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Dan J. Kennedy Says:

WE will have a great line of HOLIDAY GOODS on display at the RACKET STORE from now till Xmas. Our clerks will be rushed to their full capacity to wait on the trade. And we have this request to make of you. **DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST WEEK BEFORE XMAS TO BRING IN YOUR TICKETS TO EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.** You can readily see why we ask this. A few days and the trade is all over, and if you take up the time with your tickets we miss the sales.

WE WILL NOT TAKE UP TICKETS IF CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE THE CASH TO PAY ARE WAITING.

So you had better come before the last week with tickets if you want us to take them up. Respectfully,

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

Letter to the Farmers.

ED. COURIER:

I am being called on almost every day for King's early improved cotton. I notice, too, while a large part of the people are plowing, there are quite a number that are not plowing. I have a thousand circulars to distribute free to the people and it will be my pleasure to give them out to any farmer. It is devoted to the new cultural methods of farming and also gives

statements in regard to what this early variety of seed will do. Some people think that if the seed are changed and come from some other state, they are all right. I do not. I prefer seed from the most northern latitude, such as North Carolina seed, more than seed from any other state in the Union, because they, being naturally early and being of an early variety, will make as much as one-half crop anyway before the boll weevil can eat it up. I remember years ago of hearing the older men say, "Plant your cotton in March and first of April, so that the third crop of caterpillars or army worms can not destroy it." Just so with the boll weevil. We had one-half bale cotton per acre made on July 1st this year and possibly more, but when the third crop of weevils hit us, it left in a night, as it were, and we did not know where it went. Mr. Carson,

a practical farmer, who owns a 1000 acre farm in Brazos bottom, made four-fifths of a bale of cotton on every acre planted this year, in the face of the boll weevil. He did it with early maturing seed planted early. He used some fertilizer on six acres of ground and gathered therefrom seven and one-half bales cotton. This, he said, was due to the new cultural methods and early variety of seed. Land should be broke in fall and winter. Before planting, however, you should burn all stumps, logs, stalks (cotton and corn) and plant early seed just as early as possible. You can get these seed at the oil mill in Crockett at 75 cents per bushel. I have no seed for sale to the general public. Yours truly,

A. H. WOOTTERS.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1903." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's

Baker-Harden.

Mr. Henry Baker and Miss Effie Harden were married at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the presence of the many admiring friends who filled the church. The ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. S. F. Tenney. The church was appropriately decorated. The ushers were Messrs. Fount Kelley, Wootters Smith, Dick Harden and Jim Howard. The groom's best man was his brother, Mr. Arch Baker, and the two passed up the right aisle to the marriage altar. At the same time, the bride came up the left aisle, leaning on the arm of her uncle, Mr. I. A. Daniel. The two couples met at the altar and the bride was given in marriage by Mr. Daniel to the happy groom. After the wedding a reception was given them by the aunt of the bride, Mrs. H. F. Craddock, where the presents were on display and where congratulations were showered on them by numerous friends and relatives.

At Baptist Church.

Next Sunday there will be services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. W. F. Hatchell one of our missionaries in Mexico will tell us about his work at the morning services. Come and hear him. He is one of our own boys. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Young Peoples Union at 3:30 p. m. Sunbeams from 4:30 to 5 p. m.

H. J. Phillips, Groceries.	Baker Bros., Groceries.	Newton & Sims, Furniture, Undertaking, Embalming.	Jim Brown, General Merchandise.
J. A. Bricker, Jewelry.	King, Murchison & Co., Tailors and Furnishers.	Dan McLean, Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishings.	J. E. Monk, Groceries.
Craddock & Co., Gen'l Merchandise.	G. M. Waller, Saddlery and Harness.	Houston Co. Lumber Co., T. R. DeuFree, Mgr.	Smith & French Drug Co., Drugs and Stationery.
Billy Lewis & Co., Groceries.	<h2>Greeting.</h2>		J. C. Wootters, J. W. Hail, Mgr.
McConnell Hardware Company.	<h3>To Our Customers and Friends:</h3>		Farmers & Merchants National Bank.
Mrs. L. R. Allbright, Millinery.	We extend the compliments of the season, trusting the year now drawing to a close has been a prosperous one to you. We desire that you accept our heartiest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are indeed grateful for your liberal patronage, and we trust that our efforts in the future will merit your continued favors. To those living at a distance who make Crockett their trading point we trust you will continue to visit us, assuring you of our utmost efforts to make your visits both pleasant and profitable. Trusting the New Year will bring to us all increased happiness and prosperity, and that our relations, both business and social, will continue pleasant and profitable to each other, we are, Yours very truly,		Smith Bros., Brick Livery Stable.
W. H. Stepp, Meat Market.			B. F. Chamberlain, Drugs and School Books.
J. T. Crysop, The New Drug Store.	Castleberg Jewelry Company.	The Big Store, Jas. S. Shivers & Co.	Mrs. A. B. Bricker, Millinery.
The Crockett Courier.	J. C. Wootters & Co., General Merchandise.	Daniel & Burton, General Merchandise.	A gentleman who says he does not advertise because he does not believe in it, also says he is going out of business on the first.

Just Right for Your Present Needs. Nothing Like Them at the Prices.

Cold weather demands comfortable shoes, and the wise person will not fail to provide them. The rush of the season is about over and we still have a very good stock of shoes, so we will close them out at greatly reduced prices. It will pay you to come as soon as possible, while you can find your size.

Shoes for Little People

Infant's Soft Sole Shoes, in red, blue, pink and wine, sizes 0 to 3, were 35 cents, now 25c
 Infant's Soft Sole Shoes, patent calf vamp, white, red or blue uppers, sizes 0 to 4, were 65 cents, now 49c
 Infant's Black Kid Shoes, solid leather soles, lace only, sizes 2 to 5, were 65 cents, now 50c
 Godman's Kid Lace Shoes for children, stock tip, spring heel, solid leather soles, sizes 5 to 8, were 90 cents, now 74c
 Same Shoes, sizes 8 to 12, were \$1.00, now 85c
 Same Shoes, sizes 12 to 2, were \$1.25, now \$1.00



The Popular Maloney Shoes

For children, they come in Dongola, Kid, Patent Colt, Ideal Kid, and Box Calf with heavy or light soles, lace or button, sizes from infant's 2s to children's 2s, every pair guaranteed to give satisfaction. Prices 75c to \$2.50
 Maloney's Blucher Shoes for women, extension soles, kid vamps, patent tip, mat kid uppers, Cuban heels, sizes 3 to 8, C, D and E lasts, were \$4.00, now \$3.50
 Maloney's Shoes with extension soles, ideal kid vamps, mat kid uppers, Cuban heels, sizes 3 to 8, C, D and E lasts, were \$4.50, now \$4.00



Broken Lot
 Of Children's Shoes, in oil grain, box calf, dongola and kid, button or lace, sizes 5 to 2, were 75c to \$1.50, now 40c to \$1.00

Extra Heavy Shoes
 Ladies' Calf Shoes, extension soles, all solid leather, cap toes, lace only, sizes 3 to 9, were \$1.50, now \$1.25

Ladies' Kid Shoes
 Or Box Calf, lace only, stock or patent tip, common sense or medium heels, heavy or light soles, sizes 2 1/2 to 9, were \$1.75, now \$1.50



Every-day Shoes
 Ladies' Pebble and Glove Graid Shoes, good and heavy, all solid leather, sizes 3 to 8, were \$1.25, now 99c

Hard to Beat
 Ladies' Bright Dongola Shoes, stock or patent tip, heavy extension soles, medium heels, sizes 3 to 9, were \$2, now \$1.50

For Dressy Wear
 Ladies' Shoes, patent vamps, mat kid uppers, light soles, medium heels, sizes 3 to 8, were \$2.50, now \$2.00

JAS. S. SHIVERS & 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. B. HOWARD, Secretary, International & Great Northern Railroad Company.

Obituary.

Clark—J. B. Clark, the subject of this sketch, was born April 22, 1854. United in marriage with Annie F. DeBolt Dec. 24, 1877. To them were born three children, two girls and one son, which survive both father and mother, it having been only a short time ago when the death angel visited this home and laid his cold icy hand upon the dear mother and wife and wafted her spirit to the Heavenly home.

The son, Mr. Earnest Clark, is a promising young man full of faith and good works. Mrs. Monroe Hobson, the older daughter, has a sweet disposition and a heart that is full of love and sympathy, while little Willie Maie who was her father's pride and joy is a sweet tempered and talented little child.

He was converted and joined the Methodist church some years ago in a meeting held by Rev. Tom Smith at this place. I have known Bert Clark for many years and have often been closely associated with him and always found him to be a man conscientious and honest in his dealings. Bert had his friends and they were many and while he had his faults, they knew him and loved him for his many good traits of character. And may it be said of him "that he was a man with his heart in his hand no matter what others may say; he did his deeds both good and bad in the open light of the day." He loved his home and his friends and was tenderly affectionate toward his loved ones, more especially his mother, Mrs. W. E. Mayes. A few hours before his death he talked freely with friends, told them he was not afraid to die, that God knew his heart and just before he died he called his dear old

mother to him and placed his arms around her neck and said "Mother I love you, but I must leave you. I will soon be with Annie again." And when the summons came he said he was ready, and his going away is one more link in the golden chain that binds his loved ones to the glory world. The earthly home he has left is clouded by a great sorrow and yet in the midst of tears and sorrows there is that larger hope that will soon dry the tears and heal the bruised hearts.

