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## DAN J. KENNEDY SAYS:

We are going to have a Big Sale, beginning Oct. 15th and lasting until Oct. 22nd. It will pay you to visit our store during this time. We are going to make special preparations and give you a chance to buy your winter wardrobe at the lowest possible prices.

We are offering several prizes during this sale, as you will see on circular which will follow this issue. Come and have a Good Time and Save Money.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

## DAN J. KENNEDY,

Proprietor of Yellow Front and Racket Stores.

P. S. No Goods Charged and No Tickets Given During Sale.

### DISTRICT COURT.

#### Fall Term Opened Monday by Judge Word—Grand Jury Charged.

Beginning with the second week in October, the fall term of the district court was set in motion Monday morning. Judge John J. Word of Palestine, appointed by Governor Lanham to fill the unexpired term of the lamented Judge Gooch, was on hand and proceeded to empanel the grand jury, which was selected as follows: J. E. Downes, Geo. B. Lundy, W. B. Cochran, Chester

Kennedy, D. R. Cook, Jas. H. Beasley, Wm. Campbell, W. F. Dent, John F. Bridges, W. W. Gainey, Geo. Murray and S. S. Smith, completing the twelve. Those excused were Frank Faris, Steve Allee, T. C. LeMay and D. F. Morgan. Judge Word then delivered the charge usually made to grand juries, calling special attention to an investigation of the failure of overseers to work public roads as the law directs and to other violations of the public road law. He called on the grand jury to go through this feature of their work thoroughly, and to also investigate violations of the local

option, gaming and perjury laws. Acting under the instructions of the judge, the grand jury retired and selected as its foreman Mr. J. E. Downes. Mr. I. W. Smith was selected as door bailiff. Ruling bailiffs were selected as follows: Geo. B. Cutler, J. R. Barbee, R. H. Morgan, S. A. Cook, Dock Kyle, Newt Smith and J. E. Bynum.

A glance over the criminal docket of the district court shows murder cases set as follows: For Monday, November 7, T. B. Payne, and sixty veniremen ordered; same date, McMillan, and 60 veniremen ordered.

For Wednesday, November 9, E. T. Burrows, and forty veniremen ordered; same date, Hiram Reece, and forty veniremen ordered.

For Thursday, November 10, Geo. McKinney, 50 veniremen ordered; same date, R. G. McKinney, 50 veniremen ordered, and for same date, John Terry, 40 veniremen ordered.

#### Negro Kills White Man.

Dallas, Tex., Oct. 4—A Riddle, a white barkeeper at a saloon near the union depot in East Dallas, was shot and instantly killed by F. H. Manning, a negro porter in the same saloon today. Riddle was standing at a cigar stand writing. Manning stealthily stepped up behind him, placed a pistol to the back of his head and blew his brains out.

This is the negro's own statement of how he did the killing and it is corroborated substantially by persons who were near.

The social equality idea was the basis for the killing, according to the negro's story. He says that several days ago a negro woman friend of his called upon him at the saloon. The barkeeper protested and forbade Manning to have her call at the place any more. Manning objected to the language Riddle used concerning the woman and demanded an apology, which Riddle refused to make, and on the negro declaring that Booker T. Washington was as good as any white man and his (Manning's) "lady friend" was as good as any white woman, Riddle

blew a pistol and compelled him to apologize for these statements. He says he watched his chance for revenge and killed Riddle at the first opportunity that presented itself.

The union depot police experienced difficulty in preventing Manning from being mobbed. He is locked up in jail on the charge of murder.

#### Cures Winter Cough.

J. E. Gover, 101 N. Main St., Ottawa, Kan., writes: "Every fall it has been my wife's trouble to catch a severe cold, and therefore to cough all winter long. Last fall I got for her a bottle of Horehound Syrup. She used it and has been able to sleep soundly all night long. Whenever the cough troubles her, two or three doses stops the cough, and she is able to be up and well." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

#### Cause of Lockjaw.

Lockjaw, or tetanus, is caused by a bacillus or germ which exists plentifully in street dirt. It is inactive so long as exposed to the air, but when carried beneath the skin as in the wounds caused by percussion caps or by rusty nails, and when the air is excluded the germ is roused to activity and produces the most virulent poison known. These germs may be destroyed and all danger of lockjaw avoided by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely as soon as the injury is received. Pain Balm is an antiseptic and causes cuts, bruises and like injuries to heal without maturation and in one third the time required by the usual treatment. It is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

## THE BIG STORE

This is the time of the year when everybody is looking out for a Good, Comfortable Shoe for fall and winter. We have the largest and most complete line of footwear ever carried in this county, and if you want a Good, Comfortable and Durable Shoe, you should give us a call and let us fix you up in the best for the least money.

Here Are a Few of the Enormous Number of Bargains We Have in Shoes.

Infants'	Children's	Ladies'	Men's
One lot of Soft Soles in blue, red and wine, sizes 0 to 4, at... <b>35c</b>	One lot of Dongolas, solid leather soles and counters. Worth 85c, going at... <b>60c</b>	One lot Bright Dongola Button, stock tip, concave heels, handsomely finished; worth \$1.50, at... <b>1.00</b>	One lot of Oil Grain, in congress and lace, full stock vamp and uppers, solid leather soles and counters; worth \$1.50, at... <b>1.25</b>
One lot of Soft Soles, pat. vamp, with blue, pink, white and red kid tops, crocheted eyelets and silk laces, worth 75c, at... <b>60c</b>	One lot of Kid Lace, Patent or Marine Calf Stock, tip, spring heel, solid leather soles and counters, sizes 5 to 8; worth \$1.00, at... <b>85c</b>	One lot of only a few pairs of Glove Grain Lace, well made, the thing for every day wear, sizes 3, 4 and 5; worth \$1.00, at... <b>75c</b>	Dunlap Satin Calf, plain or cap toe, single or welted soles, in congress or lace, solid as a rock; worth \$1.75, at... <b>1.50</b>
One lot white Gypsy Lace with soft soles and crocheted eyelets, <b>60c</b>	One lot in Kid Lace, Columbia toe, stock tipped and nicely finished. Solid leather throughout, sizes 8 to 11; worth \$1.10, at... <b>85c</b>	One lot Heavy Glove Grain Lace, full stock vamp, 1 piece uppers, very durable, size 3 to 8; worth \$1.25 <b>1.00</b>	Army Calf, Marine Calf or Kid Lace, in Globe or English toe, made of best material; worth anywhere \$2.50, at... <b>2.00</b>
One lot Soft Soled Pat. Calf, eyelets crocheted in white silk, white silk laces, with silk pompon on the toe; worth \$1.00... <b>65c</b>	One lot Kid Lace, Columbia toe, stock tip, spring heel, solid as a rock, sizes 11½ to 2; worth 1.35, at... <b>1.10</b>	One lot Kid Lace, stock tip, high or low heel, solid throughout, sizes 2½ to 8; worth \$1.50, at... <b>1.25</b>	One lot Vici Kid Blucher, guaranteed solid leather soles and counters, perfectly finished in all sizes; worth \$2.75, at... <b>2.25</b>
One lot of Soft Soles, pat. vamp, red top, nicely finished, well worth 65c, at... <b>50c</b>	One lot Kid or Marine Calf Lace, Columbia toe, stock or pat tip, solid leather soles and counters, sizes 11½ to 2; worth \$1.50, at... <b>1.25</b>	Kid Lace, pat. tip, single or welted sole, high or common sense heel, size 3 to 8; worth \$1.75, at... <b>1.50</b>	Courtney's National, in Vici Kid or Box Calf, with latest style heel and toe, a gem for the money, at... <b>2.50</b>
<b>Ladies</b>	One lot Moloney's Celebrated Shoes in kid, pat calf and box calf, with heels and spring heel, in all sizes, kinds and prices; from \$2.50 down to... <b>85c</b>	Marine Calf or Kid Lace, stock or pat tip, handsomely finished, latest toes and heels, sizes 2½ to 8; worth \$2.25, at... <b>1.75</b>	Walk Easy in all the latest shapes, heels and toes, in Vici, Ideal Kid, Pat. Calf and Box Calf, with all the latest topings, material best; from \$5.00 to... <b>3.50</b>
<b>Who Accompany Their Husbands to Town Will find a Delightful Place to Rest at The Big Store.</b>	One lot Knockout School Shoes for boys and girls, solid leather soles and counters, stock tip, sizes 11½ to 2; worth \$1.35, at... <b>1.00</b>	Others in all makes, styles, kinds and quantities, from every day wear to full dress, from \$5.00 down to... <b>75c</b>	

Our stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware and Furniture is complete. In fact we handle everything used in the homes of our country. Prices always the lowest on everything. We also buy your cotton and pay top price for same. When in the city make our store your headquarters. Yours very truly,

## JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO. Inc.







#### Diet For Consumptives.

You have to eat at a sanitarium for consumptives, hungry or not. There are no big gorges to overwork the stomach, but there are six meals a day of moderate size. Some patients can eat full meals and then swallow thirty-six raw eggs a day. The aim of the treatment in these sanitariums is to get the sick man to drink three quarts of milk and eat a dozen raw eggs a day in addition to his regular meals of simple food.

And you must eat meat and plenty of it. Don't cut the fat off. The cow got most of the good out of the lean in her lifetime. The fat is what will do you good. All that there is to cod liver oil that makes it worth while is that it is a fat easy to assimilate. Bacon fat is nearly as easy to digest and about 500 times as easy to take.

