank was in any trouble. The assets and liabilities are supposed to be about equal, about \$400,000 each.

No one here knows definitely the cause of the suspension as Colonel S. Wettermark is out of the city. The books of the bank are in the hands of Branch Matthews, Harris & Beeson, lawyers, and have not been posted since December 23 and the law firm will not know exactly the amount of assets and liabilities until today.

The short cotton crop and bad collections are said by Colonel Wettermark's friends to be the cause of the failure.

The following telegram received yesterday by Mr. June C. Harris, one of the law firm who has charge of the books, papers and accounts of the bank here, from Mr. A. Wettermark of Henderson, is self explanatory:

"I have been forced to suspend on account of conditions at Nacogdoches. As soon as the assets and liabilities at both Nacogdoches and Henderson can be ascertained a meeting of all the creditors will be called and the matter submitted to them. No assignment, deed of trust or petition in bankruptcy has been filed because I wish to save all expense possible for the benefit of creditors. Mr. June C. Harris is in charge at Nacogdoches and Mr. E. B. Alford at Henderson. Signed, with regret, "A. Wettermark."

The entire community greatly deplore the calamity that has befallen the Wettermark banks. Public confidence still stands strong and public sympathy is unbounded both at home and abroad.

Henderson, Texas, Jan. 6.—A. Wettermark & Co., bankers, closed their doors here yesterday morning. The assets will be kept intact until the meeting of creditors is called. There is no statement as to assets and liabilities.

Poll Tax May Be Paid.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 6.—A most important ruling was made yesterday by Comptroller R. M. Love on the poll tax amendment, which, according to the recent proclamations of the governor, is now effective. The comptroller ruled that, where a voter and tax payer has paid his poll tax and returned delinquent the taxes on his real and personal property, he can vote. This ruling was made at the request of Maury Kemp, county attorney of El Paso county, who wired the comptroller as follows: "Can a man pay poll tax, leaving delinquent taxes on real and personal property unpaid?" The comptroller's reply is as follows: "Poll tax can be paid and other tax returned delinquent."

Work on Sea Wall.

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 6.—Though the work on the sea wall has been delayed some by the failure of material to arrive promptly, it is now progressing satisfactorily. The piling foundation has been completed for a considerable distance and it is expected that the work of laying the concrete which is to be placed on top of the piling will commence by January 15. There are many visitors every day to inspect the foundation work of the wall, and all Galvestonians feel safer when they see on what a substantial foundation the wall will be placed.

Negro Clerks Warned.

New Orleans, Jan. 6.—It is reported that white people living along the line of the Alabama and Vicksburg railroad in Mississippi have served notice on the negro postal clerks running on that road to resign forthwith and threatened them with death unless they comply with the demand. The excitement over the Indianapolis postoffice affair is supposed to be the cause of the trouble.

Rothschilds to Operate Copper Mines.

Laredo, Texas, Jan. 6.—A special from Morelia, Mexico, says: Under a concession granted by the government some time ago to the Rothschilds of Europe, preparations are being made for the operation on a large scale of copper mines in the district of Inguaran, in the state of Michoacan. It is believed that the properties are very rich.

Fort Worth.—A week of prayer is now being observed by the Protestant churches of the city.

## THE PHILIPPINES.

ANNOUNCES INSURRECTION AS WHOLLY AT AN END.

COV. TAFT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

On Goods Imported from the Islands Into United States Is Among Recommendations Submitted.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Philippine commission in its annual report, which is the third it has made, says at the outset:

"The insurrection, as an organized attempt to subvert the authority of the United States in these islands, is wholly at an end, the whole of the Christian Filipino population, with the exception of a few thousand people in the Moro country in isolated towns, are enjoying civil government.

"Much remains to be done in perfecting civil government, in marshaling the forces of the law against the lawlessness and disturbances, and in teaching the people of the Philippines not only that they have rights under the law, but also that they can not hope to enjoy such rights unless they acquire courage and independence sufficient to assert them against attempts by their fellow Filipinos to perpetuate the system of 'caciquism' or, translated, 'bossism.'"

The report says the Filipino laborers must be taught the independence and dignity of labor under a free government, and adds:

"The organization of labor into unions in Manila, while brought about by a crack brained insurrectionist agitator for political purposes only, will, we hope, lead to an organization which may have to do with inculcating this lesson.

"The Filipino people of the better class have received the passage of the Philippine act with great satisfaction," the report recites, and further along it says:

"The coming year, under the trying circumstances which now prevail, will show how much we may depend upon the conservative and law abiding character of the controlling elements of the Filipino people."

The commission urges that it is the duty of the United States to secure to the Philippines as stable a currency as that used by the people of the United States. The commission concludes with the following recommendations, which are respectfully urged on the attention of congress:

1. The establishment of a gold standard in the islands and of banking corporations empowered to issue circulating bank notes under proper safeguards.
2. The reduction of at least 75 per cent of the Dingley rate upon goods imported into the United States on goods from the Philippines.
3. An amendment of the Philippine act, so that lands, sold to or held by individuals or corporations from the public domain shall be increased to 25,000 acres, or, in the alternative, so that the government shall be given the power to lease for sixty years, upon competitive bidding, tracts from the public land, aggregating in any individual or corporation not more than 30,000. It says this legislation is necessary to the development of the islands, and as the government owns 65,000,000 out of 70,000,000 acres in the archipelago, there is no danger of concentration of ownership in individuals or corporations.
4. That the Philippine act may be amended by repealing the limitation which forbids an individual or corporation from holding an interest in more than one mining claim.
5. That all bonds issued by the insular government, under the authority of the Philippine act, shall be free from state, county and municipal taxation in the United States.
6. That an amendment be made to the Chinese exclusion act, giving power to the government, by law, to admit a fixed and limited number of Chinamen into the Philippine islands, who are certified to be skilled laborers, on the bond of the employer that for every Chinese skilled laborer employed, he will employ a Filipino apprentice, and that he will return the Chinese skilled laborer thus introduced within five years after his admission to the country, and that he shall pay a head tax of not exceeding \$50 for each Chinaman so admitted to the insular government, to meet the expenses of the enforcement of these restrictions. The commission thinks unlimited admission of Chinese would be unwise.

## CATTLE TO BE EXPELLED.

All Herds on Which the Tax Has Not Been Paid.

Denison, Texas, Jan. 5.—As a result of a recent decision of the supreme court relative to the payment of the cattle tax, the entire Indian police force of the Indian Territory has been ordered to the Chickasaw nation and will put all cattle upon which the tax has not been paid, or the owners refuse to pay, out of the Territory. The cattle will be driven off the range, loaded into cars and shipped across the border into Texas. Those that are close to the border will be driven across. In the office of the revenue inspector there is a record of all the cattle upon which the tax has not been paid, and a close tab has been kept on all them, at this session, and it will be possible for the Indian police to lay their hands on them on short notice. Most of the cattle that will be removed are in the Chickasaw nation.

