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Dan G. Kennedy Says:

We have resolved to reduce our stock this year regardless of profits or costs. On all staples and regular goods we are making prices to cover costs only; such as Brown Sheeting from 4c up; all Standard Calicoes at 5c; cheaper Calicoes at 4c; Heavy Drilling, worth 10c, at 8c; Canton Flannels 5c and upward; Outings, best grade, worth 10c, at 9c, etc. All such goods as Ladies' Jackets, Capes and Collarets, Belts, Dress Goods and Trimmings, Ready Trimmed Hats, Corsets, etc, we are slaughtering regardless of cost. Many things in Clothing, Hats, Shirts, Underwear, etc, in store No. 2, we are ripping prices right up the back in order to unload. In the Racket Store we still have much of the Jim Brown bankrupt stock that we will sell below wholesale cost, as we bought this at 60c on the dollar. We have Kelly and Steel Plows, Cotton Planters, Plow Points, etc., that we can make you astoundingly low prices on. Also much piece goods in Slickers, Duck Coats, Leggins, Ladies' Capes, Shoes, Underwear, etc, extremely cheap, as these we can sell at 50c on the dollar and still realize a profit. Yours for low prices,

DAN J. KENNEDY,

Proprietor Yellow Front and Racket Stores.

Trustee's Sale.

The entire stock of Henry Bloch, consisting of Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Furnishing Goods, has been placed in my hands as trustee, for disposition to satisfy creditors, and must be closed out regardless of cost or profit. Come one, come all, and share in this sale and save more money than you ever saved before by buying your goods from the largest and best selected stock ever thrown upon the market.

Respectfully,

H. F. MOORE, Trustee.

Many New Residences.

More new residences have been and are being built in Crockett this year than during any previous year. A. B. Burton has just completed a \$3500 home and moved into it. Chas. Edmiston has one under construction opposite Mr. Burton's that will cost between three and four thousand dollars. J. S. Cook is building a home that will cost \$3000 and G. Q. King is building one at about the same cost. Dr. B. F. Brown has completed and is occupying a very pretty cottage. W. V. Berry has constructed a comfortable home in

North Crockett. Marvin Ellis and Hal Lacy have built new houses. J. C. Hippel is improving the Cannon place in East Crockett. H. A. Fisher is building a comfortable winter home on the property bought of A. LeGory. Mr. LeGory is going to repaint and otherwise improve his place. Robert Wootters has bought one of the prettiest residence lots in East Crockett and will erect an elegant but unpretentious home on same. Crockett is getting to be a city of pretty homes. There is no better evidence of a healthy citizenship than the manifestation of a deep pride in home building.

Captain William McLean.

Captain William McLean died at his home at Augusta early Saturday morning. He was one of the oldest citizens of Houston county and perhaps the oldest living native citizen of the county. He was 75 years old at the time of his death. He was born near Augusta, his father being one of the early pioneers of Texas.

Captain William McLean was a most estimable gentleman of the old school and his passing is the passing of another one of the old landmarks. He was full of the old-time hospitality. The strang-

er was never turned away from his door and many in want have found succor at his hands.

He had never identified himself with any church, but was prominent in the councils of the Masonic order. He believed in living in peace with his neighbor and died in peace with his God.

He is survived by five children—Mrs. A. O. Riall of Augusta, Mrs. W. V. McConnell and Mr. Dan McLean of Crockett and Messrs. Jim and Will McLean of Augusta.

The remains were brought to Crockett Saturday evening, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the funeral started from the residence of Mr. W. V. McConnell and was in charge of the Masons. At the

Methodist church Rev. Mr. Anderson of Palestine, a Christian minister, preached the funeral sermon. The services were closed by the Masons and the procession formed for the cemetery. It is said that it was the longest Masonic procession ever formed in this city. Four lodges participated—those of Crockett, Augusta, Lovelady and Grapeland—with perhaps others represented.

Free! Free!!

Read the Courier's ad about how to get an organ free.

James S. Shivers & Company Says:

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Boys' two-piece suits, in broken sizes, worth 1.00, now... 74c
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Shoe Department.

One lot men's shoes, all styles, sizes broken, worth from 1.50 to 5.00, now 2.50 to... 99c

Men's lace or congress, plain or cap toe, calf shoes, all sizes, worth 1.75, to 2.00, now... \$1.50

One lot Peters' celebrated black Diamond shoes with a record, always sold for 2.50, now... \$1.75

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Men's high grade heavy halbrigan suits, broken sizes, worth 1.25 a suit, now... 95c

Men's extra heavy ribbed undershirts, in all sizes, best quality, worth 60c, now... 33c

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The handsomest line of neckwear in town, in all of the newest shades and styles, from 50c to... 15c

Men's Shirts.

Men's heavy cotton, mixed wool and fleeced overshirts, in all sizes, worth 75c, now... 44c

Men's colored negligee shirts, detached collars, attached cuffs, handsome patterns, worth 75c, now... 49c

Men's beautiful corded madras shirts in all new patterns and all sizes, worth 1.00, now... 73c

Men's soft bosom white shirts, broken sizes, worth \$1.00, now... 65c

The best shirts made, in all colors, styles and sizes, from 1.50 down to... 24c

Men's and boys' clothing

Lot 5108—Men's cheviot suits, nicely made and finished, all sizes, worth 4.00, now... \$2.50

Men's black clays, broken sizes, nicely made, worth 3.50, now... \$2.25

Lot 4092—Youths' cashmere suits, pretty checked patterns, worth 3.75, now... \$2.25

Youths' all wool cheviot suits, in all sizes, beautiful patterns, worth 5.00, now... \$3.50

Come in and examine these bargains—they are money savers.

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To Our Friends and the Public Generally

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Buy Your Supplies While You Can

Get Them Cheap and Stretch Your Dollars to Their Limit.

Dry Goods.	Shoes.	Hardware.	Ammunition.	Groceries.
<p>We will sell these articles at prices named below. If you doubt it, please come and see for yourself.</p> <p>The celebrated A C A feather tick at, per yard..... 11c</p> <p>The very best mattress tick at, per yard..... 7c</p> <p>The best twilled Canton flannel, bleached, per yard..... 10c</p> <p>The best twilled Canton flannel, brown, per yard..... 9c</p> <p>Gold Medal bleached domestic at, per yard..... 8c</p> <p>Good quality bleached domestic at 7c</p> <p>Yard wide bleached domestic at... 6c</p> <p>1/2 yard wide bleached domestic at... 5c</p> <p>Yard wide L L brown domestic at 5c</p> <p>Extra heavy quality brown domestic at..... 6c</p> <p>Teazle-down outing, extra heavy at 9c</p> <p>Good round thread cotton checks 5c</p> <p>Extra heavy old time hickory shirting at..... 8c</p> <p>Standard prints..... 5c</p> <p>Amoskeag gingham, the best quality at..... 6c</p> <p>Heavy fleece lined underwear for gents at 90c—this is something extra good.</p> <p>Please bear in mind that we still sell and sell lots of the celebrated Sweet Orr overalls and jumpers and pants.</p>	<p>When it comes to shoes we could shoe every man, woman and child in Houston county. We sell the celebrated Robert Johnson and Rand shoes, the best made in St. Louis. We have a complete and up-to-date stock—anything from infant's to size 14 for men. See "Our Family Line" in Misses, Ladies and Gents. We guarantee every pair of our R J R Shoe Co. shoes.</p>	<p>We sell the "Ko Komo" hog fencing, diamond mesh, per rod. 22c</p> <p>Two point hog barb wire per 100 \$3.00</p> <p>Nails, any size, per keg..... 3.00</p> <p>Galvanized staples, per lb..... 4c</p> <p>Six and one half foot Simond cross cut saws..... 4.50</p> <p>Ribbon cross cut saws..... 1.25</p> <p>The U. S. hand saws..... 1.50</p> <p>A good improved post hole digger..... 1.60</p> <p>No. 4 corn scrop..... 90c</p> <p>Best grade hay forks..... 60c</p> <p>8 inch monkey wrench..... 25c</p> <p>Family corn sheller..... 1.50</p> <p>Long handle shovel, split socket 75c</p> <p>Long " " steel neck... 1.50</p> <p>Mrs. Potts sad irons, set of 3... 1.00</p> <p>Dog irons, Japanned front, brass ornaments..... 1.50</p> <p>Dog irons, plain stove casting... 1.00</p> <p>10 quart galv. well buckets..... 20c</p> <p>No. 3 galvanized tub..... 65c</p> <p>Foot tub, regular size..... 50c</p> <p>Pat. galv. pump cans 5 gal. gize 1.00</p> <p>Padlocks from 50c down to..... 10c</p> <p>We have the best line pocket cutlery sold, and our table cutlery is complete. Buy your boy an express wagon, size 0, \$1.25; size 1, \$1.50 and size 3, \$1.75—the strongest and most durable made.</p>	<p>Anything in loaded shells, any gauge and load. Try a box of Lender or Repeater, loaded with Laffin & Rand in fallible smokeless powder, 24 grains and 1 1/2 ounces of No. 7 1/2 chilled shot and it will bring best results in quail shooting. Rifle and pistol cartridges in any calibre.</p>	<p>17 lbs of standard granulated sugar \$1.00</p> <p>20 lbs of fancy Y C sugar..... 1.00</p> <p>8 lbs of best Rio coffee..... 1.00</p> <p>Anyil soda, per pound..... 5c</p> <p>Arm and Hammer soda per pound 5c</p> <p>Schnapp tobacco per pound..... 35c</p> <p>Nut Cracker per pound..... 35c</p> <p>Strz tobacco..... 50c</p> <p>50 lbs very good rice..... 1.00</p> <p>Big bale smoking tobacco..... 20c</p> <p>Soup one case of 100 bars..... 1.75</p> <p>Lion coffee, roasted, 7 pkgs..... 1.00</p> <p>Black pepper per pound..... 18c</p> <p>Giant lye 10c size can for..... 6c</p> <p>100 lb sack Texas salt..... 45c</p> <p>Bulk glass starch per lb..... 5c</p> <p>Duke's Mixture smoking tobacco, per pound..... 40c</p> <p>Search light matches, doz boxes... 4c</p> <p>Comp. lard, in tubs, per lb..... 6c</p> <p>5 gal jacket can best brilliant oil... 90c</p> <p>White wave flour, per sack..... 1.50</p>
		<p>Guns and Pistols.</p> <p>\$12.50 double barrel guns, now... \$9.00</p> <p>15.00 " " with..... 12.50</p> <p>Damascus steel barrels..... 12.50</p> <p>38 cal. Colt's pistols..... 10.50</p> <p>41 cal. " "..... 11.50</p> <p>38 cal. Iver Johnson, blued 4 1/2 in. barrel, selling price 6.00, now. 5.00</p>	<p>Saddlery and Harness.</p> <p>We carry a large stock of Saddlery, Harness, Breeching, Leather Backbands, Bridles, Collars, Lines, Collar and Saddle Pads and all kinds of strap goods—in fact anything you need in leather goods.</p> <p>Make Our Store Your Headquarters.</p>	

