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Dan G. Kennedy Says:

We moved the Bankrupt Stock into the Racket Store the forepart of the week and will continue selling it at Cost. We have numerous bargains, not only in the Bankrupt Stock, but in the other 3 stores. All Lawns, Low Cut Shoes and Summer Goods generally will be cut below the usual already low price. Come to see us. Yours respectfully,

Dan G. Kennedy,
Proprietor
Yellow Front and Racket Stores

WEEVIL PEST.

Marston's Method of Applying Paris Green to Cotton Plant is Proving Efficacious.

Beeville, Texas, June 26.—Eight thousand pounds of paris green have been distributed among the farmers of this locality since Colonel B. W. Marston's first visit here about five weeks ago. Its use has met with varying success, a majority of the farmers admitting it has done some good.

The first field threatened, belonging to S. F. Roberts, consists of five acres of stubble cotton in the suburbs of town. Before treatment it was badly infested with weevils. Two days thereafter no weevils could be found. It has been treated four times on an average of ten days apart. The cotton has an exceedingly healthy appearance and has a normal crop of bolls. In his rounds among the farmers Saturday your correspondent found only one who was skeptical of paris green killing the weevil, but he admits his crop looks healthier since its use, which he attributes to the killing of other insects.

John Gorman, a colored man, has thirty acres which were so badly infested fifteen days ago a bloom or a form was a rarity. Since the application of paris green, according to the Marston method, it has put on a normal crop of embryo bolls. G. H. King ten days ago treated fifteen acres for the first time on which he says there were from one to two weevils to the stalk. Two days afterward close inspection of the field by himself and four Mexicans failed to disclose a weevil either dead or alive, while another field adjoining not treated at the same time showed to contain plenty of weevils.

Results at Lockhart.

Lockhart, Texas, June 25.—While a good many farmers in this neighborhood have applied the paris green remedy, there are numbers who have not.

J. O. Lipscomb, who has a hundred-acre cotton field on his black land farm five miles west of Lockhart, says that he gave all of his fields the same cultivation, that he applied paris green to a portion of

the field, leaving the remainder unpoisoned, and that he can plainly mark the point at which he began poisoning.

The surface of the ground where paris green has not been applied is literally covered with squares, and on the part where the paris green was used there are but few weevils, and the plant is full of blooms, bolls and squares.

A. M. Lay, who is an extensive cotton grower near here, says he has used paris green and is highly pleased with its results. That his cotton is healthy and full of blooms and bolls and that he will with confidence continue to use the remedy. While other farmers interviewed express skeptical views as to final beneficial results, the consensus of opinion, however, among those who have used the remedy, seems to be that where it is judiciously applied it will prove a benefit, not only in checking the boll weevil, but in destroying other cotton insects for the ravages of which the weevil has full credit. A few weeks later will better prove the efficiency of the above remedy.

Seguin, Texas, June 26.—Notwithstanding the fact that the merchants of Seguin ordered in large quantities and offered at cost, paris green for use in poisoning boll weevil, it has not been generally used by farmers in this section.

J. M. Blanks, a merchant and planter of Seguin, has experimented with the poison perhaps more than any other man in this vicinity. He says that he has demonstrated beyond all doubt that the poison properly applied will kill the weevil, but what percent of them can be reached and destroyed by the manner of applying it in use, it is impossible to say. He says that the result with him is that the cotton which he caused to be carefully poisoned is now carrying a good crop of squares, blooms and bolls, while some rows where he did not apply the poison show an absence of fruit. Mr. Blanks says that after applying the paris green he carefully examined the cotton and found from one to eight dead weevils under every stalk.

Charles Bruns, who has a fine field of cotton on his farm near

Seguin, says that his experiments with paris green as a killer of the boll weevil have been satisfactory so far. He had on exhibition in town a large stalk of cotton, heavily loaded with half grown bolls, blooms and squares, which he had taken at random from among cotton to which the poison had been carefully applied, and he says that stalks of cotton in ten feet of where this sample stalk grew, and which had not been poisoned, were absolutely bare of fruit.

Judge F. C. Weinert, who has large farming interests near Seguin, while he does not go into details about his experiments, says that he is thoroughly convinced that if properly applied in time paris green will destroy the weevil to an extent sufficient to insure a crop in spite of the pest. Judge Weinert is extensively interested in cotton raising in this and Gonzales county, and has carefully studied the subject of boll weevil.

GOLD IS FOUND.

Dr. Driskill's Oil Company is Very Lucky.

Corsicana Courier.

While drilling near Crockett, the oil company, composed of Dr. Driskill, Mr. C. S. West and a number of other Corsicana men, struck a sand which had a peculiar yellow color and this excited their curiosity, so they sent it to a Colorado assayist.

Four packages were sent and the assayist's certificate shows that there is much gold in it, running from \$4 to \$16 per ton.

When gold-bearing strata is good for \$4 per ton, it is considered fine, but some of this quadruples it.

Sued by His Doctor.

"A doctor here has sued me for \$12.50, which I claimed was excessive for a case of cholera morbus," says R. White, of Coahuila, Cal. "At the trial he praised his medical skill and medicine. I asked him if it was not Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy he used as I had good reason to believe it was, and he would not say under oath that it was not." No doctor could use a better remedy than this in a case of cholera morbus, it never fails. Sold by B. F. Chamberlain.

GOLD DISCOVERED IN OIL WELLS.

East Texas Oil Company Discover Gold in Houston County Recently.

Corsicana Sun.

While boring for oil in Houston county the East Texas Oil company have found that between the surface and the oil strata of their territory a wealth of gold is imbedded in an intervening stratum of sand. The wells in which the discovery was made are situated some ten miles northeast of Crockett and are all within the company's territory.

Up to date the gold bearing sand has appeared in four of the wells. In these wells the assayer finds that the sand yields respectively \$16, \$12, \$8 and \$4 to the ton. The first represents 20 feet of gold bearing sand 760 to 780 feet under ground; the second represents 76 feet of such sand 729 to 805 feet under ground; the third 6 feet of the sand 486 to 492 feet under ground. The fourth, which is a quarter of a mile from the other three, which are in a group, represents 40 feet of the sand from 490 to 530 feet beneath the surface.

Dr. Driskill of this city is president of the company which is composed of Corsicana men, with the exception of a few stockholders who live in Crockett. Dr. Driskill has in his office specimens of sands taken from all the wells with the assayer's analysis of each. They are situated in the vicinity of his old home, where he was reared.

The discovery of the gold is not a surprise to him for he has long had the opinion it was there.

Seventeen years ago, he says, B. F. Giltner, a geologist now in the gold fields of the West, assured him that valuable gold veins were imbedded in that region.

In conversation with a Sun reporter this morning he said, "The area of the gold stratum is beyond doubt extensive, and in my opinion it is the largest thing of the kind ever discovered in the South."

But besides the gold there is oil also. The oil land begins to show at 120 feet beneath the surface. Again it appears at 310 feet and at 709 feet there is a magnificent showing. Still more appears at 1330 feet and at 1450 feet.

Operations in the field will be temporarily suspended pending the sale of stock in the oil company.

Triumphs of Modern Surgery.

Wonderful things are done for the human body by surgery. Organs are taken out and scraped and polished and put back, or they may be removed entirely; bones are spliced; pipes take the place of diseased sections of veins; antiseptic dressings are applied to wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries before inflammation and in one-third the time required by the old treatment. Chamberlain's Pain Balm acts on this same principle. It also allays the pain and soreness. Keep a bottle of Pain Balm in your home and it will save you time and money, not to mention the inconvenience and suffering which such injuries entail. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Silver Wedding.

On last Friday evening, June 24th, Col. and Mrs. H. H. Folk celebrated their twenty-fifth anniversary at their home, Kennard Mill. A more perfect night could not have been found; the moon shone in all her splendor, enveloping the earth in her silvery light and blending all things into one harmonious effect. The house was most beautifully and artistically decorated in green and white bunting, wild smilax, ferns and palms. Along the broad galleries electric lights swung to and fro, making a beautiful picture one was loath to leave. On entering the house you were met by the receiving party who stood under a beautiful arch, which extended from the hall doors to the steps. The receiving party were Mesdames Turner (nee Miss Belle Folk), Atterbury, Morrison, Stephenson and Collom. Here you spent a few pleasant moments before entering the parlors where you congratulated the ever happy bride and groom, Col. and Mrs. Folk, who stood under a beautiful silver wedding bell, their hearts beating in the same sweet accord and unison as had done twenty-five years before. Indeed it is hard to believe they ever looked handsomer, for Father Time has been generous with them and left no marked traces of his flight upon either brow. Mrs. Folk was gowned in white point de'sprit over white silk, bride roses in her hair, and Col. Folk greeted every one in his warm, cordial way, whispering to some of the girls that he was dreadfully afraid, unless they

hurried, he would not be able to help them celebrate their twenty-fifth anniversary. Then you passed into the drawing room, where a handsome and beautiful display of presents were seen, which were sent from friends from all parts of the states. You then found your way to the punch bowl which indeed was a very attractive place, served midst a bank of wild smilax and ferns. Here in their usual charming manner presided Misses Folk and Hail. The sparkling beverage seemed to have found favor with all, giving a brighter twinkle to the eyes, and a merrier laugh to all. On the porch delicious ices and cakes were served. As the sweet strains of the orchestra floated out to the ears of the young people, it made it impossible to keep them from dancing. The older people lingered awhile to gaze upon the joyous scene, but feeling a little de trop stole away leaving the remainder of the evening with young people. "There's never a night so long but hath its day." Alas! The young people found it so. At a late hour all left wishing Col. and Mrs. Folk many happy returns of the day.

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That Tired Feeling.

If you are languid, depressed and incapable of work, it indicates that your liver is out of order. Herbine will assist nature to throw off headaches, rheumatism and ailments akin to nervousness and restore the energies and vitality of sound and perfect health. J. J. Hubbard, Temple, Texas, writes, March 22, 1902: "I have used Herbine for the past two years. It has done me more good than all the doctors. When I feel bad and have that tired feeling, I take a dose of Herbine. It is the best medicine ever made for chills and fever." 50c a bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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THE NEW YORK STORE

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Every Article Reduced, Some Lines Less than Cost.

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Such cutting and slashing of prices you never saw. We have some very choice goods going for any price.

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All our Men's, Women's and Children's Shoes have been marked lower, and it will pay you to see about these prices.

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We feel sure we have more of these and a greater variety than anybody else in town. All kinds, from 25c to \$5.

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75c Shirts for.....48c | 40c Undergarments for.....24c
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75c Waists for.....48c | \$1.50 Waists for.....99c
\$1.00 Waists for.....75c | \$2.00 Waists for.....\$1.25

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\$3.00 Skirts for.....\$1.99 | \$8.00 Skirts for.....\$5.25
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Clothing Must Go.

And it's going, too, at prices that will astonish you with their smallness. We can fit any kind of a man or boy.