Miss Morse and Mrs. Wu.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 6.—Mrs. Wu Ting Fang, wife of the former Chinese ambassador to the United States, arrived here yesterday morning en route to San Francisco. She took the Sunset limited. She was met at the depot by Passenger Traffic Manager S. F. B. Morse of the Southern Pacific, who, with his daughter, will accompany the distinguished Chinese lady to the West. Some years ago Miss Morse traveled through China as a special guest of Mrs. Wu and will now act as hostess to the wife of the celebrated Chinese diplomat. Mrs. Wu is accompanied by a retinue of servants and a special cicerone, who will care for her comfort and safety throughout the trip across the continent and across the Pacific ocean to Hong Kong.

Gallagher Taken to Pen.

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 5.—Five penitentiary convicts were taken from the county jail by Penitentiary Agent Davis yesterday and will be taken to the places of their confinement. Among the number was Virgil Gallagher, sentenced to 25 years for the murder of his mother, Mrs. Kate Gallagher, in Galveston in August, 1897. Gallagher was in as good spirits as could be expected and said that he would accept his fate with good grace and strive to make a record that would reduce his period of confinement to the minimum under the law.

Amused at the Idea.

Corpus, Jan. 5.—The report that President Castro proposes to abdicate or resign the presidency of Venezuela is untrue. The correspondent of the Associated Press saw the president with regard to this matter yesterday. The president laughed when questioned, and said: "You are at liberty to say that I have fought during two years to retain the supreme power which was invested in me by the people of Venezuela."

Logs Coming Down.

Lake Charles, La., Jan. 5.—Heavy rains falling during the past few days have started a hundred thousand logs toward Lake Charles from North Calcasieu out of creeks and bayous where they have lain for three years without water enough to float them. It is estimated the Lake Charles banks and mill men had half a million dollars tied up in logs a month ago, a great part of which has now been liberated.

Pardoned to Die and Did.

Corpus, Texas, Jan. 5.—Eight years ago Albert Coleman, colored, was sent to the penitentiary from this county for the murder of two other negroes. He had a life sentence. On Christmas day Governor Sayers pardoned him in order that he might come home to die. Coleman breathed his last yesterday at the home of his parents here.

To Encourage Cotton in Soudan.

Paris, Jan. 5.—It is said that Jules Siegfried, Richard Paddington and Felix Melin, as well as other deputies and senators and a number of leading cotton manufacturers, have formed a colonial cotton association, with a view to resisting the American cotton monopoly by aiding the development of the growing of cotton in the French colonies, and especially in the Soudan.

Ready for Tobacco Seed.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Jan. 5.—Mr. L. H. Shelfor, the government tobacco expert, has his tobacco beds all in readiness for the seed, which will be sown in a few days. Mr. Shelfor now has a corps of United States soil surveyors at work around Woodville, Tyler county, and when the area is completed the corps will move to this point.

McKinney.—Prof. F. D. Shepperd has resigned his position as superintendent of the city public schools.



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## CABINET MEETS.

NECESSARY TO PRODUCE PARTIES  
TO VENEZUELAN SQUABBLE.

### THE CUBAN TREATY DISCUSSED.

It is to Be Pressed for Ratification  
Though There is No Doubt as  
to Its Acceptance.

Washington, Jan. 3.—A portion of the time of the cabinet meeting was consumed in the discussion of foreign affairs, especially conditions in Venezuela. Secretary Hay presented a statement showing that no definite responses have been received from any of the allied powers to President Castro's last communication. It is evident that further negotiations will be required to bring the parties to a final agreement, but it is not doubted that this will succeed.

Cuba was the other subject which engrossed the attention of the cabinet, and there was an anxious discussion of the prospects of the pending Cuban reciprocity treaty, the decision finally being reached to press the treaty forward on the same lines toward ratification.

### Report on Army Uniform.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The war department has made public the report of the uniform board, headed by General Young, setting out in detail the changes made in the army uniform. The recommendations provide for the use of bronze sleeve ornaments for full dress. Chaplains are to wear black overcoats. The embroidered gold oak leaves on officers' visors must come off except on ranks above that of major. The United States coat of arms is to be added to all shoulder knots of officers above captains. An important change is the addition of the chapeau, the service helmet and service cap for officers, and the service trousers for enlisted men. Provision is made for a combination sash belt for brigadier generals.

### Government Receipts.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The total government receipts for December, 1902, were \$47,151,299, and the expenditures \$36,533,744, leaving a surplus of \$10,618,000 for the month. Receipts for the month are about \$100,000 in excess of those for December, 1901, and the expenditures \$785,000 less than for that month.

For the first half of the present fiscal year a surplus is shown of \$24,734,000 as against a surplus of \$42,621,897 for the corresponding period last year.

Although the receipts from the internal revenue are less than for December, 1901, the amount of the decrease is surprisingly small and it is noteworthy that in some of the large revenue districts the total collections are greater than they were before the war tax was removed on July 1, 1902.

### Robbery Near Terrell.

Terrell, Texas, Jan. 3.—The Texas Midland station at Alsford was burglarized and \$150 was stolen. The officers, with dogs, went to the scene and an arrest is expected shortly.

Winona.—The Globe Telephone company of Tyler has its poles erected from Tyler to Big Sandy and is now stringing wires and will open an office at B. J. Carter's drug store in Winona for long distance accommodation.

### Kentucky Gusher on a Tear.

Glasgow, Ky., January 3.—An oil well, which was "brought in" early this morning at Cloyds Landing, blew the derrick out and injured one man, perhaps fatally. The oil is beyond control, as those who sunk the shaft have no means of checking the flow.

Fort Worth.—The banks of Fort Worth made a good showing for the year just ended. The clearing house report shows the total for 1902 to be \$148,360,087.

### Fight Between Negro Women.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 3.—Lena Mitchell and Ethel Fisher, negro women, fought with knives about a negro man at 407 Jackson street last night and stabbed each other so badly that surgeons say they may die. Both are in the dispensary section of the city prison.

New Orleans.—The Louisiana School Teachers' association denounced the employment of child labor and calls for enforcement of the law.

### MATKIN WAS CONVICTED.

Of a Burglary Committed Seventeen Years Ago.

Tyler, Texas, Jan. 3.—J. C. Matkin, an intelligent white man, 45 years of age, was convicted yesterday for a burglary committed seventeen years ago at Troupe. Six years ago he broke jail here and eluded arrest until heard from in Red River county a few months ago, where he was tried for criminal assault upon a 6-year-old white girl, whose business was to lead her blind father through the streets and ask alms; for the latter offense he was given fifty years in the penitentiary. From here he will be carried to Nacogdoches county, where he will have to answer a charge of criminal assault upon a little girl, and from there he will be carried to Williamson county to answer to a similar charge. Sheriff Robinson states that there are several charges of horse theft against him in counties over the state. Matkin was at one time a preacher and of late years has been exhorting in Texas towns. He will not appeal his cases, and yesterday, soon after his conviction, asked the judge to sentence him. He was given two years for the case of burglary committed in this county.