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AN UNKNOWN ASSASSIN.

NEW MEXICO MAN SHOT THROUGH A WINDOW.

Was One of Most Prominent Republicans in Territory—Politics Considered Cause.

Albuquerque, N. M., Nov. 25.—News reached here today of the assassination of Colonel R. Francois Chaver, probably the best known republican politician in New Mexico, at Pinos Wellis, Torrance county. Colonel Chaver was the guest of a friend, and while they were eating supper a shot was fired through a window and Chaver fell from his chair dead. As soon as possible a posse took the trail of the assassin. A special train was sent over the Santa Fe Central with bloodhounds from the prison and extraordinary efforts are being made by the National Territorial and county officers to capture the assassin. People here believe that the assassination was the work of some political enemy.

Colonel Chaver was born in New Mexico in 1833. He was educated in St. Louis university and attended the college of physicians and surgeons in New York. He served as a soldier under Kit Carson in many Indian wars of New Mexico, and in 1861 was commanding major of the New Mexico infantry under president Lincoln and afterward promoted to be colonel.

Mr. Chaver took part in several Civil war battles in this section, including the battle of Val Verde. He was elected delegate to the

legislative council continuously since 1876.

Two years ago he was appointed by the governor Territorial superintendent of public instruction and was named by the legislature of 1903 the historian of New Mexico. These positions he held at the time of his death.

Product of Barley.

Malt used in beer manufacture is prepared by moistening barley and allowing it to sprout. The sprouting produces a ferment called diastase, which changes starch into sugar. After the formation of the diastase, which requires a certain number of days, the barley is dried, and the sprouts removed by machinery and sold for cattle feed. The barley is now termed malt.

U. D. C. Column.

The Daughters of the Confederacy had a very pleasant meeting, Saturday afternoon, Nov. 26th, with Mrs. Norris.

Business of the chapter was disposed of, reports from committees read, one was that of sending the annual Thanksgiving box to the Veterans in Soldier's Confederate Home at Austin. A nice box of good things was sent and already we have received a letter in acknowledgment with thanks from Gen. Chenoweth, Superintendent of the Home. Letters were read, one from Mrs. John H. Reagan, and one from Mrs. Hickman, Sec. of the General Division U. D. C. of the South, asking for votes of the Chapter. Five dollars was ordered to be paid to Mrs. Winkler, regent of Texas room of Confederate museum, which is in the house occupied by President Davis, Richmond, Va., during the war. This money was donated for the purpose of helping to pay for the

picture of Gen. Hood, which the Texas Division, U. D. C., wishes to place in the Texas room in this museum. Mrs. Norris and Mrs. Corry were appointed collectors for dues unpaid by members of the Chapter.

Mrs. Frank Craddock was elected delegate to State convention to be held at Waxahachie, first week in December. The Chapter instructed delegates to cast their votes for Miss Daffan for president, Texas Division. Next meeting, last Saturday in December, with Mrs. Charles Shivers, 3p. m., Dec. 31, 1904.

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

The Ben Hur Program.

A comprehensive idea of this entertainment cannot be given in words, as it must be seen before the art and uniqueness of the program can be realized. The idea is original with Mr. Radisill. He spent much laborious study upon the book, arranging and adapting the story, with a view to presenting the great purpose of the author to the public by the most pleasing and impressive method yet devised—illustrated reading and dramatic concert. The company carries its own electrical devices and stage setting, the latter an oriental tent with oriental furnishings, representing Shiek Ilderim's abode. The illustrated recital of the story presenting the meeting of the wise men of the East and their journey to Jerusalem, etc., is given to the point where Iris tries to win from Esther the love of Ben Hur by singing to him as they float upon the lazy river. Here, while this love scene continues in panorama, the contralto sings very effectively "The Benediction to Ben Hur." The recital

continues to the famous chariot race scene, the dramatic rendering of which by Mr. Radisill in costume, combined with the panoramic views, produces a most wonderful effect. At the climax, when the race is won, the violinist picks up the story and through her wonderful old Cremona conveys to the audience the noise, tumult and uproar of the vast amphitheatre so perfectly that one invariably feels that he is an eyewitness of the Roman scene itself. Frequently interspersed with specially adapted violin and vocal selections, the recital continues in this manner with increasing interest to the end. Friday, Dec. 2, at the court house.

Stockmen's Excursion to Denver

On account of the Annual Convention of the National Live Stock Association and National Wool Growers' Association to be held at Denver, Colorado, beginning January 10th, 1905, the Fort Worth & Denver City Railway Company ("The Denver Road") announces a rate of one fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip, applicable from all points in Texas. Tickets will be sold January 7th, 8th and 9th, will be good for return until January 31st, and holders will be allowed stop-over privileges on the going trip at and north of Pueblo within final limit.

As many matters of vast importance to live-stock interests are to receive attention in these conventions, an unusually large attendance is expected from all sections and it goes without saying that Texas will, in all respects, be well represented.

Those interested who may desire further information regarding transportation arrangements or

wish to reserve sleeping car accommodations, etc., in advance, should address A. A. Glisson, G. P. A., "The Denver Road" at Fort Worth.

Seed Potatoes.

As a result of trials at the New Jersey station, Northern-grown seed potatoes produced 28.42 bushels less per acre in total crop of large and small potatoes than was produced in the crop from home-grown seed, but the excess in the crop from home-grown seed consisted of small tubers of 3 ounces or less in weight. The percentage of large tubers, both by numbers and weight, was greater in the case of the Northern-grown seed.

Good Horses in Demand.

Good horses are in demand, not only for army use, but on farms. A few years ago horses fell in price to a point which made it unprofitable to raise them, but since that time they have become scarce in some sections. There may be an abundant supply of "plugs," but horses adapted for general work on the farms will find ready sale.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

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

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7:57	Pine Island	3:18
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8:50	Kennard Mill	2:25
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NEW POLICY FOR COMMISSION
It Has Heretofore Been Disposed to Punish Any Rate Cutting into the State.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 19.—The Railroad Commissioners are wide apart as to the policy to be pursued where interstate lines reduce their rates from interstate points into the State of Texas, and the discussion resulted in the bringing out of some important news today expressed by Mr. Colquitt. On the occasion of the statement was the recent flour and grain reduction by the Rock Island from Oklahoma City to Amarillo. Commissioner Mayfield made a long motion in which he advocated the forfeiture of the charter of the Texas end of the Rock Island Company because of the cut mentioned Commissioner Colquitt was asked about the matter today, and said that he wholly disagreed with Mayfield and the past policy of the commission in discouraging the reduction of rates into this State.

