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HOUSTON COUNTY'S FINANCES.

Report of the Committee Appointed to Look Into County Affairs.

To the Hon. B. H. Gardner,
Judge Third Judicial Dist.

Sir:—The undersigned committee, appointed by your honor at the beginning of the present term of court to look into the financial condition of the county and the reports and books of the county officers, submit the following:

We have examined the books and accounts of the various officials as well as we could in the time allotted to us, and find them in the main correctly kept, except in some instances.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

We found instances where J. P. dockets showed convict bonds made and no bond filed; two such cases in No. 4 and one in No. 8. In the cases from No. 4 the bonds were given the constable and were not turned in by him. In the case from No. 8 the county attorney reported that he had the bond, but did not know what had become of it. We find in some instances where fines, etc., had been collected by the county attorney and others, and had not been turned in to the county treasury as promptly as should have been, but all have been paid now. We find in Mr. McLemore's and Mr. Davis' courts that there are a number of cases marked "not reported," and money not turned in to the treasury. It was the opinion of these justices of the peace that it would be cheaper for the county to let these parties go at large and gradually pay these

fines out than to commit them to jail and cause an extra expense to the county, and while we recognize the fact that this is not law, we can but concur in the views of these justices of the peace in such cases that are absolutely safe.

ESTRAYS.

We find a number of cases on the estray record over twelve months old and no disposition made of same.

TAX COLLECTOR.

We have checked his books with the county treasurer's record and find the same correct; and we also find that during his administration there has been collected a great deal of the back taxes due the county.

COUNTY CLERK.

In issuing scrip he has failed in a great many cases to insert book and page of the commissioners' minutes on his stub to show his authority for issuing, and has also failed in a number of cases to take receipt for scrip issued. The clerk has not kept commissioners' minutes correctly in that the law requires the minutes to show county treasurer's reports and the balances on hand in the different funds. Minutes only show "County treasurer's report approved."

After a diligent search we fail to find anywhere on the commissioner's minutes where contracts were made with Streeter for putting in water works system for jail, but we do find in the same minutes where he was allowed and paid \$810 for the job. Said minutes do not show anywhere, that your committee could find, a contract

with firm furnishing shelving etc. for the clerk's new office building. We find contract with Mr. Norris for the building, \$8424, and find that he has been paid on same \$5865. We find the architect has been paid \$377.35 for his services on same.

COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

We find where a former court made a contract with Mr. I. W. Murchison to collect delinquent taxes and agree to pay him ten and in some instances, fifteen per cent commission for collecting same. We believe the above order, or contract, should be abrogated by said court, as, in our opinion, it is a useless expense to the county.

We find the commissioners, in making their reports, have failed to comply with the law except in one instance (Mr. Isbell), in that the law requires them to make an itemized report of money collected and disposition of same. Their reports show only totals. We find a total of \$1808.45 expended for stationery during the year ending November 15, 1907.

DISTRICT CLERK.

As far as we could find the district clerk has kept his records well, but he, like some of the others, had funds of the county in his hands that should have been turned in, but same has now been turned in to treasurer.

COUNTY TREASURER.

We find his books well kept and same have helped very materially in our work.

COUNTY DEBT.

Bonds outstanding \$29,999.50
Reg. scrip (Co. fund) 6,880.94

Reg. scrip (R. & B. fund) 2,187.79

	\$39,068.23
Cash on hand, in the various funds, on Nov. 20, 1907:	
County fund	42.76
Jury fund	112.02
Road & Bridge fund	268.89
Court house & jail fund	551.53
R. & B. sinking fund	504.12
C. H. & J. sinking fund	424.40
Special road No. 4	550.83
Special road No. 1	5.43
Special road No. 3	17.05
Special road No. 2	9.00
Available school fund	2580.77
Permanent school fund	19,628.50
Total,	\$24,695.45

Deduct permanent school fund (not available) 19,628.50

Net available cash balance \$5,066.95

Balance county debt \$34,001.28

Respectfully submitted,
W. F. Murchison,
J. E. Downes,
C. W. Moore,
Finance Committee.

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worth doing is worth doing well. If you wish to be cured of Rheumatism, use Ballard's Snow Liniment and you will be "well cured."

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Spool Thread Numbers.

Spools of thread of different qualities are all numbered alike, irrespective of factory or maker. The reason for this is that the system of measurement of sewing cotton is practically universal, and when 840 yards of yarn weigh 7,000 grains (a pound of cotton) the makers mark it No. 1. If 1,680 yards of yarn weigh a pound it is marked No. 2, and so on, each progressive number signifying that 840 yards more are required to weigh a pound.

Resentful.

Deacon—By the way, that man Brown you married a year ago, has he paid you your fee yet? Clergyman—No. The last time I reminded him of it he said I'd be fortunate if he didn't sue me for damages.—Boston Transcript.

Obliging.

Dismal Old Lady—I don't suppose I shall ever want another pair, Mr. Sublim. Oleginous Elderly Shopman—I hope you'll wear out a lot more shoe leather yet, mum. Dismal Old Lady—Ah, but I've one foot in the grave already. Oleginous Elderly Shopman—Most 'appy to sell you a single boot, mum.—London Mail.

Entertaining.

"Is your family entertaining this season?" inquired the society devotee. "Well," answered Mr. Cumrox, "mother and the girls seem kind of amusing to me, but everybody else seems to take 'em seriously."—Washington Star.

Force of Habit.

New Arrival—Is my wife in there? St. Peter—Yes. What are you doing? New Arrival—Merely removing my shoes before going upstairs.—Harper's Bazar.

The New England Conscience. The New England conscience isn't an idea. It's an inherited disease.—Life.

Work is not a man's punishment. It is his reward and his strength.—George Sand.

RUNNING UPSTAIRS.

It Causes an Excessive and Injurious Strain on the System.

Every one knows that the ascent of a staircase is more fatiguing than ordinary walking. In walking progression is effected by a succession of lifts, inclinations and swings.

In starting the body is lifted, for example, by the levers of the right foot and is inclined forward. The left foot being then raised from the ground, the leg swings forward and is carried by its momentum beyond the right foot.

The levers of the left foot now lift the body again, and the right leg swings forward, and so the body oscillates along on a pair of pendulums. Short pendulums vibrate more quickly than long ones, and therefore short legged people step quicker than long legged people, though with no more sense of exertion.

In going upstairs the mechanism of progression is of course the same, but the lifting action, which is the real force consuming part of the process, is now greatly increased.

Instead of being just sufficient to admit of the free swing of the pendulum foot it must be so great as to project the body up at each step a distance equal to the height of the stair.

Running upstairs is thus an excessive strain upon the constitution, but where does this strain fall? The levers of motion are moved immediately by the muscles, but the muscles cannot act of themselves.

Their contractions and relaxations take place only under stimulus. They are all connected by lines of force, called nerves, with the nervous centers, and these are the sources of muscular stimulation.

Not that the nerve force of the brain is converted into the mechanical movement of progression, but nerve force is constantly drawn upon to maintain the action of the muscles, and this draft is always greatest where there is a sense of exertion.

When bodily vigor is high, the evil result of running upstairs may not be decidedly felt, but where there is debility of any of the processes this strain cannot fail to tell in some form or other with injurious effect.—St. Louis Republic.

SOME NEW YORK FIRSTS.

The first schoolmaster was Adam Roelandson, appointed in 1633.

The first graveyard was laid out in 1633 on the west of what is now Broadway, above Morris street.

The first farm, called "the company's farm," was laid out in 1633. It extended from what is now Hudson to Wall street.

The first clergyman was Dominie Bogardus, for whom a church was built in 1633. This was the first real church building in New York.

The first artist was Dirk Hermans, a Dutch officer, who made a sketch of New Amsterdam in 1633, which was afterward engraved in Holland.

The first mode of public punishment was the whipping post, set up in 1635. Upon this offenders were hoisted by the waist and suspended for such length of time as their offense called for.—New York Herald.

Champion Jumper of the Ocean.

The most stupendous of all leapers of the sea is the whale, but the whale is not a fish. I have seen a monster weighing hundreds of tons, possibly eighty feet in length, rise slowly and deliberately out of the water until it appeared to be dancing on the surface, entirely clear of it, then sink slowly back. Such a leap is on record in the annals of the British navy. A large whale cleared a boat, going completely over it, an estimated leap of twenty feet in air—how many in a lateral direction was not known.—Charles F. Holder in Outing Magazine.

Literally Speaking.

Hi Harix—Heev be yore son gif' along sense he went 'jew th' city? Si Meadowgrass—Oh, he's flourishin'. Hi Harix—I'm powerful glad tew hear it. What's he doin'? Si Meadowgrass—He's a teachin' penmanship in one ov them business colleges.—Pittsburg Press.

His Name.

Lawyer—What is your full name? Witness—K. K. K. Karl Benson. Lawyer—What do all the K's stand for? Witness—Nothing; the minister who christened me stuttered.—Boston Transcript.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated with great eclat by the 10,000 American residents of the City of Mexico.

Waco has instituted a campaign against deadbeats and tramps, and all able-bodied loafers are being run in.

Paris public school children celebrated Thanksgiving by a tree planting and by patriotic literary exercises.

Contract to build a steel bridge across the Brazos between Cleburne and Glenrose has been let, at a price of \$12,560.

State Senator R. N. Stafford of Minnola, it is stated, has retired from politics and has gone into the banking business.

J. Long of Sherman has been cultivating medical herbs for some two or three years, and finds this quite a profitable diversification.