The Methodist pastor being absent, Rev. Howard, pastor of the first Baptist church, conducted the funeral services at the home of the deceased in the midst of his family and a large concourse of relatives and friends. Thus has passed away another one of our friends and though stricken down by a sudden and unexpected blow while seemingly in the full flush of health and strength, we believe that he could have given full utterance to the yearnings and promptings of his inner heart, he would have exclaimed, "I am kneeling at the threshold, weary, faint and sore; waiting for the dawning, for the opening of the door, waiting till the Master shall bid me rise and come, to the glory of His presence, to the gladness of His home." JOHN A. MCCONNELL.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Shullsburg, Wisconsin, writes, May 29, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's."

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. Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis Mo.

Dear Sir:—I have used your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, for Kidney and Bladder trouble with good result and I cheerfully recommend it.

Yours truly, F. P. PARKER.

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston. By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 18 day of Dec. A. D. 1903, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of John T. Sharp versus Chas. Baughtman, No. 4808 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on Tuesday the 2nd day of Feb. A. D. 1904 at the Court House door in Houston County, State of Texas, the following described property, to-wit: Lot No. 4 block No. 13 of the Depot Addition to the town of Crockett, Texas, according to the maps of said town or records in Book 12 page 434 of Deeds of Houston County, Texas, levied on as the property of Chas. Baughtman to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$106.70 in favor of John T. Sharp and cost of suit.

Given under my hand this the 21 day of Dec. A. D. 1903.

E. B. HALE, Sheriff.

Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's.

RECTOR ST. LUKE'S.

Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you that a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours,

E. A. LANGFELDT, M. D.,
 Rector of St. Luke's Church.
 To Chamberlain Medicine Co.
 This remedy is 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 retailed 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.

Accept No Substitute.

There is nothing just as good for Malaria, Chills and Fever as Dr. Mendenhall's Chill and Fever Cure. Take it as a general tonic and at all times in place of quinine. If it fails to give satisfaction mail the front of the carton to J. C. Mendenhall, Evansville, Ind., and get your money back. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

OF PUBLIC INTEREST

NEW MINISTER TO PANAMA.

William Insko Buchanan to Be First American Representative.

William Insko Buchanan, who has been appointed minister to the new Republic of Panama, is a man of wide diplomatic experience, having been minister to Argentina from 1894 to



WILLIAM INSKO BUCHANAN

1900. He was director general of the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo and was one of the Iowa commissioners to the Columbian world's fair. Mr. Buchanan was born near Covington, Ohio, Sept. 10, 1853, and received his education in the country schools. He lived in Indiana for a time, and in 1874-5 was engrossing clerk of the lower house of the legislature. Recently Mr. Buchanan was arbitrator to fix the boundary line between Argentina and Chile. He has lived at Sioux City, Iowa, since 1882.

OLD SOLDIERS WANT MONEY.

Will Demand Accounting for Sum Held in Trust by Pope.

Duke Francis V. of the house of Austria-Este, who ruled the provinces of Modena and Massa Carrara before the unification of Italy, and was dispossessed by Victor Emmanuel II, in 1860, bequeathed, in 1875, when he died a legacy amounting to \$4,000,000, in favor of his old destitute soldiers. This sum was intrusted to Pope Pius IX. for distribution. Some years ago the surviving soldiers of Duke Francis brought a suit against the Pope for the payment of the legacy. The Pope, however, only disbursed a few francs to some utterly needy families, and the suit remained still undecided. Now about 300 of Duke Francis' former soldiers have decided to ask the vatican to give an account of the huge sum intrusted to Pius IX., and in view of the mutual position of Italy and the vatican, some curious developments are expected.

WANTS RICH AMERICAN WIFE.

Winston Churchill Thinks He Must Marry a Fortune.

A London cablegram says it is reported Winston Churchill, the writer,



WINSTON SPENCER CHURCHILL

war correspondent, soldier, and member of parliament, is contemplating a visit to the United States, and that the object of the trip will be to find a rich wife. Young Churchill has been credited with a prejudice against Americans, which, it is said, has mother has overcome by pointing out to the young man, for whom the premiership of Great Britain has been predicted, the advantages to be obtained by marrying an American girl with a big fortune.

Hard at Work at 93.

Prof. Marcus Willson of Vineland, N. J., author of a successful school series and many other works, was 90 years old last week, and is believed to be the oldest American author still able to do literary work. He was unable to attend a birthday reception in his honor tendered by an historical society, excusing himself on the ground that he was hard at work on a new book, and was also perfecting a patent which would surprise his friends.

The nose with a hook was found in only 6 per cent of 3,000 Hebrews observed by Dr. Fishberg, medical examiner for the United Hebrew Societies. Straight noses constituted 68 per cent, broad noses 12 per cent and retroussé noses 14 per cent.

Recent statistics show that serpents kill more persons in India than in any other country. During 1901 the number of victims was 22,810, and it is estimated that almost, if not quite, as many were killed in 1902.

The present plan for increase of the metropolitan water supply provides for an expenditure of about \$50,000,000 for bringing to New York 200,000,000 gallons daily from the Wappingers creek and Esopus regions.

In the library at Highclere castle, Lord Camaron's residence in Hampshire, are the table and chair which Napoleon used when he signed his abdication at Fontainebleau.

A household remedy unexcelled is Hunt's Lightning Oil. Good for all the aches and pains mankind is subject to. Not only good, but better than the best of other kinds. Prices 25 and 50c.

Torquato Tasso was famous throughout Italy before he was nine years old as an accomplished Greek and Latin scholar, and the author of clever and polished verses; and at thirteen he was the intellectual center of the brilliant court at Urbino.

It is said that a woman was behind the bull movement in cotton. Undoubtedly it is better for a woman to be behind a bull movement than in front of one, especially if she has on something red.

M. Thopieau, French deputy, proposes to tax all games of hazard to the extent of 8 per cent of the sums at stake. He estimates that the tax would bring in an annual revenue of \$2,000,000.

Dyeing is as easy as washing when PUTNAM FADELESS DYES are used.

In Wales there are 500,000 people who cannot speak English; in Ireland, there are 30,000 who speak only Irish, and in Scotland there are 40,000 who speak only Gaelic.

Fully 86 per cent of the Presbyterian ministers of the United States receive less than \$2,000 a year, as shown by the statistics of the clerk of the General Assembly.

The secretary of the Aeronautic Society of Great Britain expects the kite to be the base of the future instrument of aerial navigation, the aeroplane.

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

Some men only feel like working when there is nothing for them to do.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, cures pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

Carrot is easy of digestive and gently laxative.

DeCance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best or money refunded. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now.

When a man doesn't meet his bills it keeps him busy dodging.

PE-RU-NA PROTECTS THE LITTLE ONES

Against Winter Catarrh in Its Many Phases.

Neglected Colds in Children Often Bring Disastrous Results.

Peruna should be kept in the house all the time. Peruna should be kept in every house where there are children. Don't wait until the child is sick then send to a drug store. Have Peruna on hand—accept no substitute.

Pe-ru-na Protects the Entire Household Against Catarrhal Diseases.

As soon as the value of Peruna is fully appreciated by every household, both as a preventive and cure of catarrhal affections, tens of thousands of lives will be saved, and hundreds of thousands of chronic, lingering cases of disease prevented. Peruna is a household safeguard.



ALICE SCHAFER.



ANNA R. BROWN

Mrs. J. M. Brown, Dunnegan Springs, Mo., writes: "My little daughter three years old was troubled with a very bad cough which remained after an attack of catarrhal fever. She has taken one bottle of Peruna through which she has obtained a complete cure. She is now as well and happy as a little girl can be. When our friends say how well she looks I tell them Peruna did it."

In a later letter she says: "Our little daughter continues to have good health."



Mrs. Schaffer, 436 Bope Ave., St. Louis, Mo., writes:

"In the early part of last year I wrote to you for advice for my daughter Alice, four years of age. She has been a puny, sickly, ailing child since her birth. She had convulsions and catarrhal fevers. I was always doctoring until we commenced to use Peruna. She grew strong and well. Peruna is a wonderful tonic; the best medicine I have ever used."

"I was in a very wretched condition when I commenced to take Peruna. I had catarrh all through my whole body, but thank God, your medicine set me all right. I would not have any other medicine."

"Peruna cured my baby boy of a very bad spell of cold and fever. He is a big healthy boy fifteen months old. I have given him Peruna off and on since he was born. I think that is why he is so well. I cannot praise Peruna enough. We have not had a doctor since we began to use Peruna—all praise to it."—Mrs. Schaffer.

Be Sure to Have Pe-ru-na on Hand During the Inclement Months of Fall and Winter.

Croup, capillary bronchitis, and articular rheumatism are the special banes of childhood. These all alike result from catching cold.

One child catches cold and scares its mother into hysterics by having croup in the dead of night.

Another child catches cold, develops a stubborn cough that will not yield to ordinary remedies. The parents are filled with forebodings.

Still another child catches cold and develops that most fatal malady of childhood, capillary bronchitis. The doctor is called, pronounces the case pneumonia, and if the child is lucky enough to live it has developed weak lungs from which it may never recover.

And yet another child catches cold and articular rheumatism is the result. Ankles, knees, wrists and elbows become suddenly swollen and painful. A long disastrous illness follows. The child may live and become convalescent, a miserable invalid of valvular disease of the heart. All these mishaps are the direct result of neglected cold. Peruna is the safeguard of the family. If a child catches cold, Peruna should be used immediately.

A few doses of Peruna and a child's cold is gone. The apprehension of the parents flee away. The household is free from fear once more.