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Although we've sold the greater part of our hats, there are still some very choice ones, and we'll let you have them at bargain prices.

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This is a lot we bought very cheap, and we don't want a yard of it left on our hands. We sell it by the yard, at 2c to \$1.00.

Yours Very Truly,

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HARPOONING A TARPON.

An Exciting Sport That Demands Coolness and Dexterity.

The harpoon is cast. There is a crash in the water and a big wave rolls outward. As the skiff is driven forward by your boatman you recover your harpoon pole. As you take it aboard your first spare glance discovers the line drifting rapidly over the bow.

The line is seized loosely and paid out hand over hand. If clutched tightly there will be torn and blistered fingers. If the line is hard twisted it will suggest red hot wire. It will tear the flesh; it will kink and squirm and writhe. Beginning gently, an increasing strain is put upon the line until the boat is in rapid motion. As the tarpon feels the strain a gyrating, glistening, silvery mass hurls itself six or eight feet clear of the water.

The sight of the skiff gives him new life. His next dash carries him through a narrow channel and you lose line to him. In making a sharp turn your skiff grounds on an oyster bar. By the time you are again afloat you have out nearly 300 feet of line, with not a dozen coils left. But the boat is soon under headway, the boatman pushing frantically and the stretching of the line helps. You have taken up the tarpon's gait, his speed slackens; once more you recover line and again breathe freely.

Fifteen minutes of alternate rushing, leaping and sulking, with bubbles of air rising more and more frequently to the surface, and the end comes. The great fish rises to the surface, and, rolling over on his side, surrenders as completely as he has struggled tenaciously.—Country Life in America.

Testing the Lungs.

Draw in as much breath as you conveniently can, then count as long as possible in a slow and audible voice without drawing in more breath. The number of seconds must be carefully noted. In a consumptive the time does not exceed ten and is frequently less than six seconds; in pleurisy and pneumonia it ranges from nine to four seconds. When the lungs are sound the time will range as high as from twenty to thirty-five seconds. To expand the lungs go into the air, stand erect, throw back the head and shoulders and draw in the air through the nostrils as much as possible.

After having thus filled the lungs draw your arms well outward, and push in the air. When you have thus drawn the arms outward, draw the arms well inward, and the lungs will

which you draw in your breath, till the lungs are emptied. Go through the process several times a day, and it will enlarge the chest, give the lungs better play and serve very much to ward off consumption.

Microscopic Penmanship.

The subject of microscopic workmanship really divides itself into two classes—penmanship and mechanical construction. History has handed down to us many examples of this form of calligraphic mania, of which the chief symptom is a desire to compress the greatest number of words into the smallest possible space.

Pliny the Younger declares that Cicero once saw the "Iliad" written so small that it could be inclosed in a walnut shell. This affirmation was regarded as improbable until the seventeenth century, when Huet, bishop of Avranches, France, an excellent Greek scholar, proved that it could be accomplished.

The gospel of St. John and the Acts of the Apostles were written within the circumference of a farthing in the sixth century by an Italian monk.

How a Dying Man Feels.

Numerous experiments made in hospitals and upon heroic scientists who have permitted tests to be made upon themselves right down to the moment of death, warrant these conclusions: That a dying man may be burned with red hot irons and yet not feel the least pain; that consciousness may remain in the dying almost to the moment of actual dissolution, but that most people generally lose the power of thought long before death; that in cases of death where there seems to be extreme suffering, with writhing and spasms, such phenomena are generally due to reflex muscular action; also that fear weakens the muscular system and hastens death, while the reverse may prolong life.

Enemies at a Social Function.

Mrs. Lowe, wife of Robert Lowe, afterward Viscount Sherbrook, was a tremendous partisan whenever her husband was concerned. After the reform bill of 1867 Disraeli and the Lowes made no pretense to any mutual liking. At a dinner once at Lady Waldegrave's the guests had all paired off till only Disraeli and Mrs. Lowe were left. With his inimitable smile and complete appreciation of the humor of the situation, Disraeli bowed and extended his arm. "I suppose there's no help for it, Mrs. Lowe," when both burst into hearty laughter.

RESTING IN MIDAIR.

Faculty of Poising Possessed by Some of the Largest Birds.

"While I never have seen it explained in print," said one of the ornithological sharps of the zoo, "it is a wonder to me persons should express amazement at the ability of certain birds to hang poised in the air without wing motion.

"It is a favorite trick of the great condor. Away in the air, far beyond the mountain tops, these birds hang poised as motionless as if perched on solid rock. True, their wings are outstretched, but even through glasses not the slightest motion is perceptible. They remain in this position for many minutes, sometimes for an hour, making a careful scrutiny of everything below them in their search for prey. Then, with a slight tilting of the wings, they flap slowly away, or, having found what they were seeking, dart like a bullet toward it. The eagle, hawk and other species have this same faculty of poising apparently on nothing.

"These birds move about until they meet an uprising current of air. It may come from immediately beneath them, from wind deflected by striking a cliff along the sea, or may come from a great distance, where a rushing wind struck the side of a mountain and was turned upward. Being on the wing most of the time in search of prey, they have learned to utilize these uprushing air currents for their own purposes. Coming to one of these and heading to the wind, they fix their pinions at an angle which will permit them to rest there and scrutinize something that has taken their attention perhaps on the plain below. Thus, while they seem poised on nothing, the air current rushing upward buoy them.

"You see the same thing in mid-ocean when ships are followed by flocks of gulls, in some rare case clear across the ocean. When the ships start out the gulls fly here and there, sometimes away on high and again skimming the surface of the water in search of food. As the hours and days pass they tire, and then you will see them poise for rest on the air current rising from the stern of the ship. The crush of an ocean grayhound creates a swiftly rising air current in its wake. This curls over like a wave and rushes into the vacuum made by the steamer, and on it the gulls are carried along without effort and at the same speed at which the ship is traveling."—New York Press.

SCIENCE SIFTINGS.

Uranus is the only one of our system of planets which rotates backward.

Glycerin has the property, extraordinary among liquids, of not evaporating.

The star Canopus surpasses the sun in brightness by more than 10,000 times.

The equator of Mars is inclined to the plane of its orbit about 25 degrees. That of the earth is inclined 23 degrees 24 minutes.

The different worlds of the solar family are at different stages of their evolution. If the moon is a waif of the past, Jupiter is a world of the future.

The electrical charge of the gaseous ion is .0000000034 electrostatic units. The number of molecules in one cubic centimeter of gas under standard conditions is 3.6 multiplied by the nineteenth power of 10.

Such common substances as sugar, glucose and chalk having been found to absorb sunlight all day and to give it off in rays during the night, the discovery of some means for rendering those rays useful in illuminating houses at night with little expense seems a possibility of the near future.

Bearded Women.

Bearded women have existed at all periods of the world's history. Even Herodotus, the "father of history," gives us an account of one Pedasnes, "who lived above Halicarnassus," a priestess of Minerva, whose chin regularly budded with a large beard whenever any great public calamity impended. Bartel Garetti, a woman of Copenhagen, had a beard reaching to her waist. Charles XII of Sweden had a female grenadier in his army who possessed the beard as well as the courage of a man. Margaret, duchess of Austria and governess of the Netherlands, had a large, wiry, stiff beard, of which she was very proud. Of late years Albert, duke of Bavaria, reports having had a young lady governess in his household who was "the proud possessor of a very large black beard."

His Return.

Mrs. Hauskeep—Suppose I should give you a nice dinner today, what return would you make?
Hungry Higgins—Well, ma'am, if I liked yer cookin' I'd return flat as often as I could, ma'am.—Philadelphia Press.

"It's better to have lived one day than to have blinked and breathed a century."—Aristotle.

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WHY HOT WEATHER MAKES WOMEN NERVOUS.



Blanche Grey.

A Well Known Canadian Lady Sends Letter of Endorsement to Pe-ru-na.

Miss Mary Burns, 28 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, N. S., writes: "Having used Peruna for indigestion and stomach trouble and to build up a broken down system with the very best results, I am pleased to state my experience with this excellent medicine. I had been troubled with stomach trouble and poor digestion for some years, and although I tried many remedies and dieting, nothing seemed to restore my health until I used Peruna. In three months I had entirely recovered my health and strength."—Mary Burns.

Suggestions by Dr. Hartman.—How to Combat the Nervous Depression Incident to Warm Weather.

Nervousness is very common among women. This condition is due to anemic nerve centers. The nerve centers are the reservoir for nerve vitality. These centers become bloodless for the want of proper nutrition.

This condition is especially noticeable during the warm season. Every summer an army of invalids are produced as a direct result of weak nervous systems.

This could easily be overcome by the use of Peruna. Peruna strikes at the root of the trouble by correcting the digestion. Perfect digestion furnishes increased nutrition for the nerve centers. Perfectly digested food gives these reservoirs of life a vitality which creates strong, steady nerves, and in this manner fortifies and nourishes life.

Miss Blanche Grey, a prominent young society woman of Memphis, Tenn., in a recent letter from 174 Alabama street, writes: "To a society woman whose nervous force is often taxed to the utmost from lack of rest and irregular meals, I know of nothing which is of so much benefit as Peruna. I took it a few months ago when I felt my strength giving way, and it soon made itself manifest in giving me new strength and health."—Miss Blanche Grey.

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AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION.

Significant Remarks by Mr. Wm. Doherty of the Central-East and West Lines.

With a view of stimulating an interest among the farmers along the Central-East and West lines, the Passenger Department of those lines have authorized an unusually low rate to College, on the occasion of the annual Farmers' Congress, to be held at that point July 5, 6 and 7. Mr. Wm. Doherty, Assistant General Passenger Agent, whose keen interest in the welfare of farmers in the territory served by lines with which he is connected, is widely known, is doing everything in his power to arouse an interest among the farmers along the Central-East and West lines to attend this meeting. Mr. Doherty is a firm believer in agricultural education and believes that great good will result to the farmers of Texas because of the Farmers' Congress. In a recent newspaper interview Mr. Doherty said:

"Every farmer should attend the Congress. It stands for all that is progressive in agriculture. The best posted men in the South on agricultural topics will be there to discuss subjects of interest. The meetings are pleasant socially, and every one seems to come prepared to learn all they can and at the same time enjoy the society of others from all parts of the state.

"The Farmers' Congress, which has now become a fixed institution, is indicative of the trend of Texas agricultural affairs. Conditions in Texas have experienced a remarkable transformation during the past few years, until now the time is fast approaching when the farmer can no more succeed in the cultivation of the soil without education along agricultural lines than the jurist can hope to achieve success today without painstaking educational preparation. Time was when it was possible for the farmer to get along fairly well without any great amount of effort, or any particular attention to methods or reasons for doing things. That time has passed, because Texas has today reached a higher level of progress and civilization and is now on a competitive basis. The Texas farmer can no longer hope to prosper through barter. His future is now on a commercial basis.