And Luther Burbank, the plant wizard, has developed a thornless cactus, with leaves three feet long, a foot wide and three inches thick.

Five were killed and six badly injured at Waterbury by a freight train derailed at Waterbury, Conn., by a freight train running into a trolley car.

The State Treasury began cashing warrants Friday, and the outlook is that the State will have plenty of cash to continue to meet all demands with cash.

Governor Folk of Missouri, Governor Hanley of Indiana and ex-Mayor Jones of Minneapolis have been asked to take a hand in Chicago's Sunday saloon closing fight.

Guadalupe Perez, aged thirteen, was instantly killed at Ben Bolt Tuesday. He was looking into the barrel of a shotgun when it was accidentally discharged, splitting his head open.

Lee Cooper, a negro Pullman porter on the Iron Mountain between Texarkana and Memphis for the past fifteen years, died at his home in Texarkana from the effects of carbolic acid.

Judge W. W. Murray of Huntington, Tenn., one of the most prominent Republicans in Tennessee, is dead. He was born in Georgia and served in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Everett H. Webster, President of the National Steel and Wire Company, with subsidiary companies at Dekalb, Ill., Bayonne, N. J., New Haven and on the Pacific Coast, died in Jacksonville, Fla., Friday afternoon, aged thirty-eight years. He was a well known horseman.

Ricardo Castro, Mexico's foremost musician, died in the City of Mexico Friday of pneumonia. Signor Castro was only thirty years old, but had achieved international fame as a pianist and composer. He was director general of the National Conservatory of Music.

On the train in Russia bearing Secretary Taft and his party to Moscow, toasts were drunk Thursday to President Roosevelt and Emperor Nicholas. In honor of Thanksgiving, the Russian passengers presented an elaborate cake to the American Secretary, bearing an emblem of the American flag.

A jury in the United States court at Pensacola, Fla., returned a verdict of guilty in the case of Thomas Graham and J. B. Graham, prominent naval stores operators of South Alabama, charged with holding Jim McCants, a negro, in peonage.

Louis Gibson, a negro, killed his mother-in-law, Birdie Taylor, and his sister-in-law, Cora Taylor, by cutting their throats at Laveria, near San Antonio. He escaped to the woods with a Winchester.

Advices from Vladivostok via the Japanese steamer Tosu Maru state that in consequence of the recent revolution of the naval forces being incited by Jewish female students, all Jews have been deported from the fortress.

Despondent, it is supposed, because of continued ill health, Mrs. C. H. Wilkins of Lambert, Miss., secured a revolver early Friday and shooting herself in the head, died almost instantly.

Former Judge James Bradwell, one of Chicago's most distinguished pioneers, died Friday at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Helmer in that city. Judge Bradwell was seventy-nine years old, and continued in active business until his death.

EQUAL TO THE OCCASION.

This Servant Girl Was Evidently a Person of Resource.

As a source of humor the Irish servant girl has long since fallen from her high estate, a result probably due to the better class of young women from the Emerald Isle who come here annually to help confuse the eternal "servant girl question." But now and again one of the old, naively ignorant sort turns up in a New York household, as was demonstrated the other day to a caller at a house on the West Side.

The girl who responded to the bell was asked if her mistress was at home. To this inquiry she surprised the caller by putting her arms behind her back and replying in a rich brogue, as she thrust her face toward the caller: "Put th' tickets in me mouth, ma'am, an' I'll go an' see. Me hands is wet."—N. Y. Press.

SORES AS BIG AS PENNIES.

Whole Head and Neck Covered—Hair All Came Out—Cured in Three Weeks by Cuticura.

"After having the measles my whole head and neck were covered with scaly sores about as large as a penny. They were just as thick as they could be. My hair all came out. I let the trouble run along, taking the doctor's blood remedies and rubbing on salve, but it did not seem to get any better. It stayed that way for about six months; then I got a set of the Cuticura Remedies, and in about a week I noticed a big difference, and in three weeks it was well entirely and I have not had the trouble any more, and as this was seven years ago, I consider myself cured. Mrs. Henry Porter, Albion, Neb., Aug. 25, 1906."

Autos in Prester John's Country. Even in remote Abyssinia the day of the automobile has arrived, and Germany has seized occasion by the forelock. The Negus has granted to a German company a concession for an automobile line connecting Addis Abeba and Direduana, which are six days' journey by ordinary caravan. The motors will cover the distance in two.—London Globe.

Stop That Cough. If you have a cough, cold, sore throat, or chest, don't delay a moment—cure it. Simmon's Cough Syrup is a sure remedy. It makes you well.

No action will be considered truly good, unless the will was so, for by the will the act was dictated.—Seneca.

The Worst Was Yet to Come. A southern pulpit orator, one Sunday morning, was describing the experience of the prodigal son. In his endeavor to impress his hearers with the shame and remorse that this young man felt and his desire to cast away his wicked doings, he spoke thus:

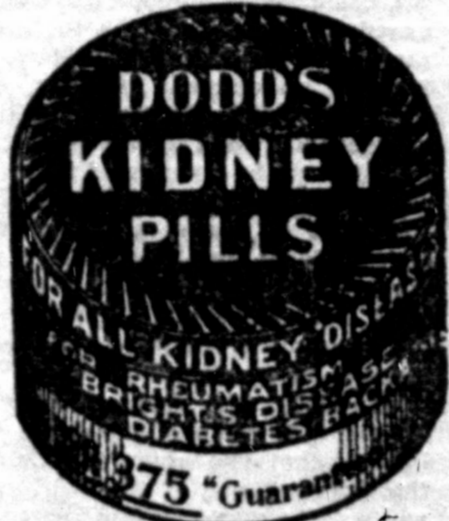
"Dis young man got to thinking about his meanness and his misery, and he tuk off his coat and frowed it away. And den he tuk off his vest and frowed dat away. And den he tuk off his shirt and frowed dat away too. And den he come to hisself."

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ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE" That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 2c.

The whole of virtue consists in its practice.—Cicero.

Strange Disease. Two middle-aged women on a car were discussing the sickness of two children of one of them. "And what does the doctor say ails them?" asked one. "The little child has some sort of a fever," was the answer, "and he said that the disease of the other was epidemic." "It's a sickness I never heard of," responded mother number one.

Might Have Been. When Shakespeare said: "Aye, there's the rub," we do not know for certain he was thinking of the itch. But one thing we do know—and know it twenty years' worth—Hunt's Cure will absolutely, infallibly and immediately cure any itching trouble that ever happened to the human cuticle. It's guaranteed.

Deserved. "How comes it that this manufacturing town elects a millionaire for mayor?" asked the stranger. "His popularity," drawled the native, "came from using perfumed gasoline in his auto."

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Destiny is darkness without a star to light the midnight gloom.

In Berlin they number the houses with illuminated paint. How about the keyholes?

It is pretty difficult to question the orthodoxy of the man who believes and acts as he professes.

How often we imagine that friends and the world have betrayed us when the fault is with ourselves.

The Vanderbilt baby is heir to \$60,000,000, in addition to colic, measles, croup, mumps and other things.

The time we spend in fearing and nursing trouble should be used in gayly kicking it out of the house.

Judge Keller gave a divorce to a man who cooked while his wife danced. Anyone would dance at the mere sight of most men cooking.

A Virginia girl found a diamond in the core of an apple. The pearl in the traditional restaurant oyster is getting hopelessly outclassed.

Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, who bemoans the fate of being rich, can depend upon it that some millions of brave Americans are willing to leap to her rescue.

Henry Phipps has opened an apartment house whose tenants must all have children. These Pittsburg millionaires are going the limit in freakishness.

Gladys Vanderbilt's share of her father's estate has grown from \$7,500,000 to \$12,000,000. Perhaps her husband-to-be will see to it that nothing of the sort happens again.

It is not likely, however, that the plan of those New York doctors to alleviate pain by exposure to a strong light will receive any testimonials from the bad trusts.

The trouble in Persia has got to such an extent that they are organizing women's committees. The east will find public matters a very different affair when the feminine finger once gets in the political pie.

Two men and a woman have been arrested by the New York police for carrying on a game of swindling in Wall street. They certainly can plead some extenuation of their offense in the influence of environment.

The Aurora (Ill.) man who is trying an exclusive diet of peanuts for 60 days has two rivals at that place. One is eating nothing but sauer kraut, and the other nothing but beans. Another man who started on green onions has given up the job. His breath got so strong that he could not control it.

Church circles in Washington, D. C., are profoundly stirred over the case of a bride who had the wedding ring placed on her fourth finger because it was too small to go on the third. Owing to an oversight on the part of the early fathers the church now provides no adequate penalty for an offense of this kind.

The New York judge who rebuked a complaining wife and told her that when her husband gave her, as he did, each week, \$34 out of his \$35 salary, she had no right to suspect him of leading a double life, that the man could not do it, was eminently right. That husband could obviously lead no more than the thirty-fifth part of a life.

An explorer declares that coal is to be found around the north pole. Hitherto all the expeditions to discover this elusive point have been more or less scientific, but now that its discovery is getting down to business the public may expect to see the coal trust organize an expedition to see this black diamond treasure first.

While China is meditating and Russia is endeavoring to hedge in the matter of formulating a constitutional government, King Menelik of Abyssinia has issued a decree forming a cabinet and reorganizing the administrative system of his country upon the most up-to-date European models. Abyssinia may yet show Russia how to do it.

