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FARMERS DUPED.

Worked Scheme for Selling Early Maturing Cotton Seed and Departed.

Houston Post.

There has been apprehension throughout the State that the effort to secure a cotton seed that is boll weevil immune would lead to successful operations on the part of unscrupulous dealers and sharks who would come into the State and the press has been diligent in their efforts to suppress such operations. Some time ago The Post devoted much space to the exposure of dishonest cotton dealers who were reported to be selling seeds in the northern portion of the State, working the cotton district through the mails. Recent developments indicate that one of the smoothest of these operators chose Houston for his headquarters, and was preparing to hoodwink the farmers and fatten his purse at the expense of the dealers who are engaged in honestly endeavoring to supply the planters with an early maturing seed that has been sanctioned by the cotton authorities.

Some time ago a party presented himself at the Business League and announced himself as the representative of the English-American Cotton company. He stated that his company was preparing to incorporate in this State with \$1,000,000 capital stock, and that as soon as the incorporation was complete they would begin the loaning of funds to cotton farmers at the lowest rates of interest, would operate a great warehouse in Houston and would establish smaller warehouses in various towns in the cotton districts, and would permit the growers to store cotton, receive advances on the same and then sell as the market afforded increases in prices. In short, he stated that the sole object of the English-American Cotton company was to increase the production of cotton. He talked learnedly about the efforts being made by other countries to grow the staple and the superiority of Texas cotton. There was no denying that, from the party's appearance, he was most familiar with cotton and all details pertaining thereto.

On the strength of the declarations of this representative that his company, which was made up of spinners and handlers of cotton, would not open offices nor begin business operations until duly incorporated in the State of Texas, The Post published the details of the scheme. It seems that there was some delay in the arrival of the articles or incorporation of the great English American Cotton company. This, however, did not deter the "sole" representative of the "great" company from getting busy. As an evidence that he knew the method of approaching the farmers anxious to secure early maturing seed, for that was one of the inducements he held out (offering a limited number of bushels at a startlingly low price), mail addressed to J. E. Brophy began to pour into the post-office. Along with the mail, inquiries began to be received by those connected with the cotton business in

Houston and other responsible concerns, and an investigation followed. Mr. Brophy is not to be found to explain in full the results of that investigation.

It appears that advertisements were inserted in the country press throughout Texas, the plans of the company being written out and forwarded to papers with the request that they insert it, send their bill to the party writing. These papers, as well as their readers, became a victim of the artist's work, the papers not being paid for the advertisements when the bill came in.

While waiting for answers to his advertisements of the philanthropic work of the English-American Cotton company to come in, Brophy spent much of his time at the office of a prominent cotton broker. He finally expressed a desire to purchase 500 bales and tendered a New York draft for \$3000 in payment. Before the sale was completed the broker instituted some inquiries regarding the worth of the paper. The first reference given failed to respond, the information coming back that no such number could be found. Brophy gave another number, 677 Broadway, and the answer to the second telegram from the broker was to the effect that the draft would be honored "on presentation." It was signed "English-American Cotton Company."

The broker did not like the looks of things and declared the deal off. The Houston National bank, to whom the draft was delivered for collection, has been unable to secure any satisfaction regarding the ability of the supposed company, even through its New York collections, and repeated requests of the great commercial agencies and rating concerns such as Dun and Bradstreet have failed to bring to light any knowledge or information regarding the company that was going to sell high-priced cotton seed at 50 cents and loan money at 4 and 5 per cent.

THE DEPARTURE.

Mail addressed to the "representative" of smooth tongue and beguiling ways came to the post-office general delivery department, and after making one or two trips the "representative" left instructions to deliver the mail in the future to his stenographer. After this order to the postoffice a big negro appeared as the "stenographer" and took the mail. That was over a week ago.

Since last Friday the "representative" has not been seen in Houston, and the officers have been unable to locate him. There is a mountain of mail awaiting him unclaimed, and a typewriter is at the Rice hotel from which the "stenographer" has failed to remove the accumulated dust.

From the number of registered letters that constitute the mail of the English-American Cotton company it would appear that there were numerous answers to the advertisements scattered throughout the State, but whether the party reaped any large reward from the unsuspecting is unknown, but it is not believed that he profited greatly by his operations.

While the farmers are anxious

to secure a cotton seed that will give a relief from the boll weevil, they will always find it to their interest to look to accredited home concerns that can back their promises with something more than mere talk. In the meantime any innocent parties who may have made remittances to the English-American Cotton company would do well to immediately stop payment on drafts or checks and make efforts to recover cash remittances.

County Republican Convention.

To the Republican Ex. Com. and Republican voters of Houston Co.:

In compliance to instructions from the state executive committee, you are herewith called to meet in county convention at Crockett, Texas, on the 12th day March, 1904, at 1:30 P. M., to elect 8 delegates and 8 alternates to the state convention, which is called to meet in the city of Dallas, Texas, the 22nd day of March, 1904.

A ruling of the state committee is that delegates to the county convention be elected from justice of the peace precinct conventions, and the date for holding said conventions being March 5, 1904. Each precinct is entitled to the same number of delegates as in 1902. Credentials of delegates must be forwarded to me at least 3 days prior to the county convention. None but qualified voters will be permitted to seats in the convention.

The executive committee is called to meet at 12:30 P. M., on the date for the county convention to attend to such business as may come before it.

T. G. W. TARVER,
Ch'm. Ex. Com. Houston Co.
A. R. JENKINS, Secretary.

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. 60 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. Intervenor). 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.

Garden Seed

IN BULK AT

Baker Bros'.

Also Dwarf Essex Rape for Hogs.

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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.

When You Have a Cold.

The first action when you have a cold should be to relieve the lungs. This is best accomplished by the free use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This remedy liquefies the tough mucus and causes its expulsion from the air cells of the lungs, produces a free expectoration, and opens the secretions. A complete cure soon follows. This remedy will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment and it leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It counteracts any tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Subjects of Thought.

From the Rusk County News.

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness; to your opponent, tolerance; to a friend, your heart; to your child, a good example; to your father, deference; to your mother, conduct that will make her proud of you; to yourself respect; to all men charity.

As in the smallest fountain is seen the reflected heavens, so on the humblest life we may see the mirror Christ.

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.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months; the doctors stated he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horebound Syrup and it cured him. That was six years ago, and since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds, it has no equal." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at Smith & French Drug Co's.

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.

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 E. 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 E. 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 McManners, Doss McManners, Josephine Huffman, John G. Wright, B. F. Read, C. B. Read, John T. Read, Sarah Beeson, 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. Metiwether 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. brs. S. 12 W. 5 3-5 vrs, a Black Jack mkd X brs 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 brs. 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 243 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 389 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 1597 vrs. pass S. W. corner of 40 acres survey, at 2486 vrs. in all 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 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 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 Ragnet, 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 Ragnet, 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.

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 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, 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 suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 4844 wherein B. B. Warfield and C. C. Warfield are Plaintiffs, and Martha J. Marsh, Thad Marsh, Harvey Marsh, Minter Allen and husband, Dave Allen, Cory Grounds and husband, Bill Grounds, Fannie Calhoun and husband, Charlie Calhoun, Robert Marsh, the unknown heirs of W. F. Richardson, the unknown heirs of J. E. Marsh 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, about 6 1/2 miles S. E. from Crockett and being a part of the W. F. Richardson 320 acre survey. Beginning at a stake, the S. W. corner of the W. F. Richardson 320 acre survey from whence a P. O. mkd. W. F. E. brs. N. 45 E. 17 vrs., a B. J. mkd X brs. N. 75 E. 10 2 vrs., Thence N. with the W. B. line of said 320 acres at 1026 vrs., a stake on S. bank of small branch from which a sweet gum 9 in. brs. 8-30 E. 9 vrs., and a sweet gum 4 in. brs. S. 89 W. 1 1/2 vrs. Thence up with the meanders of said branch to a stake on the S. bank of same from which a hickory 9 in. brs. S. 44 W. 4 vrs., a P. O. 4 in. brs. S. 30 E. 4 vrs. Thence S. at 145 vrs., a stake from which a hickory 5 in. brs. N. 36 E. 4 vrs. Thence S. at 562 vrs., a stake in the S. B. line of said 320 acres, from which a B. J. 5 in. brs. S. 52 E. 13 vrs., a B. J. 5 in. brs. S. 57 W. 2 vrs. Thence W. with said line at 740 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing 100 acres. That Plaintiffs are now in possession of said 100 acres of land, and they and those under whom they claim, have been in the actual, peaceable and adverse possession of same, using, cultivating and enjoying the same for more than ten years continuously before the filing of this suit, and own same through following deeds, to-wit: Deed from Obadiah Marsh to John Sharp, dated Jan. 1, 1880, conveying 50 acres of said land; deed from John Sharp to John C. Wall, dated Jan. 4, 1882, conveying said 50 acres; deed from Obadiah Marsh to John H. Allen, dated Nov. 15, 1879, conveying 50 acres of said land; deed from John H. Allen to John C. Wall, dated Dec. 21, 1880, conveying last mentioned 50 acres; and deed from P. A. wall and S. J. wall to Plaintiffs, dated Dec. 24, 1903, conveying said 100 acres. That said W. F. Richardson, Daniel Dailey and J. E. Marsh, all now deceased, claimed said land by conveyances to them, and the heirs of said W. F. Richardson, Daniel Dailey and J. E. Marsh, all deceased, have a claim on said land which is a cloud on Plaintiffs title. That said Martha J. Marsh is the widow of said J. E. Marsh, and the other named Defendants are children of said J. E. Marsh and all claim some interest in said land which is a cloud on Plaintiffs title, and Plaintiffs pray for judgment forever quieting their title and removing all clouds 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 Co.

