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The testimony in the Busby case was so voluminous that it would be impossible for a paper no larger than the COURIER to attempt to give it. It would not be fair to either side to publish part and omit part. The COURIER will only attempt to note a few things brought out during the trial. Cashier Wightman of the Rusk bank took the stand Wednesday. He testified that Mr. Busby kept only one account at his bank and that that account was kept as the financial agent of the penitentiary. Mr. Busby kept no personal account at his bank. Whenever he deposited money and checks he deposited them as the financial agent and whenever he drew on the account he signed the drafts as financial agent. Something of a sensational nature was developed when the prosecution asked Mr. Wightman if it was not a fact that Mr. Busby "would give checks and

sign his name on this account as assistant financial agent for the purpose of securing money to put as margins for buying cotton futures?" The answer of the witness was "yes." The prosecution then asked: "When he put up margins for cotton futures he would check on his official account to get this money?" The answer was again "yes."

"What became of the proceeds of each cotton transaction?"

"They were credited to his account as assistant financial agent."

"Is it not true that that account practically balanced?"

"I believe, as far as I remember, there was about \$1.78 difference."

John L. Wortham testified that he was the present financial agent of the penitentiary; that he was investigating the books at Rusk when Busby left the country; that he wanted to have a conference with Busby, but could not find him. He told of his and Busby's conversation after the latter had given himself up; that he filed the complaints against Busby. Mr. Wortham testified at length as to his and Busby's conversation, and in part said:

"He said he thought I had great influence with the governor and the attorney general and he thought that if he was to pay the State the money back that I could see the attorney general and say that the State had gotten its money and it was a bunglesome sort of a job and, this and that. I don't remember exactly all of

the excuses he attempted to put into my mouth to give to the attorney general for them not to press the prosecution if he returned the money. I told him it was out of my hands; that I had tried to get him before he ran off, but could not find him; that I had refused to make an affidavit before I had seen him, but he prevented this by going away and the matter was now out of my hands, but that if he would pay me the money that was all I wanted. He asked if he paid the money what would become of him. I told him I didn't know."

Defendant Busby took the stand for himself Friday afternoon. The questions asked him by the state were of a most searching nature. It may be said that the prosecution all through was able and vigorous. Defendant explained why he ran away as follows: "I ran away because I knew what it means to be in a condition of this kind. People will be inflamed. If I return to Rusk I'll be stopped in jail. My friends would be afraid to go my bond. The penitentiary people seemed to be doing everything they could to secretly crush me." As to his movements, defendant testified that after spending two or three days in New Orleans bought a ticket to Shreveport. At Vicksburg took breakfast at hotel. Met an acquaintance there who showed him a Cincinnati Enquirer containing a telegram from Austin stating Busby had gone to

Honduras and embezzled \$150,000. Got scared again and didn't tarry for breakfast. Told his friend to order breakfast and he would bathe his face. Didn't bathe his face, but instead went to boat landing, where he saw a boat bound for Greenville. Got on the boat; but the Mississippi river is so wide he didn't get to his destination, and returned to Vicksburg. Went to Monroe, La., and from there to Pine Bluff. Stayed there one day. From there to Memphis; stayed there two or three weeks. Back to Pine Bluff, then to Camden, Ark., for one day. Then to Eldorado, Ark., and then to Natchez, Miss.

During the investigation Saturday morning Busby testified the first report of alleged shortages prepared by the experts totaled \$25,362.96. Witness denied he ever paid his grocery or merchandise accounts out of State money. Witness acknowledged to having charged the cost of his official bond to "extra service," thus making the state pay for it.

