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THE COURIER PROTECTS ITS READERS.

Suspicious Advertisements Investigated Before Being Accepted.

One of the Few Newspapers of the State which Did Not Run the Advertisement of a Fake Cotton Seed Concern.

About three weeks ago the COURIER received an advertising proposition from Houston, purporting to be from the English-American Cotton company, with offices at Liverpool, New York and Houston. The letter head used gave the capital stock of the company as \$1,000,000 and J. E. Brophy as southern manager and the letter was signed by J. E. Brophy. Copy for a large double column ad to run eight weeks was enclosed, also a clipping from the Houston Post of January 23, showing that the English-American Cotton company had come to Houston. The COURIER was asked to insert the ad., send marked copy of paper containing first insertion to the Houston office and a check would immediately be forwarded to pay for same. As the proposition seemed to be liberal, we directed our attention to the nature of the advertisement. It advertised, among other things, King's Improved early cotton seed and Hawkin's Prolific extra early seed at 50 cents a bushel, freight prepaid to any part of the state. Knowing the cost of the above varieties of cotton seed and being on the watch for fraud from unscrupulous dealers, as well as observing other suspicious features of the advertisement, the COURIER withheld it from publication and wrote to the managing editor of the Houston Post for information in regard to Mr. J. E. Brophy and the English-American Cotton company. The letter was answered by the business manager of the Post, saying that he was "unable to get any information regarding Mr. Brophy except that he had introduced himself to members of the cotton exchange, none of whom seemed to know anything of his standing." The letter went on to say: "One of the large cotton firms has gone to the trouble at our request of writing some letters relative to him, and it may be that in the course of a week or so we will be able to give you further information."

The above letter was written on January 30 and on February 3 the manager of the Post again wrote the COURIER as follows: "In answering your letter of the 29th in regard to one J. E. Brophy, we stated in same that we would advise you further in case we could get any definite information. We now wish to state that we can not get definite information in regard to him, and that Mr. Brophy himself refuses to give Bradstreet's Agency any information. Therefore, we would suggest as a matter of precaution for yourselves to handle him on a cash basis." We replied, thanking the Post for the trouble it had gone to at our re-

quest, and further stating that it was not a matter of protecting ourselves as much as it was of protecting our subscribers and the people.

Under date of Feb. 9 the manager of the Post again wrote us as follows: "Replying to yours of the 8th in regard to Mr. Brophy, beg to state that we have about come to the conclusion that he is a fake of the worst kind, as we know of several instances where advertisements inserted have not been paid and have also heard of some orders being given where seed has not been received."

Mr. Brophy had sent his advertisement to newspapers all over the state and the COURIER was one of the very few that did not publish it. A great many of them printed the advertisement without investigating the character of the advertisement or the advertiser and many of the best weekly newspapers in the state got caught. They not only got caught for the cost of the advertising, but suffered their subscribers to be imposed upon and in some instances robbed. It is the duty of a newspaper to protect its readers from unscrupulous advertisers and in the above the COURIER feels that it has only discharged a duty that it owed its readers. We will publish the Post's exposition of the fraud in our next issue.

CITIZENS BANQUET.

Much Feasting and Speech-Making and Good Feeling Prevailed.

Some of our citizens very fittingly conceived the idea last week of getting together for a general jollification and good-fellowship and no better plan could have been struck upon than the one put into effect—that of a banquet. It was arranged to have the banquet to begin in the dining room of the Pickwick hotel Thursday evening and end in the Lotus Club rooms without limit as to time. A fine supper was prepared at the hotel and served to about fifty of our citizens and guests by the host, W. V. Berry. No better supper was ever sat down to in Crockett and it was thoroughly enjoyed. The dining room was appropriately decorated. After supper the citizens escorted each other and the guests to the club rooms where the finishing touches were put to the banquet. Cigars were passed and if a good cigar is appreciated at one time more than at another it is just after indulging in such a feast as was spread Thursday night. After the usual greetings and pleasantries, Major J. C. Wootters was made master

of ceremonies, who announced that a speech was in order. The name of Adams was started and kept up until he responded. Col. Adams paid a fine tribute to the manhood and citizenship of Houston county, boasting of his long residence among our people and expressing a desire that when finally the end should come it would be among the people with whom he had co-labored these many years. He reviewed briefly the recent trouble with labor agents; how, after they had been driven from the county, they sought to involve our people in trouble with the federal court on a charge of conspiracy; how our citizens had been carried to Tyler and in the end vindicated by the federal grand jury, even though a few, and a very few he was glad to say, of their own people had turned the back of their hands on them. He closed by paying an eloquent tribute to the statesmanship and fine judicial capacity of Judge Bryant and some of the other officers of the federal court at Tyler. When Col. Adams had taken his seat the name of Moore was taken up and called until he responded. Mr. John I. Moore began by saying that the supper had incapacitated him for speech-making. He also reviewed recent labor troubles and gave it as his opinion that a certain official of the federal court had overstepped his authority in Houston county. He also referred to the efforts of this certain official to prove a conspiracy by our citizens and his failure to do so. He said that everything our people had done had been open to investigation and that investigation had vindicated their action. Mr. Moore was followed M. Bromberg, Jr., and Thos. Self each in a short talk, but to the point. J. G. Matlock proved the poet of the occasion. Major J. C. Wootters was called on for a talk. He spoke of the injunction recently gotten out by himself and others restraining agents from interfering with the labor of the county. He was followed by Joe Adams, Esq., whose speech was along the same lines as those preceding him. Mayor S. T. Beasley closed the speech-making by a brief review of recent affairs and a statement of his attitude as a public official and as a private citizen. A feeling of good-fellowship prevailed throughout the evening and it would be good if our citizens could so get together oftener.

U. D. C. COLUMN.

Feb. 13th, 1904, found the D. A. Nunn chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy at the home of Mrs. A. C. Craddock, and so delightfully were we entertained that we shall beg for another invitation in the near future.

Being so near St. Valentine's day, Miss Minnie conceived the pretty idea of giving us a Valentine party. The first thing that arrested our attention as we entered the walk were two hearts on the front door, of the blue and the gray, pierced by a golden arrow, typical of the fraternal relations now existing between those who wore the blue and those who wore the gray, closely united as we are

by ties of common interest and affection.

PROGRAM FOR AFTERNOON.

Prayer, led by Mrs. Adams.
Roll call, reading and adoption of minutes.
Report of treasurer.
Character sketch of Admiral Semmes, read by Mrs. Self.
Song, "The Harp that Once Through Tara's Halls," beautifully rendered by Mrs. Walker King.
History program given by state historian, conducted by Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb.
"Dixie," a poem written for the D. A. Nunn chapter by Mr. A. D. Wallace, one of "Stonewall Jackson's foot cavalry," and also a member of Gen. Gordon's command. This was recited by Mrs. Fisher Arledge in her own charming manner.

A letter read by Miss Annie Williams from Mrs. Longstreet Ames to Mrs. Nunn, a life-long friend, in response to resolutions sent her in memory of her brother, Gen. Longstreet, by the chapter.

A letter read from Mrs. Storey in regard to collection of relics for Confederate museum at Austin.

Mrs. Nunn read a beautiful report of the trip to Houston convention, for which the chapter tendered her unanimously a vote of thanks.

A vote of thanks was also tendered Mrs. James O. Ross for her liberal contribution of fifty dollars to Confederate Woman's Home at Austin, which she wished to go as coming from the D. A. Nunn chapter.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. A. D. Wallace for his beautiful poem, "Dixie," with a request to be published.

Mrs. Nunn read the resolution that was passed at Houston in regard to dues and application blanks, to the effect that members of chapters will not be qualified members or have the right to vote in future conventions unless they fill out their application blanks, showing their eligibility, and also pay their annual dues. Mrs. Nunn urgently requested all members who have not done so to pay their annual dues for 1903 and 1904 at once, so that a correct list of qualified members may appear in the annual for 1904, which is now being prepared for publication. It is hoped that each member will attend to this important duty as soon as possible, as under the new law no names can be sent to the state registrar unless regularly registered and qualified members. The constitution and by-laws of the United Daughters of the Confederacy require the state and general tax to be collected and sent to the proper authorities in January and February. So it is necessary this obligation be met at once.

Miss Frances Wootters, a brilliant young pianist, closed the program for the afternoon with some beautiful piano selections, after which delicate refreshments were served. Mrs. Gail King and Miss Dean added their names as members. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Cunyus and Miss Annie Stokes, Feb. 27th, 1904.

MRS. C. N. CORRY,
Cor. Sec. D. A. Nunn Chapter.

Notes for the U. D. C. Column.

The D. A. Nunn chapter has made a good beginning for the year 1904. In January "Lee day" was beautifully and impressively observed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Craddock. January brings us every year the birthday anniversary of the noble man and brave general, Gen. Robert E. Lee of Virginia. At this time the Daughters of the Confederacy, throughout our fair sunny South, hold memorial services in his honor, feeling it a privilege to show in this manner their love and loyalty for one who has been so long enshrined in their hearts, and whose memory is so affectionately cherished by every true son and daughter of the South. Mrs. Craddock's home was artistically decorated with the Confederate colors. Draperies of red and white, United States and Confederate flags, formed the background for a large, excellent picture of Gen. Lee, which rested on an easel in the room. The following was the beautiful and impressive program, every number of which was well executed:

A character sketch of Gen. Lee, read by Mrs. Sheridan.

Recitation from Sentinel Songs, Father Ryan, by Mrs. Fisher Arledge.

"Maryland, My Maryland," sung by Miss Ethel Wootters in most beautiful and touching manner.

"The Sword of Lee," recitation by Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb.

"Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground," Mrs. F. Craddock, Miss Ethel Wootters, Mrs. Henry Baker.

Worseley's Tribute to Lee, read by Miss Annie Williams.

"Dixie," sung by the chapter, (all rising to their feet).

During business part of the meeting, Mrs. Mary A. Leaverton was elected honorary member. Mrs. I. A. Taylor was elected honorary president. In Mrs. Taylor as member we have the proud distinction of having a niece of Gen. Sam Houston. Mrs. Crisp, Miss Minnie Craddock and Miss Mittie Baker were enrolled as members of the chapter.

Mrs. A. C. Craddock invited the chapter to meet with her Feb. 13th. This closed the afternoon that gave our first opportunity as Daughters of the Confederacy to pay homage to the "immortal Lee." Mrs. CORINNE N. CORRY,
Cor. Sec. D. A. Nunn Chapter.

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.

Citation.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of John C. Hagan, deceased, the heirs of Rosanna Hagan, deceased, the heirs of R. N. Read, deceased, the heirs of Susan A. Read, deceased, the heirs of John M. Murchison, deceased, the heirs of William A. Atkinson, deceased, the heirs of Nancy Atkinson, deceased, the heirs of Mary Rosamond, deceased, the heirs of Lucy Wright, deceased, the heirs of Corinne Combs, deceased, all of whose names are unknown and C. B. Robinson and John G. Wright, whose residences are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the town of Crockett, on the first Monday in March, 1904, being the 7th day of March 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 6th day of January 1904, in a cause numbered 4838 wherein W. V. Berry is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of John C. Hagan, deceased, the unknown heirs of Rosanna Hagan, deceased, the unknown heirs of R. N. Read, deceased, the unknown heirs of Susan A. Read, deceased, the unknown heirs of John M. Murchison, deceased, the unknown heirs of William A. Atkinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Nancy Atkinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary Rosamond, deceased, the unknown heirs of Lucy Wright, deceased, the unknown heirs of Corinne Combs, deceased, C. B. Robinson, John Robinson, Harriet McManer, Doss McManer, Josephine Huffman, John G. Wright, B. F. Read, C. B. Read, John T. Read, Sarah Benson, Emma Wortham, F. M. Wortham, Luella Stafford, R. N. Stafford, Louisa Giles, R. P. Giles, J. G. Chappell, Mrs. U. C. Murchison, Jas. W. Murchison, Minnie M. Hamby, Robt. M. Hamby, Carrie M. Hart, W. D. Hart and L. Meriwether are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and right and is in the possession of the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Situated in the County of Houston and State of Texas, about four and one-half miles S. W. from Crockett, being a part of the John Hagan league and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of the T. R. Townsend league and the S. W. or Western corner of the John Hagan league on the John Moore league and its North boundary line, a Red Oak 30 in mkd S. T. hrs. S. 12 W. 5 3 5 vrs, a Black Jack mkd X hrs N. 51 E. 5 vrs; this corner is on the Huntsville road 5 miles from Crockett; thence N. 35 W. with the Townsend and Hagan league line at 950 vrs. corner a Hickory 6 in mkd X hrs. S. 20 W. 11 3-10 vrs.; same being Mrs. L. Wright's S. W. corner; thence N. 55 E. with her S. B. line at 1090 vrs. her S. E. corner, a large red oak mkd. X; thence N. 35 W. with hers and Mrs. Rosamond's E. B. line 2130 vrs. to corner in San Antonio road an Elm mkd. X; thence with the meanders of said road N. 37 E. 145 vrs.; N. 61 E. 293 vrs.; N. 45 E. 640 vrs. to corner in said road, a P. O. 10 in mkd. X; thence S. 35 E. with the line of survey No. 4 465 vrs. pass the S. E. corner of No. 4 and with the E. B. line of 69 1-5 acres survey on the N. B. line of 500 acres survey to corner, a Sweet Gum mkd. X; thence N. 55 E. with said survey and the Hazlett tract 355 vrs. to the N. E. corner of said 500 acres survey, bearing trees gone; thence S. 35 E. with the E. B. line of said survey and J. Cason's 343 acres survey, 1473 vrs. to his S. E. corner; thence N. 55 E. 7 vrs, the N. W. corner of Cayson's South survey; thence S. 35 E. with said survey 339 vrs. the S. E. corner of the Woodson or Murchison survey; thence S. 55 W. with Allbright's N. B. line 1245 4 10 vrs. pass the S. W. corner of 500 acres survey, at 1537 vrs. pass S. W. corner of 49 acres survey, at 2486 vrs. in all to the place of beginning; that defendants are setting up some kind of pretended claim or title to the above described premises which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title to said land; wherefore plaintiff sues to remove said cloud from his title and to be quieted in his title and possession,

for costs and general relief.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published. Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Crockett this the 6th day of January A. D. 1904.

