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NO. 44.

Dan G. Kennedy Says:

A Great many people make a big mistake in their shopping by going around and pricing and parleying and squabbling for hours over some staple article like calico, brown domestic, 4 4 bleaching or something that is sold at or near cost, and finally the salesman will make a half cent or one cent out to catch the bill. Now suppose you do buy calico at 4 cents, which costs the merchant 5 cents and he loses 5 or 10 cents on the pattern. You then have on your memorandum some dress goods and trimmings, several pairs of shoes, some ladies' and children's hats, a suit of children's clothes, some embroideries and lace, ribbons, etc. Now neighbor, how many of these articles can you tell within 25 per cent of their actual values and what you should pay, and so in gaining a few cents on the calico or domestic you may lose dollars on the other goods and thus you do unless you trade with a STRAIGHT HOUSE. Our prices are all in PLAIN FIGURES on EVERYTHING and do not fluctuate, and you get the same that your neighbor gets and your neighbor gets the lowest prices and smallest profits for which goods can be sold, if legitimately bought and paid for. Respectfully,

YELLOW FRONT & RACKET STORES,
DAN J. KENNEDY, Proprietor.

Don't Forget

That we have been Cotton Factors for over 30 years and that our Senior continues to give his personal attention to every detail of our cotton business.

That we own the largest Compress and the most extensive and best equipped Warehouse in the South, enabling us to have direct supervision over every bale of cotton from the time we receive it until we sell it.

That our business has steadily increased from year to year until we are receiving shipments of cotton from every County in the State and the Territories where cotton is cultivated.

That our books show the names of cotton shippers that for 25 consecutive years have never sold a bale of cotton in the country.

That we would not continue to ask for shipments of cotton unless we had produced results that have satisfied thousands of shippers and made them permanent customers.

Wm. D. Cleveland & Sons,
Houston, Texas.

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

AT CROCKETT,
In the State of Texas, at the close of
business, November 17th, 1903.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$189,238.50
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	33,910.12
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	30,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,400.00
Stocks, Securities, etc.	1,250.00
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	3,000.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	429.98
Due from State Banks and Bankers	446.37
Due from approved reserve agents	21,321.92
Checks and other cash items	788.11
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	542.50
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$11,645.75
Legal-tender notes	5,000.00
	\$16,645.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation)	2,500.00
Total	\$225,424.15
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	22,742.87
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Due to other National Banks	3,883.84
Individual deposits subject to check	161,827.24
Demand certificates of deposit	50.00
Notes and bills rediscounted	11,920.20
Total	\$225,424.15

State of Texas, J. H. Moore, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
H. F. MOORE, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21th day of November, 1903.
C. W. MOORE, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
J. C. WOOLTERS, }
JOHN B. SMITH, } Directors.
JAS. S. SHIVERS, }

150 New Students

are expected to enter Tyler College for the mid-winter term Monday, January 4, 1904.

This is a golden opportunity for clerks, farmers' sons and daughters and many others to take a business and shorthand course during the winter months when there is little doing in business houses or on the farm. The time spent in socials and parties one winter, if invested in brains, prepares young people to double and triple their income and lay up something for the rainy day. If you would make of your idle moments a Jacob's Ladder on which to climb to independence, write to-day for large illustrated catalogue free and mention course wanted. Tyler College, Tyler, Texas.

Foley's Honey and Tar
for children, safe sure. No opiates.

THE BOLL WEEVIL MEETING.

North Carolina Seed to Be Planted and a Farmers' Institute Organized.

At a called meeting at the court house to consider how to raise cotton in spite of the boll weevil the following transactions took place with A. H. Wootters chairman and Thos. Self secretary:

Mr. Wootters made quite a lengthy talk, saying that while in Dallas at the meeting there he had been convinced that the early varieties of cotton seed planted in the right way and at the right time was the only salvation for a cotton crop in the weevil districts. He made it very plain that cotton could be raised and good crops gathered by planting "King's Improved early seed" and this would bring excellent results where the native Texas seed were a total failure.

To bear out the above theory Mr. Wootters quoted from and read letters from various parts of the district to show that a bale of cotton to the acre had been gathered from King's Improved seed, whereas the native seed had been a total failure, saying that Sec. Wilson had exhibited in Dallas two stalks of cotton, one of the King's early variety and one of Texas raised seed, both planted at the same time, treated alike in every instance, and the Texas stalk had only two or three bolls to the stalk while the King's stalk had over a hundred full grown bolls.

Mr. C. A. Turner made a talk on "How to plant the early variety of cotton seed so that same would not prove any more expensive, although at an increased price, than the common Texas seed." Mr. Turner says that to get the best results each farmer should build an ash hopper and secure a weak lye from same after mixing common stable manure with ashes, in which to roll the seed and drop them by hand as corn, etc., and this would insure attack from insects on the seed before same begins to sprout.

Mr. J. W. Wright next made a talk urging the farmer to make an effort more in line with business ideas and up-to-date agricultural methods, saying that he himself

had been negligent and a little slipshod in his methods, but that he intended to do better and come out on broader lines and what he did do towards raising cotton, that he would buy the early seed and plant early and do everything to insure success and that he believed success would crown his efforts. He also referred to the colored people and urged them to wake up and do things, too, more in a business manner than they had ever done before and urged them to secure the early variety seed. Mr. Wright urged all farmers not to wait till they paid still dearer for their experience, but to move promptly now, while times were good, to raise a crop before the weevil comes out of hibernation, etc.

Mr. J. S. Shivers urged the farmers to go ahead and get their fields in shape for another crop; that success awaited them yet and that the merchants and business men generally were not giving up the fight; on the other hand were going to stand by the farmer and help him all they could to get seed and means to raise a crop. He says that more business men and farmers should attend these meetings and come out and lend a hand when they are needed.

Mr. Joe Matlock said that he made on his farm last year a fairly good crop considering everything, but that he would not plant a seed this year but the King's early variety and felt sure of success.

It developed in the meeting that Messrs. Mayes and Moore had bought twenty-five bushels of cotton seed last season and had made, after the crop had been in the grass for quite a while, about a thousand pounds of seed cotton to the acre, and right along beside this cotton they had planted the native seed, treated them the same and had made practically nothing on the balance of the farm. And after hearing all the testimony it seems ridiculous for any one to say that a fairly good crop cannot be raised if they try in the right direction, using the right kind of seed.

It developed also in the meeting that Secretary Wilson had promised our committee while in Dallas that if Houston county would organize a farmers' institute

and go at things in a business way that we would stand a good chance to secure an experimental station for this county, and acting on this the ball was started by electing A. H. Wootters president and J. S. Shivers secretary of the farmers' institute for Houston county. Thos. Self was elected general distributor of any seed which may be brought to this county to be delivered or parceled out.

It was brought out at the meeting that J. S. Shivers & Co., J. C. Wootters & Co. and the oil mill had bought a car of cotton seed each from North Carolina for planting the coming season and any of Mr. Shivers' customers will apply to him for seed; also, J. C. Wootters' customers may apply to them and any who wish to buy from the oil mill may do so by calling at that office now and leaving their names, or deposit their seed to be exchanged when the King's Improved seed arrive.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is Pleasant to Take.

The finest quality of granulated loaf sugar is used in the manufacture of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it quite pleasant to take. Mr. W. L. Roderick, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of this remedy, says: "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy with my children for several years and can truthfully say it is the best preparation of the kind I know of. The children like to take it and it has no injurious after effect. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Kentucky News.

Lang Bros., Druggists, Paducah, Ky., write: "We sell more of Dr. Mendenhall's Chill and Fever Cure than all other remedies combined, having received over 700 bottles in one season. The physicians here prescribe it and persons who once use it will have no other." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Foley's Honey and Tar always stops cough and heals the lungs. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

No. 5953. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE Farmers & Merchants NATIONAL BANK, AT CROCKETT.

In the State of Texas, at the close of
business, November 17th, 1903.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$90,294.40
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	11,697.28
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,015.60
Banking-house, furniture and fixtures	2,678.25
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	283.59
Due from State Banks and Bankers	5,047.81
Due from approved reserve agents	2,283.00
Checks and other cash items	288.29
Notes of other National Banks	200.10
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	110.00
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$4,050
Legal-tender notes	2,000
	\$6,050.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	625.00
Total	\$124,069.50
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	2,771.90
National Bank notes outstanding	12,500.00
Due to other National Banks	117.68
Due to State Banks and Bankers	3,173.36
Due to approved reserve agents	1,944.82
Individual deposits subject to check	32,227.77
Notes and bills rediscounted	6.87
Total	\$124,069.50

State of Texas, I, Arc' Baker, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Arc' Baker, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21th day of November, 1903.
J. W. YOUNG, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
A. B. F. }
B. F. }
JOE }
CHAMBERLAIN, } Directors.
ADAMS, }

Physicians Prescribe It.

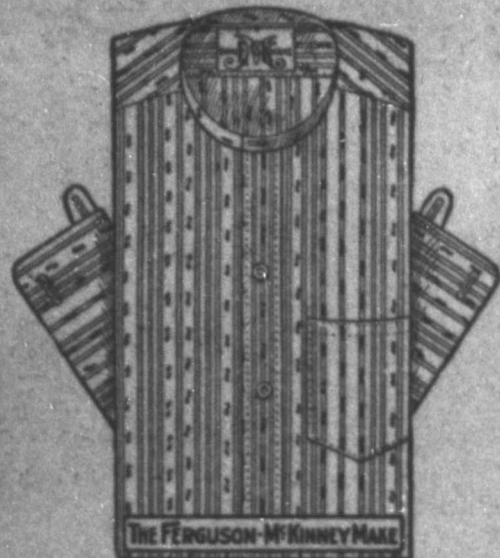
Many broad minded physicians prescribe Foley's Honey and Tar, as they have never found so safe and reliable a remedy for throat and lung troubles as this great medicine. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Worm Destroyer.

White's Cream Vermifuge, not only kills worms, but removes the mucus and slime, in which they build their nests; it brings, and quickly, a healthy condition of the body, where worms cannot exist. 25c at Smith & French Drug Co.

This Year's Best Things.

We have given special attention to this department, and the result is an accumulation of all the best styles and qualities of the season. Men are more particular than ever about their apparel, and we are prepared to cater to their cultured tastes. We can fit you out from head to foot—no need to go out of the store for anything.