### New Governor of Panama.

Panama, Jan. 3.—Dr. Facundo Mutis Buran, the newly appointed governor of Panama, assumed the duties of his office yesterday afternoon. The appointment as governor of Dr. Buran, in succession to General Salazar, indicates a new political attitude by the government and a policy of conciliation. The appointment has been well received in all circles, and especially by the foreigners. During the first administration of the governorship, from 1898 to 1899, Dr. Buran was noted for his economic reforms. It is believed here that the national government has made changes in other departments.

### Georgetown Store Burglarized.

Georgetown, Texas, Jan. 3.—W. L. Gray's store was burglarized New Year's night and goods, principally gents' clothing, stolen to the amount of about \$50 in value and \$8 from the cash drawer. A white man was arrested on suspicion yesterday, and on being searched in the sheriff's office, some of the missing articles were found, and upon his information the goods were all recovered. The man was carried to the county jail.

### Cholera Deaths at Manila.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The latest list cabled the war department by Gen. Davis reports the following deaths from cholera: James Hamilton, D. 26th infantry; Robert D. Finney, D. 26th infantry; Thomas J. Kelley, A. 11th infantry; Louis Kupiesoko, L. 11th infantry; Jacob Cohen, G. 5th infantry; George Dravage, I. 28th infantry; David C. Roper, D. 10th infantry.

### Mexican Killed by Officers.

Pecos, Texas, Jan. 3.—A vicious Mexican was killed here yesterday by Deputy Sheriff C. Brown and W. H. Drummond, who were attempting to arrest him. The Mexican was a stranger and was causing considerable trouble with his Winchester among the Mexicans. The Mexican emptied his magazine at the officers and while reloading he was killed.

### Holland Masons Feasted.

Holland, Texas, Jan. 3.—Notwithstanding the weather the Masons had their usual annual supper. It was well attended and hugely enjoyed by the members, their wives and daughters. Had plenty of oysters, fish and fruits.

### Aged Veteran Greeted by Friends.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 3.—Lieutenant General W. L. Cabell, commander of the Transmississippi department, United Confederate Veterans, celebrated his 76th birthday at his home in Dallas yesterday. Nearly 100 friends called. More than 300 greetings by wire were received, coming from all parts of the country.

### Prizes Made by the British.

La Guayra, Venezuela, Jan. 3.—The British gunboat Zumbador, formerly the Venezuelan warship of that name, left here for Trinidad yesterday, towing four schooners and three sloops, captured by the British since the blockade began. She is to return for other prizes.

Terrell.—Polk & La Roe's saloon was burglarized and \$26 taken from the safe.

### A LURKING DANGER.



There is a lurking danger in the aching back.

The aches and pains of a bad back tell of kidneys overworked. Go to the kidneys' assistance when backache pains warn you.

A kidney warning should be heeded, for dangerous diabetes quickly follows in the wake of backache.

Urinary disorders are serious and the danger is near at hand. Read how the danger can be averted.

Bright's disease is near at hand. Read how the danger can be averted.

Case No. 15,741.—Re: Jacob D. Van Doren, of 57 Sixth street, Fond du Lac, Wis., Presbyterian clergyman, says: "A man or woman who has never had kidney complaint or any of the little ills consequent upon irritated or inactive kidneys knows very little about what prolonged suffering is. I had attacks which kept me in the house for days at a time, unable to do anything, and to express what I suffered can hardly be adequately done in ordinary Anglo-Saxon. As time passed, complications set in, the particulars of which I will be pleased to give in a personal interview to any one who requires information. I used plenty of remedies, and, ever on the outlook for something that might check or benefit my condition, I began taking Doan's Kidney Pills. This I can conscientiously say, Doan's Kidney Pills caused a general improvement in my health. They brought great relief by lessening the pain and correcting the action of the kidney secretions.

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine, which cured the Rev. Jacob Van Doren, will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address: Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

The red liberty cap was really the headgear of the galley slave. The Swiss of the Chateauroux regiment, sent to the galleys for their share in the Nancy riots, on their release returned to Paris with their caps and were hailed as victims of despotism.

### DANGER SIGNAL.

Remember that your kidneys act as the cesspool of the human body, into which all the impurities of the system are continually dumped for purification, and when the kidneys fail to properly perform their functions, it is a signal of further complications. The liver becomes clogged, the blood is filled with uric acid poison, the heart becomes involved, and unless the proper remedy is applied, your case will soon be beyond the reach of human skill. Smith's Sure Kidney Cure will cure you in less time and at less expense than any other medicine in the world, and it is guaranteed. Price 50 cents per bottle. If you cannot obtain it from your druggist, write direct to the company.

"Dey am some men dat got too much conscience t' fool wid money," said Charcoal Eph in one of his ruminative moods, "an' den dey am some dat got too much money to fool wid conscience, Mistah Jackson."

### \$100 Reward \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one druggist who has been able to cure a all its cases, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Sent for list of Testimonials.

Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by druggists 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

In Sealcoates workhouse, Hull, England, there are sixteen inmates whose combined ages amount to 1,218 years.

### DR. COFFEE

Discovers Remedies That Restore Sight to Blind People.

Dr. W. O. Coffee, a noted oculist, 800 Good Block, Des Moines, Iowa, has discovered medicines for the eyes that people can use at home and cure Cataracts, Scars, Gravelled Lids, Ulcers or Blindness and restore sight. Dr. Coffee has published an 80-page book on Eye Diseases which he will send free to every reader of this paper. This book tells how to prevent old sight and make weak eyes strong. Write Dr. Coffee today for his book.

The irrigated area of the United States is 7,510,598 acres, of which Colorado contains 1,611,271 and California 1,446,119.

Plan's Cure for Consumption is an invaluable medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMPSON, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Luck is a mighty uncertain thing to sit around and wait for.

DO YOUR CLOTHES LOOK YELLOW? Then use DeDaines' Starch. It will keep them white—15 ct. for 15 cents.

One must suffer in order to tolerate the sufferings of others.

He who gains time gains a good friend.