J. B. STANTON, Clerk District Court Houston Co. Tex.

Citation.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Joseph Hodges, deceased, the heirs of Henry Baguet, deceased, the heirs of William G. Logan, deceased, the heirs of Jacob Snively, deceased, the heirs of C. O. Barton, deceased, the heirs of Matthew Cartwright, deceased, the heirs of Louisa C. Coleman, deceased, the heirs of Cornelia Alford, deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the town of Crockett, on the first Monday in March 1904, being the 7th day of March 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of January 1904, in a cause numbered 4840, wherein W. V. Berry is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Joseph Hodges, deceased, the unknown heirs of Henry Baguet, deceased, the unknown heirs of William G. Logan, deceased, the unknown heirs of Jacob Snively, deceased, the unknown heirs of C. O. Barton, deceased, the unknown heirs of Matthew Cartwright, deceased, the unknown heirs of Louisa C. Coleman, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Cornelia Alford, deceased, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and in right, and is seized and possessed of the following described tracts or parcels of land, to-wit: Situated in the County of Houston and State of Texas, about five miles S. E. from Crockett, on the Pennington road; being a part of the Joseph Hodges league, and bounded and described as follows: First tract, Beginning at the S. E. corner of the Joseph Hodges league, in the field, a stake for corner; thence N. 55 E. with the Hodges league line at 950 vrs. pass the corner of Box league, at 2190 vrs. the N. E. corner of the Coleman survey; a Hickory mkd. X; thence N. 35 W. with the old fence row, at 1200 vrs. to Nelson Seaton's N. E. corner in old field; thence S. 55 W. with Seaton's line at 1040 vrs. to corner; thence N. 35 W. with Seaton's line 177 vrs. to Peter Haden's corner, a pin oak 6 in mkd. X; thence S. 55 W. with said Haden's line at 1159 vrs. to the Hodges league line; thence S. 35 E. with said league line 1400 vrs. to the place of beginning.

Second tract, also being a part of said Joseph Hodges league, beginning in the Crockett and Pennington road, where the Nelson Seaton's N. B. line crosses said road; thence with the meanders of said road, S. 65 E. 300 vrs. S. 55 E. 365 vrs. to corner on Matlock's fence; thence S. 10 W. with Matlock's line at 390 vrs. to corner on W. V. Berry's line; thence N. 35 W. with Berry's line at 880 vrs. to the place of beginning.

That defendants are setting up some kind of pretended claim or title to the above described premises which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title thereto, wherefore plaintiff sues to have such cloud removed from his title to said lands, and that he be quieted in his title and possession of same, and he prays for costs and general relief.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to

the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Crockett, this the 7th day of January A. D. 1904.

J. B. STANTON, Clerk District Court Houston Co., Texas.

Citation by Publication.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of W. F. Richardson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Daniel Dailey, deceased, and the unknown heirs of J. E. Marsh, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Third Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be held at the Court House thereof, on the first Monday in March 1904, the same being the 7th day of March 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th day of January, 1904, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 4843, wherein J. W. Hail, R. M. Atkinson and W. H. Denny are Plaintiffs and Durastus Carr and the unknown heirs of Durastus Carr, deceased, are Defendants and said petition alleging that plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of the following described tract of land, to-wit: Situated in Houston County, Texas, and being known as the Robert E. Carr 320 acres survey. Beginning N. 17-48 E. 1214 vrs. from J. Gregg's N. W. corner, a stake for corner from which a P. O. mkd X hrs. S. 10 E. 1.9 vrs., a pine mkd. X 15 in hrs. S. 61 W. 4.5 vrs. Thence N. 20 W. at 950 vrs., a stake for corner from which a pine mkd. X 32 in hrs. S. 84 E. 4.5 vrs., a B. J. mkd X 6 in hrs. N. 59 W. 4.5 vrs., thence N. 70 E. at 225 vrs. a branch course S. E., at 710 vrs. a creek 3 vrs. wide, course S., at 1900 a stake for corner from which a P. O. 4 in hrs. S. 47 W. 1.6 vrs., a pine mkd. X 10 in hrs. S. 74 W. 6.5 vrs. Thence S. 20 E. at 950 vrs., a stake for corner from which a pine mkd. X 16 in hrs. N. 55 W. 5.3 vrs. Do. mkd. X 18 in hrs. S. 10 W. 6.7 vrs. Thence S. 70 W. 1900 vrs. to the place of beginning containing 320 acres of land. That plaintiffs are now in possession of said 320 acres of land, and they and those under whom they claim have been in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of same, using, cultivating and enjoying the same for more than five years continuously before the filing of this suit under duly recorded deeds and paying taxes on same during said period. That plaintiffs own same as follows: Deed from Unknown Owners by J. R. Sheridan, Tax Collector of Houston County, Texas, to R. M. Atkinson, J. W. Hail, and Madden and Lipscomb, dated April 3, 1894; deed from A. D. Lipscomb to W. H. Denny, conveying all grantors interest in said land, dated March 4, 1901; and deed from J. W. Madden to J. W. Hail, conveying all grantors interest in said land, dated Jan. 1, 1902; by judgment dated April 16, 1901, in cause No. 4881 in District Court of said Houston County, entitled the State of Texas vs. unknown owners et. al. (J. W. Hail et. al., intervenors). That defendants have some claim on said land which is a cloud on plaintiffs title. Wherefore plaintiffs pray for judgment forever quieting their title and removing all cloud therefrom, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term; this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 12th day of January, 1904.

J. B. STANTON, Clerk, District Court, Houston County.

Are You Restless At Night And harassed by a bad cough? Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup, it will secure you sound sleep and effect a prompt and radical cure. 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle at Smith and French Drug Co's.

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

Citation by Publication.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon Durastus Carr and the unknown heirs of Durastus Carr, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Third Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in Crockett on the First Monday in March, 1904, the same being the 7th day of March, 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th day of January, 1904, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 4843, wherein J. W. Hail, R. M. Atkinson and W. H. Denny are Plaintiffs and Durastus Carr and the unknown heirs of Durastus Carr, deceased, are Defendants and said petition alleging that plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of the following described tract of land, to-wit: Situated in Houston County, Texas, and being known as the Robert E. Carr 320 acres survey. Beginning N. 17-48 E. 1214 vrs. from J. Gregg's N. W. corner, a stake for corner from which a P. O. mkd X hrs. S. 10 E. 1.9 vrs., a pine mkd. X 15 in hrs. S. 61 W. 4.5 vrs. Thence N. 20 W. at 950 vrs., a stake for corner from which a pine mkd. X 32 in hrs. S. 84 E. 4.5 vrs., a B. J. mkd X 6 in hrs. N. 59 W. 4.5 vrs., thence N. 70 E. at 225 vrs. a branch course S. E., at 710 vrs. a creek 3 vrs. wide, course S., at 1900 a stake for corner from which a P. O. 4 in hrs. S. 47 W. 1.6 vrs., a pine mkd. X 10 in hrs. S. 74 W. 6.5 vrs. Thence S. 20 E. at 950 vrs., a stake for corner from which a pine mkd. X 16 in hrs. N. 55 W. 5.3 vrs. Do. mkd. X 18 in hrs. S. 10 W. 6.7 vrs. Thence S. 70 W. 1900 vrs. to the place of beginning containing 320 acres of land. That plaintiffs are now in possession of said 320 acres of land, and they and those under whom they claim have been in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of same, using, cultivating and enjoying the same for more than five years continuously before the filing of this suit under duly recorded deeds and paying taxes on same during said period. That plaintiffs own same as follows: Deed from Unknown Owners by J. R. Sheridan, Tax Collector of Houston County, Texas, to R. M. Atkinson, J. W. Hail, and Madden and Lipscomb, dated April 3, 1894; deed from A. D. Lipscomb to W. H. Denny, conveying all grantors interest in said land, dated March 4, 1901; and deed from J. W. Madden to J. W. Hail, conveying all grantors interest in said land, dated Jan. 1, 1902; by judgment dated April 16, 1901, in cause No. 4881 in District Court of said Houston County, entitled the State of Texas vs. unknown owners et. al. (J. W. Hail et. al., intervenors). That defendants have some claim on said land which is a cloud on plaintiffs title. Wherefore plaintiffs pray for judgment forever quieting their title and removing all cloud therefrom, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this the 6th day of January 1904.

J. B. STANTON, Clerk District Court Houston Co., Texas.

ed, the unknown heirs of Morris Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mrs. Morris Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elijah Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Susan A. Read, deceased, the unknown heirs of James E. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of James M. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Andrew H. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of James W. Stanley, deceased, all of whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County to be held at the court house thereof, in the town of Crockett, on the first Monday in March 1904, being the 7th day of March 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 6th day of January 1904, in a cause numbered 4839 wherein W. V. Berry is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Thomas R. Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Ann P. Allbright, deceased, the unknown heirs of William Allbright, deceased, the unknown heirs of Morris Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mrs. Morris Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elijah Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Susan A. Read, deceased, the unknown heirs of Sarah E. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of James M. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Andrew H. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of James W. Stanley, deceased, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and in right and is seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land to-wit: Situated in the County of Houston and State of Texas, about five miles S. W. from the town of Crockett, being a part of the T. R. Townsend league, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake in old field, same being the N. E. corner of a ten acres tract now in possession of H. W. Moore. Thence N. 35 W. 786 vrs. corner. Thence S. 55 W. 1102 vrs. to corner. Thence S. 35 E. to corner on a Pin Oak mkd. X at 786 vrs. Thence N. 55 E. 1102 vrs. to the place of beginning; that the defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of claim or title to said land that casts a cloud upon plaintiff's title, wherefore plaintiff sues to remove such cloud from his title and to be quieted in his title and possession of said land.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court in the town of Crockett, this the 6th day of January 1904.

J. B. STANTON, Clerk District Court Houston Co., Texas.

Weak and Low-Spirited. A correspondent thus describes his experience: "I can strongly recommend Herbine as a medicine of remarkable efficacy for indigestion, loss of appetite, sour taste in the mouth, palpitation, headache, drowsiness after meals with distressing mental depressions and low spirits. Herbine must be a unique preparation for cases such as mine, for a few doses entirely removed my complaint. I wonder at people going on suffering or spending their money on worthless things, when Herbine is procurable, and so cheap." 50c a bottle at Smith & French Drug Company's.

What Are They? Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. A new remedy for stomach troubles, biliousness, and constipation, and a good one. Price 25 cents. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.



Mrs. Haskell, Worthy Vice Templar, Independent Order Good Templars, of Silver Lake, Mass., tells of her cure by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: Four years ago I was nearly dead with inflammation and ulceration. I endured daily untold agony, and life was a burden to me. I had used medicines and washes internally and externally until I made up my mind that there was no relief for me. Calling at the home of a friend, I noticed a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. My friend endorsed it highly and I decided to give it a trial to see if it would help me. It took patience and perseverance for I was in bad condition, and I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for nearly five months before I was cured, but what a change, from despair to happiness, from misery to the delightful exhilarating feeling health always brings. I would not change back for a thousand dollars, and your Vegetable Compound is a grand medicine.