The evidence was concluded at about 4:30 Saturday afternoon and court adjourned till Monday morning at 8 o'clock when argument was begun in the case. County Attorney John Spence opened for the state and was followed by counsel for the defense, Johnson, Adams and Atkinson. Assistant Attorney General Martin closed for the state in the afternoon. Counsel on both sides were ready for the

fray and bouyed up by the importance and notoriety of the case. On the one side the dignity of the state was to be preserved and on the other the liberty of a client was at stake. Horns were locked and the battle fought. Never before was better legal talent before a Houston county jury and never before was a Houston county jury composed of a more intelligent looking set of men. They knew their sworn duty and knew what was demanded of them. The argument they listened to was forceful and the evidence they had heard was convincing. Counsel for both sides closed in the afternoon and Judge Gardner delivered his charge to the jury. The charge was exhaustive and that of a learned judge. The jury retired and between 10 and 11 o'clock Monday night announced that it had reached a verdict, which was as follows: "We the jury find the defendant guilty and assess his punishment at three years in the penitentiary. Signed, George W. Broxson, Foreman."

The COURIER has learned from some of the jurymen since being discharged that the jury on first ballot stood for from two to five years. On the second ballot it agreed on a verdict of three years. The jury consumed about three hours in its deliberations.

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Grapeland Gleanings.

EDITOR COURIER:—The lumber or a portion of it is on the ground for either enlarging or building a depot. Work will begin as soon as the lumber is all laid down.

Mr. Fred Caldwell has leased from Mr. Ney Sheridan the local telephone system.

Dr. Stafford from Augusta has moved into the home lately vacated by Dr. Robertson.

Dr. McCarty has bought the residence of Fletcher Harmon, who left Thursday for Coleman county.

Joe Dunnam has sold out to Mr. Edge. Joe will leave in a few days for "fields that are new and pastures that are green."

Dr. H. S. Robertson and Will Lively have gone to Lytle, near San Antonio, to engage in the drug business.

Prof. J. N. Snell of the Enon school and Miss Linnie Garret were married at the residence of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Ann Garret, Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Morgan officiated.

The line men of the I. & G. N. have been stopping in Grapeland for the past week, and are still here putting in new telegraph posts and otherwise repairing the telegraph line.

Turkeys have got to be quite an article of commerce, selling all the way from 9 to 12 cents per pound, the demand being greater than the supply.

There have been so many car loads of hogs shipped from here lately that we can not numerate them. Dave Leaverton has just returned from Fort Worth where he has been with a car load. This is the second car for Dave in the last ten days.

Business has been unusually good this week. The rise in cotton has caused quite a lot that was being held back to be thrown on the market, hence the good business.

Grapeland was well represented at the Houston carnival last week.

Dr. Woodard, J. M. Selkirk, J. J. Brooks and G. E. Darsey went to Palestine Friday as a committee from the citizens of Grapeland to consult with the officials of the I. & G. N. railroad in regard to the new depot that is in contemplation.

Jack Lewis has returned from Nacogdoches, where he went on orchard business.

Mrs. Will Neal of Elkhart, was in Grapeland this week visiting relatives and friends.

F. A. Farris spent several days in Galveston this week on business.

Mrs. A. N. Henry of Groveton was visiting relatives in Grapeland this week. OLD CITIZEN.

See America First.

Salt Lake city's commercial club has started a propaganda in favor of presenting, in a comprehensive and intelligent way, the claims of the west on the hundreds of thousands of United States tourists who cross the Atlantic every season. "See Europe if you will, but see America," is the club's motto. It is excellent advice. Throughout the west at least it will call out a favorable response.

The club is backing up its words by acts. It is trying to interest the governors of the Trans-Mississippi states and territories, the authorities in Mexico, the boards of trade, chambers of commerce, business men's leagues and commercial clubs of these localities, and particularly the representatives of the railways in

this big field in a conference which has been called for January 18, 1906, in Salt Lake city. This looks like business. Salt Lake's club, if it pushes its project, ought to be able to get a large attendance at its conference. The railroads, the immigration societies of the states which have any such bodies and a few commercial organizations here and there have worked along this line in the past, and doubtless have accomplished something. The Salt Lake club, however, proposes missionary work of this sort on a far larger scale and under more intelligent direction than has been attempted along to this time.