If you do not receive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Pe-ru-na Kept in the House for Five Years.

Mr. Albert Lietzman, 1596 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Ill., writes:

"I am only too glad to inform you that I am feeling splendid and have never felt better in my life. Through the advice of a friend I tried Peruna, and am glad to say it cured me to perfection. I began to tell a friend about Peruna the other day and I had no sooner commenced than he told me his folks have kept Peruna in the house for the last five years. I am sure I wouldn't be without it. Mother also uses it to keep herself in good health."

Ask Your Druggist for free Pe-ru-na Almanac for 1904.

Ninety-five per cent of the black convicts whom you see working on the road or harbor works in British South America are Christianized Kaffirs.

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DROPSY Cured. Cures quick relief. Removes all swelling in 8 to 20 days; permanent cure in 30 to 60 days. Trial treatment free. Dr. R. H. Green's Sarsaparil & Allantia, Ga.

The fellow with bad habits always believes in hereditary influences.

A wise man proceeds to close a fool's mouth by shutting his own.

First impressions are everything with the collector of engravings.

It doesn't improve the work of a juggler to dally with a jug.

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A substitute for and superior to mustard or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The penetrating and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve headache and neuralgia. We recommend it as the best and safest external counter-irritant known, also as an external remedy for pains in the chest and stomach and all rheumatic, neuralgic and neuralgic complaints. A trial will prove what we claim for it, and it will be found to be invaluable in the household. Many people say "It is the best of all your preparations." Price 15 cents, at all druggists or other dealers, or by sending this amount to us in postage stamps we will send you a tube by mail. No article should be accepted by the public unless the same carries our label, as otherwise it is not genuine. CHESEBROUGH MANUFACTURING CO., 17 State Street, New York City.

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"I suppose," said the scribe, crossing and uncrossing his lengthy shanks, "that all of you learned gentlemen are well up in modern history?"

They were. The professor, the minister, the playwright, the artist and the authoress all asserted that history was their special joy, their evening recreation, and that modern history, from the time of the landing of Columbus, was theirs to remember and command.

"Then," quoth the scribe, amiably, "what was the bloodiest battle fought during the past 100 years?"

"Waterloo," promptly exclaimed the professor, with an air of pride over ready recollection. The minister shook his head. "I am positive," said he, "that Gettysburg was the bloodiest conflict of modern times."

The playwright demurred. "The battle of the Wilderness," said he, "including Spottsylvania, was by far the goriest struggle in the past century."

"I read," said the authoress, "that the defeat of the Italian troops at Adowa, in Abyssinia, was the most destructive of modern battles."

The scribe shook his head.

"All way off the mark," grinned he.

"The battle of Borodino, fought between the French and Russians near Moscow, in 1812, was the most murderous fight not only of the last century, but, perhaps, of the last 500 years."

A general chorus of disbelief went up, but the scribe produced the books and the statistics to make good his claim. The records show that Borodino engaged armies of from 120,000 to 130,000 on each side; that there was but one day of vigorous fighting; that the French, after pouring a most murderous cannon-fire upon the Russians, advanced upon the Russian position, were repeatedly repulsed with terrible loss, and finally rushed the soldiers of the rear off their feet and out of their vantage ground. The French won, but lost 12,000 killed on the field, and 28,000 wounded. Fifteen thousand Russians were slain, and 30,000 wounded. Out of about 250,000 men who made up the contending armies, 85,000, or 34 per cent—more than one-third—were struck by bullets, bayonets or swords.

At Waterloo, about 45,000 men were killed or wounded out of perhaps 200,000 engaged. At Gettysburg, about 160,000 fought, and each army had, approximately, 3,000 killed and 14,000 wounded. In the Wilderness, probably 200,000 men were in action, and the fight—which lasted a week or more—resulted in a combined loss of about 8,000 killed and 40,000 wounded.

Borodino, a fight now almost forgotten, which had no influence on the history of the world, and which, so far as actual results went, need not ever have been fought, was the bloodiest of modern battles. Napoleon's victory availed him nothing, for he was burned out of Moscow anyway, and the Russians simply sacrificed men in a vain attempt at a triumph which the snows of winter soon brought them anyhow. The most gory of battles was also the most useless, and is now one of the least remembered.—Chicago Journal.

The Lovers.

The sky above was tender and blue
And golden was the weather
When down a path a foolish two
Went strolling on together
Her little hand in his was tight
(With boldness well amazing)
And thus they stammered full in sight
And every one a-gazing!

It matters not of things they talked
From its ordinary
The fact was patent that they walked
A different language—very
Perhaps, because their heads were turned.

They deemed themselves acquainted
And thought they could not be discerned,
As if by rude giants pestered.

"How silly!" laughed the grass and breeze—
And blazed each other eyes,
"How silly!" sneered the honey bees—
And straight caroled the clover,
"How silly!" piped the feathered tribe—
And fell to billing sweetly.

"How silly!" quoth an all in libe—
And cooed them, completely!

No Place to Settle It.

When is a man too old to get married?
It's an interesting question, but it will never do to refer it to the United States Senate.—Boston Herald.



The French government is happy over the possession of a small surplus over expenses for the current year. Uncle Samuel smiles.

POWERS TO INFLUENCE COLOMBIA.

POWERS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN CASE OF WAR.

GEN. REYES HAS NO SYMPATHY

Reyes Realizes the Situation, but He Fears Precipitation Action by His People.

Washington, December 22.—Diplomatic pressure will be brought to bear on Colombia by several European powers to prevent war between that country and the United States. The first step in this direction has already been taken by several foreign powers by means of their representatives here, who have informed General Rafael Reyes of the futility of any attempt to retake Panama, declaring that it will result only in precipitating the Bogota government into a war with the United States, and have said to him that the result of such a catastrophe Colombia herself must realize. If this is not sufficient, the representatives of these countries at Bogota will be instructed to inform President Marroquin that Colombia can expect no sympathy from the European powers in any move she may make on Panama which would inevitably involve her in war with the United States.

The members of the diplomatic corps have been informed by General Reyes that he himself fears he can only, with difficulty, check his people much longer. General Reyes is not talking for publication, but to several European ambassadors he has confessed his fears with frankness and has said that he is doing everything in his power to prevent an outbreak before the conclusion of his mission, and that, although his influence with the army is considerable, he is so far away that it is difficult for him to make this felt as strongly as if he were on the ground and in command.

Popular Old Chris.

New York, December 22.—Letters addressed by children to Santa Claus are reaching the postoffice here in larger numbers this year than ever before. They come from all parts of the country, even Alaska. The childish petitions are carefully set aside, and will be forwarded to the dead letter office at Washington. The collection will weigh at least a ton, and is double the quantity received in any previous year.

Louisiana Legislature.

New Orleans, La., December 22.—Both houses of the Louisiana Legislature today adopted a resolution requesting the United States Senators from this State to vote in favor of the ratification of the treaty heretofore signed by the Republican representatives of the United States and Panama, providing for the building, operation and maintenance of the inter-oceanic canal across the Isthmus of Panama, whenever the said treaty is submitted to the United States Senate.

Diplomats whom General Reyes has approached on the subject say that what he most fears is the result of the announcement at Bogota of the failure of his mission. He himself realizes that the most he can hope is that Panama may assume responsibility for part of the Colombian debt.

'REYES' POSITION.

"I came to Washington to save what I could from a shipwreck," he said to a diplomat of high rank.

Realization of the true situation, it is said, will not prevent General Reyes from calling on the United States for a reference to The Hague of several questions at issue. It is on this point that European diplomats have told General Reyes that it is expecting too much to expect this government to submit any phase of the Panama matter to The Hague. Several ambassadors have earnestly advised General Reyes to impress on his people the fact that Europe wants the isthmian canal, and that Colombia can expect no sympathy from that quarter.

REWARD OFFERED

For the Conviction of the Car Dynamiters.

San Antonio, Texas, December 21.—At a meeting of business men, attended by over 200 leading merchants, lawyers, doctors, capitalists, real estate men, public officers and mechanics, held today, a resolution was adopted offering a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest and conviction of parties engaged in dynamiting street cars in San Antonio.

It was reported in the meeting that evidence has been secured showing that the police officers of San Antonio were derelict in their duties in the matter of arresting parties guilty of lawlessness, and a committee was appointed to prefer charges in the police board and produce evidence against certain policemen.

Barge Mamou Wrecked.

Rockport, Texas, December 22.—The barge Mamou, loaded with ties and bound for Corpus Christi, filled with water while in the Gulf. She was being towed through through Aransas Pass when she stuck on the bar. It was thought that she could be floated in the morning. Your correspondent is told she is a total loss and the ties are being washed ashore on the St. Jo and Mustang islands.

Young Negro Drowned.

New Boston, Texas, Dec. 21.—A young negro named Bizzell was drowned Saturday night in Red river north of here while trying to ford the river. The body has not yet been discovered.

Marines Landed.

Colon, December 22.—Thirty-five of the ship Prairie's marines were landed and took a train for Basobypo Station, near Emperor. They will occupy the canal company house at Basobypo.

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REYES IS PATIENT

Colombia Will Await the Result of His Mission.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Because of this Government's isthmian policy was against precedent, by historical references as well as by high authorities of international law, the preparation of the paper is taking longer than was at first expected.

It was said to-day that it is not at all certain when the note would be ready for transmission to the State Department. Indeed, Gen. Reyes is not in any haste to send it, for this may be taken by the Colombians as the termination of their envoy's mission here and the country might seize on the opportunity to make war, a contingency which Gen. Reyes has thus far used his utmost endeavor to prevent. It is stated that although Gen. Reyes has employed an American lawyer to assist him in the preparation of the paper, the real arguments advanced in it and the reasoning will be largely that of the Colombian Minister himself.