"I wish every sick woman would try it and be convinced."—Mrs. Ida Haskell, Silver Lake, Mass. Worthy Vice Templar, Independent Order of Good Templars.

When a medicine has been successful in more than a million cases, is it justice to yourself to say, without trying it, "I do not believe it would help me"?

Surely you cannot wish to remain weak, and sick and discouraged, exhausted with each day's work. You have some derangement of the feminine organism, and Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you just as surely as it has others.

Mrs. Tillie Hart, of Larimore, N. D., says:



"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: I might have spent many months of suffering and pain if I had known of the efficacy of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a few months sooner, for I tried many remedies without finding anything which helped me before I tried the Vegetable Compound. I dreaded the approach of the menstrual period every month, as it meant much suffering and pain. Some months the flow was very scanty and others it was profuse, but after I had used the Compound for two months I became regular and natural, and so I continued until I felt perfectly well, and the parts were strengthened to perform the work without assistance and pain. I am like a different woman now, where before I did not care to live, and I am pleased to testify as to the good your Vegetable Compound has done for me." Sincerely yours, Mrs. Tillie Hart, Larimore, N. D.

Be it, therefore, believed by all women who are ill that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the medicine they should take. It has stood the test of time, and it has hundreds of thousands of cures to its credit. Women should consider it unwise to use any other medicine.

Mrs. Pinkham, whose address is Lynn, Mass., will answer cheerfully and without cost all letters addressed to her by sick women. Perhaps she has just the knowledge that will help your case—try her to-day—it costs nothing.

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Don't disgust your friends any longer. Your foul breath either comes from undigested and fermenting food in the stomach, or from a feverish condition, the result of Constipation.

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and it may put you on crutches, with loss of time and money.

St. Jacobs Oil

will cure surely, promptly. Price, 25c. and 50c.

POULTRY



White Wyandottes. The white variety of Wyandottes originated as sports from the Silver-Laced, says a report of the Department of Agriculture. It is claimed that some of them appeared as early as 1872. If this is true, those of that early date had not much of quality in their ancestors. Early writers speak of them as better in Wyandotte shape than the Silvers, and regard them as models for all varieties. Much of this distinction, it is presumed, was the outcome of applause arising from the pleasure of adding a new variety to the list of American 'owls.

When it is considered that as late as 1883 the Silver-Laced Wyandottes gained only quality of sufficient amount to establish them as a Standard breed, what must they have been in 1872, at which time it is claimed that the white sports were produced?



WHITE WYANDOTTES.

The statement is not questioned that they did produce both solid black chicks, also solid white ones, for this is known to be the fact. At the same time the quality of these self-colored sports was no better than the parent birds from which they came as sports. The strong-breed characteristics of the whites, when present, is the result of careful mating and the influence of Asiatic alliance. We are informed that an exhibition Silver-Laced male of merit (from England) mated to some of the very best American-bred females has in the past two seasons produced some beautiful-shaped White Wyandottes. This continued production of white chicks from Silver-Laced Wyandottes has existed from the very incipency of the breed to the present time. Such a large production of solid-white chicks throughout the period of twenty-eight years points to a hereditary, rather than to a sporting, condition. Or, in other words, it leads to the opinion that they "throw back" to white ancestry rather than show a tendency to sport or produce albinos.

Corn Crop of 1903.

Below we publish by states and territories the figures for the corn crop of 1903 as compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture.

States and Territories	CORN.		
	Acres.	Yield per acre.	Production.
Maine	14,628	30.2	441,705
New Hampshire	29,049	21.0	610,029
New York	8,201,472	28.4	232,987,232
Massachusetts	44,805	24.0	1,075,722
Rhode Island	10,112	30.1	303,361
Connecticut	55,056	22.4	1,233,254
New Jersey	8,201,472	25.4	208,325,254
Pennsylvania	272,742	24.0	6,546,624
Pennsylvania	1,456,658	31.2	45,447,636
Delaware	185,263	27.5	5,094,732
Maryland	625,692	28.7	17,971,230
Virginia	1,822,968	24.1	44,141,442
North Carolina	2,625,482	14.7	38,594,585
South Carolina	1,807,879	10.3	18,618,094
Georgia	3,888,324	11.7	45,478,391
Florida	6,269,481	9.4	59,083,584
Alabama	2,820,011	14.8	41,735,163
Mississippi	2,165,667	18.4	39,848,273
Louisiana	1,856,209	20.6	38,237,905
Texas	6,816,146	24.2	164,720,723
Arkansas	2,306,826	20.9	48,212,663
Tennessee	3,203,665	23.5	75,283,778
West Virginia	743,090	22.6	16,794,027
Kentucky	3,169,216	26.6	84,345,546
Ohio	2,976,208	29.6	88,095,757
Michigan	1,819,768	33.5	60,852,228
Indiana	4,294,609	33.2	142,580,896
Illinois	6,269,481	32.4	203,530,584
Wisconsin	1,459,401	29.3	42,639,449
Minnesota	1,439,112	28.3	40,726,879
Iowa	8,186,365	28.0	229,218,229
Missouri	6,269,481	25.6	160,500,584
Kansas	6,706,524	25.6	171,587,014
Nebraska	6,629,982	26.0	172,379,532
South Dakota	1,530,076	27.2	41,618,067
North Dakota	86,028	25.2	2,167,302
Montana	8,788	24.1	211,291
Wyoming	2,900	19.4	56,284
Colorado	112,226	19.8	2,222,075
New Mexico	39,562	24.0	949,688
Arizona	8,702	22.4	194,923
Utah	11,134	21.4	238,268
Nevada	5,991	34.5	207,649
Idaho	9,914	25.1	249,013
Washington	17,838	25.8	459,538
Oregon	57,888	30.7	1,777,182
California	1,491,339	29.3	43,748,199
Oklahoma	1,518,880	27.7	42,072,076
Indian Territory	88,051,963	20.5	1,804,176,928
United States	88,051,963	20.5	1,804,176,928

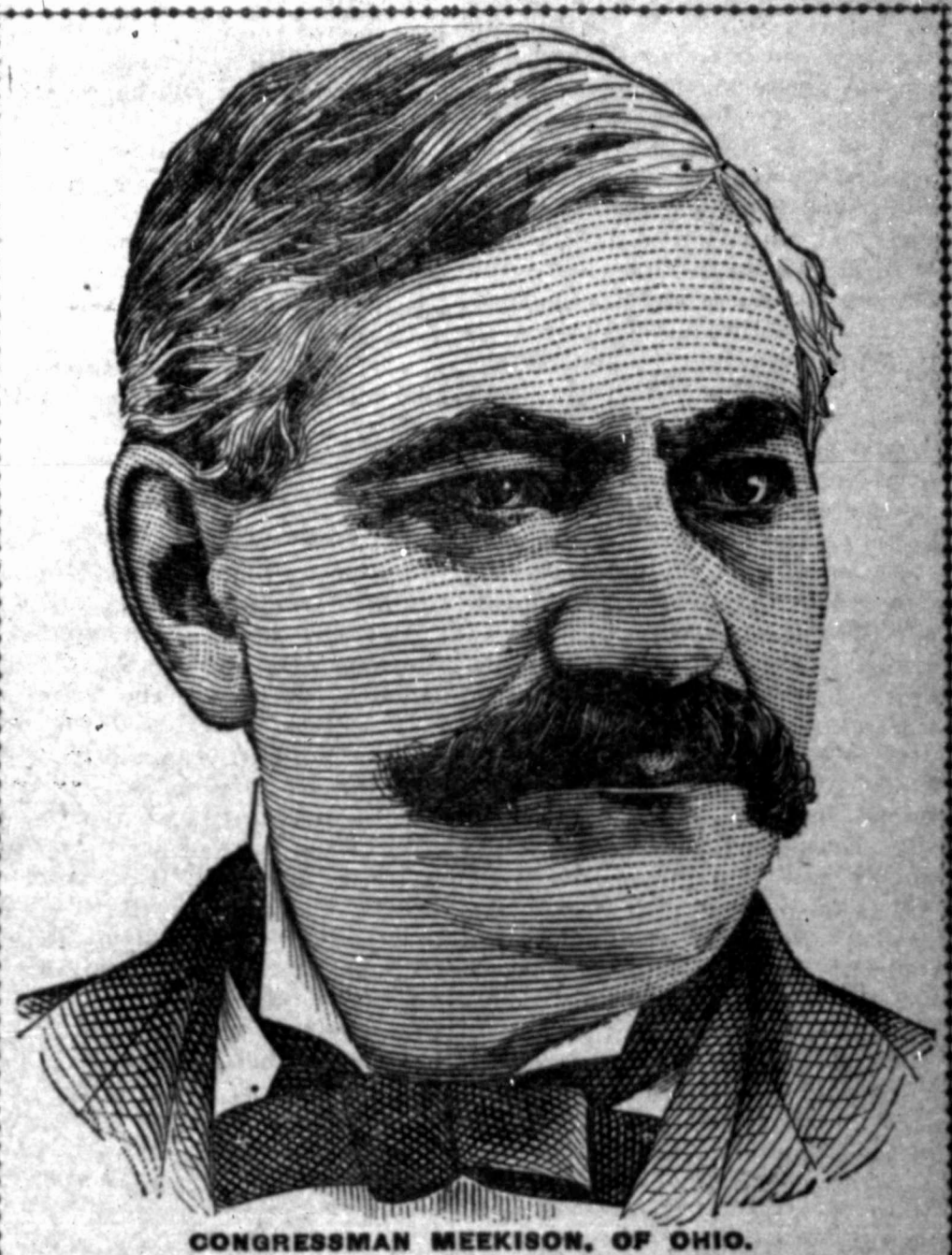
India Rubber Importation.

More than 50,000,000 pounds of India rubber, valued at more than \$30,000,000, were imported into the United States last year.

The seeds of such plants as beans and pumpkins must not be planted deep, as they have to lift their cotyledons out of the soil or perish. They can do this only when little soil is above them. The castor bean has difficulty in lifting its cotyledons out of soil covering it to a depth of an inch.

FOR THIRTY YEARS

Congressman Meekison Suffered With Catarrh—Read His Endorsement of Pe-ru-na.



CONGRESSMAN MEEKISON, OF OHIO.

Hon. David Meekison is well known, not only in his own State but throughout America. He began his political career by serving four consecutive terms as Mayor of the town in which he lives, during which time he became widely known as the founder of the Meekison Bank of Napoleon, Ohio. He was elected to the Fifty-fifth Congress by a very large majority, and is the acknowledged leader of his party in his section of the State.

Only one flaw marred the otherwise complete success of this rising statesman. Catarrh with its insidious approach and tenacious grasp, was his only unconquered foe. For thirty years he waged unsuccessful warfare against this personal enemy. At last Peruna came to the rescue, and he dictated the following letter to Dr. Hartman as the result:

"I have used several bottles of Peruna and I feel greatly benefited thereby from my catarrh of the head. I feel encouraged to believe that if I use it a short time longer I will be fully able to eradicate the disease of thirty years' standing."—David Meekison, ex-member of Congress.

"THE season of catching cold is upon us. The cough and the sneeze and nasal twang are to be heard on every hand. The origin of chronic catarrh, the most common and dreadful of diseases, is a cold.

This is the way the chronic catarrh generally begins. A person catches cold, which hangs on longer than usual. The cold generally starts in the head and throat. Then follows sensitiveness of the air passages which incline one to catch cold very easily. At last the person has a cold, thus the while seemingly, more or less discharge from the nose, hacking, spitting, frequent clearing of the throat, nostrils stopped up, full feeling in the head and sore, inflamed throat.

The best time to treat catarrh is at the very beginning. A bottle of Peruna properly used never fails to cure a common cold, thus preventing chronic catarrh.

While many people have been cured of chronic catarrh by a single bottle of Peruna, yet, as a rule, when the catarrh becomes thoroughly fixed, more than one bottle is necessary to complete a cure.

Peruna has cured cases innumerable of catarrh of twenty years' standing. It is the best, if not the only internal remedy for chronic catarrh in existence.

But prevention is far better than cure. Every person subject to catching cold should take Peruna at once at the slightest symptom of cold or sore throat at this season of the year and thus prevent what is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh.

Mrs. A. Snedeker, Cartersville, Ga.