Explaining his position, he said that such reductions were to the benefit of the consumers, the citizens of this State, and he believed the railroads should be encouraged rather than penalized for voluntary reducing rates. Further, that if the roads are able to make such reductions in interstate rates over their Texas mileage, then, of course, that same mileage can stand a proportionate local reduction, and the commission should promptly order it, or the roads ask for it in connection with the reduced interstate rate over the same track. Continuing, he said that industries on other roads supplying the same territory might suffer slightly, but that the lines on which they are located would have to meet the competition and reduce their rates to the same extent, thereby increasing the tonnage, and fully protecting the said industries. If the roads did not do it they would be losers, and as they are out for the business, all competitive conditions are promptly met. Not only that, he said, but that the industries on other lines would have the benefit of the proportionate reductions in Texas on all joint shipments. Colquitt asserted that he was a strong believer in clauses 4 and 5 of article 4562 of the Revised Statutes, which give the commission power to make different rates over different roads, and that he would follow them in adjusting situations arising out of interstate reductions; that by so doing the commission could encourage the keenest competition among the railroads, and the tendency would be to lower rates from the outside rather than increase them.

"Do you know," he said, "that the commission's policy in punishing roads for reducing the rates into Texas has gradually increased the rates into this State until they are higher now than they were four years ago?" Continuing, he said: "I do not believe in results of that kind; I want them reduced and then follow with the proportionate reductions in Texas, which the roads could not complain of, as they reduced the interstate rates voluntarily."

Discussing the general features of the situation, Colquitt asserted that the consumers received two dollars of freight from the outside to one originating in the State, and that the rates bringing such freight should be allowed to go down as low as the roads will voluntarily make them and follow with like reductions in Texas, and all consumers would be benefited and a system of competition spring

up which would make commerce interesting in this State. As it is, and has been with the past policy of the commission, he said, the Texas lines are penalized in some way the minute they participate in a reduction from the outside, whereas they should be encouraged, and the general basis of freights would be lower. The keynote of his speech was to admit the fact that the commission among the railroads brought about the reduction of rates into this State, and that the commission cut in Texas to open the way to the other Commissioners to his idea and have them encourage reductions from the outside, with the local consequences before mentioned. The importance of Colquitt's action is at once apparent, and if adopted by the commission would be far reaching and quite a change in policy.

Denounces the Leap for Wealth.

In discussing Christ's parable of the mustard seed, John D. Rockefeller Jr. spoke recently to his Bible class at the First Avenue Baptist church of the dignity of the little things, and the tendency of great things to be made of small things.

"In the course of our lives, cities, of great buildings, of great aggregations of wealth, or enormous corporations and of large things in every way, how great the temptations," said Mr. Rockefeller, "to disregard and to overlook the little things; how great the temptation is to us all to do only big things and to be great men. And yet when we stop to analyze the greatness of the present day we find that it is all the result of years and centuries of growth, beginning with such insignificant beginnings as the grain of mustard seed. The tendency of the age is to want to jump at the result, and the young men of this day seem to want to step into the shoes of those who have striven for years to attain their present position, without the details of toil and hardship that go with it."

"I was speaking to two successful business men the other day who were talking of the younger men of their times and those of the present. One of them said that for ten years in his early business experience he had never taken a vacation. During that period it had seemed to him nothing unusual or strange to be at his office at 7 in the morning and not leave until 6 at night. Suppose that man had said to himself: "It is not worth while. I am slaving myself to death, and what is the result going to be?" Yet it was just these unimportant details that made him what he is today. Again, I was talking with a railroad president who had started at the bottom in the railroad business and worked himself up. Speaking of different railroad presidents, he referred to Mr. So-and-So as being a brakeman the first time he saw him.

"When we stop to look and take note of the failures of so many young men of today we will at once see the explanation in the fact that they pay such little attention to the little things of life. This reminds me of the quotation, Success consists in doing the common things of life uncommonly well."—New York Herald.

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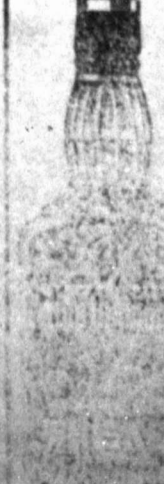
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GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION

Of East Texas, at Palestine, Texas,
Dec. 13th and 14th, 1904.

LETTER FROM COUNTY JUDGE ON GOOD ROADS.

PROGRAMME.

Address of welcome by A. L. Bowers, Mayor.

Response to address of welcome by Porter Newman.

The development of counties and what part good roads take in the general development, Judge Eugene Williams of Waco.

What good roads have done for Harris county and Houston by Judge Blake Dupree.

Legislative enactments and laws appertaining to the construction of roads by Chester Boyan of Houston, C. C. Stokes of Crockett, J. J. Blount of Palestine.

Relation of good roads to schools by Prof. W. S. Sutton of State University.

How can good roads be obtained in East Texas? By B. F. Rogers of Anderson county, Judge Lindsey of Smith county.

Relation of good roads to towns general discussion by J. H. Bright of Beaumont.

What relation do good roads bear to railroads and the advantages they derive therefrom by L. Trice.

Relation of good roads to citizenship of a country by T. M. Campbell.

Relation of good roads to church. J. H. BRIGHT, President.

DAVE WOODHEAD, Secretary, Good Roads Association of East Texas.

Much has been, and is being said in this county about good roads, and it is a question that is being more vividly presented to the public each day we live. The time has been when there was little travel over public roads, consequently it required but little work to keep them in a passable condition, and but little they got. The population is much greater

now than then, and the travel has increased so much, and the roads are worked so little that it has caused a great demand for better roads.

Some people are so much opposed to working the public roads, if they can shun their duty in this respect they think that they have done a great service for their community and county, though the roads be almost impassable that very same man will bemoan the overseer and those over him for letting his road get in such a condition. Who is to blame for this condition? We are all to blame in a certain degree for not doing our duty; many of our roads would be straighter and fewer gutters would traverse them if we would do unto others as we demand of them to do unto us.

This question of good roads is one of the greatest importance and should be studied by us all; and the best plan should be adopted to improve the public highways of our county. There is organized for East Texas a "Good Roads Association" its object is to arouse an interest that will cause the people to take up the work of bettering the roads in their communities and counties. This association meets in Palestine on December 13th and 14th, 1904, and every man in Texas and Houston county has a cordial invitation to attend. You can secure excursion rates, and will be in attendance only about two days. You will learn more in that time about good roads by hearing the question discussed than you could learn from a year's hard study. Any one can go from Houston county at an expense of not more than five dollars, those that desire to attend, I will take great pleasure in appointing them a delegate. I would like for Houston county to be well represented at this association, and those of you who are interested in this work and will attend the association will be highly entertained.

You will hear lectures from men of the best ability and most practical experience that the State affords.

Let each community appoint delegates and report their names to me, please insist upon their attendance. I take the liberty to appoint all of the editors of the various papers of the county delegates to this association, this appointment in no wise bars other citizens of the county from attending; they will be small fish when they get there. Let every citizen of Houston county attend this association that has the time to spare, it will be a profitable trip to you. I remain yours for the best interest to Houston county.

PORTER NEWMAN,
County Judge.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

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

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As many matters of vast importance to live-stock interests are to receive attention in these conventions, an unusually large attendance is expected from all sections and it goes without saying that Texas will, in all respects, be well represented.

Those interested who may desire further information regarding transportation arrangements or wish to reserve sleeping car accommodations, etc. in advance, should address A. A. Glisson, G. P. A., "The Denver Road" at Fort Worth.

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COME HOME, FATHER.

Father, dear father, come home with me now,
For mother is out at the club,
You said you were coming right home from your work
To get the dear children some grub.
The cook has gone out—her club also meets—
The janitor has gone on a spree,
And poor Brother Bennie has swallowed a nail
And no one to help him but me.

Father, dear father, come home with me now;
There's scrubbing and sweeping to do;
While mother is solving the problems of state
The children are crying for you.
The socks must be darned, the patches tacked on,
The beds must be turred back to air
And mother's shirt waist must be ironed tonight
Or she will have nothing to wear.

Father, dear father, come home with me now;
It's lonely without any man,
And mother will grieve when she comes from the club
If things are not fixed spick and span.
Don't swear, dear papa, it isn't polite;
The children in hearing might be;
So let business slide, for dear mother, you know,
May bring home a few friends to tea.
—Selected

Many papers and public men are giving reasons for the defeat of the Democratic party in the late election. The true and simple statement of the case, we think, is found in the brief review given by Judge Reagan. He states in substance, the party submitted to the people of the nation the true and liberal principles of democratic government, and they rejected them, and that the Democrats have nothing more to offer. If these principles are true and best, the party has only to wait for the opinion of the nation to recover itself. It is sure to come to the right in the end. It may take time for this, but mistakes will be set right at last. The masses of the people do not love the wrong or the false if they have proper information. They are often sadly mistaken as to

what is right and best for the time, but with time and opportunity, they are apt to come to safe conclusions when thought has readjusted itself. Some of the Bryan and Hearst men attribute the defeat of Parker to his gold standard views, but the body of the followers of Mr. Bryan would hardly desire a change in the money standard at this time. One potent reason among others is found in the unusually prosperous condition of every part of the country. Men do not wish changes when every business is moving on in a prosperous way. Another reason is found in the fact that the great trusts and corporations gave not only their money, but their full influence to Mr. Roosevelt. This has not only a powerful but a dominant influence in American politics, and both parties are greatly to blame for this state of affairs. This is the saddest thing to-day in American politics. The ballot of the people is the basis of the government as established by our fathers and to transfer our elections to a money basis is to subvert the government. The discussion of this feature of the election by Parker, together with the replies by Roosevelt and Knox, set this whole matter in open view before the nation. It unfortunately came at the close of the canvass and injured rather than helped Parker, because the people were not prepared to think that these corporate bodies were, actually in control of the government. A second sober thought will reveal the enormity and danger of the situation. If this continues the American people as well as the government are enslaved. To think of governing these trusts by law while they are giving millions of money to put law-makers in power is preposterous. They will not be held amenable to law till public sentiment takes from them the power to dictate the rules of the nation. The party that succeeds in this work must

fight a hard battle and perhaps one of long duration, but it is worth fighting if we will maintain our liberty. The career of Folk shows the people love fair dealing when they have the proper understanding. This fight must be a corner stone in the platform of the party that is to win success. Without this it is about as well to have one party in power as another. If we are to be slaves, it matters little who is master. This carrying elections by money has been played with too long by political rings and bosses for the good of the individual or the nation.—Rusk County News.