FINE SHIRTS

This famous line of Shirts is becoming known everywhere, and when a man once wears one of them, he wants no other make. They come in madras, percale and oxford, in the very latest colors and designs, with detached and attached cuffs, with or without collars, prices 50c to.....\$1.50

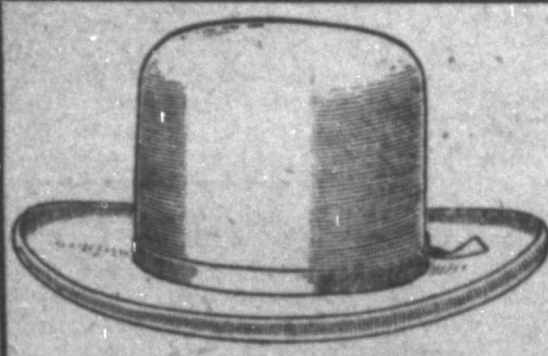
JOB LOT

Of Men's Shirts, various styles, sizes and colors, regular 50c to 75c value, your choice for.....25c

Williams, Kneeland & Co's. Shoes for Men.

These are high-class shoes that are intended to meet the demands of the best dressers. Every pair is sold under a strict guarantee—your money back if you are not satisfied. We have all the newest styles, all sizes and lasts. We want you to see them and try on a pair. Prices \$3.50, \$4.00 and.....\$5.00

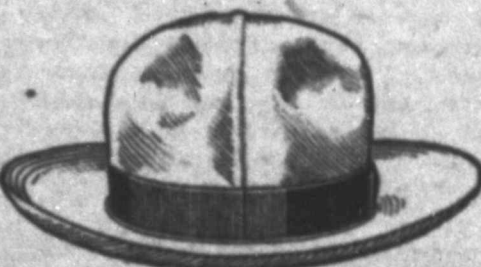
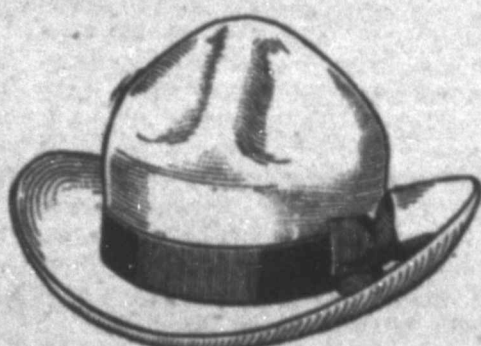
Job Lot of Hats A great variety of felt hats, all colors, all sizes, all styles. You may find what you want for only.....50c	White Hats Soft Felt Crusher, pure white, with blue or black band, also same style in gray and black, for.....\$1.25	Derby Hats "Waldorf Special," in brown and black, excellent quality, others ask \$4.00 for them, but we ask only \$2.50
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The Famous "BONAR HATS."

Soft felt, in black, gray, tan and brown, comes in the four styles like the cuts, the very newest shapes, price

== \$3.00 ==



JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

The "Thoroughbred" is guaranteed to never lose its color, and to give perfect satisfaction. Comes in black and gray, in all the new shapes, price.....\$3.50

"STATESMAN" HATS

Another good hat at a medium price, 12 shapes in black and gray, only.....\$2.00

"GLOBE HATS"

A good hat with such a little price that every man can have one. 12 shapes, bl'k and gray, only \$1.50

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

AN EXTRAORDINARY OFFER.

A Handsomely Illustrated Magazine and the Courier for the Price of One.

The great publishing house of Rand McNally & Co., Chicago, have long been noted for their maps, school books and other publications, all more or less familiar to both old and young. Among these publications is "Farm Life," an illustrated magazine for farm folks, which is unquestionably the leading publication for the farm home, each issue containing much splendid information of a practical value to every member of the household. The COURIER is pleased to announce that it has completed arrangements whereby its readers may obtain "Farm Life" absolutely free. In order to stimulate advance payment of subscriptions, we will offer for a limited time THE COURIER and "Farm Life" for \$1.00 a year, the subscription price of the COURIER, payable in advance. Old subscribers can take advantage of this offer by paying up all arrearages and \$1.00 in advance. New subscribers can pay \$1.00 for the COURIER and get the magazine free. It costs the COURIER a considerable expenditure of money to be able to make this offer and none but cash-in-advance subscriptions for a year (\$1.00) will be permitted to take advantage of it. After looking a list of publications over, we decided on "Farm Life" as a magazine best suited for this section to offer in connection with the COURIER. Call at this office for sample copies of the beautiful and artistic Thanksgiving Number of this high-class magazine. "Farm Life" is an illustrated monthly magazine for farm folks and is not uninteresting for town folks.

W. A. Herren of Finch, Ark., writes, "I wish to report that Foley's Kidney Cure has cured a terrible case of kidney and bladder trouble that two doctors had given up." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Made Traffic Arrangement.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 13.—Col. R. H. Baker, general manager of the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company, today returned from a trip over the line, and says that business is flattering, especially for a road that has been in operation only a few weeks. He makes the important announcement that traffic arrangements have been made with the Houston & Texas Central, and that, therefore, freight from the new road will go almost entirely to the Houston & Texas Central. Thus the latter road gets another valuable feeder. Manager Baker states that as soon as the road is ballasted the passenger service is to be made first-class, in that the Trinity Valley will inaugurate sleeper service from Hillsboro to Houston, via the Houston & Texas Central at Mexia. He hopes to make satisfactory traffic agreements with the Santa Fe when the Trinity Valley is finished into Cleburne, which will be the northern terminus. Mexia is to be the southern terminal until some time next year, when the extension to Beaumont is to start. Owing to the stringency of the money market and the winter months the southern extension is postponed until spring.

A Liberal Discount.

Those of our subscribers who do not care to take advantage of our magazine offer, can get the COURIER from now until the first of January, 1904, free by paying all arrearages and a year in advance. In other words, all back dues paid up and a year in advance will pay your subscription to January 1, 1905. All new cash subscribers will be entitled to the COURIER until January 1, 1905, for \$1.00 in advance. This offer is made to stimulate cash in advance subscriptions, believing that the cash-in-advance subscriber should have a liberal discount.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are becoming a favorite for stomach troubles and constipation. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists. Smith & French Drug Co., Crockett.

CROCKETT, TEX. JAN. 30, 1903.

This is to certify that one bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cured me of kidney and bladder trouble and I can cheerfully recommend it to others suffering in same manner. Respectfully,
J. A. BRICKER.

A Policeman's Testimony.

J. N. Patterson, night policeman of Nashua, Ia., writes: "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least a half dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Anxious Moments.

Some of the most anxious hours of a mother's life are those when the little ones of the household have the croup. There is no other medicine so effective in this terrible malady as Foley's Honey and Tar. It is a household favorite for throat and lung troubles, and as it contains no opiates or other poisons, it can be safely given. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Pursuant to and by authority and direction of resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company, notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Stockholders of said Railroad Company is called to be held at its principal office, in the City of Palestine, Texas, on the 28th day of December, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Directors of said Company to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue, and for an order approving and directing to be registered, the bonds of said Company, in respect to the mileage and the value of the railroad, property and franchises of the Houston, Oaklawn & Magnolia Park Railway Company, after the acquisition thereof by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company, in pursuance of an act of the legislature of the State of Texas, approved February 21, 1903, authorizing the former Company to sell and the latter to purchase said railroad, property and franchises, as well as in respect to the value, if necessary to be considered to make the amount of all of said bonds, of so much of the railroad, property and franchises of the Fort Worth division of said Company as has not been previously appropriated to bonds previously issued, said bonds to be \$10,000.00 per mile of the first mortgage bonds of said International & Great Northern Railroad Company secured by its first mortgage executed November 1, 1879, to John S. Kennedy and Samuel Sloan, trustees; \$10,000.00 per mile of its second mortgage bonds secured by its second mortgage executed June 15th, 1881, to the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, trustee, and \$245,000.00 of its third mortgage bonds secured by its third mortgage executed March 1, 1892, to the Mercantile Trust Company, trustee, and said bonds or the proceeds of the sale thereof to be used in paying, besides the indebtedness and liabilities of said Houston, Oaklawn & Magnolia Park Railway Company, the purchase money of its railroad, property and franchises consequent upon the acquisition thereof by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company and the residue, if any, to be applied in obtaining and borrowing money for constructing any un-built portion of said railroad after its acquisition by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company and of completing and improving said railroad as it is now constructed or may be hereafter constructed.
A. R. HOWARD,
Secretary,
INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

New Way of Using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Mr. Arthur Chapman writing from Durban, Natal, South Africa, says: "As a proof that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a cure suitable for old and young, I pen you the following: A neighbor of mine had a child just over two months old. It had a very bad cough and the parents did not know what to give it. I suggested that if they would get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and put some upon the dummy teat the baby was sucking it would no doubt cure the child. This they did and brought about quick relief and cured the baby." This remedy is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Best Liniment on Earth.

I. M. McHany, Greenville, Tex., writes, Nov. 2nd, 1900: "I had rheumatism last winter, was down in bed six weeks; tried everything but got no relief, till a friend gave me a part of a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. I used it, and got two more bottles. It cured me and I haven't felt any rheumatism since. I can recommend Snow Liniment to be the best liniment on earth for rheumatism." For rheumatic, sciatic or neuralgic pains, rub in Ballard's Snow Liniment, you will not suffer long, but will be gratified with a speedy and effective cure. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's.

The Best Liniment.

"Chamberlain's Pain Balm is considered the best liniment of the market," write Post & Bliss, of Georgia, Vt. No other liniment will heal a cut or bruise so promptly. No other affords such quick relief from rheumatic pains. No other is so valuable for deep seated pains like lame back and pains in the chest. Give this liniment a trial and you will never wish to be without it. Sold by B. F. Chamberlain.



The Typo Girl.
She clicks the type in her metal stick,
At the case against the wall;
And her eyes are brown as the sun-kissed leaf
In the glorious, tinted fall.

She clicks the type in a rhythmic drone
And her hands are lythe and fleet—
Though the foreman fume and the devil swear.
She but smiles, and her smile is sweet!

Through carking day on her stool she sits
As the type she sticks secure;
And her rosy lips they are moulded ripe
With a tale that her heart is pure!



"HER WAYS ARE GOOD."
Her ways are good in the little town
Where she sweetly does her part.
And her life reflects its uplifting beam
To dependent and burdened heart.

With clicking stick does she set my fate
From the copy in my face—
For I love the girl with the leaf-brown eyes
On the stool by the old type case.

Trouble in Eden.
"Eve," said Adam, hopelessly, "you are so irascible of late I cannot live with you. To-night when I come home from the woods I'll bring you a ticket to your mother's—and, for goodness sake, 'Eve,' stay until you are better natured!"

"Adam," snivled Eve, "what is the matter with you? Have you got dyspepsia again, and—and—and—boo hoo!—don't you know I haven't any—any—mother to go to? Boo hoo!"