New York university has opened a night college which offers regular academic courses and is empowered to confer ordinary degrees. At first night this seems to belong with the night court, the "day-and-night" bank, and other surprises which keep New York awake 24 hours a day. Yet it is not a startling innovation, after all the night schools have long been established in American cities, there are institutions giving evening instruction in law, medicine and engineering, and much studying has been done by the light of mid-

PROOF FOR TWO CENTS.

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A Fascinating Game.
A precocious little girl living on one of the crowded business thoroughfares of the city was in the habit of gazing out of the window at the busy street below for hours at a time. "What is it, Gladys, that you find so constantly interesting in the street?" asked her mother one day. "Oh," came the wise rejoinder, "just watching the cars go pro and con."—Harper's Weekly.

One Waiter with Sense.
Man in a restaurant, happening in just as a new shift of waiters came on. And having eaten a very modest luncheon this man laid down a modest tip, to be exact, five cents. And did the waiter shy off or sniff at this nickel? He did neither, but on the contrary he seemed to regard it as an augury of good fortune that his first customer should have given him something, and— "Thank you," he said, politely, to the customer, and as he turned away he added to himself: "That's a start er."—N. Y. Sun.

Going to Be Fined.
When George Ade was a newspaper reporter he was sent to "write up" an Irish laborer who had fallen from a building. When Mr. Ade arrived on the scene, several officers and others were helping the injured man into the ambulance. Mr. Ade pulled out his pad and pencil. "What's his name?" he asked one of the policemen. The injured man, who had heard Ade and who mistook him for the timekeeper employed by the contractor, rolled his eyes in a disgusted way. "What d'ye think o' that?" he muttered. "I'm goin' to be docked for the few minutes I lose goin' to the hospital!"—Success.

BEGAN YOUNG.
Had "Coffee Nerves" from Youth.

"When very young I began using coffee and continued up to the past six months," writes a Texas girl. "I had been exceedingly nervous, thin and very sallow. After quitting coffee and drinking Postum Food Coffee about a month my nervousness disappeared and has never returned. This is the more remarkable as I am a Primary teacher and have kept right on with my work. "My complexion now is clear and rosy, my skin soft and smooth. As a good complexion was something I had greatly desired, I feel amply repaid even though this were the only benefit derived from drinking Postum. "Before beginning its use I had suffered greatly from indigestion and headache; these troubles are now unknown. "Best of all, I changed from coffee to Postum without the slightest inconvenience, did not even have a headache. Have known coffee drinkers who were visiting me, to use Postum a week without being aware that they were not drinking coffee. "I have known several to begin the use of Postum and drop it because they did not boil it properly. After explaining how it should be prepared they have tried it again and pronounced it delicious." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read the booklet, "The Road to Wellville," in pages, "There's a Reason."

MAKE A PROTEST.

Want to Keep Canal Companies Interested in the Fields and Market.

Beaumont, Tex.: There is to be a big meeting of the Jefferson county rice farmers in this city on Saturday, December 7, and it is announced that there is to be a vigorous and emphatic protest made against the action of several of the rice canal companies in fixing the water rental at \$6 per acre for the next season in lieu of the old toll charge of two sacks per acre, which has always obtained in the past. "One of the chief reasons for opposing the cash payment plan," said J. C. Chaney, a prominent planter, "is to keep the rice canal companies interested in the rice and that market for rough rice."

The farmers also do not like the idea of having to pay a fixed charge in the event of an unfavorable year.

Both the farmers and canal companies are intensely interested in the matter and the prospects are for an unusually important meeting on the date named.

Killed by Live Wire.
Wachita Falls, Tex.: Billy Schmidt, proprietor of a beer saloon here, was instantly killed at 7:30 o'clock Thursday night by coming in contact with a live wire. Schmidt caught hold of a sagging telephone wire that had in some manner become crossed with a wire of the electric light company. He is survived by two grown children. Deceased was 65 years old.

Redias, Grimes Co., Tex. The railroad company has a large force of men repairing damages on the road, caused by the heavy rains ten days ago. The creeks have been as high as they ever were known to be. Some cattle were lost. Roads and bridges are in bad shape.

Officer Cantu Dead.
San Antonio, Tex.: Special Officer Cantu shot Saturday night by Ira Brown, died early Sunday morning. He realized that his end was coming and was conscious almost to the last.

Flatonia, Fayette Co., Tex. Turkeys are being rushed in this week. Prices are low.

Lameron Parish Has Gone Dry.
Lake Charles, La.: The people of Cameron Parish who have a desire for liquor will be obliged to go outside of the parish for it after Jan. 1. The only ward of the parish in which liquor can be legally sold is the Leesburg Ward, and at a special election Monday it went dry by thirty-one majority.

Anse La Butte Gusher.
Anse la Butte, La.: Reports from the Anse la Butte oil field say that the gusher there gives some evidence of failing in force. Since Sunday morning the gusher has been somewhat spasmodic, at times subsiding almost entirely and then coming with renewed energy and force. This has had a dampening effect upon some prospectors, but experienced oilmen maintain that the well will prove fully 5000 barrels a day with compressed air.

Owing to a heavy rain Friday the sugar mills throughout this parish have suspended operations.

Shipping Sweet Potatoes.
Elgin, Tex.: Elgin farmers are shipping sweet potatoes daily to Austin and other places, for which they are receiving 75 cents to \$1.25 per bushel.

KILLED HIS SWEETHEART.

Eyewitnesses Differ as to Whether It Was Intention or Accident.

Hopkinsville, Ky.: Melvin Powell, aged 17, shot and killed his sweetheart, Lillian Humphreys, aged 16, near this city Saturday night. Two eyewitnesses to the affair tell conflicting stories. Friends of Powell say that the pistol was accidentally fired, but the sister of Miss Humphreys claims that the shooting was intentional. Powell fled and has not been captured.

PRINTER KILLED.

Train Backed Onto Bell at Eagle Lake Before He Knew It.

Eagle Lake, Colorado Co., Tex.: Mr. J. R. Bell, a printer in the employ of the Advertiser of this place, was run down and killed by a Santa Fe freight train Saturday night about 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Bell and two friends, Innis Kessler and Tracey Beakes, were walking down the Santa Fe track when the train backed down upon them before they saw it. Mr. Bell is survived by a wife, and they are originally from Starksville, Miss.

Verdict in Lecompte Case.

San Antonio, Tex.: Coroner Fish has rendered a verdict in the case where Bernice Lecompte was killed by an automobile. He holds that the boy was killed by an automobile driven by R. W. Smith and owned by G. A. C. Half. The verdict goes no further than this.

San Antonio, Tex.: Seth Testard, fined \$100 and sentenced to serve three days in the county jail on a charge of ticket scalping, has been released on bond pending the hearing of his appeal. The case will be carried to the supreme court at once.

Polander Fatally Cut.

Anderson, Tex.: Lewis Podraga was badly cut in a Polander fight Monday night and is not expected to live.

Llano, Llano Co., Tex. Cotton has been coming in here at the rate of eight to ten bales a day for the past week. Prices range from 95c to 10.75c.

PRINTER KILLED.

Accidental Discharge of a Rifle Near Goldthwaite.

Goldthwaite, Tex.: Mrs. Jane Cooper died at her home on Washboard creek Friday from the effect of a gunshot wound. She was visiting at the home of Ed Swindle, who was butchering hogs. A Winchester rifle was accidentally discharged, the bullet passing through Mrs. Cooper's body, causing death five hours later.

Rigorously Enforced Speed Law.

San Antonio, Tex.: Mayor Bryan Callaghan has issued orders to the city marshal to rigorously enforce the anti-speed law. He declares that autos are in the habit of scorching through the streets, and he proposes to have them all arrested. The order followed the killing of a child in this city a few weeks ago.

San Antonio Building Permits.

San Antonio, Tex.: During the month of November, despite the financial flurry, a total of 134 building permits, amounting to \$172,595, were issued. The permit for the costliest building was issued to Mrs. Josephine Frost, who is to erect a five-story office building at the corner of Houston street and Main avenue.

Drank Old Hoss Whisky.

Waco, Tex.: At a sale of unclaimed packages sent by express to Waco, a negro man made a purchase and found among other articles in the parcel a bottle of whisky from which he took a drink. In a short time he was in a convulsion and his life was saved with difficulty.

Forced to Give Food.

Hearne, Tex.: Officers are on the trail of three white hoboes who went to the home of Victor Lockett on the north side of town and forced him to furnish them with food. They pulled their guns in forcing their treats. Late Sunday afternoon they had not been caught.

Ten Years for Attempted Assault.

Anderson, Tex.: Guss Brooks, colored, was given ten years in the penitentiary for attempt to assault a German girl near this place.

Reserve Agents.

Austin, Tex.: The following reserve agents were approved by the department of Banking Monday: For the Kilgore State Bank, the First National Bank of Chicago. For the First State Bank of Hansford, the First National Bank of Amarillo.

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TICKET SCALPING CONVICTION.

Seth Testard Was Fined \$100 and Given Three Days.

San Antonio, Tex.: Seth Testard, charged with ticket scalping, was fined \$100 and sentenced to three days in jail Monday morning. He was convicted of having violated an injunction issued against the traffic in tickets. Testard was not in court, but a bench warrant was issued for his arrest.

Texarkana, Tex. Burglars broke into the First Methodist Church Sunday night and completely ransacked the building. The only thing taken, so far as has yet been discovered, was about \$30 in cash, which the pastor, Rev. Frank Barrett, had left in a desk in his private study, and which the thieves secured by breaking the lock.

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President's Recommendations on National Legislation.

AS TO CURRENCY QUESTION

Many Defects of Present System Are Pointed Out by Chief Executive.