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 brs. S. 10 E. 1.9 vrs., a pine mkd. X 15 in brs. 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. brs. S. 84 E. 4.5 vrs., a B. J. mkd X 6 in. brs. 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. brs. S. 47 W. 1.6 vrs., a pine mkd. X 10 in. brs. 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. brs. N. 55 w. a pine mkd. X 16 in. brs. N. 55 w. 5.3 vrs, Do. mkd. X 18 in. brs. 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 12th day of January, 1904.

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

Citation.
The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Thomas R. Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Ann P. 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, 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 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 acre 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 thereto, 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 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.

Prince Paul, the ten-year-old nephew of King Peter, has become president of a children's union, which will collect gifts for the suffering Macedonians. The members of this society are all under ten years old.

A Household Necessity.

I would almost as soon think of running my farm without implements as without Hunt's Lightning Oil. Of all the liniments I have ever used, for both man and beast, it is the quickest in action and richest in results. For burns and fresh cuts it is absolutely wonderful. I regard it as a household necessity. Yours truly,
S. Harrison,
Kosciusko, Miss.

25 and 50c bottles.

Orders for locomotives for India and South Africa have been placed with Leeds firms.

A Canadian trade commissioner in South Africa recently booked there in ten weeks for between 48,000 and 49,000 plows.

SCIENCE and INVENTION

Sanitary Milking Apparatus.

With the recent report of a state health board official that an epidemic of fever in one of our largest cities could be traced directly to a case in the family of a milk dealer in that locality, the urgent necessity for sanitary inspection of the milk supply is again made apparent to even those individuals who are rather inclined to scoff at such advanced and scientific theories. No doubt, the time will come when all milk will have to be sterilized before being offered for sale, but even should that desirable condition of affairs be reached it will still be obligatory upon the milkman to see that no opportunity is afforded for the contact of the lacteal fluid with contaminated atmosphere in the stable. Probably the best way in which this can be accomplished is by the aid of the pneumatic milking machine here illustrated. It is so arranged as to not only milk the cows automatically, but also inclose the milk in an airtight receptacle as long as it is in the proximity of the animal. This is accomplished by a reservoir suspended overhead and connected with the teat cups by a short section of hose. By means of a vacuum created in the pipe to which the reservoir is attached the



No Contact with Atmosphere.

milk is drawn from the teats and deposited in the receptacle whence it can be removed to the creamery for further treatment before being placed on sale.

The patentee of this sanitary system is David T. Sharpless of West Chester, Pa.

Switch Operating Mechanism.

When street railway lines were young the patrons were satisfied with a slow rate of speed; using the cars largely as opportunities for resting themselves and not expecting to reach their destination much quicker than if they went on foot. Now rapid transit has become the rule, and several of the transportation companies have seized on the name as appropriate to their lines. Whether they live up to the name is another question entirely. They have, however, made an effort to eliminate unnecessary delays by stationing switchmen at points where the traffic would be obstructed if each motorman were compelled to turn his own switch.

An automatic switch-operating arrangement consists of a pivoted member journaled underneath the car platform, being semicircular in shape and having a weight on one end. The opposite end normally projects through the car platform under pressure of the weight, holding a small projection out of alignment with the switch-operating lever on the track beneath. When the motorman desires to throw the switch he has only to depress the projecting end of the sector with his foot, when the pin will engage the switch lever as the car rolls along, throwing the lever forward and settling the switch for the passage of the car. Theodore Rundorf of Burlington, Iowa, is the inventor.

New Method of Making Conduits.

A demonstration was made recently at Neasden, England, of a new system of underground conduit construction. Iron pipes about four feet long are coated with a one-to-four mixture of paraffin and graphite, to the thickness of about a quarter of an inch. These were then screwed together to form one piece of any desired length, the joints being made by short sleeves screwed into the pipe, so that the exterior presents a smooth surface. The pipe as thus arranged is blocked up on wooden spacers and then imbedded in concrete. After the concrete has hardened, steam is passed through the pipes until the paraffin is melted, and it is possible to withdraw the pipes, leaving the concrete coated with a mixture which enables the cables to be drawn in with ease and a minimum abrasion. The cost for this construction is given as from 25 to 30 cents per yard run of conduit.

A Fool and Another.

"He wanted to bet, but I just told him that 'betting was a fool's argument,' and that settled the discussion."
"Oh, I can't believe that you shut him up that easily."
"I'll bet you I did."

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Sisters of St. Joseph, of the Dear Mu' Institute, 1849 Cass Ave., St. Louis, Mo., writes:
"We appreciate Peruna very much. It certainly does good work with catarrh and also with colds and la grippe. We have faith in Peruna and have inspired many others with the same. We do not like to be without it. It has certainly kept us from being very sick. It did a world of good last winter for our little ones. Thanking you for your kindness to us and our afflicted ones, we remain, yours gratefully,
SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH."

Dr. Hartman receives many letters from Catholic Sisters from all over the United States. A recommendation recently received from a Catholic institution in Detroit, Mich., reads as follows:
Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio:
Dear Sir:—The young girl who used the Peruna was suffering from laryngitis, and loss of voice. The result of the treatment was most satisfactory. She found great relief, and after further use of the medicine we hope to be able to say she is entirely cured.—Sisters of Charity.

This young girl was under the care of the Sisters of Charity and used Peruna for catarrh of the throat, with good results as the above letter testifies.
From a Catholic institution in Central Ohio comes the following recommendation from the Sister Superior:
"Some years ago a friend of our institution recommended to us Dr. Hartman's Peruna as an excellent remedy for the influenza of which we had several cases which threatened to be of a serious character.
"We began to use it and experienced such wonderful results that since then,



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Peruna has become our favorite medicine for influenza, catarrh, cold, cough and bronchitis.
Another recommendation from a Catholic institution of one of the Central States written by the Sister Superior reads as follows:
"A number of years ago our attention was called to Dr. Hartman's Peruna, and since then we have used it with wonderful results for grip, coughs, colds and catarrhal diseases of the head and stomach.
"For grip and winter catarrh especially it has been of great service to the inmates of this institution."

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A recommendation recently received from a Catholic institution in the Southwest reads as follows:
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medicines, and it gives me pleasure to add my praise to that of thousands who have used it. For years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach, all remedies proving valueless for relief. Last spring I went to Colorado, hoping to be benefited by a change of climate, and while there a friend advised me to try Peruna. After using two bottles I found myself very much improved. The remains of my old disease being now so slight, I consider myself cured, yet for a while I intend to continue the use of Peruna. I am now treating another patient with your medicine. She has been sick with malaria and troubled with leucorrhoea. I have no doubt that a cure will be speedily effected."

These are samples of letters received by Dr. Hartman from the various orders of Catholic Sisters throughout the United States.

The names and addresses to these letters have been withheld from response to the Sisters, but will be furnished on request.

One-half of the diseases which afflict mankind are due to some catarrhal derangement of the mucous membrane lining some organ or passage of the body. A remedy that would act immediately upon the congested mucous membrane restoring it to its normal state, would consequently cure all these diseases. Catarrh is catarrh wherever located, whether it be in the head, throat, lungs, stomach, kidneys or pelvic organs. A remedy that will cure it in one location will cure it in all locations. Peruna cures catarrh wherever located.

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, Ohio.



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Wise Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and who can today thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bearing-down pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of my troubles.
"My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time, and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was again a happy one. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female trouble, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women."—MRS. ELIZABETH H. THOMPSON, Box 105, Lillydale, N.Y.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

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I am sure Pisco's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBINSON, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1903.

By an edict of the Minister of Agriculture in Hungary, the exportation of living game or eggs is prohibited.

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

A mausoleum has been erected close to the Peter-Paul cathedral in St. Petersburg, where in future all the members of the czar's family will be buried.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

At McKinney the jury in the case of T. E. Ball, charged with the murder of N. T. Shantley two years ago, could not agree on a verdict, so they were dismissed.

A fearfully cold wave passed over the East commencing Monday. At Syracuse, N. Y., the thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero. All trains are delayed.

Tom Lindley, a farmer of Wood County, was shot and instantly killed in the public road about two miles southeast of Winnebago Monday evening near sundown.

While out hunting Albert Dabney, a young man of Thorp Springs, was accidentally shot by his little brother. One side of his head was blown away, the brain oozing out.

A young man named George Shaw was killed by a Santa Fe freight train near Valley Mills Tuesday. He was crossing the track with a wagon when the train caught him.

The Commissioners' Court has ordered an election to be held March 24 to determine whether or not Sterling County shall issue bonds in the sum of \$25,000 to build a new court house.

G. M. Brown, rural route inspector, was at Italy this week, going over the two rural routes petitioned for. One route has already been established and service will begin March 1.

Around Milburn, I. T., there will be a larger acreage put into crops this year than ever before. There have been hundreds of acres cleared right around town.

At Basin in Pawnee County, Ok., occurred the death of Miss Sylvesta Mitchell as the result of burns received by her dress catching fire from an open stove draft.

Miss Caroline Dubois, who was a member of the staff of the Kansas City Star, died at the Mercy Hospital at Laredo Saturday night, and the remains were shipped to Kansas City.

From Nashville, Tenn., it is reported that several business men in that city are investigating a proposition to build a railroad to connect Amarillo, Tex., with Lubbock, Tex., by a railroad eighty miles long, which may be extended further south to connect with the Texas and Pacific Railway 200 miles from Amarillo.

Another car of immigrants and prospectors arrived in Hereford Friday from the North, under the management of Mr. Tallmage of Chicago. He brings in two trains each month and is settling up this county rapidly with the Northern farmers from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, etc.

St. Louis, Mo.: While many have seen maps of the Trans-Siberian Railroad, few have seen the maps of this railway system showing a line extending south from the main systems to a point far down in China and perilously near Pekin. Maps showing this line are with one exception only to be found in the secret archives of Russia. Work has been pushed vigorously on this railroad for more than two years. To build this line, which extends under the Great Wall of China and much nearer Pekin than the tombs of the imperial family, every device by which information could be withheld from the public was used.