No cablegram reached the Colombian territory, but it is evident that in their opinion such action was not strictly in accord with international etiquette.

Although Gen. Reyes has throughout his stay here confined his diplomatic activities to diplomatic channels and has repeatedly declared that all his communications would go to the State Department direct, he is following with keen interest the canal debate in the Senate. It was stated to-day that he had been profoundly impressed by the speech of Senator Hoar. Copies of the speech will be sent to Bogota for publication.

Hearthrending Death of Grandmother.

Athens: Mrs. Charles B. Muckelroy of Baxter, Anderson county, was accidentally shot. Mr. Muckelroy had been out hunting, and on returning home laid the gun on the bed, temporarily, a little 6-year-old grandson, who, left alone in the room, began to finger the gun, which was fired, the lead passing through a partition wall and breaking the arm of Mrs. Muckelroy, some of the shot entering her body. She died from the effects of the shot.

Would Succeed in Politics.

Chicago: While working on a salary of \$3 a week A. G. Grigsby robbed his employers at the rate of \$200 per day, according to Manager David L. Rose, of M. L. Barrett & Co. When arrested \$250 worth of costly vanilla beans were found concealed in Grigsby's clothes. In the few months that Grigsby's meager salary kept him attached to the firm it is believed that he stole between \$12,000 and \$15,000 worth of stock. "I needed a little ready money," was the only explanation he deigned to vouchsafe.

San Antonio Feels Better Now.

Washington: Recent dispatches sent out from Washington stated that the headquarters of the department of Texas would be removed from San Antonio to Oklahoma City, under the reorganization of the various departments. Representative Slayden says he has assurances from General Young, chief of staff, that the order creating the division also fixes the department headquarters at San Antonio.

The J. S. Mayfield Lumber company of Dallas has filed an amendment to its charter, increasing the capital stock from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Another Negro's Revenge.

Waco: Sheriff Baker has reached Waco from Chicago, bringing Lawrence Tucker, the negro who escaped several months ago from jail by donning a woman's clothes. With Baker and Tucker came Will King, the negro who swore that he would capture Tucker because the latter burned him while the two were in jail together. King says his task has now ended. He has been trailing Tucker for months.

Want Reciprocity Too.

Washington: A rather perplexing question has already arisen in connection with the Cuban reciprocity law. The British government has served formal notice that under the favored nation clause it expects that sugar from the British West Indies shall be admitted on equal terms with Cuban sugar. It is also believed that Germany, France, Austria and other beet sugar producing nations will make similar representations.

HUNDRETH ANNIVERSARY.

Louisiana a Transfer Is Celebrated in New Orleans.

New Orleans, La.: Under the auspices of the State of Louisiana, the city of New Orleans and the Louisiana Historical Society, the series of official celebrations in commemoration of the centennial of the transfer of Louisiana territory from France to the United States began Friday, the day's feature being the review by Gov. Heard and a party of distinguished guests of the French and American warships which have come here to assist in the ceremonial. Spain which owned the territory before its cession to France, accepted an official invitation to be represented, but her warship did not reach the city, and her Consul here. It was on Dec. 20, 1803, that the French flag fluttered down from its station on the flagstaff of the Place d'Armes, opposite the Cabildo, in which the official transfer occurred, and the stars and stripes were hoisted, and the ceremonies will culminate on Sunday with a magnificent pontifical mass in the old St. Louis Cathedral.

Santa Fe's Alleged Project.

Dallas: The report comes from Denver, Colo., based on apparently trustworthy authority, that the Santa Fe is to obtain its new southern line from Texas points to the west by the construction of the Texas, New Mexico and Western railroad, which company was recently organized and filed its charter for record in the secretary of state's office here. It is asserted that the right of way for the proposed road all the way from Dallas to Roswell has been obtained and that its construction is to be undertaken at once. The sale by the Santa Fe of its bonds to the amount of \$10,000,000 in New York the proceeds of which are to be used for constructing new lines, extension, etc., is looked upon as significant and as bearing out the report that that road may be behind the Dallas-Roswell project.

Boers in Pitiable Need.

Chicago: Peter Vlaasing has received a letter from Gen. Christian DeWet acknowledging the receipt of \$1165, a contribution to the Boers in the neighborhood of Kopjes Sliding, Orange River colony. "Accept," writes General DeWet, "my thanks for your services in behalf of our poor, ruined people and also to those who assisted you to send this sum. We have hardly had any rain since the conclusion of peace, and the harvests have been failures. Further help will be welcome. I do not ask anything for myself, but beseech further aid for the widows and children of heroes killed in the recent war."

A Flyer that Flew.

Norfolk, Va.: A successful trial of a flying machine was made near Kittyhawk, N. C., by Wilbur and Orville Wright, of Dayton, O. The machine flew three miles in the face of a wind blowing at a registered velocity of 21 miles an hour, then descended to the earth at a spot selected by the man in the navigator's car. The machine has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellers worked by a small engine.

Girard Smith, a middle-aged negro, was hanged in Vidalia, La., for killing last September Benjamin Rappaport, a peddler, at Fairview. Before ascending the gallows he confessed to the killing of two negroes, but declared he was innocent of the crime for which he was to be hanged.

Vinita to Ada Road.

Vinita, I. T.: The promoters of the new railroad from Vinita, I. T., to Alva, Ok., say that the new railroad is an assured fact, and that it will be built in the near future. The only thing that has prevented work from going on on this new line is the flurry in the money market. The new railroad traverses a rich agricultural and mineral country, covering the oil fields of Bartlesville as well.

Fannin Will Thrash Cotton.

Bonham: The farmers of Fannin county, who have cotton half opened or as some express it, "Just open enough to grin at you," are becoming interested in having it thrashed and ginned and selling it for whatever it will bring. They take the position that to do this is far more profitable than to let it stay in the field and rot, and not get anything for it. It is stated that cotton thrashed as stated above will sell readily for 5c and more.

CUBAN BILL PASSES SENATE.

Mr. Bailey For Party Regardless of all Else.

Washington, Dec. 13.—By the decisive vote of 57 to 18 the Senate passed the bill carrying into effect the reciprocity treaty with Cuba. The final vote came at the close of the day, which was marked by a debate which, while at all times animated, was never acrimonious.

The principal speeches were made by Mr. Spooner for the bill, and by Mr. Bailey against it. Both senators were subjected to frequent interruptions. In his remarks Mr. Bailey referred to the recent agreement of the Democratic caucus to stand solidly on party questions and notified the Republicans that in the future they could not depend on straggling Democratic votes in support of Republican measures, regardless of whether they were or were not in accord with Democratic doctrine.

The bill passed carries into execution the treaty between the United States and Cuba which was ratified last March. The treaty provides for a reduction of 20 per cent from the rates of duty under the Dingley law on all Cuban articles imported into the United States and varying reduction of 20 to 40 per cent from the established Cuban duty on articles brought into Cuba from the United States.

Russo-Japanese Trouble Drags Along.

Paris: Well informed diplomatic circles believe that, despite the discouraging news regarding the Russo-Japanese situation, war will not occur. It is said that Japan has introduced into the negotiations new demands which Russia did not expect when she presented her recent note, and it is added that the czar hardly would have made the concessions in respect to Korea unless he had been convinced that Japan would not extend her demands. The sympathetic attitude of the British press toward Japan is regarded as exercising a stiffening influence on that country, but the British government has not changed its policy and is working to prevent war, so far as is known in Paris.

After Louisiana Whitecaps.

New Orleans, La.: The Louisiana supreme court has given damages in the sum of \$5000 each to Peter Warner against thirty citizens of Dodson, Winn parish, who whitecapped them in an effort to secure information as to the author of several incendiary fires recently. The jury in the district court gave each of the victims \$500. This was increased tenfold by the supreme court, which declared the action of the whitecappers reduced the community of which they professed to be representatives to the level of a lawless and ignorant horde of savages. It is believed the decision will break up whitecapping in Louisiana.

Stockmen Happy Again.

San Angelo: The rains which fell over different parts of the stock country the last few days, after such an extended spell of dry weather, were welcomed most cordially by the stockmen, although it is feared that not enough has fallen, and the stockmen, especially the sheepmen, would like to have "a little more in their'n." Enough wetness to provide winter weeds for sheep and to fill the waterholes and dry creeks with an abundance of stock water is what is wanted. What is needed, and would be procured had the stockmen the ordering of the calendar of the weather clerk, is a generous, soaking rain all over the whole stock country.

Meets Most Tragic Death.

Georgetown: During the progress of the fair at Florence Wednesday a team of horses driven by Miss Radliff and Miss Jones ran away. E. E. Hayden and Will Thompson, who were on horseback, started on a gallop to stop the team by heading them off. While going at full speed they collided with such force that Hayden was killed and Thompson dangerously injured. The young ladies escaped without injury.

Gonzalites Want Gold and Oil.

Gonzales: The San Antonio Gold Mining Company has begun operations on the Fullilove place, fourteen miles from town, near Sandy Fork, on the Southern Pacific Railroad. This location has long been noted as a mineral section, and an old shaft is still to be seen where a couple of prospectors over thirty years ago mined for silver ore. W. C. J. Quash is going to prospect for oil and minerals on his place five miles north of town.

THE BOLL WEEVILS TROUBLE.

