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GRAND JURY REPORT.

Comprehensive and Interesting—It Deals With All Matters in which the Public is Concerned.

Hon. B. H. Gardner, Judge 3rd Judicial District:

The grand jury empanelled at the spring term of your honorable court would respectfully represent to your Honor that, while they have not done all that calls for investigation and attention and therefore have not completed their labors in the usual acceptation of such term, they beg, nevertheless, to submit that they have accomplished all that is practicable at present and would refer quite a number of matters to the grand jury to convene at the fall term of your Honor's court and ask your Honor to call special atnext grand jury.

It is a source of much gratification to us as individuals and citizens and cause for indulging and been a remarkable change for the better in the matter of violating the criminal statutes and a general so far as observance of law is connary transformation of social congood name of this county was darkened and besmirched by the in the enforcement of law to blush the standard of good citizenship.

Honor that we have been in sesand 500 witnesses and have re. ities. The sheriff has but one if not entirely done away with.

Crockett, Texas, April 22, 1905. | for misdemeanor. Some on this grand jury have been on other grand juries a few years back when there were as many as sixtyodd felony bills returned which, when compared with the number returned berewith, amply and conclusively shows the healthy improvement in public sentiment both as to the observance and the enforcement of the laws of the

which a few years since were scenes of lawless and riotous defiance of order, but now, we are happy to say, show as sound and healthy public sentiment as any section of Houston or other countention to same in your charge to ty. Nothing tends so much to made some special effort to pro- linquents of last year, they can arouse the virtue of good citizention of good citizens to suppress inquiring into all cruelty to stock has been going on from year to crime and to uplift and preserve and we recognize, that while we year with the number of delincherishing a pride in our county the fair name of their section and have no society for the preven- quents increasing and the sum to be able to say that there has county as publicity and the fact tion of cruelty to stock of all total of tax delinquencies conthat sections of Houston County, kinds, the law of the land, if en-stantly growing. By suggestion theater for such lawlessness as we that it was our duty, a duty we Governor to send the state comand decided elevation and uplift. spoke of, were publicly named and regret to say very much neglected missioner of revenue to Crockett ing of ideals on the part of the the crimes denounced, had a by officers and grand juries, to to look into the question of delingeneral citizenship of the county wholesome effect and is now re- look into these matters and did so quent taxes and other matters flected in the pride which those and report two indictments for coming under his jurisdiction. cerned. We are glad and proud same sections now show in the violation of this statute. to note and to publicly mention prevailing character for law and that there has been an extraordi- order. In this connection we beg servation in the grand jury room, week. Judge Newman, at our ditions. A few years ago the the county where there seems to rience on grand juries, the one of- commissioners' court to meet with be a spirit to override law and the fense, more than all others, re- grand jury, Collector Brightman infractions of same have occupied sponsible for crime, the defeasance and State Revenue Commissioner, gravest offenses known to crimi- the most of the time we gave to of justice and the enormous ex- Mr. Bell. We devoted nearly one nal annels and the frequency violations of the criminal statutes. penses of the judiciary system of entire day to this one subject of thereof added to the character of It is not necessary to name the the state is the offense of perjury. tax-delinquencies. Mr. Brightsame was enough to cause any and section for the records of our It is too easy for a witness, from man promptly agreed to second all every good, law abiding citizen courts and the reports of our malice or other motive, to come efforts made by the commission who felt a pride in his county and officers show which section it is. before the grand jury and delibers' court. And it was finally in shame when public mention was body of citizens in that section are to get an indictment, and then go the commissioners' court should made of it. We are happy to state peaceful, law observing citizens into the trial court and swear the proceed at once to put competent that our labors have disclosed a re- and are earnestly concerned to see contrary, thus entailing on the men in the field to collect these markable change for the better that the laws are enforced and state and county an expensive and taxes. May 1st is the day fixed and upward in these matters and crime suppressed, but the tran- useless procedure without results. for these deputies to go to work that from personal knowledge and sient, migratory element of the A witness who acts thus commits and we feel confident that good re official investigation we are war. population there makes it easy to the offense of purjury and should sults will follow these efforts. ranted in the statement that there violate law and difficult to enforce be punished for such. We beis not one fifth of the crime of a same. We find that nearly all the lieve that if the laws of Texas ly a thousand dollars in occupafelonious nature that there was five more serious offences against law were so amended as to provide ev- tion taxes since we have been in to ten years ago. We indulge the and society, -such as murder, ery district judge with an official session. hope and confidence that this im- gambling, theft, violation of Sun- stenographer and also give said proved condition of affairs of this day law, violation of local option stenographer the privilege at the felony cases against the state for character may be permanent and law have been committed there. request of the district attorney to mileage called to our attention by we feel sure it will be if every There seems to be an inadequate go into the grand jury room and finance committee was taken up by good citizen in the jury box and effort made by the local officials to take down verbatim the language State Commissioner Bell and out of it will present and carry bring those who are guilty to jns- of every witness in felony cases, checked out by him or in his presout a stern resolve to enforce the tice. We are not prepared to say that the witness may be confronted ence by grand jury and finance laws of the country and elevate who is responsible for this condi- in the trial court with a literal re- committee. These charges seem We beg to represent to your good citizens of that section who the grand jury room, there would proved by the district judge at seem willing to bring about a be few if any bills found from the terms of court last year and sion sixteen days. Quite half of change. The weight of evidence malice or prejudice, the dockets of year before. The sheriff in exthis time has been devoted to an seems to fasten a large share of the courts would not be burdened planation stated that his deputies investigation of matters referred the responsibility for this status with bills prompted by motives of did the riding in serving papers to us by the report of finance com- on the local peace officer who was personal interest or feeling, the and he went by the reports they mittee and that but for questions elected by the people. We also heavy expenses of the present ju- made and he had no means of verraised and matters referred to us had complaint from this same sec- dictary system largely curtailed ifying their accounts. by said report we could have con- tion of the great number of swag- and the demoralizing practice of The sheriff's bills against the cluded our labors in about eight gering deputies who carried arms swearing one thing before the state for the terms of court held days. During the period named and who claimed to have author- grand jury and another before the in 1903 and 1904 foot up as folwe have examined between 450 ity to do so from the local author; trial court will have been largely, lows:

ed a constable who has no author- our time was occupied in consid- Spring term 1904..... ity to appoint deputies. one, but failed.

which we presented. We looked vestigation shows that the delin-There are sections of the county county but after diligent inquiry with an ever increasing ratio or matters for their investigation.

We eration of the report of the finance Fall term 1904..... made an effort to locate the party committee and other matters We advise a change in the law or officer who was responsible for brought to our attention in cer- so as to require all bills of this these deputies and tried to find tain offices in the court house. nature to be referred to commisevidence on which to indict some | We attach the report of the finance | sioners' court for inspection and committee hereto. We desire to approval, for the reason that they We beg to represent to your call attention to some matters should know and be able to pass Honor that we have devoted a brought up by said report. The on the question of mileage, when a good deal of our time to violations matter of delinquent taxes is one district judge may not always of the local option law and failed that concerns every citizen and know except in his resident counto find but one or two instances especially every tax-payer. In- ty. into the sale of patent medicines quent taxes of Houston county for committee on road working we when we had reason to believe they five years past from all sources beg to say that we have looked inwere being compounded and sold foot up the startling sum of nearly to the question of expense of same as a substitute for intoxicating fifty thousand dollars. We do and find that all expenses, mules, liquors and found nothing on not hesitate to say that we believe harness, plows, scrapers, wagons, which we could base a present- that fully half or more of these nails, blankets, cots and scores of ment. We have reason to believe taxes could have been collected if other items, foot up a total of that the local option law is being the proper effort had been made, violated at Kennard Mills or near but that it was not made is evithere and also at a place or two in dent from the fact that these taxes the southwestern part of the have been growing every year we failed to secure sufficient evi- per centage, showing that the taxdence for presenting any one. payer reasoned with himself in We, however, call the attention of effect that "if one can escape paylocal and county officials to these ment of his taxes, I can and will try. If they can run the govern-Your Honor's grand jury has ment without the taxes of the detect the dumb, speechless part of get along this year without mine ship and to make firm the resolu- the animal kingdom by earnestly and I will not pay." And thus it which a few years back were the forced, amply does so and we felt of finance committee we asked the Hon. F. S. Bell, the commission-We beg to submit that from ob- er, came over Wednesday of this to say that there is one section of in the court house and from experiences called a special session of We will say further that the great erately swear one thing, in order agreed all around and by all that

The tax-collector collected near

The matter of sheriff's bills in tion of affairs. Certainly not the port of what he had sworn to in enormously large but were ap-

Spring term 1903..... \$ 1010.50 turned - bills for felony and - deputy there and the people elect- We stated that a large part of Fall term 1908 1240,50

In reference to report of finance \$2,393.80. That 48 miles of road have been worked, 94 bridges and culverts made; total expense of working convicts on roads has been \$6,221.00. After deducting assets, the net cost of working roads will be \$3,827.20.

In reference to the public debt of the county we beg to say that in November, 1902, the total debt, bonded and floating, was \$49,-249.57. In March, 1904, the debt was \$37,049.81. Total debt at present as shown by report of finance committee is \$32,275.68.