Wheeler County will hold a general local option election on March 16. The farmers around Alba are preparing to diversify on a large scale this year. They received their first car of seed Irish potatoes.

At a meeting of the State Board of Education, Matagorda County road and bridge bonds to the amount of \$25,000 were purchased for account of the permanent public school fund. These bonds bear four per cent interest, run forty years.

A large earthen oil tank at Sour Lake, covering three acres of ground, and in which oil was about four feet deep, was struck by lightning and thousands of gallons of oil were destroyed.

Chas. A. Lyon, Chairman of the Texas Republican Executive Committee, called a convention to meet at Dallas March 22, for the purpose of electing delegates with alterations to the National Convention in

ALL OVER TEXAS.

The Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad has moved its headquarters to Cleburne.

W. E. Best, a prominent grocery man of Dallas died of pneumonia Wednesday.

While crazed by liquor J. L. Hopkins, a white city prisoner at Beaumont cut his throat with a pocket knife Wednesday morning. He will probably die.

The Continental Bank and Trust Company of Fort Worth, together with the citizens of Irredell and community organized a bank there to be formally opened March 18.

Sam Brock, who was bitten by a mad dog near Tabor, Brazos county, last Tuesday, left Saturday for New Orleans to be treated in a Pasteur institute.

D. J. Woodward of San Antonio has about concluded the purchase of the large nail works in Monterey, and will run a large carriage factory in connection with the nail works.

Work was commenced last week on the two-story brick building of Poe & Poe at Carbon. This building when completed will be occupied by the Carbon Bank.

Sam Clenden, a Dallas negro man about 35 years of age, was shot and seriously wounded Saturday night. The affair occurred at the corner of Marilla and Portland streets.

Dan C. Crenshaw and Uan Peavy are in jail at Palestine, having been remanded without bond at the examining trial. The charge is the killing of Sam Bickerstaff near Elkhart last month.

The 4-year-old son of Solomon Woodring of Barnes, in Woods county, Ok., was burned to death Friday. He climbed out of bed while other members of the family slept, attempted to start a fire and was burned almost to death before the family knew of the accident.

Fire Tuesday afternoon totally destroyed the Grayson College building, at White Wright, entailing a loss of \$60,000, with an insurance of but \$17,000. Prof. J. F. Anderson states that the school will be continued without interruption, all arrangements having been made for the housing of the pupils.

The Tripoline Manufacturing Company of Beaumont has decided to start in earnest in the manufacture of soap and has purchased three acres of ground, upon which it will erect a \$15,000 building and in which will be installed the latest and most improved machinery.

Detectives Gerwell and Price of Dallas arrested a man who had in his possession three suits of clothes, a pair of silver shears and silverware valued at about \$250. The plunder was identified as belonging to Capt. Lloyd of Fort Worth, whose house was entered by burglars Sunday night.

In the death of Jas. M. Hall in Austin, aged 86 years, there is left but two survivors of the battle of San Jacinto. Deceased not only served in the memorable conflict, but was a veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars. He leaves a family of grown children and grandchildren.

The Greenville Carnegie library was formally opened Monday night with a program of music and speeches. It is a beautiful building, perhaps the best that has been put up for \$15,000 in the State.

Texas and New Orleans Railway is considering a change of schedule involving the entire line.

Will Estes, a young barber, living in Abilene, underwent a surgical operation for the removal of a stone from his right kidney.

The old Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, twenty miles southeast of Paris, at Minter, which was being used as a public school building was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

The several railways entering Dallas near the west side of the city will build an immense interlocking plant.

While out duck hunting before daylight J. J. McCain of Burton, was accidentally shot by his son. It is thought he will recover.

A man who gave his name as Thompson walked off a Texas and Pacific freight train standing on a trestle at Sulphur River water tank Sunday night and was picked up and taken to Texas. He is badly injured.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Laredo Celebrated Extensively--The Day in Other Texas Cities--In Washington.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 23.—Under a cloudless sky and balmy gulf breezes fluttering a sea of bunting, which portrayed in most artistic style the memories and glories of our Nation, the Yaqui Tribe of Red Men, in the presence of thousands of visitors, carried out without a hitch or a halt their elaborate and gorgeous celebration of the 181st anniversary of the birth of George Washington, "the father of his country." The general verdict of the strangers in our midst from all parts of Texas was that in the realistic mimic battle of the Indians, in their capture of the city hall, guarded by a large force of National Guards and regular troops, and the grand parade stretching a mile in length, equaled if it did not surpass any similar effort ever undertaken in Texas. Notwithstanding the great jam of people along the streets, not one single accident or disturbance occurred. Not a single fakir was permitted by the officers of the law to show up in the city. In the evening the large crowds were entertained by bull fights across the river and tournaments on this side.

Last night the river front was a seething mass of humanity witnessing the naval conflict between Japan and Russia, most vividly represented by the burning of over \$500 worth of fireworks. In addition to the music rendered by the Twenty-sixth Infantry band, and the celebrated National Guard band from Brenham, the fine Mexican Twelfth Infantry band was secured yesterday through the courtesy of a telegram signed in person by President Porfirio Diaz and addressed to Mr. J. A. Vail, our district attorney.

A large number of visitors took advantage of low excursion rates to pay the city of Monterey a visit before returning home.

Austin, Texas: The anniversary of the birth of the Father of our Country was observed as a general holiday, all state departments, banks, Federal building and principal business houses remaining closed and giving their employes a second day of recreation.

War Summary. It is reported at Tokio that Admiral Togo has again attacked Port Arthur, but the report lacks confirmation there.

Baron Hayashi thinks Japanese troops may wait two or three months before making aggressive land attacks on Russians, because of the state of unpreparedness of Russians.

France's assurances to Japan in regard to the Russian fleet at Jibull gives great satisfaction to the Japanese.

Forty of the crew of the steamer Nakanoura Maru, sunk by Russian warships, together with a large number of other passengers, have arrived at Nagasaki on the steamer Stolberg.

Baron Kaneko and Vice Governor Tikabashi of Japan are coming to America, charged with a diplomatic mission.

A prisoner's intelligence bureau has been created in Japan.

It is said Russia, Austria and Germany will stand by and allow Turkey to invade and punish Bulgaria. When they think she is sufficiently whipped Austria is to send the Turks home and police Macedonia.

The American officers to accompany the Japanese army are advised to go to Tokio and from there go out with the armies.

Trial of Charles Kratz. St. Louis, Mo.: The trial of Charles Kratz, a former member of the house of delegates, was was extradited from Mexico to stand trial on an indictment charging him with having accepted a bribe, is docketed in the criminal court today. Counsel for Kratz has reserved notice that a change of venue will be asked for on the plea of existing prejudice.

Heavy Snows and Blizzards. St. Petersburg: Heavy snows and blizzards over the Siberian railroad, especially east of Balkal, are largely increasing the difficulties of transporting troops, besides better enabling Chinese brigands to operate. Japanese agents are reported north of Vladivostok, inciting the brigands to action.

Business Suspended; Flags Flown.

Houston: Washington's birthday was characterized by no unusual features in Houston further than the closing of the banks, the Cotton Exchange, the public schools and the observance of Sunday hours at the postoffice. There were many flags flying over buildings in the several wards of the city.

At Alvin. Alvin: Washington's birthday was observed here. An appropriate and interesting program was rendered at the public school by students and teachers. The bank and postoffice were closed most of the day and the United States flag waved from the flagpole.

At Smithville. Smithville: Washington's birthday and Arbor day were observed here by both banks closing and the postoffice taking a half holiday. Appropriate exercises were held at the public school.

The Day at Washington. Washington: Washington's birthday was generally observed here. The farewell address of the first president was read in the senate, the Federal and municipal offices were closed and only a few of the business houses were open. There were several patriotic celebrations by the association of the oldest inhabitants, the Sons of the Revolution and other organizations. Historic Alexandria, six miles south of here, on the Virginia side of the Potomac river, where George Washington was a familiar figure during most of his career, celebrated the day with an elaborate military and civic parade.

President and Wife Planted Trees. Washington: President and Mrs. Roosevelt celebrated Washington's birthday by planting each a tree in the White House grounds. The trees are foreign leaf beeches. The trees were planted in the area within the semi-circular driveway leading from Executive avenue to the east terrace of the White House, one on each side of the main walk. The ceremony of planting was very simple.

Hudson Murder Case. Angleton, Texas: After the court had overruled defendant's application for continuance in the case of the State vs. Jay Hudson, charged with the murder of Andrew Fletcher, and a jury had nearly been obtained, the defendant filed an amended motion for continuance. The case was withdrawn from the jury and continued. The district attorney did not oppose the application, as one of the jurymen already sworn in was sick. The case went over until next term of the court.

Killed by a Negro. Winfield, La.: R. B. Wright, a deputy marshal and prominent young citizen of this place, was murdered Sunday night by a negro named Albert Sheppard. Sheppard escaped to the woods, but Sheriff Bailey, with a large posse of men, is in close pursuit and the negro's capture is hourly expected.

The cause of the trouble is not known, as the only two witnesses, both colored, tell different stories. Wright leaves a wife and seven children and was acting in the place of Marshal Wilt. It is supposed that Wright was trying to arrest the negro when killed.

Killing Grew Out of a Quarrel. McKinney, Texas: In a difficulty arising over some chickens and eggs, Ike Denton, aged 25 years, was shot and instantly killed by John Finley, aged 30 years, three miles east of Princeton Monday. Denton, who was unmarried, lived at Finley's home. Denton was pursuing Finley with a butcher knife when shot.

Mess Pork for Japanese. Des Moines, Ia.: Representatives of Japan have just placed an order with the Agar Packing Company for 2,000 barrels of mess pork at \$15 per barrel.