The Bill Before the House Will Go Through.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The house committee on agricultural affairs held a hearing Wednesday on the boll weevil bill. Representative Burgess made a detailed statement, explaining the bill and the emergency which made the enactment of such legislation necessary.

Most of the members of the committee knew very little about cotton and frequently asked questions as to the industry. Mr. Burgess read the vital portions of the recommendations of Secretary Wilson, and went further to show that injury to the cotton-growing industry inevitably entailed serious injury to the cotton manufacturers of New England. Dr. Galloway, of the bureau of plant industry, and Dr. Howard, chief of the division of entomology, were heard at length. They both indorsed the provisions of the bill and explained how the investigations already made had accomplished much good.

Representative Field, himself a large producer of cotton, was also heard. He gave his practical observations relating to boll weevil ravages and the necessity for government aid in eliminating the evil of the pest.

It was evident that every member of the committee was favorable to the legislation.

Sea of Azof is Disappearing.

St. Petersburg: The sea of Azof is disappearing and remarkable scenes are in course of enactment. At Taganrog the waters have receded to such an extent during the last few days that the bed of the sea is visible for a distance of thousands of feet. High winds buried clouds of sand shoreward, covering the town. Vessels are lying high and dry and the greatest confusion prevails in the harbor. Work in the factories has had to be reduced to a minimum, owing to lack of water.

A Murder Most Foul.

Waxahatche: A murder, clouded in mystery, was committed at Ennis Wednesday morning at 5:30 o'clock. Josh Reager, a farmer started to his farm a few miles from town, and when in the outskirts of Ennis he was waylaid by four men. After being left for dead Reager regained consciousness, got back into his buggy and drove home. He told his wife he had been attacked by four men and beaten. He died without being able to give a description of the men who assailed him.

Still They Come to Texas.

Dallas: Immigration to Texas from the states of the southeast is increasing in a degree that rivals the homeseeking that comes from the north. In one day the Texas and Pacific railway received more than 300 immigrants from gateways of New Orleans, Shreveport and Memphis. These people are all coming to Texas to remain, having already made arrangements for the new homes they are to occupy.

Lellie Allen, a negro woman of Lake Charles, 90 years old, was burned to death in her room. The ashes from a pipe which she had been smoking fell on the bedclothes which immediately caught fire. The flames enveloped her and before assistance arrived she was dead. The old woman was a cripple and helpless.

Tom Henry, a 16-year-old boy, was accidentally shot and severely injured southeast of Denton Tuesday. He had been hunting, and when he set the gun down it was accidentally discharged.

A letter demanding \$500 from Peter Winchester Rous of Brooklyn, son of the late Charles Broadway Rous, the blind millionaire merchant, with the accompanying threat that failure to pay would be followed by the destruction of the Rous stable, is being investigated by the Brooklyn police.

While out driving J. A. Ford of Texarkana, met with what is feared may prove a fatal accident. The team he was driving took fright and ran away, throwing him out on his head, which came in contact with an iron rail of the street car line, and was badly fractured.

Thomas Show, colored, employed as helper at the roundhouse of the International and Great Northern railroad at San Antonio, was run over and instantly killed Wednesday in the freight yards by an engine.

Jim Bolton, who lives at Leesburg, was suddenly stricken ill Wednesday and died that night at the home of his mother in that place.

Milk Always Fresh.

An invention which is described as about to revolutionize the milk trade is being worked in France. The milk is not "condensed" in the ordinary sense, but the water is extracted from it by a patent process. The powder that remains contains all the essential elements, and is converted back to milk by the simple addition of seven parts of water to one of the milk extract. It is claimed that it is always possible to have fresh milk by this process, which is the invention of Dr. Just, of Boston, and a German engineer.

Her Point of View.

The aged cobbler had lived with his wife for many years in a three-room cottage on the edge of the town. When he died the kindly neighbors helped with the last sad offices, and the old man was laid out on the bed, with two candles burning at the head. The bereaved widow was cared for at a neighboring house. Next morning she went to her home, and, observing that the rats had eaten most of the candles, exclaimed: "Well, there's one thing about it. If I ever get out of this mess, I'll keep a cat."

An admiral flies his flag at the main mast, a vice admiral at the fore, and a rear admiral at the mizzen.

The attar of roses is obtained from red roses, the chief centers of culture being Bulgaria and Roumania.

A Western Woolgrower.

Newcastle, Wyo., Dec. 21.—There is a man in this place who claims that no one need suffer with backache, as he has proven in his own case that it can be completely and permanently cured. His name is S. C. Holst, and he is a stock raiser and woolgrower.

"I was shearing sheep at the time the first pain came on," says Mr. Holst. "I was so bad for two years afterwards that I could hardly sit down, and when once down it was almost impossible for me to get up again."

"I tried all the medicine I could hear of and several doctors without help, not even for a moment. I used Dodd's Kidney Pills and they made a new man out of me. I felt as if there was new blood in my veins. I am as stout in the back as a mule and can lift and work as hard as I please without an ache or pain in any part of my body."

"It is now over a year since they cured me and I can say there is not a healthier man in Wyoming than I am, and before using Dodd's Kidney Pills there was not a more complete physical wreck in the whole country than I was."

All Energy From the Sun.

All the energy of life is derived ultimately from the sun. A little of this comes indirectly through lightning, which, in passing through the air, forms ammonia and oxides of nitrogen. These, being carried by rain into the ground, are the constant source of nitrogen for vegetable, and, indirectly, for animal life. A much larger quantity of energy is well known to be taken direct from the sunshine by plants and used in their anabolic processes. This energy is appropriated by animals in their food, and whether in the vegetable or in the animals, it assists in many alternations of the system before it is completely dispersed.

Suppose You Are to Live 50 Years.

The total cost of a business and shorthand course in Tyler College is about \$125.00. That is, you get the benefit of these courses fifty years for a total cost of \$125.00 or \$2.50 a year.

These courses increase the earning capacity of the average young person from \$300.00 to \$840.00 a year—which is a clear gain of \$540.00 a year.

In other words, \$2.50 a year invested in education brings a return of \$540.00 a year, or 21,600 per cent interest on the investment. Can you beat it?

You are placed in line of promotion, kept busy and in good company, and can soon be independent.

A practical education is no lottery. There are no blanks. No odds what's your vocation, it will be worth ten times its cost. It is as durable as life, as handy as human need, it is worth a sacrifice. Will you make it? Write for large illustrated catalogue free. Address Tyler College, Department B, Tyler, Texas.

Women don't think much of a doctor unless he has a dozen different shades of pills in stock.

When racked with Rheumatic pains, so walking is an effort and running an impossibility, just try Hunt's Lightning Oil. The result will please and astonish you. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Tie a man to a woman's apron strings and he will hang himself on them.

Quit Coughing.

Why cough, when for 25c and this notice you get 25 doses of an absolutely guaranteed cough cure in tablet form, postpaid. DR. SUGRIVIN CO., LA. CROSSLE, WIS. (W. N. U.)

Where there's much smoke there is likely to be a lot of hot coal.

Under modern conditions, man's life is growing steadily longer. Despite the increased strain of competition, social, political and commercial.

On the ground that letters patent have no intrinsic value a woman was acquitted of theft on her trial at Vienna for stealing such a document.

American newspapers every year pay in wages \$80,000,000 and receive \$30,000,000 for subscriptions and \$95,000,000 for advertisements.

If you have the chills or fever give Cheatham's Laxative Chilli Tablets a trial. A sure cure for both. Price 22c per box.

The first chrysanthemums to be brought to Europe were taken from China by shippers of the tea trading ships.

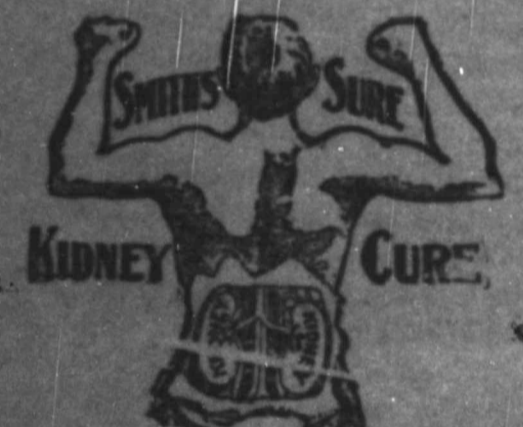
The ancient Romans considered it comely to wear beards. All their busts representing the famous men of olden times are without beards.



THE LADY WHO IRONS

knows how important it is to use a good starch. Defiance Starch is the best starch made. It doesn't stick to the iron. It gives a beautiful soft glossy stiffness to the clothes. It will not blister or crack the goods. It sells for less, goes farther, does more. Ask the lady who irons. Defiance Starch at all grocers. 16 oz. for 10 cents.

THE DEFIANCE STARCH CO.,
OMAHA - NEB.



Has Cured Thousands, Will Cure You.

If you are troubled with Kidney or Bladder troubles, such as Dropsy, Bright's Disease, Catarrh, Gravel of the Bladder, Albumen in Urine and unhealthy deposits, or too frequent discharge of the urine, pain in the back and bladder, dropsical swelling of the feet and legs, etc., etc., we guarantee that by using Smith's Sure Kidney Cure, a complete cure will be effected.

Manufactured by Smith Medical Co., St. Louis, Mo.
Price 25 cents and \$1.00. For sale by all druggists.

Stomach Trouble

is no respecter of persons. It comes to rich and poor, old or young, weak or strong. There is a cure for it.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

Read the Booklet; send for sample; try it.
PEPSIN SYRUP CO., Natick, Mass.