It will be observed, and it is very gratifying to note it, that the debt of the county for several especially is this true of the float

We regret to have to refer to the manner in which the public records of the county are kept. For the time we had, we looked closely into the methods used in the county clerk's office for keeping the records of the county. We examined the books the finance committee called our attention to and found abundant evidence of neglect on the part of some one in that office as to the manner in which some of the records are kept. We find from the docket of criminal court of the county that cases are disposed of and no record made on criminal minutes of cases disposed of. We found that there is not a line on record of the proceedings of the county court, (criminal) for May, 1904. Some twenty-odd cases were disposed of in some way at that term and not a line on record in book of criminal minutes as to such disposition. We do not think that such loose, negligent methods of keeping records can be to severely reprehended and respectfully ask your Honor in your charge to grand jury at fall term to call attention to these matters. We did not have time to look into all the matters called to our attention in this office, but it is the office, of all, in which the people have a deep interest and have a right to expect that all records therein should be kept in an intelligent and business-like way. We beg to request your Honor to have all matters pertaining to the records of the county, the fee-books of all officers looked into by next grand jury. We can not close this report without saying that the commissioners' court fails to do their duty in not correcting some of the delinquencies we have been looking into. They are rather too

prompt to pay some parts of the (Continued on page 8)

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ex officio claims without investigation. If they will look more into the manner in which some of the affairs of some of the offices of record are conducted, they will better serve the public interest in a great degree. In conclusion we beg to attach hereto the showing living and eating in a very close of Judge Newman on the matter of the public roads and also other exhibits—such as the jail, etc.

We also ask to thank your Honor for courtesies extended, interest manifested and indulgence in our labors which we feel have not been completed. We desire to thank the county attorney, John Spence, Esq., for diligent attendance and uniform courtesies in the way of advice and miniature system of water works also to complement him on his throughout the building with hose prompt attention to business in grand jury room. thanks are due District Attorney comfort to the inmates, but would McDonald and the sheriff and be a great factor toward protecting district and county clerks for cour- the health of the community by tesies and favors. Finally we beg furnishing proper sewerage and to be dismissed. (Signed)

W. B. Page, foreman; John LeGory, H. F. Craddock, W. H. Bayne, S. E. Howard, J. J. Hammond, G. I. Lundy, J. A. Mc-Connell, Will McLean, Geo. E. Darsey, L. D. Rogers, W. H.

Crockett, Tex., April 21, 1905. Hon. W. B. Page, Foreman Grand Jury.

Dear Sir:-We, your committee appointed to inspect and investigate the condition of the county but on the whole we think that jail, beg leave to respectfully submit the following:

We found the jail yard and the exterior of the jail kept in fairly good condition, perhaps as well as could be expected with facilities at

We think that the whole interior of the building should be covered with several coats of whitewash and that the negro janitor retained by the commissioners court be required to wash the blankets, quilts, etc., and to apply a coat of whitewash to the walls at regular intering and renovating the premises.

One thing we consider a prompt, imperative necessity is, the repairare required to be kept in the cells fied to permanent cures by its use. all the time, and as there are now 14 inmates and the cells quite small the conditions are very much con- Murchison. gested. One cell we noticed had 5 inmates, 3 whites and 2 negroes, and on account of the size of the cells they are all forced to lounge on the beds most of the time, and some were complaining that the close confinement had caused sick- the paroxysm of coughing would ness. If the walls were promptly repaired the prisoners could be allowed to exercise in the runaround during the day, and it would only be necessary to lock them up in the Tar. With the very first dose cells at night.

We would suggest that there be separate apartments set off for the white and colored prisoners. Under the existing conditions whites and negroes sleep in the same cell. This we think thwarts the intent of the law in punishing evil doers, for Chamberlain's Pain Balm. instead of uplifting and encourag- great pain relieving power of the ing them to come out on the side liniment has been the surprise and of the best citizens, it throws them in company with an inferior race in a very intimate relationship, and when they are released naturally Murchison. they feel closer and more intimate with the weaker race and are therev caused to retrograde instead of

find the facilities for bathing

gone to that extremity. For one of the prisoners to take a bath it is necessary to have a tub brought up and he is obliged to bathe in almost freezing water in winter, on account of the absence of facilities for heating water, and also for heating the building.

In cases like this where people are kept closely confined, sleeping, place, we consider the most essential element is cleanliness, and with good bathing facilities and a place where the bedding could be washed and aired regularly we are sure that conditions would greatly im-

I strikes us that it would be well for the commissioners court to consider the advisability of installing a wind mill or gasoline engine with a pipes and mains. This would not The same only be a great convenience and drainage.

> Should a system of city water works be installed in Crockett this of course would obviate the neces sity of the above, but in the ab sence of city water works we consider the above quite a necessity and urge upon the commissioners to look into the matter promptly.

> We had some complaints from the prisoners about the food furnished them, some claiming that enough was not furnished, others that it was not properly prepared conditions in this respect are no worse than could be expected un der the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted Jno LeGory, J. J. Hammond H. F. Craddock, J. A. McConnell.

About Rheumatism.

There are few diseases that in flict more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and making a picture that was indeed useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be helieving that by so doing it cured is, therefore, a bold statewill go a long way towards purify- ment to make, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale, has met with great success in the treatment of this red roses in her hair and corsage, disease. One application of Pain ing of the south wall of the build- Balm will relieve the pain, and ing, for as it now is the prisoners hundreds of sufferers have testi-Why suffer when Pain Balm af- hands had left their mark; for fords such quick relief and costs never was a scene more fair. On but a trifle? For sale by S. L.

> Dreadful Attack of Whooping Cough Mrs. Ellen Harlison, of 300 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo., writes as follows: "Our two children had a severe attack of whooping cough, one of them in often faint and bleed at the nose. We tried everything we heard of without getting relief. We then called in our family doctor who prescribed Foley's Honey and they began to improve and we feel that it has saved their lives." Refuse substitutes. Smith & French Drug Co.

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times its cost. For sale by S. L

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Anniversary Celebration.

On Saturday evening, April 22, the elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore was thrown open to receive the many guests who gathered to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of this popular couple. This was one of the handsomest affairs ever given in Crockett and will long be remembered by those fortunate enough to attend. Notwithstanding a hard shower in the afternoon and threatening weather through the evening, there was a constant stream of callers during the receiving hours, from 8 to 11:30. On entering the hall the guests were greeted by Mrs. C. C. Stokes, who was attired in a handsome gown of pale blue silk, trimmed in hand-made lace. invited the guests up stairs, where a competent maid and valet removed their wraps. They were then carried down stairs where Miss LeGory, charmingly gowned in pink silk, lace and pearl trimming, carrying bride's maid roses, ushered them into the drawing room and introduced them to the bride and groom. Time has lightly touched both, and the hostess, indeed, looked a fair bride in an exquisite gown of lilac silk with rich garnitures of lace and pale green ribbon. On her left arm she carried a beautiful shower bouquet of bride's roses and ferns, tied with white satin ribbon. The groom, in the conventional black suit, was gracious and handsome. After good wishes and greetings were extended the guests lingered in this beautiful room to chat and admire the decorations. Simple elegance best describes this room. Stately palms were banded in rich profusion; but the mantel received ing daughter of the home, daintily 3 special attention -in the center a dressed in pale blue silk, presented each tall cut glass vase holding beautiful one with a beautiful half blown bride's buds of the La France rose. Reflected from the mirror were the beautiful silver candelabra with S. L. Murchison and R. H. Wootters, in their numerous candles, adding their most delightful manner, dispensed beauty and brilliancy to the picture. Over the entire mantel the same perfect pink rose was banked,

wich gown of blue crope de chine, elaborately trimmed bands of cream lace, wearing rich, then took charge of the guests and escorted them to the dining room. Here, indeed, artistic and busy the elegant square dining table was a handsome damask cloth; on this was placed a beautiful mirror, holding an exquisitely cut glass vase filled with buds of the bride's rose. From each corner of the table rich streamers of white mull and dainty ferns reached to the ceiling and were here tied in an artistic bow. Elegant candle sticks, holding green candles, the light mellowed by the shades of green silk, were placed at each end. Beautiful dishes of cut glass, holding colors of green and white, gave the touch to make perfect this picture. The sideboard, with its lighted candles, rich silver and cut glass and artisteristic of rheumatism and sciatica tic arrangement of beautiful are quickly relieved by applying white roses and ferns, was very handsome. In this room Mesdames Newton, Crook and Harring gracefully attended the wants of every one. Elegant brick cream, in green and white, The quick relief from pain which delicious cake and candies, in the same dainty colors, were served. Mrs. Newton was becomingly gowned in one of the beautiful creations of white silk, with

> in pink lace medalions.
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> Mrs. Crook wore an artistic costume of white and pink organdy, beautifully trimmed in lace.
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> Mrs. Haring was daintily attired in white-white roses were worn in her

On leaving the dining room Miss Betie Smith, one of our young grade

I have just returned from the market, where, for the spot cash, I have bought a full line of Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Gent's Furnishings at unheard-of hard-up

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The guests then found themselves near the punch table. Here Mesdames a delicious beverage.

Red was the color scheme of the hall and the warm, rich tones were blended beautifully.

The punch table was spread with snowy lunch cloth and two tall vases, Mrs. L. M. Matthews, who wore filled with red roses and ferns, were placed at the back. Around the punch bowl was a wreath of the roses and ferns and from the edge of the table hung wreaths of the same, making a beautiful effect on the white back ground. Right over the table, suspended from a garland of roses, was hung a quaint light-green, studded with red stones, shedding a soft glow over all.

Mrs. Murchison was elegantly attired in wedding gown of white crepe de chine, over taffetta, with rich yoke and bertha of rare hand-made lace. She wore dark red roses in her hair.

Mrs. Wootters also in wedding gown of rich white silk, elaborately trimmed in lace and pearls.

From this corner the guests were greeted by Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb who was gowned in white silk, lace trimmings, presiding over the register which was placed in a Japanese corner. This is artistic in every way, the hostess having spent several years gathering objects

Up stairs the many elegant presents vere placed on tables covered with white damask. The guests lingered here admiring the gifts of rare handpainted china, beautiful wedge wood and many cut glass pieces, which, added to the letters and telegrams received, gave evidence of the love and good will in which Mr. and Mrs. Moore are held.