Fruits and salads you may eat merely to amuse yourself and pass the time. But you are wasting stomach room on them. Milk, eggs, meat and hard breads for you if you are to get well. Not a great deal at a time, but often.—Everybody's Magazine.

#### What Chemistry May Do.

It has been said that a century is the natural duration of the human body; that it decays earlier because it does not receive proper care in health and disease. In regard to this latter, here is a suggestion from a man who protests against so much research in electricity to the neglect of chemistry. He says there are seventy-two elements of matter capable of entering into an infinity of combinations and concludes therefore "that a form of matter must be capable of existence, and must therefore be within the power of chemical research to discover and prepare, which will possess any assignable or conceivable potency or influence over any form or species of matter, dead or living." If this be true, then it is possible to chemistry to find substances which will neutralize all the poisons generated by disease germs and kill disease the moment it is discovered.—Exchange.

#### The Omnivorous Korean.

The Korean is omnivorous. Birds of the air, beasts of the field and fish from the sea—nothing comes amiss to his palate. Dog meat is in great request at certain seasons. Pork and beef with the blood undrained from the carcass, fowls and game—birds cooked with the lights, head and claws intact—fish sun dried and highly malodorous—all are acceptable to him. Cooking is not always necessary. A species of small fish is preferred raw, dipped into some piquant sauce. Other dainties are dried seaweed, shrimps, vermicelli, pine seeds, lily buds and all vegetables and cereals. The excesses make the Korean martyrs of indigestion.

#### A Mean Husband.

"I think 'old Kreesus has the queer way of treating his wife I ever heard of."

"I thought he was fond of her."  
"He is, but he likes to get a joke on her. You know she is sensitive about her age. Well, he has let everybody know that when they were married he gave her a magnificent necklace of diamonds, each diamond representing a year of her age, and he adds one to the string every time she has a birthday. Imagine how the poor woman is torn between her desire to display the necklace and the fear that when she wears it everybody will be counting the diamonds."

#### Touchiness.

There is a disease called "touchiness," a disease which, in spite of its innocent name, is one of the gravest sources of restlessness in the world. Touchiness, when it becomes chronic, is a morbid condition of the inward disposition. It is self love inflamed to the acute point. The cure is to shift the yoke to some other place; to let men and things touch us through some new and perhaps as yet unused part of our nature; to become meek and lowly in heart while the old nature is becoming numb from want of use.—Exchange.

#### The Eternal Womanly.

"I must have a new gown and coat at once."

"Great thunderation, woman, how can you ask for a gown and coat when you have to testify in my bankruptcy hearing next week?"

"I simply have to have them. Do you think I can face the people in the courtroom when I am wearing my old clothes?"—Indianapolis Sun.

#### The Charm of His Hamlet.

Concerning Hamlet as played by the late Wilson Barrett a little story is told in the greenrooms where the actor was known. One of the ancients was talking of the Hamlets he had seen on the stage. "Well," he said, "I've seen dozens of 'em, but of all the hectors wot played Hamlet give me Barrett. He was always done ten minutes afore any of the others."

#### Bapt in His Art.

Musician—I tell you, ladies, we artists cannot succeed unless we give up our very souls to our art. Why, last week I was so rapt in a composition that I was playing that a thief stole the violin from under my chin, and I never noticed it.

#### Armour's Revenge.

One of Phil Armour's \$25,000 men went into business on his own account on one occasion and built up a powerful opposition house. The man had remarkable ability, but his career shows that he had not Armour's conception of things nor his loftiness of character. And it shows, too, that despite his long and intimate association with his old employer the seceder had not thoroughly appreciated the quiet power of the originator. X, for we will call him so, rose to prosperous heights and then was seized with the desire to be thought a greater man than his old chief, against whom he began operations in the chosen way of corners and similar financial exercises known to the street. He said one day, "I used to work for Phil Armour, but before long Phil Armour will be working for me." He thought he had the old man squeezed, as the word goes, but Armour proceeded at 9 o'clock one morning to convince the complacent gentleman that he was sadly mistaken. By noon there was a rushing fall in prices, and the once jubilant merchant was a bankrupt. With the news he also received from Mr. Armour the offer of an instant and friendly loan of \$500,000 in cash.

#### Alchemist's Alloys.

The alchemists of the middle ages were incessantly occupied with the endeavors to transmute metals. Many alloys were known to them which are lost to us, and their recipes contain many useful hints worthy of the attention of modern scientists. There is a curious book in the Bibliotheque Nationale entitled "Liber Sacerdotum" ("The Book of the Priests"). It is supposed to have been written by the Jewish priests, but probably dates from the eighteenth century. Here is one of the curious recipes contained in this book: Mix a quantity of iron filings with a quarter of its weight of red orpiment. Press the mixture in a linen cloth, inclose in a smelting pot and leave it for a whole night in a heated furnace. Next add some oil and natron and just as much copper filings as there is iron. Melt all together and the result will be a fine material for hammers.

#### Poisoning Trees.

A gardener discovered the fact that trees are often sent to an untimely death by poison, usually arsenic. The reason for this does not appear until one hears the man's explanation. Suppose a man has rented a house which has too much shade, the law will not allow him to have one or more of the trees cut down without the consent of the owner. As it often happens that tenants and landlords hold different views on the subject of shade, the trees remain as a bone of contention. It is then that the gardener is called to administer a dose of poison, for when a tree is dead the tenant may have it removed. Five cents' worth of arsenic is sufficient to kill a large tree. A hole is made in the trunk, arsenic dropped in, and nature does the rest. It never fails.—New York Herald.

#### How to Walk.

There is no virtue in a dawdling saunter. The slow and languid dragging one foot after the other, which some people call walking, would tire an athlete; it utterly exhausts a weak person, and that is the reason why many delicate persons think they cannot walk. To derive any benefit from the exercise it is necessary to walk with a light, elastic step, which swings the weight of the body so easily from one leg to the other that its weight is not felt and which produces a healthy glow, showing that the sluggish blood is stirred to action in the most remote veins.—Family Doctor.

#### Lamar's Scheme.

The late Senator Lamar of Mississippi was habitually forgetful of everything and everybody except his friends. For years he suffered untold afflictions because of constantly mislaying his eyeglasses and suspenders. While an associate justice of the supreme court he one day beamingly confided to a friend that all of those troubles were over and that his eyeglasses and suspenders never more would trouble him. "How did you manage it?" inquired his friend. "Oh, I had a pair of eyeglasses sewed to every one of my vests and a pair of suspenders to every pair of trousers."

#### He Was Willing.

"I don't want to speak to you again about your reckless expenditure of money," said the stern parent.

"All right, dad," replied the incorrigible youth. "Hereafter it will be up to you to hand out the coin and say nothing."—Kennebec (Me.) Journal.

#### The Trial Heat.

Ethel (engaged a week)—George and I have never had a quarrel. Maud—Oh, I think you ought to have one before you are married. Otherwise you can't be quite sure whether you are going to have your own way or not!

#### Be Your Own Architect.

Do not govern your life, which is entirely individual to yourself, by another's outlook. Perhaps he could not accomplish what you have in mind. Neither could you accomplish the task he sets for himself.—Commoner.

#### When Railways Were New.

It was in 1830 that the opening of the railway between Liverpool and Manchester was celebrated. The Duke of Wellington's ideas concerning the iron road are thus described by Chaplain Gleig: "The Duke of Wellington was invited in his capacity of prime minister to take part in the opening journey. He declined, saying that no great or permanent good could come of the invention, because stagecoaches already traveled at the rate of eight or ten miles in the hour and if any attempt were made to exceed that pace the respiration of the passengers would become painful, perhaps impossible. The duke would listen to no remonstrances. He thought, as others did, that the experiment was risky and decided the idea of accelerating the pace, as was promised, to twenty miles an hour. Even a twelve mile pace he regarded as excessive, because difficult, if not impossible, to control and agreed in the opinion that the iron way would never, for general traffic, supersede our macadamized roads, then brought to perfection."

#### St. Andrew Undershaf.

In Leadenhall street, London, there is a church bearing the strange name of St. Andrew Undershaf, a name that would not be intelligible to any one without a knowledge of the history of the locality. It seems that some 400 years ago every May day a high shaft or pole was set up opposite the south door of St. Andrew's and adorned with flowers. So tall was the pole it was actually higher than the church steeple, which was therefore literally under the shaft. Now, there being several churches dedicated to St. Andrew, this one was further described as Undershaf to prevent it from being mistaken for any of the others. The old May pole having been denounced as an idol by an overzealous curate in the reign of the boy king, the inhabitants of the district sawed it in pieces for firewood. Thus is it that in the name of a still existing church is preserved an interesting bit of bygone history which otherwise would probably have passed away forever.

#### Napoleon's Height.

How tall was Napoleon? Bourrienne, who, according to a writer, had ample opportunities for observation, says that he was five feet two inches. Captain Maitland, who measured him on the Bellerophon, found his distinguished passenger to be five feet seven inches. Constant says that Napoleon was five feet one and a half inches. Bunbury insists that he was not less than five feet six inches. Napoleon chose short men invariably for difficult enterprises. He was convinced that Caesar and Alexander were men of diminutive stature. Speaking of the achievements of his generals, Napoleon said that Kleber had "all the qualities and defects of a tall man."

#### Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, the strongest fortress in the world, has the record for the longest investment in modern times, the English holding it against the armies of France and Spain from July 16, 1779, until Feb. 5, 1783. Military experts say now that no one can carry Gibraltar, and those who have seen the English guns on the rocky hills and the English battleships in the quiet harbor will agree with the experts. The only way in which Gibraltar can be taken is by starvation, and England has the fortress provisioned for several years now.

#### Workhouse Museums.

Several of the great London workhouses have remarkable museums attached to them. In a south London union museum can be found a clergyman's letters of ordination (the owner died in the house) and a peculiar belt made of human teeth and brought from the west coast of Africa. But perhaps the most significant of all the things shown is a small pocket dice box. Upon the box is neatly cut, "This box and other wagering cost me £30,000 and brought me to the workhouse."—London Telegraph.

#### Be Cheerful.

Tribulation is a habit. Be brave and utter a cheerful word in place of the complaining one. Keeping silent in an atmosphere of discord attracts to you peace and serenity instead of pain and sorrow. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." No greater truth was ever uttered. As soon as a person stops thinking trouble and goes to thinking joy, then joy will materialize.—Detroit Free Press.

#### A Soft Answer.

Actress (angrily)—Did you write that criticism which said my impersonation of "The Abandoned Wife" was a miserable failure? Critic—Ye-y-e-s. You see, you looked so irresistibly beautiful that it was impossible to fancy that that any man could abandon you.

#### Unusual.

She (reading)—She folded her arms and looked the picture of scorn. He—How unusual! She—Why, pray? He—Scorn is always represented as pointing her finger at something or somebody.—Columbus Dispatch.

To some the past gives only regret, the present sorrow, the future fear.—Lambert.

#### Sarah Bernhardt's Tact.

An illustration of Sarah Bernhardt's wonderful tact is shown in the following incident: During a performance of "Andromache" the hoots and hisses of many of the roughest men in the gallery led to their being ejected by the soldiers on guard. But, deaf to the objections of manager and secretary, Mme. Bernhardt insisted on the men being sent for between the acts. So, freed from the hands of the police, the disturbers, to their surprise, found themselves in the beautiful, electric lighted, cream and gold rooms, redolent of the perfume of flowers, and faced by the lady they had insulted, looking beautiful in the glittering gorgeous dress of the eastern princess. "Messieurs," said Mme. Sarah, with gracious dignity, "I have sent for you to say that the police are not to molest you. You are to go back to your places, and you are permitted to hiss as much as you like." The rough and motley crowd left the room in amazement, and storms of applause burst from the gallery when the curtain fell after the next act.

#### Kerosene Oil.

A common kerosene lamp, with its chimney of glass, its varied forms of beauty, its shades modified to every grade of vision and of taste, suggests the relation of man to light. The oil, natural, cheap, brilliant and volatile, was long known to civilized humanity as a crude outflow from the earth. It was not until about 1845 that the iridescent scum seen floating on the surface of a stream near Pittsburg suggested to thoughtful men to dig for a greater supply. Indians came from a distance and soaked it from the water with their blankets, which they wrung out into vessels in order to secure a quantity for some secret purpose. It was not until 1860 that it passed into common use. Since that time it has driven every form of wax, grease, fluid, camphene and whale oil lamp from the common use of mankind.

#### Great Guns of Old.

We are accustomed to think of large cannon as a very recent invention. Yet as long ago as 1543 a certain Ralph Hogge of Buckstead, in Sussex, cast large guns, and a pupil of his, Thomas Johnson, in 1595 made for the Earl of Cumberland "forty-two cast pieces of great ordnance of iron." These weighed 6,000 pounds—three tons—apiece, and, we are told, showed very fine, smooth workmanship. All the smelting was done with charcoal, of which it took three tons to smelt each ton of iron. Also all the ore was carried from the mine on pack horses, which took a load of about 300 pounds each. The immense amount of labor and consequent expense may be imagined.

#### The Horseshoe as a Mascot.

The superstition that associates the horseshoe with good luck is very old. It is said to prevail not only among English speaking people, but in all races of Europe and Asia. Antiquaries are undecided whether its origin has to do with the material from which the horseshoe is made or with its shape. Some writers on this subject have surmised that the lucky qualities attributed to the horseshoe were derived from its fancied resemblance to the halo pictured about the heads of saints, but this connection is highly improbable, as it is known that the superstition certainly antedates Christianity.

#### How Baraboo Got Its Name.

Indians gave Baraboo its name, but the word is not Indian. Baribeau or Baribault was the name of an old Canadian French trader who at the age of seventeen sought the then wilderness of Wisconsin to secure pelts for the Hudson Bay company and later for the American Fur company. He established a post where the town of Baraboo now stands. Being the first white man in those parts, the Indians named the place after him, but as they had not had the advantages of a French education could not get the pronunciation of the name nearer than Baraboo, and Baraboo it remains to this day.

#### Lone Star States.

In the course of conversation at a club the other evening a man referred to "the Lone Star State."

"What state do you mean?" he was asked.

"Why, Texas, of course."

"Well," he was told, "do you know that there are no fewer than five independent sovereign states which use a lone star on their national flags today? They are Turkey, Chile, Cuba, Liberia and the Kongo Free State."

#### A Black Eye.

In the treatment of contusions where there is extensive discoloration of the skin if olive oil be freely applied without rubbing the discoloration will quickly disappear. Absorbent cotton may be soaked in the oil and applied. If the skin is broken a little boric acid should be applied over the abrasion. A black eye thus treated can be made normal in a few hours, especially if the oil be applied warm.

#### The Struggle Ended.

"Poor old Versely died last night."  
"Indeed?"  
"Yes; he turned over and died without a struggle."

"Well, he died easier than he lived, then."—New Orleans Picayune.

#### A Story of Senator Vest.

On a certain occasion Mr. Vest had returned to the senate after one of his brief absences. Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, four years his senior, met him in the lobby and chided him good naturedly for not attending strictly to business when vital measures were being debated. "You're a fine young man," said Mr. Hoar, "to absent yourself at such a time and leave us old fellows, Cockrell and me and the rest, to handle these matters."

"You'll never be as old as I," said Vest, "if you live fifty years longer."

"Bless you, I was born in 1826 and was preparing for college before you came into the world," said the Massachusetts man.

"If you were born in 1726 you wouldn't be as old as I," said the Missourian. "You and Cockrell will see years, but you will never see age. You haven't lived as lively as I have, and I am wishing sometimes that I hadn't," he said, with a weary smile.—Kansas City Star.

#### Life in Virginia in 1648.

In the old days in this country farming and manufacturing were carried on together to a very large extent. A letter written from Virginia in 1648 gives the following picture of life on the plantation of a certain Captain Matthews, a leading citizen of the colony: "He hath a fine house and all things answerable to it. He sows yearly store of hemp and flax and causes it to be spun. He keeps weavers and hath a tan house, causes leather to be dressed, hath eight shoemakers employed in their trade, hath forty negro servants and brings them up to trades in his house. He yearly sows abundance of wheat, barley, etc. The wheat he selleth at 4 shillings the bushel. He kills store of heeves and sells them to victual the ships when they come thither. He hath abundance of kine, a brave dairy, swine great store and poultry."

#### Snake Venom.

The action of snake venom on cold blooded animals has been tested by Dr. Noguchi in a long series of experiments. Three venoms were employed—viz, those of the cobra, water moccasin and rattlesnake. Snakes and frogs succumb easily to cobra venom, but are relatively insusceptible to the other venoms. Turtles are more susceptible to all venoms than the foregoing, and fish are still more so. The grasshopper and some crabs are almost insusceptible, while the lobster is only moderately resistant. Excepting the earthworm, all the worms showed a low degree of susceptibility. The venoms have little effect on the echinodermata; sea urchins succumbed, however, but starfish and sea cucumbers were not perceptibly affected.—London Nature.

#### Canada and the Canoe.

Abolish the canoe and Canada might have a war every five years and then lose fewer young men than the great number that must go down to death in ten years of summer holidays. It is pitiful the mothers who weep, the fathers who mourn and the homes that are darkened simply because young people will take chances that they have no business to take. Death may part the young man from his canoe. Good advice cannot. "Ephraim is joined to his idols," and the victims of the canoe habit will neither keep out of canoes nor be careful while they are in canoes.—Toronto Telegram.

#### Russian Woman Proverbs.

If Russian sayings and proverbs are a true index the position of women within the czar's domains is not to be envied. Here are some adages: "The head of a woman is as empty as the purse of a Tartar." "A woman without fear is bolder than a goat." "If you beat your wife in the morning don't forget to do it again in the afternoon." "Hit your wife with the handle of your ax; she is no pitcher to break at the first blow." "If you beat a fur it becomes warmer, and if you beat your wife she will be more true to you."

#### Feminine Financier.

Mrs. Kidder—Charles, can't you give me another check? I see you have a whole book full. Mr. Kidder—That doesn't signify, dear. I have used up my balance at the bank. Mrs. Kidder—Then why didn't you give up your check book? Now, it's no use for you to tell stories, Joseph Kidder. If you mean to say I shan't have any money, why don't you say so right out, like a man?—Boston Transcript.

#### Lived Too Fast.

"Poor fellow, he is quite broken down, and the doctor says that his condition is due to fast living."