"I saw that your catarrh remedy, Peruna, was doing others so much good, that I thought I would try it and see what it would do for me. My case is an old one and I have none of the acute symptoms now, because I have had the disease so long that I had none of the aches and pains, but a general rundown condition of the whole body—sore nose and throat and stomach. I had a good appetite but my food did not nourish my system. I had come down from 140 to about 75 pounds in weight. I now feel that I am well of all my troubles."—Mrs. A. Snedeker.



Send for free book on catarrh, entitled "Winter Catarrh," by Dr. Hartman. "Health and Beauty sent free to women only."

If you do not derive 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, O.

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W. N. U. HOUSTON—NO. 8, 1904

WILSON'S CURE FOR CONSUMPTION Cures all cases of Consumption, Cough, Spitting Blood, Weakness, etc. Sold by Druggists.

Durant business men are moving to secure a canning factory.

Texas cattle Raisers Association has filed complaints of discrimination against the railway commission.

A special election has been ordered at Enloe on the 27th inst., to determine whether the town shall be incorporated for school purposes.

A street car full of people at Paducah, Ky., was struck by an engine and almost demolished. A dozen were injured, one, it is thought, fatally.

The smallness of the effect produced in the stock market by the Baltimore calamity and the outbreak of the war has caused surprise and satisfaction to the financial world.

The Shreveport lodge of Elks has purchased a plot of ground in the business district upon which it is proposed to erect an Elks' home at a cost of \$50,000.

Charles M. Schwab sailed Friday for France. At Schwab's office it was stated that that it had been Schwab's intention for many weeks to go to Europe for his health, under advice of his physician.

Andy Gray, a locomotive engineer, died suddenly Thursday at Ennis from heart disease. He was in the cab of his engine in the switch yards looking out of the window for a signal, when he suddenly expired.

The lower house of the Mississippi Legislature has unanimously adopted a resolution inviting Hon. William R. Hearst to address that body on the political situation on such data as he may find convenient.

The Tulsa Sand, Lime and Brick plant has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$40,000. The capacity of the plant is 20,000 per day. Brick is to be made of Arkansas River sand and native lime.

In a shooting at Lane, twenty-three miles north of Shreveport, between Lester Willis and Harry Dorsey, negroes, a bullet from Willis' pistol struck and instantly killed Dorsey's eight-year-old daughter.

Russian officials are using very strong terms in speaking of the action of England in ceding Wei-Hai-Wei for the use of Japanese ships. The British government is openly accused of a breach of neutrality.

The State Department has been informed through some of its Consuls in Honduras that a revolution is imminent in that country. Martial law has been proclaimed and a number of arrests have been made.

Fred Silney, Dallas manager of R. G. Den & Co., says: "Reports show that between 25 and 30 per cent more land will be devoted to the cultivation of cotton this season than last. This means that much of the wheat and corn acreage of the South will be curtailed."

Thursday morning the gin of J. M. Clayton at Wylie burned. Two residences also caught, but timely effort saved them. Besides the buildings connected with the gin and all the machinery, there were burned two wagons, three bales of cotton and two car loads of seed. Loss is estimated at \$5000; insurance amounts to \$2400.

For the first time in the history of Shreveport, La., a petition signed by 360 voters was presented to the Police Jury asking for a local option election to be held at the same time as the general election in April.

The urgent deficiency bill, carrying with it the loan of \$4,500,000 to the St. Louis exposition, passed the house Thursday and only requires the president's signature to become a law.

It is announced that Ennis is entirely clear of smallpox.

Taylor has secured one of the twelve or more experimental farms to be established in Texas by the Agricultural Department at Washington, as authorized by the National Government by act of Congress.

The big dry goods house of Harry S. Gundry & Co., of Warrick, I. T., was burned Friday at a loss of \$14,000.

As early as Thursday the banks of Baltimore had resumed business and were prepared to pay all drafts

A TERRIBLE FIGHT WITH BAYONETS.

A Hand-to-Hand Contest Between Russians and Japanese in Which Japs Lost Heavily.

New York, Feb. 15.—Reports of a terrific battle with bayonets, in which 12,000 Japanese troops were driven back by the Russian soldiers, come from Chee Foo. Attempting to land at Dove, or Pigeon Bay, near Port Arthur, on Wednesday, the Japanese invading force, the dispatchs state, was met by the Russians before a foothold had really been gained. The clash was desperate and the bayonet was the arm used by both armies. While the details of the battle are meager, the late dispatchs fully confirm the Herald's special cable printed on Friday morning, in which it was stated that an attempted landing had been made by the Japanese at Pigeon Bay.

Tokio is incensed at the destruction of a merchantman by Russian cruisers, claiming the affair a wanton crime and threatening reprisals.

Japan accepted France's parole for the Russian prisoners who fled from the destroyed Variag and Korietz at Chemulpo.

St. Petersburg officials were thrown

into a condition bordering on consternation on learning that American naval officers were on board the Japanese fleet at Port Arthur.

In a special cable to the Herald the fall of Port Arthur was declared to be certain, the Japanese army and navy working together to that end. Meanwhile a new complication appeared in the puzzle as to the whereabouts of the Vladivostok squadron, reported torpedoed in the Tsugaro Straits, and also to have bombarded Hakodate and to have sunk a Japanese merchantman. From Nagasaki came a report that three of the giant cruisers actually were torpedoed in the Tsugaro Straits. There were no details.

Three Cruisers Blown Up.

Nagasaki: A telegram received here states that three out of four Russian cruisers were blown up by torpedoes while passing through the Tsugaro Straits off Hakkaido. It is reported that the forts fired effectually upon the enemy in the straits.

WILL TALK ON TREATY.

Senator Morgan Has Some Speeches Which He Wants to Work Off.

Washington: The senate will continue to consider the Panama treaty during the week, both in open and in executive sessions. Senator Morgan has prepared speeches on different phases of the situation, which he will present in open session. When those speeches no longer occupy the attention of the senate, Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign relations committee, will insist that consideration of the treaty in executive session be resumed. It is understood there will be considerable discussion of the treaty behind closed doors. It is expected that on Monday or Tuesday a time will be fixed for taking a vote on the treaty. It has been agreed already that the vote will be taken on or before Feb. 23, and the general impression is that the 23d will be the date fixed.

If Senator Hanna dies, congress will adjourn for one, and probably two, days, on account of his death and funeral.

Should there be any time to spare from consideration of the treaty and the various resolutions relating to the Panama situation, the agricultural appropriation bill will be passed.

Senator McCumber expects to have the pension appropriation bill ready to consider during the week, if there is time to take it up.

Blown Up by Dynamite.

Lawton, Ok.: S. Gillam of Lawton was blown up by dynamite while digging a well near this city. Gillam had placed a charge of explosive in a drill hole and was tamping it down when a small iron bar in some way struck it and caused a fearful explosion.

Gillam was thrown about ten feet in the air, his hands, face and body being peppered with fine stones. His recovery is doubtful.

Lot of Finest Beeves Sold.

Taylor, Texas: Undoubtedly the finest lot of fat beef steers sold in Taylor for many days was the five carloads of threes and fours sold to William Connoley, representing the Mair Packing Company of Los Angeles, Cal., by Hugh Burns Saturday. These cattle will average 1,250 pounds each in weight and will start on their long ride to the Pacific coast Monday.

Falls Tax Rate Reduced.

Marlin, Texas: The tax rate of Falls county will be 5c less on the \$100 valuation this year than last, on account of the commissioners' court having reduced the bridge bond tax to 5c. The county will soon have all her bridge bonds paid off.

Barn Burners at Taylor.

Taylor, Texas: So many barns having been destroyed by fire recently, seemingly of incendiary origin, the business men of Taylor and farmers of this community are becoming aroused, and the services of a detective will be employed to investigate the matter.

Man Bitten by Mad Dog.

Bryan, Texas: A young man by the name of Sam Brock was bitten by a mad dog near Tabor, Brazos county, last Tuesday. He left Saturday morning for New Orleans to be treated at the Pasteur Institute.

CONGRESSMAN IN HIGH FAVOR.

Representative From Minnesota Springs Into Prominence.

J. Adam Bede, a newspaper editor of Pine City, Minn., made his maiden speech as a member of congress, and



became famous in an hour. In the course of an hour's speech, he touched upon many subjects, but principally upon politics, and convulsed the house with laughter by his humorous references to the political situation.

Not the Right Negro.

Cameron, Texas: The negro that was arrested and brought to Cameron Friday on account of two negroes entering the room of Miss McLerran near Maysfield Thursday night, has been released, after it being ascertained that he was not the negro wanted.

A Train Rocked.

New Ulm, Texas: Friday night when passenger train No. 3, due here at 7:15, turned the bend, to enter New Ulm, some one threw a large rock through a window, just missing the head of a lady. On investigation it was found that the deed was done by two negro boys. Same were arrested awaiting the arrival of Mr. Carmichael, detective for the Katy.

Austin Peach Trees Blooming.

Austin, Texas: The farmers in this section are still complaining of the drouth, rain not having fallen here for months. In contrast to last spring or late winter, this county had good rains and a splendid season in the ground. Not a few peach trees have put forth blossoms, and if not subject to cold weather, will make a good yield of fruit.

Wires to Batson.

Sour Lake, Texas: Several parties went to Batson Sunday to see the new wells that came in Saturday. Among them was Manager Fisher of the South western Telephone Company, who will have the Batson line working Monday, and the Postal Telegraph Company will have its Batson line in operation Tuesday.

Lemp's Funeral.

St. Louis: The funeral of William J. Lemp, the multi-millionaire brewer, who committed suicide by shooting himself, will be held Monday afternoon at the family residence, with private interment.

Hanna Growing Weaker.

Washington, Feb. 15, 1:40 a. m.—Senator Hanna appears to be losing ground. He is gradually growing weaker.



A Professional Nurse Tells Her Experience With Doan's Kidney Pills.

Montague, Mass.
Gentlemen—I heartily wish those who are suffering from backache and disturbed action of the kidneys would try Doan's Kidney Pills. As was the case with me, they will be more than surprised with the results. I had been troubled for years with my spine. I could not lie on either side. Spinal cramps would follow, and words could not explain the agony which I would endure. While in these cramps I could not speak or move, but by making a great effort after the cramp had left me I could begin to speak and move a little, but my whole back was so sore and lame that I could not even have the back bathed for some time. My nerves were in a terrible state. I would rather sit up at night than go to bed, dreading the cramps and the terrible backaches. I consulted physicians, but got only a little relief for the time being. Seeing your advertisement, my mother urged me to try Doan's Kidney Pills. After using one box I was better, and have ever since been on the gain. I have no backache and no cramps now and I feel like a new person. My nerves are better and I know my blood is purer. Words cannot express my thanks to you for what Doan's Kidney Pills have done for me. In my work as professional nurse I have a chance to recommend them; and they did me so much good that I will do so on every possible occasion.

HATTIE BRIGHAM, Nurse.

Doan's Kidney Pills are sold at 50 cents per box. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., for a free trial box.

And I have seen Mr. Lawrence Barrett, the actor, receive 300 visitors—most of them strangers—at a party, and afterward bid them all farewell by name, making no mistakes so far as I could discover.

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A woman likes to have kisses stolen from her so that she can fight to take them back again.

FARMERS ORGANIZE.

What promises to become a most powerful factor in the produce markets and from which farmers will reap immense benefit, took life in the organization of the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock Commission Co., at Chicago, Ill. This Company will handle shipments of grain and stock at all the primary markets, will operate elevators, etc. The project has a strong backing from influential farmers and business men and will no doubt receive universal endorsement.

Wonder how much a man has to allow his wife to dress in the South Sea islands, where they don't.

To Wash China Silk Dresses.

China silk dresses may be quite successfully washed. Remove all spots with benzine. Then wash in warm soapsuds, rubbing between the hands, rinse through several waters. Use Ivory Soap and do not rub the soap on the dress. Wring as dry as possible, wrap in a sheet or clean cotton cloth and, when partially dry, iron. ELEANOR R. PARKER.

The grass widow finds life full of peril in zero weather.

Many a man who claims to be a gentleman doesn't work at it.

Do Your Clothes Look Yellow?

Then use Defiance Starch, it will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

Money—the wise man's convenience—the Prof's necessity.

Most fishermen on the French coast avoid going to sea on the first two days of November, owing to a superstitious fear of the "death wind" and belief that drowned fishermen at that time rise and capsize boats.

The Editor of the Rural New Yorker.

Than whom there is no better Potato Expert in the Country, says: "Salzer's Earliest Potato is the earliest of 38 earliest sorts, tried by me, yielding 464 bu. per acre." Salzer's Early Wisconsin yielded for the Rural New Yorker 738 bu. per acre. Now Salzer has heavier yielding varieties than above. See Salzer's catalog.