"Swift as a shadow, short as a day dream" had passed the evening when time for good-bys came, each guest having wished for Mr. and Mrs. Moore a long life of happiness as serene and perfect as the twenty years just finished.

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W. L. Welch was convicted in the District Court at Greenville on a charge of bigamy and given a sentence of two years in the penitentiary.

Specification for the new fourteenstory office building of the Praetorians to be eretced in Dallas, are finished and bids are asked for on construction.

A cattle train and a local freight collided at Bruceville on the Katy Friday morning. Fireman H. C. Fange was killed. Three others were seriously injured.

Philip Jackson, a negro man, died in Cleburne from the effects of lockiaw. He stepped on a rake, striking a tooth of same through his foot. The accident occurred on April 5.

The City Council, of Gainesville, has awarded the contract to a San Antonio contractor for building the new city hall. The bid was \$16,780. The building is to be completed by Oct. 1.

O. D. Brooks of Hillsboro has gone to Missouri and will tour that State and Illinois distributing Texas literature for the next four months. His going is at the instance of the Dallas 150,000

The University Military Academy of Dallas has purchased the long distance telephone lot and one-story building in East Dallas, and will incorporate and erect a large building on the

Monte Attell of San Francisco has knocked out Kid Taylor of Chicago after seven fast rounds fought in a ring on the top floor of a quiet up-town hotel in New York City. The prize was a purse of \$480.

Announcement is made of the annual convention of the Southwestern Electrical and Gas Association which will be held at Denison May 18, 19 and 20. C. W. Hobson of Dallas is secretary

Water Valley, a little village eighteen miles north of San Antonio, on the Concho River, already famed as a health resort, is soon to have a large sanitarium for the treatment of serious and chronic diseases.

The biennial session of the Practorlans ended Thursday. Chas. B. Gardner was elected Supreme President; Geo. N. Taylor, Supreme Secretary and R. C. Ayres, Supreme Treasurer, all incumbents for six years.

A move is on foot to establish a canning factory in Terrell. F. E. White, industrial agent of the Frisco will reach the city in a few days and discuss the starting of a creamery and canning factory in conjunction.

Rev. W. H. Richardson, for several years State Presbyterian Synodical Evangelist, and later financial agent of the State Presbyterian Synod, has resigned the latter position to go to Tennessee as State Synodical Evangelist.

The Texas Hardware Jobbers' Association held its annual convention in Sherman on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, as the guests of the R. Walsh Hardware Company and Roberts, Sanford & Taylor Company. This association is not large in point of membership, being composed only of the hardware jobbers in Texas.

The Negro Ministerial Evangelical Alliance of Dallas is taking a religious census of the negroes of that city.

Dallas is getting busy raising \$60, 000 which is necessary to render the Government's Trinity River improvement fund available.

The Wortham Prospecting and Developing Company have sent supplies and workment to their leases down on Trinity River, and will commence sinking a well as soon as the derrick is erected.

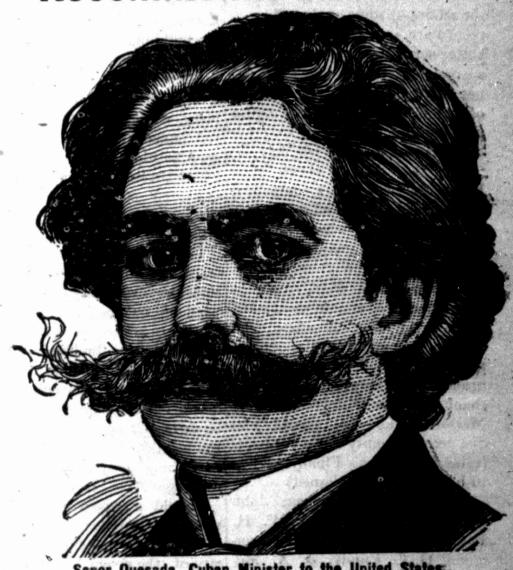
After a long wait of several months the Carnegie Library, at Brownwood, will be opened to the public in the near future. Miss Bessie Roseborough has been appointed librarian. The building is a pretty one and would do honor to a much larger town.

Advertisements have been inserted asking for bids on the proposed Y. M. C. A. structure at Waco, and bids will be opened next week. The contract will be let and work commenced within three weeks, it is thought.

H. L. Dickson and C. E. DeLong are making arrangements to establish a horological school, an institution to teach persons the watchmaking trade, at Dallas. The founders of the school have secured quarters, over the office of Murphy & Bolanz

CUBAN MINISTER TO U.S.

Recommends Pe-ru-na.



Senor Quesada, Cuban Minister to the United States.

Senor Quesada, Cuban Minister to the United States, is an orator born. an article in The Outlook for July, 1899, by George Kennan, who heard the speak at the Esteban Theatre, Matanzas, Cuba, he said: "L have seen a audiences under the spell of eloquent speech and in the grip of strong emoti excitement; but I have rarely witnessed such a scene as at the close of Queen culogy upon the dead patriot, Marti." In a letter to The Peruna Medicine pany, written from Washington, D. C., Senor Quesada says:

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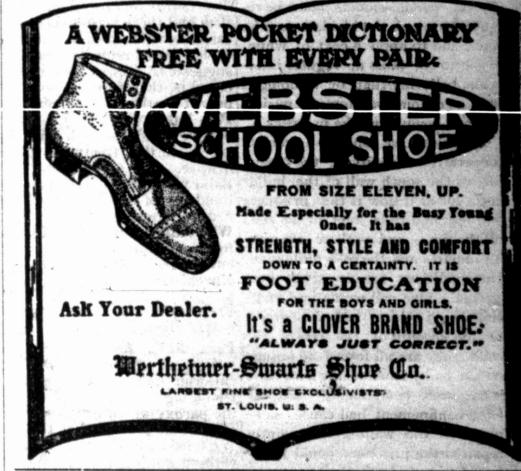
Congressman J. H. Bankhead, of Alasama, one of the most influential members of the House of Representatives, in a letter written from Washington, D. C., gives his endorsement to the great catarrh remedy, Peruna, in the

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Dr. Wiley says that a man should not begin to grow old until he is 90. Why begin then?

Paraguay is described as "a paradise for men." Must be all latchkeys and no bargain counters.

Scientists tell us that there are several species of creatures that nev . young Mills was badly wounded. sieep. The octopus is one of them.

Greenland has fewer than 12,000 inhabitants, and those who have been there wonder why she has so many.

An eastern fashion journal says women are wearing larger shoes. They are probably numbered as small as

The question as to the healthfulness of rhinoceros steak as an article of food has yet to be passed upon by Dr. Wiley.

There seems to be some dispute as to whether Mrs. Chadwick got into the clutches of the loan sharks, or vice versa.

If the Princeton anti-treating league does establish a women's auxiliary, for asking for this protection. It was to the sorrow of the people that only no doubt, that end of it will be successful, anyhow.

What is this "liquid sunshine" Dr. Harper is full of? Does it make you feel any better than the old-fashioned County Prohibition League to wind ton. liquid moonshine?

hold," remarks the Nebraska State Journal, "is a grudge." Ever try holding a greased pig? Says a New York fashion item:

"The most unsatisfactory thing to

"The latest wrinkle is the invisible corset." So they should be worn on the inside hereafter.

An effort will now be made to find out to what extent microbes of moral disease infest the money which Mr Rockefeller distributes.

In Georgia a couple recently married who had never seen each other before. Seeing is evidently believing altogther too much sometimes.

It is doubtful, however, if the man who invents a sure cure for spring fever will make a fortune out of it It's sort of pleasant to be lazy.

With its projected new army, navy, arsenals and military schools, heathen China will make quite a stride toward likeness to the Christian powers.

The Manchester, N. H., school board offers employment as teachers to eighteen matrimony proof young women who are "man haters." Now,

Before criticising your newspaper for what is published therein, consult the files of the editorial waste paper basket and see what you have es-

A man in British Columbia, wearying of life, tried to stab himself with a safety pin. His next attempt, it is conjectured, will be made with a boil-

It is estimated that there are fifty ways for a young man to work his way through college. Thus has the great vogue of athletics opened up educational opportunities.

The Richmond, Va., city council may pass an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to speak of a leg as anything but a limb. No, there are no ladies in the Richmond council.

A Boston woman recently read a paper entitled "Are We Growing Old Gracefully?" Of course her conclusion was that "we" are not growing with those in Bigelow's case was made old gracefully or otherwise.

It is not true that Mark Twain has given up the smoking habit. "Why how can one smoke too much," he is wont to say, "when there are only twenty-four hours in the day to do

Prof. Williston was looking so far into the future when he saw a race of birds as the successors of men that he may have mistaken men in flying machines for members of the feathered family.

The skeleton of the biggest whale ever captured is being put in place in the national museum at Washington, and hereafter people who go to the capital to see the elephant ought also to see the whale.

George Bernard Shaw thinks bacheold be compelled to mind the of their married friends. But

CONGRESSMAN PINCKNEY KILLED.

He, His Brother, Capt. Brown and I. E. Mills Met day pointing out the position of the Death at a Mass Meeting in Hempstead.