"Well, go shopping, then; go visiting, take in the bargain sales, go to a summer resort, go—"

"But how can I in Eden," cried Eve, while great, hot, burning tears splashed on her sa-leaf apron and fell with a dull thud upon the garden path. "How can I, in Eden, where there isn't even a ten-cent counter—how—Oh! Oh! Oh!" and she flung herself down in the rosemary bed and threatened to have hysterics.

Adam gritted his teeth in the excruciating realization of his cannibalish folly.

"Well, if you can't go anywhere else, go to—"

And just then the gates were opened and they did!

Where do you suppose it was Adam told Eve to go?

Over to Aunt Carrie's, probably.

Those Red Top Bents.

I gazed into a great show window today, on — street, to see if I could find a pair of copper-toed, red-topped boots like my first pair.

I didn't.

Funny, isn't it? How can we expect to raise statesmen and presidents these days without copper-toed, red-topped boots for boys?

I remember my first pair. Got 'em for Christmas. Mother hid them hidden away in the old bureau drawer where I wasn't supposed to snoop. They fit, too, like a glove, and the copper toes shone beautifully. And the red tops—they were the cynosure of all the boy eyes in our neighborhood for weeks.

And how majestically they squeaked!

Had to oil them three times a week, and even then they were stiff and unmanageable after a night of coasting.

Then, when skating time came, father donated ten cents to have some skate plates put in the heels. Sometimes the screws caught in mother's carpet, but what of that? Wasn't I the only boy in the family and might I not be president some day?

But, come to think of it, I never have been! Ho! Hum! Can't every boy be president—and besides I was president of a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor once—but that's another story.

Guess they don't make presidents from copper-toed boots any more. Leastwise, I don't see any red-tops advertised.

Wonder why?

Fishes in the Nile.
A painstaking survey of the fishes of the Nile, extended far up both Blue and White Niles, has just been completed. It adds fourteen new species to about ninety known before, and gives much other valuable information.

Why, Indeed!
Scolding is easy. It takes neither power of brain nor heart to scold. It does not even make any great draught upon the physical being. Any fishwife can be a grand success at scolding! Why compete with her?

Couldn't See Any Reason.
"This paper says," remarked Mr. Chugwater, looking at the headlines, "that there is a good deal of unrest among the workmen at the chair factories. Don't they ever let them use the chairs?"

Plague inoculation.
Of 400 natives belonging to the American mission of Rahuri, Bombay, India, who were inoculated against plague, only one girl caught the disease, and she recovered.

A Remarkable Woman.
Kokomo, Ind., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Anna M. Willis of this place, a charming old lady of 74 years, has given for publication a very interesting letter.

Mrs. Willis is widely known and highly respected and the recommendation she gives is well worth the consideration of anyone who may be interested. Mrs. Willis' address is R. R. No. 6, Kokomo. Her letter reads as follows:

"I have been troubled with Kidney trouble for 20 years. It was so bad that it affected my heart and my back, it hurt so that I could not get up when down, and I began to think that I would be past doing anything. I was recommended to get Dodd's Kidney Pills and purchased some at the drug store of Mr. G. E. Meek. After using several boxes I was completely restored. I feel 20 years younger, and I am able to do all the usual work in the house and garden which a person who lives on the farm has to do, although I am 74 years of age."

About the only music that will kill a mosquito, in our opinion, is the solo Gabriel will play on his horn when he rings down the curtain on the last day.

FITS permanently cured. No other improvement after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE 25¢ trial bottle and treatise. Dr. J. C. King, Ltd., 311 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Philadelphia now leads the world in the number of Christian Endeavor mission study classes. It has fifty-six, twenty of which have been organized in the last year.

Pat Turns the Tables.
A man who boasts that "he knows a glass of wine" invited a few select friends to dinner. In the midst of the meal his Irish servant brought up a very old-looking bottle of wine. "Ah, John," said the master, "you forgot to take the cobwebs off this bottle before you brought it up." To his surprise and discomfort John replied: "Sure, sir, I thought ye didn't want 'em taken off, after putting 'em on so careful!"—Spare Moments.

Why Hood Left Nashville.
An old pleasantry worth repeating relates to the experience of Gen. Hood, who in great haste left Nashville on one side of the city just as the Federal troops were entering upon the other. His colored servant being captured, was asked why Gen. Hood left in such a hurry. "Ah," he said, "Massa Hood didn't think he could do hisself justice in this city."—Boston Christian Register.

Influence of Transportation.
A recent remarkable illustration of the influence of railway transportation on commerce is given by the opening of the western section of the Transiberian railway. There were only 140 dairies in Siberia in 1899, which produced for export about 5,000,000 pounds of butter. In 1902 there were 2,500 dairies, producing upward of 90,000,000 pounds.

Revive Old Customs.
Swell mothers in New York have taken to dressing their little boys in fancy costumes—Prince Charles, L'Aiglon and what not. The Little Lord Fauntleroy idea has gone out. Not a few little swashbucklers with leather leggings and belts may be seen toddling along with their nurses.

Chatham Islands.
The Chatham islands are a group in the South Pacific, 350 miles east of New Zealand, of which colony they form a part. They are mainly used for cattle and sheep breeding for the purpose of supplying whalers and other vessels calling to refit and take in stores.

An Unfortunate Meeting.
A citizen took up the ubiquitous cow of a neighbor and started to the pound with her. However, on the way he unexpectedly met the pound, in the shape of the owner of the bovine, who proceeded to prove that he was much the larger man of the two.

"This paper says," remarked Mr. Chugwater, looking at the headlines, "that there is a good deal of unrest among the workmen at the chair factories. Don't they ever let them use the chairs?"

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Russian Peasants Did Not Understand a Polite Conductor.

An Englishman traveling in Russia furnishes the following incidents to a London paper—an incident which he personally witnessed and which he says "shows better than volumes of description the customs and social conditions of Russian peasants: "At a railway station the train is on the point of starting. As usual in Russia, the bell rings three times before departure, to warn the passengers to take their seats. At the first ring the chief conductor, seeing on the platform a group of peasants standing humbly and cautiously together, says very politely to them: "Gentlemen, the first signal is given; please take your places."

One of the peasants, turning to his comrades, says: "Dimitri, Ivan, Steven, do you hear? The master tells us to enter the train." "Oh, you stupid," says another. "Are you a gentleman? You heard him say 'gentlemen.' He invited the gentry." There is a second ring of the bell. The conductor calls, hurriedly and angrily: "Please, gentlemen, take your seats; you hear the second signal."

The same peasant says to the others: "It is for us. We must take our seats. The train will start." "You are!" says his companion. "Do you think you are called a gentleman? Were you ever a gentleman?" The third ring of the bell is heard. The conductor, losing his temper and hustling the peasants forward cries: "Idiot! Pig! Beast! Do you hear or not? Be off and take your seats!" "That is for us," say the peasants. "Dimitri, Ivan, hurry up. We must take our seats."

WAS TREATING BOTH FAIRLY.

No Discrimination in the Decision of This Judge.

In an inquiry at La Plata this week before Mayor William H. Johnson and the board of aldermen, the mayor won a reputation for even-handed justice. The town marshal was before the mayor on a charge of permitting swearing on the streets and general negligence. Both sides put in objections and exceptions as if before a circuit judge. When the case was well under way, Mr. Park, who talked for the accused town marshal, commented on the mayor's ruling, as follows:

"It looks to me. Your Honor, like you're deciding these objections turn about. First you rule my way and then you rule for Jack Barker. That ain't no way to try a case."

"Ain't, eh? Suppose you want me to rule twice for you and once for Jack?" suggested the court, sarcastically.

"No, not that; but—"

"Ain't I let you argue half an hour over every turned objection?"

"You've been very considerate about that, Your Honor, but I've noticed it didn't do any good to argue unless it was my time to get the decision. And that's what I'm objecting to."

"Well," said the mayor, "this is your time to be overruled. Proceed with this here case."—Kansas City Star.

New Uses for Soldiers.

The British soldier in India is to become a baker and a butcher as well. For recommendations were recently called for non-commissioned officers and men from commandants of units with a view to the formation of classes for instruction in bakery and butchery.

Foreign Bibles.

Grants by the British and Foreign Bible Society to Dr. Morrison and his assistants for producing the first Chinese Bible totaled \$50,000, while to Dr. William Carey and his associates in the various Serampore versions the grants of money and material exceeded \$25,000.

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A CITY WITH ITS "GLAD RAGS" ON.

HOUSTON DECORATED IN THE FALL FESTIVAL.

THE ARRIVAL OF KING NOTTOC.

He Came by Rail and Led a Procession From the Depot to the Royal Palace.

Houston, Texas, Nov. 24.—The fifth annual carnival of the No-Tsu-Oh and of King Nottoc V. was proudly and with becoming circumstance and pomp opened yesterday, to last during the week. The union of purpose and effort on all sides manifestly testified itself yesterday in the magnificence of array and enjoyment. The day and the night decorations have been elaborate and tasteful, the central or business portion of the city presenting a brilliant and animated scene that attracted the notice and admiration of the most exacting. The colors were not confined to those of the festival, though the latter largely predominated. The most gorgeous hues were used, and the effect was very striking.

In the afternoon the Houston band of twenty-four pieces started the actual excitement by serenading at several prominent crossings of streets in the central portion of the city. The effect was to arouse the carnival spirit that has grown in Houstonians and their visiting friends for the past five years.

The sport of the afternoon and night was supplied by the lavish use of confetti, which seemed to be in the hands and faces and mouths of the great crowd that jostled and pushed along Main street on both sides. The sidewalks were so crowded that progress could not be made.

The pedestrians who had to move along had either to ride or walk in the streets. The cars even had to move with the pace of a snail to keep from hurting people. It was a tedious job and the motormen had a trying time to move safely.

At night the brilliancy of the electric illuminations was dazzling. Chains of incandescent lights extended for several blocks on every side of the street, crossing at the intersections. The effect was beautiful. Several large business houses were decorated with special amplitude and design. Perhaps the handsomest in the city was Waddell's, on Fannin and Prairie. It was the design of the electric light company, and was made up of about fourteen hundred feet of a chain of incandescent lights. It stretched along the eaves of the roof on both streets and drooped back in festoons that hung from the top below the third or top story. It then went up the outline of the corner tower of the building, a distance of forty feet higher than the tower proper. The pinnacle was surmounted by a design in pink lights. The walls were otherwise ornamented.

In the afternoon several trains came into the city crowded with people from points along the right of way.