"I am glad to observe what education has already and is now accomplishing for the Texas farmer. The United States Department of Agriculture and the A. & M. College, not only in the present boll weevil campaign, but along general agricultural lines, are doing a great work for Texas, arousing the farmer to the necessity of observing more scientific methods, dividing his time among several crops rather than devoting it exclusively to a single crop, thereby assuring for himself results far greater in proportion to energy expended.

"The readiness and willingness with which Texas farmers are accepting the gospel of diversification as a means of salvation from the slavery of a one-crop cultivation of the soil, speaks in favor of education in agricultural affairs. And results achieved therefrom are argument enough to prove to any farmer that education means more and better crops and money in his pocket at all seasons of the year, instead of poverty in the spring and summer and a little cotton money in the fall and winter.

"If Texas is to reach the high plane of development and prosperity which her boundless resources justify, she will be placed there by the Texas farmer. Competition with such states as California and Florida, which have the advantage because of well established industries, demands that the Texas farmer apply mental as well as physical energy. It used to be that the Texas farmer could sleep while his negro planted his corn or hoed his cotton. That day has passed. Today he must think while he sows; he must think while he plows; he must think while he reaps. In other words, he must have reasons for doing things.

"The Farmers' Congress, to be held at College July 5, 6 and 7, has this end in view, and like every educational institution, its purpose is to assist the farmers to think."

The president of the British Board of Trade stated, in answer to a question in the house of commons, that the average annual earnings of adult males employed in the principal industrial and agricultural occupations in the United Kingdom in a year of average employment might be estimated approximately at \$350 each.

Wounds Dressed With Burnt Straw.

At a cost of one shilling Japanese doctors can dress the wounds of 500 men. They use a finely-powdered charcoal obtained by the slow combustion of straw in closed furnaces. Sachets filled with it are applied to the wounds, and its antiseptic and absorbent qualities generally effect a rapid cure.

Shirt Stud Watch.

An English watchmaker has just finished making a tiny watch in the form of a shirt stud. Its dial is two-sixteenths of an inch in diameter, and it is to be worn with two other studs. By turning the upper stud the watch is wound, while by turning the lower one the hands are adjusted.

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should be in every household, none so good—besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

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Gratified with more eyes, use Thompson's Eye Water

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Montana has been have most delightful snow storms the past few days.

Linotype machines will be installed in the Government printing office at Washington.

Robert Logan, Mayor of Poteau, I. T., shot himself above the heart and is in a critical condition. It is not known how it happened.

The Americans may receive two challenges the coming season for the Challenge cup, for which Sir Thomas Lipton has so gallantly striven.

Applicants for jobs on the Isthmian Canal henceforth must possess technical qualifications and must undergo a strict physical examination. All the "snaps" are filled.

At Millington, a small village near Memphis, Tenn., at an early hour J. G. Ligon, a merchant of that place, was held up by two masked men and robbed of over \$5000.

Representative Victor H. Metcalf of the Third California district is slated to succeed Secretary Cortelyou, and it is said that the change will be made at the close of the present month.

Property valued at \$150,000 has been donated by Mrs. Emile J. Smith, of Chicago, to the Chicago Presbytery for the purpose of founding a Presbyterian home for the aged.

A strike of 50,000 persons employed in New York in the clothing trades has been called to take effect at once. Most of the tailors involved are employed by middlemen or contractors.

McQuatters Plumbing and Machine Company of Hillsboro, Texas, turned the first dirt in the construction of a waterworks system for the city of Lawton. The system will be paid for out of a lot sale now in the hands of the interior department and will cost over seventy thousand dollars.

W. T. Hutchings of Muskogee has incorporated a company of Pennsylvania capitalists who will build an electric railroad from Adair or Pryor Creek, in Indian Territory, to Blackwell, Ok. The road is capitalized at \$2,000,000 and passes through the oil belt of the twin Territories.

R. F. Chaffee, aged 28, a druggist in Houston, blew out his brains with a revolver rather than answer a summons to testify in court in a case wherein he was accused of having unwittingly purchased stolen medical instruments.

A strike of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' Union of New York, which began early in May for a new wage scale and recognition of the union, has been declared off. Most of the strikers will return to their former employers at the old wages.

Hickalachee, aged 76, and Theresa Roubideaux, aged 94, were married near Perkins, O., Thursday. Both are members of the Iowa tribe of Indians. Theresa is the youngest daughter of the founder of St. Joseph, Mo. The bride has been married to six men in her life.

Ex-Governor E. M. Harris of the Chickasaw National, was seriously if not fatally hurt by being thrown against a tree while out riding. For several hours he was unconscious. He is one of the best known men of the tribe.

Overcome by the news that his wife, who is an invalid, must undergo a dangerous operation to save her life, Carl Schmidt, a wealthy mine promoter, killed himself in his home in New York.

A special from McComb City, Miss., says that fire destroyed the best part of the business portion of the town, including the city hall, two hotels and a large dry goods store. The loss is placed at \$300,000, with insurance about half.

Iowa butter to the amount 350,000 pounds will be used by the United States navy during the current year. This is the entire supply except 250,000 being made in Pennsylvania for the same purpose.

W. D. Terrell, a popular McLennan County farmer between 50 and 60 years of age, was busy in the harvest field when a rain coming up suddenly, he ran to the house at a pretty rapid pace, falling dead as he reached his front door.

Japanese Still Advance Russians Lose Heavily.

New York, June 27.—The Journal this morning, under date of June 26, from Shan Hai Kwan, says: News of a big battle near Kaiping has been brought here by Chinese couriers. The battle is said to be still raging, and to be going against the Russians, but the details of the fighting are not obtainable. The Japanese engaged are believed to be part of Kuroqi's force, and are said to number over 30,000 men, while the Russians have a somewhat greater force.

Several minor engagements have been reported, one at San Tai Ling and another at Yenta, in both of which the Russians were caught unawares and defeated, with heavy loss.

It has been reported from Niu-chwang that the Japanese force moving up the peninsula, toward Kilping has changed its direction and seems to be moving in the direction of Siu Yen.

Chinese runners into Niu-chwang bring news of hard fighting along the railroad and to the east between Ta Shi Tao and Hai Cheng, in which the Russians have been beaten with heavy losses. According to these reports a strong Japanese force is between Stakeberg and Kuropatkin and the Russian force in Niu-chwang is cut off from the main army.

Other reports reach here that the Japanese have inflicted another crushing defeat on Stakeberg's army near Chou, in which the Russian loss is not less than 10,000 men, many of them having been captured with several batteries.

Much excitement was caused among the Chinese by the circulation of a report that a great sea battle has been fought off Port Arthur, in which the Russian fleet has been destroyed and Port Arthur captured. Just what truth

there is in this report can not at this time be verified, but it comes from several sources and is believed to have some truth in it at least. Refugees from the North say that the morale of the Russian force is suffering from the repeated successes of the Japanese. Discipline is lax and a feeling is gaining ground among both officers and men that it is useless to fight against the "yellow devils," as the soldiers call the Japs.

Admiral Toga reports that on Thursday last, June 23, his patrol boat discovered the battleship Peresviet and seven other vessels, accompanied by nine torpedo boat destroyers near the entrance of Port Arthur harbor. They warned him wirelessly and he immediately advanced with his entire fleet, except those engaged upon special duty. The Admiral then discovered the Russian fleet, which consisted of six battleships, five cruisers and fourteen destroyers, evidently planning a dash southward by sundown. The Russians stopped outside the entrance to the harbor and after nightfall a fleet of Japanese torpedo boat destroyers resolutely attacked the Russian ships and succeeded in torpedoing and sinking a battleship of the Peresviet type and disabling the battleship Sevastopol. A cruiser of the Diana type was observed being towed into the harbor on Friday, and it was evident that she sustained serious damage. The Japanese ships sustained little damage. The torpedo boat destroyer Shirakumo was hit by a shell which fell in the cabin, and three men killed and three others wounded. The Chodor, a vessel of the same class, was hit behind the engine room, but no casualties resulted therefrom. Torpedo boats 54 and 56 were slightly damaged.

Mormon Movement to Mexico.

City of Mexico: A report is circulated to the effect that the Mormon Church would be quite actively engaged in the next few months in securing land in various portions of Mexico for the purpose of colonization. The assertion is made that it was recently decided to purchase a tract of 500,000 acres in Sonora, or Chihuahua, to be used as an extension of the colonies of Colonia, Dublin and Diaz. The plans are about completed, it is said, and within a few weeks the deeds will be ready for transfer. In addition to these lands, it is learned the mormon elders have taken hold of several other land offers recently made to them. Among these are said to be large tracts of land in Sinaloa and Chiapas, which, it is averred, are excellent for colonization purposes and can be had for a mere song as compared to their real value. The statement is made that the Mormon Church is seeking a place for the settlement of its newest converts, so that they may not be compelled to seek homes in Utah, which is already crowded with Mormons whose long residence in the country forbids their change to a new country.

Gonder, a member of the Sport Athletique Bordelaise, at an amateur championship meeting, broke the world's record at pole vaulting, clearing 12 feet 1 inch.

The Katy is now operating trains into Austin. The passenger service was inaugurated Sunday, when the first train left the station.

A Sickening Spectacle.

Cleveland, O.: Christopher Frese, an ex-City Councilman, and his wife, Louisa, both over 60 years old, were struck by a Lake Shore electric car while crossing the tracks and killed. The husband was killed and the wife died within a few minutes. Mr. Frese's heart in some strange manner was severed from its tendons, forced from the body, and was found lying at the side of the dead man.

New York Gets Hot.

New York: One death and eleven cases of prostration have been reported as the result of the heat here Sunday. Agnes Emmett, a widow, was taken to the hospital with three self-inflicted wounds in her head, crazed by the heat. The temperature for the twenty-four hours averaged 11 degrees higher than the average temperature of the corresponding date during the last twenty-five years. At noon the thermometer registered 99 degrees.

Negro Hanged.

Euporia, Miss.: Starling Dunham, a negro, charged with assaulting the 14-year-old daughter of John Wilson, a white man, near Bellefontaine, and attempting to criminally assault three young ladies named Dunn near this city, all during the course of the same day, was hanged in the public square by a mob. The noose was placed about the negro's neck by the little Wilson girl, who positively identified him as her assailant.

Will Survey Wichita Gold Fields.

Lawton, Ok.: Prof. DeBarr, head of the Norman University, Prof. E. M. Tucker of Dallas and H. E. Claridge, the well-known and experienced Joplin chemist and assayer, have begun a tour of the Wichita to ascertain if gold exists there in paying quantities. They entered upon their work at Wilman, at which point they will investigate the best mines, and from there go to Meers, examining mines in the intervening territory.

Dragged to Death.

Terrell: J. D. Stevenson, an old citizen, had been plowing Saturday, and in the evening started to lead his horse with a rope. In some way unknown the animal became frightened and ran away, dragging Mr. Stevenson about thirty yards. One of his legs, one arm and his nose were broken, and his head frightfully cut up, besides internal injuries. When found he was unconscious, and never regained consciousness.