John M. Pinckney, Capt. Brown, T. county had been killed. D. Pinckney, brother of the Congressman, and John Mills were killed, and dead, having been killed instantly.

here which surpasses by far anything later. that has ever been dreamed of by the citizens of our little hamlet. We have just held a prohibition election, in which the prohibitionists won by a good majority. On the day of the seems, of the sheriff. After the elec- hurt, tion several of the most prominent citizens began the circulation of a petition to the governor to place a number of rangers divided out to differ- sult of this tragedy on the people. ent places in the county and to re- Chaos reigned, and women and chilmain indefinitely. It was stated in dren traversed the streets moaning no uncertain terms that the county and crying. Men hurried to the asofficers were falling to do their duty sistance of the wounded and physiand gave this as their sole reason clans were summoned. It was found asked that these rangers be sent by one physician was in town. One of the governor to enforce the laws.

up the affairs of the recent campaign and disband. It was proposed and depetition be indorsed. Capt. H. M. of admiring friend and other relatives. Tompkins had gained the floor.

Capt. Browne continued to try to c'clock. gain the floor, and seemingly seeing also present.

were present, and in a moment all atives and a host of friends. were in very close quarters when the scuffle began, and almost immediately H. M. Browne, and a young man about firing began from at least half a doz. 22 years old.

stored, it was found, to the perfect sides a host of friends.

BANKER'S CONFESSION.

F. G. Bigelow, of Milwaukee First National Bank, a Defaulter.

Milwuakee, Wis., April 25 .- Frank G. Bigelow, until yesterday president of the First National Bank of Milwaukee, was arrested yesterday, charged with the embezzlement of over \$100,000 of the bank's funds.

The arrest of Mr. Bigelow followed his confession to the board of directors that he was a defaulter to the extent of \$1,450,000. Following Mr. Bigclow's confession he was removed from the presidency of the bank, and the facts of the case were laid before the federal authorities.

The complaint was sworn to by United States District Attorney Butterfield. It charges that Bigelow, as president of the First National Bank, embezzled a sum exceeding \$100,000. A complaint and warrant identical out to Henry G. Goll, assistant cashier of the bank, but Goll had not been found up to seven o'clock last night.

President Bigelow was before United States Commissioner Bloodlow last night. He waived hearing and was held to the federal grand jury under \$25,000 bonds. Dr. N. H. Brown and A. N. McGeoch certified as securities, and Bigelow was released. The next federal grand jury has not yet been summoned, but it is expected to mee some time next month.

Counties Having Cities of 25,000. day's Galveston News speaks of the an the woman who has figured so counties of /'25,000 or more inhabi- as, spent yesterday here on her way tants." The dispatch was changed in to Texas, where she hopes to straighttrapsmission. The County Auditor en out matters regarding the charges law applies to counties having cities of forgery. She is accompanied by of 25,000 or more inhabitants; that is Mrs. Vance and Charles Berry/ her to say, at present, to Dallas, Tarrant, attorney, the party leaving for Hous day to O. P. Shearer, of Hamburg, Harris, Galveston and Begar counties, ton last night,

Hempstead, Texas, April 25 .- At at horror of those who were assembled, mass meeting last night Congressman that several of the best citizens of the

Congressman John M. Pinckney was

Hig brother, Thomas D. Pinckney, A tragedy has just been enacted was mortally wounded, dying six hours

> Capt. H. M. Browne was dead, hav ing been killed instantly.

John E. Mills was shot through the left lung and died from a hemorrhage. Roland Browne had been shot, but election three or four State Rangers as he was removed at once it could not were present at the solicitation, it be ascertained how badly he was

R. E. Tompkins had received a fiesh wound in the right side of his head. It is impossible to picture the rethe local physicians was attending Last night was the time appointed court in Hallettsville, Texas, and one for the last meeting of the Waller was engaged professionally in Hous-

John M. Pinckney was elected to Congress at the last regular election cided to ratify the petition as a body. by the democrats of the Eighth Dis-Considerable speaking was done over trict, and is only recently back from the matter, some of which was not Washington. He was about sixty altogether along this line. It was fi- years old and single. He leaves a nally moved and seconded that the brother and one sister, besides scores

Browne had spoken at length and Thomas D. Pinckney was a brother had been responed to by Congressman of the deceased, and had been en-John M. Pinckney. During the sev- gaged in the practice of law in this eral speeches the issue livened up. county for over twenty years. He Capt. Browne had seated and R. E. was a few years the junior of his dead brother. He died shortly after 12

Capt, H. M. Prowne, like the rest of that his efforts were in vain, used the gentlemen who were lost in the some improper language, which was terrible affray, was one of Hempobjected to by the gentlemen who stead's oldest and most respected citwere present and had friends and relizens. He, too, had been engaged in atives among the few ladies who were the practice of law in this county for a number of years, and had always Browne clutched the coat of Tomp- been connected with the public life kins, and this seemed to be the signal of our county. He leaves two sons for a general mixup. About 100 men and three daughters, besides other rel-

Roland Browne is the son of Capt.

was one of the old citizens of this After a degree of order was re county, and leaves a large family, be-

No Bribery Cases Left.

Austin, Texas: On motion of County Attorney Brady, filed yesterday, Judge Brooks of the Twenty-Sixth District Court dismissed the conspiracy to bribe cases against Joe Eagle of Houston, W. B. Wortham and Frank Glover of Austin.

In the Fifty-Third District Court, on a similar motion, Judge Calhoun dismissed the bribery cases against John H. Kirby and Frank Glover. This brings an end to the sensational indictments returned by two grand juries in this county. All of the cases in connection with the one-time antitrust suit against the Kirby Lumber Company are now erased from the court dockets in this county.

A Second Port Arthur.

St. Petersburg: News from Manchuria indicates that Field Marshal Oyama plans to await the result of the naval battle, it being too risk for the Japanese army to undertake serious operations while the outcome of the sea fight is in the balance.

Should Admiral Rojestvensky reach Vladivosok and Admiral Togo still be able to protect the Japanese lines of communication, the general belief at the war office is that the Japanese will forthwith attempt to cut off and invest Vladivostok and make that, place another Port Arthur.

Mrs. Duke En Route.

New Orleans, La.: Mrs. Brodie Duke, divorced wife of the originator Austin, Texas: A special in Sun- of the Duke tobacco and cigarette,

Didn't Tell Home Folks. St. Petersburg: - Vice Admiral Ro-

jestvensky continues , his policy of strategic silence and has answered the Admiralty message of last Satur-French government on neutrality regulations only by putting to sea, giving no intimation of his plans or destina-

Russian naval circles would not be surprised if it should develop that the squadron had already two days or more start on the way northward when the instructions were cabled to him and the Admiralty was aware of this when the message was sent asking the Admiral to move outside of the three-mile limit if he happened to be in French territorial waters. A prominent naval officer here called the present, stage of affairs "a game of naval hide and seek," and declared that the Admiralty was justified in sending in delusive dispatches, especially a there was reason to believe that the move of Japan in pressing the question was the desire to learn the exat position of Rojestvensky's squadron.

Plan to Kill the Czar.

New York: The World yesterday in a St. Petersburg dispatch dated

"A plot to kill the Czar and his kinsmen has been discovered among the troops of the Imperial Guard.

"Many others are involved, the very men upon whom the imperial family depends for personal safety.

"Governor Generor Trepoff's secret agents unearthed the plot and assert that several of the conspirators of noble birth were in possession of large quantities of dynamite.

"The discovery has unnerved the

Bristow Coming.

New Orleans, La.: J. W. Bristow, special Panama Commissioner who is now making a personal inspection of Gulf ports, to secure all possible information bearing on commerce via the Panama Railroad, left for Galveston last night having completed his investigation at Pensacola, Mobile and New Orleans. He was ordered to hese ports by Secretary of War Taft and his findings and report will have herself having the smallpox. much to do with determining the future policy of the Panama Railroad, now owned by the Federal Govern-

Father Shot Son.

Montgomery, Ala.: A. T. Sheets, 40 years old, shot and killed his son, Claude Sheets, in this city yesterday. The young man was foreman of a gangof laborers in which his father worked. The old man was discharged and Mamed the son. Yesterday the boy went home, being afraid to do so Saturday night, and had words with his father, who shot him dead in the

People's Convocation. St. Petersburg: Receiving the Marshal of Nobility of Kostroma recently, Emperor Nicholas ordered him to communicate the following message to the nobles:

"My will regarding the convocation representatives of the people is unswerving and the Minister of the Interior is devoting all his efforts to its prompt execution."

Oklahoma Editorial Association.

Oklahoma City, O. T.: Newspaper men from all portions of Oklahoma are arriving for the annual convention of the Oklahoma Editorial Association which begins this evening. Tho convention will last two days.

Boy Killed by Train,

Smithville, Texas: The southbound Katy passenger which arrived here at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon struck and killed a 12-year-old boy two miles south of Elgin. He was picked up by the train crew and brought to this place, but was taken back to Elgin on the first train.

The remains were identified as those of Charley Snowden, son of W. C. Snowden, who lives only a short distance from the place where the boy was killed.

Jews Want Relief.

Bendery, Bassarabia, Russia: The telegraph office here has refused to accept a telegram addressed to the committee of Ministers at St. Peters-County Auditor bill as applying to strongly in several land deals in Tex- burg asking for action to relieve the position of Jews in this region.

Bachelor Girl Wed.

Guthrie, Ok.: Miss Ida Said, the president of the Bachelor Girls' Club of Carmen, Ok., was married yesterto marry after organization.

THOUGHT EGAN WAS PUGILIST

Ex-Minister to Chili Mistaken for "Mike" Donovan.

Patrick Egan, former minister to Chili, strongly resembles "Mike" Donovan, the ex-pugilist who has been giving boxing lessons to President Roosevelt. The other day Mr. Egan called at the white house and was somewhat embarrassed by the questions hurled at him by a couple of youthful newspaper men. "Hullo, Mike," said one of them, "going to give another lesson?" Before reply could be made the other reporter chimed in: "I hear he has a poor left. You want to improve that, Mike." "I should think," said No. 1, "you would have difficulty in making him fast on his feet, he's so chunky, you know." By that time Mr. Egan's dilemma was observed by Maj. Loeffler, the president's doorkeeper, who explained. The reporters apologized and Mr. Egan escaped.