"Fast living?"

"Yes; you see he is a traveling man, and he was obliged to eat so many dining car meals and lose so much sleep in sleepers that his constitution gave way."—Cleveland Leader.

#### The Sermon.

"I certainly did enjoy your sermon," said the hard case, who seldom attended church.

"Indeed?" replied Rev. Mr. Tawney. "And which part did you enjoy the most?"

"I guess it was the part where dreamed I had a million dollars."—Philadelphia Ledger.



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Navasota Tablet: From various points come reports of cotton baled back home by farmers, who are not disposed to sell below 10c a pound. It is claimed they are in position to hold for higher prices.

When a man carries his cotton back home from the gin, it can be taken for granted that he is able to hold it, hence is out of debt. If any one will go to his farm he will probably find that he has been planting other things than cotton, and that he has meat and bread and forage for his stock, all proceeding from diversification. Every man has the speculative spirit in him. It is sometimes called the "gambling instinct," but we all have it. To gratify it is no small pleasure. For instance, a man will give thought to a condition in crops and business and in many other things. His line of thought is in speculating as to the change that will occur in such conditions. He reasons and draws deductions, and then invests on his views, arrived at by the employment of his brain. It is that way with the grower of cotton. He considers the supply of cotton now and for the future. He calculates on the consumption. He arrives at the conclusion that cotton must bring a higher or lower price, and he holds or sells as he thinks most profitable to him. The man with the one crop, who is invariably in debt, can not enjoy the luxury of betting on the correctness of his reasoning. He must sell at once to make fair weather with the merchant who feeds him, his stock, his wife and children, from year to year.—State Press.

Savoy Star: The hog crop is unusually fine around here. You see the boll weevils have no effect on it.

They are beginning to see it all over the State. There is every prospect that hogs will be in greater demand by farmers this year than in any previous year. They are already inquiring for them in North Texas, to fatten them on the fine corn crop which has been...

was a shortage of hogs, for people did not want to feed a high-priced feed. This depletion continued, to a great extent, because the farmers, frightened by the failure of the corn crop that year, did not want to keep many hogs this last year, through the fear that they might be confronted with another bad corn year. The result is that hogs are scarce in the State, and now that the corn crop is good, the demand for them has commenced and will increase. The average farmer is learning that he does not have to depend upon corn to keep hogs. Sorghum, sugar beets, alfalfa and other things of that kind in the summer, and the wheat, oat and rape fields and patches in the winter will enable him to keep at all times a good herd of hogs. Of course the necessity for hog fences must be considered. Without the fence, no man can hope to raise them in the prairie country of Texas. Keeping them in small pens or inclosures where they get no green food will cost as much as they are worth, and they will inevitably become unhealthy. The man with a large green range for his hogs is rarely afflicted with loss by cholera and other diseases.—Galveston News.

Beeville Bee: There are lots of things imported to Bee county that might as well be raised at home. For instance, Irish potatoes from Colorado are retailing for \$3 per bushel in the local market. Certainly the Bee county gardener could not lose much money on them by raising them for that. Then there is a little matter of onions. The odorless bulb is selling at 5c per pound; 8,000 and 10,000 pounds to the acre can be grown in Bee county soil. It occurs that local farmers might not lose more than a dollar or two to the acre in raising them for 5c per pound. Another item is peanuts, which sell at 4c. Not many are consumed in the local market, but still a few, and they come all the way from Georgia and Virginia. The boll weevil is not responsible for all the financial depression among farmers, and especially those in easy reach of town.

The lecture given above is merited. It is discouraging to some people to feel that farmers of the State refuse to budge an inch forward, as indicated by the above. But we ought to find consolation in the fact that we have advanced greatly, though to many of us the progress appears extremely slow. When we look back ten or fifteen years and remember that the farmers bought not only their potatoes, onions and such things as that, but all their bacon and flour, we can see that the distance between what we were and what we are is great. Last year hundreds of carloads of potatoes were raised in and shipped out of Texas. Southwest Texas kept the papers full of information as to the great quantities of onions sent out to other markets. We are getting along, but to the man in a hurry it looks as if our gait were that of the snail.—Galveston News.

Huntsville Post-Item: The farmer who diversified this year in Walker County is the one who is now counting his money.

If any one sees a farmer in any part of the State counting his money, he need not ask him any questions as to how he is enabled to do it. The answer is known of all men. He has raised enough stuff to feed and clothe his family, hence is out of debt and is just counting his cotton money, which is "velvet." Diversification is the rope which drew the drowning industry of farming to dry land.—E.

**Only Way to Make Prosperity Permanent.**

The News believes that the only way to make the prosperity of Texas cities permanent is to build and operate in them manufacturing establishments of various kinds, to afford employment and wages for the people. Unless the "factory policy" is adopted and pursued, crops may fail, cattle may go down, business fall off, and then there may be nothing to do for half the population of some of the towns.

If there were factories to convert the cotton into finished products these might run on, in spite of a short crop, and keep the employes busy throughout the winter. So it is of other factories. It takes time and money to convert raw material into finished products. Texas produces the raw material. Why not make prosperity doubly secure by adopting a policy that will save to the State the money now paid to the manufacturers of other countries? What the Memphis Scimitar says of Memphis may be said with truth of Texas cities:

Memphis is the only large city in the entire Southland where there is not at least one mill conducted on a paying basis. Memphis, the statistics show, is the greatest inland cotton market in the world. More than a million bales of the staple come to this market every season. All of this cotton is shipped to other points to be manufactured. Now, in the name of common sense, why is it that a progressive municipality permits such a state of affairs? There is not, in our opinion, a sound reason why at least a portion of this cotton should not be manufactured here. Many wood-working plants have been induced to locate in this section because the city's advantages have been brought to their notice. All agree they have reason to congratulate themselves. Half a hundred concerns select Memphis each year as a most advantageous point, but in the lists furnished by the Industrial League and Business Men's Club the name "cotton mill" is conspicuous by its absence. Meridian, Greenwood, Columbus, Holly Springs and other small cities in Mississippi handling a handful of cotton as compared to Memphis, are the homes of one to four great mills. The city's business and industrial organizations could not do a better work than to start the ball rolling for half a dozen or more of these enterprises. We need them. The News does not believe in stopping with cotton mills. Other manufacturing concerns should be built and put in operation. We get along without them in prosperous years; but, just as sure as the crops fail and the price of cattle goes down and other accidents happen to us, the towns and cities without factories are going to feel the pressure, and rise and fall in their prosperity as they have done in the past.—Galveston News.

**Cause of Lockjaw.**

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This suggests the suspicion, at least, that the order was made to create an issue—that it was supposed to present a strong strategic position in the battle of the ballots. But as the making of that order was, in my judgment, an attempted, though perhaps unwitting, encroachment upon the legislative power, and, therefore, unwarranted by the Constitution, the challenge is accepted. If elected, I will revoke that order. But I go further and say that, that being done, I will contribute my effort toward the enactment of a law to be passed by both houses of Congress and approved by the executive that will give an age pension without reference to disability to the surviving heroes of the Civil War; and under the provisions of which a pension may be accepted with dignity because of the consciousness that it comes as a just due from the people through their chosen representatives, and not as largess distributed by the chief executive.

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### Doolin and the "Thunder-Bolt."

P. Doolin was a track-walker on the Erie Railroad. He attended a wake one day, shortly before it was time for him to go on duty, with the lamentable result that early in the evening he seemed ambitious to walk on both sides of the track at once.

The "Thunder-bolt" express was due to pass the Haskell Road at 8:45. At that time Doolin reached the road, but the train did not appear. She was still invisible at 9:00, and Doolin began to worry about her in a maudlin way. When she was twenty minutes late he could control his anxiety no longer, and began walking the track toward her as fast as he could in his unsteady condition.

The "Thunder-bolt" meantime was flying along at unusual speed. She had been delayed by a trifling wreck, and the engineer was making up lost time. Suddenly a

lantern whirled like a giant pin-wheel in the gloom far down the track. The engineer's face whitened; the brakes ground into the complaining wheels; the engine rocked and trembled; passengers lurched in their seats; with hiss of air and steam the "Thunder-bolt" stopped.

Dropping from his cab, the trembling engineer ran up to where P. Doolin stood.

"What—what's the matter?" he gasped.

"Ye're late," said Doolin. "F'what kept yez?"—Earle Hooker Eaton in Harper's.

### Wrecks of a Year.

Disastrous railroad wrecks of last twelve months:

Baltimore & Ohio Railway, wreck near Laurel Run, Pa., Dec. 23, 1903. Sixty-three killed.

Pere Marquette wreck at East Paris, Mich., Dec. 27, 1903. Twenty-two killed and Twenty-nine injured.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, at Willard, Kan., Jan. 6, 1904. Seventeen killed. Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, in St. Louis, three killed.

Chicago Great Western, at Dyersville, Iowa, Feb. 25, 1904. Seven killed.

Alabama Great Southern, near Kewanee, Miss., March 8, 1904. Five killed.

Chicago & Northwestern, near Chicago, April 7, 1904. Three killed and thirty-four injured.

Iron Mountain, near Kimmswick, Mo., April 30, 1904. Eight killed and fifteen injured.

Baltimore & Ohio, at Vincennes, Ind., June 19, 1904. Fifteen injured.

Wabash, at Litchfield, Ill., July 3, 1904. Twenty-five killed, fifty eight injured.