TO ALL PERSONS

Interested in the Industrial Development of Texas.

Upon invitation of the Immigration and Industrial Association of the International and Great Northern country, also of the City of San Antonio, and owing to the active personal efforts of a few leading members of the above organization, the Missouri Pacific Immigration Bureau will hold its next meeting at San Antonio, 2nd Tuesday in May.

As indicating the pressure brought to bear to secure this meeting in Texas, there was a provision in the constitution of the Missouri Pacific Bureau, preventing the holding of its meetings off the lines of the Missouri Pacific system, and the constitution was changed to meet the emergency. At the outset, the most that was expected was that it might be induced to meet the I. & G. N. Association in joint session at Texarkana.

The Missouri Pacific Bureau, with permanent offices at St. Louis, embraces the stream of the enterprising, pushing, money-making real estate dealers of the Great West, Middle-west, Northwest and Southwest of America, with scattering and growing mem-

bership all over this and other countries. They are not only men of standing and influence in their communities, but as a rule well-to-do, and often of large means.

They will travel in special train, and a movement is on foot to arrange a few days itinerary of the "I. & G. N. Country," stopping at leading centers of industrial development, and especially at points where the local people evince a desire to entertain them and to show them things, as they are all Missourians in the desire to be shown.

The Immigration and Industrial Association of the I. & G. N. Country, embracing a membership all over Texas and several other states, of nearly 200 of the same kind of people, will meet the Missouri Pacific Bureau in joint session at San Antonio, the Texas organization for the purpose only of seeing that the outsiders have a good time and are shown things.

As the joint membership of the associations will approximate 1,000 in number, it is easy to see that in its material bearing upon the industrial development of Texas, the San Antonio meeting will perhaps be the most important ever held in the state.

At a recent meeting of the I. & G. N. Association at Palestine, the entire association was made a reception committee to look after the comfort and pleasure of the visiting land men, while the undersigned were appointed a special committee to take up with the railroad people and citizens of the I. & G. N. Country, matters of itinerary and entertainment. As only a few stops can be made, it is desirable that they be at points most likely to impress the visitor with the industrial greatness of Texas and the I. & G. N. country, and where the local people will take most interest in entertaining the party and showing the advantages of their towns and sections.

For purposes of convenience and dividing the work, the committee,

inviting correspondence on the matter, requests that interested people of I. & G. N. cities and towns from Valley Junction to Laredo, inclusive, and from Valley Junction to Fort Worth, inclusive, write to Mr. C. Hanson, Rockdale, Texas; from Valley Junction to Longview and Mineola, inclusive, and from Palestine to Crockett, inclusive, to Mr. R. R. Claridge, Palestine, Texas; and from Crockett to Galveston, and Spring to Valley Junction, to Mr. F. W. Colby, Aldine, Texas. Towns on branch lines will please correspond with member of committee who has charge of that portion of the line embracing their junction point. For instance, Georgetown should take the matter up with Mr. Hanson; Madisonville with Mr. Colby, and Tyler or Henderson with Mr. Claridge.

Hoping that this announcement may meet with hearty response at the hands of the progressive citizens of the I. & G. N. country, and that they may make first letters definite as possible as to what they are willing to do.

F. W. COLBY,
R. R. CLARIDGE,
C. HANSON,

Committee.
Palestine, Texas, Nov. 2, 1904.

"I was much afflicted with sciatica," writes Ed C. Nud, Lowaville, Sedgwick Co., Kan., "going about on crutches and suffering a great deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment, which relieved me. I used three 50c bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; have recommended it to a number of persons; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Camp 141 U. C. V's.

Comrades—You are hereby called to meet at the court house in Crockett, Dec. 5th, 1904. Purpose to organize a protective union. Each member is requested to be present.—N. B. BARBE,

Commander,
C. J. HASSELL,
Adjt.

LEGENDS OF THE SEA

WEIRD SPECTRAL SHIPS DOOMED TO ENDLESS VOYAGES.

The Flying Dutchman of Evil Fame Appears in Many Kinds of Sea Lore. Block Island's Fiery Reminder of the Wreckers of Colonial Days.

Among the multitude of superstitions to which the sea has given birth not the least interesting are those concerning weird spectral ships doomed by some irrevocable decree of fate to sail the wide seas over till eternity, without hope of ever once entering a harbor of safety. Conspicuous among these is the Flying Dutchman, or, rather, Flying Dutchmen, for there are innumerable versions of this legend, which have been colored and designed to concur with the various fancies and ideas of different nationalities.

It is not improbable that the original Flying Dutchman was that described in the old Norse tradition of a viking who had sacrilegiously stolen a ring from the gods, and whose skeleton was ever afterward seen seated on the mainmast of a black spectral ship enveloped in fire, to behold which foreboded wreck and disaster. A later Danish variation of this story no doubt inspired Longfellow's lines describing—
A ship of the dead that sails the sea
And is called the Carmilhan.
*** In tempests she appears—
Without a helmsman steers.

Tradition says of this ship that a hideous faced robbin invariably sat on the bowsprit smoking a horrid pipe filled with a more pernicious weed than tobacco, and ill betide the luckless vessel that encountered her, for—
Over her decks the seas will leap.
She must go down into the deep
And perish mouse and man.

The most generally accepted version of the Flying Dutchman, however, is that of the pigheaded Dutch captain who swore he would round the Cape of Storms in the teeth of a terrific hurricane. His fatuous determination scared the crew out of their wits and culminated in threats of mutiny. Eventually they became obstreperous, but the bold skipper, not daunted, clinched matters by throwing a few of them overboard and, terrifying the remainder, reiterated his oath with treble violence. Then an apparition endeavored to turn him from his purpose, to receive a most impolite, not to say irreverent, reception. It doggedly persisted and so enraged the captain that he fired at it with his revolver. But instead of hurting the ghost the ball lodged in his own arm, at which misfortune he, not unannaturally for a sailor and a Dutchman, became even more sacrilegious in his expressions. He was forthwith condemned to navigate his vessel forever and ever, with gall to assuage his thirst, red-hot iron for his hunger, forever, sleepless and without hope of arriving at port. By the aid of his friend Satan he was able to bring about disasters and tempests, and his ship was "the harbinger of wreck and woe" alluded to by Scott in "Rokeby."

The French equivalent of this ship was the Courier Hollandais, which was said to sail around the world in twelve hours, with terrible disasters following in her wake. German tradition is rich in phantom ships and tells of one on board of which was a nobleman who had been forced to leave his fatherland because of a great crime and who was alleged to toss dice with the devil for his own soul, while another Teutonic creation was a death ship which was supposed to be chock full of murderers and criminals of the lowest order. A skeleton holding an hourglass stood in a conspicuous position, and—
*** The ship was black, her masts were black,
And her sails coal black as death,
And the evil one steered at the helm and laughed
And mocked at their falling breath,
which undoubtedly must have been a most ghoulish spectacle to run against and something akin to the appearance on All Saints' day of the souls of sailors drowned during the year, a belief which was prevalent in this country. It was said that in the darkness of the night the watchmen on the wharfs would observe a boat within hail, and, hastening to cast it a line, it would disappear, and simultaneously frightful shrieks would rend the air.

Block Island, on the Atlantic coast of the United States, was alleged to have its ghostly ship, which, rising in three pyramidal flames into the representation of a ship, was supposed to be a perpetual reminder of the wickedness of its former inhabitants, who in the colonial days cruelly lured an immigrant ship on to the rocks, with great loss of life, and then looted and burned it.

Another phantom ship, so the story goes, appears occasionally off Cape d'Espoir, in the bay of Gaspé, in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. She is crowded with soldiers, conspicuous among whom is an officer pointing shoreward with one hand and supporting a woman with the other. Suddenly the lights go out, there is a shrill cry, and the ship sinks. This is supposed to be the ghost of a British transport which was lost at the time of the Anglo-French wars in Canada.—London Globe

SHOPPING IN FEZ.