The greatest library in the world is that of Paris. It contains upward of 2,000,000 printed books and 160,000 manuscripts. The British Museum contains about 1,500,000 volumes and the imperial library of St. Petersburg about the same number.

For Growing Girls.

West Pembroke, Me., April 24 .--Mrs. A. L. Smith, of this place, says that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best remedy for growing girls. Mrs. Smith emphasizes her recommendation by

the following experience: "My daughter was thirteen years old last November and it is now two years since she was first taken with Crazy Spells that would last a week and would then pass off. In a month she would have the spells again. At these times she would eat very little and was very yellow; even the whites of her eyes would be yellow.

"The doctors gave us no encouragement, they all said they could not help her. After taking one box of Dodd's Kidney Pills, she has not had one bad spell. Of course, we continued the treatment until she had used in all about a dozen boxes, and we still give them to her occasionally, when she is not feeling well. Dodd's Kidney Pills are certainly the best medicine for growing girls."

Mothers should heed the advice of Mrs. Smith, for by so doing, they may save their daughters much pain and sickness and ensure a healthy, happy future for them.

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IN TEXAS AND MEXICO

By Clinton Willets, Special Correspondent of Leslie's Weekly.

(Continued from last Week.)

is a full-fledged modern city. From the Mexican West Point—came to take an American viewpoint it is a mediaev. charge. Now, as the river nears the al kind of place—a relic of feudalism, point where it vanishes, it runs where the boss of the town is lord of through a deep canyon and there beall the peons for miles around. It has comes whirling rapids. Who falls into an alcalde, or mayor, and that mayor those rapids is a doomed man. He vanis a sort of czar over the whole coun ishes as does the river. The young try. One of his predecessors, decades engineer got the idea that he could ago, established the custom of ringing harness those rapids for water power, the curfew every night at ten o'clock. just as we have harnessed Niagara. This custom the present mayor main. When we made camp on Vanishing tains-not only as to the mere ringing, River the engineer had practically but also as to the enforcement of the completed the work of harnessing, and letter of the curfew law. And woe to on a certain day he expected to celethe peon or stranger who is caught brate his achievement by welcoming abroad after ten. The enforcement of his sweetheart from the City of Mexthe curfew law is the result, some say, 100 and marrying her. of the fact that this part of Mexico is | Came the day, and the bride-to-be. rather than lie all night in the foul and infected jail.

by a Mexican guide. As we approached the outermost 'dobe dwellings we heard few was ringing, that it was ten o'clock, and that any attempt to enter the town would result in arrest. "Hang their old laws!" said the doc-

tor. "Let's ride straight in." We did ride straight in-right up sentry. He challenged us, in Span-ish, and in same tongue the doctor re-ish, and in same tongue the doctor re-But the tarantula was quicker than try whipped out his revolver-and a shot rent the still air. Another sentry this swollen, contorted semblance of a tries in chorus informed the senors, man which I have already become? To the Americanos, that we were under my love, adios." arrest. Thus, with an evil-visaged sen- All the time during which we have try on each side of us-we had been been riding and hunting through Mexforced to dismount and they were ico, the Mexicans have been celebrating though the town and ushered into one Hundred Days preceding Easter. There of the outbuildings surrounding the have been bull fights and cock mains fill out a document giving reasons for they gave a bull fight for our benefit. ten p. m., thus defying the statutes." fighters being amateurs, though heaven The police official then handed us a knows they tried hard enough to kill big yellow envelope, into which we the bull. The fact that they did not were ordered to insert the document. kill the bull precipitated a mild riot. joining building, where we were lodged size up the situation as a one-to-sixin a cell along with several other cur- teen shot, and refused to fight. Wherefewites, principally Mexican Indians. upon the populace hissed. And as still This was the foul and infected jail of the bull refused to fight, the Mexican

this hole," remarked the doctor, in carried off to jail and made eventually English. Whereupon we were surprised to pay a heavy fine. For the Mexican to hear one of our fellow convicts say, government assumes that, in case of also in English: "The senors should such a flasco, the management not have dropped some silver in the big having produced the "goods" as adveryellow envelope." So enlightened were tised, the public has been swindled. we by this hint that we summoned our gaoler and craved permission "to make a correction in the document which we had filled out." The document was brought-and in the big yellow envelope containing it we each dropped a Mexican silver dollar. And lo! the police official himself appeared and, bowing obsequiously, announced that the senors the Americans would honor him by allowing two of his men to accompany us to our hotel. And such a hotel! It was better than the

jail, however-just a little better. Again, have you ever heard of the vanishing river of Mexico? Probably not; because, as I have said, very few Americans know anything about this strange part of Mexico. There is a disappearing river in Venezuela-perhaps you've heard of that. But that there is in Mexico a river that vanishes utterly-dropping, seemingly, straight down into the very bowels of the earth over the edge of a bottomless abyssof this extraordinary river you now learn for the first time. Mexican engineers have long tried-in vain-to discover what on earth, or under the earth, becomes of this vanishing river. Maybe it reappears on the surface in the form of a spring hundreds of miles from the point at which it vanishesfrom the silver mining town of Par- as easily as a little girl "jumps rope for three days. While we were in day he beat a fellow-roper in an excamp there occurred an event that had hibition. The next day the body of in it material for a short story that the famous roper was found on the might be entitled "The Tragedy of Van- edge of the village, containing more

Silver mines have been opened for jealous rival, of course. miles on each side of the river. (Last year the newest of the mines was

opened, and a young Mexican engineer By Mexican standards, Santa Maria from the University of Chepultepec-

infested by bandits and desperadoes But at the mining camp no lover met who raid the towns at intervals, loot her. A search party started out to find the mayor's palace—a 'dobe (mud) him. The party visited our own camp, house a little larger than all the other thinking that the engineer might have dobe houses-with a view always of stopped with us over night. I joined knifing the mayor and appointing one the search party and with them purof their bandit brothers in his stead. sued the man-hunt down the river. One The idea is that by arresting every of the Mexicans said that at certain body, possible lurking desperadoes periods it was necessary to post a may be included. Others assert that watchman at the rapids to give warnthe curfew law represents an organ-ing of the rising of the river, thus ized system of blackmail on the part giving time to save certain machinery of the local police. The local govern- from destruction. It was possible, he ment, it seems, is always in arrears added, that the engineer had himself of salaries due the police. So, in order watched at the rapids the night bethat the police may be paid, the mayor fore, and possibly he had fallen in. permits the arrest of currewites-peo- The next moment we were certain that ple out of doors after ten-and the he hed fallen in, for on the brink of police then proceed to pay themselves the canyon lay his sombrero and his by extorting money from their victims. pistol. Sorrowfully we went back to The arrested individuals usually pay the mining camp and told the bridethe few pieces of silver demanded, elect. I thought the incident closed and so returned to my own camp. Toward nightfall the foreman of the We made camp within fifteen miles mine came into our camp. He said of this quaint Santa Maria, and after that the bride had insisted upon being nightfall the doctor and I started out taken to the spot where her lover had for the town—to buy "grub"—piloted dispenses of and they had found a bit disappeared, and they had found a bit of paper bearing the engineer's last message. The foreman handed the pafore, in terror, explained that the cur- per to our doctor, who read aloud: "As write this. I shall vanish with the vanishing river-complete and forever. In the night-in the moonlight-I felt and galloped away as if for dear life. and saw a horrible something creeping up my leg. It was the deadly tarantula. The slightest movement of m leg would mean my end. Slowly, to the point of a villainous, gleaming holster and withdrew the weapon. Mexican bayonet in the hands of a With bardly a perceptible movement I

leading our horses-we were marched their annual fiesta-the Fiesta of a "palace." There we were ordered to and gambling galore. At one place After which we were taken to an ad- The buil entered the arena, seemed to which our guide had spoken before he spectators jumped into the ring and attacked the fighters and the managers. "There must be some way out of The result was that the managers were It's the same way if you shoot a

the shot. He injected his deadly poison

man accidentally in that country. "Accidents" don't go. The man who did is shot, precisely as if he had committed murder deliberately and in cold blood. It's a good law, For since its enactment murders have decreased wonderfully in Mexico. Often as we rode through the country we could see a grave by the wayside, and on a tree near the grave would be nailed a rude wooden cross bearing the name of the deceased-invariably one who had been murdered. There was such a grave and such a cross on the site of one of our camps. Murders in Mexico are not always done by means of firearms. A pistol-shot makes a noise. So your bandit usually uses the silent, stealthy knife. And what "Jack the Rippers" they are! Our guide, young Sharp, told us many a harrowing tale of how the unwary stranger is lured to the edge of a village and there quietly knifed to death for the money that may be found upon him, or for his mere miringly upon some pretty senorita or senora. Sharp told us, too, of the very recent murder of the most wonderful roper Mexico has ever known. That genius of the lariat could sit astride ne one knows. The vanishing river his horse and, going at a gallop, jump vanishes at a point some twenty miles horse and rider through a big rope-loop ral, and near that point we camped on the sidewalk of a village street. One knife stabs than even Caesar had. The

(To Be Continued Nort Week.)

Russia's Royal Mausoleum.

The remains of all the dead czars of Russia since Peter the Great lie in a memorial chapel on one of the islands of the Neva.

Engaged. A "pressing engagement" had he Such was his excuse, you see. Some later we spled him, Two "engagements" beside him, And each was the sweet, fair pressee.