Alexieff Leaves Port Arthur. St. Petersburg: Viceroy Alexieff left Port Arthur last Saturday, Feb. 20, for Mukden. Before leaving he handed over the command of the army to Vice Admiral Stark.

During the summer large numbers of women go from Poland, Silesia and Galicia to central Germany to work in the sugar beet fields. They are driven in gangs by a male overseer and receive 35 cents a day and board.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is holder in fee simple of the premises described in the foregoing and that said premises will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every acre of said premises that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1894. A. W. HIGGINS, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Four Hungarian deputies, including the present prime minister, Count Tisza, who have been sentenced to various short terms of imprisonment for dueling, have just been pardoned by imperial decree.

Alfalfa Clover. For years the editor has been urging farmers to sow Alfalfa Clover, and glad he is that thousands of wide-awake farmers scattered all over America, are doing this now, to their great benefit and satisfaction. A. Walford, Westmore Farms, Pa., writes: "I have 60 acres in Salzer's Alfalfa Clover. It is immense. I cut three crops this season and have lots of pasture besides." Hon. H. F. Hunter, S. D., says: "Salzer's Northern Grown Alfalfa clover cannot be beat. I have solved the question of stock raising here. Salzer's Alfalfa is good for 3 mowing crops of hay, Salzer's pellets for 60 bu. of grain and 3 tons of hay, Salzer's Macaroni Wheat for 65 bu. best hog fattening wheat, and Salzer's Hanna Barley, for arid, dry land, is good for 70 bu per acre. These are all great hog, sheep and cattle fatteners, and last but not least, Salzer's Victoria Rape for sheep, and Salzer's Teosinte, good for 80 tons of green food for cattle, and Salzer's Billion Dollar Grass, Bromus Inermis for lots and lots of good hay. These things make it possible for me to grow live stock by the thousands.

Have you heard of Earliest case? Gives six mowings a year, and Teosinte, the 80 ton per acre fodder wonder? BUY SEND THIS NOTICE AND 10c IN STAMPS to the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples free. (W. N. U.)

German cities rival those of the United States in the matter of municipal debts. Berlin owes \$74,000,000; Munich, \$25,000,000; Frankfurt, \$25,000,000; Leipzig, \$19,000,000; Cologne, \$17,000,000.

Dealers say that as soon as a customer tries DeLancey Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

Wages in Northern Italy are: Laborers, 40 to 50 cents; bricklayers, 80 cents to \$1; stone cutters and carpenters, 60 to 70 cents; painters and frescoers, 40 to 50 cents; experts, 60 to 75 cents a day.

In Winter Use Allen's Foot-Ease. A powder. Your feet feel uncomfortable, nervous and often cold and damp. If you have sweating, sore feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Most dromedaries, according to a menagerie proprietor, are particularly fond of tobacco smoke, and can be made to do almost anything under its influence.

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of DeLancey Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch.

The erection of galvanized iron houses in Bloemfontein, the capital of the Orange River colony, has been prohibited.

Moral Training for Business Life. Tyler College of Tyler, Texas is the only Commercial School of the South or West that devotes 15 minutes at the opening of each day's work to the Moral Training of its students. Moral Training is the balance wheel of life. Parents should consider this when selecting a school for their sons and daughters.

South Africa is at present importing immense quantities of cement. It comes chiefly from England, Germany and Belgium.

Stands Head. There is something about Hunt's Lightning Oil that no other liniment possesses. Others may be good, but it is surely the best. It does all you recommend it for, and more. For sprains, bruises, cuts, burns, aches, and pains it has no equal on earth. It stands head on my medicine shelf. Very truly yours, T. J. Brownlow, Livingston, Tenn.

If a man would use the experience of others he would never acquire any of his own.

The postoffice of Ancomarca, in the Andes of Peru, is 16,000 feet above the sea and is probably the highest inhabited spot on earth.

JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR makes top of the market butter.

AMERICAN WARSHIPS AT SHANGHAI

Ordered to Return There from Che Foo and Went Immediately--Russians Repulsed.

Cheo Foo, Feb. 21.—The United States cruiser New Orleans and the gunboats Wilmington and Annapolis, which sailed from Manila on Feb. 15 under command of Rear Admiral Cooper, upon arriving here received orders from the secretary of the navy to return to Shanghai. When the outbreak of hostilities between Russia and Japan occurred, Admiral Evans, commanding the Asiatic fleet, dispatched a cruiser squadron to Shanghai, and Admiral Cooper's squadron to Cheo Foo. Secretary Moody has ordered all the ships to Shanghai. They left immediately after coaling, without giving any reason for their sudden departure.

The Russian forces in Manchuria are so far acting entirely on the defensive. Great preparations are being made at Dayn, Port Arthur, New Chwang and Liao Yang to prevent the threatened landing of the Japanese troops. A big force of men are at work on the damaged vessels in the Port Arthur harbor, and efforts are being made to raise the battleship Potemkin.

The supply of fresh vegetables and beef in Port Arthur is getting very short; speculators are endeavoring to secure steamers to run the blockade.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 21.—I have authority which prohibits doubting the veracity of the report that, in spite of the official dispatches stating that nothing is taking place, and everything is perfectly quiet, that outpost engagements have taken place on the Yalu river, resulting in the Russian advance guards being driven back, with considerable losses, which are estimated at 2,500 lives, but whether this means those who fell on the Yalu river or the entire Russian losses since the commencement of the war is not exactly clear.

Jailed for Selling Whiskey.

Nacogdoches, Texas: A. R. Roberts, representing a distilling company of Kansas City, is in jail here on a charge of selling whiskey in violation of the local option law in two cases. Roberts was arrested at Lufkin Saturday and brought here Sunday afternoon. A reward of \$10 was paid for his arrest by County Attorney Strong of Nacogdoches county. Roberts says he will fight the cases, and has employed counsel.

A Decisive Battle Fought.

Washington: Late Sunday night the state department received a cablegram from Minister Powell dated at San Domingo, Feb. 16, saying: "A decisive battle has been fought between the government forces and the insurgents. It extended over two days and resulted in a victory for the government. The siege has been raised and the insurgents are in retreat."

Military Maps Stolen.

Nagasaki: Saturday night, while Mr. Sands was liberally entertaining at dinner the officers of the French cruiser Pascal and friends in his official residence at Soul, an adviser to the government of the emperor of Korea, some geographical, statistical and military maps were stolen. This has caused a great scandal and has necessitated his recall.

Hogs and Corn.

Waelter, Texas: Messrs. Stewart and McCrory Saturday shipped to Houston a fine car of hogs, which makes the second car of hogs to go out of this place lately. The farmers are beginning to find out that hogs and corn bring in nearly as much money as cotton.

A fine rain fell Saturday, which was greatly needed and puts the land in fine fix for corn planting.

Rural Letter Carriers.

Dallas, Texas: One hundred and fifty rural letter carriers from various parts of Texas are to meet here Monday for the purpose of organizing a state association of rural letter carriers. Assistant Postmaster General Bristol has granted a vacation to all rural carriers Monday, and the occasion is being taken advantage of for organizing.

Bonaparte's Report Received.

Washington: The report of Chas. B. Bonaparte, who was appointed to investigate affairs in the Territory, has been received at the interior department. It will be read by Secretary Hitchcock and then forwarded to the president. No intimation of his findings has been given out.

American Miners Safe.

Seoul: The Americans employed in the mining concessions in northern Korea reached Au Ju safely on their way to Ping Yang, where they will remain until the river opens, unless developments compel all foreigners to leave there for Seoul.

Ready for Planting.

Fleeta, Texas: The weather has turned off warm and clear. A good rain fell all day Saturday, putting a fine season in the ground. Corn planting will begin in earnest this week, as most of the land is in fine shape, having been plowed since Christmas.

A Kentucky Tragedy.

Maysville, Ky.: G. W. Bramel, a farmer, twelve miles from this city, got home very much intoxicated Saturday night, ran his brother away from the house with a Winchester, and afterward killed his wife, driving his children out in the cold rain. While in his delirium Bramel set fire to the house and perished in the flames.

Died From His Wounds.

Kansas City, Mo.: Lorenzo Crosby, the Mormon elder from Eager, Ariz., who shot himself Saturday in the sleeping car on the Chicago and Alton train from St. Louis, died Sunday at the City Hospital. Crosby had been doing missionary work for the Mormon church in Georgia and Virginia. Crosby was about 35 years old.

Lost in a Snowstorm.

El Paso, Texas: T. J. Gilman, a well known mining prospector, is in the city for medical treatment as the result of being caught in a blizzard in the Sierra Madre mountains in Sonora, Mexico, where he had both of his feet badly frozen as well as his fingers and his ears. The physicians state that with careful nursing he will recover. Gilman lost the trail during a heavy snowstorm and wandered twelve hours among the hills.

Industrial Association Meeting.

Indianapolis, Ind.: The National convention of the Industrial Association of America will begin its session here today. Five hundred manufacturers and business men of the country are expected.

Affray at Royse City.

Royse City, Texas: In a difficulty here Saturday night Fred Block received a serious wound from a knife while attempting to arrest Harry Buck. Buck received two pistol wounds. Neither of them were serious. Buck was arrested, but released on bond.

Russian Ships Reported in Red Sea.

Island of Peri, Red Sea: A squadron of warships passed here at midnight Saturday night for Suez. It was believed to be the Russian squadron recently at Jibuti, French Somaliland.

Smallpox at Lockhart.

Lockhart, Texas: Dr. T. B. Coopwood, county health physician, has declared a genuine case of smallpox at the Griesenbeck hotel in this city. The patient is a young man by the name of Harris, a barber, who has been working here for several months.

Is Commander in Chief.

St. Petersburg: General Kuropatkin has been relieved of his functions as minister of war and has been appointed commander in chief of the Russian army in the Far East.