Good Rain Insures Big Crops.

Lawton, Ok.: A very beneficial rain has fallen in Comanche County the past two days. It has done an immense amount of good to the growing crops. Comanche County will without doubt have the largest cotton crop in her history. Already there has been a call from various parts of the county for hands to handle the cotton crop. They can not get the required number of men.

Placed Under Bond for Shooting.

Fort Worth: Theodore Stewart, aged about 21 years, a clerk in a grocery store, gave a \$750 bond on the charge of assault with intent to murder John Whaley at Mansfield Sunday morning. Stewart's parents live at Mansfield and he went down over the Houston and Texas Central to spend Sunday with them. The trouble with Whaley occurred at the Mansfield passenger station.

It Is Theodore Roosevelt and Charles Fairbanks

Chicago, June 24.—When the gavel fell at the Coliseum yesterday afternoon Theodore Roosevelt had been nominated of Republican candidate for president of the United States, and Charles Fairbanks had been nominated as his running mate. The nomination of Mr. Roosevelt broke a record in the line of vice presidential nomi-

nations for succession to the presidential chair. The candidates are both comparatively young men, but both have shown by much active service in varied walks of life and executive service that they are men of strong, mental fibre and untiring workers. Briefly told the history of the men is this:

- President Roosevelt.—
1858—Born Oct. 27, in New York City.
1880—Graduated at Harvard University.
1882-3-4—Served in New York Legislature.
1884—Chairman New York delegation to Republican National Convention.
1886—Defeated as Republican candidate for Mayor of New York.
1889-95—United States Civil Service Commissioner.
1895-7—President of Board of Police Commissioners of New York.
1897-8—Assistant Secretary of Navy.
1898—Lieutenant Colonel and Colonel of the First Volunteer Cavalry (Rough Riders) Regiment in the war with Spain.
1899—Elected Governor of New York.
1900—Elected Vice President of the United States.
1901—Sept. 14, succeeded to the Presidency on the death of William McKinley.
1904—Nominated for President by Republican National Convention.

MUST BOTTLE OR SINK.

The Russian Fleet in Port at Vladivostok.

Nagasaki, via Shanghai, June 24.—A strong Japanese squadron has been sent to reinforce Admiral Kamimura's force off Vladivostok. Admiral Uriu is said to be in command of the reinforcements, and it is believed here that he will assume command of the combined squadrons. It is understood that he has received instructions to either destroy or bottle up the Russian vessels at any cost in order that Japanese transports may be safe from further depredations. It is also stated on good authority that a plan is under way by which Togo expects to entice the Port Arthur fleet from the harbor and then cut off their return, thus hastening the fall of the fortress even at great risk to the Japanese fleet.

Shan Hai Kwan, June 24.—Reports reach here of another serious Russian reverse, this time at Tong Chi, on the Siu Yen road, a short distance southeast of To Shi Tao. This means that the Russian position at Kai Chou, and the army, which has been driven into that place by the advance of Oku from the south after the hard fighting at Vanfangow and Te Li Sze, has been practically cut off from the main body of Kuropatkin's army, which is about Hai Cheng. The Japanese troops engaged in the fighting at Tong Chi is part of the force which landed at Taku Shan.

Details of the latest fighting are lacking, yet the Russians are reported to have been driven back on Tas Chi Tao in confusion, losing more than 1000 men during the fight.

Denton County banks show deposits amounting to over \$700,000.

For Purity of the Jury.

San Antonio: Charles Stricker, in case instituted against him by the State for contempt of court, was found guilty and the severest penalty of the law imposed. He was given a fine of \$100 and three days in jail. He was found guilty of improperly approaching two jurors in the case of Vandlingham vs. the International and Great Northern Railroad, in which the plaintiff was given a verdict for \$25,000.

Oil Found in Parker.

Weatherford: W. H. Reynolds, a prominent farmer and gin man of Buckner, had some men sinking a deep well on his place and after they had gone a little over 100 feet they struck oil and those who have examined it say it is the same as the oil at Beaumont. The farmers in this county in the Buckner neighborhood are much elated over the find, and some are now talking of forming a company and sinking a test well.

- Senator Fairbanks.—
1852—Born May 11, near Unionville Center, Ohio.
1872—Graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio.
1873—Reporter of Associated Press.
1875—Began practice of the law in Indianapolis.
1888—Directed the candidacy of Walter Q. Gresham for the Republican nomination for President. Actively engaged in the support of Benjamin Harrison, the party's nominee.
1893—Was Republican caucus nominee for United States Senator, but was defeated for election by David Turpie (Dem).
1896—Worked to commit the Republican party in Indiana to the gold standard. Headed his State delegation to the St. Louis convention, and was temporary chairman of that body.
1897—Was elected to the United States Senate.
1902—Secured the passage of a bill appropriating \$100,000 for the relief of Martinique sufferers.
1902—Re-elected to the United States Senate.
1904—Nominated for Vice President of the United States by the Republican party.

Fooling With a Pistol.

Knobville: Mrs. Avery Owensby, a bride of two months, was accidentally shot and killed by Miss Blanche Cole, aged 16. Mrs. Owensby was paying a call to the mother of the woman and opened a drawer. Spying a pistol the girl picked it up and pointing it at Mrs. Owensby, said: "Look here," when the weapon discharged and the ball entered Mrs. Owensby's forehead and caused instant death. Miss Cole has no been able to utter a word since.

Negroes Not Wanted.

Texarkana: Negroes working on a section gang for the Texarkana, Shreveport and Natchez Railroad at Henry, twenty-five miles south of here, have quit their work and gone to other points because of notices received from whitecapers. No negroes have been permitted to live in that locality in recent years, and when this colored section gang came on a meeting was held to take action concerning them.

Looks Good for a Bale to the Acre.

Gainesville: J. B. Beard, a farmer residing near here, stated that the growing cotton crop in Cooke County is fine and that he has had cotton in full bloom on his farm since June 17. Corn never looked better than now, and there will be a big crop raised in this county this year. If nothing happens to the present cotton crop Mr. Beard thinks most of the farmers who have cotton planted will make an average of one bale to the acre.

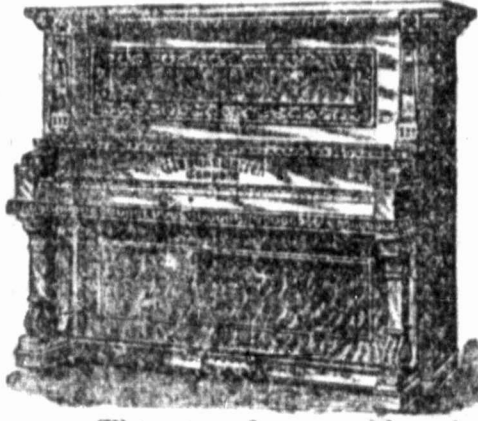
Most of the collieries in the anthracite region around Wilkesbarre, Pa., will close for the first five days of July, owing to the large number of picnics to be held before and after the Fourth.

Alfalfa in Hunt County

Greenville: County Treasurer Sam Husbands reports that he cut 11,000 pounds of alfalfa from three acres on his farm in the suburbs in town. At \$15 per ton this is about \$22.50 per acre for a single cutting. Capt. J. C. R. Haynes has cut his alfalfa crop the second time and is getting \$15 per ton for the entire crop. He will cut twice more and possibly three times. His alfalfa crop will yield from \$75 to \$100 per acre.

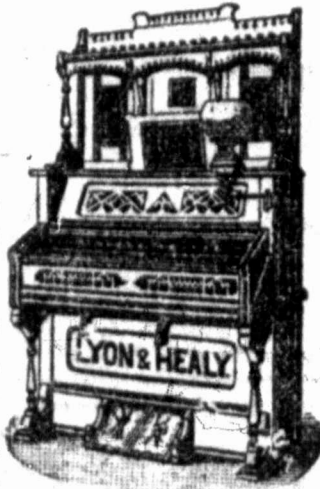
Waco: Boll weevil in this section do not confine their attention to cotton, but attack and destroy fruit and garden truck. H. M. Minier found them emerging from Japanese persimmons and in two cases they have been found in tomatoes. The war upon them is persistent and effective. Field larks are eating them vigorously, and when opportunity offers toads lick them up. The favorite method practiced in this section is poisoning the boll weevil.

JAMES DeDAINES,



Musical Instruments and Supplies.

I sell 7 different makes of Pianos ranging in price from \$1100 to \$200—5 different makes of Organs. These goods are sold on installment plan. Purchasers will save from 25 to 30 per cent by buying organs from store. I keep a full stock of small instruments and supplies. Call and see us. N. W. Cor. square.



DARING ROBBERY.

SMALL MAN IN A SLOUCH GOT AWAY WITH \$1,000.

DYNAMITE WAS HIS WEAPON.

Two Sticks Exploded that Upset Everything, Even the Occupants.

Houston, Texas, June 28.—The boldest, most deliberate and successful robbery ever attempted in this section was done successfully last night in the presence of about fifty people, and when the streets were thronged for blocks in each direction. It was done at exactly 8:24 o'clock. The time was taken to the minute because the clock in the room below was stopped by the explosion. A club room of B. Cornelius & Co., corner of Travis street and Preston avenue, second floor, was robbed of about \$1,000, perhaps \$40 less than that amount. It was robbery by the use of dynamite cartridges that alarmed the city for blocks around. Two were used, and the manner was as deliberate as the laying of a fuse to blast an immense rock. There were perhaps fifty men in the room at the moment, and when the second explosion occurred the room was filled with smoke and the scent of burning dynamite. Men fell over each other, tables were blown into the air, heavy glasses were shattered, walls trembled and two holes were blown through the floor of the building and men through eight or feet from their seats and some made completely deaf for a time, but yet no one was killed or seriously hurt. From a man who was in the room and who saw the whole thing, but didn't realize fully at the moment what was being done, the facts were learned. This spectator sat at the other end of the room and saw a rather small man with a slouch hat and a dark suit on touch fire to a fuse that he supposed at the moment he saw it sparkle was the fuse of a giant firecracker. In an instant after it was lighted he threw it in a corner near the safe and table that had most of the cash. It exploded, and shook up everyone, upsetting the table. Instantly he threw another in the corner opposite the table and the safe. It spluttered a moment and a second explosion, louder than the first, occurred. The room was filled with smoke and the confusion was complete. Men had been so stunned that they didn't know whether they were dead or alive.

From the streets and from the lower floor men were crowding up from all directions. A barroom was below. It had been recently beautifully furnished. Two immense holes had been blown through the ceiling. The heavy paper and laths being down, left an opening as if a man's leg had passed full length sideways through it. A cigar case of heavy glass at the end of the bar had been shattered, and a piece of glass three feet square struck the neck of the bartender, and hit the ice chest. Other fragments of the glass had scattered over the room. A coat of one of the young men had been blown almost into rags. He had just hung it up and several holes that would admit the arm had been made in it, not to speak of dozens of smaller ones. Such was the condition of affairs inside the building.