Erie, at Midvale, N. J., July 10, 1904. Sixteen killed and fifty-nine injured.

Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, near Helena, Ark., July 13, 1904. Twenty-one injured.

Chicago & Eastern Illinois, at Glenwood, Ill., July 13, 1904. Sixteen killed, eighty injured.

Missouri Pacific, at Pueblo, Colo., Aug. 7, 1904. One hundred killed and many injured.

Chicago & Erie, in Chicago, Aug. 9, 1904. Four killed and nine injured.

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J. W. Davenport, Wingo, Ky., writes, June 14, 1902: "I want to tell you I believe Ballard's Snow Liniment saved my life. I was under the treatment of two doctors, and they told me one of my lungs was entirely gone, and the other badly affected. I also had a lump in my side. I don't think that I could have lived over two months longer. I was induced by a friend to try Ballard's Snow Liniment. The first application gave me great relief; two fifty cent bottles cured me sound and well. It is a wonderful medicine and I recommend it to suffering humanity." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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**Charlie's Parents.**  
While waiting one evening at my friend's house for him I was pleasantly entertained in the drawing room by his wife. Our conversation drifted to the use and abuse of tobacco, when Mrs. A. said:

"I am sorry to say that Charles smokes, and cigarettes too. I can smell it on his clothes. I wouldn't have his father know it for anything. He hates tobacco in all its forms."  
Shortly after, Charles and his father having come in to dinner, I noticed Mrs. A. get up and carefully remove her son's coat to a peg on the hall rack quite distant from his father's. After dinner Mr. A. and I went to keep an engagement with a third friend. On our way home who should we pass but Charles smoking a cigarette.

My friend said: "I am so afraid that boy's mother will get on to the fact that he smokes. She dislikes tobacco so, especially cigarettes. I know it would break her heart. Don't mention it, for goodness sake."  
Like a wise diplomat, I concluded not to interfere.—*Albany Journal.*

**Honesty as a Policy.**  
A judge and a party of lawyers were discussing various maxims when one of the lawyers said:

"Well, Judge, do you really believe honesty is the best policy?"

"I'll answer that question by a story," replied the judge. "When I was practicing law one day in the interests of a client I said to a man:

"Do you own a large black dog with white spots?"  
"He looked at me quizzically and then said:

"Oh, no. That dog is merely a stray canine that occasionally strolls into my yard. You're the tax assessor, aren't you?"

"No, I'm only a lawyer. I came to tell you that a client of mine had accidentally shot and killed the big dog and authorized me to pay the owner \$25 damages. But as the animal has no owner, why, of course there's nothing to pay. Good morning."—*Cleveland Leader.*

**John Bull and the Letter "H."**  
John Bull and the trouble he experiences with the letter "h" have been the occasion of many a witticism. There is the story of one Londoner who scolded another for pronouncing "hour," "heir" and "honor" correctly. "Why don't you haspate your hatches, you hignorant hass?" asked the critic. Among the traditions of the London bar is the story of one Sergeant Channell. He was arguing a case in which a vessel named the Helen was concerned. Every time the name dropped up Channell called her the Ellen. "Stop, stop!" said the judge at last. "How many vessels were there? I've got two in my notes, the Ellen and the Helen." At this point the attorney for the other side interrupted, giving Channell no chance. "There was only one vessel, m' lud," said he. "She was christened the Helen, but she lost her 'h' in the chops of the Channell."

**Coddle Themselves Too Much.**  
Old people often make the mistake of coddling themselves too much, says a physician in what to eat. Thus they cause a weakening of the vital forces before the advance of age has done so. Nature never intended that a man should be put into a hothouse at sixty and kept there as a delicate plant. Too much solicitude about the health of such a person may be the actual cause of death. The vitality of the person may be somewhat lessened at sixty, but the man or woman whose health has received a fair amount of attention is not by any means ready to be shelved at that age. All that is required is a little lessening of the burden of life and a little more care of the health.

**Facts About Bath Bricks.**  
Few would connect the common bath brick of our kitchens with a caprice of nature or would credit that there is but one spot on the entire globe where these scouring blocks can be manufactured. Yet so it is, for all bath bricks are made at Bridgewater, in Somersetshire, and there only, because the river Parret deposits for a distance of a few hundred yards only the peculiar compound of sand and slime of which they are composed. Nowhere else in the world is a similar compound to be found.—*London Mail.*

**More Stoical Than Red Indians.**  
No red Indians were ever more callous to pain than the aborigines of Australia. In their tribal fights, which still occur frequently, the severest wounds are treated with indifference. Old Australian settlers are fond of telling a famous story of a tribal chief who walked sixty miles with a spear sticking clear through his body before he could get help to pull it out. They insist that the story is true.

**Their Fatal Mistake.**  
Returned Traveler—What has become of Catchem & Cheaten, the rich lawyers? Retired, I presume? Resistant—Yes, retired. They are both in the poorhouse.  
"What happened?"  
"They had a quarrel and sued each other."—*New York Weekly.*

**Early English.**  
Bachelor—I confess I can't understand what your baby's saying. Benedick—It is a queer language, isn't it? Bachelor—Yes; sort of early English.—*Answers.*

**Misplaced Devotion.**  
She was tall, with wavy brown hair and rich, deep brown eyes, just like all brunettes in novels. He was under-sized and impecunious, but impressionable and ardent. They lived at the same boarding house for a time. With her he was sentimental, tender, earnest, also inclined to be rash and extravagant with his small earnings in bringing gifts of candy and the like. It is whispered that in a moment of recklessness he bought her two ice cream sodas in succession. But this could never be verified. Circumstances over which she had no control caused her to leave the boarding house without bidding him goodby. Carelessly, too, she neglected to leave her address. He applied to the boarding house mistress in grave distress of soul.

"Do you know," he asked, "where Miss Jones has gone?"  
"Now, look here, Mr. Blank," said the kindly woman, "let me advise you not to worry too much about Miss Jones. She's engaged. Didn't you see that ring?"  
"Engaged!" he gasped, backing toward the mantel and blindly grabbing at a bunch of catfalls for support. "Engaged, did you say? And, great heavens, she let me buy her peanut brittle!"—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

**Salt Lake's Water.**  
"When once you understand the art of bathing in the great Salt lake of Utah it is the finest diversion on earth, but it is not apt to result pleasantly to the man who does not heed the advice of the experienced," said a citizen of Salt Lake City. "At any other bathing resort in the world the swimmer can play in the waves, dive and disport himself as he pleases, but not so in this wonderful sheet of water in the west and all on account of its extraordinary saline qualities. So heavily is it charged with brine that unless the bather protects his eyes, nose and ears from liquid contact he will receive such stinging punishment as will make him bitterly regret having entered the water. To get even a little of it in the mouth is cause for grief. But when he knows enough to protect himself in sensitive places he will admit that nowhere in the world is the bathing so fine or so stimulating in its effects."—*Washington Post.*

**The English Flag.**  
For over 500 years the red cross on a white field has been the emblem of England, and when in fullness of time the emblems of the neighboring kingdoms of Scotland and Ireland were joined with it the union flag came into being. But for nearly 200 years the union flag bore upon it two crosses only, the red cross of England and the white cross saltire of Scotland, "according to a forme made by our heralds," as King James said in his proclamation. The white saltire of Scotland was simply surmounted by the red cross of England, but this latter had to be "embriated" bordered that is, with a narrow white edge, owing to the strict heraldic law that color cannot be placed upon color nor metal upon metal.

**A Telepathic Clock.**  
Here is a strange yet absolutely true story, in which a clock plays a mysterious part: It was a small American timepiece which stood on a mantelpiece in a sitting room in a Liverpool builder's house. At 11:30 one morning the timepiece fell from the mantelpiece to the floor. When picked up it was found to be quite uninjured and still going, as if nothing unusual had happened. There seemed to be absolutely no reason why it should have fallen, but an hour later when the builder came home to his midday meal he remarked that at 11:30 he fell from the top of a building, but happily without sustaining any injury. His wife then described how the clock had fallen at the same time, and the couple ponder in vain over the curious and utterly inexplicable coincidence.—*Liverpool Post.*

**Gilbert of Colchester.**  
Gilbert of Colchester, who flourished three centuries ago, has been called the founder of the science of electricity. Gilbert discovered the augmentation of the power of a loadstone by arming or capping it with soft iron cheeks, the screening effect of a sheet of iron, the method of magnetizing iron by hammering it while it lies north and south, the destruction of magnetism by heat and the existence around the magnet of a magnetic field. Generalizing from small to large, he advanced the entirely novel idea that the globe of the earth is itself a magnet.

**The Toad.**  
The wonderful insect killing capacity of the toad is known in a general way to the enlightened few, says Country Life in America. An imported colony of toads may be the salvation of a flower garden. Many gardeners give their children a cent apiece for every cutworm destroyed. From May 1 to Aug. 1 a toad may destroy 2,100 cutworms, which it would cost \$21.60 to destroy by hand. English gardeners are said to pay as much as \$25 a hundred for toads for colonizing purposes.