Other roads will bring in loaded trains today and tomorrow.

The people of Houston turned out largely last night.

Nottoc's Arrival.

Coming by his royal route, the Houston and Texas Central, King Nottoc V. the much heralded, arrived yesterday afternoon on schedule time at 4 o'clock at the Grand Central depot.

The King, who was accompanied by his retinue of gentlemen in waiting,

Age of Love.

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 24.—A table of the ages of love in men and women has been compiled by Prof. Bell, a fellow in Clark University, and formerly an instructor at the Valparaiso, Ind., Normal School. He has reached the conclusion that neither sex is safe from Cupid's darts after it has reached the age of three years. In fifteen years he has investigated eight hundred cases, and his figures go to prove that the maturity of woman's heart is reached at 22 and a man's at 24.

Non-Intercourse with Colon.

Colon, Nov. 24.—A decree was issued at Cartagena, Nov. 16, setting forth that no steamers shall be allowed to clear from Cartagena for Colon or enter Cartagena coming from Colon. All the foreign consuls and steamship agents at Cartagena have protested without effect against the decree.

Gonzales Saddlers Assigned.

Gonzales, Texas, Nov. 24.—The firm of Bookholtz & Sellers, dealers in saddlery, harness and vehicles, made an assignment yesterday. Liabilities, \$6,610.77, assets unknown.

was met by the mayor, a committee of the city council and reception committee of railroad officials and prominent citizens. The mayor and city council delivered into his keeping the keys of the city, with many assurances of loyalty and affection.

The royal carriages being at hand were taken and the parade formed, being escorted through the streets of His Majesty's most loyal capital by the Jeff N. Miller Rifles, the royal horsemen and His Majesty's military band.

A great chain of royal subjects followed in His Majesty's wake and countless multitudes thronged the way to do him honor, making on either side of the line of procession one continued barrier of humanity between which the royal pageant moved.

The line of march was from Washington avenue to Franklin, thence to Main, following it as far as McKinney, thence returning by way of Preston avenue to the Rice Hotel. At the hotel the King held a court with only his retainers present, receiving a few notables in conference.

After this brief reception he announced that he would deny himself any public demonstration until Thursday night, when he will appear in state at the grand carnival ball.

Live Woman Declared Dead.

Reading, Pa., Nov. 24.—An appeal has gone from Berks county to the supreme court of the United States to determine whether S. Margaret Cunnins, formerly of Reading, now living in Sacramento, Cal., is legally dead or alive. For years she was supposed to be really dead, but she was not. The supreme court of Pennsylvania decided that she was legally alive. The supreme court of the state, however, decided she was dead again. She now asks the highest court in the land to make her alive in law.

Teeth Removed From His Stomach.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., Nov. 24.—Frederick C. Smith has had two false teeth removed from his stomach. Smith swallowed a plate with the teeth on it on Friday night, during a fit of coughing. He went to Buffalo, where friends advised an operation, and Dr. Roswell Park, who attended President McKinley on his deathbed, was called in. Two operations were performed, the second being successful. The X-ray was used to locate the teeth. The stomach was the next open and the foreign matter removed. Mr. Smith is doing well.

Car Rolled Onto Him.

Wotumka, I. T., Nov. 24.—A serious wreck occurred yesterday about noon on the Frisco railroad about two miles north of this place. While rounding a sharp curve five cars of a freight train jumped the track and rolled into a ditch. A young man named Simons, from Weleetka, I. T., was riding upon a car of ties and was killed by the car turning over upon him. The track was badly torn up and the northbound passenger train was tied up here for some time awaiting the repairing of the track.

Fraudulent Check Passed.

Sour Lake, Texas, Nov. 24.—A man about 35 years of age passed a fraudulent check for \$23.80 on S. P. Cogswell at this place last night about 8:30 o'clock. The man was supposed to owe a waiter at Cogswell's \$10, and this induced Cogswell to cash the check in order that the waiter might be paid. So far he has not been apprehended. The officers are entirely without a clue as to the guilty party.

Died From Burns.

McKinney, Texas, Nov. 24.—On Friday last, Mrs. Will Smith, who lives near Collected, this county, while working around a stove, was horribly burned by her clothing having caught fire. She suffered intensely until yesterday, when she died. A husband and six children survive her.

Two men who went to take the pieces of strikers at a leather plant in Chicago shot and seriously wounded two strike sympathizers.

Burglars at Sour Lake.

Sour Lake, Texas, Nov. 24.—The toughs of this city are beginning to get in their work. At 4 o'clock yesterday morning Cooke's saloon, on Fannin street, was burglarized by two men. When caught by the bartender \$38 and various other articles were found on them. They were given a hearing by Judge Pelt and were released on bail.

About 20,000 men in New England cotton mills suffered a reduction of 10 per cent in wages, beginning Monday.

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General News Summary.

JOYS OF A (SUCCESSFUL) CANDIDATE



STILL RUNNING.
—From the Salt Lake Herald.

COLOMBIA READY TO GO TO WAR.

Panama, Nov. 19.—Bogota cables on the 13th: Answering Beaupre's official note informing him that Washington has entered into official relations with the Panama Republic, Carlos Rico, minister of foreign affairs, states that the Colombian government protests energetically and considers the friendly relations between the governments of the two countries to have arrived at such a state of perturbation, that it is materially impossible to continue diplomatic relations, unless Washington should give immediate word that there was no intention to prevent Colombia from retaking the Isthmus as belligerents. The note ends by stating that a prompt reply is awaited from Washington, as the Colombian army is ready to march on Panama at once.

There is great rejoicing in the capital owing to an important cable which has arrived asserting that Germany disapproves and censures the United States' recognition of the Panama Republic.

The Costa Rica minister left yesterday, homeward bound.

Gen. Perdomo has been appointed commander in chief of the Colombian army.

The French colony, it is reported, has made known to the government its sympathy for the actual state of affairs, and offered the government half a million dollars.

Excitement at Buena Ventura.
Washington, Nov. 19.—The following cablegram was received at the state department yesterday afternoon from Consul General Gudger at Panama:

"There is a good deal of excitement in Buena Ventura and some feeling against foreigners. The Colombian government is said to be considering a land invasion of the Isthmus." Admiral Glass is expected to send a ship to Buena Ventura, if in his judgment the situation warrants it, and he will be communicated with to that effect.

A Canal Treaty.
Washington, Nov. 19.—The Hay-Bunau-Varilla Isthmian canal treaty was signed yesterday evening at the residence of Secretary Hay by the secretary and Philippe Bunau-Varilla, the minister of Panama.

The Panama commission arrived here last night from New York, and the ratification of the treaty at its hands may be expected within the next forty-eight hours or sooner. The treaty is a much simpler document than the Hay-Herran treaty, though it follows its general lines. Absolute sovereignty is awarded the United States over the canal strip, and the convention, it is said, in every way meets the requirements of the Spooner act.

GENERAL REYES TALKS OF FIGHT.

Colon, Nov. 21.—After much difficulty the Associated Press correspondent succeeded yesterday evening in interviewing General Reyes, the distinguished Colombian soldier, who came to the Isthmus on a peace mission representing his government. General Reyes said:

"The day I left Bogota, which was on the 11th instant, United States Minister Beaupre and Secretary of Legation Snyder were well, though a little anxious. I assured your minister that he was in no danger, and today I am able to give the same assurance to the Associated Press. At the time I left Minister Beaupre was preparing to go down the river. This morning Admiral Coghlan informed me that the United States would prevent the landing of Colombian troops on any part of the Isthmus. I promised Admiral Coghlan that Colombia would not take such action until I reached Washington, whither I am proceeding via Port Limon and New Orleans.

"I also told Admiral Coghlan that if my efforts at Washington failed to bring about some arrangement concerning the present situation on the Isthmus satisfactory to Colombia, the United States would have to fight the entire Colombian people, and that it would be a second Bory war.

"I am going to Washington for the purpose of going my utmost to amicably arrange affairs.

"Colombia is in desperation. I doubt if the Washington government and President Roosevelt, for whom I have the highest respect, realize the seriousness of establishing this peace-

dent. The large German colony in Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, is declared to be inclining to a revolutionary movement for independence, which the state of Panama will stimulate.

"The government of Panama is receiving the sympathy of all South America, which is fearful of more American territorial aggrandizement in this direction.

"I am to propose when in Washington a plan contemplating the re-entrance of Panama into the Colombian union, and the moving of the Colombian capital to Panama City. I am sure that this idea will receive the support of all Colombians.

"I do not know just now what my course of action will be, but I am going to Washington in the interests of Colombia."

Fatally Injured.

New York, Nov. 19.—Five workmen have been injured by the collapse of a huge lard rendering vat in a West Fortieth street establishment. Three of them will probably die. The men were at work in the basement, when the bottom of the tank, containing many gallons of scalding grease, suddenly gave way and the men were literally boiled. Instantly the grease became ignited, and soon the basement was in flames. The cries of the men could be heard by pedestrians in the streets, and aid was quickly rendered by the police and firemen, but three of the men had been fatally burned before they were rescued. The others were very seriously hurt, but probably will recover.

CUBAN ANNEXATION.

Bill introduced inviting Her to join the Union.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Senator Newlands, the author of the resolution annexing Hawaii, yesterday introduced a joint resolution inviting Cuba to become a state of the United States on terms of equality with the states of the Union. It provides that Porto Rico shall become a county or province of Cuba; that all present officers of Cuba shall retain their positions until their terms expire; that the \$35,000,000 bonds of the state of Cuba, with interest reduced to 3 per cent and 2 per cent to be applied to a sinking fund; that the present rural guards of Cuba shall be incorporated into the army of the United States; that the money in the Cuban treasury shall become the money of the state of Cuba.

The resolution closes with the following declaration:

"That the foregoing resolutions are inspired not by a desire to annex forcibly or to assert sovereignty over the island of Cuba, or to exercise any form of compulsion, but solely by a regard for the interest of the two countries and a conviction that the interests of the states composing the Federal Union and Cuba are identified, and that they can be administered by union under one form of government, in which all shall be represented on equal terms and to be governed by equal and undiscriminating laws, insuring freedom of trade and equality of right and privilege."

CUBAN RECIPROCITY.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The house yesterday, by a rising vote of 335 to 21, passed the bill to make effective the Cuban reciprocity treaty. The dissenting votes were equally distributed between republicans and democrats, but there was no record vote, the minority having too few votes to order the ayes and noes.

The democrats, under the leadership of Mr. Williams, sought to the last to secure amendments to the bill in accordance with the action of the democratic caucus, but were defeated steadily. Mr. Williams made the final effort when he tried to have the bill re-committed to the ways and means committee, with instructions to amend, but a point of order under the special rule providing for a vote on the bill without intervening motion was sustained.