JUST SEND 10c IN STAMPS and this notice to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive lots of farm seed samples and their big catalog, which is brim full of rare things for the gardener and farmer, equally worth \$100.00 to every wide-awake farmer.

It describes Salzer's Teosinte, yielding 160,000 lbs. per acre, of rich green fodder, Salzer's Victoria Rape, yielding 60,000 lbs. of sheep and hog food per acre, together with Salzer's New National Oats, which has a record of 300 bu. per acre in 30 states, so also full description of Alfalfa Clover, Giant In-carnat Clover, Alaska, Timothy and thousands of other fodder plants, Grasses, Wheat, Speltz, Barleys, etc. (W. N. U.)

Scotland Yard, London, is at last to be provided with the telephone for police purposes.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

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

Address F. J. CHESTNEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

So many good words are hollow that it is excusable to wish more of them were corpulent.

It's Everywhere.

The huts of the poor, the halls of the rich, Are neither exempt from some form of Itch. Perhaps a distinction may be made in the name, But the rich and the poor must scratch just the same. O, why should the children of Adam endure, An affliction so dreadful, when Hunt's Cure does cure All forms of Itching. Price 50. Guaranteed.

The London Engineer says that the production of potatoes in Germany will be even more important in the future on account of the increasing consumption of potato alcohol for automobile purposes.

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, Texas.

Gladstone when in office did not care particularly for the visits of self-appointed committees of citizens. His definition of a deputation was "a noun signifying many, but not signifying much."

DR. COFFEE

Discover Mid Remedies That Restore Sight to Blind People. Dr. W. O. Coffee, a noted oculist, 200 Good Block, Des Moines, Iowa, has discovered mid remedies that people can use in their eyes at home and cure Catarrhs, Neuma, Granulated Lids, Ulcers on the Eyes, Weak Sore Eyes and any kind of eye trouble. Dr. Coffee has just printed 50,000 of his famous 60-page book on Eye Diseases and wants to send a copy free to every reader of this paper. This book tells how to cure the eyes and prevent blindness and how his mid treatment cures all diseases at home at small expense. Write Dr. Coffee to-day for his book. Don't wait to go blind.

Since 1840 the world's production of meat has increased 57 per cent and grain 420 per cent.

80 Bu. Macaroni Wheat Per A.

Introduced by the U. S. Dept. of Agr. It is a tremendous cropper, yielding in good land 80 bu. per acre, and on dry, arid lands, such as are found in Mont., Idaho, the Dakotas, Colo., etc., it will yield from 40 to 60 bu. This Wheat and Speltz and Hanna Barley and Bromus Inermis and Billion Dollar Grass, makes it possible to grow and fatten hogs and cattle wherever soil is found.

JUST SEND 10c AND THIS NOTICE to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and they will send you free a sample of this Wheat and other farm seeds, together with their great catalog, alone worth \$100.00 to any wide-awake farmer. (W. N. U.)

A philosopher can explain almost anything—except his philosophy.

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

Those who have not tasted the bitterest of life's bitters cannot appreciate the sweetest of life's sweets.

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

Twenty-five years ago a fisherman off the Maine coast could take 500 lobsters a day; now seventy-five is reckoned as a good catch.

All Up to Date Housekeepers use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

SENATOR M. A. HANNA IS DEAD.

The Distinguished Ohio Statesman Passed Away Surrounded by Family and Friends.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Senator Marcus Alonzo Hanna died at 6:40 o'clock yesterday evening at the family apartment in the Arlington Hotel, after an illness extending over nearly two months, filled with apparent recoveries, following by relapses and finally drifting into typhoid fever, which, in his weakened condition, he was unable to withstand. When the end came all the members of the senator's family were in the room, except Mrs. Hanna, the senator's wife, and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hanna. Mrs. Hanna

Just after his eyes closed in death Mrs. Hanna was able to come into the room. She bore up well under the ordeal, and showed calmness and bravery.

The courage which had been displayed by Mrs. Hanna was the subject of the greatest surprise. She had been in almost constant attendance on her husband, though realizing fully there was no hope for recovery. Nevertheless the remonstrances of the physicians and the added implorings of her children that she take some rest were

MARCUS ALONZO HANNA.



United States Senator from Ohio. Born at New Lisbon (now Lisbon), Ohio, Sept. 24, 1837. Has lived in Cleveland since 1852. Is head of the firm of M. A. Hanna & Co., coal dealers, director Globe Ship Manufacturing company; president Union National bank; president Cleveland City

Railway company—all at Cleveland. President Chapin Mining company, Lake Superior. Directed campaign which secured nomination and election and re-election of William McKinley as president. Chairman National Republican committee since 1896.

had left the room only a few minutes before.

The last sinking spell began at exactly 6:30 o'clock. Drs. Carter and Osler were then in attendance. They did not conceal the fact that life was about to end, and all members of the family were sent for. Mrs. McCormick, one of the senator's daughters, and Miss Phelps were present when the end came. Mr. and Mrs. Dan Hanna were the first to arrive, and they withdrew immediately to the chamber of the senator's wife to summon her to the bedside. It was while they were absent that Senator Hanna breathed his last. In the meantime Mr. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Parsons and H. M. Hanna had entered the room. Mr. Dover stood in the doorway. There were no distressing incidents attending the last moments. It was a sinking spell which terminated in ten minutes.

The War.

The central vessels held by the Russians at Port Arthur have been released.

Mr. Hay is slow to ask Russia to release the Japanese detained at Port Arthur.

The Japanese expect to profit by dissensions among the Russian commanders.

The British government has put Russia on notice that no permission to use the Dardanelles passage will be given.

The czar is said to be greatly annoyed by the publication of articles calculated to anger the United States and Great Britain.

Alexieff had a number of women arrested and has ordered that all Japanese in Manchuria be taken to Port Arthur.

It is stated from Washington that Japan is taking advantage of the bottling up of the Russian fleet to thoroughly occupy Korea.

unavailing until late in the afternoon, when she was attacked by a violent headache. She went to her room, but requested that she be called if a change in Senator Hanna's condition appeared.

For three hours before the end was announced life had practically suspended, the flickering spark kept aglow by the most powerful scientific agencies. Five minutes before death came, General Charles A. Dick came from the bedside with the announcement:

"He is worse and has only a few minutes at most."

Spontaneous outbursts of unstinted tribute were heard on every side. Men who are acknowledged leaders of the political parties, kings of commerce and finance, and men selected to serve in the highest positions in the nation were among those who expressed the country's immeasurable loss. Friends

STRUCK THE FLAG.

Of the Japanese Merchant Vessel Before She Was Sunk by Russians.

London, Feb. 16.—Under date of Feb. 13 the Daily Mail's Hakodate correspondent asserts regarding the sinking of the Japanese merchantman Zensho Maru that she had stopped and hauled down her flag. All of her crew and passengers had gone below. Nevertheless the Russians surrounded her and kept firing into her. Finally they torpedoed her and she sank. The Russians made no attempt to save the crew and passengers, who numbered thirty-three. Their action caused intense indignation among the populace ashore.

Booth-Tucker's Visit.

Dallas, Texas: Frederick Booth-Tucker, it is announced, will be in Dallas Sunday, March 30, leading three big meetings here on that day. Commander Booth-Tucker is the head of the Salvation Army in America.

took immediate charge of funeral arrangements. Services will be held in the senate chamber at noon Wednesday, at which the president, congress, cabinet, public officials and friends will be present.

For a brief period in the forenoon the body will lie in state. After the services special trains will carry the body, the family and friends to Cleveland, where services will be held at either the home of Senator Hanna or his son, Dan Hanna, on Friday. It is likely that Bishop Leonard of the Northern diocese of Ohio of the Episcopal church will conduct the services.

Humor in Last words.

The last intelligible words spoken by Senator Hanna were pathetic in his attempt to maintain to the last the humor which was characteristic of his life. Sunday morning he moved his head slightly and his eyes rolled a little to the right, and then to the left. The nurse in close attendance anticipated his want, and, bending to the patient's ear, asked if he was looking for his handkerchief.

"I think my wife has my handkerchief," the senator whispered. Members of the family, eager for any signs of consciousness or recognition which the senator might display, were told of the remark and they at once recognized it as one of his favorite rejoinders in good-natured plaguing in which Mr. and Mrs. Hanna often indulged. It was the senator's custom when he missed any personal article, especially his handkerchief, to say: "I expect my wife has it."

President Roosevelt called at the Arlington last night personally to express his condolences to the members of the late Senator Hanna's family. He saw Mrs. Hanna, Mr. H. M. Hanna, the senator's brother, and Dan R. Hanna, his son, and remained with them for some time. The president walked to the hotel unattended.

Tribute to Hanna.

Washington, Feb. 16.—There were universal expressions of regret last night among public men at the death of Senator Hanna, all of them, without distinction of party, saying the country has lost one of its most forceful and useful citizens.

Secretary Hay said the death of Senator Hanna came as a great loss. "No one who knew Senator Hanna," said Mr. Hay, "could fail to recognize in him those remarkable qualities of mind and heart that distinguished him. He was a man in a thousand for generosity, honesty and loyalty. He was one of the truest friends that ever lived."

Tributes of London Press.

London, Feb. 16.—The death of Marcus A. Hanna has brought out a number of long obituary articles in the London papers this morning and in the editorial comment of his death a high tribute is paid to his marvelous power as a political organizer.

Mark of Respect.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Both houses of congress adjourned today immediately on the announcement of the death of Senator Hanna. No business was transacted in either house. As soon as the senate met Senator Foraker announced the death of his colleague and offered resolutions of regret and for a committee to take charge of the funeral arrangements. A committee consisting of twenty senators was named by President Pro Tem Frye, and the sergeant at arms directed to make the necessary arrangements for the funeral services, both here and at Cleveland.

Value of Antitoxin.

Chicago: Proof that antitoxin saves hundreds of lives in Chicago yearly is offered by the health department in its weekly bulletin. The use of antitoxin in the treatment of diphtheria was begun by this city nine years ago, and since that time the mortality has been 5,400, or 47 per cent, while the population has increased nearly 600,000, or 52 per cent. The recent action of manufacturers in increasing the price of the serum to \$1.33 per 1000 units led the department to ascertain the cost of manufacture, which it declares is less than 20 cents.

Smothered by Cotton Seed.

Ballinger, Texas: At the oil mill Monday morning, Jay Saxton, a boy about 16 years old, went into the seed-house and laid down and went to sleep. Sometime after his brother went to look for him and found him covered up in a pile of seed which had fallen down over him and smothered him to death. No blame is attached to the company or any one connected therewith.

WOMAN BURNED.

SHE WAS SITTING IN A TENT AT SOUR LAKE.

HUSBAND WENT TO HER AID.

It Was Too Late, However, to Do Any Good—She Had Been an Invalid.

Sour Lake, Texas, Feb. 13.—Mrs. Nellie Kerr, aged 40 years, was burned to death at 9 o'clock yesterday morning. Deceased was the wife of W. E. Kerr, car inspector for the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company. Mrs. Kerr had been in poor health several months, and in order that she might have proper attention Mr. Kerr pitched a tent near his place of daily labor and at spare moments would visit his wife. Yesterday morning about 8:50 Mr. Kerr left his wife sitting in a rocking chair with a heavy quilt wrapped about her. She was sitting by a stove in which a fire was burning when Mr. Kerr left her. He had not been absent more than 15 minutes when he returned to the tent. When within seventy-five feet of the tent he observed that more smoke than usual was emanating therefrom, and he ran as fast as he could to see what was the matter. Upon nearing the entrance he heard a groan and on entering he found his wife lying prostrate on the floor, her clothing enveloped in flames. Mr. Kerr jerked a heavy woollen blanket from the bed and smothered the flames, but when he had finished his task Mrs. Kerr was burned so badly that she was not recognizable. In trying to save his wife Mr. Kerr's eyebrows, moustache and hair were burned and several blisters were made on his hands.

Justice Pelt held the inquest and rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr came originally from Buchanan, W. Va., and came from Beaumont to Sour Lake several months ago. This is the second tragedy that has occurred in the Kerr family. About seven years ago, soon after Mr. and Mrs. Kerr came to Texas, their little child was run over and killed by a train. Since that event Mrs. Kerr has been more and more despondent, and her health became impaired. Mr. Kerr stated that his wife rested very little the night before, and he thinks she dropped off to sleep in the chair and when awakened by the flames she was too weak or too excited to protect herself. The tent and everything in it except Mrs. Kerr's apparel and the quilt in which she was wrapped were not so much as damaged. The remains of Mrs. Kerr were shipped to Beaumont yesterday evening, where they will be interred.