Several officers were soon on the spot under Night Chief John Howard. Aiding them were Detectives Kessler and Murphy. The proprietors and the men in the room at the time gave them the benefit of all they knew. In the meantime the crowd began to swell by arrivals from other parts of the city. Among the arrivals who came in almost breathless were two young men who had come from Kessler's store on Houston avenue, fourteen blocks distant, where they distinctly heard the two explosions. Many came six, eight and ten bolts where they heard it.

That no one was seriously hurt seems marvelous. No arrests were made and officers have not the slightest clue as to the identity of the outlaws who got the cash and escaped in the confusion that followed the explosion.

Grape Shipments from Luling.
Luling, Texas: G. M. Crowell & Son shipped east today via express 115 baskets of very fine grapes. The grapes bring fancy prices and are very fine.

Weevil Commission.
Marlin, Texas: The State boll weevil commission convened this morning in pursuance of the call for the purpose of making experiments with the various remedies that might be submitted to them for destroying the pest.

The commission is composed of the following gentlemen, all of whom are practical farmers: C. C. Hooper of Taylor, A. D. Mebane of Lockhart, R. R. McDade of Hempstead, J. T. Hairston of Independence and Jefferson Johnson of Austin, who is acting chairman and secretary. All are in attendance except J. T. Hairston, and he is expected to arrive before the board adjourns.

Chairman Johnson appointed a committee to select a cotton field where plenty of weevils could be found for making experiments. The committee will report this afternoon and the experiments will be begun at once.

Stabbed and Shot.
El Paso, Texas: Another mysterious murder has been perpetrated near Opuntia, State of Sonora, Mexico, not far from the scene of the Maxwell assassination, making six killings all told within the month. The latest death was that of Shorty Carr, an old freighter, who was engaged in prospecting. An examination of his remains showed that he had been both stabbed and shot.

Burleson Guards Getting Ready.
Caldwell, Texas: The Burleson Guards, Company K, has completed all arrangements for attending the St. Louis exposition. They will leave 50 strong on July 14 or 15. Their subsistence has been carried to the depot and will tonight be shipped to Austin, whence it will go on the quartermaster's train to St. Louis.

W. H. Firth Dead.
Fort Worth, Texas: William H. Firth, general passenger and ticket agent of the Rock Island system, died suddenly this morning a few minutes after 10 o'clock. He had been ill for the past year and a half from heart trouble. He was sitting up this morning in his room and Mrs. Firth was preparing his breakfast when he began coughing and in a few minutes he expired.

Reported Found.
London, England: A dispatch to the Central News from Hamburg says it is reported there that the body of Kent J. Loomis, who disappeared from the Kaiser Wilhelm II. shortly before her arrival at Plymouth, June 20, has been washed ashore near Cherbourg, France. There is no confirmation of the rumor.

Fisher Holds the Office.
Lake Charles, La.: The appointment of J. A. Belt as provisional sheriff of Calcasieu Parish is now creating a mild sensation. Dr. Fisher, coroner and acting sheriff, refuses to give up the office until the Reid controversy is settled. Gov. Blanchard has written Dr. Fisher asking him to withdraw in favor of Belt.

Still Holding Cotton.
Cameron, Texas: There are a few farmers in this community that have their cotton yet for sale, but as a rule all have sold. Mr. W. T. Watt, who has a large convict farm here, has sold none of his crop, and now has about 350 bales of spot cotton, for which he refused at one time 15c per pound.

Nacogdoches Strike.
Nacogdoches, Texas: The T. G. Glass Company, now boring on the P. D. Fore land in the oil field, brought in a well today estimated at from thirty to fifty barrels per day. The strike was made at a depth of about 150 feet.

Boy's Arm Broken.
Ellinger, Texas: The 4-year-old son of Frank Polausky became mixed up with a running countershaft and a sheep with a rope to it this evening. As a result the little fellow has a broken arm and the sheep is minus its head. Much better so than if the boy had lost his head and the sheep sustained broken limbs.

General Rain in Runnels.
Ballinger, Texas: A general rain fell over this county yesterday and last night. The Colorado River is higher than it has been for more than a year.

Webb County Corn Suffering.
Laredo, Texas: In many portions of the county the corn crop is reported as suffering badly for want of rain.

EASTERN TEXAS RAILROAD CO.
TIME TABLE NO. 5.
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Leave a. m.		Arrive p. m.
7 00	Lufkin	4 15
7 23	Caruthers	3 57
7 40	Chancey	3 39
7 57	Pine Island	3 18
8 15	Druso	3 00
8 35	Hagerville	2 40
8 50	Kennard Mill	2 25
9 15	Kennard	2 00
Arrive a. m.		Leave p. m.

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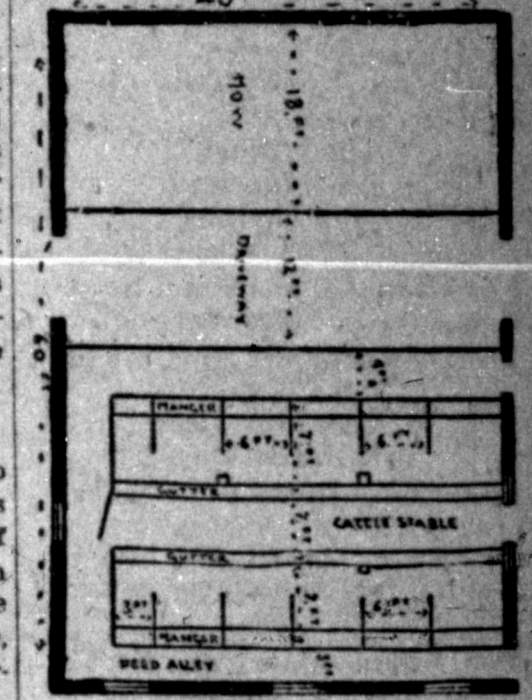
Thibodaux, La.: Joseph Peres, who resided at Bowie, this parish, was accidentally killed Friday. He was watching some men top a tree, when a large branch fell on him and caused

PLAN FOR WOODEN BARN.
Mow, Driveway and Cow Stalls All on The Same Floor.

W. H. B.—Please publish particulars of a barn 40x60 feet, with cow stalls on the same floor as the mow and driveway. I have plenty of tamarack, elm and pines and shall build entirely of wood.

The plan shown provides an 18-foot mow, a driveway of 12 feet and two bents of 15 feet each, in all 60 feet. The 15-foot bent comes directly over the passage behind the mow in order to avoid placing posts in its passage way, they are placed on the side of each gutter opposite each other, and a 12x12 in timber spans from one to the other and the sill rests on it. The dimensions of the stable and stalls are given in the plan. The 18-foot mow can be converted into a horse stable and granary, if desired.

If you have plenty of timber on your farm, why not frame your posts



24 or 26 feet long and make a basement of eight feet under the barn? This will give you a more handy barn, with more room. All the extra cost would be the extra length of posts, weather boards, girts and floor, and the same roof answers for both. To have the stables warm, there should be either a stone or concrete wall one foot above ground.

Potato Scab.
A. S.—What will prevent scab on potatoes?

There are two more or less standard remedies for the prevention of potato scab: (1) Soak uncut seed potatoes in a solution of one ounce of corrosive sublimate in eight gallons of water; (2) soak cut or uncut seed potatoes in a solution of one pound of formalin in fifteen gallons of water. These solutions are about equally effective, and one's choice will depend upon the ease with which they can be procured. Formalin has the advantage of not being violent poison like the corrosive sublimate.

Plant Lice on Oxalis.
W. J. B.—An oxalis is infested with small, green insects; please tell me what to do for it.

Your oxalis is infested with aphids or plant lice. These may be destroyed by sprinkling the plant with tobacco dust or by fumigating the plant with tobacco smoke. If the insects are not very numerous you may wash them off, use soap suds first and then wash with clear water. Oxalis grows very rapidly and it might be well for you to cut off all infested leaves and stems, allowing the plant to make a new, clean growth.

Then Was the Time.
"I've come to tell you, sir, that the photographs you took of us the other day are not at all satisfactory. Why, my husband looks like an ape!"
"Well, madam, you should have thought of that before you had him taken."—The Women's Journal.

Until a decade ago novel writing was not considered a respectable profession in Japan.

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Sole Owner Evansville, Indiana
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Woman Makes Unique Plea.
Mrs. Claude Watney, a London woman, has broken all feminine records by refusing to pay for a miniature because it makes her look too young. The miniature was done by a well-known artist, who was to receive \$2,000 for the work. But Mrs. Watney declares that the artist made her look like sweet 16 and therefore ridiculous, and that the portrait, although "pretty," is very unlike herself. Hence the refusal to pay by the sitter and a suit to recover by the artist.

A REASON FOR SICKNESS.



Healthy kidneys take from the blood every 24 hours 600 grains of impure, poisonous matter—more than enough to cause death. Weakened kidneys leave this waste in the blood, and you are soon sick. To get well, cure the kidneys with Doan's Kidney Pills, the great kidney specific.

Mrs. J. M. Bowles of 118 Core St., Durham, N. C., says: "I was sick and bedfast for over nine months, and the doctor who attended me said unless I submitted to an operation for gravel I would never be well. I would not consent to that and so continued to suffer. My back was so weak I could not stand or walk, and it aches constantly. The first day after I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I felt relief, and a short time I was up and around the same as ever, free from backache."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mrs. Bowles will be mailed to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price 50 cents per box.

By the will of the late Count Waldersce, field marshal in the German army, the valuable insignia of his order of the Black Eagle, set with diamonds, was sold for the benefit of the needy soldiers in his old regiment.

Another Combination.

"Few medicines combine effectiveness, economy and convenience as does Cheatham's Laxative Tablets. They are the best remedy for malarial and bilious troubles I ever used."

S. E. WOOLFEN, Pickwick, Miss.

25c per box.

The biggest edible oysters in the world are found in Australia. They measure sometimes more than a foot across the shell.

Cattle as Beasts of Burden.

Cattle in Bavaria are much used in plowing and hauling. They are frequently yoked in a curious manner, so that the pull comes from the forehead and not from the neck, or rather shoulders, which is the ordinary way elsewhere.

Collects Union Jacks.

A London laborer has collected many hundreds of Union Jacks of all shapes and sizes. Every table, bed and pillow in his house has its covering of bunting. The very shirt this man wears is a red-white-and-blue one.

Feminine Sagacity.

A woman's idea of the way to make a good bargain is when she wants to sell a thing to pretend it isn't worth having, and when she wants to buy it that she couldn't live without it.—New York Press.

King's Collection of Birds' Eggs.
The King of Denmark has a very valuable collection of birds' eggs, which includes specimens of nearly every kind in existence. The collection is considered to be worth about \$75,000.

There are within three million of as many persons enrolled in the Sunday schools of this country as in the public schools, there being thirteen million in the former and sixteen million in the latter. The total Sunday school membership throughout the whole world is twenty-five million.