Killed Wife and Self.

Maysville, Ky.: Garrett Breckenridge Sunday killed his wife and then himself. Both are colored. He had previously killed three men on account of jealousy of his wife.

Czar to the Front.

Rome: It is reported here that the czar intends to proceed to the front in the spring to take personal command of the army.

THE DEPARTMENT WILL ACT.

And the Congressmen Are Spared the Responsibility of Selecting Locations for the Work.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The storm that threatened to develop among the members of the Texas delegation in the house over the matter of the location of the thirteen experiment farms promises to pass without striking. When it was first learned that the agricultural department would establish these farms in the state there was an immediate rush on the part of the various representatives to get as many of them as possible. The announcement that there would likely be two in one district and three in another started a wave of criticism that at one time threatened to disturb the equanimity of the delegation.

But all this kind of feeling appears to have worn away. The members heard from some of their constituents and came to the conclusion that the experiment farms might not be such valuable political adjuncts after all. Some of the writers who sent their views to Washington informed the congressmen that an experiment farm of the kind proposed by the secretary of agriculture meant an admission to all the world that the section in which it might be located was over-run with boll weevils and that this meant a big reduction on the price of farm lands throughout the county in which a farm might be placed. The writers went on to say that under these circumstances they did not know that they wanted an experiment farm in their county.

The great majority of these letters came from people in Northern, Western and Northwestern Texas, and there are some of the people of South Texas who felt the same way about the question. At any rate these letters had the effect of minimizing the chances of a real unpleasant situation such as at one time was promised.

Most, if not all, the members are now calmly waiting for the department to act, and seem to be content to leave the issue with the department officials. According to the statements of all the spokesmen of the agricultural department, the farms will be located without political reference, and wherever they can be of the most service in the crusade against the pests. The officials who are on the ground in Texas will have this in charge, and it is probable that Secretary Wilson will endorse any recommendations they may make. In case of a dispute over this matter the secretary would have to be the supreme arbiter and would settle it to his own satisfaction, if not to that of the Texas delegation. The bill appropriating the boll weevil campaign fund empowered the secretary to act in all matters as he sees fit, and he will exercise this authority whenever he chooses. There is no good reason, however, for believing that there will be any serious disagreement over the location of the farms or over any of the other details of the present fight against the cotton crop pests.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S CASE.

Government Will Not Say When She Will Be Released.

London, Feb. 19.—In the House of Commons yesterday, Home Secretary Akers-Douglas, replying to a question of Mr. Kearny (Liberal), who asked whether Mrs. Florence Maybrick will be released under any general rule applicable to all female convicts, and whether the secretary will announce the grounds for her release, said: "There is no general rule applicable to female convicts, and it will be contrary to practice to state the matters of the prerogatives exercised in any case. Further, there is no female convict now in custody who has been confined for a longer period than Mrs. Maybrick."

Presbyterian Unity.

St. Louis, Mo.: It is stated on good authority that the proposed federation of the Cumberland and Presbyterian churches became an assured fact at the conclusion of Thursday's session of the subcommittees representing the general committees of both bodies, which have been in session here, and that the only question remaining deals purely with the phraseology of certain prescribed forms.

Mrs. Stoddard at Hearn.

Hearn, Texas: Mrs. Helen M. Stoddard of Fort Worth, state president of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, lectured at the Baptist church here Wednesday night to a large crowd.

Rare Fruit of Sulu.

In the island of Sulu grows the durian, which is about the size of a muskmelon. Its exterior presents somewhat the appearance of a chestnut bur, being prickly and tough; within the fruit is white and cheese-like, and owing to this peculiarity the American soldiers dubbed it "vegetable hamburger." The mangosteen is another of the rare fruits of the island. It is the size of an average orange, chocolate colored and has a very brittle skin. Inside four white sections contain a colorless liquid. This is the rarest fruit known, and the only one, so it is claimed, that Queen Victoria ever tasted, there being no way of preserving the fruit for a sufficient period after plucking to permit of shipping it to any distance.

The great trouble with a woman who has business ability is that she neglects to curl her hair.

The island of Cyprus, in the Mediterranean, will soon have a railroad from coast to coast. The amount of \$3,000,000 francs has been appropriated for its construction. Engineers with their staffs have already arrived on the ground.

Kilbenny Castle is one of the oldest inhabited houses in the world, many of the rooms being much as they were 800 years ago.

Many School Children Are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N.Y.

The output of coal in India has increased sixfold since 1880. It now exceeds 6,000,000 tons a year, and the supply is considered practically inexhaustible.

TELL TALES AT SCHOOL.

How Family Skeleton Became Known to Teacher.

"Yes," said the pink cheeked school-ma'am, "you'd be surprised at the array of family skeletons trotted out for the teacher's inspection by the pupils of every primary school. All the trials and tribulations of a family are retailed to the teacher, sometimes in a most embarrassing fashion. For instance, the reading lesson the other day was about 'somebody's pet dog and how much its master loved it. Little Willie Smith was moved to say:

"We got a dog to our house—it got mange awful. Papa wants to kill it, but mamma said she'd get a divorce if he'd be such a cruel brute, then papa he kicked the dog and mamma she threw the sugar bowl and went and had 'sterics and the doctor came and—"

"I shut him off at that point, but Willie routed me a moment afterward by saying:

"Oh, teacher, your cheeks is just like my mamma's. D'you rub red stuff on every day, too?"—Portland Oregonian.

You know more as you grow older, but that which you know is less important.

Servia's Drummed Dogs.

A curious feature connected with the Servian army is the manner in which most of the regiments carry the big drum. It is not, as in most countries, slung in front of the man who plays it, but is placed upon a small two-wheeled cart drawn by a single dog, which has been so trained that it keeps its place even through the longest and most tedious of marches. The drummer takes up a position behind the cart and performs on the instrument as the animal pulls it along.

TIMELY CALLING.

How the Pastor Saved a Life.

A man near Fort Gay, W. Va., made an entire failure in getting strength from the kind of food he ate and not knowing that the trouble was with the food kept on losing health until the doctors gave him up to die.

It was supposed to be consumption because he was wasting away steadily and slowly dying. His minister called from time to time and one day brought along a package of Grape-Nuts, thinking from what he knew of the famous food that perhaps it might help him. The sick man took to it at once and from that day began to get well. In writing he says:

"I walked to town to-day 3 miles. Have gained over 40 pounds in about 2 months and my neighbors don't know what to say. I frequently am told it was as if I am raised from the dead. Everybody here knows of my case, you can tell people to write to the Postmaster or Rev. L. D. Bryan. I will make a sworn statement that Grape-Nuts saved my life." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

This is another illustration that where all other food fails one can be brought back to health and strength on Grape-Nuts. "There's a reason."

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Time to Read New Testament.

"A great many people are under the impression that it takes a long while to read the New Testament," remarked a well-known preacher the other day, "but as a matter of fact it only requires sixty hours for the average reader to read the entire book; or, in other words, if a man were to read an hour each day he would finish the book inside of two months. I told this to a business man once, and he said he didn't believe me. Thinking it would be a good plan to get him to read it at any rate, I advised him to try it, and the result was that he reported that he had read everything in it within forty hours."—Philadelphia Press.

The Maskers.

The great gods in their merriment Made man a naked thing. For all the winds of discontent And thorns of love to sting.

They made him as a cord to thrill, Vibrant to joy and pain; They made him as a reed whose will Is bent by any rain.

They made him as a glass revealed For every mood to dim, Then gave him laughter as a shield And gave the world and him.

And gave him robe of words to hide The naked soul afraid, And cloak of jests that none beside Might know this man they made.

So hidden 'mongst our kind we press, That scarce the great gods know Who wears the mask of happiness Upon the face of woe. —Smart Set.

Got the Right Kind.

Gainesville, Texas, Feb. 22.—Mrs. L. E. Burton of 507 Glad street, this city, writes the following letter:

"I have been awfully troubled with my kidneys; I was in a bad fix and had been doctoring with the Doctors, but was getting no better. I tried a remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills and I found they did me lots of good. I had a slight return of my trouble and I went to the Drug Store and called for Dodd's Kidney Pills. They said there was no such pills. I told them there was. They said they had the best pills that were made and persuaded me to try a box of another kind, not Dodd's. As I needed some medicine, I bought a box, but they did me no good so I went elsewhere and got the real Dodd's Kidney Pills and very soon was completely cured. I took a box up to the Drug Store and showed them that there was such pills and asked them to order some, but as I haven't needed any more I haven't called to see whether or not they got them."

An interesting old pulpit, from which Whitfield and Wesley have preached, is to be restored to its former place in a Bath (England) chapel. It was removed twelve years ago.

An Old Field Weed.

Many asking that old field weed, the mullein stalk, never considered the good it is accomplishing in curing lung troubles. It presents in Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein the finest known remedy for coughs, croup, colds and consumption.

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

A six months' cruise will decrease the speed of a ship 16 per cent. This is owing to the barnacles that gather on the hull.

Sensible Housekeepers

will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

British Somaliland is making steady progress. The value of the imports last year was over \$2,000,000. The imports consist chiefly of cotton goods—largely from the United States—rice, sugar and liquors.

10,000 Plants for 10c.

This is a remarkable offer the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., makes. They will send you their big plant and seed catalog, together with enough seed to grow

1,000 fine, solid Cabbages,
2,000 delicious Carrots,
2,000 blanching, nutty Celery,
2,000 rich, buttery Lettuces,
1,000 splendid Onions,
1,000 rare, luscious Radishes,
1,000 gloriously brilliant Flowers.

This great offer is made in order to induce you to try their warranted seeds—for when you once plant them you will grow no others, and

ALL FOR BUT 10c POSTAGE, providing you will return this notice, and if you will send them 20c in postage, they will add to the above a package of the famous Berliner Cauliflower. (W. N. U.)