NOT TIME FOR TARIFF

Postponement of Discussion Until After Presidential Election Urged—Necessity for Improving Waterways of the Country.

Washington, Dec. 1.—President Roosevelt in his annual message deals vigorously with matters of national importance. Referring to the recent disturbance in financial circles he points out that the hoarding of money by the people, instead of keeping it in sound banks, was the first cause of financial stringency and a grave error. He pays a tribute to the general honesty of the men engaged in the banking business.

After quotations from his last annual message which dealt with the necessity of governmental regulations, the president asserts that his views have in no way changed and declares it is the duty of the national government to embody in action the principles he then expressed. Disclaiming any idea of advocating centralization the president insists upon the necessity for federal control of the railroads of the country through the interstate commerce commission, and also urges legislation looking to the proper control of the great business concerns engaged in interstate business, this control to be exercised for their own benefit and prosperity no less than for the protection of investors and of the general public.

Wants Federal Control.

Declaring that modern industrial conditions are such that combination is not only necessary but inevitable, the president refers to his message of a year ago concerning necessary changes in the antitrust laws. He goes on: "I ask for full power to be given the federal government, because no single state can by legislation effectually cope with these powerful corporations engaged in interstate commerce, exact from them in return full justice, exact from them the conditions of railroad activity, the conditions of our immense interstate commerce, are such as to make the central government alone competent to exercise full supervision and control."

"The antitrust laws should be made both more efficient and more in harmony with actual conditions. It should be so amended as to forbid only the kind of combination which does harm to the general public; such amendment to be accompanied by, or to be an incident of, a grant of supervisory power to the government over these big corporations engaged in interstate business. This should be accompanied by provision for the compulsory publication of accounts and the submission of books and papers to the inspection of the government officials. A beginning has already been made for such supervision by the establishment of the bureau of corporations."

"Among the points to be aimed at should be the prohibition of unhealthy competition, such as by rendering service at an actual loss for the purpose of crushing out competition, the prevention of inflation of capital, and the prohibition of a corporation's making exclusive trade with itself a condition of having any trade with itself. Reasonable agreements between, or combinations of, corporations should be permitted, provided they are first submitted to and approved by some appropriate government body."

Like National Bank Supervision.

"The congress has the power to charter corporations to engage in interstate and foreign commerce, and a general law can be enacted under the provisions of which existing corporations could take out federal charters and new federal corporations could be created. An essential provision of such a law should be a method of predetermining by some federal board or commission whether the applicant for a federal charter was an association or combination within the restrictions of the federal law. The supervision established might be analogous to that now exercised over national banks. At least, the antitrust act should be supplemented by specific prohibitions of the methods which experience has shown have been of most service in enabling monopolistic combinations to crush out competition. The real owners of a corporation should be compelled to do business in their own name. The right to hold stock in other corporations should hereafter be denied to interstate corporations, unless on approval by the proper government officials, and a prerequisite to such approval should be the listing with the government of all officers and stockholders, both by the corporation owning such stock and by the corporation in which such stock is owned."

After calling attention to the benefits which the legislation he urges would confer upon the country, the president says: "Those who fear, from any reason, the extension of federal activity will do well to study the history not only of the national banking act, but of the pure food law, and notably the meat inspection law recently enacted. The benefit to interstate common carriers and business concerns from the legislation I advocate would be equally marked."

The Currency Question.

On the question of the currency the president calls attention to his last annual message wherein he pointed out that our present system is defective and showing the need of a change. In that message he said:

"National banks should be permitted to keep a specified proportion of their cap-

ital in notes of a given kind, the issue to be taxed at so high a rate as to drive the notes back when not wanted in legitimate trade. This plan would not permit the issue of currency to give banks additional profits, but to meet the emergency presented by times of stringency. I do not say that this is the right system. I only advance it to emphasize my belief that there is need for the adoption of some system which shall be automatic and open to all sound banks, so as to avoid all possibility of discrimination and favoritism. Such a plan would tend to prevent the excessive hoarding of money and speculation which now obtain in the New York market, for at present there is too much currency at certain seasons of the year, and its accumulation at New York tempts bankers to lend it at low rates for speculative purposes, whereas at other times when the crops are being harvested the urgent need for a large but temporary increase in the currency supply. It must never be forgotten that this question concerns business men generally quite as much as bankers; especially is this true of stockmen, farmers and business men in the west; for at present at certain seasons of the year the difference in interest rates between the east and west is from six to ten per cent., whereas in Canada the corresponding difference is but two per cent. Any plan must, of course, guard the interests of western and southern bankers as carefully as it guards the interests of New York or Chicago bankers, and must be drawn from the standpoint of the farmer and the merchant no less than from the standpoint of the city banker and the country banker."

Repeats Recommendations.

"I again urge on the congress the need of immediate attention to this matter. We need a greater elasticity in our currency; provided, of course, that we recognize the even greater need of a safe and secure currency. There must always be the most rigid examination by the national authorities. Provision should be made for an emergency currency. The emergency issue should, of course, be made with an effective guaranty, and upon conditions carefully prescribed by the government. Such emergency issues must be based on adequate securities approved by the government, and must be issued under a heavy tax. This would permit currency being issued when the demand for it was urgent, while securing its retirement as the demand fell off. It is worth investigating to determine whether officers and directors of national banks should ever be allowed to loan to themselves. Trust companies should be subject to the same supervision as banks; legislation to this effect should be enacted for the District of Columbia and the territories."

Not Time for Tariff Discussion.

On the subject of the tariff the president declares himself in favor of postponing all consideration of the question until after the presidential election. He says:

"The income account of the nation is in a most satisfactory condition. For the six fiscal years ending with the first of July last, the total expenditures and revenues of the national government, exclusive of the postal revenues and expenditures, were in round numbers, revenues, \$3,455,000,000, and expenditures, \$2,770,000,000. The net excess of income over expenditures, including in the latter the fifty millions expended for the Panama canal, was \$190,000,000 for the six years, an average of about \$31,000,000 a year. This represents an approximation between income and outgo which it would be hard to improve. The satisfactory working of the present tariff law has been chiefly responsible for this excellent showing. Nevertheless, there is an evident and constantly growing feeling among our people that the time is rapidly approaching when our system of revenue legislation must be revised."

"This country is definitely committed to the protective system and any effort to uproot it could not be carried without spread industrial disaster. In other words, the principle of the present tariff law could not with wisdom be changed. But in a country of such phenomenal growth as ours it is probably well that every dozen years or so the tariff laws should be carefully scrutinized so as to see that no excessive or improper benefits are conferred thereby, that proper revenue is provided, and that our foreign trade is encouraged. There must always be, as a minimum a tariff which will not only allow for the collection of an ample revenue but which will at least make good the difference in cost of production here and abroad; that is, the difference in the labor cost here and abroad, for the well-being of the wage-worker must ever be a cardinal point of American policy. The sole consideration should be to see that the sum total of changes represent the public good. This means that the subject can not with wisdom be dealt with in the year preceding a presidential election, because as a matter of fact experience has conclusively shown that at such a time it is impossible to get men to treat it from the standpoint of the public good. In my judgment the wise time to deal with the matter is immediately after such election."

Income and Inheritance Tax.

There has been no change in the mind of the president concerning the advisability of an income tax and an inheritance tax. In the message he says:

"When our tax laws are revised the question of an income tax and an inheritance tax should receive the careful attention of our legislators. In my judgment both of these taxes should be part of our system of federal taxation. I speak definitely about the income tax because one scheme for an income tax was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court; while in addition it is a difficult tax to administer in its practical working. Nevertheless, a graduated income tax of the proper type would be a desirable feature of federal taxation, and it is to be hoped that one may be devised which the supreme court will declare constitutional. The inheritance tax, however, is both a far better method of taxation, and far more important for the purpose of having the fortunes of the country bear in proportion to their increase in size a corresponding increase and burden of taxation. The government has the absolute right to decide as to the point upon which a man shall receive the bequest or devise from another, and this is in the devolution of property is especially appropriate for the imposition of a tax."

Due Enforcement of Law.

On the matter of the impartial en-

forcement of the laws the message says:

"A few years ago there was loud complaint that the law could not be invoked against wealthy offenders. There is no such complaint now. The course of the department of justice during the last few years has been such as to make it evident that no man stands above the law, that no corporation is so wealthy that it cannot be held to account. Everything that can be done under the existing law, and with the existing state of public opinion, which so profoundly influences both the courts and juries, has been done. But the laws themselves need strengthening in more than one important point; they should be made more definite, so that no honest man can be led unwittingly to break them, and so that the real wrongdoer can be readily punished."

"The two great evils in the execution of our criminal laws to-day are sentimentality and technicality. For the latter the remedy must come from the hands of the legislatures, the courts and the lawyers. The other must depend for its cure upon the gradual growth of a sound public opinion which shall insist that regard for the law and the demands of reason shall control all other influences and emotions in the jury box. Both of these evils must be removed or public discontent with the criminal law will continue."

Use of Injunctions.

Referring to the question of the use and abuse of injunctions the president declares:

"Instances of abuse in the granting of injunctions in labor disputes continue to occur, and the resentment in the minds of those who feel that their rights are being invaded and their liberty of action and of speech unwarrantably restrained continues to grow. Much of the attack on the use of the process of injunction is wholly without warrant; but I am constrained to express the belief that for some of it there is warrant. This question is becoming more and more of prime importance, and unless the courts will themselves deal with it in effective manner, it is certain ultimately to demand some sort of legislative action. I earnestly commend to the attention of the congress this matter, so that some way may be devised which will limit the abuse of injunctions and protect those rights which from time to time it unwarrantably invades."