Mr. Cannon caused applause on the democratic side when he entertained the appeal from his ruling made by Mr. Williams, the speaker saying he preferred to err, if he erred at all, in giving the house the right to express its will. The appeal was tabled by a strict party vote.

Mr. Williams closed the debate for his side and made an arraignment of the public policy of protection.

Mr. McCall (Rep. Mass.) made the closing speech on the republican side. Mr. Broussard (Dem. La.) opposed the bill, and Mr. De Armond (Dem. Mo.) supported it.

The amendment of the passage of the bill caused only a slight demonstration.

Mr. McClellan, mayor-elect of New York city, occupied the speaker's chair for a while yesterday as chairman of the committee of the whole.

Official Report.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The navy department yesterday received a cablegram from Admiral Coghlan at Colon, replying to an inquiry whether there was any truth in the report that the German steamers Markomania and Scotia had been stopped at Colon by American men of war. Admiral Coghlan states that the Markomania stopped off Colon en route to Cartagena to land passengers, but was not interfered with. The Scotia arrived about sunset, three days overdue, was informed that no armed force would be permitted to land, but the vessel was not interfered with and only darkness prevented her getting alongside the dock at once.

Louisville Fire.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 21.—Fire early yesterday morning destroyed the old Masonic Temple building, located at the corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets. The third floor, occupied by the Hopkins theater, was totally destroyed. Other losses include several stores and offices. Loss estimated at \$200,000.

TEXAS NEWS

AT SAN ANTONIO.

The Fever is Forgotten and People Are Lively.

San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 20.—Full passenger service was resumed on all railroads in and out of San Antonio yesterday morning, and already the business of the city shows a marked effect from the return of old conditions before the quarantine. The trains last night all came in loaded with people, some of them being people who had refuged from the city when the first report of yellow fever was circulated, but the majority were people who have been waiting outside ever since the quarantine was put on to come in.

At the hotels where there have been no arrivals for several weeks, the lobbies were full of strangers, who came in on different roads, and business all over the city has again took on its winter activity.

Indications now are that the city's visitors this winter will be fully up to that of former years, the fever scare notwithstanding.

The Fever at Laredo.

Laredo, Texas, Nov. 20.—There was a slight increase in the number of yellow fever cases yesterday over the day before, there being seventeen now and two old cases and two deaths. However, this is such a material abatement of the epidemic that there is no feeling of discouragement. On the contrary, there is a general belief that the end of the city's woes are already in sight and that another ten or fifteen days at the most will see the fever entirely stamped out and quarantine raised.

KING OF "STRIKE BREAKERS."

James Farley Well Known in Almost All American Cities.

James Farley—known among union labor men as "Boss" Farley—who is now in Chicago, looking after the in-



JAMES FARLEY

terests of the City Railway company, is celebrated as a "strike breaker" whenever street car companies are affected. He is 6 feet 2 inches tall, broad-shouldered, and thin, but extremely muscular. He has steel-blue eyes, a square jaw and a chin denoting great power. He was born at Plattsburg, N. Y.

Immigration for Brazos County.

Bryan, Texas, Nov. 19.—Major W. R. Cavitt of Bryan, who is familiar with the character and value of lands and with industrial conditions generally in this section, and who is himself a practical stock farmer and diversificationist, is perfecting plans to secure immigration for Brazos county, and has invited the co-operation of those having suitable lands for sale.

Truck Damaged by Freeze.

Alleyton, Texas, Nov. 19.—A cold, dry northern blow yesterday morning and still prevail. This morning the first ice of the season was noticed, and a good deal of garden truck has been damaged by the freeze. Winter oats are up and looking well. Many farmers have begun plowing and getting the ground in shape for next season's crop.

Football at Waco.

Waco, Texas, Nov. 20.—Texas Christian University and the Agricultural and Mechanical College teams are to play a game of football at West End Park in this city Saturday. It is expected that the game will be a very good one, as both teams are in fine shape. The Agricultural and Mechanical College team is the state champion but the right to hold the championship will be hotly contested.

Danison, Texas: A number of special officers were sworn in today to enforce the smallpox quarantine against Sherman.

The 6-year-old daughter of a certain naval officer was unconsciously ludicrous the other day. The child was sewing when her older sister asked: "Why don't you use a pattern?" The little lass replied with dignity: "I don't need a pattern. I sew by ear."

That dreadful disease, consumption, is sometimes brought on by a neglected cold and cough. Do not hesitate, but try Simmons' Cough Syrup. Guaranteed. 25 and 50c.

An exchange announces the birth to Mr. and Mrs. Bud Craig of "a young girl." This is entirely too indefinite. Newspapers should be more positive and explicit. The exact age of the child at birth should be given on an occasion of this kind.

The season is now at hand for coughs and colds. Guard against this by buying a bottle of Simmons' Cough Syrup. Guaranteed. 25 and 50c.

The sale of intoxicants in New Guinea has been prohibited by the commonwealth house of representatives.

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

The skin of the whale is from two inches to two feet thick, that of a large specimen often weighing thirty tons.

Be sure you get the Cough Syrup manufactured by the A. C. Simmons, Jr., Med. Co., and take no substitute. Pleasant to take and guaranteed to cure. 25 and 50c.

There is always room for a man of force, and he makes room for many.

Some pictures are like some people—hanging is too good for them.

Woman's Best Characteristics.

The readers of one of the French newspapers were set to enumerate the qualities which their ideal woman should possess. Placed, as they say in examinations, "in order of merit," these characteristics are, first, economy; second, fidelity and modesty; third, kindness; fourth, maternal love; fifth, cleanliness and patience.

One as Good as Another.

A wife wanted her husband to sympathize with her in a feminine quarrel, but he refused, saying: "I've lived long enough to know that one woman is as good as another, if not better." "And I," retorted the exasperated wife, "have lived long enough to learn that one man is just as bad as another, if not worse!"

Language of the People.

Prof. George O. Curmeo of the Northwestern University says slang is the language of the people and always will be. He says: "The speech of the street gamins is more virile, direct and forceful than that of many educated people."

Making Great Families.

Almost all great families of the earth are descended from either a bandit or a cutthroat. Judging by the police reports, the work of establishing great families for future use is going on right merrily these days.

All Smoke in Siam.

In Siam everybody smokes, from baby to grandfather. The native tobacco is very strong, but European tobacco rolled in lotus leaves makes a cigarette with a flavor that is by no means to be despised.

BOTH FEEL

What Proper Food Does for Both Mind and Body.

Physical health, mental health, indeed almost everything good on this earth depend in great measure upon proper food.

Without health nothing is worth while and health can be won almost every time by proper feeding on the scientific food Grape-Nuts.

A California trained nurse proved this: "Three years ago I was taken very sick, my work as a trained nurse having worn me out both in body and mind, and medicine failed to relieve me at all. After seeing a number of physicians and specialists and getting no relief I was very much discouraged and felt that I would die of general nervous and physical collapse.

"My condition was so bad I never imagined food would help me but on the advice of a friend I tried Grape-Nuts. The first package brought me so much relief that I quit the medicines and used Grape-Nuts steadily three times a day. The result was that within 6 months I had so completely regained my strength and health that I was back nursing again and I feel the improvement in my brain power just as plainly as I do in physical strength.

"After my own wonderful experience with Grape-Nuts I have recommended it to my patients with splendid success and it has worked wonders in the cases of many invalids whom I have attended professionally." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book "The Brain and Grape-Nuts."



QUICK RESULTS.

W. J. Hill, Justice of the Peace, Concord, N. C., says: "Doan's Kidney Pills proved a very efficient remedy in my case. I used them for disordered kidneys and back-ache, from which I had experienced a great deal of trouble and pain. The kidney secretions were very irregular, dark colored and full of sediment. The Pills cleared it all up and I have not had an ache in my back since taking the last dose. My health generally is improved a great deal." Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all dealers, price 50 cents per box.

Two women, armed with revolvers and daggers, and provided with a complete set of burgling implements were caught early one morning recently in Paris robbing a cardboard warehouse. They gave their ages as 21.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. EXNER, Vanuren, Ind., Feb. 19, 1903.

Chewing gum is regularly supplied to inmates of insane asylums by the Minnesota state board of control.

Time may heal a broken heart, but give us Simmons' Cough Syrup for instant relief from coughs and colds. Guaranteed to cure. 25 and 50c.

Make people happy, and there will not half the quarrelling or a tenth part of the wickedness there is.

CORPORATIONS and Individuals who need reliable Detective Service Employ McCann's Detective Agency, Houston, Tex.

The opponents of football as a part of the college course never seem to consider the fact that the football player would probably never be a valedictorian, anyway.

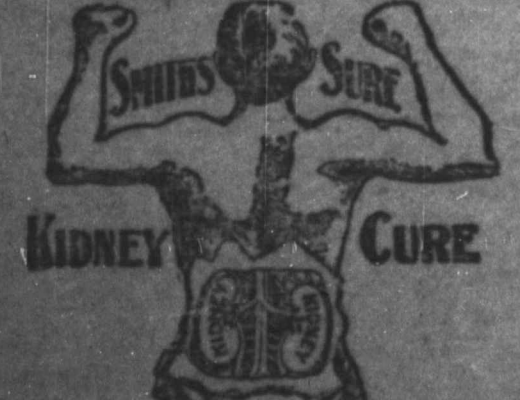
TAKE NOTICE

This is to certify that **Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin** (LAXATIVE) has not outdone any remedy of the kind, because there is NO remedy of the kind. It stands pre-eminently alone as a certain cure for Constipation, Indigestion, Sick Headache and Stomach Trouble. 50c and \$1.00 bottles at all druggists. PEPSIN SYRUP CO., Monticello, Ill.

One day little 8-year-old Mabel's aunt received a letter, and while interested in its contents, the envelope dropped to the floor. Mabel, observing it, picked it up and gravely said, as she returned it: "Auntie, here's the skin off your letter."

THERE IS NO SLICKER LIKE TOWER'S FISH BRAND
Forty years ago and after many years of use on the eastern coast, Tower's Waterproof Oiled Coats were introduced in the West and were called Slickers by the pioneers and cowboys. This graphic name has come into such general use that it is frequently though wrongly applied to many substitutes. You want the genuine. Look for the sign of the fish and the name Tower on the buttons.
MADE IN BLACK AND YELLOW AND GOLD BY REPRESENTATIVE TRADE THE WORLD OVER.
A. J. TOWER CO., LONDON, MASS. U.S.A.
TOWER CANADIAN CO., LIMITED, TORONTO, CAN.