Pay Half the Price Demanded, Grab Your Goods and Go.

A white visitor to Fez, in Morocco, once went shopping in the bazaars of the city accompanied by a servant of the sultan, who told him to see to it that the shopper was not cheated by the greedy merchants. At the first shop visited the would-be customer asked to be shown something that rested on a high shelf. The lazy merchant only yawned and said he would rather sell something from the floor, which he would not have to rise to get. This angered the sultan's servant, who not only made the merchant hand down the article required, but when the price was named laid down half the amount, grabbed the goods and made off.

The shopper protested, but the servant laughed and said it was the custom of the country. This was repeated at several shops without eliciting a protest. At one place, though, the merchant refused to give up his goods in that way and was rewarded by a boxed ear and an admonition not to ill treat the sultan's white friend.

Later the two visited the markets, where everything was sold at auction. The auctioneer seemed always to wear fewer clothes than any one else. His method of selling was curious. He would take a piece of goods from a nearby shopkeeper and start out to sell it on commission. Holding it as high as possible, he would call for a bid. Then he would start on the run around the market. If any one wished to examine the merchandise the auctioneer would drop it into his hands, take the bid if one was made and then resume his run around the place.

When he had made three circuits of the market he would turn the article over to the highest bidder.—New York Press.

THE TWO HEADED SNAKE.

A Boa Constrictor That Has a Very Deceptive Tail.

Every now and then some traveler tells of a two headed snake which exists in Egypt, and whenever the narrator hasn't seen the snake himself, he is more or less disposed to assert that there really is a snake with two heads in Egypt, because he has been told about it by many reliable persons. Indeed, sometimes a traveler who has actually caught a glimpse of the snake is likely to declare that it truly is a two headed, for the serpent certainly appears to be so when seen only by chance.

It is only when the snake is actually taken up and examined closely that the truth is revealed.

The two headed snake is not a poisonous serpent. It is only a boa constrictor, and it is fairly common. But it is so secretive that it hides away in its sandy burrows almost constantly. It is strangely formed in so far that its tail, instead of tapering off to a point as the tails of other snakes do, widens out into a bludgeon shape, thus making it look so utterly unlike a tail that it is almost impossible to think it is anything but a head when the snake is seen for only a moment.

To add to the deception, jugglers catch these boas and paint jaws and eyes on the tail. The work is so carefully done that only a trained observer can distinguish the real head from the false. Thus the story of the two headed snake has obtained wide circulation, and has even crept into the books of otherwise accurate writers.

But the second "head" is only a tail after all.—Exchange.

Room For Improvement.

At a dinner given by Sir Joshua Reynolds, at which were present Garrick, Johnson, Fox and others, Dr. Bernard, the dean of Derry, had asserted that after the age of forty-five a man does not improve. "I differ with you, sir," said Johnson. "A man may improve, and you yourself have great room for improvement." The dean was confounded and for the instant silent. Recovering himself, he remarked, "On reflection I see no cause to alter my opinion, unless I were to call it improvement for a man to grow—which, I allow, he may—positive, rude and insolent and save arguments by brutality."

Folded In.

"Madge, Harry asked me to marry him last night."
"Oh, I am delighted," replied her friend. "How did it happen?"
"Well, you see, he just asked me, and I said 'Yes,' and then he stood up and folded his arms."
"Well, I never! Was he not more interested than that? Whatever did you do at such treatment?"
"What could I do? You see, I was in his arms when he folded them."

Impossible.

Tommy was talking to a mother about the wonderful things he saw at the country fair. When he claimed to have seen a monster, she was so eager to see than his father had accused him of exaggeration.
"It is impossible," she said.—New York Press.

Should Be ...

"Yes, she is," said Miss De Witt to her friend, who had just seen her of him.

"Has he thanked her yet for the improvement she brought about?"—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Too Hard.

Farmer's Wife—Why have you left that piece of steak I sent out for you? Tramp (indignantly)—I didn't ask for work, ma'am. I asked for something to eat.—Illustrated Bits.

Frankness consists in always telling the truth, but not always all the truth.—Balzac.

A Question of Weight.

The enthusiasm of oarsmen for their sport is, I think, keener even than that of the golfer. They never can help talking "shop." The other day a young oarsman told me of his engagement to be married and also of the engagement of another well known oarsman. I endeavored to find words suitable to the occasion, but I was stopped, as he promptly interjected, "You know, mine's 11 stone 3, and X's is only 9 stone 1." The rulling passion was strong in love.—London Truth.

The Consultation.

Friend—You've never been called in consultation, have you? Young Doctor—No, but I'd like to be. It's nice to charge ten times as much as the other doctor for saying that you don't know any more about the case than he does.—Puck.

The Doctor's Viewpoint.

Doctor—Well, sir, I congratulate you. It's all nicely over. Newestop—And what is it, doctor? Doctor—One hundred dollars, thank you.—Town Topics.

The most delicate, the most sensible, of all pleasures consists in promoting the pleasures of others.—Bryere.

Perversion by Abbreviation.

Mrs. Gadabout—People are saying you called on Mrs. Verdigris the other day and got a setback. Mrs. Upjohn—What a willful perversion of truth! I called on her and got a set of Dickens back that I'd lent her two years before.—Chicago Tribune.

The Status.

Miss Beach—I don't think he really cares for Miss Dollars. Mr. Trotter—I think he has a platonic affection for her, but he's violently in love with her father's money.—Puck.

A civil guest will no more talk all than eat all the feast.—Herbert.

Of One Mind.

Lady—I want some advice about getting a divorce from my husband. Lawyer—I'll give you some for nothing. If you will wait a few days you will be a free woman. I filed a bill for him yesterday.

Success.

With great care and much labor a caterpillar climbed up a tall spear of grass. When he reached the top he stood on his hind end and waved his front end in the air.
"Just as I feared," said he. "Success does not bring happiness."
But then he turned and climbed down, for the caterpillars are wiser than men.—Puck.

Wasted Cash!

"Improvident? Well, I should say! He spends his money in the most foolish way."
"Indeed?"
"Yes. Why, only the other day he spent half a dollar to advertise for an umbrella he had lost."—Philadelphia Ledger.

An Added Horror.

"That's a horrible idea De Riter has conceived."
"What's that?"
"He's talking of setting some of Browning's poems to Wagner's music."—Exchange.

Worth Keeping.

"He asked the firm for a raise in his salary."
"Did he get it?"
"Yes. They consider him the most valuable man they have. You see, when he petitioned for more money he did so on the ground that he had just discovered that the firm could get along without him."—Cleveland Leader.

Wooden Rheumatism.

"And you say the rheumatism's in your left leg, colonel?"
"It is, sir."
"Why, that's your wooden leg!"
"I know it, sir," replied the colonel. "That makes it all the harder."—Atlanta Constitution.

Good breeding is a letter of credit all over the world.

Different.

The abuse to which the word "different" is subject from writers who imagine that "two different men" means nothing more than "two men" was illustrated by the following sentence from a report in the newspaper of a terrible powder mill explosion: "Two human beings were found in the ruins of the mill. They are assumed to have belonged to two different employes."

If you be poor, do not seem poor if you would avoid insult as well as suffering.

STYLE IN WRITING.

An Incident That Showed How Well Choate Knew De Quincey.

It is the fashion to laugh gently at any claim of a special sense for style in writing. Most people really believe that Mr. Brown and Mr. Johnson will order a car load of potatoes in substantially the same words and that Lord Bacon and Master Shakespeare wrote enough alike to deceive their dearest friends. But occasionally one comes upon an illustration that goes to prove style in writing is as distinctive to the trained eye as color is.

Many years ago James T. Fields was making a collection of the writings of De Quincey. The essays were widely scattered in various periodicals and were often hard to identify. Mr. Fields knew Rufus Choate as a devoted student of De Quincey and wrote him one day asking his opinion as to a certain article. Was it by De Quincey or not?

Mr. Choate replied that it certainly was. There could be no mistaking the style of the piece. A few weeks later Mr. Choate received, through Mr. Fields, a letter from De Quincey denying absolutely and somewhat indignantly the authorship of the article. But Choate was not of the stuff to yield his opinion for a trifle like that. He wrote to Mr. Fields:

"I still believe that De Quincey wrote the essay, De Quincey to the contrary notwithstanding."

Doubtless Mr. Fields read the note with a smiling comment, "That's just like Choate's confidence in his own judgment!"

Months elapsed. One day there came a letter from De Quincey containing a humble apology for his previous blunder. By chance he had found in his desk the manuscript of the very article in question. Written as it had been years before, it had passed entirely from his mind, "and you may tell your young Boston lawyer," he concluded, "that he knows my style better than I know it myself!"—Youth's Companion.

TO RETAIN YOUTH.

Simply refuse to grow old by not counting your years or anticipating old age.

Refrain from all kinds of stimulants and sedatives. They will shorten your life.

Keep in the sunlight. Nothing beautiful or sweet grows or ripens in the darkness.

Avoid fear in all its varied forms of expression. It is the greatest enemy of the human race.