Russian Holidays. Russia has eighty-six general holldays in a year.

American Coal Production. The United States produces 319,000,-000 metric tons of coal a year, worth at the mines \$485,000,000 and costing consumers nearly a billion dollars.

Clear Water in Norway. The water is so clear in the flords of Norway that objects 11/2-in. in diameter can be distinctly seen at a depth of 150 feet.

A man would fight like anything against staying out late at night if his wife tried to make him.

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\$200,000 worth of furniture and carpets of the most dependable kind, to be distributed into the homes of the people by H. WADDELL, TEXAS' GREAT-EST FURNITURE DEALER, in TEN DAYS, beginning FRIDAY, APRIL 28,

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\$1.25 Brussels Net Lace Curtains, three yards long, 46 inches wide, \$30.00 Mission Bookcases, finished in forest green,

Remodeling sale price\$19.00 \$35.00 Child's Rattan Bed, finest quality, Remodeling

\$1.00 solid oak dining room Chairs, cane seat, Remodeling 100 Beds and Dressers, well finished, hardwood; dressers alone worth \$10;

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oak, Remodeling 3-piece Parlor Suite, upholstered in damask, worth \$25.00;

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The "Devil's currency" was the name given by the New Englanders to the waumpum which the Dutch setin Manhattan and New Netherands adopted as their currency from the Indians.

Allens as Public Charges. Immigration inspectors have reportof to Washington that almshouses, mes for orphans and other charitathe institutions in nearly every state the union have a large percentage allens, who are sent to this counfry because they receive better treatent here than in similar places in

Japs in California. California believes that it has oneed of the 100,000 Japanese now in country. In 1880 there were aly eighty-six Japanese in the state. Then the war is over there is likely be a rush of Japanese immigrants.

His Origin. Cholly Gosling-Have you heard ut my family tree?

Mamie Snapely-No, but I always eard that you came from the backods.-Chicago News.

The Great Detective. herlock Holmes solves another mysfery in the Sunday World next Sunday, Get the series. A complete Conan Davie Sherlock Holmes story every Sunday. If you cannot get paper from dealer send five cents to The Vorld, Park Row, New York.

A Heavy Fine.

Under the Elkins law, any railroad ompany which pays rebates in any orm, or any shipper who accepts m, is liable to a fine of from \$1,000 \$20,000, upon conviction. It also prehibits the carrying of freight at ess than the published tariffs. The mierstate Commerce Com owered to detect and prosecute stelators of this statute. President Knapp of the Commission states that dace this law was passed, rebate pay-

A Berlin court was recently called apon to deal with an action brought by a woman of 30 who was a grand

ing has been as rare as forgery.

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your mind and Quit irritating Watch it grow.

Class Cure for Consumption is an infallfole elicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, can Grove, N. J., Peb. 17, 1900.

Nature is beautified by the elevation cour own mentality.

ore and Bers and we will make a 1923 Bust Crayon one and Bers and we will make a 1923 Bust Crayon or water Artists' Association. Dallas, Texas No one likes to loot a horn that you was allowed to become rusted.

Ever Gallant Washington.

While workmen were unboxing and erecting the statue of Frances E. Willard in Statuary hall of the capitol at Washington they found it necessary to move the statue of George Washington several feet. Thus a place was made for the first statue of a woman in that hall. A bystander lamented such an invasion as one of the inevitable results when woman's rights have sway. "Tut, tut!" exclaimed Congressman William Alden Smith of Michigan, who was passing. "It only illustrates the great courtesy of the father of his country. It dominates even his marble effigy."-Chicago Chronicle.

Rev. Mr. Johnson-De choir will now render dat beautiful hymn, "Oh! For a Thousand Tongues To Sing. an' while dey am rending it de congregation will jine in grateful praye dat de aforesaid choir hain't got but one tongue aplece!-Puck.

There were more than 650 applications recently for a berth as night porter at a London workhouse.

TORTURING HUMOUR.

Body a Mass of Sores-Treated by Three Doctors but Grew Worse -Cured by Cuticura for 75c.

"My little daughter was a mass of sores all over her body. Her face was eaten away, and her ears looked as if they would drop off. I called in three doctors, but she grew worse. Neighbors advised Cuticura, and before I had used half of the cake of soap and box of ointment the sores babe's. I would not be without Cuticura again if it cost five dollars, instead of seventy-five cents, which is all it cost us to cure our baby. Mrs. G. J. Steese, 701 Coburn St., Akron, Ohio."

Starfish are the principal enemies of oyster beds. It is estimated by the fish commission of the United states that they do damage to the extent of \$250,000 annually to American oyster beds.

The Timely Time.

Last Spring our entire family took a few weeks' course of 'Simmons' Sarsaparilla and its effects were extremely gratifying. We enjoyed better health all Summer than usual, which we attribute to its timely use.

> Very gratefully yours, Samuel Hinton De Kalb, Miss.

Of the 9,204,000 negroes in the United States, 77 per cent work in the fields.

Try One Package.

If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

Less sleep is necessary as age adpenditure of physical and mental e :ergy. Extreme old age, practically a second childhood, reverts to the infantile habit of frequent slumber.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Chaney & Co., Toledo, Obio, is the only constitutional curs on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and nucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure Bend for circulars and testimonials.

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Berlin has about 300 miles of paved streets. The total labor cost of street cleaning last year was only \$529,000

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It takes a woman to smile down the torture of her heart.

Nervous School Children. Statistics gathered by various School Boards, show that a large percentage of school children suffer from different forms of nervousness, mild or exaggerated. Some showed a tendency to melancholy, others mental depression, and many the nervous twitchings of mild chorea, or St. Vitus' dance. Most of these troubles can be overcome by proper food, sufficient sleep, and Dr. Caldwell's (laxative) Syrup Pepsin. It is a universal children's medicine, because, if good foed is eaten, it insures that the food is properly digested and indigestion and nerve poisons properly thrown out. It is pleasant to take, and safe and sure in results. Try it. Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Money back if it falls.

In the neighborhood of the town ot Malcolm in Australia there is a gold mine which has been worked for sev eral years by one single family, con-sisting of father and mother, two girls and six boys. The net profits of this mine amounted last year to \$75,000.

Beat for FREE \$3,00 trie

"This is a gross case," said a Man theeter magistrate to a prisoner, was making his 144th appearance learning the him for drunkenness.

THE TEACHER'S FOE

A LIFE ALWAYS THREATENED BY NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

One Who Broke Down from Six Years of Overwork Tells How She Escaped Misery of Enforced Idleness.

"I had been teaching in the city schools steadily for six years," said Miss James, whose recent return to the work from which she was driven by nervous collapse has attracted attention. "They were greatly overcrowded, especially in the primary department of which I had charge, and I had been doing the work of two teachers. The strain was too much for my nerves and two years ago the crisis came.

"I was prostrated mentally and physically, sent in my resignation and never expected to be able to resume work. It seemed to me then that I was the most miserable woman on earth. I was tortured by nervous headaches, worn out by inability to sleep, and had so little blood that I was as white as chalk.

"After my active life, it was hard to bear idleness, and terribly discouraging to keep paying out the savings of years for medicines which did me no good."

"How did you get back your health?" "A bare chance and a lot of faith led me to a cure. After I had suffered for many months, and when I was on the very verge of despair, I happened to read an account of some cures effected by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The statements were so convincing that I somehow felt assured that these pills would help me. Most people, I think, buy only one box for a trial, but I purchased six had all healed, and my little one's boxes at once, and when I had used skin was as clear as a new-born them up, I was indeed well and had no need of more medicine.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills enriched my thin blood, gave me back my sleep, restored my appetite, gave me strength to walk long distances without fatigue, in fact freed me from all my numerous ailments. I have already taught for several months, and I cannot say enough in praise of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

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In the year 13 Augustus, emperor of Rome, signed his will, bequeathing to the Roman people 40,000,000 sesterces, about \$1,600,000, and divorced the two Julias, his daughter and granddaughter, from his sepulcher. It was written upon two skins of parchment.

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You know many things that you ever had occasion to realize.

An English medical journal has is sed a health warping against relig



The Cheerful Idiot.

"What's the difference," began the Cheerful Idiot, just as everybody pushed back his chair from the boarding house table, "what's the difference between a postage stamp and

Presently, noting every one else had left the room, he emptied the preserve jar on his plate and mumbled, with his mouth full:

"One you lick to stick er' and the other one sticks to liquor. Ha ha, ha ha!"-Baltimore American.

Mixed His Routs.



Plausible Pete-"I wasn't always thus, kind lady,

The Cook-"No; you were lame in the other foot when you called here day before yesterday."

Watching for a Sure Sign. "Those two men talking together over there are worth a good many

millions between them." "Which is the richer?" "I don't know, positively, but watch the bishop, who's going to speak to

"Why?" "See which one he shakes hands with first."-Life.

The Amateur's Blunder. "Now," chortled the amateur Sherlock to his lady partner, "it is easy to see that gentleman yonder is not married."

"Pray, how can you tell?" "By his neglected air, his frowsy appearance. No woman would let a man go about like that. His coat lacks two buttons, you perceive, and he is not brushed."

"Still," said the lady, "he is mar-

"You know him then?" "I am his wife,"-Philadelphia Bul-

Cruelty to Animals.

MeNoyes-"You know that I'm learning to play the cornet." Pjackson-"Yes, I've heard about

McNoves-"Well, my landlord said disturbed people and I'd have to move. So I rented a room above a livery stable."

Piackson-"Get along all right there?"

McNoyes-"No: I was arrested by an officer of the S. P. C. A."-Cleveland Leader.

Rural.



First Bug-What ye harvesting, Si? Second Bug-Jest cuttin' out a little underbrush.