IS YOUR LIFE WORTH 50 CENTS? If So Try A Bottle Of



We defy the world to produce a medicine for the cure of all forms of Kidney and Bladder troubles, and all diseases peculiar to women, that will equal Smith's Pure Kidney Cure. Ninety-eight per cent of the cases treated with Smith's Pure Kidney Cure that have come under our observation have been cured. We sell our medicine on a positive guarantee, if directions are followed, and money will be refunded if cure is not effected. Manufactured by Smith Medical Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Price 50 cents and \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

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Objected to Tomstone Paving.

Tomstones are not so infrequently employed in different parts of Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Lincolnshire and Leicestershire, England, for the purpose of paving; and a year or so back the inhabitants of the Vale of Belvoir raised a vehement protest against their being used for a pathway leading to the parish church.

Origin of Plant Superstitions.

The origin of plant superstitions may often be traced to the uses made of the plant, its foliage or flowers. Among the Greeks, the bodies of the dead were crowned with parsley. "He will be in need of parsley" was a euphemism signifying a belief in the approaching death of the person indicated.

Our ancestors were mostly criminals, and the ignominy still attaching to the hangman's office is an inherited antipathy to law.

HOW DOES THIS STRIKE YOU?

At business we make our living, so why not prepare for it by taking a practical business or shorthand course at the Tyler College, Tyler, Texas.

It is not only the largest school of the kind in the South, but its graduates are filling the most responsible positions to be found in most every town and city of the South. It is a school for the poor as well as the rich. It can fit you in a few months time and at a small expense to command an excellent salary.

Write them for their free catalogue. Address Tyler College, Department B., Tyler, Texas.

Husband (in an aside to his wife)—if you can't think of some more neologisms of your children's smartness let's go home right away, for they're getting ready to tell us things about their own.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dread disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarth. Hall's Catarth Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarth is not a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarth 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 \$100 reward for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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

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ARE YOU GOING WEST?

To California or Arizona, only \$25, via the Santa Fe. Tickets on sale September 15 to November 30, 1903. Tourist Sleeper Texas to Los Angeles without change. For stopover privileges, descriptive literature, time cards, etc., see Santa Fe agents, or address W. S. Keenan, G. P. A., Galveston, Texas.

The football cranks are at it again.

Leland M. Finks of Calhoun, Mo., claims to have the coat of arms of the Washington family, Washington's official pedigree and a silver watch which formerly belonged to the "Father of His Country."

Every bottle of Cough Syrup manufactured by the A. C. Simmons, Jr. Med. Co. is guaranteed to cure or money refunded. Use no other. 25 and 50c.

Of 400 natives belonging to the American mission of Rahuri, Bombay, India, who are inoculated against plague, only one girl caught the disease, and she recovered.

Why should women suffer untold agony, from female diseases, when they can be cured at home, by using Dr. Lunn's Home Treatment for Women? For particulars, address: Dr. Lunn's Sanitarium and Hospital, Houston, Tex.

"Now that I've met Brown's wife I quite understand why he is so dictatorial at the office. He has to have some place where he can show his authority."

Dish Washing in Winter.

Housekeepers naturally dread dish washing in winter, owing to the fact that it chaps the hands and renders them hard and rough. Much of the injury, however, results from the use of impure soap. If Ivory Soap is used in washing dishes and the hands are carefully rinsed and dried, they will not chafe.—E. R. PARKER.

Valuable iron deposits have been discovered in the Congo country of the Soudan, and much interest has been awakened thereby.

Superior quality and extra quantity must win. This is why Defiance Starch is taking the place of all others.

The hair dresser doesn't succeed by having a pull.

Old Soles, Backs of Chairs, etc., can be dyed with PUTNAM FADLESS DYES.

In Finland the East Turkestan thunderstorms are wholly unknown.

It is an easy matter to interest some lawyers in a case of campaign.

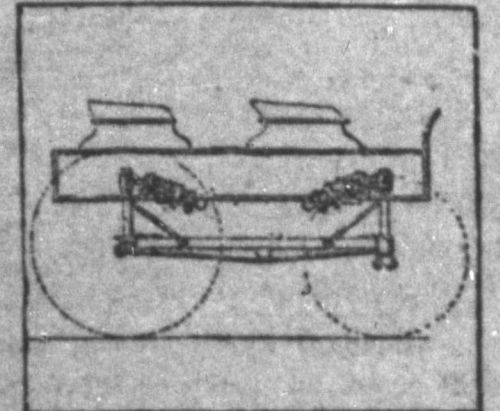
OF APPROVED VALUE

IDEAS OF INVENTORS, BOTH NEW AND USEFUL.

Spiral Spring for Carriage Bodies Has Much to Recommend It—Portable Bathing Apparatus—Protection for Propeller Blades.

New Vehicle Spring.

The accompanying illustration will convey graphically better than words can tell a recently patented method of mounting vehicle bodies which allows the utilization of the familiar spiral springs in the place of the flat ones now so generally used for this purpose. The front and rear axles



Spiral Springs for Carriage Bodies.

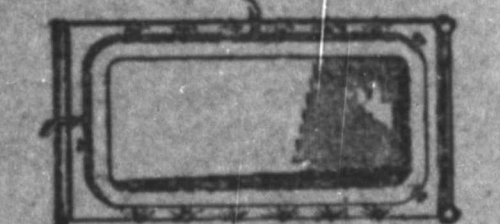
support upright standards, which are suitably braced to give greater rigidity to the under frame. The body of the vehicle is supported from each standard by means of helical springs, which are inclined inwardly toward the center of the carriage body, thus exerting radial pulls to prevent lateral swaying without interfering with their vertical yielding movement.

Improved Propeller Blades.

Covering steel propeller blades with thin sheet brass or copper to protect them from corrosion has been successfully accomplished by an English shipbuilding firm. The sheathing is closely imbedded to the surface beneath, with specially constructed joints at the leading and following edges of the blades. While the experiment was made simply to overcome corrosion it has been found by actual tests that the steamers of the Clan Line which have had their propellers thus sheathed have shown considerably better speeds with less coal consumption than sister vessels fitted with cast iron propellers. This is probably due to the decreased friction of the water under the action of the revolving blades.

Portable Bathing Apparatus.

In the illustration we show a woman's invention, which should be greatly appreciated by those who are unable to rise from bed long enough to take a bath. As is well known, one of the greatest aids in restoring the health is cleanliness, and thorough bathing of the skin to remove the impurities—which have exuded from the pores will often have as good effect



Inflated Tubes Surround Edges.

as the medicine taken internally. This bathing apparatus consists of a water-proof sheet, with a surrounding air-tight tube, which can be inflated to form a raised wall around the edges of the sheet high enough to contain a considerable amount of water. When the tubes are deflated it is a comparatively easy task to roll or lift the patient onto the bed. After the inflation is completed the water can be poured in, or a line of hose can be connected with the hot water faucet in the bathroom or washbowl to fill the "tub" to the desired height. After the bath the water is drained off through a short section of hose beneath the pneumatic tubing.

Mosquitoes and Malaria.

In view of the recent attempts made in New Jersey to destroy the mosquitoes by the use of petroleum on the standing water of the lowlands, and also on account of the experiments made by experts in Cuba to show that mosquitoes carried malarial and fever germs, the report of Major Penton, principal medical officer of the Soudan, is of especial interest. Only a short time ago mosquitoes were so thick in his locality that the use of nets to ward off the pests was a necessity, but now these can be dispensed with almost entirely. Several marshy swamps surrounding the town have been filled up by gangs of workmen, thus leaving no breeding place for the insects. With their disappearance there has also been a marked decrease in malarial fever, all the medical officers of the district agreeing that this has been the healthiest year on record, and it is probable that when the work has been completed malaria will have disappeared from the region altogether.



Mrs. Anderson, a prominent society woman of Jacksonville, Fla., daughter of Recorder of Deeds, West, who witnessed her signature to the following letter, praises **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—There are but few wives and mothers who have not at times endured agonies and such pain as only women know. I wish such women knew the value of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is a remarkable medicine, different in action from any I ever knew and thoroughly reliable.

"I have seen cases where women doctored for years without permanent benefit, who were cured in less than three months after taking your Vegetable Compound, while others who were chronic and incurable came out cured, happy, and in perfect health after a thorough treatment with this medicine. I have never used it myself without gaining great benefit. A few doses restores my strength and appetite, and tones up the entire system. Your medicine has been tried and found true, hence I fully endorse it."—Mrs. R. A. ANDERSON, 225 Washington St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Mrs. Reed, 2425 E. Cumberland St., Philadelphia, Pa., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it my duty to write and tell you the good I have received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I have been a great sufferer with female trouble, trying different doctors and medicines with no benefit. Two years ago I went under an operation, and it left me in a very weak condition. I had stomach trouble, headache, palpitation of the heart, and was very nervous; in fact, I ached all over. I find yours is the only medicine that reaches such troubles, and would cheerfully recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to all suffering women."

When women are troubled with irregular or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, flatulence, general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

The experience and testimony of some of the most noted women of America go to prove, beyond a question, that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will correct all such trouble at once by removing the cause and restoring the organs to a healthy and normal condition. If in doubt, write Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., as thousands do. Her advice is free and helpful.

No other medicine for women in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles. Refuse to buy any substitute.

\$5000 FORFEIT if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

DISEASE
Caused by
Constipation 80%
Through other
Causes 20%
100%

DR. THACHER'S
Liver and Blood Syrup
CURES BY
REMOVING THE CAUSE.
A THREE-FOLD REMEDY FOR ALL ILLS
DUE TO FUNCTIONAL TROUBLES.
ACTS ON THE LIVER AND KIDNEYS
AND PURIFIES THE BLOOD.
SAMPLE BOTTLE BY MAIL FREE.
THACHER MEDICINE CO., Chattanooga, Tenn.
(For Sale at all Dealers)

The trade in hair has for many years been largely monopolized in France by reason of the general acceptance of French hair dressing as the standard of fashion.
Why Do We Die?
Vital statistics classified show the respiratory organs to be the feeble point in man. Diseases of the lungs are out of all proportion in fatality. Take Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein for coughs, colds and consumption. At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.
Do not borrow trouble. Usually one has strength and endurance sufficient for today.

SAWYER'S
EXCELSIOR BRAND
Pommel
slickers
KEEP THE RIDER DRY
Hats can't get at the man who wears Sawyer's Oiled Clothing. They keep off moisture, keep your clothes from getting damp, and don't keep them from looking like new. Write for catalogue. H. E. Sawyer, 100 So. Main St., East Cambridge, Mass.