Russian Red Cross.

St. Petersburg: The Dowager Empress has issued a rescript for the Red Cross of Russia, directing it to make provision to alleviate the sufferings of the wounded in the war with Japan. A branch of the Red Cross has been established in the new hermitage of the winter palace. Offers of service have been so numerous that no more will be continued for the present.

The continuance of patriotic demonstrations, in which thousands of students and workmen participated, are reported from Moscow and other places.

New Ready to Talk on Canal.

Washington: The senate went into executive session Friday on motion of Senator Cullom. It was his purpose to resume consideration of the Panama canal treaty, but no senator was ready to speak and, after confirming several nominations, the senate resumed open business.

Germany's Alleged Aid to Russia.

London: The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Telegraph claims unimpeachable authority to declare that in the event of Russia being defeated in the Far East, Germany will make a diversion in her favor likely to have far-reaching results.

Wolves Traced Gains.

El Paso, Texas: G. L. Gains of New York City, who has just returned here from a hunting trip in the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico, had a thrilling experience with a pack of large grey wolves while in the wilderness. Gains, while pursuing a deer, became separated from his companions and encountered the wolves. The wolves attacked him and he took refuge in a tree, remaining there for twelve hours, surrounded by the pack, until rescued by his companions.

SENATOR HANNA'S CONDITION.

Not Considered Serious in Morning. Thought Climax is Reached.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Senator Hanna's condition yesterday morning was not considered serious. It is believed by the physicians that the climax of the disease has been reached. This may continue until today and it may continue for a much longer time.

A thorough examination of the senator was made at 9 o'clock, as a result of which the following bulletin was issued a few minutes before 10 o'clock:

"Senator Hanna had a comfortable night, but his fever is higher, 104, and pulse more rapid, 112; respiration 28. Irritability of the stomach has disappeared."

Condition Alarming.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna's condition is alarming. His temperature has risen rapidly, and he fails to respond to stimulants. A message has just hurriedly been sent for oxygen.

Unconscious Two Hours.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Hanna is in a very critical condition. Been unconscious two hours.

No Hope Held Out.

Washington, Feb. 12.—At 5:40 it was announced that Senator Hanna's respiration was a little stronger, and that if there is any change in his condition he is slightly better. No hope, however, is held out by those at his bedside.

ROWS FOR WEEVILS.

A Border of Corn Will Keep the Cotton Quite Free.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 13.—In case any of the farmers plant their cotton before they meet the government experts and organizers, this point may be of use to them: Prof. Curtis says that he tried planting a row of corn or two of early cotton, well fertilized to stimulate rapid growth, around the outside of the field where he intended to plant his main crop of cotton. As a result the weevil attacked these outside rows, as he intended they should, but they got so busy and interested with the destruction of those few trap rows that they did very little damage to the bulk of the cotton, planted quite a distance from these trap rows. He further stated that the weevil hibernates in the woods, and that it is a good plan to put a row or two of early cotton between any timber on the farm and the balance of the crop. An important point is to plant the trap rows first, so they will get a good start, and it would not be a bad idea to plant a few rows of corn next the trap rows, between it and your main field of cotton. The experiment costs nothing to try, and several who have tried it pronounce it worth adopting.

Kansas-Oklahoma Boundary.

Guthrie, Ok.: The interior department has informed Governor Ferguson that it will not participate in the Kansas-Oklahoma boundary dispute. The governor has been importuned by numerous Oklahoma farmers along the border asking for aid in repelling the Kansas farmers, who are charged with encroaching on Oklahoma lands. A survey was made in 1857, and Secretary Hitchcock states a new survey would have to be ordered by congress and money appropriated for the expenses.

Has the Sap Stopped.

San Antonio, Texas: Word has reached here from Alice that the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway, after completing the grade on its Brownsville extension to the Lassiter ranch, fifty miles from Alice, has stopped grading indefinitely. The road has only eleven miles of rails laid, but it is said that the track laying will proceed uninterruptedly to the end of the grade.

Neck Broken by Woodpile.

Paris, Texas: While a little boy 3 years old, son of Mrs. Gibson, a widow near Pattonville, was climbing on top of a pile of wood, it tumbled down on him, wounding him in the breast and head. He arose and started toward the House, but only walked two or three steps when he fell and expired. His neck was broken.

Found Dynamite in Trunk.

Liverpool: Customs officials found eighteen pounds of dynamite and 3,365 detonators in possession of an Austrian emigrant on board the White Star Line steamer Majestic, which left New York Feb. 3 and arrived here Thursday. The Austrian's trunk had a false bottom, in which the dynamite was concealed. The man, who gave his name as Iva Sinebanec, and who was ostensibly bound for Carlbad, was arrested and remanded until Feb. 20.

FRAUDS IN A BALE OF HAY.

Frauds in Watch Cases.

According to an article in the Cincinnati Commercial, a fifty-one pound stone was recently found in that city secreted in a bale of hay of eighty pounds.

This is not as bad as finding a lump of lead of nearly one-half the weight of the solid gold watch case secreted in the center of the case.

Gold watch cases are sold by weight, and no one can see where this lead is secreted until the springs of the case are taken out and the lead will be found secreted behind them.

These cases are made by companies who profess to be honest but furnish the means to the dishonest to rob the public. It is not pleasant for anyone to find that he has lugged a lump of lead in his watch case.

Another trick of the makers of spurious gold watch cases is to stamp the case "U. S. Assay." The United States does not stamp any article made out of gold and silver except coin, and the fakir, by using this stamp, wants to make the public believe that the government had something to do with the stamping or guaranteeing the fineness of watch cases.

Another trick of the watch fakir is to advertise a watch described as a solid gold blind watch with a twenty or twenty-five year guarantee. These watches are generally sent C. O. D., and if the purchaser has paid for the watch he finds that the company which guaranteed the watch to wear is not in existence.

The Duobor-Hampden Watch Company of Canton, Ohio, who are constantly exposing these frauds, will furnish the names of the manufacturers who are in this questionable business.

It is reported from Rhodesia that work on the bridge which is to span the Zambesi river near the famous Victoria falls, will be begun soon. The bridge will be of one span, 600 feet in length, and will cross the Zambesi some 400 feet above the water over a narrow gorge through which the river flows at that point.

If you want to spend a couple of pleasant and instructive hours, read in last Sunday's New York World the remarkable story of John B. Rockefeller's rise to power and of the happier fate of his cousin and schoolmate, William Miller, now a Brooklyn newspaper distributor; the tale of a Philadelphia girl's heroism and a man's pluck in a strange emergency; the romance of Germany's Crown Prince and his American girl acquaintances; remarkable scientific discoveries of the influence of color on human beings—these are a few of the interesting features in last Sunday's New York World.

A farmer wrote to his lawyer as follows: "Will you please tell me where you learned to write? I have a boy I wish to send to school, and I am afraid I may hit upon the same school that you went to."

The Italian peasants take as great care of their chestnut tree as American farmers do of their apple trees. This is supposed to account for the fact that the Italian nuts are five times as big as the American.

Notwithstanding the progress of machine made lace there are in France today about 300,000 women who make it by hand. Many of them get only 30 cents for twelve or fourteen hours' work.

Modern agricultural implements are used throughout New Zealand, especially in the South Island, in preparing the soil, planting and sowing seed, cultivating during growth and harvesting and gathering crops.

Cement is being used instead of wood for piles. They are made in triangular shape and are driven in the same manner as those of wood.

Modesty is not so easily shocked as prudence.

SURE

The Robust Physique Can Stand More Coffee Than a Weak One.

A young Virginian says: "Having a naturally robust constitution far above the average and not having a nervous temperament, my system was able to resist the incursions upon it by the use of coffee for some years but finally the straits began to tell."

"For ten years I have been employed as telegraph operator and typewriter by a railroad in this section and until two years ago I had used coffee continually from the time I was eight years old, nearly 20 years."

"The work of operating the telegraph key is a great strain upon the nerves and after the day's work was over I would feel nervous, irritable, run down and toward the last suffered greatly from insomnia and neuralgia. As I never indulged in intoxicating liquors, drugs or tobacco in any form I came to the conclusion that coffee and tea were causing the gradual break-down of my nervous system and having read an article in the Medical Magazine on the composition of coffee and its toxic effect upon the system, I was fully convinced that coffee was the cause of my trouble."

"Seeing Postum spoken of as not having any of the deteriorating effects of coffee I decided to give up the stimulant and give Postum a trial. The result was agreeably surprising. After a time my nerves became wonderfully strong, I can do all my work at the telegraph key and typewriter with far greater ease than ever before. My weight has increased 35 pounds, my general health keeping pace with it, and I am a new man and a better one." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Look in each pkg. for the famous "The Road to Wellville."



Sofa Pillows.

The new soft pillows are now being made of very gorgeous and rather costly materials, silk velour and gold cloth being really the latest thing. These are heavy and wear well, so they pay in the end if one does not become tired of the same cover. Gold braid is used for finishing and narrow cordings of velvet are frequently used along the edge. The cloth of gold is a dull shade, suggestive of bronze, and the design is a handsome novelty, but not really practical for everyday use. Leather designs are still handsome for the den and are delightfully durable, but not at all appreciated as an article intended to promote rest. Oriental designs are most attractive and are quite inexpensive and are made with very little work. The heavy linen stamped with odd conventional designs make up very prettily for a really useful pillow, while the plaid ginghams and other wash fabrics are still holding favor for the couch which is used for the siesta.

Useful Pin Cushion.

The convenience of a pin cushion which can be hung at the side of a mirror or in some similar position is self-evident. A novel and useful one can be made from a large-size roll of parasol. To get the best results one of some bright-colored silk should be used. It must be closed and the cover tacked to the stick at each rib; then each of the sections becomes separated from every other and can be fitted at the top and stuffed either with bran or wool wadding picked into bits. When the cushions are slipped into place they can be tacked firmly into position and the parasol further ornamented with bows of ribbon tied on wherever fancy indicates. To make the best foundation the parasol should have a hooked handle by which it can be hung, but should such not be obtainable a ribbon loop can be attached to a handle of any sort.

For Morning Wear.

Pretty and attractive house jackets deserve to be numbered among the essentials of life and add both to the comfort of the wearer and her charm.



4523 Morning Jacket, 32 to 42 bust.

This one includes a becoming wide collar that is almost a cape and is suited to a variety of materials, but is shown in pale blue cashmere with trimming of ecru lace. The fronts are loose, but the back is fitted, so doing away with any unpleasant suggestion of a negligee, and the sleeves are the wide, puffed ones of the season. To make the jacket for a woman of medium size will be required 3 yards of material 27 to 32 or 2 yards 44 inches wide, with 4 1/2 yards of lace and 1 1/2 yards insertion.

A May Manton pattern, No. 4523, sizes 32 to 40, will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents.

Bridal Fashions.

Brides are wearing the plainest of dead-white satin gowns at the altar. These are generally cut on princesses, with some beautiful lace employed for the emplacement and sleeves.

Lace veils are more worn than tulle. The flowers for this occasion are white roses and myrtle; a sprig of orange blossoms is generally mingled with the flowers of the wreath. These are worn rather low on the forehead, the hair being pulled well forward and pinned here and there over the flowers to prevent that heavy regularity of the line of white that is sometimes so trying to the prettiest and youngest of faces.

Comfort and Economy.

It is in the construction of dainty lingerie that the clever amateur can show her individual taste and talent. And here it is that only remnants can be utilized. A length of pretty silk or satin, with a little nun's veiling, can be

turned into the coziest bed or dressing jacket and perhaps trimmed with a dainty collar taken from an old blouse. The kimona is a charming pattern for the flannel dressing gown, and very little trimming is required on this beyond a piece of quaint embroidery or lace at the neck, and to edge the wide sleeves.

Sectional Petticoat.

The petticoat made with detachable flounce has many advantages. It allows the use of clinging materials above the knees where such are desirable, and of silk or any preferred fabric below. It makes possible the snug habit back in combination with a generously flared flounce. Withal it is economical as one upper portion can be made to serve for several flounces, so allowing change of color and appearance with the minimum of cost, or of several washable flounces to one skirt, the flounces always being the perishable portion. This very excellent model combines stockinette with taffeta, but various combinations can be made of silk, mohair, cambric or any other skirting material can be used; or, again, the skirt can be made suitable for the thinnest gowns by the addition of a straight flounce of plisse silk or net over the circular one of silk.