Avoid excesses of all kinds. They are injurious. The long life must be a temperate, regular life.

Cultivate the spirit of contentment. All discontent and dissatisfaction bring age furrows prematurely to the face.

Don't be too ambitious. The canker of an overreaching ambition has eaten up the happiness of many a life and shortened its years.—Success.

Mecca and Lassa.

Mecca is the only remaining parallel to Lassa. The former city still shrouds itself in a veil of mystery. Burckhardt and later Sir Richard Burton, carrying their lives in their hands, lived in this city, the latter mingling unobserved with its inhabitants and taking part in religious rites with its pilgrims. Both Mecca and Lassa have many points of interest in common. Each respectively is a point of pilgrimage for converts to the two great religions of the east—Mohammedanism and Buddhism, the one as the birthplace of Mohammed receiving 100,000 pilgrims annually. Both contain wonderful temples, and both, behind their closed gates, have also been centers of indescribable filth, squalor and vice.

That "English Accent."

There was unconscious satire, writes Sir Archibald Geikie in his "Reminiscences" in the answer given by a housemaid to her mistress, who was puzzled to conjecture how far the girl could be intelligible in London, whence she had returned to Scotland. "You speak such broad Scots, Kate, that I wonder how they could understand you in London."
"Oh, but, mam, I aye spek English there."
"Did you? And how did you manage that?"
"Oh, mam, there's naethin' easier. Ye maun spit out a' the r's and gie th' words a bit chow in the middle."

The Polite Porter.

There is a large town on the Northern Counties railway which, it is said, boasts itself as possessing the most polite porters on the system. Everything is relative. Recently a lady having secured a porter at this station told him after her small luggage had been removed from the carriage to get the rest of it from the van.

He returned presently empty handed, with the observation: "Beg pardon, ma'am, but ye're a liar. There's nane o' it in the van."

In the south a similar official would have said, "If it's in the world I'll get it for ye."—London Spectator.

Wifely Sympathy.

Ho—You are crying, darling. How is this? She—Because my friend, Fran Muller, has been presented by her hus-

band with a valuable set of diamonds that must have cost 1,500 marks at the very least. He—And that is what makes you weep? She—Well, yes. I am sorry you will now have to spend such a lot of money when you can so ill afford it.—Berlin Journal.

All Up With Him.

"You had a high old time in Europe?"
"Yes," replied the returned tourist; "I had. I was done up at Monte Carlo, held up in the Apennines and laid up in Rome."

AIR BRAKES.

How They Are Made and How They Are Applied on Trains.

Every one has heard of the air brake, and references to it are sure to be made when the subject of protection against railroad accidents is under discussion, but like many inventions in common use it is more or less of a mystery, for which an explanation is demanded from time to time.

The modern air brake consists of twelve parts, among which are the air pump, which compresses the air; a main reservoir, in which the air is stored; the engineer's brake valve, regulating the flow of air; the train pipe, which connects the brake valve with the triple valves under each car; the quick action triple valve, controlling the flow of air to and from the auxiliary reservoir, which is supplied from the main reservoir, and the brake cylinder piston rod, which is forced outward, thereby applying the brakes.

The theory of the air brake is the equalization of pressures. When the brakes are not in action the pressure on the train pipe is made such as to prevent an escape of air from the auxiliary reservoir. When the engineer desires to make an application of brakes he turns his brake valve so that there is a moderate reduction of the pressure in the train pipe. This causes the greater pressure in the auxiliary reservoir to force air into the brake cylinder, forcing the piston out and applying the brakes.

When it is desired to release the brakes the engineer turns his valve in the opposite direction, permitting the air to flow from the main reservoir, located on the engine, into the train pipe. When the pressure thus restored in the train pipe is increased above the pressure in the auxiliary reservoir certain valves are moved, communication is thereby restored between train pipe and auxiliary reservoir, the piston is forced to its normal position, the air escapes from the brake cylinder, and the auxiliary reservoir is recharged through the train pipe.

When the train breaks in two or a hose pipe connection is broken it has the effect of a sudden and material reduction of the pressure in the train pipe, the same as though the engineer had made an emergency application. The sudden reduction of pressure also opens supplementary valves, which increase the pressure upon the brake cylinder about 20 per cent. The brake shoes are attached to rods, which are in turn attached to the piston in such manner that when the air from the auxiliary reservoir forces the latter out a pulling force is exerted upon the brakes.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Rags and Paper.

The very best writing paper is made of rags, but even with the higher grades there is a certain percentage of wood pulp, and the product which comes of this combination is if anything superior in looks to the paper made wholly from rags. For bank note paper only clean new linen rags are acceptable. Nothing but linen will suffice, and the clippings from men's shirts form a considerable per cent of the raw material. A good deal, too, comes from Ireland, which can always be relied on to furnish the best linen in the world. When you reflect on the length of time a piece of paper money lasts and the immense amount of handling it gets it will be readily seen that no inferior elements can enter into its production.—Washington Post.

Malay Peninsula Diet.

"Probably the most varied diet in the world," said a traveler who he just returned from the Malay peninsula, "is that of the Jakuns of the Se or Orang Lauts, who are the real Malay pirates. These people have about all that there is to eat, and they eat everything as it comes along. Although they have all kinds of fine fruits, at certain times of the year they eat a yam which is so poisonous that they have to grate it and mix it with slaked lime before they dare swallow it. In the way of flesh they eat monkeys, deer, wild pig, birds, fish, porcupines, lizards, squirrels, rats, mice and snakes. And they seem to turn from venison to rat or from wild pig to snake with equal appetite."

Unforgetting.

"I suppose you have made it a rule in politics never to forget a friend."
"There's no danger of that," answered Senator Sorghum. "If a man has done anything friendly for me in politics he never lets you forget it."—Washington Star.

No matter how a man gets a black eye, he is bound to have a gally look along with it.—Aitchison Globe.

Local Items.

A fine rain fell Monday night. Buster Brown collars at the Rig Store. The weather this fall could not have been more desirable. The work of gravelling the square was resumed Monday. Ralph Sears, the son of Rev. J. B. Sears, is sick of pneumonia. The Big Store is showing the newest in men's and ladies' neck-wear.

Geo. H. Grounds of Chicago was visiting relatives in this county last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wootters will have one of the neatest homes in East Crockett.

W. T. Carter, one of the soil surveyors, left Friday for a week's stay at St. Louis.

Mrs. A. H. Wootters and little daughter spent last week with friends at Houston.

Remember the supper given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church Friday evening, Dec. 9.

Rev. H. H. Hamilton will preach at the Christian church next Sunday at 11 o'clock, also that night at 7:15.

Patronize the Presbyterian church supper at the church parlors Friday evening, Dec. 9. Price 50 cents.

Road Commissioner Barbee has his force of convicts and teams at work near the two-mile bayou on the Palestine road.

M. B. Creath, whose post-office bears the same name, was here last week and got the COURIER's receipt for an American eagle.

Every one would like to see that piece of street near the bridge on Public avenue made to correspond with the rest of the street.

There is a break in Public avenue near the bridge that ought to be fixed. It ruins the street, the rest of which is all that could be desired.

Edmiston Bros. are furnishing a market for your surplus ribbon cane syrup, pumpkin yam potatoes and corn in the ear. See them for quotations.

County Attorney John Spence has moved his office up-stairs in the court house. He now occupies the southwest corner of the building, second story.

See Edmiston Bros. if you have more ribbon cane syrup, pumpkin yam potatoes and ear corn than you can use. They will furnish you a market for same.

Every inch of street work in Crockett has been done by the city, aided by private subscriptions and work. The county teams are kept outside of the city limits.

J. K. Aldrich of Dallas took Thanksgiving dinner with his mother and family here. Jesse is in the drug business and his friends are glad to know that he is doing well.

Our people in constructing streets and sidewalks leave them too flat. Not a drop of water should be permitted to flow down a street or walk, but should flow to the sides. This can be done by proper grading.

O. H. Emmore, under arrest last week for violating the local option law, came to trial Monday in the county court. The right of a jury was waived by his attorney, D. A. Nunn, Jr., and the case was tried on its merits before Judge Newman. After hearing the evidence the judge dismissed the case. Emmore has left town.

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.

Geo. A. Wright of Palestine was here Sunday.

Buy all you need from the Big Store—you get it cheaper there.

E. M. Callier was a pleasant caller at the COURIER office Friday.

W. W. Whitley of Sour Lake was a visitor to Crockett last week.

L. M. Matthews and family spent carnival week with friends at Houston.

M. L. Tittle of Daniel holds chance No. 1 at the COURIER's premium drawing.

Rev. M. Whaling leaves this week for the Methodist conference at Marshall.

The street leading to Mary Allen seminary can now boast of a sidewalk all the way up.

Augusta, Lovelady and Grape-land were well represented here Sunday on account of Mr. William McLean's funeral.

"Time is money." When you save time and money both, you are doubling your savings. You can save both by trading at the Big Store.

For Sale.

Thos. Goggan piano, almost new, in perfect order, actual bargain if sold at once. Apply at City Bakery. 3t

County Judge Newman informs us that all successful candidates in Houston county have filed their expense accounts with him as the law directs under the new election law.