Wm. Whitlow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, stops pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

DROPSY
Cured. Gives quick relief. Removes all swelling in 5 to 10 days. Permanent cure in 30 to 60 days. Trial treatment free. Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, Box 5, Atlanta, Ga.

A woman can hardly look at a man on the level. She will either look up to him or else down on him.
The time of the losing horse isn't money to the man who bets on him.

An impostor, whether in politics or religion, hates to have his truth told about him, but he hates a great deal worse to have nothing told about him at all.

Local Items.

Keg pickles at Baker Bros.

Nat Atkinson was here Monday.

Clothing at cost at Craddock & Co's.

Sauer Kraut at Billy Lewis & Co's.

"White Rose" flour at H. J. Phillips.

Go to H. J. Phillips for your seed oats.

Fresh Jersey butter at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Blankets from 6 bits to 6 dollars at the Big Store.

Crysups is Crockett's lowest priced drug store.

The Big Store is showing a swell line of men's hats.

Miss Fannie Goolsbee is visiting her sister at Alto.

Craddock & Co. have new cypress syrup barrels.

Windows and doors are cheaper at the Lumber Yard.

Try that Peaberry coffee at H. J. Phillips—The best.

Asparagus tips and pineapple chunks at Baker Bros.

Craddock & Co. can save you money on hog fencing.

Primrose flour at Billy Lewis & Co's. It has stood the test.

You can find anything you need in the drug line at Crysups.

Green Gage plums, apricots and pears at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Armour's hams and breakfast bacon at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Romona, Athena, Nabisco and Festino wafers at Baker Bros.

Go to Daniel & Burton to buy your dry goods, groceries, etc.

If you have never tried "It" you should, Baker Bros. has "It."

Buy a Fish brand walking or Pommel slicker from the Big Store.

Buy a New Home, the best machine on earth. At Daniel & Burton's.

Seeded raisins, citron and all kinds of dried fruits at H. J. Phillips.

Your money back if you are not satisfied with your purchase at the Big Store.

Go to Baker Bros. for Heinz's apple butter, mmece-meat and preserves.

Buy your rugs, art squares, matting and linoleum from the Big Store.

Buy your olives from Baker Bros. They have them stuffed and plain.

You will save 25 per cent on your purchases by trading with Daniel & Burton.

Trade with Baker Bros., the up-to-date merchants, dealers in fancy groceries, fruits, etc.

Preserved ginger, plum pudding and many other good things to eat at Baker Bros.

Mrs. L. M. Matthews is visiting her mother, Mrs. W. K. Morrow, at Houston this week.

Daniel & Burton are paying the highest market price for hides, furs, beeswax and such.

Let Billy Lewis & Co. supply you from their complete line of choice and fresh groceries.

Those all wool sweaters at the Big Store make "old crimp" "go away back and sit down."

If you want chow chow, mustard pickles, sour pickles, mixed or plain, phone Baker Bros.

Anything in the building line will be found cheaper at the lumber yard. T. R. DEUPREE, MGR.

Seven couples of young people enjoyed an informal dance at the Lotus club rooms Friday evening.

Quality.

The greatest thing in the world is not the saving of a few pennies. There is a saving which does not save. In drugs and medicines Quality is of the first importance every time. The size of a bottle of medicine has nothing to do with its cost or real value. Above all other things the one thing to insist upon is Quality. We use only the purest drugs of the highest quality in our prescription work, with exact and unvarying compliance with every prescription as written by the physician. Our charges are always fair and reasonable, never excessive. We stand for Quality, first, last and always.

B. J. Chamberlain,

The Druggist.

The north-bound day passenger train on the I. & G. N. has become known as the boll weevil limited.

The Houston County Lumber Company always keep a fresh stock of lime and cement on hand.

Daniel & Burton will pay you the highest market price for hides, furs, beeswax and other produce.

You can obtain prunes, raisins, evaporated apples, peaches and apricots by calling on Billy Lewis & Co.

Just received at Baker Bros. a new supply of cheese sandwiches, vanilla wafers and social teas. Try them.

If you have never tried India Relish, Celery Sauce or Mustard Dressing you should. Baker Bros. keep it.

The friends of Dr. J. L. Hall will regret to learn that he is suffering from partial paralysis of the legs.

Ducks can be easily killed if you are fully equipped to hunt them. The Big Store can equip you best.

Take your hides, furs, beeswax and other produce to Daniel & Burton and receive the highest market price.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kennedy of Madisonville passed through Crockett Monday on their return from Kennard.

Give "Billy" your order for groceries. He will get them to you immediately.

LEWIS & CO.

Dr. McCarty has moved from Porter Springs to Grapeland where he will practice his profession in the future.

Ring phone No. 27 when in need of fresh groceries and fruit, which will bring to you the courteous attention of Billy Lewis & Co.

Miss Anna DeBerry, who has been the guest of relatives here for several weeks, left Sunday night for her home at San Angelo.

We make a special effort to keep a clean store and an up-to-date stock.

BILLY LEWIS & CO.

For seeded raisins, currants, citron, dates, figs or anything needed for fruit cake go to or phone Baker Bros.

Remember that Crysups is the place to buy drugs, toilet articles, wall paper, oils, books, ledgers, journals, fancy stationery, etc.

Geo. F. McCullar, one of the substantial farmers of the southern part of the county, was in town Tuesday and paid this office a pleasant visit.

A car of cypress shingles just received at the Lumber Yard, and will be sold at knockout prices. It will pay you to investigate.

T. R. DEUPREE, MGR.

If you want the worth of your hides, furs, beeswax and the like take them to Daniel & Burton. They will pay you the highest market price for them.

Baker Bros. keep oat meal, grape-nuts, force, malta vita and cream of wheat. You are sure to get the freshest when ordering from Baker Bros.

Now is the time to repair your fire place with "Blue English fire brick." And the lumber yard is the place to buy.

T. R. DEUPREE, MGR.

H. L. Brannen of Holly, J. D. Bynum of Grapeland and M. D. Driskill of San Pedro were among those in town Saturday who called at the COURIER office.

Let Crysups supply your wants in drugs, toilet articles, paints, oils, brushes, wall paper, fancy stationery and Lowney's candies. He will treat you right and make the price right.

W. W. Wills of Lovelady, T. P. Barnhill of Daniel and W. J. Garner, also of Lovelady, were among those calling at the COURIER office since its last issue.

Choice Tobacco.

I still have on hand a small amount of choice tobacco which I am selling at the same price. It is going fast and those who want it will have to call early.

W. B. PAGE.

We are informed by Mr. J. A. McConnell that the broken leg of his little son, which was broken on the public school grounds some time since, will have to be reset by the surgeons.

Farmers.

You can make cotton year 1904. Plant King's selected improved seed. I will receive money for above seed and make delivery in December or January. All should plant these seed.

JAS. S. SHIVERS.

Mrs. M. F. Crawford and daughter, Miss Martha, returned to Crockett Friday night from Virginia. Miss Crawford is visiting her brother, R. v. E. L. Crawford, while her mother left for Houston Saturday to be with another son, Frank, who is ill.

The Knights of Pythias lodge at Kennard Mills will give a grand ball on Thanksgiving evening, which will be largely attended by Crockett young people. The committee on invitation contains the names of H. L. Morrison and W. F. Kelley, well known in Crockett. On the refreshment committee is Tucker Baker, which is a guarantee of something good.

"Her Only Sin."

It does not usually fall to the lot of a Crockett audience to see as good a play as that of Lincoln J. Carter's "Her Only Sin" and by as strong a company as the one presenting it at the opera house last Friday evening. Miss Julia Gray, the star of the company, is an actress of pronounced ability and a woman of much beauty. Supported by John T. Nicholson and a superb company, the play was said by theatre-goers to be the best ever seen on the Crockett stage.

While many of our subscribers have come forward, paid up and renewed, there are many who have not. To the latter class we will say that we may be able to get along without what is due us, but we do not propose to do so if we can help it. At the first of next year an effort will be made to put our subscription list on a cash basis and those who are then in arrears and have not made satisfactory arrangements for another year will have their accounts placed in the hands of a collector with authority to enter suit. This will in no wise affect those who have paid up and in advance.

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REPORT OF THE GRAND JURY.

Finds Crime on the Decrease "With the Exception of Murder"—
Makes Usual Thanks to Officials.

CROCKETT, Tex., Nov. 20, 1903. To Hon. John Young Gooch, Judge Third Judicial District of Texas: We, the undersigned, composing the grand jury of Houston county, organized at the fall term of district court, A. D. 1903, beg leave to report:

We have been in session fourteen days and have made diligent inquiry into all violations of law that have been brought to our notice. We have returned thirty-nine bills, thirty-two felonies and seven misdemeanors, and have examined 425 witnesses. A committee appointed from our number has made a careful examination of the reports of the different officials, both county and precinct, and found same correct with the exception of two small discrepancies in the reports of justices of the peace. We beg leave to report that all of the county officials have been diligent in the performance of their respective duties as far as we have been able to ascertain; also that they have responded promptly to calls that in many instances have been very arduous and exacting. We find that crime is on the decrease in the county, with the exception of murder; all murders committed since the last meeting of the grand jury have been confined to the colored race, with one exception. We find that there is a considerable decrease in the smaller crimes—that is, misdemeanors—conditions generally bring much healthier than formerly. We find that the local option law is being well enforced and that there is a general disposition on the part of our people to obey same. We have examined the jail and find same in fairly good condition, and upon a personal examination of the prisoners find that they are well cared for. There are some repairs that should be made at the jail, and we respectfully request that the commissioners' court have them attended to promptly. Dr. S. T. Beasley having responded promptly to our request for services as a professional and having made an examination in a capital case, we urgently request that the commissioners' court allow him a fee of \$10. We desire to thank the court for courtesies extended; also Judge J. A. McDonald, district attorney, and John Spence, county attorney, both of whom have rendered us material assistance in our deliberations, and have been diligent in the performance of their duties. Having completed our labors and nothing further requiring our attention, we respectfully ask to be discharged for the term.

F. H. Bayne, foreman grand jury; F. H. Hill, W. L. Driskill, J. F. Martin, J. H. Beasley, A. S. Hallmark, Archie Adams, J. S. Yarbrough, W. J. Garner, J. E. Bynum, T. W. Thompson, T. N. Mainer, secretary.

District Court.

Last week finished the criminal business of the district court and this week is being devoted to civil business.