In Industrial Disputes.

The president favors compulsory investigation by the national government of industrial disputes, saying:

"Strikes and lockouts, with their attendant costs and suffering, continue to increase. For the five years ending December 31, 1905, the number of strikes was greater than those in any previous ten years and was double the number in the preceding five years. These figures indicate the increasing need of providing some machinery to deal with this class of disturbances in the interest alike of the employer, the employe and the general public. I renew my previous recommendation that the congress favorably consider the matter of creating the machinery for compulsory investigation of such industrial controversies as are of sufficient magnitude and of sufficient concern to the people of the country as a whole to warrant the federal government in taking action."

The recent strike of the telegraphers is cited as an instance where such power might profitably have been used.

Child Labor Evil.

The necessity of checking the evil of child labor is pointed out with much directness. On the relation between capital and labor the president asserts that public opinion must be aroused in condemnation of evil practices on both sides. The work of the department of agriculture is given high praise and the importance of the department pointed out. Cooperation with farmers' associations is urged. The necessity of a national system of inspection and grading of grain, to correct evils complained of, is also pointed out.

National Water Highways.

Showing the necessity for the development of the national water highways the message says: "Our great river systems should be developed as national water highways; the Mississippi, with its tributaries, standing first in importance, and the great lakes to the north of them are many others of importance on the Pacific, the Atlantic and the gulf slopes. The national government should undertake this work, and I hope a beginning will be made in the present congress; and the greatest of all our rivers, the Mississippi, should receive special attention. From the great lakes to the mouth of the Mississippi there should be a deep waterway, with deep waterways leading from it to the east and west. Such a waterway would practically mean the extension of our coast line into the very heart of our country. It would be of incalculable benefit to our people."

"The incident of creating the deep waterway down the Mississippi, the government should build along its whole lower length levees which, taken together with the control of the headwaters, will at once and forever put a complete stop to all threat of floods in the immensely fertile Delta region. The territory lying adjacent to the Mississippi along its lower course will thereby become one of the most prosperous and populous, as it already is one of the most fertile, farming regions in all the world."

"I have appointed an inland waterways commission to study and outline a comprehensive scheme of development along all the lines indicated. Later shall lay its report before the congress."

Public Lands.

Extension of the work of irrigation and the reclamation of waste lands is advocated, together with a revision of the present land laws in the interest of the actual home-maker. The unlawful fencing of public lands for private grazing, the president says, must be stopped, but at the same time the necessity which occasioned it must be provided for. Several plans are recommended.

Conservation of the mineral wealth of the country, and the necessity for the preservation of the forests to prevent a timber famine, are dwelt upon. Draconic action by the congress is urged.

Would Repeal Duty on Wood Pulp.

The president declares in favor of the repeal of the duty on wood pulp, at the same time declaring that it should if possible be accompanied by an agreement with Canada that there should be no export duty on Canadian pulp wood.

That the government should own and lease mineral and oil lands is the belief of the president.

Work on the Panama canal is declared to be proceeding in a satisfactory man-

ner, and figures given to substantiate the statement.

For Postal Savings Banks.

On the question of postal savings banks and the establishment of a parcels post system the message says:

"I commend to the favorable consideration of the congress a postal savings bank system as recommended by the postmaster general."

"I further commend to the congress the consideration of the postmaster general's recommendation for an extension of the parcel post, especially on the rural routes. These recommendations have been drawn up to benefit the farmer and the country storekeeper; otherwise, I should not favor them, for I believe that it is good policy for our government to do everything possible to aid the small town and the country district. It is desirable that the country merchant should not be crushed out."

Some form of local self-government for Alaska is asked of the congress, and that the rights of citizenship be conferred upon the people of Porto Rico.

Campaign Contributions.

The president says: "It is well to provide that corporations shall not contribute to presidential or national campaigns, and furthermore to provide for the publication of both contributions and expenditures. The need for collecting large campaign funds would vanish if congress provided an appropriation for the proper and legitimate expenses of each of the great national parties, an appropriation ample enough to meet the necessity for thorough organization and machinery, which requires a large expenditure of money. Then the stipulation should be made that no party receiving campaign funds from the treasury should accept more than a fixed amount from any individual subscriber or donor; and the necessary publicity for receipts and expenditures could without difficulty be provided."

The extension of the Ocean Mail act of 1891 is recommended as an aid to American shipping. A subsidy for Pacific steamers, the president thinks, is necessary.

That the army in the past has been niggardly provided for and should be more generously dealt with is dwelt upon at length, together with recommendations for future legislation.

Yearly additions to the navy are recommended and in the president's judgment the country should build four battleships this year.

Reasons for Pacific Cruise.

Concerning the dispatch of the fleet to the Pacific, the president believes it should be shifted between the two oceans every year or two as a means of teaching officers and men how to handle the vessels in a time of war.

Although the results of The Hague conference are declared not to have been up to expectations, a degree of good is said to have resulted, notably a provision by which the powers taking part in the conference agreed not to have recourse to armed force for the collection of debts owed to their citizens by foreign countries.

The expectation of the government is declared to be to turn over Cuba to a government chosen by the people of the island within the coming year.

German Tariff Agreement.

Concerning the tariff agreement entered into with Germany, its object is declared to have been the prevention of a tariff war between the United States and that country. The work of the commission which made the agreement is praised.

The president asks for authority to remit to China all indemnity in excess of the sum of \$11,455,492.69 and interest at four per cent.

In conclusion the message congratulates the country on its present cordial relations with all countries, particularly the sister republics to the south.

HAD HER PLANS WELL LAID.

William Was Not Likely to Take Virs Away in a Hurry.

Virs, the Morse's sable cook, announced to her mistress that she intended to be married the next week, says the Youth's Companion. Mrs. Morse was filled with regret. "O Virs," she cried, "I was afraid William would persuade you at last! You said you'd never leave us."

"Why, I isn't gwine to leabe you, honey," and Virs patted the shoulder of her young mistress in a comforting way. "I's jes' natchelly marrying dat Willum now to keep him from pestering me. He's been roun' too much lately, an' yet if I cas' him off, he'll get into mixtrious comp'ny. I's marrying dat boy to sabe him."

"Yes," said Mrs. Morse, somewhat reassured by Virs's tone, but slightly bewildered, nevertheless, "I know it will be a fine thing for him, Virs, but won't he want to take you away?"

"Whar he get de money?" inquired Virs, returning to her work of beating eggs with renewed vigor. "I's sated de money fo' his honeymoon trip, and I's got his plans all laid out fo' him. He's got a ticket out to California an' to bring my ole farder back east; an' den I's gwine send him down souf fo' my sista, an' den up in Canada fo' my brudder, an' when he gets da famly all rounded up, an' has to sup po't 'em mostly, you t'ak he's gwine be in a hurry to hab me to suppo't, honey?"

Left a Generous Will.

Signor Eugenio Padova's tradespeople will bless his memory. He was a rich Italian gentleman who lived for many years in Paris, and has just died, leaving an original but generous will. He bequeaths \$600 to be divided among all the barbers who ever shaved him at a hair-dresser's where he went regularly. Every waiter who served him in the restaurants in which he was accustomed to dine gets a legacy. He leaves money also to the clerks of the shops of which he was a regular customer, and to the servants of the clubs to which he belonged.

MGHI SWEATS, NO APPETITE, USED PE-RU-NA.



MRS. LIZZIE LOHR, 1155 W. 13th St., Chicago, Ill., writes:

"I take pleasure in writing you these few lines, thinking there may be other women suffering the same as I did. I had my complaints for over a year, night sweats all winter and no appetite. I was run-down so far that I had to sit down to do my cooking, I was so weak."

"I tried many different medicines and doctors also. Nothing seemed to do me any good. The doctors wanted to operate on me."

"At last I wrote to Dr. Hartman. I told him just exactly how I was, and he told me what ailed me and how I should take Peru-na."

"I did as he told me for four months, and now I am all cured."

"No one can tell how thankful I am to him, as I had given up all hopes of ever getting well again."

"I am a widow and the mother of six small children who depend on my support. I work all day and seldom get tired."

"I took five bottles of Peru-na in all. Any woman wishing to know more about my case may write to me and I will gladly tell all about it."

"I thank Dr. Hartman for what he has done for me."

A Sensitive Soul.

Owen Mudge was a very sensitive man. More than once at a harsh word he had forsaken profitable work and gone home for sympathy to his wife.

One morning Owen started out to help Glenn Butler, who had bought a new stump-pulling machine and was preparing to clear a field.

Toward noon Owen came back. Mrs. Mudge sighed and waited sympathetically for the explanation.

"I just couldn't stand it," said Owen, rubbing his jaw. "When I saw that stump-puller twist them roots out, it reminded me so of the times I went to the dentist to get back teeth extracted. The first thing I knew I was limp as a rag, and I just ached all over and had to quit."—Youth's Companion.

At the County Fair.

"Doing a land-office business, eh?" remarked the man from the city. "What is that you are selling, anyway?"

"Blessed if I know myself, boss," whispered the fakir at the county fair; "it has zigzag lines all over it and when a woman comes up I sell it to her as a skirt pattern and when a man comes up I sell it to him as a guaranteed and genuine map of Mars."

Ask your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease. "I bought Allen's Foot-Ease recently. It cured my corns and the burning and itching sensation in my feet and I would not be without it. Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." 25c at all Druggists.