**Thrifty Switzerland.**  
"The people of Switzerland are very grasping in their treatment of visitors," says a man who has made a tour of that country. "If the hotel keeper doesn't get all his money the guide takes what is left, and if there should happen to be a dollar or so left after they get through the little boys fix up an artificial waterfall by putting a board across a stream and when tourists happen along pull it away with a string and expect the dollar in payment."—*Milwaukee Wisconsin.*

**Possibly.**  
Jack—I don't quite comprehend Miss Smith. Tom—In what respect? Jack—Well, we were children together, and here now I'm thirty-two, and she's only twenty-two. Tom—You've lived faster than she has. Jack—Thanks, old fellow. I guess that explains it.

**Words are wise men's counters.**  
They do but reckon by them. But they are the money of fools.—*Hobbes.*

**The Sunflower.**  
It has always been said, how truly we do not positively know, that the sunflower turns its face ever toward the sun; that it bows a genial welcome to the king of day when that monarch first lifts the curtain of night and peeps over the horizon upon an awakening world, and that it follows the imperial visitor in his majestic march across the heavens and nods a good night to him as he passes with his retinue of golden beams and silvery shadows behind the western slopes. This may be an exaggeration of the sunflower's conduct, but we believe it is at least partially true, and that the Kansas flower does respond in some degree to the attractions of the great luminary. Anyhow, the thought of this handsome product of the prairies turning its frank, open face ever toward the light and responding to the ardent wooing of the sun with reciprocal affection is inspiring, isn't it? It is a symbol of the ideal soul—the soul that loves the light, that glows in the presence of things that are lovely, the receptive soul, the soul that is responsive to truth and beauty—in a word, the sunflower's soul.—*Marion (Kan.) Record.*

**The Lost Chord.**  
He was a young man in lodgings, and he was learning to play the organ. There was no disputing the earnestness and perseverance of this embryo cornetist. Every evening during the late heat wave he threw his window open and blew away at the "Lost Chord." It was ever the "Lost Chord." In the commercial room of the hotel opposite the "knights of the road" sat scribbling off their orders and hurling anathemas at the head of the young man player. Finally they held a council of war and determined on his destruction. Cutting off a window cord, they rang for the boots and ordered him to take it across to the musician, with the following note:  
"Dear Sir—Make no more trouble over your 'Lost Chord.' We send you a substitute, which we hope you will find long enough. We will arrange with the coroner and guarantee a decent burial."  
The doleful notes of the "Lost Chord" were not heard in the street afterward.—*London Globe.*

**The Mirror Galvanometer.**  
Some interesting tales are told of Lord Kelvin's discoveries and how the ideas of them came to his quick mind. For instance, this is said to have been the way in which he found the mirror galvanometer. He was puzzling over the difficulty of perfecting the ordinary telegraphic apparatus used on overhead wires, which was not suited for the varying current passing along cables. The lagging of the electric currents had the effect of making them run together into one bottom current, with surface ripples which correspond to the separate signals of the message. The problem was how to invent a means of interpreting clearly and easily the minute fluctuations. One day Lord Kelvin's eyeglass fell off and swung in front of the magnet, reflecting its movements, and instantly the idea of the mirror suggested itself. So a monocle has had a direct effect on science.

**Boots and Saddles.**  
The well known call of "boots and saddles" is really a corruption of the old French signal *boute-selle*—"put on your saddles"—from *bouter*, to put or place, and *selle*, saddle. The mediaeval saddles were of such a cumbersome and heavy make that they were taken off the horses whenever possible. In Mathew's "Powerful Favorite" of 1623 occurs the phrase "the trumpets sounded *boute-selle*."  
In 1709 Steele wrote in the Tatler, "The sound was changed to 'boots and saddle,'" but it seems probable that the phrase ran in its present form before that date, possibly coming into use during the civil war among the Roundheads, to whom the old French *boute-selle* would seem pandering to the cavalier and French tendencies of the court.—*London Times.*

**The Missionary's False Tooth.**  
A well known Church of England missionary among the aborigines of Queensland, Australia, gained great influence over a certain tribe in a very peculiar manner. This tribe had the queer custom of having the front tooth of the upper jaw knocked out. The missionary by accident had lost this same tooth and replaced it by a false one. When he got talking with the aborigines, he would pull it out, point to the hollow place and say, "Me, brother, belong to you!" In this way he gained the complete confidence of the tribe, converted every member of it to Christianity and introduced as much civilization as they were capable of assimilating.

**Everything Here Short.**  
The late M. A. Lower, the antiquary, is responsible for this Lullington anecdote:  
One Sunday morning the curate, a man of diminutive stature, preached from the shortest text in the Bible, "Jesus wept," and to a congregation of a dozen people, and the offertory realized only 18 pence, whereupon a stranger remarked that it was the smallest church, the smallest congregation, the smallest parson, the shortest text and the smallest collection he had ever known.—*Westminster Gazette.*

**Looking Down into Four States.**  
From Mount Genevieve, a peak in Gilpin county, Colo., a person can see into four states and one territory. On a clear day the observer can discern the Uintah mountains of eastern Utah, the Medicine Bow range of Wyoming, the tips of the Rockies in New Mexico and the principal peaks of Colorado. The plains stretching to the east are plainly visible clear into Nebraska.

**Art and Nature.**  
Overheard during the private theatricals: She—How well your wife plays Lady Geraldine, Mr. Jones! I think the way she puts on that awful affected tone is just splendid. How does she manage it? Mr. Jones (with embarrassment)—Er—she doesn't. That's her natural voice.

**Gentle Pity.**  
Mildred—He came to you with his broken heart after Gussie had rejected him, and you let him console himself by making love to you? Millicent—Why not? I considered that I was acting as first aid to the injured.—*Chicago Tribune.*

**Noble Enough.**  
Miss—Of course you know, baron, that my father is not in the remotest degree a nobleman. He—Say no more, beautiful one. A man who will give his daughter a dowry of a million is noble enough for me.

**Different Kinds of Days.**  
Five kinds of day are recognized, and it has been said that the word "day" has no real meaning without an adjective defining what kind of a day is meant. There is a civil day, the astronomical day, the apparent solar day, the mean solar day and the sidereal day. The civil day begins at the midnight preceding mean noon and consists of twenty-four hours counted after 12 o'clock. The astronomical day begins twelve hours after the civil day, or at the mean noon of the corresponding civil day. These hours are reckoned from 0 to 24. It will be seen, therefore, that while 10 hours 12 minutes Jan. 1 astronomical time is also 10 hours 12 minutes Jan. 1 civil time, yet 22 hours 12 minutes Jan. 1 astronomical time is also 10 hours 12 minutes a. m. Jan. 2 civil time. There are many anomalies growing out of this use of the civil day, and there are many arguments in favor of using the astronomical day. It is one of the reforms which undoubtedly will come some time.—*London Standard.*

**A Sensitive Tenor.**  
Roger, the celebrated French tenor, was exceedingly proud of his profession and was apt to take offense at the least slight, whether intended or not. On one occasion he was engaged for the sum of £60 to sing at the house of a rich financier who thought it the correct thing to have the principal singers of the day at his house parties.

Roger sang his first song magnificently, but not the slightest attention was paid him, the guests talking their loudest. Presently the host thought that it was about time for another song and sent for Roger, but he could not be found and was seen no more. On the following day Mr. Plutus was surprised to receive from Roger notes to the amount of £80, with the following words:  
"I have the honor to return the £60 which I received for singing at your party, and I beg to add £20 more to make up for having so greatly disturbed the conversation of your guests."—*London Tit-Bits.*

**Wisdom That Comes With Age.**  
I well remember one case before a justice in which I acted as respondent's counsel in a criminal action and in which an older and well known attorney was my opponent. As I thought then and as I know now, the law and evidence were well in favor of my client, and at the close of the arguments I looked with great confidence for a prompt acquittal. Judge of my astonishment when my unfortunate client was found guilty and sentenced to thirty days in jail. I promptly entered an appeal and furnished sureties to prosecute the same. Before I left the courtroom the justice took occasion to take me aside and say, "Young man, I kinder thought ye were right, but I knowed Judge W. (naming my opponent) is a sight older'n ye be and a sight better lawyer'n ye be, and so of course I gin him judgment."—*Judge Shute in Leslie's Monthly.*

**The Bird of Paradise.**  
Probably no famous bird has a smaller habitat than the bird of paradise, whose beautiful feathers are so highly prized in the millinery trade. No one knows why the varieties of this beautiful bird are confined to the island of New Guinea and the neighboring coasts of Australia. There are many other islands not far away where the conditions would seem to be equally favorable to their existence, but they are not found among them, and if we should ever see a hunter of the bird of paradise we would know that he was a native of New Guinea or the neighboring mainland of Australia or had visited those regions.

**Tree Life.**  
Have you any idea what is the average length of a tree's life? Information gathered by the German forestry commission assigns to the pine tree 700 years as a maximum length of life, 425 years to the silver fir, 275 to the larch, 245 to the red beech, 210 to the aspen, 200 to the birch, 170 to the ash, 145 to the elder and 130 to the elm. The heart of the oak begins to rot at about the age of 300 years. Of the bolly it is said there is a specimen aged 419 years in existence near Aschaffenburg, in Germany.

**Improving the Time.**  
Little Bobbie left his mother's lap and climbed up on his father's knee. "Do you love papa more than mamma?" asked Aunt Kate. "No," replied the youngster. "But mamma and I are both going to heaven, and grandpa says papa won't if he don't stop smoking in the parlor, so I'm going to see all of him I can now."—*Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.*

**Unprepared.**  
Hostess (pairing off her guests)—Mr. Justyn, will you take Miss Smith out to dinner? Mr. Justyn (his first experience)—Er—Mrs. Jones, let me whisper something to you. I left my money in my other clothes. I've only got 15 cents about me. Please let some other man take her out.—*Chicago Tribune.*

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## Local Items.