4635 Sectional Petticoat, 22 to 34 waist.

The petticoat consists of skirt, flounce and band. The skirt is cut in five gores and is without fullness at the back. The placket is made at the left front seam and the upper edge can be finished with a belt or cut in dip outline and underfaced as preferred. Both the band and the flounces are circular, the former slightly, the latter generously and at the edge of the flounce is a narrow gathered frill.

The quantity of material required for the medium size is, for skirt 2 1/2 yards 21 or 1 1/2 yards 30 inches wide; for flounce and band 6 1/2 yards 21 or 3 1/2 yards 36 inches wide.

The pattern 4635 is cut in sizes for a 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32 and 34 inch waist measure.

Beauty in Fine Linen.

Fine linen really presents a snub in art nowadays, while as to costliness one might squander a small fortune on a comparatively meager household equipment in this line. The linen itself, so fine and sheer and silky as to delight both eye and touch, is adorned with Arabian, cluny and fllet laces, the antique, square mesh styles being particularly desirable for combination with this material. A set comprising lunch cloth and napkins is made beautiful with drawwork and is banded round a center of plain linen. Delicate shading is effected by means of the drawwork. Here and there upon it flowers are tossed—roses, clover blooms, chrysanthemums and tulips. These have filmy centers of drawwork, giving a most graceful touch of lightness. All the decoration is hand-wrought, the work of humble peasants in Germany, who surely must have labored at it for very love.

Latest in Sleeves.

More sleeves of evening coats are made with the deep cuff and the full drooping puff above than in any other way, but the flowing sleeve rather short filled in with chiffon or lace ruffles is better. There may be a narrow cuff at the wrist on the broad hem. One of the latest ideas is to have a broad hem of velvet seven or eight inches deep just at the bottom without stitching or any finish, excepting folds or bands of the goods that fall over at the top.

Readers of this paper can secure any May Manton pattern illustrated above by filling out all blanks in coupon, and mailing, with 10 cents, to E. E. Harrison & Co., 65 Plymouth Place, Chicago. Patterns will be mailed promptly.

Name _____
 Town _____
 State _____
 Pattern No. _____
 Waist Measure (if for skirt) _____
 Bust Measure (if for waist) _____
 Age (if child or miss's pattern) _____

Write plainly. Fill out all blanks. Enclose 10c. Mail to E. E. Harrison & Co., 65 Plymouth Place, Chicago.

The Dangers of Fox Hunting.

Crowds "go hunting," but few ride to hounds, so statistics are absolutely useless. Of the thrusters—the ones who come to grief least—are the sportsmen who keep their eye on the leading hound and try to land on his tail every time. The golden rule is: Throw your heart over first, and then you and your horse and the leading dog and the fox are certain to be in the same field. It is level money which you get killed first.—London Daily Mail.

Target Practice Cartridge.

A new cartridge for target practice by marine, especially for ranges of about twenty-five yards, has been devised. The bullet will weigh seventy-eight grains, and will be .31 inch diameter, or a diameter of .002 inch greater than the bore of the rifle. Three grains of smokeless powder will be used, and with the experiments which have been made excellent results have been attained at twenty-five yards.

The Belgian city of Liege, with a population of 150,000, maintains 10,000 drink sellers.

Three Doctors' Opinions.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15th.—Physicians have accepted Dodd's Kidney Pills as the standard remedy for diseases of the Kidneys and Hindred complaints. R. H. Dunaway, M. D., of Benton, Ill., says:

"Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me of Diabetes after everything else had failed and I was given up to die. I have since prescribed them in my regular practice for every form of Kidney Trouble and have never as yet known them to fail."

Jesse L. Limes, M. D., St. John, Kansas, says:

"I prescribed Dodd's Kidney Pills for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McBride of this place who suffered from Epileptic fits following Scarletina; results were miraculous; I have never seen anything like it."

Leland Williamson, M. D., Yorktown, Ark., says:

"Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine I know of for all forms of Kidney Disease. I believe in using the remedy that relieves and cures my patients, whether ethical or not and I always prescribe Dodd's Kidney Pills and can testify that they invariably accomplish a permanent and perfect cure of all Kidney Complaints."

M. Bunau-Varilla is the French engineer who was invited by the king of Roumania to improve the navigable waters of that country. He utilized a dredge of his own invention, which is believed to be the first of the kind to be operated by electrical power. Its advantages have since led to its extensive use elsewhere.

Beyond Expression.

G. W. Farlowe, West Plains, Mo., writes:

"For nearly seven years I was afflicted with a form of skin disease which caused an almost unbearable itching. I could neither work, rest or sleep in peace. Nothing gave me permanent relief until I tried Hunt's Cure. One application relieved me; one box cured me, and though a year has passed, I have stayed cured. I am grateful beyond expression."

Hunt's Cure is a guaranteed remedy for all itching diseases of the skin. Price 50c.

Only half the razors imported into South Africa are of British make; the rest is chiefly of German origin. Even the "educated Hottentot" shaves himself now occasionally.

It Matters Not.

No matter the name; no matter the place, if you are afflicted with that intolerable, often excreting itching sensation, you want a cure and want it quick.

Hunt's Cure is infallible, never failing remedy. It cures. Only 50c per box and strictly guaranteed.

The South African cycle trade is almost entirely in the hands of the British. American bicycles are imported in but small quantities.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold

Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

It's almost as hard for some men to live up to their reputations as it is for others to live theirs down.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children's teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

The longest span of life is that of the elephant, which will survive two centuries.

FITS permanently cured. No fever or nervousness after 3rd day's use of Dr. King's Great Peppermint Cure. Send for FREE 89.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. E. H. Knapp, Ltd., 251 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Flittington—Are you doing any Christmas shopping yet?

Dropsy treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialists in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

Mrs. Simpkins—No, not yet. I'm just helping to crowd the stores.

A sign of politeness in Tibet on meeting a person is to hold up the clasped hand and stick out the tongue.

Lobsters cannot be persuaded to grow up together peacefully. If a dozen newly hatched specimens are put into an aquarium, within a few days there will be only one—a large, fat and promising youngster. He has eaten all the rest.

Inglot on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

Agriculture is comparatively easy work in China. The soil is so rich that a square mile of it is capable of supporting a population of 4,000.

Why Do We Die?

Vital statistics classified show the respiratory organs to be the feeble point in man. Diseases of the lungs are out of all proportion in fatality. Take Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein for coughs, colds and consumption.

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

Car fare is not needed by school children in Victoria, Australia. They are carried in street cars to and from school free of charge.

Largest growers of **ONION** and Vegetable Seeds in the World.

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Our Prices range from 60 cents to \$1.50 per pound, and no better seed is found on earth.

How to grow 1,200 bushels Onions per acre with such ease order.

John A. Salzer Seed Co., LA CROSSE, WIS.

Every housewife glants over finely starched linen and white goods. Concett is justifiable after using Defiance Starch. It gives a stiff, glossy whiteness to the clothes and does not rot them. It is absolutely pure. It is the most economical because it goes farthest, does more and costs less than others. To be had of all grocers at 10 oz. for 10c.

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A substitute for and superior to ointment or any other plaster, and will not blister the most delicate skin. The pain-relieving and curative qualities of this article are wonderful. It will stop the toothache at once, and relieve headache and sciatica. 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 gouty 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 15c each, 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 MFG. CO., 17 State Street, New York City.

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

Local Items.

Schotten's coffee at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Pearl tapioca at Billy Lewis & Company's.

Miss Lizzie Howard is visiting at Kennard.

All kinds of cereals at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Everything in feed stuffs at Billy Lewis & Co's.

The best assortment of brooms is at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Miss Lizzie McCord of Cameron is visiting Miss Evie Hail.

Billy Lewis & Co. keep Hyman's pickles in every form.

Buy your hog fencing and poultry netting from the Big Store.

They look like new when you have them pressed at Kennedy's.

Chrysolite pans, coffee pots, boilers, etc., at Billy Lewis & Co's.

5000 feet of good fencing at \$8.50 per thousand at the Big Store.

You get the best vinegar at Billy Lewis & Co's for 25c per gallon.

The prettiest line of trimmings and accessories in town at the Big Store.

Mrs. S. M. Peck of Corsicana is visiting her father and family of this city.

The Big Store is selling their beautiful rugs at a greatly reduced price.

Fresh country ground meal out of selected white corn at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Buy corn and cotton planters, harrows and middle bursters from the Big Store.

Armour's canned meats and Numsen's canned vegetables at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Buy a shaving outfit from Crysups and save \$25 or \$30 a year on your barber bill.

At Billy Lewis & Co's, you get three 2-pound cans of Numsen's string beans for 25c.

During the month of February is a good time to have that suit pressed at Kennedy's.

Cleaning and pressing is an art. We have the artist.

KING & MILLAR.

This is the day you ought to decide to have that suit cleaned and pressed at Kennedy's.

Tony Gossett will again be in the race for tax assessor. His announcement will appear later.

Dr. T. M. Sherman and little son of Coltharp paid the COURIER a visit Thursday of last week.

If you are looking for fine stationery you need go no farther than Crysups. He has the finest.

Full line of cutlery, violin and guitar strings, rubber goods and fish hooks and lines at Crysups.

D. H. Rhoden and M. Brashears are among those who have remembered the COURIER since its last issue.

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When you see a man looking like a last year's bird nest, you may know he didn't have his suit pressed at Kennedy's.

H. W. McCelvey again enters the race for county commissioner, precinct No. 4. He is now serving his first term in office as commissioner and has made a creditable record, looking after the county's affairs to the best of his ability.

Don't Go Wrong

This New Year, make it a point to buy your Drugs from us. It will be to your interest, because we sell you only the best. We we make close prices and we give you your money's worth. Come and see us.

B. F. Chamberlain,

THE DRUGGIST.

The Big Store is showing an elegant line of Swiss, Bobbinet and lace curtains and tapestry portieres. Take a look at them.

At a great expense the Big Store has secured another car of King's Improved seed, first selected. Plant them and raise cotton.

When a man begins to feel like his friends are not always glad to see him, he ought to have that suit cleaned and pressed at Kennedy's.

Hon. John B. Peyton of Trinity was in the city Monday. He is prominently spoken of as a probable candidate for the state senate from this district.

Mr. C. E. Young of Palestine was in Crockett Tuesday afternoon in the interest of the Palestine Dramatic company which is to play here tonight (Thursday).

Parties who have contracted with the Big Store for cotton seed will please call for them as we need the room.

JAS. S. SHIVES & CO.

Your personal appearance, that's our business. Let us clean and press your suit. Satisfaction guaranteed.

KING & MILLAR, Tailors.

Miss Mary Lynne of West Virginia, Miss Archie Denman and Miss Frances Wootters of Lufkin were the guests of Miss Ethel Wootters Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Grace May is expected to return tonight from Beaumont. She will be accompanied by Miss Nellie Long and Mr. Fred Long of Ohio who will visit the former.

Miss Corinne Smith, a very charming young lady of Elberton, Ga., who was the guest of Miss Maggie Foster last winter, is expected to again visit Crockett in the spring.

Geo. F. McCullar, who lives near Lovelady, called to see us Wednesday morning. Mr. McCullar is one of those farmers who raise something besides cotton and have plenty.

W. J. Peacock announces this week for commissioner, precinct No. 3. Mr. Peacock is a good man and no doubt will draw a strong support from his precinct. He is a farmer, is in close touch with the masses and if elected will serve the people honestly and faithfully.

John A. Goolsby announces this week for district clerk. Mr. Goolsby has lived in Houston county all his life, being born and reared on a farm near Crockett. He is well qualified for the office and should be elected will discharge the duties of the same in a satisfactory manner.

New wrinkles for spring? You've probably discovered them in that suit you are wearing. We take them out. Cleaning and pressing is one of our hobbies.

KING & MILLAR.

Our friends who contemplate running for office must remember that all announcements must be paid in advance. We propose to treat all alike in this matter and no exception will be made no matter how good one's credit is.

There may not be a skeleton in every closet, but there's hardly a closet in Crockett that doesn't contain a lot of garments that ought to have the attention of our cleaning and pressing department. Costs but little, helps a lot.

KING & MILLAR.

Silas M. Holcomb announces this week for sheriff. Mr. Holcomb was reared in this county and has never offered for office before. He was reared on the farm and is regarded by those who know him as an exemplary citizen and well qualified for the office to which he aspires.

John Spence's announcement appears this week for re-election to the office of county attorney. He is filling this office his second alternating term and has filled it with credit to himself and the county. He has proved himself an able prosecutor, diligently looking after the affairs of the county.

L. A. Sallas announces this week as a candidate for county attorney. Mr. Sallas is a deserving young man and like many other poor young men has had a hard pull of it to gain a footing in the legal profession. He is well qualified for the office and will be governed by the democratic primary.