Josh-It says in this here financial

report that the banks gained two millions from the Sub-Treasury. Hiram-Does, eh? Wonder what kind of a game they've been playin'

Imprudent.

Ethel—Is she very extravagant? Helen—Yes, indeed. She spends so such money on dress that she somemes has little or nothing left for her

Dyspepsia of Women

ABSOLUTELY NEEDLESS AGONY Caused by Uterine Disorders and Cured by Lycia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

A great many women suffer with a form of indigestion or dyspepsia which does not seem to yield to ordinary treatment. While the symptoms seem to be similar to those of ordinary indigestion, yet the medicines universally prescribed do not seem to restore the patient's normal condition.



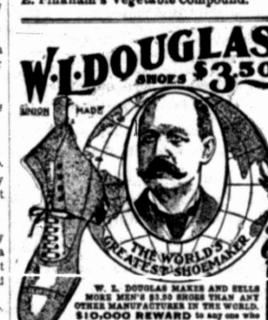
Mrs. Pinkham claims that there is a kind of dyspepsia that is caused by a derangement of the female organism. and which, while it causes a disturbance similar to ordinary indigestion, cannot be relieved without a medicine which not only acts as a stomach tonic. but has peculiar uterine-tonic effects

As proof of this theory we call at-tention to the case of Mrs. Maggie Wright, Brooklyn, N. Y., who was completely cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound after every-thing else had failed. She writes:

thing else had failed. She writes:

"For two years I suffered with dyspepsia which so degenerated my entire system that I was unable to attend to my daily duties. I felt weak and nervous, and nothing that I ate tasted good and it caused a disturbance in my stomach. I tried different dyspepsia cures, but nothing seemed to help me. I was advised to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial, and was happily surprised to fin t that it acted like a fine tonic, and in a few days I began to enjoy and properly digest. few days I began to enjoy and properly digest my food. My recovery was rapid, and in five weeks I was a well woman. I have recded it to many suffering wome

No other medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualifled endorsement, or has such a record of cures of female troubles, as has Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound



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A saving of dollars every year 3t he having cour graceries of the Big Store.

Just received a shipment of screen doors and windows at the Lumber Yard.

Dry Bones Wanted.

J. C. Lansford will pay you 27 to per hundred pounds for dry bones.

Quantity and quality is what you get when you buy Pleasant Cup Coffee from Billy Lewis & Co.

Delightful, short trips to the land of comfort to those who wear "Big Store" Walk Easy shoes.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right. Don't New Grocery Store. delay taking. Smith & French Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Wetzel were here Saturday evening to attend the Mallory line for New York to the reception at Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore's.

Compressed rolled oats put up in air tight cans-absolutely impossible for weevils to get in them -at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Brown Leghorn eggs for hatching purposes for sale at Daniel & Burton's; also Brown Leghorn chickens—the best standard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Kennedy and Miss Jo McTavish of Kennard took the train here for Houston Saturday, returning Monday.

Prevent sickness and money. Buy your screen doors and windows at the Lumber Yard. T. R. Deupree, Manager.

Before screening your house call and examine our stock of screen goods and save money. Houston County Lumber Co.

Corn for Sale,

Mayes & Moore have slip-shuck corn for sale at 50 cents a bushel. Apply at First National bank.

Delicious! Refreshing! The soda water drawn from the 20th Century fountain at

SMITH & FRENCH DRUG Co's.

The U. D. C. will hold its next meeting with Mrs. H. F. Craddock. All members and any others interested are invited to be present.

Don't be worried with your neighbors' flies. Screen doors and windows will prevent this. For sale at the Lumber Yard, T. R. Deupree, manager.

weeks.

Mike Younas Has Always

Fancy greceries, confectioneries, fresh vegetables-tomatoes, cauliflower and asparagus. fuits, nuts, etc. Phone No. 50.

Albion, Ind., are the guests of city reveals the fact that those Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wootters. Home ground meal at Billy Mrs. Croft is a cousin of Mrs. Wootters.

> Crockett manufactured cigars will be put on the local market by the first of May, so we are informed by Mr. J. A. Blohm, factory manager.

S. M. Gardner of Weches, J. M. Pelham of Grapeland and R. L. Douglass of Ratcliff are among lady. The commission met Monthose remembering the Courier day afternoon, and will select since last issue.

El Caney fishing club received King's Improved Cotton Seed twenty-two bullfrogs, eleven male and eleven female, from Houston Monday, which will be put in the club's lake north of town.

The best cultivators on earth marriage of Miss Archie Denman specially requested.

Good farm hand to work on farm and ranch. Must be a reliable man and kind to gentle stock. HILLDENE RANCH, Address Deepwater, Texas.

Your mancial future is likely it be what you make it. Buy your groceries from F. P. Parker at the New Grocery Store and the money you save will insure you a competence.

Appropriate Easter services were observed at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Special music was had for the occasion, a quartet of female voices being a leading feature.

Every housewife is particular about what she serves on the table and no grocer is more particular about what he supplies for the table than F. P. Parker at the

Tuesday evening for Galveston judge. Respectfully, where she will take passage on take a post-graduate course. She expects to be absent until August.

Children's Entertainment.

The Juvenile Missionary Society under the superintendency of Mrs. Sears will give an entertainment at the Methodist church on Sunday evening, May 7th, to which the public is invited.

Carter in that work here, the field lished in the last usue of the work of which is about finished. COURTER was carried out. Mr. Carter will be here for several weeks yet before the work is finally completed, and will then go to New York state to pursue

Walker King and son, John, went down to Galveston Saturday to see Mrs. King who has been a patient of Sealey hospital for two weeks or more. Mrs. King was able to return with them Tuesday

Dr. and Mrs. J. K. Pemberton arrived last week from Auxvasse, Mo., and will make Crockett their home in the future. Dr. Pemberton is a brother-in-law of our fellow-townsman, Mr. Winfield Potts, and comes well recom-

afternoon and is now at home.

News reached Crockett last week of the death of Florrie, the youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. LeGory and daughter, Mrs. J. A. Howard, at Del Rio, Miss Hortense, left Wednesday where the family had gone for afternoon for San Antonio where the health of the little girl. The they will remain for about three family have many friends here who mourn with them in their

One would think, after attending the school closing exercises at the Methodist church last week, that there could be no flowers left Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Croft of in Crockett. But a drive over the used as bouquets for the sweet girl graduates, and with which they were loaded down, can not be missed from the yards.

Jury Commission.

District Judge Gardner has appointed the following as a jury commission: J. E. Downes of Crockett, J. R. Richards of Grapeland and W. B. Cochran of Lovegrand and petit jurors for the next term of the district court.

Glenwood Cemetery Association.

The ladies of Glenwood Cemetery Association are requested to Misses Ethel and Frances Woot- building, Tuesday, May 2nd, at may desire. Fifty cents will get ters are at Lufkin this week, 4 P. M. Attendance of members 50 votes and 25 cent 25 votes. where they will participate in the and all interested in cemetery Single copies of the Courier will

Mrs. D. A. Nunn, Pres. Glenwood Association.

M. P. Jensen has returned from a visit to his old haunts around Henning and Fergus Falls, Minn. He says he found the weather up there still cold and that on his return he is more firmly impressed with the beauties of this section than ever. He says the people made many inquiries about this section and that he had only one answer for them all—that as general farming and fruit country it is unsurpassed.

Community Schools.

On the first Saturday in May, or as soon thereafter as practicable, all community schools Houston county will organize for the school year 1905 and 1906, and make report to the county judge of said organization. On the date of organization three trustees shall be elected and Miss Albertine Aldrich left report thereof made to county

PORTER NEWMAN, Co. Judge.

The presentation of thirteen diplomas to as many graduates and the delivery of an address to them by Hon. T. M. Campbell of Palestine marked the closing of the public schools Thursday evening at the Methodist church. Mr. Campbell's address was to the point and well received. The Mr. E. A. Kocher will leave eleven young ladies and two young this week for North Dakota men, who acquitted themselves in where he will be engaged in soil a very creditable manner, reflect-He has been assisting Mr. W. T. teachers. The program as pub-

> Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, and will not constipate ike nearly all other cough medi oines. Refuse substitutes. Smith French Drug Co.

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,

A SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST.

The Courier Makes Another Liberal Offer to the Industrious Boys and Girls of the County.

The Courier is going to offer two scholarships, each in a different college, that ought to appeal to every man and woman in Houston county. Beginning May 1 and continuing to and including June 30 any and every one paying money on subscription to the Courier will be entitled to cast a certain number of votes for some young man or young woman to receive one of the two scholarships free. Each cent paid in will represent a vote and money paid on back subscriptions will count the same as that paid on new subscriptions, except where accounts have been placed in the hands of collectors. Those paying back dues to collectors will not be entitled to votes, for the reason that a large per cent thus collected goes to the collector. With this exception, every dollar paid to the Courier or to any one for the COURIER to be placed to the credit of a subscription whether for time past or in advance will entitle the payer to cast 100 votes for any meet at music room Public School young man or young woman he be sold for 5 cents and will entitle the buyer to 5 votes. At the end of the two months the young man or young woman receiving

the highest number of votes will

be entitled to choice of the two

scholarships and the one receiving

full and unlimited courses in either

short-hand or book keeping in two

of the best business colleges of

the state and should be taken ad-

vantage of. They can be used at

any time, are transferable, and

are valued at \$40 each. This

contest will be one of merit, and

will afford the boys and girls of

the county a chance to help them-

selves as well as the Courier by

their friends and neighbors.

Every cent sent in by them on

and published each week. The

Courier expects to see interest

manifested from the beginning

and the result eagerly watched.