It is well for Americans to visit Europe who have the money, the time and the inclination to do this, but they ought to make a tour of their own country first. The great lakes, rivers, plains and mountains of the west are more worth seeing to the intelligent American than are many of the places which they cross the ocean to visit. No American knows his country as well as he ought to know it until he has traversed its magnificent distances to the Pacific, to the Canadian boundary and to the gulf of Mexico, and has mingled with some of the people therein. If half or a third of the hundreds of millions of dollars spent by American tourists in Europe and Asia every year were expended by them in traveling through the United States the tourists would get more enlightenment for their money and would become better Americans.—Globe-Democrat.

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Miss Roosevelt's Presents.

The Washington Post is in an ugly frame of mind about the collection of duty on Miss Roosevelt's presents and complains that we have a niggard government. Listen to this:

For her own self-respect and for the honor of her country she would have been obliged to accept an elephant of a drove of wild horses had either been offered to her. The tariff laws have victimized her as an unassuming representative of this republic. She has been forced into a position that she, no doubt, would have gladly avoided.

Of course, the collection of duty is according to law. There must be no exception, but the statute ought to be changed so as to give some qualified and responsible person the power of discrimination, and a special provision for a refund in this particular case and other cases like it would not be beneath the solemn dignity of congress. Indeed, the President or other proper officer should have a fund or the power to interdict the operation of the customs rules, to use in the event of an international courtesy. There have been many legitimate uses for such a discretionary power.

Under the present regulations the great government of the United States is placed in a ridiculous attitude. It is made a spy on friendship and a contemptible huckster for a little money. It is a spotter and a stickler in small things. It is not for the President or any member of his family that this journal is making a plea. It is for the credit of the country we appeal. It is for the abolition of a petty, pestiferous, paring policy that the generous hearts of the American people revolt against.

Newspapers must differ, and so we find that the view of the Washington Post is utterly untenable, in our judgment. Manifestly, it would be a grave departure from sound principles to exempt any person from the operation of the federal statutes. Miss Roosevelt has no official status whatever, and if foreigners are prone to regard her as a princess of the blood it will be best for her to defer future journeys to the Old World until her father's term of office expires. And since her position seems to have been misunderstood in China and Japan it is unfortunate that she took the trip at all.

It was distinctly to Mr. Roosevelt's credit that he gave the order to treat his daughter's baggage just as if it had been the baggage of somebody else, and it is creditable to the wisdom of congress that no distinction has been recognized or permitted in executing the laws of the country. We hope it will always be the case that the daughter of a President will stand before the law just as a farmer's milk maid must stand. When we depart from the principle of equality and recognize distinctions we will have ignored one of the basic principles of republicanism.

Granted that the tariff system is a spy and reprehensible and all that, its meanness in victimizing Miss Roosevelt is not worse than the mulcting of millions of people every day in the year. We are willing to relieve Miss Roosevelt of the operation of the law at the same moment that everybody else is emancipated from its tyranny and injustice, and not one minute sooner.—Fort Worth Telegram.

Herb W. Edwards Injured.

Herb W. Edwards of Des Moines, Iowa, got a fall on an icy walk last winter, spraining his wrist and bruising his knees. "The next day," he says, "they were so sore and stiff I was afraid I would have to stay in bed, but I rubbed them well with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications all soreness had disappeared." For sale by S. L. Murchison.

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The Crockett Courier

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THE BIRDS AND THE BOLL WEEVIL.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has issued a bulletin styled "Birds Known to Eat the Boll Weevil." The extent to which the native birds feed upon the cotton boll weevil is yet but imperfectly understood, but investigations have been begun by the Department with a view to determining just what species feed upon the weevil and the extent to which it enters into the fare of each.

The fact that for the past twelve years the weevil has been steadily spreading over the cotton-producing area forbids the assumption that birds are likely ever to exterminate the insects. Nevertheless, as will appear from facts presented, certain species prey upon the weevil to a greater or less extent, and it is probable that by carefully protecting such species and by encouraging their

increase the good work they now do may be greatly augmented in the future. Thus, the question of extermination aside, birds are likely to prove an effective ally in checking the increase of the pest. The fact that other species of weevils are a favorite diet with many of our insectivorous birds has been proved. It is well known that when a new insect first appears in a district birds are somewhat slow in acquiring a taste for it and in sufficiently learning its haunts and hiding places to effectively pursue and capture it. It is probable, therefore, that some birds which at present are not known to attack the weevil at all will later acquire a taste for it, and that others which now feed upon it sparingly will in future feed upon it to a greater extent.