A penitentiary transfer agent was in Crockett Tuesday and took the following prisoners to the penitentiary: John Washington, convicted of murder; Jim Williams, burglary; Alex Watson, murder; Albert Oats, murder; Wyatt Williams, assault to murder; Walter Majors, burglary; Dave Burk, murder; William Walker, burglary; Freeman Sanders, burglary and theft; nine in all and all are negroes with the exception of Albert Oats. Alex Sanders, convicted of murder, took an appeal and remains in jail.



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The marriage of Miss Blanche Bayne and Mr. John F. Baker at the Presbyterian church Wednesday evening of last week was the first of a series of pretty and fashionable weddings that are scheduled for Crockett this season. The ceremony was performed at 8 o'clock by Rev. S. F. Tenney. The church was filled with friends of the bride and groom, both of whom are members of two of Crockett's oldest families. The altar, in front of which these two hearts were made as one, was beautiful in its decorations of palms and ferns. In front of the altar, and above where the bridal party stood, garlands of white chrysanthemums were artistically suspended, forming a canopy of appropriate whiteness, emblem of purity. The bridal party was preceded by Miss Ethel Wootters and Mrs. Walker King. From behind the altar Miss Wootters sang, as she alone can sing, "Oh, Promise Me," which was followed by the wedding march, played by Mrs. Walker King. The ushers, Messrs. Johnson Arledge, W. F. Kelley, Jodie Keene and J. W. Young, came ahead of the bridal party, two in each aisle, taking their places at the front. Then came Miss Mittie Baker and Mr. W. Q. Lundy, Miss Anna DeBerry of San Angelo and Mr. S. L. Murchison, Miss Joe Bayne, maid of honor, and Mr. Arch Baker, best man. The bride and groom followed, she leaning on his arm, and in front of the altar the sacred marriage vows were solemnized between them. As they turned to leave the church a deluge of white chrysanthemums fell upon them, being thrown by members of the Knights of Pythias lodge who occupied front seats in a body. The bridal party repaired to the home of the bride, followed by admiring friends, where an elegant reception was in waiting. A dainty lunch of salads, salted nuts, sandwiches and chocolate was served. Mention of this pretty wedding would not be complete without some note of the bride's gown, a delicate creation of white silk with trimmings of real lace and pearls. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and ferns. The bride and groom both being members of Crockett's most popular society set, many beautiful and useful presents were received, and many were the congratulations and well wishes bestowed upon them.

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D. A. NUNN CHAPTER

Daughters of the Confederacy—Letter of an Ex-Federal Soldier.

The business meeting, appointed at the last regular meeting Oct. 31st, was held at the home of Mrs. D. A. Nunn Saturday, Nov. 14th. After the usual program, calling the chapter together, prayer, roll-call and minutes of the last meeting read and approved, the president stated the object of the call meeting, one of which was the discussion of the box for thanksgiving day to be sent to the veteran soldiers in the Confederate home at Austin, with agreement that it should be a box of good things to eat, worthy of the chapter at Crockett. Next delegates were elected to attend the state convention at Houston in December. Mrs. Corinne N. Corry, Mrs. C. M. Newton, Miss Ethel Wootters and Mrs. Hardin Bayne were elected to represent the chapter. Then, Miss Ethel Wootters read the paper promised at our last meeting. This paper was contributed by an ex-Federal soldier, Mr. James DeDaines, at request of the chapter:

The subject was the heroic death and honorable burial of Col. William Rodgers of the 2nd Texas Legion, who fell at the siege of Corinth, Miss., Oct. 4th, 1862. This account by an ex-Federal soldier and eye-witness proved very interesting to the members of the chapter, and we find it substantiated in all essentials in President Davis' history of this incident of the battle of Corinth, in "Rise and Fall of the Confederacy." A note of thanks was ordered given to this Federal soldier through the COURIER with request that the paper be published in the columns of the COURIER, Houston Post, Waco Times-Herald and Galveston News, and copies of the COURIER be sent to the W. P. Rodgers chapter at Victoria, to the state historian and to Mrs. W. P. Rodgers.

The next regular meeting will be held Saturday, Nov. 28th, at the home of Mrs. Hardin Bayne. Subject of the lesson, Vice President Stephens and character sketch of Gen. Braxton Bragg.

MEMBER OF THE CHAPTER.

PAPER OF MR. DEDAINES.

Heroic Death and Honorable Burial of Col. Rodgers of 2nd Texas Legion who fell at Siege of Corinth, Miss., Oct. 4th, 1862. By an eye witness:

On Oct. 2nd, 1862, Genls. Price, Pemberton and VanDorn advanced on Corinth, then strongly fortified and held by Federal forces, commanded by Genl. W. S. Rosecrans.

The 2nd and 3rd of October were occupied in skirmishing for position, and in preparation for the great decisive struggle that took place on the 4th Sunday.

This sketch is not intended as a complete history of this battle, but simply an account of the circumstances immediately connected with the death of this gallant man.

This took place at Battery Robinet, a part of the very "key" to this strongly fortified city, and which as the key to the federal position, it was absolutely necessary for the Confederates.

The first charge was made upon this redoubt about 9 a. m. Oct. 4th, 1862, by a column of about 8000 men who, under the fearful storm of death hurled upon them from a hundred heavy guns, were unable to come within nearer than 100 yards of their objective point. A second charge made about 1 p. m. met with same results. And now to understand more perfectly the nature of the desperate undertaking of these brave veterans and of their gallant charge, in the nature of which the famous charge of the "Old Guard at Waterloo" falls into insignificance, a description of the obstacles to overcome and of the position itself will be necessary. (I subjoin brief sketch of surroundings.)

Fort Williams was an elevated and inclosed, inaccessible fortress, mounting eighty-four 120 lb. Dahlgrens, 110 yards in front of this commanding. Also, "Purdy road" stood a redoubt—Robinet, mounting six 60 lb. Parrott guns. On the right flank of Robinet was stationed 6 guns, 2nd U. S. Light Art.; on the left flank was an Illinois battery field gun. This magnificent armament was supported by five regiments of veteran infantry. The only approach to this position was along the Purdy road which was inclosed for a mile with inaccessible abatis and Chevaux-de-Frise—was just 60 feet wide, which, of course, would be the front face of a charging column, and along and up this narrow lane of death the men must come who would carry this position and win Corinth.

The last and final charge was made just before the sun went down. The assaulting column was composed of 10,000 veteran troops. The advance was the 2nd Texas Legion, their commander, Col. Rodgers, the leader of the charge. This column when fully debouched showed 60 feet front and one mile in length from front to rear. As the head of the column came in view, (one mile distant,) their beautiful red banner, bearing the star-studded cross of St. Andrews in front, they were met by a terrible storm of shell from the heavy guns of Williams and Robinet. As they came nearer, this was changed to "grape." Still nearer, guns double charged with cannister. Still nearer, 4,000 Springfield rifles join in the havoc of death. Still on they came, torn, shattered, bleeding, dying by hundreds. Nine times we count the red banner falls, as a brave man goes down in death. But up, and on it comes right up to the escarpment of Robinet. Bayonets and clubbed muskets are at work now, and men die fast. A brave lieutenant seizes the flag and starts to mount the wall of the battery. A shot strikes, and man and flag fall into the arms of Rodgers, who drops the man, seizes the flag and with superhuman effort mounts the parapet, drives the flagstaff into the earth, with the mighty shout heard above the fearful din of battle, "Plant her there and by G— hold her there." And then while his cheering legionaries are swarming over parapets, thronging the batteries, driving back the veterans of Ohio and Illinois, and victory seems near. Then Fort Williams, with her 84 huge guns double shotted with grape, pours in a perfect hurricane of death, slaying hundreds, both friend and foe. And one shot, a 3 lb. grape, passes fairly through the breast of the heroic leader, and he falls back in the arms of his men. His flag he loved so well, and bore so nobly, and for which he gives his life, is still grasped in his cold, dead hands. This flag was ultimately captured by the Federals. With

the death of their gallant leader, the enemy gave up the fight and fell back along the fearful avenue of death and slaughter. Four thousand brave lives were here given up, laid upon the altar of their country.

Just as the conflict ended Gen. Rosecrans and staff came upon the scene. With visible emotion, the general dismounted, and taking the hand of the dead man, exclaimed, "A braver never lived." He then had a grave prepared at the foot of the redoubt where he died. His body, wrapped in the banner of his legion, was lowered by sympathetic (the enemies) hands. The great guns of Robinet pealed over his remains—a general's honors. Taps were sounded, and but for the groans of wounded and dying, silence and night settled down "on Corinth." Yours in kindness,

JAS. DEDAINES.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Judge Gooch Came Near Violating the Criminal Law Unwittingly.

On Wednesday evening Judge Seldon A. McMeans of Palestine was trying a case in which Judge Gooch was disqualified, because Mr. James Collins was his wife's fourth cousin, and he was a party to the suit.

A negro came along with four nice wild ducks, and Judge Gooch's attention was called to this fact. Col. W. W. Davis, Mr. Woodson and a member of the grand jury were talking to Judge Gooch, and he said: "Gentlemen, if you will take dinner with me tomorrow I will buy the ducks and have a dinner together." They agreed. Mr. Woodson and Judge Gooch went to find the man with the ducks. Col. Earl Adams, Sr., who is a hunter and game man as well as a good lawyer and who was to be one of the four guests of Judge Gooch at the duck-dinner, saw that the law was about to be violated, and hollowed to Judge Gooch not to buy the ducks. Judge Gooch, knowing Adams well, halted though he thought Col. Adams was crazy, and learned that it was against the law to buy wild ducks. This shows that no man knows all the law.

Judge Gooch has been on the bench every day (except Sunday) for eleven weeks, and has tried more criminals and more civil cases than ordinarily falls to the lot of a judge in the same length of time. He gives general satisfaction, and commits so few errors, if any, that his decisions are barely appealed from. His term of office will expire during the coming year. The democratic primary election will be held in July next to name his successor. He says he will be a candidate for judge for a second term. It is not probable that he will have any opposition from this county, and so far as we are advised there will be none in any other county.

Young Farmer Ambushed.

Bob Pridgen, a son of Frank Pridgen, living 10 miles northwest of Grapeland, was ambushed and shot Friday evening between 6 and 7 o'clock at his home. A load of buckshot was fired at him from the darkness of the night, but only two of the shot took effect, producing wounds that, while serious, are not considered dangerous. Two negroes, Oscar Hart and Henry Hart, brothers, were arrested by Sheriff Hale Saturday and brought to Crockett and locked up. The negroes are suspected from the fact that they had had a disagreement over a settlement with young Pridgen and had made threats against his life. They will have an examining trial at Grapeland as soon as Pridgen's wounds permit his attendance upon same.

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