FOOD FACTS

What an M. D. Learned.

A prominent physician of Rome, Georgia, went through a food experiment which he makes public:

"It was my own experience that first led me to advocate Grape-Nuts food and I also know from having prescribed it to convalescents and other weak patients that the food is a wonderful builder and restorer of nerve and brain tissue, as well as muscle. It improves the digestion and sick patients always gain just as I did in strength and weight very rapidly."

"I was in such a low state that I had to give up my work entirely and go to the mountains of this state, but two months there did not improve me; in fact I was not quite as well as when I left home. My food absolutely refused to sustain me and it became plain that I must change, then I began to use Grape-Nuts food and in two weeks I could walk a mile without the least fatigue and in five weeks returned to my home and practice, taking up hard work again. Since that time I have felt as well and strong as I ever did in my life."

"As a physician who seeks to help all sufferers I consider it a duty to make these facts public." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Trial 10 days on Grape-Nuts when the regular food does not seem to sustain the body will work miracles.

"There's a reason." Look in each bag for the famous Grape-Nuts. "The Good to Eat."

SONG OF LIBERTY.

Ode by Rev. F. P. DUFFY. Arranged by F. L. RYAN.

1. When God of old this orb had made, And raised the earth from
2. "Sons! gath-er here from ev-'ry land, From bond-age chains for-

out the sea; "Be sep-'rate thou," Th' Al-might-y said, "A
ev-er free. And guid-ed by Om-nis-cient Hand, Let

land of Hope and Lib-er-ty." "Let moun-tain range and
fly the flag of Lib-er-ty." To Wash-ing-ton whose

prai-rie wide Roll o'er thy face in maj-es-ty. From
star shall rise, U-nique in earth-ly re-cords he, Let

snow-capped hill to flow-ing tide, Be thou the land of Lib-er-ty."
glad-some pe-ans cleave the skies—"All hail! first Son of Lib-er-ty."

REFRAIN.
"Let truth a-bound and vir-tue reign, And strife be-yond thy

bor-ders flee;" To God, our Fa-ther,

raise the strain, And sing the song of Lib-er-ty.

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SERMON DID HIM GOOD.

Churchgoer's Homely but Very Effective Comparison.

The late Father McGoldrick of Dorchester, Mass., was one of the greatest pulpit orators in the archdiocese and always took delight in seeing what effect his sermons had upon the lowly members of the congregation. One Sunday, while leaving St. Peter's church, where he had been stationed many years, he met a parishioner who, touching his hat to the reverend gentleman, said:

"That was a beautiful sermon you preached to-day, father. It did me a power of good."

"I'm glad of that," responded the clergyman. "Can you tell me what particularly struck you? What was the main point?"

"Well—er—I don't rightly remember—I don't just exactly know. I ah—ah—what's the use; sure, I don't remember an individual word of it. Sorra a bit of me knows what it was at all, at all."

"And yet," said Father McGoldrick, with a smile, "you say it did you a power of good."

"So it did, father; I'll stick to that."

"Now, tell me how."

"Well, father, now look here. There's my Sunday shirt that my wife is after washing, and clean and white it is by reason of all the water and soap that's gone through it. But not a drop of water or soap or blue has stayed in it, d'ye see? And it's the same way with me an' the sermon. It's all run through me an' dried out, but all the same, like my Sunday shirt, I'm the better and cleaner for it."

Wages in Spain Low.

Wages are very low in Spain. Farm laborers get about \$1.50 a week. The women who work in vineyards do not get more than 15 cents for ten hours' work.

DIARY OF A REAL BOY.

Its Perusal Gave Father Insight Into Many Things.

There is a certain 9-year-old kid in this city, who is keeping a diary says the Philadelphia Telegraph. The book was given him last Christmas by a relative, and his father had forgotten all about it until he accidentally found the volume the other day. Curious to see what his small son had written in it, he opened the book and found that the diary had been faithfully kept. Here are a few of the entries:

"I am 9 years old to-day. Looked in the glass, but whiskers ain't sproutin' yet."

"Sassed a boy. Got lickt."

"Pop borrowed ten cents for car-fair, that makes \$1.15 he owes me. Wonder if he ever get it."

"Jimmie stole my ball. I lickt him for it."

"Ast Pop for some of my money and he giv me a nickel. I want that doler."

"We feloes got up a baseball club to-day. I'm pitcher. If I had that doler 15 I could get a unaford."

"Pop got paid today and giv me my money."

"Mamma borrid a doler. Bother these people anyway. A felo cant save nothin'."

"Ast Pop about banks. I want to put my money ware car-fair aint so skarse."

"Got lickt again."

There was more of this, but "Pop" had read enough. As a result there was a conference, and now the arrangement is to pay 5 per cent. a week interest, and settle every payday. The kid got his "unaford."

A Bunch of Fire Crackers.

A lit firecracker in the hand isn't worth two in the pack.

There is no use pulling the trigger after the gun has been fired.

Do not look a gift cannon in the mouth.

HOW JACK LONDON "ARRIVED."

Popular Author Struggled Hard for High Position He Holds.

Jack London, the fascinating short-story writer and brilliant war correspondent, now at the front, is but twenty-eight years old. Three years ago he was unheard of by the reading world. To-day he is read everywhere, is sought by publishers, and the pages of the magazines, from The Century down, are open to him.

The story of how he "arrived," how he first set foot upon the stepping-stone to success, he tells in The Editor, the New York magazine for literary workers, incidentally giving the latter class some excellent advice. Here are a few of his terse, pregnant sentences:

Work! Don't wait for some good Samaritan to tell you, but dig it out yourself.

Fiction pays best of all. Don't write too much. Don't dash off a 6000-word story before breakfast.

Avoid the unhappy ending, the harsh, the brutal, the tragic, the horrible—if you care to see in print the things you write.

Keep a notebook. Travel with it, eat with it, sleep with it. Slap into it every stray thought that flutters up into your brain.

"As soon as a fellow sells two or three things to the magazines," says Jack London, "his friends all ask him how he managed to do it," and then he goes on, in his own racy way, to tell how it happened to him.

He had many liabilities and no assets, no income and several mouths to feed. He lived in California, far from the great publishing centers, and did not know what an editor looked like. But he sat down and wrote. Day by day his pile of manuscripts mounted up. He had vague ideas, obtained from a Sunday supplement, that a minimum rate of \$10 a thousand words was paid, and figured on earning \$600 a month, without overstocking the market.

One morning the postman brought him, instead of the usual long, thick manuscript envelope, a short, thin one. He couldn't open it right away. It seemed a sacred thing. It contained the written words of an editor of a big magazine. When, modest as ever, he had figured in his mind what the offer for this 4000-word story would be at the minimum rate—\$40, of course—he opened the letter. Five dollars!

Not having died right then and there, Mr. London is convinced that he may yet qualify as an oldest inhabitant. Five dollars! When? The editor did not state.

But, by and by, in the course of its wanderings, one of his stories reached an editor who could see the genius of Jack London, and had the patience to penetrate beneath the husk of wordy introduction and discover the golden vein.

Here is the incident that proved the turning point in Jack London's literary career, as he so graphically tells it:

"Nothing remained but to get out and shovel coal. I had done it before, and earned more money at it. I resolved to do it again, and I certainly should have done it, had it not been for The Black Cat.

"Yes, The Black Cat. The postman brought me an offer from it for a 4000-word story which was more lengthy than strength, if I would grant permission to cut it down half. Grant permission? I told them they could cut it down two-halves if they'd only send the money along, which they did, by return mail. As for the \$5 previously mentioned, I finally received it, after publication and a great deal of embarrassment and trouble."

And the rate he received for his first Black Cat story was nearly 20 times what the five-dollar editor paid!

Nor is Jack London the only writer who has been lifted from obscurity to prominence by the lucky Black Cat, which, as the New York Press has truly said, has done more for short-story writers and short-story readers than any other publication.

Each of its famous prize competitions has brought new writers to the front. In its most recent, the \$2,100 prize was won by a young Texan who had never before written a story, and the second, \$1,300, went to a lawyer's wife in an obscure Missouri town.

It has just inaugurated another contest in which \$10,600 will be paid to writers in sums of from \$100 to \$1,500. This will, no doubt, add many new names to the list of those who have "arrived" through its recognition.

The conditions are announced in the current issue of The Black Cat, and will also be mailed free to any one by the Shortstory Publishing Company, Boston, Mass. Even those who cannot write a winning story themselves may earn \$10 by giving a timely tip to some friend who can.

But all should bear in mind that it will be entirely useless for any one to send a story to The Black Cat without first reading and complying with all the published conditions. Here is a chance for the reader to dig dollars out of his brain, for what life does not at least contain one tale worth telling?

Pictures' Fluctuating Value.

Some few years ago, in the course of a case tried at the proaic county court of Westminster, says the London Standard, it was stated that a picture bought for 1s. was sold within twenty-four hours for £78, changed hands again within two or three days at £250, and forty-eight hours later found yet another purchaser at £500.

Keep the Brain Active.

People often make the excuse that they have bad memories when the truth is they are too slovenly to use their brains. Nothing, however, insignificant, should be done without reflection. First thoughts are often best, but it is sometimes not until we have thought many times that we can make them so.

Mr. William Barrett, who was buried at Fimere, near Buckingham, Eng-land, recently, lived for over 80 years in the same house. He celebrated his golden wedding last year by driving around the village with his wife and leaving a half sovereign at every house.

The selfish man's friends are generally limited to the people he can make use of.

The Preacher's Evidence.

Roland, Ill., June 27.—Diabetes has so long been looked upon as an incurable form of kidney disease that a sure cure for it must rank as one of the most valuable medical discoveries of the age. And every day brings forth fresh evidence that Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure diabetes. Important evidence in their favor is given by Rev. Thos. P. Norman, the well-known Baptist minister here. Mr. Norman says:

"I had all the symptoms of a bad case of diabetes and received so much benefit from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills that I cheerfully recommended them to anyone suffering from that dread disease. Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure the worst form of diabetes." Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure diabetes, one of the final stages of kidney disease. All the earlier stages from backache to rheumatism are naturally much more easily cured by the same remedy.

A bumper is not a bouncer, nor a crowder. A bumper is one who takes the shock and arrest and retards blunders. Some day money will be ready for monuments for blunder bumpers and mental lightning arresters.

Lemon baths are popular in the West Indies. Three or four lemons are cut up and left to soak in the bath for half an hour before it is used and lemon is also rubbed on the body. The effect is most refreshing. Limes may be used in the same way.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him.

WALTON, KIRBY & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

On the docks of London in one year 75,000 rats have been destroyed, but the medical officer of health for the port is doubtful whether that was as much as the natural increase of births over deaths, and more vigorous measures are to be taken.

Widows must be awfully honest to admit they don't know anything about things married women know.

Insist on Getting It.