When Answering Advertisements kindly mention This Paper.

W. N. U. HOUSTON—NO. 62, 1908

The gold yield of the Nome region has hitherto come from the sea beaches and from gulches and beaches at most ten miles from water transportation.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

The best rain prophecy I know, says a teacher of medicine, is nerve irritability. If the boys are easily provoked (myself also), there is likely to be a shower.

You may have the moral right to do so, but it is not necessary. Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve and promptly cure that itching trouble in whatever form. It is made solely for that purpose. Price 50c per box.

The birth rate among the foreign-born in Massachusetts is 52 per 1000; among the native born it is 17.

Great parades are generally disappointing at close range.

Defiance Starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 10 cents. One-third more starch for the same money.

The Pope is the head of over 250,000,000 human beings, or nearly one-seventh of the population of the globe.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

It's an ill wind that blows an umbrella wrong side out.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

Via H. & T. C. R. R., \$2.00 added to one fare for the round trip to points in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, Old Mexico. Tickets on sale Dec. 19, 21, 23, 25, return limit, 30 days from date of sale. Three daily trains each way. Special train service on Dec. 19, through to New Orleans, La.

A project is on foot in Geneva for the establishment of aerial excursions to vie with the summit of Mount Blanc.

Matrimonial success sometimes depends upon the alimony.

"Is my hat on straight?" asks Panama.

You can't burn your money and collect insurance on it.

Deafness Cannot be Cured.

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure Deafness, and that is by constitutional treatment. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be gotten out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. This comes out of tonsils, caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

The bespeckled man generally takes it out on his employees at the office.

For each big man at the top there are a million little ones at the bottom.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMPSON, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1908.

It is easier to make promises than to make good.

CORPORATIONS and individuals who need reliable Detective Service employ McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY, Houston, Tex.

The greatest grief may be blided with some gratitude.

Try me just once and I am sure to come again. Defiance Starch.

A woman is always as old as she looks if she tries not to look it.

Colored globes in drug store windows were first displayed by the Moors of Arabia and Spain.

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY, Houston, Texas, for trained and reliable Detective Service.

There are a few things that even a very young man doesn't know.

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

A racing automobile isn't in it with feeting time.

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

When a thing is worthless how can it be worth less.

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

Locked-out knitting girls of Dover, N. J., have organized a co-operative knitting mill company.

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



Success.

He built a poem of the time,
And every foot in it was rhyme!
'Twas full of dreamy, autumn days,
Of leaves and hues and golden rays!
When every line would neatly scan
He sent it to the printer man!

The printer man was sore oppressed
With pains beneath his laundered vest;
From eating dough and hasty lunch,
His stomach was an aching bunch!
And long he raved and tore his hair
At what the scribe had written there!
"The fiercest rot" he ever read,
Is what the printer madly said!

The hungry poet sighed no sigh;
Instead, he winked the other eye!
That night he toiled by candle-light
To fix the poem up just right!



THE PRINTER MAN SWEARS.

'Fo dialect he changed the verses,
(If anything he made it worse.)
He killed the head and added one
That had a hint of buried fun.
'Then for the printer man once more
He stuck the poem 'neath the door!

The man of type had just brought in
A contract that would yield some tin—
(His stomach it was calm and fine)
He read that poem line for line!
Quite filled with mirth, he laughed in
Glee,
Then sent the bard a golden Y.

The moral is, do not despair,
But daily watch the bill of fare!
Success in life is but a fake
When founded on the stomachache!

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The Folly of Despair.

"But to see her was to love her,
Love but her, and love forever."
—Burns.

When Walters met her he recalled
Disraeli:

"We are all born for love. It is the principle of existence and its only end!"

Although the meeting was but yesterday, he seemed to realize somehow it was the "only end" for him. No sooner had he looked into her heavenly eyes, than Cupid had thrown Homer's chain of love about his heart and held him captive.

For does not love begin simply with love? And is not a man powerless to stay its subtle influences if, indeed, he would?

At the escriptorio in his den he sat long and solemnly that night writing to her. True, it was a hasty act, but pulsing love is like a fire. It burns into the very judgment of a man and laughs at customs.

Then came suspense; the waiting for an answer. At 10 o'clock he was buoyed on the rainbow billows of hope; at 11, struggling with the dregs of despair, for—

"The sweetest joy, the wildest woe is love!"
But the answer came not. Day by day he waited, dreaming of Arcady, battling with the Giant of Despair, hoping, praying, waiting!

Weeks passed! The pang of hope gave way to the pangs and fury of desperation. Sullen clouds of hypochondriacal import lowered about him, and at last merey interceding, scoffed at his persecutor and suggested a way.

The butler, finding him dead in his self-spilled blood, spread the news, and people wondered.

Out where the turtle dove mournfully plaints for its mate, they put him to rest 'neath a weeping willow tree beside the brook.

Strenuous heirs, hunting next day, for a will, found the letter to his adored one!

He had forgotten to mail it.
The shock was even too great for Walters! He turned over in his grave and awoke.

"For nothing comes too add to damnation greater than that," he muttered.

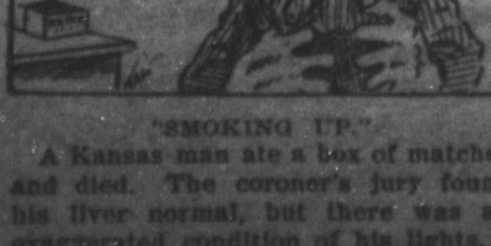
As he nonchalantly parted his hair in the middle, he mused:

"I'll call on Maude to-night. This proposing by letter is risky business."
And he did.

Moral—Personal suasion on a cozy divan beats the "letter that never came" all hollow.

P. S.—And Maude said "Yes, dear!" Which was not unexpected.

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"SMOKING UP."

A Kansas man ate a box of matches and died. The coroner's jury found his liver normal, but there was an exaggerated condition of his lights.



Mrs. Weisslitz, president of the German Womans' Club of Buffalo, N. Y., after doctoring for two years, was finally cured of her kidney trouble by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Of all the diseases known with which the female organism is afflicted, kidney disease is the most fatal. In fact, unless prompt and correct treatment is applied, the weary patient seldom survives.

Being fully aware of this, Mrs. Pinkham, early in her career, gave careful study to the subject, and in producing her great remedy for woman's ills—Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—made sure that it contained the correct combination of herbs which was certain to control that dreaded disease, woman's kidney troubles. The Vegetable Compound acts in harmony with the laws that govern the entire female system, and while there are many so called remedies for kidney troubles, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the only one especially prepared for women.

Read What Mrs. Weisslitz Says.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For two years my life was simply a burden. I suffered so with female troubles, and pains across my back and loins. The doctor told me that I had kidney troubles and prescribed for me. For three months I took his medicine, but grew steadily worse. My husband then advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and brought home a bottle. It is the greatest blessing ever brought to our home. Within three months I was a changed woman. My pain had disappeared, my complexion became clear, my eyes bright, and my entire system in good shape."—Mrs. PAULA WEISLITZ, 176 Seneca St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Proof that Kidney Trouble can be Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel very thankful to you for the good your medicine has done me. I had doctored for years and was steadily growing worse. I had trouble with my kidneys, and two doctors told me I had Bright's disease; also had falling of the womb, and could not walk a block at a time. My back and head ached all the time, and I was so nervous I could not sleep; had hysterics and fainting spells, was tired all the time, had such a pain in my left side that I could hardly stand at times without putting my foot on something.

"I doctored with several good doctors, but they did not help me any. I took, in all, twelve bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, five boxes of Liver Pills, and used three packages of Sanative Wash, and feel like a new woman, can eat and sleep well, do all my own work, and can walk two miles without feeling over tired. The doctors tell me that my kidneys are all right now. I am so happy to be well, and I feel that I owe it all to your medicine."—Mrs. ORAL STRONG, Dalton, Mass.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address Lynn, Mass.

\$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.

I AM THE MAN TO GIVE YOU THE BEST BUSINESS EDUCATION
BOOK-KEEPING, BANKING, STENOGRAPHY, TYPEWRITING, PENMANSHIP, PREPARATORY AND ACADEMIC DEPARTMENTS.
SEND FOR BARDON'S ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE.
Toby's Business College, Waco, Texas
Toby's Institute of Accounts, New York City

Low Rates to the East.
As Christmas time approaches, the railroads are preparing to handle large crowds of those going back to their old homes in the East, and the Southern Pacific will place on sale December 19, 20, 21 and 22 a rate of one fare plus \$2 to New Orleans and points in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Tickets are good for return in thirty days, and Christmas turkeys will be eaten by many Texans visiting their old home places. Southern Pacific agents will be glad to supply all information.
T. J. ANDERSON, G. P. & T. A.
JOS. HELLEN, A. G. P. & T. A.

In 1870 the German people barely exceeded 40,000,000; in 1885 they had risen to nearly 47,000,000, and in 1900 the census returns gave 56,345,014.

Nothing More Dangerous.
Than a neglected cough," is what Dr. J. F. Hammond, professor in the Eclectic Medical College, says, "and as a preventative remedy and a curative agent, I cheerfully recommend Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein."

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

Artemiev, a Russian electrician, has invented a pliable coat of mail which effectively protects against currents of 150,000 volts.

Why should woman 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.

Luxury is apt to transform pleasure into burdens.

When depressed and out of spirits the chances are that your liver is to blame. Try that greatest of all liver remedies, Simmons' Liver Purifier. Put up in tin boxes, price 25c per box.

The fellow with bad habits always believes in hereditary influences.

Social Items.