The United States buys from Cuba three times as much as Cuba buys from the United States.

1904.

The H. & T. C. R. R. has the best passenger service in the south. Three trains daily each way, making direct connection with all lines for North, East and West. Through Pullman Sleepers to St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco and Austin. For full information and rates, call on local agent, or address M. L. Robbins, G. P. A., Wm. Doherty, A. G. P. A., Houston, Texas.

While man has approached the north pole within 235 miles, no one has yet stood within 712 miles of the south pole.

Some people are just about as good as in the world as a lost man's dog.

THOUSANDS HAVE, KIDNEY TROUBLE AND DON'T KNOW IT



To Prove what Swamp-Root, the Great Kidney Remedy, Will Do for YOU, Every Reader of this paper May Have a Sample Bottle Sent Free by Mail.

Weak and unhealthy kidneys are responsible for more sickness and suffering than any other disease, therefore, when through neglect or other causes, kidney trouble is permitted to continue, fatal results are sure to follow.

Your other organs may need attention—but your kidneys most, because they do most and need attention first.

If you are sick or "feel badly," begin taking Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, because as soon as your kidneys begin to get better they will help all the other organs to health. A trial will convince anyone.

The mild and immediate effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney and bladder remedy, is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. Swamp-Root will set your whole system right, and the best proof of this is a trial.

14 East 12th St., New York City, Oct. 15th, 1903.

Dear Sir: I had been suffering severely from kidney trouble. All symptoms were on hand: my former strength and power had left me; I could hardly drag myself along. Even my mental capacity was giving out, and often I wished to die. It was then I saw an advertisement of yours in a New York paper, but would not have paid any attention to it, had it not promised a sworn guarantee with every bottle of your medicine, assuring that your Swamp-Root is purely vegetable, and does not contain any harmful drugs. I am seventy years and four months old, and with a good conscience I can recommend Swamp-Root to all sufferers from kidney troubles. Four members of my family have been using Swamp-Root for four different kidney diseases, with the same good results.

Very truly yours, ROBERT BERNER.

You may have a sample bottle of this famous kidney remedy, Swamp-Root, sent free by mail, postpaid, by which you may test its virtues for such disorders as kidney, bladder and uric acid diseases, poor digestion, being obliged to pass

your water frequently night and day, smarting or irritation in passing, brick-dust or sediment in the urine, headache, backache, lame back, dizziness, sleeplessness, nervousness, heart disturbance due to bad kidney trouble, skin eruptions from bad blood, neuralgia, rheumatism, diabetes, bloating, irritability, worn-out feeling, lack of ambition, loss of flesh, shallow complexion, or Bright's disease.

If your water, when allowed to remain undisturbed in a glass or bottle for twenty-four hours, forms a sediment or settling or has a cloudy appearance, it is evidence that your kidneys and bladder need immediate attention.

Swamp-Root is the great discovery of Dr. Kilmer, the eminent kidney and bladder specialist. Hospitals use it with wonderful success in both slight and severe cases. Doctors recommend it to their patients and use it in their own families, because they recognize in Swamp-Root the greatest and most successful remedy.

Swamp-Root is pleasant to take and is for sale at drug stores the world over in bottles of two sizes and two prices—fifty cents and one dollar. Remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

you read this generous offer in this paper.

COUPON.

Please write or fill in this coupon with your name and address and Dr. Kilmer & Co. will send you a Free Sample Bottle of Swamp-Root the Great Kidney Remedy.

Name.....
 St. and No.....
 City or Town.....
 State.....
 Mention this paper.

The German city of Frankfurt has voted 50,000 marks for an automobile addition to the fire department.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality of DeLancey Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

Grumble puts spurs to the steed of trouble.

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

No man will ever understand women till he can explain why girls string ribbons where nobody ever ought to see them.

CORPORATIONS and Individuals who Need reliable Detective Service Employ McCANE'S Detective Agency, Houston, Tex.

It is not courage to admonish the cook; it is suicidal responsibility.

To Cure a Cold in One day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. See.

Physical culture is one thing and carrying coal up three flights of stairs is quite another.

A straight creed can never cover a crooked character.

Religion is never worn out by everyday use.

People who are trying to succeed are no more successful than those who are trying to fail.

ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION WILL BE GREATEST EVER HELD ON EARTH

Estimated Cost, Exclusive of the Value of the Exhibits, Is from Forty to Fifty Million Dollars—Miles of Wonderful Displays in More Than Twenty Buildings.

It is now a little more than two months before the gates will open upon the World's Fair at St. Louis and the public will be invited to see the greatest exposition that has ever been created. The vast exhibit palaces are complete and many of them have been finished for several months. Within the next two months all of them are to be brightened with new coats of paint so that, on the opening day, the magnificent array of palaces will appear as fresh as a newly blossomed rose.

No one, no matter how vivid his imagination, can picture to himself the scene that will be presented when the Exposition is complete. The more one sees this great collection of exhibit palaces and countless other buildings, the more deeply impressed he becomes with the grandeur of the undertaking. As the days grow longer and the air becomes balmy with the breezes of spring, the Exposition will take on far greater activity than it has seen during the boisterous days of winter. In spite of the severe weather, work has not ceased upon the construction of the World's Fair for more than a day or two at a time and there is every expectation and promise that it will be complete on the opening day.

The buildings and grounds, magni-

been loth to believe such a statement. But such is the fact. The exhibit palaces of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition average much larger than those of Chicago and are greater in number. About 130 acres of floor space are provided in the various palaces of the present World's Fair and more than twenty buildings will be used for exhibit purposes. The largest of these is the Palace of Agriculture, which covers twenty acres. The next in size is the Palace of Transportation, covering fifteen acres and containing four miles of railway tracks for the exhibit of locomotives and cars. At the Chicago Exposition there were practically no outdoor exhibits. At this World's Fair about 100 acres are given up to outdoor displays, supplementing in a most pleasing manner the hundreds of thousands of indoor exhibits. At the Chicago Exposition one building was used for no less than three important departments. At the World's Fair in St. Louis four buildings, covering forty-five acres, are given up to the same four departments.

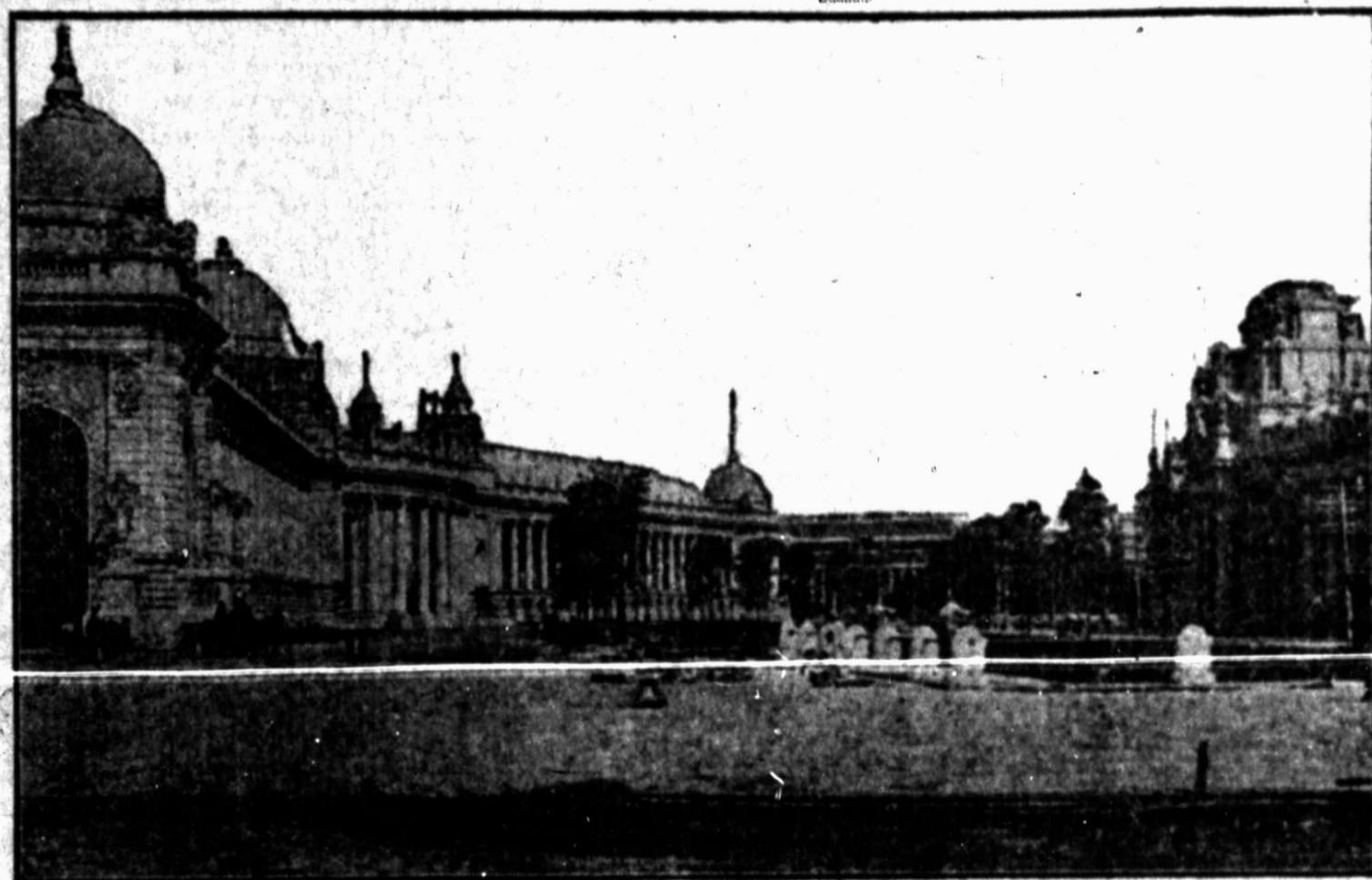
The total cost of the World's Fair is estimated at from forty to fifty million dollars, exclusive of the value of the exhibits. The Palace of Machinery alone will contain exhibits to the value of eight million dollars.