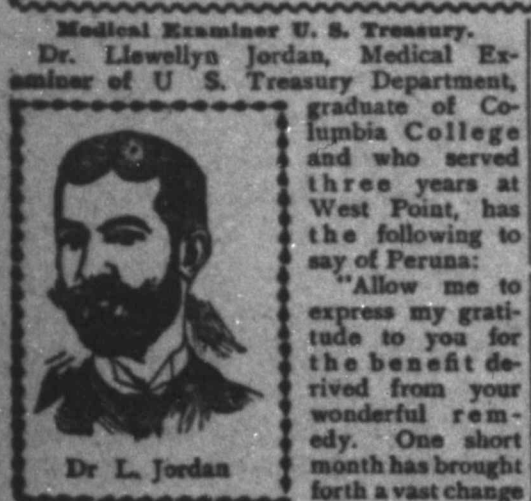
Reform isn't what it is lectured up to be.



## PROMINENT PHYSICIANS USE AND ENDORSE PE-RU-NA.



C. B. Chamberlin, M. D., writes from 14th and P Sts., Washington, D. C.  
*"Many cases have come under my observation, where Peruna has benefited and cured. Therefore, I cheerfully recommend it for catarrh and a general tonic."*—C. B. CHAMBERLIN, M. D.



Dr. L. Jordan

Medical Examiner U. S. Treasury.  
 Dr. Llewellyn Jordan, Medical Examiner of U. S. Treasury Department, graduate of Columbia College and who served three years at West Point, has the following to say of Peruna:  
*"Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the benefit derived from your wonderful remedy. One short month has brought forth a vast change and now consider myself a well man and I after months of suffering. Fellow-sufferers Peruna will cure you."*  
 Dr. Llewellyn Jordan.  
 Geo. C. Havener, M. D., of Anacostia, D. C., writes:  
 The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.:  
 Gentlemen—"In my practice I have had occasion to frequently prescribe your valuable medicine, and have found its use beneficial, especially in cases of catarrh."  
 George C. Havener, M. D.  
 If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.  
 Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.



It is the purest, cleanest starch made.  
 It is free of injurious chemicals.  
 It can be used where ordinarily you would be afraid to use starch of any kind.  
 That's Defiance. Your grocer sells it.  
**THE DEFIANCE STARCH CO.,**  
 OMAHA, NEB.



E. M. Burke.

**Dropsy** CURED Gives Quick Relief.  
 Removes all swelling in 3 to 5 days; effects a permanent cure in 30 to 60 days. Trial treatment given free. Nothing can be fairer. Write Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, Specialists, Box 8, Atlanta, Ga.

1210 FROCKING AVE., HOUSTON, TEXAS.

The most ancient printed calendar in the world has been found in Wiesbaden. It was printed by Gutenberg in 1468.

All the blood in a man's body passes through his heart once in every two minutes.

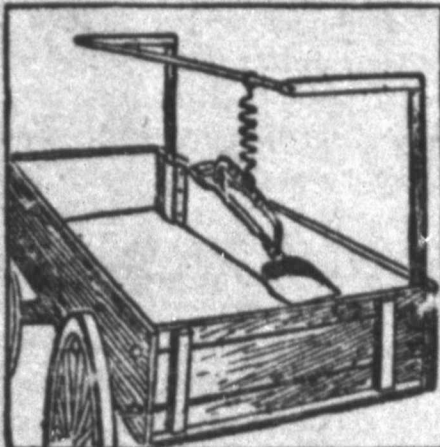
Iowa authorities have decided that any one can open a savings bank in that state so long as he does not use the words "savings bank" or "savings institution" in describing the business of the concern.

Christmas trees are unknown in England until the reign of Queen Victoria. The first one was ornamented by Prince Albert for the amusement of the Princess Royal and the Prince of Wales, who were children of 2 and 4 years old at that time.

In 1844 it occurred to Mr. W. C. T. Dobson, R. A., to make a little sketch symbolical of the season's joys, and send it to a friend. The latter was so delighted that next year Mr. Dobson lithographed his card and sent out thirty copies.

## POPULAR SCIENCE

**When Unloading Wagons.**  
 The invention shown in the accompanying illustration has been designed by James Baker of Carroll, Neb., to provide means for supporting a shovel or other similar implement in such a manner as to materially assist a workman in raising and delivering the material from the box of a wagon. The device consists of a couple of sockets



Spring Relieves Weight.

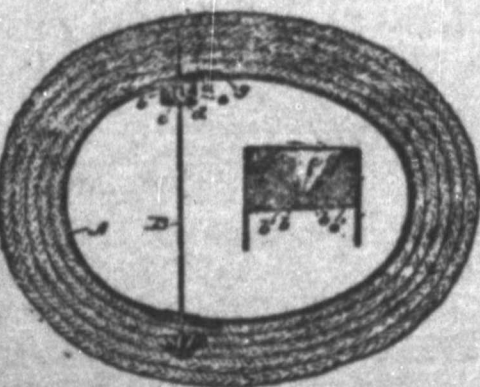
secured in the corners of the box, in which supports are placed in such a manner as to bring a horizontal bar over the center of the load. From this bar is suspended a coiled spring of such tension and strength as will permit a movement of the shovel attached to the lower end when force is applied by the man unloading the contents of the wagon. An ordinary scoop or fork may be used, arrangement being made to clamp the implement to a bar as shown in the drawing. The central portion of this bar has a number of perforations, which permit of the attachment of the spring connection in several different positions, thus supporting a greater or less portion of the load. It is intended by the inventor that the manipulator of the fork or shovel shall bring a portion of his weight to bear on it when inserting it in the material to be unloaded, and on elevating the load the spring will exert its strength to reduce the amount of force required to be put forth by the man.

### Problem for Scientists.

In connection with the terrific cyclone which recently passed over Sicily, it is reported that throughout the day, when the storm was at its worst, "Mount Etna sent up a thick column of steam from the vicinity of the scene of the eruption of 1892." This could hardly be due to the torrential rains that fell, because most likely the crater was above the cloud level in such a storm. More probably the issue of steam and other gases may be ascribed to the diminution of atmospheric pressure. Ordinary air pressure is about fifteen pounds per square inch, with the barometer at thirty inches. A fall to 29.5 is, therefore, a drop of one-sixtieth, or a reduction in the weight of the atmosphere of one pound for every four square inches. On a single square mile this would amount to over one thousand million pounds, or rather less than 500,000 tons. There is good reason to believe that the outburst of steam and gas from volcanoes depends, as in coal mines, to a large extent on air pressure, and such a fall in the weight of over every square mile of surface might conceivably produce large effects in the deep caverns of Etna.

### Hat-Pin Retainer.

A device for the purpose described, provided with a funnel-shaped portion adapted to be attached to a hat and having a guide aperture for a hat-pin, and said device also provided with two clamp-arms extending across said aperture and one clamp-arm provided with a lateral finger secured to the



other clamp-arm. Clarence E. Stubbs of Baltimore, Md., is the inventor.—Jewelers' Circular.