Some real estate dealers waste a lot of valuable time in trying to make mountains out of mole hills.

SICK HEADACHE

Positively cured by these Little Pills.

They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Dizziness, Nausea, Drunkenness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pain in the Side, TORPID LIVER.

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HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Write for Catalogue.

\$30 AN HOUR

MERRY GO ROUNDS

See How Taken in 1905

BIG FIRE IN HOUSTON.

THREE-QUARTERS OF A MILLION DOLLARS LOSS.

INSURANCE IS VERY SMALL.

Three Persons Were Hurt But None of Them Sustained Injuries Which Will Be Serious.

Houston, Tex.: The most valuable block in Houston was visited by fire Sunday night, starting at 11:30 and raged for three hours, destroying property to the estimated value of \$750,000.

The Houston Theatre building with its entire contents, that of the United States federal court room and all the court records and the business establishments of a number of merchants, real estate agents, lawyers and doctors, with all their papers and furniture, were a total loss. There were more than 100 occupants of this building alone.

Three people are known to have been injured, but none of them seriously, while there were numbers of rumors to the effect that several people were caught in the federal court room and roasted beneath the red-hot bricks of the wall which fell in after the flames had been raging about an hour.

The block is the most centrally located in the city, bounded by Main, Preston, Fannin and Congress, and the half of the block fronting on Fannin, the theater side of the building, is a total loss, while two of the buildings fronting on Main street were greatly damaged; the stocks in at least one instance were a total loss.

The fire originated from a mysterious explosion, which was heard by dozens of people, and one man, H. J. Larson, deputy county clerk, who was standing at the corner of Main and Congress, states that following the explosion the roof of the Dunn building seemed to go up several feet and then settle back, and the flames quickly followed. Just whether the explosion occurred in the building or in the small alley in the rear of this building and alongside the theater, or if in the building, just where are matters of doubt. At any rate, the Dunn building was the first affected, and the flames quickly spread to the rear of the building occupied by the S. L. Sam Dry Goods store, at the same time spreading to the upper floors of the building owned by C. Pilot and to the Theater building, fronting the other street, all of the having frontage on the alley.

Persons hurt: W. D. Van Wagenan, Harry Lee, J. B. Cochran.

Property destroyed: Houston theater building, Pilot building, on Main street, J. C. Sellers' (old Pilot) building, Mrs. Annexa Miller's building, Dunn building, Mrs. Jones' building.

Origin: Explosion either in the Dunn building or in the alley which ran alongside the theater building.

Loss: Estimated at about \$750,000.

Insurance: Estimated at \$250,000.

ALEXANDER KILLED.

Jack Essary Was Arrested on a Charge of Killing.

Laredo, Tex.: Arturo Alexander, son of late John B. Alexander, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens, was killed Thursday night at his home in Palaoz, thirty miles above Laredo. Jack Essary, a young man, whose family recently settled in Webb county, was arrested by the Sheriff Friday charged with the killing of young Alexander.

FLEAS DID NOT PERFORM.

Charges of Swindling Filed Against the Proprietor.

San Antonio, Tex.: Alleging that he was "buncoed," in that he paid 150 admission to the so-called flea circus on last Sunday, M. F. Thomas, superintendent of the Southwestern Telephone Company, has filed charges of swindling against the proprietor of the circus. The sleeper claimed that the fleas pulled carriages, juggled gold balls, danced, walked tight ropes and did many other things. Mr. Thomas alleges that he paid his admission and that the fleas did not perform.

Rock Pile for Negro Women.

Fort Worth, Tex.: The rock pile treatment for negro women convicted in the Fort Worth corporation court is the latest innovation planned by Dallas Commissioner Mulkey. Mr. Mulkey says he will introduce this method within the next few weeks of dealing with negro women whose conduct is in violation with the laws.

Boy Dies From Burns.

San Antonio, Tex.: Roy Dyer, the nine-year-old son of a widow, died here Sunday night after much suffering. The remains were shipped on Monday train today to Mount Pleasant, where he will be buried.

BOOK ON AGRICULTURE

PROF. WELBORN WRITING ONE FOR USE IN TEXAS SCHOOLS.

WELL FITTED FOR THE WORK

He is Not Only Acquainted With Texas as Conditions, But Has Been a Traveler and Observer.

College Station, Tex.: Prof. W. C. Welborn, vice director and agriculturist of the Texas Experiment Station, has well along toward completion a book on Texas agriculture intended for the public schools of the State. Prof. Welborn has, during the last five months, been all over the state, has made a special study of the soils, crops and agricultural conditions generally, and has lectured to a large number of teachers' institutes over the state on introducing agriculture into the schools. Throughout the State he has met with a general demand from the superintendents and teachers for a Texas book dealing especially with Texas conditions. President Harrington and the college faculty generally have urged Prof. Welborn to undertake this work, as they regard him as one of the best equipped men in the country for the task, combining, as perhaps no other man in the country does, the theoretical and practical information needed. He has traveled extensively over the world and has studied the agriculture of all countries and climates, and writes and speaks scientific truth in clear, simple, forcible language. Every department of the college is contributing the results of its research to Prof. Welborn's book. Besides, the condensed results of every experiment station in the country are being drawn on and adapted to Texas conditions, so that there can be little doubt of the book being one of unusual value to Texas schools, Texas farmers and homeseekers expecting to invest in Texas lands.

The book will be offered to the State Text Book Board at its actual cost of publication, as neither Prof. Welborn nor the college will ask for or accept any remuneration for the preparation of the work.

CLOSED TO TRAFFIC.

Physicians Find it Impossible to Visit Their Patients.

Houston, Tex.: The conditions existing in the eastern portions of the Third ward are said to be so bad that butchers, bakers and grocers have absolutely refused to deliver goods to the residents of that district, and to cap the climax it is stated that physicians absolutely refuse to make sick calls after night owing to the mud and water and the absence of sufficient electric lighting. It is impossible to penetrate far into the district in vehicles of any description, and since there is practically no street car service it is not possible for doctors to answer sick calls.

DONLEY'S WIFE BEATEN.

Officers Went to Arrest Him—He Resisted With a Gun.

Shiner, Lavaca Co., Tex.: The wife of Jim Conly, colored, came to town Sunday all spattered with blood and said her husband had committed an assault on her and tried to kill her. Sheriff A. B. Noble was at once notified, and also Deputy Sheriff Strauss, who went out to arrest Conly, who resisted arrest and shot at both officers several times, who also had to use their guns to frighten Conly, who was finally overpowered and put in irons. Conly will have several charges preferred against him, assault to kill and resisting an officer with deadly weapons. Conly is a tenant on the McMurray farm, close to town, and up to lately has borne a good reputation.

A BAD EGG.

Son of a Wealthy Californian is Wanted in His Native State.

New Orleans, La.: Scarcity of money and numerous holidays are the excuses which the police at Los Angeles offered to the police of New Orleans for not sending for a prisoner who has been held here for several weeks at the request of the California authorities. The prisoner, C. M. Barkley, was arrested here on a charge of uttering fraudulent checks.

Barkley, who is said to be the son of a wealthy Californian, is also wanted by the police of Aguascalientes, Mexico, on charges of uttering bad checks.

Illinoisan a Suicide.

Dallas, Tex.: H. Conney, aged about 45 years, claiming to have come to Dallas from Decatur, Ill., shot himself to death in a room of the Air Villa hotel on Central avenue about noon Wednesday. A 38-caliber pistol was the weapon used, the ball entering the right temple.

FROM ALL OVER TEXAS

The Dallas Presbytery adjourned at Terrell Thursday, to meet at Grand Saline next year.

Dallas merchants are arranging to have all downtown streets illuminated during the holidays.

The new addition to the Dallas postoffice was completed last week and is now occupied.

Work, it is said, will be commenced on Temple's \$45,000 Santa Fe depot within the next six months.

McKinney has voted bonds to the amount of \$26,000 for city park and waterworks and electric light extensions.

Government entomologists stationed at Dallas state that the recent cold snap has been very destructive to boll weevils.

Fire destroyed seven buildings at Enloe Wednesday night with their contents. The loss is \$20,000. Origin of the fire unknown.

Miss Flora Minn, a young lady living in Rosen Heights, Fort Worth, was so badly burned by an exploding lamp that she may not recover.

Notification has been received of the robbery of the postoffice at Oran, Palo Pinto County. Money and stamps to the amount of \$100 were taken.

It is expected by the superintendent that the Praetorian building, the tallest building in the Southwest, in Dallas, will be completed by March 1.

Pauline Beck Hohes, corresponding secretary of the Reagan Monument Association, is out in an appeal for funds to build a worthy monument to the great Texan.

Alumni and ex-students of the Texas University who are now residing in Fort Worth will give a banquet at one of the hotels in that city on the night of December 12.

Floyd Johnson, the 16-year-old son of J. T. Johnson, Coahoma, a ranchman, while hunting accidentally shot himself through the foot with a 38-caliber Winchester.

Thirteen cars on the Cotton Belt went in the ditch two and one-half miles west of Omaha Friday, eleven of which were loaded mostly with lumber. No one was hurt.

In a wreck on the Aransas Pass road Friday morning near Muldoon one car and the caboose went into the ditch. Conductor Beattie was fatally hurt. Brakeman May had both legs crushed.