Exposition season, thousands of birds representing many species and climes

The largest hotel ever built, containing 2,300 rooms, is within the World's Fair grounds. The largest statue ever cast will stand in the Palace of Mines and Metallurgy as the exhibit of the Iron Industries of Birmingham, Ala. Twelve acres are devoted to a mining gulch containing all manner of mining machinery and exhibits. A floral clock, 112 feet in diameter, the hands of which weigh more than a ton each, will tell the time of day upon the slope north of the Palace of Agriculture. A map of the United States, six acres in extent, planted with cereals and other plants common to the various states, is an interesting display by the United States Bureau of Plant Industry.

Forty acres are devoted to the Philippine exhibit and thirty acres are devoted to the Indian display. Six acres are devoted to the garden of roses. Twenty acres are set apart for the accommodation of airships, which will participate in the contests for prizes amounting to \$200,000. The Quadrennial Olympic games will be held during the World's Fair upon the athletic field of the Exposition Grounds. An intra-mural railway, having fourteen miles of track will convey the visitors to any part of the Exposition. Some forty restaurants will feed the multi-

AT THE WORLD'S FAIR, ST. LOUIS.



View looking east from the Plaza St. Anthony. Palace of Varied Industries on the left. Palace of Electricity on the right. Palace of Manufactures in the distance.

cent though they be, are but the setting for a far more interesting display. In all the buildings the best products that the world can offer will be arranged in the most attractive order and will convey to the mind a better idea of what the wide world is doing than would years of study and inquiry. Fifty-one nations of the world and all of the states of the American Union will be represented in this extensive portrayal of the world's present-day effort.

Those who are familiar with the Columbian Exposition at Chicago have often asked if the Louisiana Purchase Exposition would equal in extent or grandeur the celebrated Exposition of 1893. When told that it would be twice as large in extent of grounds and 50 per cent larger in exhibit space in buildings, they have

MARKETING FOR THE SEA COW.

It is Necessary Now to Cut Through Ice to Get at the Eel Grass.

The man who does the marketing for the Aquarium's sea cow has had to do some lively hustling this winter to keep that big animal supplied with food.

The sea cow is eight foot long, weighs 800 pounds, and has a healthy appetite. In the first eighteen weeks after its arrival here from Florida, on Sept. 3 last, it ate ninety bushels of eel grass, six bushels of fennel-leaved pond weed and two bushels of niva, or sea lettuce, making ninety-eight bushels of aquatic plants in all in eighteen weeks, or an average of about five and one-half bushels a week, which is about its present rate of consumption.

The eel grass and other things for the sea cow's table are gathered in Gravesend Bay or the waters therewith connected. Baymen say that the present has been the hardest winter hereabouts on the water in twenty-five years. On many days it has been necessary to cut through the ice to get

To mention the big things of the World's Fair of 1904 would be to give a catalogue of the greatest achievements of man in many lines of endeavor. For example: We shall see the largest locomotive ever built, weighing ninety-five tons and having twelve driving wheels. We shall hear the largest organ in the world in the most beautiful festival hall ever built. We shall see some of the greatest sea-coast defense guns manufactured for the United States government. In the Government Building, which is the largest exhibit building ever erected by federal authority at an Exposition, there will be a model of a half of a battleship for the Navy display. The United States Government has also erected a bird cage so large that tall trees grow within the inclosure, in which will be held captive during the

tude, and an amusement street a mile long, containing the most novel and wonderful entertainments, will furnish diversion to the guests of the Exposition.

All St. Louis is preparing for the World's Fair, which will open on April 30 next and continue for seven months. Hundreds of buildings have been remodeled into hotels, and thousands of homes have been listed, upon invitation of the World's Fair management, to help care for the visitors. Every preparation has been made for a period of unusual festivity, and St. Louis expects to give her visitors a delightful season of sight-seeing and entertainment.

Thirty-five miles of roadway have been constructed within the World's Fair grounds.

HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND.

Amusing Error of Frenchman That Cost Him \$5.

A French visitor to New York, an enthusiastic automobilist, has learned a lesson as to how things are done in America. On several occasions when speeding a machine through Central park he has seen policemen hold up a hand. The result was an increase of speed and a wave of the hand in return. The police have been in the hopes of catching him, and finally one of them did so by placing his horse in the auto's track, compelling it to come to a standstill. In court the Frenchman was amazed at the cause of his arrest. He took the signals of the officers as commendations and congratulations and turned on more power to show them what he could do. The lesson cost him \$5.

French Taxes Increase. Returns of the revenue from indirect taxes in France in 1903 show that receipts amounted to \$563,380,330, an increase of \$28,587,580 over the estimates, and \$30,175,800 over 1902.

POISONED

The human body is constantly producing poisons, which are carried off through the kidneys and bowels. When these organs become clogged, then look out. Constipation, Sick Headache, Stomach Trouble, Fevers and Biliousness result.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

acts gently on the liver, kidneys and bowels. Cures indigestion and Constipation permanently.

PEPSIN SYRUP CO., Methylene, Ill.

MEXICAN Mustang Liniment

cures Sprains and Strains.

Send. Give quick relief. Restores all aching muscles. Cures all rheumatism, neuralgia, sciatica, etc. Price 25 cents per bottle. Sold everywhere.

Local Items.

Ear corn for sale at the Big Store.

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

Pearl tapioca at Billy Lewis & Company's.

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

Reuben's infant shirts, all sizes, at the Big Store.

S. L. Murchison left Sunday night for Chicago.

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

The COURIER job department prints candidate's cards.

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

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

Swiss lace and bobbinet curtains are cheap at the Big store.

Buy your muslin underwear from the Big Store. It's cheaper.

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

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

The Big Store can fit your foot with shoes that fit your pocket in price.

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

Another car of King's New Improved cotton seed at the Big Store.

We regret to state that Dr. J. L. Hall's condition has become serious.

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

Mrs. Connally of Beaumont is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. May.

Miss Ada Haile, the millinery buyer for the Big Store, is now in the markets.

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.

L. H. Embry, Fount Kelley and J. A. Smith of Kennard were here Monday.

Arrived.

A beautiful line of san-silks at the Big Store.

The Big Store is selling their rugs and art squares at a greatly reduced price.

Just Arrived.

A car of choice alfalfa hay at the Big Store.

Miss Ethel Wootters spent Saturday and Sunday at Lufkin, visiting her sister.

Don't buy your spring dress or hat until the Big Store's up-to-date line arrives.

W. A. Ponder remembered the COURIER very substantially while in town Monday.

City Attorney George W. Crook is filing suits against delinquent city tax payers.

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.

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

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

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.

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

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

Col. Elias Ray of Lafayette, Ind., was here last week and bought land in the county.

S. M. Gardner of Weches is among those who have remembered us since our last issue.

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

Marvin Ellis and wife are now at home in Crockett, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Ellis.

Will Ike Kennedy returned Sunday night from a pleasure trip to San Antonio and other points.

The primary election will be held on the second Saturday in July, which is the 9th of the month.

Mrs. A. LeGory and daughter, Miss Hortense, have gone to San Antonio to spend the rest of the winter.

Every farmer in the county should hear Dr. Knapp's address at the court house Saturday, March 5.

S. B. Mobley, traveling auditor for the I. & G. N., spent the first half of the week in the railroad office here.

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.

Mr. John F. Rains, another one of the COURIER's long-time friends and subscribers, paid us an appreciated visit Wednesday.

A. B. Ives, manager of the Trinity Lumber company at Groveton, and Capt. J. P. Stevenson were in the city Monday.

Come out Saturday, March 5, and hear how to make cotton in spite of the boll weevil. Dr. Knapp will tell you how to do it.

A county negro convict escaped from the camp three miles southwest of town Sunday night. He was still at large Wednesday morning.

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.

The bonds against the city of Crockett have been reduced from \$12,000 to \$6,000 by the city. It will not be long at this rate before the city will be in a fine position to issue bonds for waterworks and other public improvements. But waterworks should come first of all.

W. M. Womack, a colored preacher, exhibited at the COURIER office Saturday a petrified fish that he found on the bank of the Trinity river.

D. J. Woodward of San Antonio, an uncle of Miss Jessie Long, accompanied her remains from San Antonio to Crockett, returning Sunday night.

Squire R. T. Payne of Lovelady paid this office an appreciated visit last week. He says the farmers around his town are planting Irish potatoes largely this spring.

They have had the boll weevil for eight years in some localities southwest of us. Come out Saturday, March 5, and learn how they make cotton in spite of the weevil.

Bailey Hatchell announces for tax assessor. He was in the race two years ago for this office and drew a strong support, coming very near getting the office, if we remember correctly. He solicits your vote.

J. A. Lee, Bill Allen, Harry Bird, J. D. Gullet, L. M. Allen and E. L. Holloway comprise a party of oil prospectors from Corsicana who arrived in Crockett Sunday night and went out to the Driskill place Monday morning.

Negro Killed at Kennard.

Monday at Kennard Deputy Constable Hammond, while running after a negro, trying to effect the negro's arrest, fell down and shot him through the head, killing him. The deputy constable was firing over the negro's head, trying to make him stop.

J. E. Smith announces for commissioner of precinct No. 4. Mr. Smith served that precinct as commissioner one term and was succeeded by the present incumbent. He looked after the county's affairs faithfully, discharging his duties as he best saw them. He again solicits your support.

W. M. Hinson of Nacogdoches was here Thursday. On one of his previous trips here he took a bundle of Mr. W. B. Page's tobacco back to Nacogdoches with him and put it through a process of fermentation to determine its quality. He had the tobacco with him Thursday and pronounced it a very fine grade. Mr. Hinson is a tobacco expert in the employ of the government bureau of soils.