### Terrestrial Latitudes.

The discovery by Prof. S. C. Chandler of Cambridge that terrestrial latitudes constantly vary by small but well-ascertained quantities has been the means of explaining many results hitherto regarded as anomalous. Like every other important advance in science it brings a host of minor discoveries and enlightenments in its train. One of the most interesting of these is the explanation of the anomalies in the results of observations with the reflex zenith tube of the Royal Observatory of Greenwich. This instrument was erected by Sir George Airy

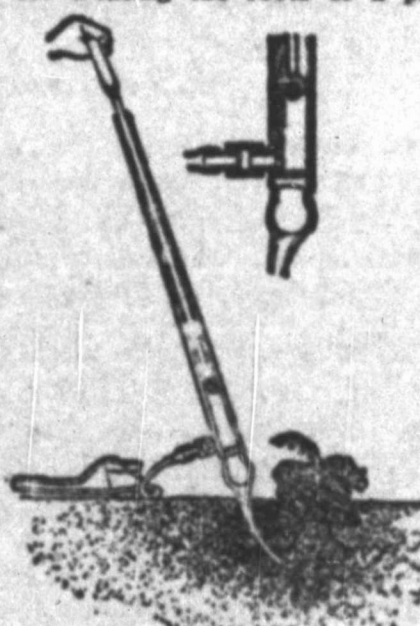
late Astronomer Royal, for the purpose of determining the values of the constants of aberration and of nutation and also the parallax of Gamma Draconis, the bright star selected for observation. A long series of Greenwich observations of this star led to the most disappointing results in spite of the fact that the observations themselves were very precise. Airy sought vainly for the cause of the obviously erroneous values of the aberration and parallax that were the outcome of the Greenwich work since 1857 and the observations were finally discontinued in 1882. Dr. Chandler's values for the variation of the latitude of Greenwich, when introduced into the crude results of observation, bring everything into good order. The original work is proved to have been excellent, and the values of the aberration, etc., sought for are trustworthy. The reflex zenith tube is again to be put to use at Greenwich. Let the gentlemen who have recently been complaining of the unproductiveness of scientific research in America as compared with European research, take note of this instance. If they will look attentively they will see many others of like significance.—New York Sun.

### Electricity in Horticulture.

The effect of electricity on seeds and plants has been tried by Mr. Plowman, of the Harvard Botanic Gardens. Currents of from one-half to 500 volts were sent through the soil between carbon or metal plates. Seeds planted near the anode or positively electrified plate were killed by currents of 0.003 ampere, or more, if continued for twenty hours or longer. Seeds near the cathode or negatively electrified plate were but little affected. The author concludes that negative charges stimulate, while positive charges paralyze the embryonic protoplasm of plants. Seedlings grow in soil or in a water "culture," through which a weak current flows, turn their roots toward the anode, apparently because the negative electricity of ions from the cathode is more stimulating than the positive ions from the anode.

### Portable Irrigator.

A portable irrigator especially adapted for treating the roots of a plant



with fertilizing liquid is here shown, the cut being taken from the Scientific American. The general shape of the irrigator is similar to that of a pitchfork, the tines and handle of which are hollow. A piston is adapted to be operated with the hollow handle, serving as a pump to draw the fertilizing liquid from a supply pipe entering at the top of the fork head and to force it out through the openings in the tines. In operation the tines are buried into the ground with their lower ends in proximity to the roots to be treated. The liquid can then be forced out in a fine spray at the point where it will do the most good.

### The Hands and the Brain.

In a recent lecture Prof. Cunningham took for his subject, "Right-handedness and Left-brainedness." So far as evidence goes it seems probable that right-handedness was a characteristic of man at a very early period. It is an inherited quality in the same sense that the potential quality of articulate speech in men and of song in birds are inherited possessions. Investigation shows that right-handedness is due to a transmitted functional pre-eminence of the left brain, and this factor prevents an oscillation of the condition from one side to the other in those curious cases in which the right and left sides of the body are reversed and the thoracic and abdominal viscera transposed. The greater part, if not the whole, of the motor innervations which lead to articulate speech go out from the speech center in the left cerebral hemisphere. Left-handed people speak from the right brain.

### Unavoidable.

"I am poor, but honest, sir."  
 "You could not possibly be otherwise under the circumstances."  
 "Otherwise than honest?"  
 "No; otherwise than poor."

## HUMOR OF THE DAY

**Pulled the Rope Himself.**  
 Growells (at the theater)—Mrs. Neighbors certainly does look charming to-night.

Mrs. Growells—Yes. She has a husband who likes to see her dressed decently and isn't too grouchy to pay for it.

### Returning Good for Evil.



"And to think that I came out here to chop down this very tree!"

### The Woman Usually Does.

"Well," said she, as she laid down the book, "that's what I call a splendid story."

"Held your interest, eh?" he remarked casually.

"Indeed, it did; down to the last word."

"The heroine had that, of course."

### The Wrong Man.

"Oh, dad, look at the football player!" exclaimed the Christmas boy, excitedly.

"Hush, my son," said the parent, reprovingly. "That's not a football player—that's an author who can't make money enough to have his hair cut!"

### His Preference.

That man must have been a bit of a wag who, when advertising in a matrimonial paper for "a nice young girl, of affectionate disposition, willing to make a good-looking bachelor happy," added the words, "Previous experience not necessary."

### The Critics.

Ida—"They say it was a case of love at first sight with him."  
 May—"What a pity he wasn't a medium and could have taken a second sight!"

### A Futile Wish.



She—"Do you know, I think masked balls are just lovely."  
 He—"Yes; I wish this was one."

### The Youth of To-Day.

Visitor—"That fellow seems rather pert; acted as if he knew more than you."

Merchant—"Naturally. Visitor—Why Naturally? Merchant—He's my son."

### Was Taking Chances.

"Poor Fred's voice actually trembles when he proposed to me."  
 "Yes, he told me he was scared almost to death lest you discovered that he was accustomed to using that formula."—The幽默er.