The present report of the Department is in response to urgent appeals from the infested and threatened cotton districts for reliable information as to the species of birds which feed upon the boll weevil. Field work for the purpose of obtaining this information was begun at Seguin, Guadalupe county, in southern Texas, October 31, 1904, and was carried on at several localities in the boll weevil district until December 16. Investigations now in progress in the field and labora-

tory will cover the remainder of the year, including the season of greatest abundance and activity of the weevils, and will furnish material for more general and definite conclusions.

In the course of their investigations, the entomologists of the Department examined the stomachs of a large number of birds collected in and around the cotton fields. Sixty-four field larks were killed and examined, and 18 boll weevils were found in the stomachs of 12 of them. The 18 boll weevils eaten by the 64 birds probably represent a fair average of the number of weevils eaten at one meal at this season. Allowing the birds at least two meals a day, the birds safely may be assumed to destroy over 50 percent of their own number in weevils daily. The good work carried on throughout the fall and winter months can not fail to have an important effect on the next year's crop of weevils. Twenty-seven black birds were killed and two weevils were found in the stomachs of two of them. The fact that two out of the 27 birds killed had eaten boll weevils is of some significance when the vast number of the birds is considered.

Thirty-five specimens of Texas bobwhite were collected at Seguin between November 2 and 12, where at the opening of the hunting season they were abundant. At Seguin almost every field and pasture contained one to three coveys of 10 to 20 quail, which were generally to be found not far from their chosen roosting thickets or feeding grounds. The entomologist says: "On many of the farms one or more flocks had taken up quarters close to the houses or in the orchard or garden and had become comparatively tame. At Mr. Neel's place, where most of

my work was done, a flock of about a dozen birds lived in the orchard, garden and barnyard, and when frightened rarely flew beyond these limits. The farthest from the house that I ever found them was in the edge of the adjoining cotton field, where toward sundown they were often seen feeding. Mr. Neel called my attention to the fact that about one-third more cotton had been gathered from the part of the field near the house, where his 100 chickens and these quail habitually fed during the summer, than over the rest of the field. At the farther end of this field another flock of 8 or 10 quail lived in the mesquite brush and made daily rounds out into the field to feed. The birds were shot in other fields farther from the house, and in all cases either out in the fields, where they were usually found feeding during the morning and evening hours, or in the brush along the edges of the fields, where they roosted at night and were generally found during the middle of the day. The fact that at this time the quail were feeding almost exclusively on weed seeds was evidently due to the great abundance of freshly ripened seeds. During the summer months the quail, especially the young, are known to feed to a much greater extent on insect food, and it is reasonable to expect that later in the season, especially during the winter and spring months, after the weevils have left the cotton, the quail scratch them up from under leaves and rubbish."

Now is the time when people desiring to display a pride in such matters can improve the sidewalk in front of their property. At least now is the time when sidewalks are most needed.

The COURIER is offering prizes for the best articles by farmers on different farm subjects. The COURIER has always been the friend of the farmer and will so continue to the end. In order to create an interest in more scientific methods of farming, these prizes are offered, with the hope that the more intelligent class of farmers of Houston county will give their ideas on the subjects named. Who will be first to contribute?

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- (1.) For the best article on raising hogs at the greatest possible profit to the owner; 2 years subscription to the COURIER.
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REMARKS.

No article will be allowed to stand for a premium which exceeds 300 words in length.

The premiums will be awarded by three disinterested farmers after they have been furnished with and have carefully read all of the articles.

The committee will not consider composition, formation or style, but will pass solely on the suggestions and points presented and wholly regardless of their arrangement.

Farmers who cannot write a legible hand can dictate their ideas to some person who can write them down as dictated.

No farmer not engaged in farming will be permitted to engage in this contest, which is confined to Houston county farmers.