Hides and Poultry.

J. R. Howard will buy all of your hides and poultry. Take them to him and get the highest market price.

For Sale.

23 head Poland China pigs, six months old. Pedigree furnished with each pig sold. Gilts and boars, prices right.

D. T. ADAIR,
Daniel, Texas.

Strawberries.

J. W. Arledge has a nice lot of selected strawberry plants for sale, at fifty cents per hundred. These strawberries are a splendid drought resisting variety and better adapted to our soil here, than any I have ever seen. 1t

Mr. H. A. Fisher has named the place bought of A. LeGory, which he is improving, Mary Lee plantation. He gives it the maiden name of his wife. He has had a telephone put in and has the electric light company figuring on running their wires out there. Mr. Fisher will bring his family down for the winter as soon as the house is ready for occupancy.

For Rent.

Fifty acres fine land on half; 40 acres on third and fourth. Two good 4-room houses, good water and fences. Will furnish meat and bread. THIS OFFICE.

Man Wanted.

Man and wife without children. Man to work on farm and woman to cook for hands and keep house. Wages reasonable, job one year. Apply to J. H. SMITH.

Church Supper.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a supper Friday night, Dec. 9, at church parlors. The supper will consist of turkey, oysters, salad and cake. Price 50c. 2t

Mrs. Nat Wetzel returned from Houston Wednesday, accompanied by her two daughters, Misses Natalie and Eleanor, her mother, Mrs. A. M. Wheeler, and Miss Ma Belle de Lesdunier of New Orleans, all of whom took Thanksgiving with Mrs. Wetzel. Thursday night Miss de Lesdunier returned and on Sunday afternoon Mrs. Wheeler and Misses Natalie and Eleanor returned to Houston.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends for their kindness to us during the illness of Mr. Murchison before our removal to San Antonio, and for their kindness upon our return to Crockett after his death, also for the many beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. JNO. MURCHISON
AND FAMILY.

Lost Stock.

A gray horse, long bodied, slightly hog backed, saddle scar on back bone, 14 1/2 hands high, 12 years old, branded V O T on left hip and other brands not remembered; also a white and red spotted cow, branded 4 X L on side and marked under half crop off each ear; a brown Jersey yearling and a red yearling, both unbranded and unmarked and following cow. Will pay liberally for recovery of stock. If found in northern part of county notify W. H. Holcomb, Augusta, or if in southern part notify A. N. Atkinson, Creek, Texas.

The Radisill Concert Company is all that is claimed for it. The program is unique and interesting. The individual members of the Company are artists, the violinists, one of the very best ever heard in this city and the contra'to having but few equals in this country, says the Atlanta, Georgia, Constitution regarding the performance of Ben Hur by this excellent Company, which will soon appear in this city. The management of the Company guarantee it to be the most elaborate Concert Company in America. The press and public throughout the United States are enthusiastic in their praise of the Radisill Concert Company and their presentation of Ben Hur.

We Want

Ribbon Cane Syrup, Pumpkin Yam Potatoes, Ear Corn. Call and see us, if any to sell. Bring sample of syrup.

Edmiston Bros.

Money to Loan.

We Buy and Sell Real Estate.
List Your Land With Us.

Fire Insurance Written in Best Companies.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office Over J. E. Monk's Store.

Car of Trees for Crockett.

The first full car of nursery stock ever delivered at Crockett will arrive about the 20th of December and will consist of over 65,000 fine selected trees. All interested parties should be sure to go to the car, personally inspect the stock and inquire as to prices. Our Mr. Bushway will be at the Hotel Howard when car arrives. ALVIN FRUIT AND NURSERY CO., Alcoa, Texas.

Notice to Tax Payers.

For the convenience of tax payers, I will be at the following places with the 1904 tax rolls on the dates specified: Augusta Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 5 and 6; Weches Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 7 and 8; Kennard Mill Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 12 and 13; Lovelady Thursday and Friday, Dec. 15 and 16; Creek Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 19 and 20; Porter Springs Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 21 and 22, 1904.

As poll taxes cannot be paid by mail parties living at a distance from the county seat will save time by calling at some of above appointments and getting receipts.

Respectfully,

JOHN W. BRIGHTMAN,

Tax Collector Houston Co., Tex.

James S. Shivers & Co. Says:

For pleasure or pain, for weal or for woe,

'Tis the law of our being—we reap what we sow.

We may try to evade them, may do what we will,

But our acts, like or shadows, will follow us still.

The world is a wonderful chemist to be sure.

And detects in a moment the base and the pure.

We may boast of our claims to genius or birth,

But the world takes a man for just what he is worth,

And the trade—our prices as the lowest on earth.

44 lbs of rice.....\$1.00

50 bars soap..... 1.00

Brilliant oil—Don't compare this oil with the cheap Beaumont

oil, jacket cans..... 90c

5 gal oil in your can..... 60c

20 lbs fancy Y. C. sugar.... 1.00

17 lbs N. Y. granulated sugar 1.00

Town Talk tobacco, per lb.. 35c

Brown Mule tobacco, per lb.. 35c

Monogram tobacco, per lb.. 35c

Uncle Remus tobacco, per lb 35c

E. Sice Greenville tobacco, per pound..... 30c

Star tobacco, per pound.... 55c

Drummond tobacco, per lb.. 65c

Owl and Star brand flour, per sack..... 1.50

Every sack guaranteed. Anything you need in fancy or staple groceries can be had here during this sale at prices to suit you.

Keeping Seed Potatoes.

The ideal method of keeping seed potatoes is in cold storage. Potatoes thus kept at the Ohio station have come out sound and fresh, with no indication of sprouting and the vitality unimpaired, even so late as the 1st of June. It is important, however, that the temperature of the cold storage room should not fall below 35 degrees, nor should it rise much above 40 degrees. When cold storage is not available, sprouting may be in some measure prevented by shoveling the potatoes over frequently.

Death of Wm. McLean.

Wm. McLean died at his home in Augusta Saturday morning, Nov. 26, at 3:50 o'clock. This brief announcement will convey to the people of Houston county the news of the death of one of the best citizens Houston county ever had.

Mr. McLean was born on the McLean place, 20 miles east of Crockett, on the old San Antonio road, in 1829, and at the time of his death was 75 years old.

His early manhood was spent on his farm. He succeeded well in farming and at the opening of the war was in a flourishing condition, having a fine farm of several hundred acres in a fine state of cultivation, well stocked and plenty of slaves to cultivate it; but when the war broke out he joined his brother's company of Gould's battalion, Walker's division, and served through the war as a private soldier.

When the war was over he returned home to find his farm in bad shape, his negroes all freed and a young family looking to him for support. He did not sit down to grieve over his loss, but went to work at once. He had a few bales of cotton which he sold and went into the mercantile business with Capt. J. C. Maples at Augusta in the fall 1865 and has continued in that business ever since.

This is a brief sketch of the life of Wm. McLean. I will say in conclusion that I am now an old man and that I never knew a better citizen than he was. He was honest and truthful. His word was his bond, and he despised anything that smacked of unfair means to accomplish an end. He believed in everything being open and above board, and if he has an enemy in all this country it is some one that has done him mean some way.

Mr. McLean was not a member of any church, but was a regular attendant at church and was a liberal supporter of all the churches that had preaching in Augusta, and came as near doing unto others as he would have them do unto him as any man I ever knew.

The Augusta community will sadly miss him, and his place will never be filled. The poor and needy will miss his helping hand, for he never turned one away empty handed.

I take a mournful pleasure in recording these facts concerning Mr. McLean, for he was my friend and the best friend I ever had or ever expect to have. Peace to his ashes. W. W. DAVIS.

Intensive Farming.

Special farming is usually successful farming, because the farmer who directs his attention to one or a very few lines is apt to give these good attention, with the result that he gets larger yields per acre than does the general farmer. It is the larger yields that give profit. A yield of 30 bushels of wheat per acre, costing \$15 an acre to produce and selling at 70c a bushel, is more profitable than a crop yielding 10 bushels per acre, costing \$10 per acre to raise and selling at \$1 per bushel.

THE COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

Publisher's Notice.

Quarties, 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 parties, churches, committees or organizations may find it in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

FOR WATERWORKS.