## Local Items.

Barb wire at the "Big Store."  
25 photos 25c. at Eichelberger's.  
Buy a good wagon of R. B. Rich.  
Get a stalk cutter at the "Big Store."  
Buy your plow tools from the "Big Store."  
Moose, the photographer, will give you the best. 2t  
Miss Amelia Miller returned last week from Bastrop.  
Buy furniture and stoves at the Big Store and save money.  
Mrs. A. M. DeCuir has returned to her home at New Iberia, La.  
Editor Frick of the Trinity Press was in Crockett Tuesday.  
Barb wire \$3.20 per hundred. Where? Why, at the "Big Store."  
If you want the best, buy a Winona wagon from R. B. Rich.  
We have heard talk of a large pecan orchard in prospect for this county.  
Buy a buggy that will stand the bad roads; fully guaranteed by R. B. Rich. tf.  
W. J. Peacock and H. V. Hurt were callers at the COURIER office last week.  
Rev. V. L. Graves of Oakwoods will preach at the Christian church next Sunday.  
Call and inspect the celebrated Winona and Rushford wagons at R. B. Rich's.  
Miss Nina Barnes of Trinity was visiting Miss Laura Murchison last week.  
Cheap Photos at Eichelberger's. 25, 50c. and \$1.00 per dozen, and 25 for 25 cents.  
The "Big Store" grocery department is complete. Come in and get your eatables.  
Moose will devote his time to giving the people the best photos ever made in this country. 2t  
Dave H. Shapira, cashier of the First National Bank of Madisonville, was in Crockett Tuesday.  
Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from  
SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.  
My Buggies are here, and up to date. I am offering them so cheap too. R. B. RICH.  
Call and see Moose's pictures next to postoffice. Quality is what we strive for. 2t  
Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from  
SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.  
Mr. I. A. Porter of Mexico was here last week to attend the funeral of his father, Mr. J. M. Porter.  
Free, one large Portrait worth \$5.00 with each dozen Cabinet Photos at \$3.50 at Eichelberger's.  
The largest and nicest stock of wall paper ever brought to Crockett at Smith & French Drug Co.'s  
Lee Moore, son of H. W. Moore, was at home from school at Jacksonville during the holidays.  
The canning factory company has elected new directors, a list of which will be published next week.  
You can get a full leather top, leather cushion and back, thousand mile axle buggy for \$60.00 of R. B. Rich.  
Plant tomatoes for the canning factory. It guarantees to can all that can be grown in Houston county and more too.

**Foley's Kidney Cure**  
makes kidneys and bladder right.

# A Happy New Year

To all Our  
Customers.

**B. F. CHAMBERLAIN**  
DRUGGIST.

The "Big Store" will sell and deliver hay, bran, chops and oats and all other goods anywhere in the city.

Vaccination can not be too strongly urged, for smallpox exists more or less in every town in the state.

Crockett has no exclusive shoe store, but has the "Big Store" in which you can buy shoes to fit any human foot.

The COURIER's motto for 1903 will be, as in the past, to advocate home industries and local improvements.

Now is the time to plow. Get an Oliver Chilled plow or middle-buster from the "Big Store."  
JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co., Inc.

We saw wagons last week the wheels of which were solid cakes of mud from tire to hub and rubbing off on the wagon sides.

### For Rent.

One good farm, 4 miles west of Crockett. Apply to  
JAS. S. SHIVERS.

The canning factory is now owned exclusively by home capital and will be run this season. It will can all the tomatoes that can be grown in Houston county.

The "Big Store" sells all kinds of goods, therefore makes a minimum profit on each line, so can save you on furniture and saddles and plow goods especially.

Mrs. Ingham Roberts and little daughter, Marian, of Houston are visiting the family of John R. Foster. Mrs. Roberts will be remembered in Crockett as Miss Mary Freimeyer.

Drs. Smith and Wootters were telephoned for Wednesday to go to Marlin and attend the bedside of Mr. Joe Long, whose illness had taken a more serious turn. Mr. Long went to Marlin about two weeks ago for his health.

Misses Blanche and Jo Bayne entertained the following friends at supper Tuesday evening: Misses Worthington, Wootters, Royal of Athens, Bessie Bayne and Long; Messrs. Shivers, Young, John Baker, Phillips, and Perryman of Alabama.

The civic improvement society proposed by the ladies of Crockett is a good thing and should be encouraged by every business man in the town. It is a difficult task they are undertaking, but with the support of the business men much good can be accomplished.

Among the Crockett boys taking Christmas at home were John Murchison of Corsicana and Dr. Harvin Moore of Houston with their brides. Dr. Moore was married on the 28th of December and both he and Mr. Murchison were receiving the congratulations of friends while here.

Every lady who has the interest of a cleaner and prettier Crockett at heart is invited to attend the meeting for organization at the residence of Col. D. A. Nunn Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The firm of Aldrich & Newton has been changed to Newton & Sims, Mr. Aldrich retiring, having sold his interest to Mr. Sims. The new member is Mr. Jeff Sims, formerly with Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

If you have no more appreciation of your home paper than to give your orders for printed stationery to out-of-town concerns, then you should never expect complimentary notices of your local papers.

B. F. Chamberlain has greatly improved his drug store by replacing his old shelving with new and modern furniture. The interior of this store will now compare favorably with any outside of the large cities.

Those people who send orders for stationery and other job printing away from their home town should not expect favors of their home papers. When you go to place your orders for stationery remember this.

The Christmas festivities, which have been in progress nearly two weeks, closed with a dance Tuesday evening at the Lotus Club rooms. The dance was complimentary to the visiting young ladies, Miss Smith, Miss Harris and Miss McMeans.

The ladies say that those who are dumping waste paper and trash on the streets had better make all the use of the time possible now for they are going to put an end to such misuse of our streets. This is only one of the many things they are considering.

### Church Social.

The ladies of the Methodist church will have a sale of fine home-made candies at the residence of Mrs. Jno. A. McConnell January 16, from 7 to 11 p. m. A very interesting program will be rendered and refreshments served. Everybody invited.

### Death.

Miss Etta Simmons, a daughter of John Simmons of Porter Springs and a sister of Mrs. Dick Cassidy, died at the home of the latter Sunday night of slow fever. The remains were conveyed to Porter Springs Monday for interment. The COURIER extends its sympathy to those thus bereaved.

There has been a great deal of improvement in the sidewalks of Crockett during the past two months and it is to be hoped the work will be carried on until every walk in the city is in first-class condition. In a great many places fences will have to be set back before walks can be made. The streets also need widening and straightening in a great many places.

Mr. H. W. Moore has set the fence around his new residence in considerably, allowing plenty of room for a nice walk down either side. If others would do the same thing, Crockett could soon boast of some first-class sidewalks. Mr. Moore has added much to the appearance of his property by doing this, as well as widening the street and walk, and the example set is a good one.

### For Sale.

My entire crop of tobacco at ten cents a pound where a whole bale is taken. A bale weighs from 12 to 18 pounds. It is genuine Havana and there is nothing better for smoking. Call at COURIER office before it is all gone.  
W. B. PAGE.

### Mr. J. S. Fluker Dead.

Mr. J. S. Fluker, well known in the town and county, having kept books for Daniel & Burton for many years, died at his home at an early hour Tuesday morning and was buried in Glenwood cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 4:30. He was a man of family, leaving three daughters and two sons to mourn his death, his wife having died about two years ago. Of his children, three are left single and orphans, a girl and two boys.

Mr. C. W. May and family, from Ross county, Ohio, are late arrivals in Crockett and valued acquisitions to the county's citizenship. Mr. May is a brother-in-law of Mr. H. F. Moore, cashier of the First National bank, and his coming may mean a tide of high-class immigration from his section of the frozen north in the near future. He has bought 265 acres of land on the bayou two miles north of town where he and his family will reside.