HEALTH IS YOUTH. Disease and Sickness Bring Old Age Herbine, taken every morning before breakfast, will keep you in robust health, fit you to ward off disease. It cures constipation, billiousness, dyspepsia, fever, skin, liver and kidney complaints. graduating class was composed of It-purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Mrs. D. W. Smith, Whitney, Texas, writes April 3, 1902: "I have used Herbine, and find it the best medicine for consurvey work and will be in charge. ing credit on both themselves and stipation and liver troubles. does all you claim for it. I can highly recommend it." 50cts a ottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

The surest and safest remedy for kidney and bladder diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Smith & French Drug Co.

Waterworks Meeting.

Persuant to call of the mayor, a meeting of the citizens of Crockett to discuss the waterworks question was held at the court house Monday afternoon, April 22, 1905. After thorough discussion the following motion, made by Hon. J. W. Madden, was carried:

Motion-It is the sense of this meeting that the city of Crockett should have waterworks, and that the city council investigate same fully for the purpose of calling an election for that purpose.

Motioned and carried that the mayor appoint a committee of two, one from city council and one citizen, to go to Huntsville and Palestine to investigate the question of cost, etc., pertaining to waterworks.

Joe Adams was appointed to take the matter up with the attorney general relative to the legality of the city issuing bonds for the purpose of waterworks.

Motion carried that the mayor call a mass meeting of the citizens to meet with city council in May for the purpose of hearing reports of committees as to estimates of cost, etc., of building waterworks and to further consider the matter of calling an election. Adjourned.

M. BROMBERG, JR.,

IT'S ALWAYS BAD.

The Best of Becks are Bad When They Ache, and Texas People Know It.

A bad back is always bad-Bad at night when bedtime the second highest will be entitled comes. Just as had in the morning

to the remaining scholarship. Ever try Doan's Kidney Pills for These scholarships are good for its?

Know they cure backache—cure every kidney ill? If you don't, some people do.

Read a case of it: Mrs. A. Sanderson, of Galveston Island, says: "I had kidney complaint off and on for nearly three years, and it could only at times be described as excruciating torture. To stoop or raise after stooping hurt severely and I could scarcely refrain from yelling. It was hard for me to go up or down doing a little soliciting among stairs or even to lift a light bucket of water. It was always worse in damp and wet weather, or if I caught cold. I wore mustard any subscription, whether new plasters and tried home remedies, or old, will be placed to their but never found anything to give permanent relief until I got Doan's credit. The votes will be counted Kidney Pills. 1 felt their direct effect on my kidneys the very first night, and in less than a week's time the pain in my back disappeared. A friend of mine was also benefitted by using Doan's Kidney Pills. I never met with such a prompt, reliable

and effective remedy." For sale by all dealers. Price. 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's and take no other.

A Dandy for Burns.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: I have used Ballard's Snow Line ment; always recommended it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. 'It is a dandy for burns.' Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns, bruise which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. I should always be kept in th house for cases of emergency 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold mith & French Drug Co.

Publisher's Notice.

maries, resolutions, cands of thanks or matter not "news" will be charged for at see of 5 cents per line. less ordering advertising or printing for less churches, committees or organizations

Our citizens have the material right at their doors for making good and hard roadways. All it takes is clay and gravel, a little energy and some money.

More progress has been made in Crockett in the matter of streets and sidewalks during the past year than during all time before. Let the good work pro-

Work has been carried to the street leading to the depot, and that street is now being graded and made hard with the use of clay and gravel. The public will be glad when this work is carried to other streets.

Crockett now has hard streets where a year ago there were beds of sand. The change has been brought about by the use of clay and gravel. These streets have stood the test of an unusually hard and wet season and have not a rut in them.

Mr. Fisher, one of the Illinois gentlemen owning a fine home and orchard near Crockett, and who has gone on a business trip to Joliet, will, we are informed, bring down a fine automobile with him on his return. This will be the first automobile to reach Crockett. It is expected that others will follow when the roads are improved and made hard.

While there has been much improvement, there is still room for much more in the matter of sidewalks for the town. In many places where fences have been moved in, the walks have been left uneven and dangerous. But those setting back their yard fences to make room for sidewalks deserve that much credit, for it is more than some of their neighbors have done.

The Crockett cigar factory is going slow until it can get Crockett tobacco. It is now working up Willis tobacco into cigars which will be put on the market as a Willis product. They are of a high grade, but the Crockett tobacco is pronounced even better than that grown at Willis. The next meeting of the Texas Tobaccrop grown here last year under co Growers' association will be storage by the government, and foregone conclusion. The assowhile an effort has been made by ciation was organized at Houston uary next the company will have the leading tobacco promoters of to make a strictly Crockett cigar association at Crockett would be and they will be so advertised. worth something to the town in in the acreage here, but finds pression that the cigar now being tobacco soil, which the county is made is not up to the standard rich in, but which fact is not Farmers first agreed to grow and up to expectations, for it is, generally known outside of this

BARGAINS

The Big Store Has for You

A warm welcome awaits each and every one who comes to the Big Store's 15 Days Bargain Sale, commencing April 26. Our stock is too large to quote the

Many Bargains

that we have to offer you. Suffice it to say that we will not be undersold on anything, but on the other hand we promise to sell you

Better Goods for Less Money

than any firm in Crockett. Come to our store and feel at home, and while there price some of our many bargains and we feel sure you will avail yourself of some of the

Good Values

By so doing you will go home a well pleased customer and tell the good news to your neighbors. Your money refunded if anything should prove unsatisfactory (except cut goods.) -Yours that sells for less,

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

binders and wrappers.

It is highly probable that the government supervision is held in held at Crockett. In fact, it is a the Crockett Cigar company to last fall with J. A. Blohm, then of get hold of it, they have so far Willis, now of Crockett, as presibeen unsuccessful. After Jan-dent. It has for its membership plenty of Crockett-grown tobacco the state, and a meeting of this We do not mean to leave the im- the way of advertising our fine and even surpasses the standard immediate section. Mr. Blohm cigar in many respects, and par- being president, can call the meetticularly so in points of manufac- ing wherever and whenever he ture, grade and aroma. But the pleases. Mr. Blohm's interests purely home-grown and home- are now here and are identified made cigar-the Crockett product with our interests in common. will have plenty of tobacco for from selfish motives or for what crop if the industry is properly use next year. Crockett was might be gained to the town from ts, but the Blohms have se- impulses and a desire to be hosthey will bring here for has been made known on previous occasions, and it is a thing in which we all take great pride and

experience and training. Crock- unless they are permitted to do PROBABLE RAILROAD EXTENSION. route and consume two or three ett has an advantage over some the right thing by the Texas other sections in that it can grow Tobacco Growers' association, and Eastern Texas Showing Renewed fillers, binders and wrappers for they feel quite equal to the occacigars, whereas fillers are general- sion in the matter of entertainly confined to certain localities, ment. Knowing them and their as are likewise and separately hospitality, the Courier takes the liberty to speak for them. The date of the meeting has not yet been determined by Mr. Blohm and his associates, but the Courier can say with reasonable assurance that it will be called at an early date.

W. M. Hinson, in charge of the U. S. tobacco work in Texas with headquarters at Palestine, was in Crockett Thursday looking after the progress of the work here. He finds a disappointment prospects good for a fine crop of tobacco on the small acreage. about seventy-five acres in all, but this amount has been reduced until the requirements of the government are hardly met. However, he says his department is still ready and willing to help all farmers who show an interest in the work. in every particular-is expected While this is true, the meeting He sees a bright future for to even surpass that. The factory will not be called here purely Houston county in its tobacco pushed. He has great confidence ened with a shortage of such meeting, but from generous in our soil and climate, and while he finds considerable interest a crop of plants from Wil- pitable. Crockett's hospitality taken, regrets that there is not more. The Courier hopes to see the new industry firmly establish-

Activity-Crockett Should Keep Awake.

A visit that is significant was made to Crockett this week by three gentlemen from east of us. The fact that three gentlemen from east of us should visit us does not in itself signify anything, for gentlemen frequently come from that direction. But the fact that these three gentlemen should come in the manner in which they came does mean something. Tuesday evening there arrived at Crockett, travel stained and tired, three heads of as many departments of the Central Coal and Coke company, the parent company of the Eastern Texas Railroad and the Louisiana and Texas Lumber companies. They were P. J. McCarthy, civil engineer, R. C. McDowell, commissary manager, and R. W. Miller, traffic manager of the Eastern Texas railroad. They came horseback and had put in the day between Kennard and Crockett. When seen at their hotel, Mr. Miller said that they had come in over the route surveyed two or three years ago by his company He could give out no information by Foley's Honey and Tar. It as to an extension, but the directors had requested him to do some reconnoitering and report. He said he would return to Kennard over a new and unsurveyed Drug Co.

days in doing so. Mr. Miller would not say positively, but the Cour-IER believes his company is getting ready to do something and that it is only a question with them of routes. They are not in the field for nothing. And right here the Courier would like to say to the business men of Crockett, and to utter a word of warning, that our people had better keep their eyes open and keep awake or something might happen that they won't like. Crockett does not want to lose this road when the extension is made. A committee should be appointed to keep in touch with the situation and empowered to act when the opportunity presents itself. Crockett does not want to let this road cross the I. & G. N. either south or north of us. We want it right here. This road is proposed to eventually open up a through line between Shreveport and Waco, and will be of inestimable value to Crockett and Houston county in the way of furthering industrial development and in the addition of taxable wealth. Messrs. Miller, McCarthy and McDowell left Wednesday at noon and expect to reach Kennard by Saturday night.

and were again looking it over. Pneumonia is Robbed of its Terrors If taken in time it will prevent an