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

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

Leopardi, the Italian essayist, says: "Our liveliest pleasures spring from illusions; hence it is that, while children find everything in nothing, men find nothing in everything."

We sell DIRECT FROM THE FACTORY. Send for illustrated catalogue and price list. We pride ourselves on the durability of our trunks and valises. Houston Trunk Factory, 504 Main St., Houston, Texas.

A woman who never thinks of anything but dress is more ornamental than useful.

Women's \$1.00 White Lawn Waists at 50c, made of good quality lawn, nicely trimmed in embroidery. In ordering by mail give bust measure. Satisfaction guaranteed. Ed. Kiam, Houston, Texas.

There is an establishment in Brussels for teaching the lugubrious art of grave digging. It was founded by a cemetery company, and was so successful that it received official approbation. All candidates for the post of sexton in Belgium must have graduated at this unique academy.

The greedy man tries to seize an opportunity before he really sees it.

Local Items.

The Big Store sells furniture cheaper.

Cool off at the fountain at Crysups's drug store.

Fine knives and razors at Crysups's drug store.

Mrs. H. S. Jopling is visiting her sister at Houston.

Have your prescriptions filled at Crysups's drug store.

Crysups's drug store always handles a fine line of perfumes.

Lawn swings at the furniture store cheap. NEWTON & SIMS.

J. H. Painter of Liberty was here this week to see his family.

All low cut shoes at the Big Store will be sold at a big reduction.

The Big Store is closing out all summer dress goods at a very low price.

The cheapest and freshest groceries in town are at the Big Store.

Just arrived, a new line of the celebrated W. B. corsets at the Big Store.

B. F. Bean, Esq., of Groveton was in Crockett for a few hours Friday evening.

A movement is on foot by the clerks to get all stores in the city to close on July 4.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Bromberg and Misses Lena and Pauline have returned from Galveston.

J. T. Crysups has bought Chas. Newton's residence in East Crockett and will occupy same.

Lace curtains at a bargain at the furniture store. NEWTON & SIMS.

A photograph should be taken of the Crockett passenger depot and sent to Mr. Trice for framing.

The glorious fourth will be observed by the Big Store. Therefore it will be closed on that date.

Crysups's drug store has a new shipment of International Stock Food in 25c, 50c and \$3.50 packages.

Remember that the big barbecue at Crockett comes off on Friday, July 8. See ad. in another place.

Ben Tunstall, son of Buck Tunstall, living on Hickory creek, is very low with typhoid fever at the Campbell house.

Weldon is to have a big barbecue and celebration on the fifth of July. Everybody is invited and a big time promised.

Mrs. L. M. Mathews and daughter, Louise, returned Sunday from their visit to Mrs. Mathews' parents in south Texas.

The latest thing for Houston county is a gold field. Read the dispatches taken from other papers in this week's COURIER.

Buy Leggett & Platt's noiseless springs, because they are the best. At the furniture store. NEWTON & SIMS.

Miss Ida Cunyus left Tuesday afternoon for Houston, where she will be the guest of Miss Alice Kittrell for two or more weeks.

The work of widening and improving the streets should be pushed during the summer months when there is not much else to do.

We have nice robes for ladies, men and children cheaper than you can buy the material. NEWTON & SIMS.

Buy your dress goods, low cut shoes and all warm weather furnishings from the Big Store, the price is reduced to close them out.

The Soda Water Habit

THE delicious soda water drawn at our Fountain, its purity, richness of flavor, its perfection in palate pleasing qualities, are the reasons that so many people in this community are soda drinkers.

The Real Chocolate Taste

Our Chocolate Ice Cream Soda has it. A smooth, rich, creamy dream. It's worth coming here to know how good chocolate can be made.

B. F. Chamberlain, THE DRUGGIST.

How about that solid oak, three piece suit furniture for \$13.50 at the furniture store.

NEWTON & SIMS.

Some of the most gifted orators of the state will address the people of Houston county at Crockett on the day of the big barbecue, which is July 8.

The candidates report having a big time over the county at the different picnics and dinners. The editor regrets his inability to be present himself.

A big band of music has been engaged for the big barbecue at Crockett on the eighth of July. Attractions for everybody and everybody is invited.

Coffins from five dollars up to the best metallic at the furniture store. Calls promptly answered night or day. Your business appreciated. NEWTON & SIMS.

Ladies, Take Notice.

From now on I will be prepared to shampoo ladies' hair, answering all calls very promptly. Price \$1.00. F. P. GANDOLPH, Tonsorial Artist.

The Warfields have greatly improved the street in front of their property by the use of clay and lignite ashes, thus doing away with that deep sandy stretch. There are a number of other places in town that could be improved in the same way at little cost.

For Rent.

A neat, comfortable six-room residence in the Bruner Addition. Also for rent or sale an eight-room residence in north part of Crockett. Also a pasture lot of eight acres in Crockett, for rent or sale. S. F. TENNEY.

Both of the Crockett banks, in their statements published in June last year, showed their combined individual deposits to be \$226,991.04. The statement of the consolidated bank, published last week, showed its deposits to be \$252,396.44, an increase of \$26,605.40 and a fine showing for Crockett.

Crockett supports an electric light and ice plant and two telephone systems and there is no reason why it could not support a system of waterworks. Other towns in its class, Huntsville, Lufkin and Nacogdoches, have water and consequently a much lower insurance rate, to say nothing of better sanitary conditions.

Kentucky News.

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

Crockett is the only town of its size in the state without sidewalks reaching out into its residence districts. In many places here no sidewalks could be made on account of fences projecting into the street. Let these fences be moved in to give room for sidewalks and wider and better streets.

Notice.

All ladies who have agreed to serve on the committee of arrangements for barbecue on July 8th, 1904, are hereby requested to meet at the residence of Mrs. A. A. Aldrich on Tuesday, July 5th, 1904, at 4 o'clock p. m.

MRS. JOHN SPENCE.

C. W. Warburton, in the employ of the U. S. department of agriculture, was here this week. Mr. Spillman, who is at the head of his department, will be here in September, when the government's demonstration farm will be installed near Crockett. Mr. Warburton says there is no mistake about our getting the farm.

Class in Art.

Miss Annie Williams will teach a class in art during the summer. Oil painting, pastelle work, water colors and pyrography will be included in the course.

Terms: 12 lessons, \$5.00; single lessons, 75c.

Miss Williams will also take a few pupils who may desire to prepare for promotion in the fall. Terms, per month, \$5.00.

Call for Convention.

Acting under instructions of the district executive committee, and by authority in me vested, I hereby call a convention to assemble in the town of Crockett, Texas, on the fourth Saturday in July, 1904, for the purpose of canvassing the votes cast in the primaries to be held July 9th, 1904, for state senator, and for selecting a nominee for state senator for the 13th district, and for transaction of such other business as becomes necessary. F. H. BAYNE, Chm. 13th Senatorial Dist.

Know all men by these presents—To All to Whom these Presents May Come—Greeting:

That, whereas, the 4th day of July being a national holiday, and the employees in the different departments of the court house being desirous of taking a day's rest, and by the authority vested in me as county judge, I hereby order and direct that the offices in the court house be and remain closed from 6 o'clock on the 3rd day of July until 8 o'clock of the morning of July 5th.

Given under my hand and seal of office this the 28th day of July, A. D. 1904. PORTER NEWMAN, Co. Judge, Houston Co., Tex.

Porter Springs.

EDITOR COURIER:

Corn is fine. Have had fine rains. Everything is growing, but not out of sight. Cotton is growing, (now going) both ways—stalk up and fruit down. What is the matter? Boll weevils. Why don't you poison them? I have. Did it kill them? I don't know, can't find any dead or alive. It is just this way: The first weevils that came into our fields have lived their day and have disappeared. I can't say that the poison killed them, but they left plenty of punctured squares. I think in 10 or 15 days we will have plenty of them to fight with paris green. I believe it will kill them if used when this brood begins to emerge from the fallen squares. T. C.

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WEDDINGS.

Harrison-Bromberg.

Galveston News.

A very pretty, although very quiet, wedding of last Wednesday was that of Miss Sara Bromberg and Mr. Hyman Harrison of Palestine, Tex., at the home of the bride's brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Bromberg, at No. 1609 Avenue I. The hour of the ceremony was 6:30 p. m. and only the immediate members of the families of the bride and groom were present.

Shivers-Worthington.

Corsicana Sun.

Wednesday evening, the fifteenth, at eight thirty o'clock, Mr. James Shepard Shivers was married to Miss Gussie Worthington of this city. The lovely, golden June day was resplendently bright, the song of birds, the blush of roses and queen of summer months being fitting accompaniments for the chime of marriage bells. Nothing was more rare than this perfect day in June, except the fair, sweet girl who took her marriage vows upon it.

The beautiful new First Presbyterian church had been converted into a scene of floral beauty by many willing hands, and the dull green of the burlap walls gave a superbly artistic background for the countless snowy blossoms of Cape Jassamines, white chrysanthemums, carnations and roses which formed the decorations. Myriad electric lights gleamed amidst them, like twinkling stars, and one large light formed the chapper to the large bell of snowy flowers which hung above the bridal pair.

Promptly at the appointed hour, Mesdames Carter and LeGory, and Messrs. Lloyd Kerr and Edgar Metcalf sang, with exquisite feeling, Lohengrin's wedding chorus. This was followed by "Oh Promise Me," by Mr. Lloyd Kerr, whose lovely voice is the pride of Corsicana; then the strains of grand old Mendelssohn's wedding march pealed forth, and the ushers, followed by the bridal party, filed into the church, and soon two hearts were united for weal or woe by a touchingly beautiful ceremony performed by Rev. Dr. Geo. L. Bitzer.

Afterwards an informal reception was held at the Presbyterian manse where the bridal couple bade goodbye to a large crowd of assembled friends who were present to offer congratulations, after which the bride exchanged her exquisite bridal robe of white crepe de chine, trimmed in real lace, for a handsome taffeta traveling gown, and amidst a deluge of good wishes and rice boarded the train for St. Louis to visit the fair, after which they will be at home in Crockett.

A great number of handsome presents were received and quite a number of out-of-town guests were present to witness the nuptials.

Mr. Shivers is one of Crockett's most substantial business men, and Miss Worthington, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Worthington, has endeared herself to many friends in Corsicana because of the beautiful traits of

character with which she is endowed.

The following composed the bridal party: Matron of honor, Mrs. Jno. LeGory, Crockett; best man, Mr. F. G. Edmiston, Crockett; groomsmen and bridesmaids, Mr. G. M. Worthington and Miss McGill, Mr. Sam Helm and Miss Mary Julia Christian, Mr. John Scarborough and Miss Inez Freeman, Mr. Roscoe Megarity and Miss Kate Vaughan, Mr. Arch Baker and Miss Roth Harris, Mr. Q. Lundy and Miss Bert Scales; ushers, Mr. Francis McKie, Carter Pannill, Edgar Metcalf, T. H. Scarborough.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Jno. LeGory, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Shivers, Mrs. G. B. Lundy, Miss McGill, Messrs. Baker, Edmiston, Lundy and Shivers of Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Freeman of Beaumont.