Farmers, burn off your land, destroying all cotton stalks, stumps, and any and everything that an insect may be wintering in. Then plant your cotton as early as possible, planting in wide rows, the wider the better. It has been proven that the weevil does not thrive in the sunlight during dry weather. A farmer who burned off one field and did not burn another gives it as his experience that he made twice the cotton on the one burned as he did on the other and attributes it to the burning process and early planting in wide rows.

### Burglary or Theft?

A negro boy, porter at Wm. M. Patton's store, concealed himself on the inside and was locked up Tuesday night. He then proceeded to help himself to forty dollars in money, two pistols, some pocket knives and handkerchiefs. The boy was later arrested and locked up, but the officers were at a loss to know whether to charge him with burglary or theft. He did not break into the house, but he took unfair means to gain possession, which in that light might make it robbery. Was it robbery, burglary or theft?

### Civic Improvement Society.

Some of the ladies of Crockett have asked the COURIER to publish a call for a meeting of the ladies of the town for Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of Col. and Mrs. D. A. Nunn. The object of the meeting is to organize a civic improvement society. The ladies are going to take the matter in hand and see what can be accomplished along lines of general town improvement work. At the meeting organization will be effected and plans outlined. The ladies desire as large attendance as possible and it is hoped that all will enlist themselves in the cause of a cleaner and prettier Crockett.

### Citation.

The State of Texas,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded that by causing this notice to be published for at least twenty days in a newspaper published in Houston county, you notify all persons interested in the estate of Mrs. R. F. Miller, deceased, No. 899½, in the probate court of said county, that C. L. Shivers, administrator therein, has presented his final account therein filed Oct. 14, 1902, which will be acted upon at the term of said court beginning Feb. 2, 1903, at the court house in the town of Crockett, when and where they are required to appear and contest the same, if they see proper. Herein fail not but make due returns thereof as the law directs.

Attest:  
N. E. ALLBRIGHT,  
Clerk, Co. Court, Houston Co., Tex.  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 6th day of January, A. D. 1903.  
N. E. ALLBRIGHT,  
Co. Clerk, Houston Co., Tex.  
By H. B. CLARK, Deputy.

### Society Event.

On the evening of the fifth, the pretty home of Mr. John Foster was thrown open for the first time to receive in honor of Miss Maggie's friends, Miss Smith of Georgia and Miss Harris of Corsicana, and a pretty party it was indeed. The drawing rooms, library, hall and dining room being thrown together, all of which was made to represent a snow scene which was a feast for the eye, to say nothing of the lovely evening gowns, bright faces and handsome men. Every room was draped and festooned with moss, having the appearance of being "snowed under." The mantles also were a vision of beauty. As the guests entered the three little sisters of Miss Maggie, Alline, Alice and little Totsie, and little Miss Marian Roberts of Houston, stood in the stairway throwing snow on them, and their heads looked as if the frost of time had lavished a hand of wealth on them.

In the hall stood Miss Smith who presided at the "snow bowl," and after having been served by the young lady, every one seemed glad it had "snowed." Misses Myrtle Bricker and Buena Harden received at the door, Misses Harris and Howard in the drawing rooms, while Misses Foster and Wortham stood in the library. Nine tables had been arranged for the game "snowed under." In the middle of each was a "snow man" holding the card with the number of the table. As each guest entered the room they were given a paper snow ball filled with "confetti" with half a quotation on the card attached, and when he found his partner, he was to break the ball on her, while she pelted him with hers also, which created much fun. By the time the balls were broken the floor was covered with snow. When we were invited into the dining room, where the artist had lavished a spendthrift hand, where the moss and snow abounded in such profusion, we stood as if rooted to the spot as we beheld the "little snow house that Jack built" in the middle of the table; as we were served to ices and cake, it seemed that the long dim aisles of some grand old woods rang and echoed with the music of our voices. After supper the gentlemen's prize was awarded to Mr. Fisher Arledge, a lovely pillow, while Miss Jessie Sheridan carried off the ladies', a pretty snow scene in water color. All good things have to come to an end and all left feeling that they were under many obligations to Miss Foster for a pleasant evening as well as to her charming visitors who by their sweet winning ways have so completely captivated this classic little city. I. C.

### Watch St. Louis.

The Greatest World's Fair the world has ever seen will be held at St. Louis in 1904. To keep in touch with the work of preparation for this great World's Fair and to get all the news of all the earth, every reading person should at once subscribe for the great newspaper of St. Louis, the Globe-Democrat. It stands pre-eminent and alone among American newspapers, and acknowledges no equal or rival. Its circulation extends to every state and territory of the Union, to Canada and Mexico, and to every part of the world where there are readers of the English language. It ought to be in your home during the coming year. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

The prevention of consumption is entirely a question of commencing the proper treatment in time. Nothing is so well adapted to ward off fatal lung troubles as Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.



# WE Revel in the Privilege and Pleasure of Greeting

Our Loyal Patrons upon the advent of a New Year and season with offerings of thanks for their magnanimous support and liberal dispensation of favors.

## WE SHALL STRIVE LEGITIMATELY

To win the boundless confidence of every patron and to justly merit their patronage through the exemplification of our trade motto:

### "THE BLACK CAT."

We convey earnest wishes that 1903 may bring with it health, prosperity, peace and contentment to all, and have the honor to remain,

FAITHFULLY YOURS

## JIM BROWN.

#### THE COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, - Editor and Publisher

#### A NEW PASSENGER STATION

For Crockett—Will be Built This Year, Probably.

COURIER readers will recall the movement some two or three months since for a new passenger depot at Crockett. The movement was pushed and resulted in the presentation to Vice President Heroy Trice of a petition signed by scores of our people, directing his attention to the wholly inadequate and unsatisfactory make-shift now used for the accommodation of the travelling public. Those helping along this movement felt that the town in view of its importance as a shipping point, the volume of travel, the amount of freight and express handled and the large revenue receipts to the I. & G. N. collected at this point, hardly excelled by any other town between Longview and Houston, that, in going before Colonel Trice with such a request, they had just grounds for it. They also felt that Colonel Trice, distinguished for his broad, public-spirited policy in matters of this kind which interest and affect the welfare of the property which he manages, would give an earnest and respectful attention to all such movements. The committee in charge of the movement made an effort to fix a day for conference with Colonel Trice and finding it almost impossible to do so on account of the varied and extensive interests now engrossing his attention, they forwarded the petition accompanied by a brief letter to him some two or three weeks ago. He replied promptly and we publish below what he has to say. He goes as far as he can just now, not being able at present to say just when the new building will be begun. He hopes to be able to go to work on it during the current year and the people of Crockett and the surrounding country sincerely trust that the desired improvement may be made this year. Crockett certainly deserves a fine depot building, one ample in size, attractive in appearance and equipped with every appointment and convenience for the comfort and accommodation of all who travel and do business with the I. & G. N.