John D. McCullar announces this week for county commissioner of precinct No. 3, subject to the democratic primary. Mr. McCullar was a candidate four years ago for this office and, if we remember correctly, was defeated only by a small majority. He is well and favorably known to the people of his precinct.

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Miss Lizzie Howard entertained the Misses Wootters, Miss Denman, Miss Lynne, Miss Foster and Miss Smith at supper Saturday evening. After supper a number of the young men were invited and the evening was spent very pleasantly in playing medicine man, flinch and high-five. Sherbet and cake were served.

City Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett, Texas, that an election be held on the 5th day of April, 1904, to elect a mayor, a city attorney and two aldermen, and Johnson Phillips is hereby appointed manager of same. Passed unanimously. 4t

S. T. BEASLEY, Mayor.

CHAS. LONG, Secretary.

Married at Georgetown.

Marvin Ellis, accompanied by Judge Newman, Will Ike Kennedy, Lee Moore and T. B. Satterwhite, left Monday night for Georgetown, where he was married on Wednesday evening to Miss Mabel Olivia Girvin, daughter of Mrs. M. M. Girvin of that city. The ceremony was solemnized at the Methodist church. Marvin and his bride will be at home in Crockett after February 21.

A Leap Year Party.

Miss Ethel Wootters gave a leap year party Friday evening complimentary to her visitors, Miss Lynne of West Virginia, Miss Denman and Miss Frances Wootters of Lufkin. The leap year idea was carried out in every particular. The young ladies called for the young gentlemen and escorted them to the party, having made the engagements themselves and taking the place of the escort in every way. At the party a small package containing the name of some young gentleman guest was sold to the highest bidder, and the bidding was keen, considering the fact that the young ladies did not know the name the package contained. Or perhaps that accounted for the sharp bidding. Any price not to exceed \$5000 could be bid for a man and the limit was reached in every case. The score cards suggested the near approach of St. Valentine's day—a dainty heart-shaped Valentine with a verse. Every feature of the entertainment was a success. Miss Wootters is one of Crockett's most popular entertainers, and for witty speech and skill at repartee is not to be surpassed. Refreshments were served.

For District Judge.

The COURIER has the pleasure of presenting the name of Judge Benjamin H. Gardner of Palestine this week for the office of district judge of this, the third, judicial district. Judge Gardner was a candidate for this office four years ago and was opposed by Judge A. D. Lipscomb, now of Beaumont, and Judge John Young Gooch, the present incumbent. He made a clean candidacy for the office and while suffering defeat at the polls his campaign record was without a blemish and without suspicion of unfairness. He is a strong man, a strong lawyer and is popular with the bar. Solicitation for his entering the race has been pressing and after mature consideration the judge has decided to allow his name to be used. He is of retiring manner, a clear and quick judge of the law and from many years of successful practice knows the law. He will add dignity to the bench and give justice and fairness to all should he receive the nomination at the primaries.

A Silver Wedding.

Mrs. Corry will go to Houston to-day (Thursday) to participate in Mrs. J. O. Ross' silver wedding celebration. Mrs. Corry will be in Mrs. Ross' receiving party. A number of the invitations have been received here by the friends of Mrs. Ross, who spent her early years in Crockett. The invitations are engraved and done in silver with embossed monogram and read: "Mr. and Mrs. Jas. O. Ross request the honor of your presence at the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage, Friday evening, Feb. 19, 1904, at their residence, Houston, Texas. No presents."

Cancer Cured!

Mr. W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Ill., writes, Sept. 10th, 1901: "I had been suffering several years with a cancer on my face, which gave me great annoyance and unbearable itching. I was using Ballard's Snow Liniment for a sore leg, and through an accident, I rubbed some of the liniment on the cancer, and as it gave me almost instant relief, I decided to continue to use the liniment on the cancer. In a short time the cancer came out, my face healed up and there is not the slightest scar left. I have implicit faith in the merits of this preparation, and it cannot be too highly recommended." 25c, 50c and \$1.00. For sale by Smith & French Drug Company.

It Will Pay You

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Lime, Cement, Sash, Doors, Shingles, Moulding, Pickets, etc.

Satisfaction guaranteed.

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T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

Enoch Arden Postponed.

On account of the rain Thursday the Palestine Dramatic club postponed its Crockett engagement until Friday evening. Enoch Arden will be presented by a superb cast Friday evening for the benefit of the Texas World's Fair commission. The acts will be interspersed with a musical program by both Palestine and Crockett talent. On account of the company being unable to remain over night, the play will begin promptly at 7 o'clock and the north bound train will be held for them.

A Big Farm.

It is not generally known, even by our home people, that the largest melon, potato and tomato plantation in the south is situated near Crockett. Such is a fact. The Natalie Plantation company, of which Mr. George H. Campbell is president and Mr. Nat Wetzel is general manager, has the largest farm of its kind in the south. This farm lies within three miles of Crockett and is being planted altogether in fruit, truck and feed under the direction of Messrs. Campbell and Wetzel.

Perfect Confidence.

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford, of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain."



A TOUCH OF "RHEUMATISM?"

Get that prescription of Dr. Helms that did you so much good last time re-filled; or, if the pain's of a different sort, ask the good doctor to write you another one, bring it to us and we will compound it with conscientious care.

SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

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Wants your trade always and is in a position to guarantee satisfaction on all purchases of

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Shoes, etc.

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THE COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic party:

- For District Judge
B. H. Gardner
- For Sheriff
A. W. Phillips
John C. Lacy
Jim Barbee
S. M. Holcomb
- For County Treasurer
T. C. Lively
- For County Clerk
C. G. (Gorshom) Lansford
Nat E. Allbright
- For Tax Collector
J. W. Brightman
- For District Clerk
Nat Patton
J. B. Stanton
John A. Goolsby
- For County Attorney
L. A. Sallas
John Spence
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 2
J. E. Bean
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 3
W. J. Peacock
J. D. McCullar
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 4
H. W. McCelvey
- For Constable Prec. No. 1
O. B. (Deb) Hale
T. B. (Bony) Satterwhite

RAILROAD TO BE BUILT.

About two months ago the COURIER made mention of the fact that a new line of railroad was projected to extend from Kansas City to Houston and would pass through Crockett. Our information was secured from Mr. P. W. Bean, who was in our city at the time and was locating a route from Kansas City to the gulf. Mr. Bean left Crockett by private conveyance, going by way of Pennington, Groveton and Cold Springs in San Jacinto county to Houston. Nothing more was heard of Mr. Bean or his road until the following dispatch appeared in the Dallas News-Grand Saline, Tex., Feb. 10.—P. W. Bean, whose home is at Kansas City, was here today. He was through here about two months ago, locating a route for the projected line of railroad from Kansas City to Houston, Tex., which route has now been established and work will commence on said line in the near future at Athens, in Henderson County, and it is expected that the road will be completed to Palestine south and to Grand Saline north, by way of Canton, a distance of about 100 miles, during this year.

It seems from the above that the road is to be built and built immediately. Crockett should not let the road go east of us, as it will do if it does not touch here.

Crockett needs a competing north and south line of railway, such as the road from Kansas City to Houston would give. It would afford competition in the matter of shipping fruit and vegetables to the north and cotton to the south. If the I. & G. N. had a strong competitor here it would give Crockett a better depot. The depot here is not in keeping with the railway traffic. More people get off and on the train at Crockett and more freight is handled here than at any other station on the I. & G. N. between Palestine and Houston.

It is officially stated by the company that the Trinity and Brazos Valley railroad will be extended from Mexia in this direction in the spring. It is claimed that this road will cross the Gulf division of the I. & G. N. either at Crockett or Trinity. An effort will be made at the proper time to have it cross at Crockett and the COURIER believes the chances are good for our city to get the road. We had considerable encouragement from the company last summer when the matter of the extension was dropped until spring.

EXPLANATION FROM DR. KNAPP

In Regard to Demonstration Farm Plans of the Department Changed.

EDITOR COURIER:—After receiving several letters from Dr. S. A. Knapp, special agent of the agricultural department, and having had the plans as outlined heretofore published on February 4 in your paper, I have concluded to ask for fifty farmers in Houston county who will cultivate as much as ten acres in cotton under the direction and by plans outlined by the agricultural department. By this means you get the benefit of all the knowledge acquired by the department and also the actual field experience gained in several years' work in the southwestern part of the state. Please give your names at once as there will be an employe of the agricultural department on the ground very soon and we wish to know who will take an interest in this work.

I herewith hand you a personal letter from Dr. S. A. Knapp, explaining the action of the department and why they can not establish as many demonstration farms as heretofore outlined. I hope that the people will take prompt action in regard to the above proposition as I think it a rare opportunity to get well posted on the cultural methods of growing cotton as adopted by the department and which has been very successful in fighting the boll weevil. Yours very truly,

A. H. WOOTTERS.

DR. KNAPP'S LETTER.

HOUSTON, TEX., Jan. 30, 1904.

Mr. A. H. Wootters, Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir:—The following explanation is due you in regard to demonstration farms: Prior to going to Washington it was my understanding that a series of demonstration farms would be established throughout the state; but after a full discussion by the chiefs of the department, which has been very complete and somewhat protracted, the plan outlined in the inclosed circular was unanimously adopted. In fact it was found impossible to establish any number of general demonstration farms sufficient to give information or relief. You note that we have provided for demonstration farms to cover the cotton question in the plans. After we have adopted them other crops may be taken up, but for the present year, I am authorized only to establish such farms as will demonstrate that cotton can be grown despite the boll weevil. I think it advisable to establish one of these near every market town, then secure the co-operation of every intelligent farmer in an effort to produce cotton the present year. I should be glad to have the views of a man like yourself on this subject. Personally I am in favor of doing the work I have outlined in this circular and of establishing general demonstration farms in addition, but realize we have neither the men nor the money to do so in the present season. I trust that I can rely on you to co-operate with us on the plans we have outlined, and that great good may come to the people through their successful production. Very truly yours,

S. A. KNAPP.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him permanent relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Citation by Publication.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon George Lester, and the unknown heirs of George Lester, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Third Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Third Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, on the first Monday in March, 1904, the same being the seventh day of March, 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 12th day of January, 1904, in a suit numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 4842, wherein J. W. Hail, W. H. Denny and R. M. Atkinson are Plaintiffs, and George Lester and the unknown heirs of George Lester, deceased, are Defendants, and said petition alleging that Plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple, of the following described tract of land, to-wit: Situated in Houston County, Texas, and known as the George Lester 320 acre survey. Beginning at the S. E. corner of R. M. Bridges survey, whence a P. O. brs. E. 3.8 vrs., a P. O. mkd. B. M. brs. S. 77 E. 7 vrs. Thence S. 30 w. at 1344 vrs., stake whence a hickory brs. S. 37 w. 6.5 vrs., a R. O. brs. S. 3 w. 9.3 vrs., mkd. G. L. Thence N. 60 w. at creek, course N. E., at 1344 vrs., stake whence a R. O. mkd. G. L. brs. N. 37 E. 10 vrs., a R. O. brs. N. 65 w. 10 vrs. Thence N. 30 E. at 1344 vrs. to said Bridges S. W. corner, a stake whence a P. O. mkd. B. M. brs. N. 1 w. 5.5 vrs., a dog wood brs. N. 15 E. 6.2 vrs. Thence S. 69 E. at 1344 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 320 acres. That Plaintiffs are now in possession of above described tract of land, and they and those under whom they claim, have been in actual, peaceable and adverse possession of same, using, cultivating and enjoying the same for more than five years continuously before the filing of this suit, under duly recorded deeds and paying taxes on same during said period. That Plaintiffs own same as follows: Deed from Unknown Owners by J. R. Sheridan, Tax Collector of Houston County, Texas, to R. M. Atkinson, J. W. Hail and Madden & Lipscomb, dated April 3, 1894; deed from A. D. Lipscomb to W. H. Denny, dated March 4, 1901, conveying grantors' interest in said land; deed from J. W. Madden to J. W. Hail, dated Jan. 1, 1902, conveying grantors' interest in said land; and by judgment dated April 16, 1901, in cause No. 4882 in the District Court of said Houston County, entitled the State of Texas vs. Unknown Owners et al., (J. W. Hail et al. Interveners). That Defendants have some claim on said land which is a cloud on Plaintiffs title. Wherefore Plaintiffs pray for judgment forever quieting their title and removing all cloud therefrom, and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett this 12th day of January, 1904.

J. B. STANTON,
Clerk, District Court, Houston County.

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