The proposition to issue \$50,000 worth of bonds for purposes of waterworks, sewerage and fire protection carried at Nacogdoches, in spite of the fact that the city had only recently had several elections on bond issues. The proposition was strongly opposed by some and the question was stoutly and ably contested. But the majority of the qualified tax payers were on the side of progress and thus Nacogdoches takes another step forward. Nacogdoches has been making some rapid strides recently. When the Hayward mill people went to the business men of Nacogdoches with a proposition to construct a big saw mill and planer there, these business men did not give the mill people the icy stare and tell them they could locate the mill there or leave it alone, but they went to work and had the mill located right in the town. They now have the mill and ten or twelve miles of additional railroad reaching into the pinery, adding trade to the town and taxable wealth to the county. They acted with the same liberality in regard to the extension of the Texas and New Orleans railroad and in regard to the government tobacco warehouse. The result will be that Nacogdoches will double its population in a few years. Nacogdoches citizens have displayed the same wisdom all along that they have in voting on and carrying the bond issue of \$50,000 for a system of waterworks. Crockett once had the question of waterworks up and the people seemed to favor any move that the council should make in regard to the matter. It was found that there were defects in the city's charter—that the city had too much territory and that the surplus territory would have to be eliminated by a special act of the legislature. The remedy was applied and the defects corrected. But other matters overshadowed this one of such vital importance and the water question lost out in the shuffle. It is time for a revival of the question. Let the city council take up the matter of a bond issue for water purposes and submit it to a vote of the qualified tax payers of the city. There will be opposition. There is always opposition to a movement for the advancement of the public good and for public improvements. If a thing is left alone until there is no opposition to it, and especially when it is a matter of this kind, it will never be adopted. The time is now ripe for the question and the people are ready for it. They want water for fire protection and other uses and want it badly.

FOR BETTER ROADS.

The greatest burden on the people of Houston county is poor roads. It costs the farmers of the county more to haul their stuff to market than the cost of good roads would amount to. Good roads bring the farm many hours nearer to market, to church and to schools, and the nearer to market, church and schools a farm is the more valuable it is. Good roads are a paying investment any way you figure them. They are next to railroads and factories as public necessities and bring

the farmer in close connection with the latter. Two farmers may live the same number of miles from town, but the one having the best road will consume less time in coming and going and his property is therefore more valuable. He will haul greater loads and thus practically eliminate distance. He virtually moves his farm nearer town. The farmer is near any place which he can reach cheaply and quickly, while he is far from any place to which transportation is slow and costly. In this day of rapid transportation, nearness is a matter of hours and minutes and not of miles. The quickest is the nearest. No country can better display a healthy tone in the matter of rural progress than in the improvement of its public highways.

Crockett is in line for four new railroads if they are ever built—the Kansas City, Oklahoma and Houston, the Trinity and Brazos Valley, the Orange and North-western and the Eastern Texas. We ought to be able to land two out of the four.

If a second or competing line of railroad is not good for a town, why have any railroad at all?

THE BOND ISSUE CARRIED.

A Majority of 15 in Favor of New Waterworks System.

A majority of the qualified tax payers of Nacogdoches have voted for the issue of bonds to the extent of \$50,000 to provide the city with waterworks, fire protection and sewerage. When the votes in the election held yesterday were counted after the polls were closed last night it was found that 239 votes had been cast. Of these 127 were in favor of the issue of bonds and 112 against the proposition, thus giving a majority of 15 in favor of the bond issue. It was a fair trial of strength between the advocates of two opposing policies on a vital issue, and while the majority is not large it is decisive and effectually settles the issue. It was rumored this morning that the election would be contested on the ground that the law required a two thirds majority, but a Sentinel reporter chased the rumor until it dissolved in thin air. Some of our lawyers thought at one time before they had carefully examined the law on the subject that a two thirds majority was required, but investigation has shown that such is not the case in elections of this character, although a two-thirds majority is required in an election to determine the issue of school bonds. Now, that the bonds have been voted, next in order will be a permanent survey of the city for the proposed waterworks and sewerage system in which every detail will be worked out. Then the attorney general of the State will be informed and his approval secured for the issue of the bonds if he decides that the law has been fully complied with; then the council will take the necessary steps to have the bonds printed and negotiated, and then the contract will be let for the construction of the waterworks system. With reasonable expedition it is thought that we will have the waterworks in operation by next April or May. Of course some of our citizens who stoutly opposed the bond issue are feeling the inevitable soreness which results from every defeat at the polls, or elsewhere. They were conscientious in their opposition, and until the city begins to realize the benefits and advantages of the progressive step it has taken they will perhaps continue to feel that

An \$85.00 Organ

TO BE

GIVEN AWAY

By the Courier.

In order to induce cash subscriptions the COURIER makes the following offer: To every new subscriber paying one year in advance we will give free a chance at an \$85 organ. To all old subscribers paying up all back dues and a full year in advance we will give a chance at the organ. We make this offer for no other reasons than to stimulate cash subscriptions and to increase our subscription lists. The COURIER is \$1.00 a year. Two years in advance entitles the payer to two chances—one chance for every year paid in advance. You can send the paper to a friend for a year and get an additional chance. The organ is a beauty and is now on exhibition at the COURIER office. It was bought of Mr. Jas. DeDaines of Crockett who guarantees it to be as represented. Our plan of deciding the result will be by drawing, unless some better plan should present itself in the meantime. The date of the drawing is to yet be determined, but all holders of chances will be given due notice in advance.

We are simply making some one of our subscribers, and those who join the army of readers that now peruse the columns of the COURIER weekly, a present of this handsome and useful household article.

If This Does Not Interest You Tell Your Neighbor About It—He Perhaps Wants an Organ.

The Courier, Crockett.

yesterday was a bad day's work for Nacogdoches. But resentment and hostility will surely pass away in due season, for Nacogdoches has done nothing but placed itself in line with the overwhelming majority of other cities of its class in every state in the Union, and the wonder is that this action has been so long deferred. Pride of opinion is one of the most stubborn and unyielding of forces, but we opine that two or three years hence, after the new system has had a fair trial, the strongest opponents of the bond issue would do all in their power to prevent the undoing of yesterday's work if the issue was presented to them, for the logic of events is a persuader not to be resisted.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

COUNTY INSTITUTE.

Teachers Required to Suspend School and Attend.

There will be at Lovelady on December 9th and 10th, 1904, a Teachers' Institute, and every teacher and trustee in the county is cordially invited to attend, every teacher is required to suspend his or her school on Thursday and attend. Those of you who are too far from Lovelady, can go to Grapeland and Crockett and take the train at these points, the train reaches Grapeland at 1:30 o'clock and Crockett at 2:10 o'clock; you can go down Friday evening and return Saturday at noon. Mr. Cousins will be there and we are expecting a good attendance, every teacher should make a special effort to attend. The following program has been arranged:

1st, address of welcome—Jim Bishop. Response to address of welcome—L. G. Sumrall.

2nd, Shall we Adopt the District System for Houston County,

and the Best Method to Pursue?—P. Newman and J. N. Herbert.

3rd, Taxation for Public School Purposes. General discussion.

4th, A Model Rural School—Miss Lena Bromberg.

5th, How can we accomplish a graded system for our schools?—Iben Dent and S. F. Deason.

6th, Can we have a County Superintendent?—L. Dewees and J. E. Tims.

7th, Practical Ethics in our Schools—O. C. Payne and A. W. Cain.

Respectfully submitted,

PORTER NEWMAN,
County Judge.

The Hen Product.

The figures of the poultry product of the United States strike one who has paid no attention to the subject with astonishment. It is a value that is scattered broadcast. We deal with it individually and very carelessly and are then surprised at its aggregate. Here are the comparative figures:

Earning of poultry	\$290,000,000
Total of pensions	139,280,078
School expenditures	188,215,556
Interest of mortgages	76,728,077
Value of swine	186,529,745
Potato crop	78,984,901
Cotton crop	359,164,640
Tobacco crop	35,574,220
Oat crop	163,655,068
Wheat crop	237,938,998
Military expenses	52,947,075
Value of all minerals	218,168,788
Value of gold	46,610,000
Value of silver	72,510,000
Value of wool	38,136,558
Value of sheep	68,167,725
Value of milch cows	263,955,545

The product of the fugacious hen over-values all these enormous expenditures, products and values. There are in this country today, in round numbers, 375,000,000 chickens and 40,000,000 other fowls, such as ducks, geese and turkeys. During 1897 the hens

laid 14,400,000,000 eggs. The export price at New York city averaged 15 cents a dozen, which makes the value of the egg crop \$165,000,000. Poultry sold as meat—as broilers, boilers and bakers—brought \$125,000,000 more, making the total hen crop at a conservative rate the sum given above, \$290,000,000.

The hens of America last year packed inside the shells of their eggs, in round numbers, 650,000 tons of water. This is enough to fill a canal one mile long, 20 feet deep and 300 feet wide. The shells required to hold this water contained 110,000 tons of lime.—Farmers' Voice.

The miraculous—or very nearly the miraculous—has happened in San Antonio and all the gambling houses in the city are closed. The mayor says he did it; the preachers say they did it; the chief of police says he did it. The sports are paralyzed with wonder and awe and gloom at this unprecedented state of affairs, and the dreadful possibility that they may have to go to work for a living oppresses them like a nightmare. Public sentiment has forced this great reform, and the gambling houses will stay shut just so long as public sentiment remains on guard, and no longer.—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

"I was much afflicted with sciatica," writes Ed C. Nud, Lowaville, Sedgwick Co., Kan., "going about on crutches and suffering a great deal of pain. I was induced to try Ballard's Snow Liniment, which relieved me. I used three 50c bottles. It is the greatest liniment I ever used; have recommended it to a number of persons; all express themselves as being benefited by it. I now walk without crutches, able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.