See Crysyp about it.

The Big Store buys cotton.

I. X. L. pocket knives at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Wagon sheets and bows at the Big Store.

Better see Crysyp about your doctor's prescription.

Ladies, get your hat, skirt and coat suit at the Novelty Store.

### Fresh Oysters

At the City Bakery.

Do you know the Big Store can supply your wants in all lines?

Blue Ribbon tomato ketchup, the best, at Billy Lewis & Co's.

The celebrated Berwick Bay Oysters at the City Bakery. 3t

All goods are up to date—they are good and cheap at the Novelty Store.

Want to buy a good gentle buggy horse. Apply at the City Bakery.

W. T. Blakeway has moved back to Crockett from Kennard Mills.

Crysyp does the business. Reason: Liberality and fairness in dealing with the public.

Do not fail to visit the cotton department of the Big Store if you have cotton for sale.

Dr. Peyton R. Denman of our sister city, Lufkin, was a visitor to Crockett Sunday.

The Big Store sells the Hickman—it's the best, lightest running wagon on earth.

Tad Stinchcomb, a prominent young attorney of Longview, was here this week attending court.

You have the money and need the goods. The Big Store has the goods and wants the money. Let's trade.

The Board of Pharmacy for 3rd judicial district will meet in the city of Palestine, Tex., Oct. 25th, 1904. W. A. R. FRENCH.

Whether your preference is for the keg or bottle, Billy Lewis & Co. can supply you. They have both keg and bottle pickles.

The ladies are invited to the Novelty Store to see a fine line of coat suits, skirts and waists, beautifully tailored and up-to-date.

Judges J. H. Turner and John R. Arnold, leading attorneys of Henderson, were attending district court here this week.

Mr. E. E. Barlow, Miss Willie Barlow, Miss Lizzie English and Miss Mary Stanton composed a world's fair party leaving Crockett last Friday evening.

Don't order your dress—see the Big Store's new line of dress goods, then you can plainly see where you can save money by buying at home.

Jesse Thomas, a young man born and reared in this city, died at Bryan, where he was living, last week. He had many friends here who regret to hear of his death.

The most popular dress goods, the most stylish millinery, the largest and best selected line of silk and velvet, the newest trimmings and accessories are to be found at the Big Store.

The remains of Mr. Bryan M. Jones were escorted to Crockett Monday by members of the Kennard K. of P. lodge. Here they were joined by members of the Crockett lodge and the funeral directed according to the rites of the order.

## Largest Stock! Lowest Prices!

Our Prescription Department  
Our Drug Department  
Our Stationery Department  
Our Sundry Department

Drugs bought right can be sold right. The Drugs we sell we guarantee. The Prescriptions we fill we guarantee. Your Drug business is what we want, and to keep you as our customer we are careful as to our purchaser and careful that the Drug we buy is pure and fresh.

### B. F. Chamberlain, THE DRUGGIST.

Don't fail to visit the Novelty Store.

Mr. J. C. Kennedy of Augusta was a caller at the COURIER office Monday.

The Big Store can now show you the latest in silks and velvets. See their line.

Buy your cigars from Crysyp and your troubles will vanish with the smoke.

The Novelty Store is selling goods faster than the railroads can bring them in.

J. A. Smith and Fount Kelly of Kennard Mills were here this week.

You can now get a dress or street hat in all the newest shapes and colors at the Big Store.

Buy your mackerel, keg and bottle pickles from Billy Lewis & Co. and thus get the best.

You can get the best pair of pants in town for \$1.50 at the Novelty Store.

India Relish, Tomato Chutney and Mustard Dressing, the best the market affords, at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Bunk Barbee has returned to Crockett from Palestine where he has been employed in a drug store.

You can buy 42 pounds of good rice or 50 bars of good laundry soap for one dollar for one week only at the Big Store.

The best for your money at Crysyp's. "The best" is his motto, whether he is filling your prescription or selling you over the counter.

The Houston County Medical society was in session in this city Tuesday. A paper by Dr. Hathcock of Palestine was one of the leading features of the program.

Pick Lacy got the tip end of the forefinger of his right hand cut off in the Kennard Mill Monday morning. He was in town Monday evening with his hand in a sling.

More land buyers and prospectors have been in Crockett during the past week and some property has changed hands. There seems to be a great deal of activity in real estate matters.

Mr. Geo. Nicolson, from Fulton, Mo., who bought land on the Huntsville road, southwest of Crockett, has already started to put same in a high state of cultivation for next year's crop.

The First National Bank of Crockett, Texas, showing the largest capital and assets of any bank in East Texas, have moved into their handsome banking house on the southeast corner of the public square, and want the public to call and inspect their fire and burglar proof vault and safes.

You can get a skein of Filo silk or a two horse wagon from the Big Store.

Everything in pickles—Heinz and Hyman's—at Billy Lewis & Co's.

### Nut Cracker Tobacco

Leads all others in quality and sales, and tags worth 1/2 cent each in goods. DANIEL & BURTON.

It is a pleasure to use the Little Lady broom. Get them at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Pure drugs, fine cigars, toilet and fancy articles and wholesome soda water have made Crysyp's a popular place. He does the business.

County Judge Porter Newman and Alderman W. A. Norris went as delegates from the Crockett Good Roads association to the Good Roads meeting at Beaumont this week. They expect to obtain valuable information on the subject of road construction which can be put into practical use.

Ed Walton died at Grapeland Saturday and was buried Sunday. He had been sick for some time with throat trouble, but it was not expected that death was so near. He was of middle age and was for a number of years a resident of this city where he made many friends and where he was well connected. Relatives and friends from this city attended the funeral obsequies at Grapeland Sunday.

If You  
Want to Hold  
Your Cotton for  
Higher Prices, See  
JAS. S. SHIVERS  
& CO'S.  
Cotton Department  
Crockett, Texas.

The news of the death of Bryan M. Jones reached Crockett Monday morning. He died, surrounded by his family, at his home at Kennard Mills Sunday night after an illness of several weeks' duration. The remains were brought to Crockett Monday and interred in Glenwood cemetery at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Jones was formerly in business in this city. He was a son-in-law of Mr. B. F. Duren.

Mr. T. J. Crofford called at the COURIER office Wednesday morning and paid his subscription to January, 1906. He began with the first issue of the COURIER and has always paid a year in advance. He made over a half bale of cotton to the acre this year in spite of the weevil, using paris green and cultivating thoroughly. He sold the last of his 1904 crop Wednesday morning.

### Coach Excursion

to St. Louis via I. & G. N., the "Texas Road." Extremely low rates to the world's fair October 4, 8, 11 and 15. Through chair cars and coaches. Three swell trains daily. See I. & G. N. agents for particulars, or write D. J. Price, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Palestine, Texas.

## Money to Loan.

We Buy and Sell Real Estate.

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Office Over J. E. Monk's Store.

### Dried Fruits.

Billy Lewis & Co. have a full stock of dried apples, apricots and peaches.

The COURIER receives some complaint from the eastern part of the county from subscribers who fail to get their mail from Crockett promptly. The COURIER leaves this office on the afternoon train every Thursday and should be in Kennard City every Friday morning. If it is delayed it is in transit and we do not know how to remedy the matter. However, we will do everything we can in the future to get the paper to our readers on time.

Dr. J. K. Pemberton of Auxvasse, Mo., and Mr. Winfield Potts of Centralia, Mo., have bought the Dr. Corley old place two miles east of town and will improve same. The family of Mr. Potts are now in the city, having arrived nearly a month ago, the younger of whom are attending school here. Houston county welcomes all such newcomers, at the same time extending an invitation for more of them.

Subscription collections are coming in very slow. We hope those of our subscribers who are brought to town during district court will remember the COURIER and renew for another year after paying up back dues. Others, we hope, will not forget us while the money season is on. We have a number on our books whom we have carried over for two or more years on account of unfavorable crop conditions who will no doubt now feel called upon to come forward and settle. Don't put your newspaper bill off till the last. It is small and should be easily and promptly met.

### Ed Walton.

The sad intelligence of the death of Mr. Ed Walton came as a blow to his many friends and acquaintances here. Mr. Walton was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Walton and was born March 31, 1866, in Monroe county, Ga. He came to Texas with his parents in his early manhood and resided at this place until about one year ago, when he moved to Palestine and then to Grapeland, where he died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. S. E. Howard. Mr. Walton, or Ed, as he was familiarly called by all who knew him, had been suffering for some time with a peculiar affection of the throat which the doctors were not able to properly diagnose, and but a few days before his death, when he last visited this place to mingle with his many friends, he expressed the belief that he was much better and was encouraged with the hope that he would entirely recover; only a few days after he returned to his home to pay the last sad debt. The attack came suddenly, and realizing his approaching end, he became resigned, and in a gentle and quiet manner, which was characteristic of the man, he told the family that he was prepared to go and hoped that all would meet in heaven. The end came quietly in the early morning of Oct. 5th, when, surrounded by his father, sister, brother and brother-in-law, there passed away into the great

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beyond one of the kindest and gentlest spirits that ever graced human form. Charitable, honest, upright and industrious, always with a cheery smile and a pleasant word, he won, not only the confidence and esteem, but the love of the many who knew him best. A man of excellent principles, strictly attentive to duty, he commanded the respect and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. To do good to all, to be honest and upright, to be charitable, was his creed and no man ever practiced these commendable virtues more consistently than he, and were every hand for whom he did some kind or loving service to bring a blossom to his grave, he would sleep to-night under a wilderness of flowers.