While John Moore, the night watchman for the Diamond Roller Mills in Taylor, was unloading a six-shooter, the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet entering his stomach and finding lodgment in his back near the left kidney. He is in a critical condition.

the own sturdy brain has begun and whirl the honest thought, that n the the grass is touched with br, had or the sear is on the leaf, he, roods will stand erect with a laugh with milkmaid from the adjoining In on whose cheeks has fallen a t

Mayor Callaghan, San Antonio, has given orders to the city market masters and the city meat inspectors that the pure food law shall be rigidly enforced, and a crusade is to be begun at once against unclean meat markets.

Some 3000 entries have been made for Fort Worth Poultry Show, which opened Monday, among them being a 60-pound turkey, a \$1000 fox terrier, buffalo, and almost every kind of fowl and dog.

The Land Office will have for distribution about December 1 a list of the land that is now on the market and unsold and unleased. This list will also contain lands which will come on the market by reason of cancellation of leases.

Mayor A. C. Stuart, Texarkana, who is now rounding out his third term, has been petitioned by nearly all of the leading Democrats to stand for another term, and has responded that he will do so.

The retail grocery store of J. N. Prothro at Big Sandy was entered some time during Thursday night, while a drizzling rain was in progress, and at least \$200 worth of goods taken away. Entrance was effected through a rear door.

AS SHE HAD BEEN ORDERED.

Domestic Cleared Everything Left Over Out of the Ice Box.

There recently entered the service of a Cleveland family a domestic of Scandinavian origin. She had never seen a refrigerator before, and the lady of the house, after initiating her into its mysteries, instructed her never to leave anything old or left over in the ice-box, but to keep the refrigerator perfectly clean and fresh by throwing the old things away each morning.

The very next day the mistress, looking out of the window, observed something peculiar in the yard.

"What is that, Sophie?" she asked.

"And how did it get there?"

"That is old ice, ma'am," was the proud response, "left over from yesterday. I t'row it away lake you tol me."—Harper's Weekly.

Experience.

"Experience is the best teacher," remarked the man who indulges in trite sayings.

"Yes," answered the skeptic; "but occasionally, as in distinguishing between mushrooms and toadstools, your education comes too late to be of any service."

Training Lion for Exhibition.

It takes four years to train a lion for exhibition work, but only one animal in four is available for training. A few accomplishments increases the animal's value five fold.

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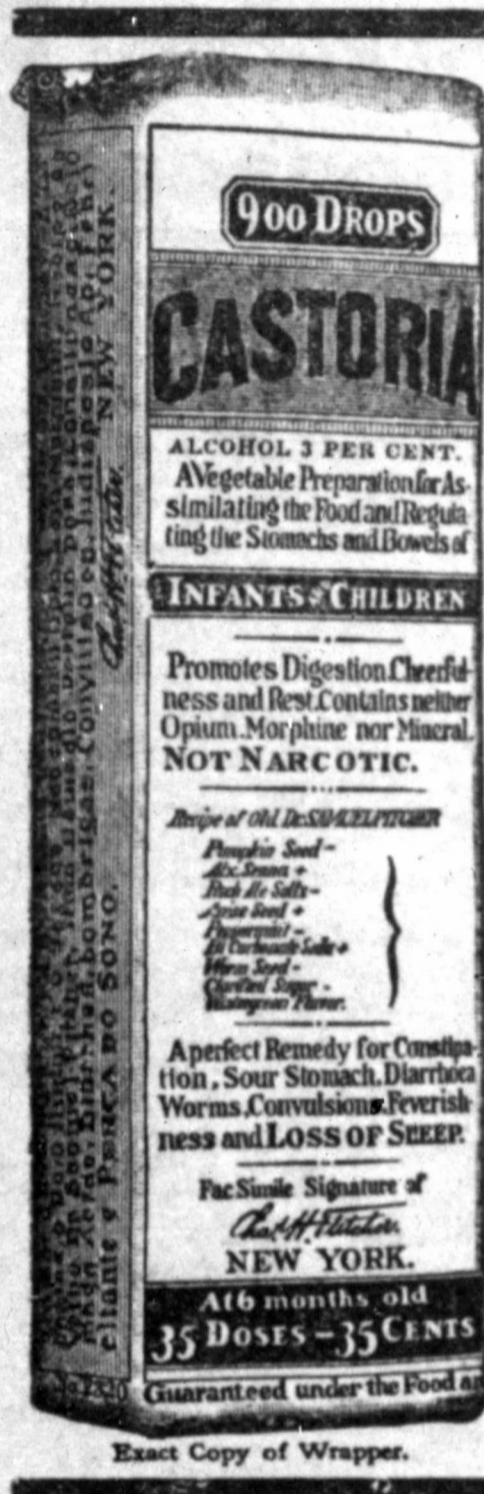
of the Well-Informed of the World has always been for a simple, pleasant and efficient liquid laxative remedy of known value; a laxative which physicians could sanction for family use because its component parts are known to them to be wholesome and truly beneficial in effect, acceptable to the system and gentle, yet prompt, in action.

In supplying that demand with its excellent combination of Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, the California Fig Syrup Co. proceeds along ethical lines and relies on the merits of the laxative for its remarkable success.

That is one of many reasons why Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna is given the preference by the Well-Informed. To get its beneficial effects always buy the genuine—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., only, and for sale by all leading druggists. Price fifty cents per bottle.

SPOT CASH

FOR SOLDIERS AND HEIRS
All federal soldiers and sailors who served 90 days between 1891 and 1898 and who homesteaded less than 80 acres before June 22, 1894, are entitled to additional homestead rights which I buy. If soldier is dead, his heirs can sell. Talk to old soldiers, widows and heirs. Find some soldier relative who went West or South after the war and homesteaded government land. Get busy and make some easy money. Write Henry N. Gorry, Washington, D. C. for further particulars.



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For Infants and Children.
The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of

In Use For Over Thirty Years
CASTORIA

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Opportunity Knocks

Why Not Open the Door?

Land is the Basis of All Wealth. It is Getting Scarcer All the Time and Consequently Prices are Bound to Go Up.

Buy Now When You Can Get In On the Ground Floor.

Read the Following:

Bowie, Texas, April 19, 1907.

Dr. C. F. Simmons, San Antonio, Texas.
Dear Sir:—I purchased a farm and two lots in your Atascosa County ranch from Mr. Farrington, your agent at Alford, Texas.
Several of my friends became interested and wanted me to go and look at the ranch, and I have just returned from an investigation of it.
I spent two nights and one day on the ranch, and went over as much of it as we could while there, and I am entirely satisfied with my purchase.
I found the land as good as recommended. It is the largest single body of good land, so far as I could see, with the least amount of waste land that I was ever on.
With best wishes, I am
Yours truly,
J. H. MESSER.

Dr. Simmons will sell you a truck farm of from 10 to 640 acres in the garden spot of Texas, and two town lots for \$210—payable \$10 a month without interest. Write today for literature, views of the ranch and name of nearest agent.

DR. C. F. SIMMONS,

215 Alamo Plaza, San Antonio, Texas.

COLT DISTEMPER

Can be handled very easily. The sick are cured, and all others are made stable, no matter how "spiced" kept from having the disease, by using SPON'S LIQUID DISTEMPER CURE. Give as the horses or to feed. Acts on the blood and expels germs of all forms of distemper. Best remedy ever known for horses in foal. One bottle guaranteed to cure one case. He said it a bottle. It end 50 dozen of druggists and harness dealers, or sent express paid by manufacturer. Cut shows how to position throat. Get true horse remedy in existence—twelve years.
SPOHN MEDICAL CO., Goshen, Ind., U. S. A.

BRICKERS

Do You Know

That You Can Buy Valuable and Elegant

Xmas Presents

at Bricker's Cheaper Than You Can Buy Them Anywhere Else in the State?

JEWELER J. A. Bricker OPTICIAN

BRICKERS

Ladies' Gold Umbrellas,
Clocks, Watches,
Watch Chains,
Bracelets, Combs,
Silverware,
Hand-Painted Chinaware,
Spectacles.
Fitting of Glasses a Specialty
and Fit Guaranteed.

JEWELER J. A. Bricker OPTICIAN

Local Items.

Buy it from French, the Druggist.
25c cigars at Crysups' Drug Store.

J. C. Hipple was here this week from Chicago.

Hyman Harrison and Wise Hall were here this week.

Buy your Christmas suit from Shupak Tailoring Co.

Mrs. L. R. Allbright is selling out her millinery at cost.

The Big Store has plenty of bagging and ties for you.

You get the best if you buy it from French, the Druggist.

Best hog fencing and barb wire, the Big Store has them both.

Mr. D. J. Cater is among the number remembering the Courier.

Jas. S. Shivers & Co. sell the best cook stove, it's the Darling.

Mrs. G. W. Crysups of Jacksonville is visiting her son, J. T. Crysups.

Gunther's candies, a new shipment just in, at Crysups' Drug Store.

D. B. Smith of Lovelady was a caller at the Courier office last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harris of Palestine spent Sunday in Crockett.

The Best at the lowest price possible if you buy from French, the Druggist.

Raisins, currants, fruits and nuts of all kinds for your cakes at Johnson Arledge's.

Send me your order for Christmas whiskey. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

Try Lowney's if you want the best in candies. We have it in stock. Murchison & Beasley.

Send me your order for your Christmas whiskey. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

Cleaning and pressing is best done by practical tailors—that's just what we are. Let us renew your old clothes.

SHUPAK TAILORING Co.

For Sale.

Six bronze turkey gobblers. Phone 38.

The best line of toilet preparations in Houston county at Crysups' Drug Store.

A party of railroad men are running a survey down the east side of the Trinity river.

Send me your order for your Christmas whiskey. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Tex.