Washed Rio coffee at Billy Lewis & Co's.

The Big Store can interest you in knit goods.

Keg pickles are fresh at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Buy your Xmas goods at the New Drug Store.

Christmas rugs and art squares cheap at the Big Store.

Rev. J. W. Allbritten of Kennard was here Tuesday.

Miss Adele Winfree of Kennard spent Sunday in Crockett.

They are closing out all woolen goods cheap at the Big Store.

Miss Lena Bromberg is at home from Beckville for the holidays.

Holiday packages of Gunther's Candies at the New Drug Store.

Miss Irene Young of Greenville is the guest of Mrs. M. J. Kelley.

R. E. Frith is spending the holidays with relatives in Greenville.

Send Santa Claus to see those Moloney's shoes at the Big Store.

Our prices on guns will suit you. Come and see. Billy Lewis & Co.

Get your money's worth—trade at the Big Store and save money.

Your orders receive prompt attention when given to Billy Lewis & Co.

"It's No Joke."

The Big Store sells furniture cheaper.

You can buy a hat very cheap from the Big Store's millinery department.

The New Drug Store has a brand new line of holiday goods. No last year's stock.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The Big Store will be closed 25th and 26th of December.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston of Jacksonville are spending the holidays at the old home.

The town has been filled with holiday shoppers this week and trading has been good.

R. M. Atkinson of Bentonville, Ark., is taking Christmas with relatives and friends here.

Miss Albertine Aldrich came in Friday night from Austin to spend the holidays with her parents.

We will be headquarters for fruit during the Xmas holidays. BILLY LEWIS & Co.

J. B. Clark's place in east Crockett for rent after Dec. 21. Apply to ERNEST CLARK.

Miss Frances Wootters is at home from Lufkin to take Christmas with her mother and family.

Miss Mattie Lane, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Ed Parker, left Monday afternoon for her home at Oakwoods.

Robt. Crawford, another brother of Rev. E. L. Crawford, is here to spend the holidays with the family of his brother.

F. M. Martin of Lovelady came up Wednesday evening to attend the marriage of Miss Lena Kelley to Mr. C. N. Phillips.

A merchant told the writer Tuesday that he was going to quit business and did not believe in advertising anyhow.

B. F. Dent and Miss Ina McKinnon were married at Lovelady Wednesday night. The wedding was a quiet home affair.

I. A. Daniel, Jas. Asa Smith and Fount Kelley of Kennard were here to attend the Baker-Harden wedding Tuesday evening.

SANTA CLAUS Certificate

DEAR FRIENDS:

This is to certify that I have personally examined the Holiday Stock of B. F. Chamberlain and cheerfully recommend it as the best and certainly the most complete assortment of Appropriate Gifts I have ever seen. You can find there just what you want, and the Prices are Right. You will be sure to please your friends and loved ones with selections from this elegant collection. It affords me much pleasure to announce to my many friends that the popular store of B. F. Chamberlain is my headquarters this season, and all letters for me should be sent to them.

Very truly yours,

SANTA CLAUS.
WITH
B. F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Plant King's new improved seed year 1904 and make cotton. A few bushels not subscribed for for sale at the Big Store.

Land for Rent.

Suitable for trucking, two miles from Crockett. Apply to ALLEN NEWTON.

Rev. W. F. Hatchell, stationed at Morelia, Mex., as a Baptist missionary, is spending Christmas with his brothers in this county.

Call investigate our assortment of Hyman's pickles the best ever shown in Crockett. You can see a few in our window.

BILLY LEWIS & Co.

Call at the COURIER office, pay your subscription to include the current year and get a copy of the new general election law of Texas free.

Misses Grace Gould and Bessie Ferguson of Palestine, who were maid of honor and bridesmaid respectively at the Arledge-Adams wedding, returned home Tuesday night.

You can find at Crysop's suitable Christmas presents for your wife, husband, sweetheart, sister or brother, whichever the case may be, and something that the receiver will be proud of.

Chas. Daly, a farmer and large land-owner at Daly, died Friday morning at 3 o'clock from pneumonia. He had a great many friends here and over the county who will receive the news with regret.

The COURIER has just learned of the death of a most estimable lady, the wife of Mr. T. R. Hester of Porter Springs, who died Nov. 23, age 55 years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. E. L. Crawford.

Dr. Cunyus has returned from a two weeks visit to North and West Texas. He was so delighted with the health and beauty of some of the places that he visited, he expects to make that his future home as soon as he can close out his business here.

The publishers of "Farm Life" give away \$32.50 each month to the persons selecting the best advertisement in their columns. You can secure both "Farm Life" and the CROCKETT COURIER one year for only \$1.00. Better subscribe or renew to-day.

We are greatly pleased to have completed an arrangement, special announcement of which is made in this issue, whereby our readers may obtain "Farm Life" for one year absolutely free. Read our offer in another column.

Mr. J. H. Bussel, a prominent farmer of the southern part of the county, died Tuesday night and was buried Wednesday afternoon at Lovelady. The funeral was conducted by the Masonic lodge, of which he was a member.

Mr. G. H. Bayne received a check for \$43.18 Monday from a gentleman in another county who was once a citizen of Crockett and who had been owing him for 21 years. Twenty-one years ago Mr. Bayne stood for the gentleman's account and had it to pay.

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.

The COURIER still has a few copies of the new general election law which it desires to give to those of its subscribers who will call at this office. Other papers are selling copies of this law at 25 cents each, but the COURIER is giving them free to its subscribers in good standing.

An informal dance, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arledge, was enjoyed by the young people at the Lotus Club rooms Monday evening after the wedding, complimentary to the visitors, Misses Gould and Ferguson of Palestine. The music was by Tunstall's orchestra.

H. Schuder, Geo. H. Grounds, Mrs. J. K. Chandler, A. W. Ellis, R. F. Hall, Knox Conway, C. W. Ellis, John Hockin, J. M. Satterwhite, D. S. Williams, Chas. Stokes, G. M. Thompson and J. R. M. Lee are among those who have remembered the COURIER in a very substantial way since its last issue.

Miss Grace May gave Miss Denny Adams a parcel shower Friday afternoon. The house decorations were of garlands of evergreen and pink ribbon. The gifts were many, useful and beautiful. Dainty refreshments were served in the dining room, where many pretty toasts were given and responded to.

Notice.

T. J. Caywood of West Texas, having bought out the Candy Kitchen, is now prepared to serve the public with fresh oysters at all hours. Full line of confections and fireworks. Give me your orders for Christmas oysters or anything in my line. Phone the Candy Kitchen.

T. J. CAYWOOD.

New Barber Shop.

I take pleasure in announcing through the COURIER to my city and country patrons that I will open a new barber shop next month in the building where Kennedy's racket store is at present located, adjoining Jim Brown's store. Thanking my customers for their patronage in the past and soliciting a continuance of same, I am respectfully yours,

F. P. GANDOLPH.

The marriage of Miss Lena Kelley to Mr. C. N. Phillips Wednesday evening was a very quiet home affair, only a few of their most intimate friends being present. The marriage was at the home of the bride's father, Mr. M. J. Kelley. The bride, having been born and reared in Crockett, is well known as a young lady of many lovable traits. The groom is principal of the Groveton public schools and was assistant principal of the Crockett city schools during its last term. The couple left on the night train for a visit to the groom's family in central Texas.

Arledge-Adams Nuptials.

The marriage of Miss Denny Adams to Mr. Fisher Arledge on Monday evening was conceded to be easily the prettiest home wedding taking place in Crockett in a long time. The writer is unequal to a proper description of this beautiful affair and will only undertake to make some mention of it in passing. The parlor, hall and dining room of the palatial home of Col. and Mrs. Earl Adams were lavishly and tastily decorated in garlands of evergreen and flowers. A large wedding bell was suspended from the center of the ceiling of the front parlor and the pink and green effect was beautifully carried out in its decoration. Wreaths of green entwined it and pink flowers clustered around it. Streamers of pink and green satin ribbon hung from it. The piano in the north end of the front parlor, surrounded by a bank of stately palms, formed a background for the bridal party, which came in in the following order: First, Mr. Wortham LeGory; then Master Laddie Adams in white satin suit and little Miss Leita Cunyus in dainty China silk, pink satin slippers and pink lace. Mr. LeGory took his place at the end of the piano, just back of where the groom's best man was to stand. Master Laddie and little Miss Leita moved to the center of the parlor where the streamers of pink and green suspended from the wedding bell were handed to them. After they had taken their places and while Mrs. Walker King was softly playing Mendelssohn's wedding march, the bridesmaids came in in the following order: Misses Ferguson of Palestine and Jessie Sheridan, Frances Wootters and Hortense LeGory, Annie Stokes and Grace May, Tense Lacy and Maggie Foster, Evy Hail and Albertine Aldrich. The bridesmaids were beautifully attired in pink silk evening gowns, carrying arm bouquets of ferns tied in pink satin ribbon. When they reached the wedding bell each was handed by the two little tots in waiting a streamer of ribbon, when they formed a complete cordon. The bridesmaids were followed by the bride and her maid of honor, Miss Grace Gould of Palestine. The maid of honor was gowned in pale green silk with point lace and carried pink roses. The bride was beautiful in white silk, with a yoke and bertha of duchess point lace, and bride's roses. Her veil was a dream of loveliness. A quartette, composed of Mrs. Walker King, Mrs. A. M. DeCuir, Mrs. John LeGory and Miss Ethel Wootters, sang sweetly Schubert's Serenade as the bride entered from the back parlor. The groom came in the east door of the front parlor leaning on the arm of his best man and brother, Mr. Johnson Arledge. The bride and groom met under the wedding bell and Rev. J. A. Howard united them in marriage in a beautiful and impressive manner. The rites of marriage being performed, they were besieged with the congratulations and well wishes of the many admiring friends who had gathered to witness this pretty home wedding, after which the guests were invited into the dining room, which was most gracefully presided over by Misses Mary Howard and Emily Smith. Punch was served in the back parlor by Mrs. R. E. McConnell. Many useful and valuable wedding presents were received.