J. R. Sheridan announces this week for tax collector. Mr. Sheridan held this office for three successive terms and was never defeated, declining to make the race for the fourth term. His reports showed more taxes collected by him than by any other collector. He was born and reared in the county as was also his father who is now its oldest living citizen. He solicits your support.

In a personal letter to the editor from Rev. E. L. Crawford, who was transferred from Crockett to Greensboro, Ala., by the Methodist conference, he writes as follows: "I have been down with a sure enough case of the grippe. Did you ever have it? If you haven't, take my advice and be satisfied with the description your friends can give you of it. It is good to have an experimental knowledge of many things, but the grippe gives you more experience than you bargain for. It is like Dr. Mason said about driving through an overflowed creek on a cold winter day: 'It's a good reminiscence, but a mighty poor experience.'" The editor quite agrees with Mr. Crawford as to his experience with the grippe and stands in need of no description of it from his friends.

Banks Consolidate.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the two national banks of Crockett Thursday of last week, a resolution to consolidate carried, and the First National and the Farmers and Merchants will be merged into one bank with a capital of \$100,000 on the first of March. The capital of each bank was \$50,000 before the consolidation. The stockholders of the Farmers and Merchants bank take stock in the First National to half the amount of their holdings in the former. The other half is taken by the stockholders of the latter. The First National will occupy the building formerly occupied by the Farmers and Merchants bank, but will make some improvements before moving into it. This gives Crockett one of the strongest banking institutions in this section of the state.

At the stockholders meeting the following were elected directors of the bank: H. F. Moore, John B. Smith, A. H. Wootters, Jas. S. Shivers, Dan McLean, Arch Baker and W. C. Teter, who organized with the following officers: H. F. Moore, president; John B. Smith, vice president; Arch Baker, cashier, and M. P. Jensen, assistant cashier.

Palestine Talent is Good.

The Palestine Dramatic club, playing Enoch Arden at the opera house Friday evening, was only surpassed by one professional theatrical company during the season. This company of ladies and gentlemen of our neighboring city developed unusual strength and talent for amateurs and the acting of some of them—those having the leading parts—was far ahead of many of the so-called professionals. Those of our citizens who did not attend the play may well regret it, for they missed a treat. On account of the downpour of rain, the audience was small—much smaller than it should have been even under the circumstances. The purpose for which the play was given was a most laudable one and deserved the unstinted patronage of our people. It is the desire of many of our citizens that this company again make us a visit and it is believed that a full house can be given them under more propitious circumstances.

Oil Well Machinery Here.

There was a car load of oil well boring machinery at the depot Wednesday, shipped here from Corsicana by the party of gentlemen whose names will be found in another place. The machinery is to be taken out to the Driskill place, where preparations are under way for boring and where oil indications are numerous. The company is backed by Corsicana capital and Corsicana experts and it is believed they know what they are doing.

The COURIER's proposition to give free with every paid in advance subscription the magazine, Farm-Life, will be withdrawn on March 1. The proposition has been taken advantage of quite liberally. If you are owing the COURIER on subscription come in, pay up arrearages and a year in advance and you will get the magazine free. If you are not a subscriber \$1.00 will get the COURIER and the magazine for a year. Remember the offer is withdrawn on the first of March.

Rig Shipped to Crockett.

Corsicana, Tex., February 18.—A rig was shipped from here today for Crockett, Houston county, where it will be used to sink a well in search of oil on the lands of the East Texas Oil company, organized here.

It Will Pay You

To figure with us when in the market for

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LUMBER Of all kinds

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

Satisfaction guaranteed.

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T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

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.

All Eyes on St. Louis.

The eyes of all the world will be turned toward St. Louis during the year 1904. Everybody will want to get, from first hands, the news of the greatest World's Fair which the world has ever seen. Our readers are advised, therefore, to subscribe for the greatest St. Louis newspaper—a newspaper which acknowledges no equal or rival in the West, and which stands in the front rank among the great newspapers of the world. Subscribe for the St. Louis Globe-Democrat and get all the news of the World's Fair, all the news of the national campaign, all the news of all the earth. See advertisement elsewhere in this issue.

Cancer Cured!

Mr. W. W. Prickett, Smithfield, Ills., 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.

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.

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Next door to Baker Bros.

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. (Gershon) Lansford
Nat E. Allbright
- For Tax Collector
J. W. Brightman
J. R. Sheridan
- For District Clerk
Nat Patton
J. B. Stanton
John A. Goolsby
- For County Attorney
L. A. Sallas
John Spence
- For Tax Assessor
Bailey Hatchell
- 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
J. E. Smith
- For Constable Prec. No. 1
O. B. (Deb) Hale
Buny Satterwhite

DR. KNAPP WILL VISIT CROCKETT.

The Special Agent of the Agricultural Department Will be Here Saturday, Mar. 5.

EDITOR COURIER:—I herewith hand you letter which explains itself. I would like for every farmer to be in Crockett on March 5, at which time Dr. S. A. Knapp, special agent of the agricultural department, will meet the people and devise means of fighting the boll weevil along the line of cultural methods which has heretofore been so successful in other infested districts. Come, everybody, and especially every farmer, both colored and white, and hear what is to be done. He wants fifty farmers who will plant ten acres or more each in cotton under the direction of the agricultural department.

All farmers seeing this will please tell all other farmers. Don't forget the date, Saturday, March 5, 1904. Make a big showing by being present. It is a rare opportunity to learn how to grow cotton despite the boll weevil. Yours truly,
A. H. WOOTTERS.

THE LETTER.

Houston, Texas, Feb. 19.
Mr. A. H. Wootters, Crockett.

Dear Sir:—In reply to your letter and the fact that your people have some grounds of complaint, we will make a special effort to meet you on the 5th day of March, and will allow no other place to interfere with the appointment, if you make it. We could come a little earlier than that, but inasmuch as you want it about two weeks off, that is the nearest date we can be of service to you.

You may expect me in person. Very truly yours,
S. A. KNAPP.

More About the Railroad.

The COURIER referred last week to the new line of railway to be built from Paris, Texas, to Houston, by way of Athens, Palestine and perhaps Crockett. The road is projected to build from Palestine either to Crockett and on to Groveson by way of Pennington or to build on a straight line from Groveson to Crockett and pass 14 miles to Groveson.

information was secured from Mr. P. W. Bean of Kansas City when he was through here locating the route. Crockett can not afford to let this road pass through the eastern part of the county and cut off more of its trade territory. We believe that our citizens will be alive to their interests at the proper time and will get in line with those north of us. Hon. J. W. Madden handed the COURIER the following letter Saturday, which, though short, is to the point and shows that Mr. Bean is in the state for business:

Greenville, Texas, Feb. 14.
J. W. Madden, Ch'm of Com.

Dear Sir:—I have been in Texas the second time about two weeks. Since coming here I have made propositions to the counties of Van Zandt and Henderson which in both instances have been accepted. I am in the north section and as soon as I am through here will come southward. I hope that your people will be alive to the situation and be in line.

Yours truly,
P. W. BEAN.

Wednesday morning Mr. Madden handed us a letter of more recent date from Mr. Bean, which reads as follows:

Wolfe City, Texas, Feb. 21.
J. W. Madden, Crockett, Tex.

Dear Sir:—I am glad to hear from you and your people and to hear that they are wanting our line. We are as anxious as are your people to build this line of road and will build at least 100 miles in the next 18 months and complete the balance as soon as time will allow. Give my regards to Mr. Foster, Mr. Moore and the other gentlemen with whom I met at your city. I will be with you as soon as time will allow me.

Yours truly,
P. W. BEAN.

INVESTORS TO VISIT CROCKETT.

Party Will Be Here Some Time in March and Remain One Day

ED. COURIER:—Through my untiring efforts I have personally succeeded in getting interested in land, tributary to Crockett, some of the most extensive operators of the North, but we have utterly failed to find property enough for the balance of our purchasers, because land-holders have seen fit to either withdraw their property from the market or raise the price at the time our men were ready to purchase and it will be the means of forcing capital and permanent investors to another locality unless those holding property in this vicinity are willing to sell at reasonable prices, as I was led to believe they would sell for at the time I interested my Northern investors.

These gentlemen will pass through Crockett and remain there one day some time in March. I will be in Crockett about March 10th for a few days and I wish everybody who has land for sale, and particularly tributary to Crockett or on the railroad in the vicinity, would write me a letter in care of the Pickwick hotel at Crockett, giving a full description and the lowest cash price they will take and the exact location. If we find it of sufficient quantity, and right kind and right price, I will again try to interest the capitalists who I hoped to interest at this time. It is useless to put any fictitious value on your land as our investors will only pay that which is right, all conditions being considered, and I assure you that another opportunity of its kind will not soon favor that community.

Yours respectfully,
NAT WITTEL.

The End of a Beautiful Life.

The death of Miss Jessie Long at San Antonio Friday night was as the passing away of a beautiful flower before the chilling breath of a winter's frost. Her life was as beautiful as that of the rose that blooms in the spring only to be scattered by the winds of summer and seemingly as short to those who had watched it from the budding stage until full-blown. Now the rose has been gathered from the earthy field to bloom forever in the crystal vase above.

Just developing into pure and lovely womanhood, just entering into a life of Christian usefulness, just beginning to shed warm rays of sunshine from a Christian spirit into the souls of those around her, the night of death draws on and she falls into a sleep that knows no earthly awaking. But there must be rejoicing among the angels in heaven over the advent of another soul.

A little over a year ago in the full enjoyment of a robust health! Now in the cold embrace of death and forever shut from the view of worshiping relatives and loving friends! Hers was a life that knew no sin. Hers was a life that was purity itself.

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