A FRIEND.

### Cotton.

Cotton is moving slowly now on account of the decline last week in price. However, the market shows a healthy tone, four bales of cotton selling in Crockett Wednesday morning for nine and seventh-eighths. Many farmers say they will not sell for less than 10 cents and are holding their cotton, which makes the receipts for this week light. Shipments compared with last season are largely in favor of this season. It must be understood that the shipments do not represent the receipts by any means, but the number of bales shipped furnish the basis for a comparative estimate of the crops. Tuesday night there had been shipped from Crockett 1471 bales of cotton. At the same time last year there had been shipped 1046 bales, a difference of 425 bales in favor of this season. The season being earlier this year than last, Crockett will not ship much, if any, more cotton than it did last season. The seed are now an important part of the cotton crop. Buyers were paying \$13 a ton for cotton seed Wednesday.

### Attend the Great

San Antonio International fair and race meet, October 22 to November 2, 1904. Greater and grander than ever. Excursion rates from all points on the I. & G. N. system. See agents, or write D. J. Price, General Passenger and Ticket Agent, Palestine, Texas.



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## Publisher's Notice.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks or other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5 cents per line. Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

**Needed:** One thousand loads more of gravel on the square and streets of this city.

The gravel that has been put on the public square is only as a handful. It is not an eight of enough.

The hitching chains have been put back on the square and no one need stay away from Crockett for fear of being unable to hitch their teams.

Church street has been graded from end to end and some sections of it gravelled. The grading was done by the city and the graveling by individual property owners.

The Houston County Good Roads association has bought an almost inexhaustible supply of gravel and what is most needed now is teams to haul it. What has been hauled has been gratis.

The street work that has been done during the past two months by the city has been largely augmented by private subscription. Those who have yet done nothing now have an opportunity of donating the use of teams.

The court house yard improvement is good and reflects credit on those having it in charge. But there are some planks and other rubbish left lying around which gives it an unfinished appearance and which should be removed without delay.

Arch Burton is having the cross street east of his residence clayed and gravelled. Let others show the same degree of pride in constructing streets and sidewalks. Mr. Burton said to the **COURIER** that he is making an effort to have the street back of his property clayed and gravelled also. When this is done, the work should be taken up by others and brought on to the public square.

At the Beaumont Good Roads meeting, County Judge Newman was appointed on the credentials committee and alderman W. A. Norris was selected as vice-president of the State Good Roads association for Houston county. Houston county's delegates went to call they could get and it is hoped that they will come home with nothing short of a 50-mile stretch of federal model road work for the county.

Our Grapeland correspondent mentions an item that is of special interest. He says three car loads of hogs were shipped from that point last week. Grapeland farmers who have fat hogs to sell are not hurt very much by the shortage of the cotton crop. Fat hogs, cattle, mules and horses will relieve the cotton grower's embarrassment to a considerable extent.

Houston county's delegates to the Beaumont good roads convention received important recognition and were placed in a position to get in close touch with the good roads subject. It is hoped they took advantage of every opportunity and that Houston county may be able to reap some of the benefits accruing from the construction of the model road at Beaumont by the government. A model road for Houston county is the next thing.

The court house yard has been nicely graded and rounded off by Road Overseer Barbee and his force of county convicts, the brick cobbing and gutter around which were put there by the city. The job is pleasing to the eye and is a big improvement over the old yard. Next spring, when the grass grows out, it will be even better to look upon than now.

The street from the public square to the Big Store corner is being clayed and gravelled this week. Further out on the same street there is a gap where the street needs to be widened, clayed and gravelled. When this is done, that street will be complete nearly to its intersection with Grace street, to which latter street we understand there is some probability of the work being extended.

## From Grapeland.

DEAR COURIER:

In your last issue you ask what has become of our "Grapeland correspondent?" In answer to same, will say that he is still living, moving, and having his being in the sand-flats, and will endeavor to give you a few items from the flats.

Cotton picking is all the go now. Quite a number of the farmers have finished picking while others are under full headway. A large proportion of them have had their cotton ginned and hauled it back home to await better prices.

We have received at this depot to date 650 bales against 750 to date last season. The number that is being held will account for the shortage this season. It is now thought that this season's cotton will about equal that of last season, which was 2600 bales.

The farmers' union have built a house here for the purpose of depositing their cotton seed to hold for a better price. They have to date about 40,000 lbs on deposit. It is their intention not to place them on the market until the 1st of November, then to sell them in bulk to the highest bidder.

Mr. Ed Walton died at the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. S. E. Howard, at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, and was buried at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. Ed was 38 years of age, principally raised in Houston county, was well and favorably known, especially here and at Crockett, where he has lived most of his life. He had many friends at both places. He died of heart trouble.

Notwithstanding the ravages of the boll weevil our merchants are still buying new goods.

The new and handsome residence of Dr. F. C. Woodard is nearing completion and when completed will be quite an ornament to South Grapeland.

Mr. W. H. Spruill is erecting a new building between the office of Dr. F. C. Woodard and the grocery store of S. E. Howard on front street, and when completed will be occupied by Mr. Spruill as a harness and repair shop.

Miss Freddie Luker began her school at Stark's Switch on Monday.

Prof. Nat Patton began his school at Enon on Monday.

Prof. Joe B. Oliphint began his school at Hays' Springs on Monday.

Miss Jennie Oliphint will begin her school at New Prospect next Monday.

Miss Clio Murchison began her school at Evergreen on Monday.

Mr. R. B. Edens, Sam Lively, Jack Lewis and Artie Spence returned from Tyler Saturday where they have been in attendance upon the fruit and vegetable association of East Texas. They

think that much good will result to the truck growers from this association.

Rev. A. G. Rials returned from Kentucky Saturday where he had been called by telegram announcing the serious illness of his father who died a few hours previous to his arrival. His father was 80 years of age.

Mrs. Lee Miller spent several days in the city, the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony.

Mr. N. J. Tims of Waneta was in Grapeland Saturday attending to business.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Gray are sojourning in Palestine for the benefit of Mr. Gray's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Lem Bedsill of Denson Springs were in Grapeland Saturday trading.

Ed Parker, son of merchant John Parker, returned from Tarrant county where he has been living the past year. He will remain in or near Grapeland.

Mr. F. M. Owens returned from Abbott in Hill county where he has been prospecting. The probabilities are that Grapeland will lose Frank in the near future.

Mr. J. R. Howard and wife, J. W. Howard and wife, Frank Harris and Ed Janes of Crockett, Hyman Harrison of Palestine and R. W. and Hamp Huff of Daly were in attendance on the funeral of Mr. Ed Walton Sunday.

There were three car loads of hogs shipped from this place last week; one to Palestine and two to Houston.

Eugene Yarbrough who learned telegraphy at Grapeland has been given the station at Yarbrough on the Santa Fe.

John Bridges and Henry Music went to Crockett Sunday night to attend district court.

Ellis Tims of Augusta has accepted a position with S. T. Anthony in Grapeland.

Albert Smith of Crockett was in Grapeland at—well—I don't know.

Rumor has it that we are to have a bank in Grapeland in the near future. Hope so.

Dr. L. Meriwether of Daly was in the city attending to business.

The East Texas Co-operative Christian Convention will be held with the Grapeland Christian church on the 24th, 25th and 26th of October. All churches in East Texas are expected to send delegates. **OLD JAKE.**

## Shakespeare Club.

The Crockett Shakespeare club, organized by Miss Pauline Buck of Elkhart, and consisting of twenty-five regular and one associate members, held its first regular meeting at the home of its president, Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb, on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 8th. The meeting having been called to order, and all business disposed of, the president, in her most elegant manner, delivered her greeting. It was in itself so inspiring as to have awakened whatever interest might have been dormant among the members, and their appreciation of her literary ability was highly evidenced.

The greeting was as follows: "Ladies, it is my delightful privilege this afternoon to welcome you as members of the Shakespeare Club of Crockett. There is just cause for congratulation on the earnest, helpful spirit you have all manifested in the organization and work of the club. I hope, not only that this spirit of harmony and unity will continue, but that it will increase with each meeting and that we shall all be benefited by our mutual association as well as by our study. "I have further reason to con-

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Notice Kathleen McConnell and Bella Lipscomb Hail. A more enjoyable afternoon could not have been spent. The club has, as yet, not become one of the federated clubs, but realizing the broadening influence of federation it is making all necessary steps toward this end. Its year book is now in the hands of the printer. The club will have its next meeting at the home of Mrs. B. B. Warfield. **SECRETARY.**

**To My Patrons and Friends.**  
Having decided to quit the barber business, and having further decided to move to Houston to engage in other pursuits, I have sold my interest in the barber shop at Crockett to my partner, John D. Friend. He has rented the Cooper building, next to John Monk's, where he will move the shop and install porcelain bath tubs, with hot and cold water. He will be better prepared than ever to serve the public. All favors and patronage extended to him will be appreciated by me. Thanking you for past favors and patronage, I am yours,  
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