The revenue which the I. & G. N. gets from Houston county may not be as quite as large as that from Anderson, but it is not much short of it and when this fact is considered and the further facts that the I. & G. N. management have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in Palestine, it is quite natural that our people should feel that they are entitled to some consideration in the matter presented.

And the COURIER has no doubt that we will get it.

#### COLONEL TRICE'S LETTER.

PALESTINE, TEXAS, Dec. 30th, 1902.  
Mr. W. B. Page,  
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Yours of December 29th with petition in reference to passenger depot facilities at Crockett received. It has been our intention to rebuild our freight and passenger station at Crockett for some time past, and locate the freight station in a more convenient place for the public and we hope to be able to do this next year; but we do not want to commence this work until we can put up something nice. We appreciate the business that Crockett has given us, and will do everything in our power to assist you and your people in building up your town; but of course you understand that a railroad is just like every other business: they must not spend any more than they earn.

We will give you a good depot building just as soon as we possibly can. We want it worse than you do.

Yours truly,

L. TRICE.

#### Call for Boll Weevil Meeting.

In another place in the COURIER is published for three consecutive weeks an appeal to the farmers and business men of Houston county to attend a boll weevil meeting in Crockett Saturday, January 17. This is a serious problem to the farmers and business men of the county and one hard of solution. It is wisely proposed that our citizens get together on the day named for a general discussion of the situation and it is believed that the meeting will be fraught with good results. The boll weevil is no new thing southwest of us and there is no reason why we should not reap the benefits of the practical experiments that have been made during the past half-dozen years by those living in the long infected sections. The thing to do is to get together and learn what these experiments have been and with what results they have met. Every citizen should feel it his duty to be present at this meeting and a large attendance can not be urged too strongly. Do not leave it for your neighbor to attend, but be present yourself. Time thus spent may be worth money to you.

#### Crystal Wedding.

"O, 'tis love, 'tis love, they say,  
That makes the world go round!"

This is a materialistic age—and sometimes in the hurry and rush of material affairs we think that love, romance and sentiment belong to the "long ago." Then some event takes place that shows us that the human heart with all its aspirations after "the tender and the true" is the same in all ages and in all climes. Such an occasion was the beautiful celebration on Saturday evening, December 27th, 1902, of the crystal wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craddock.

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Augusta Daniel—H. F. Craddock the cards of invitation read.

The day was gloomy and inclement, but on arriving, we forgot the weather outside—for within, everything was radiant with soft lights, bright faces and good cheer. The house—one of our handsomest modern homes—was beautifully decorated for the occasion—the florist and the forest contributing in equal measure—green vines, southern moss and rare cut flowers.

We were met at the door by Misses Minnie Craddock, Sallie and Effie Hardin, and after being carried upstairs and gracefully divested of wraps by Miss Gusta May Smith, we were ushered into the drawing room where stood the happy bride and groom—scarcely touched by time in the flight of fifteen years. The bride wore a blue silk gown, trimmed with cream lace and applique, which especially suited her fair, gentle loveliness. After the exchange of welcomes and congratulations, the dining room was the next point of interest. This was particularly attractive with soft-shaded candles gleaming on the polished mahogany tables. The decorations were crystallized—also the two courses of refreshments, which were served on cut glass, thus carrying out the "crystal" idea—the tout ensemble presenting almost a glimpse of Arctic fairyland. Delicious nectar was dispensed in the broad entrance hall by the little daughter of the house, Miss Emma. From time to time the piano, presided over by various young ladies, gave forth wedding marches and hymeneal symphonies.

In the library, opposite the dining room, were arranged tables loaded with cut glass, scintillating and sparkling the good wishes of friends, old and new, that Mr. and Mrs. Craddock may live to celebrate their diamond wedding.

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#### Bears for the President.

Washington, December 31.—President Roosevelt's Christmas presents included the most motley and undoubtedly the most extensive collection of bears, of every size and condition, to be found within the confines of the Union. These bears came from all over the country and range from the smallest dancing bear in wood or ivory carving to the most intricate mechanical toy yet devised in this particular sphere of the animal representation. There are brown bears and black bears enough to start a mimic zoo. This collection was displayed on a table set apart for that purpose in the library on Christmas morning. And that the President fully appreciated the wit of the situation was shown by his action in inviting those of his personal friends who called at the White House to go to the library and view his bear zoo.

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Crockett, Texas.

#### TEUTONIC SARCASM.

Editor Tries it on the Kaiser and Goes to Jail.

Berlin, December 31.—A Munich editor was sentenced to three months in jail for printing the following clever skit on the kaiser's speech delivered at the grave of Herr Krupp:

"Attention! Present arms! Men, we have just buried a brave comrade, Private Krupper. What a man he was—the buttons on his uniform always shone like pure gold and he ate his un buttered bread full of gratitude to God and the war lord. Standing at his open grave, we may well ask ourselves: 'Why did the lord remove this man and not that anarchist, Pillke, the third man from the right wing in the second row. By the great Caesar, the duffer wears his helmet like a drunken scrub woman her bonnet on a Sunday afternoon. Corporal, credit him with three days. But to return to the late Krupper. He loved his fatherland, and I never saw him with dirty boots. May he rest in peace.

"Attention, present arms! Prayer!"

#### Best Liniment on Earth.

Henry D. Baldwin, Supt. City Water Works, Shullburg, Wis., writes: "I have tried many kinds of liniment, but have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at J. G. Haring's.

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## Good Health

and pure blood are inseparable. If your blood is bad, your health must suffer. Poor blood allows the body to lose vitality just as a poor fire under the boiler allows the steam to run down. From poor blood to impure blood is but a step, and impure blood is mother to a large percentage of human ills. Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic is an antidote for both poor and impure blood, for it is both a builder and purifier—a food and a medicine. It is the best combination of the kind known to medical science, and its success for nearly half a century has led to its endorsement by thousands of medical men who have been unable to find a substitute.

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will insure you against the many evils resulting from impure blood. Scrofula, pimples, blotches, kidney disorders, rheumatism, gout, dyspepsia, female weakness, anemia, chlorosis, etc., are a few of them; but the greatest evil, the greatest danger, is the general weakening of the whole system, which affords an opening for every passing disease.

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"I commenced using Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic when prostrate from a severe attack of rheumatism. After using three bottles all traces of this disease were completely eradicated from my system, and my general health was restored. As a blood purifier Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic has no equal, and I most sincerely recommend it to all persons suffering from indigestion, fatigue, rheumatism, and the many weakened conditions of the system produced by impoverished blood."

Margaret P. Yeazell,  
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