Call at the saddle shop for a new saddle or set of new harness for Christmas.

To the People of Houston County

I hope that you will have a Merry Christmas and that the year 1904 will bring to each and every one of you Health, Happiness and Prosperity. Your friend and well-wisher,

John Spence,
County Attorney.

Christmas Greeting.

The COURIER has the pleasure of extending a Christmas greeting to its subscribers, many of whom have been with the paper from its first issue, for the fourteenth time. It heartily appreciates the friendship of those who have staid with it for so long a time and has no less appreciation for those friends who have come in along at more recent dates. The COURIER's circulation has all along held its own and at times its growth has seemed phenomenal. The patronage of a newspaper is always reflected in the paper itself. If the patronage is poor, the paper will be correspondingly poor. If, on the other hand, the patronage is good, the paper will show it in its general make-up and a healthy tone will permeate its columns. While expressing its appreciation of a meritorious patronage, it at the same time wishes all its friends a happily spent Christmas and prosperous New Year. May your joys be as unceasing as the brook and your footsteps no less steady than the oak.

Kitchen Utensil Shower.

On Thursday evening of last week Miss Maggie Foster gave Miss Denny Adams a kitchen utensil shower, on the eve of Miss Adams' marriage to Mr. Fisher Arledge. The affair proved quite a social success, the form of entertainment being both unique and charming. After the arrival of the guests they were given a card and pencil, the card containing a pen and ink sketch of a bride, and asked to write a verse in rhyme about a kitchen utensil. After the brain-racking had ceased, and the poetic effusions were all in, the pretty hostess read them to her guests, most graciously omitting the names of the authors, which were signed to them exclusively for the use of the judges. Some of them elicited a great deal of merriment of a complimentary nature, for it was never before known that Crockett was the abiding place of so many budding poets. The verses in and out of rhyme were passed to the judges, who began upon their arduous task of reading them, passing upon their merits and awarding the prizes. The decision of this sober judiciary was that Mrs. A. M. DeCuir of New Iberia, La., was entitled to the lady's prize and Mr. D. A. Nunn, Jr., the gentleman's. The contest being over in the poetic line, attention was then turned to the dining room, which was beautiful in its artistic decorations of ferns and pink ribbon. From the table a delightful salad course was served with chocolate. In this room the many useful gifts for the kitchen were on display. Vocal and piano music closed the evening's entertainment.

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The Courier's remedy for the boll weevil. Try it.

The Mexican Cotton Boll Weevil and the Damage It Has Caused This Season.

From the Scientific American.

The most serious menace that the cotton planters of the South have ever been compelled to face is ravaging the cotton fields of Texas. The weevil has not been found outside that State except in the instance which occurred in August at the Louisiana Sugar Experiment Station at Audubon Park in the environs of New Orleans. In that case the circumstances have led the Louisiana authorities to the conviction that the pests were purposely placed in the cotton plots by some interested person. The station authorities promptly destroyed all the cotton of the experimental plots by picking the fallen fruit, uprooting and burning the plants, and subsequently plowed and flooded the land after it had been thoroughly sprayed with crude petroleum. As there are no cotton fields within 10 miles of Audubon Park, and several examinations by the station entomologist failed to reveal any weevils, it is very probable that the colony was completely exterminated.

The difficulties in the way of controlling the boll weevil lie as much in its habits and manner of work as in the peculiar industrial conditions involved in the production of the staple in the Southern States. The weevil lives in all stages, except the imago, within the fruit of the plant well protected from any poison that may be applied, and in that stage takes food only by inserting its beak within the substance of the plant. It is remarkably free from the attacks of parasites and diseases, occupies but fourteen days for development from egg to adult, and the progeny of a single pair in a season may reach 134,000,000 of individuals.

The weevil adapts itself to climatic conditions to the extent that the egg stage alone in November may occupy as much time as all the immature stages together in July or August. These factors combine to make it one of the most difficult insects to control.

The territory at present affected by the boll weevil is entirely in Texas. The nearest approach to the Louisiana line is in the immediate vicinity of Timpson, 25 miles away. The nearest approach to Shreveport is in Wood County, about 100 miles distant. On the north it has been found in the vicinity of Sherman just south of the Red River. In the region between the latitude of Greenville and the Red River the weevil is only scattering present and has caused no general damage. It will require nearly two years for it to reach such numbers as to materially reduce the normal production. Although many conditions make it very difficult to reduce to figures the damage caused by the weevil, calculations made in the Division of Entomology of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, based upon statements showing the production of cotton in the leading counties in Texas when the boll weevil was absent and when it was present, and showing the increase

in ten other counties when the weevil was absent at both similar periods, appear to justify the estimate that the total damage caused by the insect is about 50 per cent. Upon that basis the Texas planters have suffered a loss of \$15,000,000 during the present season, and this estimate, it is stated, agrees with those of conservative cotton statisticians. As the normal cotton crop of the United States is estimated to represent a value of \$500,000,000, the probable ultimate damage, when the pest has become spread over the entire cotton belt, provided nothing were done to check it, would be in the neighborhood of \$250,000,000 annually.

Nevertheless there are conditions at work that seem to indicate that planters in weevil regions are gradually adopting changes in their system of producing the staple that have a tendency to avoid damage.

The work of the U. S. Department of Agriculture with the boll weevil consists of field experiments and laboratory investigations. Mr. W. D. Hunter, of the Division of Entomology, assisted by several entomologists, has charge of the investigations in Texas, and Mr. E. A. Schwarz of the Division has conducted studies in Cuba. The field work comprises tracts of cotton grown in such manner as to constitute demonstrations of the means necessary in order that the staple may be produced profitably in spite of the weevil. These fields are located in six different points representing the five regions in Texas, which, by reason of variation in climate and soil, constitute as many distinct cotton districts. In these fields every expedient that has been found to be useful in avoiding damage by the weevil is being tried. The work of the Division of Entomology during the season of 1902 demonstrated that it is possible to produce cotton profitably in spite of the weevil; the work of the present season shows this again under different conditions of climate and soil, and in addition furnishes practical demonstrations of the value of the recommendations of the Division to planters at six different points in the State. In the laboratory the life history of the pest is being carefully investigated. In addition Mr. Schwarz has spent several months of the present year in Cuba, studying the manner in which natural conditions whether of parasites, diseases, climatic conditions, or of bringing about a degree of resistance on the part of the plant, control the insect where it has existed as an enemy of the cotton plant for a much longer period than in the United States. He found what he supposes to be the original food plant of the insect in the "algodon de rinon" or kidney cotton of that island. He failed to discover any parasites at all and did not succeed in finding any important tendency toward immunity on the part of the five distinct varieties studied.

The steady extension of the territory affected by the weevil year by year until the northern boundary is far north of the center of cotton production in the United States has convinced all observers that it will eventually be distributed all over the cotton belt. Although its progress has been comparatively slow during the time it has been in Texas, it has displayed no tendency toward dying out.

The fact that several European governments are sending agents to this country to procure seed to be used in experiments in producing the fiber in their colonies calls attention to the probability that the weevil may be carried to remote portions of the globe. Al-

though the insect does not, except accidentally, hibernate within the hull of the seed, every seed house attached to a gin in the infested territory harbors any that are brought in from the fields in seed cotton. They crawl into the seed bins as they would crawl anywhere for protection. All danger could easily be avoided by fumigation of the seed or by leaving it sacked in storage rooms isolated from new cotton for a year previous to shipment.

The work of the Division of Entomology has demonstrated that no direct or specific means, such as poisons, will ever be of much avail in fighting the weevil and that there is little hope for the artificial propagation of diseases or in obtaining a variety that is in any sense resistant. Experiments, however, with cultural methods have been highly successful and have obviated the necessity of looking to direct ones.

The cultural methods consist of reducing the number of the pests in the fall by early destruction of the plants and in hastening the maturity of the crop the following spring by every means available. Fall destruction consists of plowing up and burning the plants as soon as the pests have multiplied to such an extent as to render the picking of any more cotton doubtful. Under normal conditions this should occur some time in October. The benefits resulting from this process are threefold. Many weevils are actually killed, the development of several of the so-called broods is prevented, thus further reducing the number which go into hibernation, and, moreover, the hibernating season, during which many causes bring about a considerable mortality, is lengthened.

While this apparently causes a loss of the top crop, it is not a loss when the other recommendations of the Division of Entomology are followed. A crop can be obtained which will mature before the weevils have an opportunity to do considerable damage, and this is brought about by the use of a rapid-growing variety accomplished by the planting of northern seed. This must be planted early when the season permits; the rows must be planted at a somewhat wider distance than has been the practice, and a thorough cultivation of the crop must follow. In this way it has been shown the past season that from a half bale to a bale per acre can be cropped in territory where under the old system one tenth of a bale more or less is secured with difficulty.

By these methods it is possible to produce the staple at a margin of profit that will compare favorably with that realized in the production of most of the staple crops of the United States, even though the large yields of cotton occasionally gained in earlier years seem no longer possible in the districts affected by the weevil.

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