Kennard Mills.

Special to the Courier.

On the evening of the 24th the silver wedding of Col. and Mrs. H. H. Folk was celebrated right royally. The house throughout was beautifully decorated with evergreens, flowers and foliage plants. The reception hall was festooned with artistically arranged vines and trailing sprays of gray Spanish moss. Bowls of exquisite flowers filled every available spot. The happy couple stood beneath a large white bell suspended above the folding doors leading from the parlor into the dining room. The bell was lued with crimson and its tongue, an electric light, shed a soft glow upon those beneath. Their twenty-five years of married life sit lightly upon these two. The bride was attired in a becoming gown of pure white and the groom wore the conventional evening suit and a very happy smile. After congratulating the bride and groom the guests were conducted into the dining room where a large table held the gifts which were many and costly, among the hand-somest being a richly embossed silver tea service, and in the tray a beautiful inscription, "from the boys of Kennard Mills." These and numerous telegrams of congratulation attest the high esteem in which this worthy couple is held by friends far and near. From the dining room into the rear hall the guest was led, and served to delightful punch by Miss Evie Hail. Tables and seats were arranged on the broad verandas, where delicious ices and cake were served.

Music by the string band was furnished for the dancers, and the occasion was a happy one in every detail. Their friends wish for Col. Folk and his estimable lady many happy returns of their wedding day. THE MASCOT.

Cures Old Sores.

Westmoreland, Kans., May 5, 1902. Ballard Snow Liniment Co.: Your Snow Liniment cured an old sore on the side of my chin that was supposed to be a cancer. The sore was stubborn and would not yield to treatment, until I tried Snow Liniment, which did the work in short order. My sister, Mrs. Sophia J. Carson, Allensville, Mifflin Co., Pa., has a sore and mistrusts that it is a cancer. Please send her a 50c bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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, J. M. Crook
- For District Attorney: Jo A. McDonald
- For State Senator: C. C. Stokes, John B. Peyton
- For Representative: I. A. Daniel, Jas. Christian
- For County Judge: Porter Newman, E. Winfree
- For Sheriff: A. W. Phillips, John C. Lacy, Jim Barbee, S. M. Holcomb
- For County Treasurer: T. C. Lively, D. J. Cater, M. M. Baker, E. B. Tims
- For County Clerk: C. G. (Gershom) Lansford, Nat E. Albright, James Owens
- For Tax Collector: J. W. Brightman, J. R. Sheridan, Ben H. Logan, John A. McConnell
- For District Clerk: Nat Patton, J. B. Stanton, John A. Goolsby
- For County Attorney: L. A. Sallas, John Spence, J. A. Ragland
- For Tax Assessor: Bailey Hatchell, Tony Gossett, John H. Ellis, H. B. (Jack) Clark
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 1: J. N. Tyer
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 2: J. E. Bean, Ross Murehson, J. B. (Berkley) Ellis
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 3: W. J. Peacock, J. D. McCullar, Ab Thomasson, I. L. Jeffus
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 4: H. W. McCelvey, J. E. Smith, E. D. Lockey, J. C. Starling, C. B. Isbell
- For Justice Peace Prec. No. 1: J. W. Saxon
- For Justice Peace Prec. No. 3: W. B. Sneed
- For Constable Prec. No. 1: O. B. (Deb) Hale, Bony Satterwhite

The Houston county jail has contained only two prisoners during the past three weeks, and they remained in jail only one night, going to the road convict camp the next morning. Other counties would do well to adopt Houston county's system of working county convicts on the public roads.—Crockett Courier.

That is just what the Tribune has been preaching for the past two years. It is the one means by which county convicts may be made profitable to the taxpayers of a county instead of being a burden. True it is some expense to work them upon the public highways. The value of good roads is incalculable from every standpoint and the East Texas county that takes the lead in building and maintaining good roads is the one above all others that is going to make the most rapid strides forward and become the wealthiest and most densely populated. In less than twelve months the Tribune confidently expects to be able to point with pride to several miles of good roads in Angelina county built by convicts.—Lufkin Tribune.

An Honor Worthily Bestowed.

The newspapers of Texas which supported Judge Parker's candida-

cy during the recent preliminary campaign are entitled to no little credit for the splendid results accomplished, and generous recognition of this was made by the San Antonio convention in honoring several newspaper men with places on the delegation. Colonel I. M. Standifer of Houston, in placing Hon. Clarence Ousley of Fort Worth in nomination for delegate at large, paid a well merited tribute to the distinguished editor of the Fort Worth Record and the press generally. The Post can heartily indorse all he said of Mr. Ousley, whose great ability as a journalist has long been recognized in Texas.

The Record made the fight for Parker in the stronghold of the opposition and the splendid victory of Judge Parker was due no little to Mr. Ousley's untiring zeal in the cause. And the democracy of Texas, in the case of Mr. Ousley bestowed honor where honor had been justly won.—Houston Post.

An Echo of the Convention.

The following was written by the Austin correspondent of the Galveston News and appeared in Sunday's paper. It shows the drift of the party from under the dictation of Mr. Bryan:

There are some in the party who have been chuckling at several things since they returned from San Antonio, and the cause of their joy and wink of the "other eye" is that the convention said absolutely nothing about a reaffirmance of any previous National platform, and about William Jennings Bryan uttered not one word of commendation or indorsement. This is looked upon as being remarkable and highly significant. It was the very convention which had to do with the National issues and candidates, and failed to reaffirm the Chicago or Kansas City platforms, and it did not mention the Hon. William Jennings. Not only that, but it was the last State convention in Texas before the National nominating convention. The National convention convenes in St. Louis on July 6 and the next Texas Democratic convention will be held in the city of Houston on the 2d day of August.

As stated, the failure to reaffirm the Kansas City or Chicago platforms has produced a smile, as has the utter silence in regard to the ertswile Presidential candidate of the party. There is some wonder in a few places as just how the omission occurred, especially at such a gathering and in view of the past, when paroxysms of unbenighted emotion occurred when either the statesman referred to or the platforms were mentioned. But when the failure to make a steenth assertion, etc., is spoken of there is a most knowing look passed around, and all understand, it is said.

GOLD WAS FOUND

In a Well Drilled in Houston County.

(Houston Post Special.)

Corsicana, Texas, June 24.—A Corsicana company is now drilling for oil near Crockett and a short time ago the drill struck a peculiar yellow sand. A quantity of this was placed in four packages and sealed and sent to an assayer in Colorado.

The certificate was received today and shows that gold is found in paying quantities, the first package being \$16, the second \$12, the third \$8 and the fourth \$4 per ton. It is stated that the last figure is considered rich in most fields.

Dr. T. F. Driskill, C. S. West and a number of other Corsicana men are interested in this gold mine well. They have not yet decided what plans they will adopt to develop the field.

A FLIGHT FROM RUSSIA.

What Tennyson's Father Knew About Emperor Paul's Assassination.

Shortly after the assassination of Emperor Paul of Russia Tennyson, the father of the poet, dined with Lord St. Helens, the British ambassador, in Moscow. Several Russian officers of high rank whose names he did not know were also guests. During dinner a guarded reference was made to the emperor's death. "Why do you speak so gingerly about a matter so notorious?" cried Tennyson impulsively, leaning across his neighbor, a Russian whose breast was covered with orders. "We know very well in England that the Emperor Paul was murdered. Count Zoffo knocked him down, and Benningsen and Count Pahlen strangled him." There was a strained silence; then the ambassador abruptly changed the subject. As the guests fled into an adjoining room Lord St. Helens drew Tennyson aside. "Don't go into the next room," he whispered, "but fly for your life. The man next you, across whose breast you leaned, was Count Pahlen, and Zoffo was also at the table." He gave a few hurried directions, and Tennyson rushed off, threw his clothes into a portmanteau and fled behind fast horses to Odessa, still in evening garb, though the cold was intense. He lay hidden for weeks and at last, in the disguise of a servant, was smuggled on board an English frigate.

A Kind Action.

When you rise in the morning form a resolution to make the day a happy one to a fellow creature, says Sydney Smith. It is easily done—a left off garment to the man who needs it, a kind word to the sorrowful, an encouraging expression to the striving. Trifles in themselves as light as air will do it, at least for the twenty-four hours, and if you are young depend upon it it will tell when you are old, and if you are old it will send you gently and happily down the stream of time to eternity. By the most simple arithmetical sum look at the result—you send one person, only one, happily through the day; that is 365 during the course of the year. And suppose you live only forty years after you commence that kind of medicine you have made 14,600 beings happy, at all events for a time. Now, is not this simple? It is too short for a sermon, too homely for ethics, too easily accomplished for you to say, "I would if I could."

Forests and Human Vitality.

One has but to look back through history to see how closely related is the forest to human vitality. It was in the forests of Thessaly that the early Greeks received their energy that later flowered into genius. It was the forest dwellers of Germany that conquered decadent Rome and later gave to Spain the vigor that swept back the Moor and brought under her flag almost the whole known world. But today what is Greece, what is Italy, what is Spain? They have been stripped of their forests, their sources of vigor, and their decay has set in. Everywhere the law holds good. It is in the forest that the manhood is nourished which builds up great civilizations. But cities arise, trees are swept away, and the inevitable decline sets in. Forests once destroyed cannot return, and over all the sites of ancient civilization are blowing the desert sands.—Arthur Goodby in New York Times.

Servants in Sofa.

"Twice a year, on April 23 and Oct. 28," writes a young Bulgarian woman living in Sofia, "our streets are full of servants, and people bargain with them for service. During the winter season they are very cheap, as the peasants send all their girls to the city to be hired, they having no work for them at home. The price paid differs. One can get a girl for her board, or pay up to 20 lisor (\$4) a month for one who cooks, washes and irons. Girls are often thankful to enter a good family for their board. For the men there is very little work, and the papers are full of suicides on account, during the dull seasons of starvation."

The Candlefish of Puget Sound.

Very queer fish are caught in the waters of Puget sound. One kind is called the candlefish. It is dried and packed in boxes like candles. We are told the fishermen use them to light their homes and that at one time all the boats on the sound used them instead of sperm oil lamps. By putting the heads of the fish downward in a candlestick and lighting the tail, which, in conjunction with the backbone, acts as a wick, it burns like a candle. They eat this fish, and when cooking it is so fat it fries itself.

An Impatient Man.

In a restaurant near Park row a man who had just ordered luncheon called the waitress' attention to the pepper castor, from which he could get no pepper. "Oh, I'll make that all right, sir," she said cheerfully, and, taking a hairpin from her hair, commenced to free the openings over his plate. Instantly he seized his hat and stick and rushed out, greatly to the amazement of the obliging waitress, who remarked to another customer: "Oh, Lord, isn't he impatient! Why, I was clearing it as quick as I could."—New York Press.

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