The town was filled with shoppers Wednesday and all merchants seemed to be doing a good business.

Send me your order for your Christmas whiskey. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Tex.

Lady Box Calf Shoes for \$1.00. See them means to buy them. Sold by Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Send me your order for your Christmas whiskey. Address Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Tex.

T. R. Cook of Porter Springs was in town Saturday and renewed his subscription to the Courier for 1908.

You will make no mistake by buying a sack of flour for your X-mas cooking from Johnson Arledge.

Miss Leela Templeton has arrived from Houston and taken charge of Western Union Telegraph office.

D. M. Craddock of Dallas spent the first part of the week with his mother and other relatives and friends in this city.

Lee Foster came up from Groveton Saturday evening to spend a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Foster.

From now until after the holidays Mrs. L. R. Allbright is offering her stock of ladies' beautiful hats at cost.

Our business is to run a drug store and run it right. We want your business and give you the best for your money. Murchison & Beasley.

Save the Birds.

Keep out the dogs! Positively no hunting or trespassing on a plantation of 1461 acres.

JAMES C. STOCKTON,
Owner and Proprietor.

Austin Woodall had as his guest on Thanksgiving his mother, who lives at Huntsville. Mrs. Woodall arrived Wednesday evening.

Need a prescription filled? Bear in mind that you get the very best when we fill them. Prices are right, too. Murchison & Beasley.

Mrs. I. S. Roberts and son, Ingham, and Miss Nan Bentley and Mr. Ben Frymier returned to their homes in Houston Sunday afternoon.

Joe Adams, A. H. Wootters, G. M. Waller and F. P. Shupak, prominent Masons of this city, are attending the Grand Lodge at Waco.

We make prescriptions a special feature of our business. Competent pharmacists, best quality of drugs and right prices. Crysups' Drug Store.

Rev. J. W. Downs, former pastor of the Methodist church here, was in the city this week on his way from conference at Houston to his new charge at Mineral Wells.

Mrs. J. H. Wootters, Mrs. J. R. Sheridan and Mrs. H. F. Craddock returned Saturday from Austin, where they attended the state meeting of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

The Courier has just added to its already well equipped printing plant a shipment of new type. A new head for this paper has replaced the old one, and all that is needed is a new head for the editor.

Rev. F. M. Boyles succeeds Rev. J. W. Downs as pastor of the First Methodist church of this city. Rev. Boyles comes from Houston. He will preach his initial sermon Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eastham of Huntsville were visiting in this city last week. They returned to Huntsville Saturday, taking with them Mrs. F. G. Edmiston, who will be their guest for a few days.

D. C. F. Snell of Lovelady called at the Courier office Monday. We are sorry to learn that Mr. Snell is going to move to Jacksonville. He will engage extensively in truck farming at his new home. The Courier follows him.

To the Farmers:

Notice is hereby given that our gin will be run only on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from this day on.

CROCKETT GINNING Co.
November 13, 1907. 42 tf

Wyatt Lane's case now goes to a higher court than any on this side of the river, and a just and merciful God will pronounce the final sentence.

Latexo.

Editor Courier:

Cotton.

Cotton was bringing 11 1-2 cts. Wednesday and more was being sold than on any previous day since the price went down. This stimulated trade considerably and made the town look like business again.

Leroy Trice has resigned as general manager of the I. & G. N. railroad after having served in that capacity for ten years. His successor, Mr. Clark, comes from the Mobile & Ohio and was superintendent of transportation on that road.

Scholarship for Sale.

The Courier has a scholarship in the Lufkin Business College which it will sell at a greatly reduced price. This is the chance for some deserving person to get a business education at a very small cost. For particulars apply at this office.

Money to Loan.

We make a specialty of loans on land and to farmers. We buy vendors lien notes and any other good paper. If you want to borrow money you will DO WELL to call and get our terms before placing your loan. We buy and sell real estate.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office North Side Public Square,
Crockett, Texas

Shingles for Sale.

Two classes of shingles as follows:

All heart, sawed, dimensions, \$3.50 per M, delivered.

Mixed shingles, same, \$2.25 delivered. Address,

J. M. SATTERWHITE,
Crockett, Texas.

The Cook Bros.' "Ten Nights in a Bar Room" and high class Vaudeville Co. consisting of 25 high class artists, ladies and gentlemen, with the largest car ever built, carrying a steam caliope a troupe of educated Russian Poodles and ten first class specialties. Will exhibit here at opera house, one night only, Dec. 9th.

"Ten Nigths in a Bar Room" in which Cook Bros. are this season winning a most gratifying success, played to a large crowd last night, and the many Mansfieldites who attended were more than ever well pleased with both the play and the specialties. The Messrs. Cook Bros. always "make good" with their productions, and last night's performance was no exception.—Mansfield (In.) News. Opera house Dec. 9th.

Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb has returned from Belton, where she went to attend the funeral of her mother and the bedside of her father. She brought her father home with her, and he is now lying dangerously ill at the Lipscomb home in this city. Dr. S. A. Nunn is one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Belton and is a brother of Col. D. A. Nunn of this city. Later—Dr. Nunn died Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

A Christmas Announcement.

Every year as the Christmas holiday season approaches, it is usual for "The Tabard Inn Library" to make some attractive book offer to patrons and those who would like to take out a Life Membership in the Library. This year there are quite a number of fine books on the market, and we would like very much to increase our membership; so, am pleased, that we can make the very liberal offer of A Life Membership for One Dollar. This offer is open until Dec. 25th.

Mrs. L. A. Collins, M'gr.

A Thanksgiving dance was enjoyed in the ball room of the Young Men's Literary Club Thursday evening last week. The dance was given by some of the young men of the town and was complimentary to Miss Nan Bentley and Mr. Ben Frymier, both of Houston, who were the guests of Miss Margaret Foster. The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Swancost. A most delightful time was had by all participating and there were about fourteen couples present. Waltzes and two-steps alternated until late in the evening, when an old-fashioned Virginia reel was indulged in and enjoyed. The programs contained about twenty numbers.

For any of the ordinary diseases of the skin Chamberlain's Salve is excellent. It not only allays the itching and smarting, but effects a cure. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

Miss Leela Warfield entertained a few of her friends last Saturday evening complimentary to Miss Nan Bentley of Houston and Mr. Ben Frymier, Miss Margaret Foster's guests. The entertainment was informal and in the nature of a chafing dish party, with vocal and instrumental music as its chief feature. A number of selections were artistically played by Miss Bentley. Miss Foster and Miss Blair delighted those present with both vocal and instrumental selections. The chafing dishes were gracefully presided over by Miss Louise Jewell and Miss Leela Warfield, a delightful Welsh rabbit being served. Dancing was one of the pleasures of the evening. This was another one of those delightfully informal affairs for which Crockett's younger society has become noted.

Latexo.

Editor Courier:

The Farmers' Union met here yesterday and had a very enthusiastic truck meeting. They decided to plant peanuts extensively next year, also potatoes and cantaloupes. Dr. Meriwether, Geo. Kossler and J. M. Ford were appointed as managing committee to investigate these crops, arrange for and get up all the information possible in regard to cultivation, marketing, etc. Dr. Meriwether was also selected as a delegate to attend the Farmers' Institute at Palestine next Wednesday. Everybody, Union and non-Union, is invited to join with them in raising this stuff. They will meet again Saturday at 2 P. M. at which time they are all requested to report how much they will plant.

Mr. Herman Boltz moved from here to Crockett where he expects to engage in the market business.

Mr. Riley Murchison presented us with a 4 lb. sweet potato this week. He will make about 100 bushels on $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre.

Mr. J. H. Patton had one of his best horses killed by a train last Saturday.

Our school will close on Friday, Dec. 13th, and remain closed until Dec. 30. This is on account of Teachers' Institute which is held the week before Christmas.

Rev. Etheridge Payne will preach here next Sunday, Dec. 8th, at 3:30 P. M.

Rev. Wm. Williams will preach on the 4th Sunday, 28th at 11 A. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dorsey visited Dr. Meriwether's family last Sunday.

Mr. William Dixon had on exhibition a fine head of cabbage at the Union last Saturday. He says his crop is doing fine and is about ready for market. With his cabbage, potatoes and ribbon cane he can defy the money panic.

Hico.

Early to Bed

and early to rise, makes one healthy, happy and wise, especially if you take Herbine before retiring. A positive cure for Constipation, Dyspepsia and all liver complaints. Mrs. S., Columbia, Tenn. writes: "I always keep a supply of your Herbine on hand. Am so pleased with the relief it gives in constipation and all liver complaints, that words can't express my appreciation. For sale by Murchison & Beasley."

A REAL REDUCTION SALE

The Newest, Freshest and CLEANEST STOCK

of Dry Goods, Hats, Shoes and Groceries in Houston County.
We Mean What we Say.....Come and See for Yourself.

Overshoes.	Hats.	Shoes.	Lamps.	The very best calico for 6½c per yard.
Overshoes worth \$1 for 75c	A \$3.00 Hat for.....\$2.50	Shoes worth \$4.00 for \$3.50	Lamps worth \$1.25 for \$1.00	Very best thread per doz. 55c
Overshoes worth 75c for 60c	A 2.50 " " 2.00	" " 3.50 for 3.00	" " 1.00 for .75	Men's Shirts.
Overshoes worth 50c for 40c	A 2.00 " " 1.50	" " 3.00 for 2.50	" " .85 for .65	Men's overshirts worth \$1.00 for 80c.
Groceries.	A 1.50 " " 1.25	" " 2.50 for 2.25	" " .65 for .40	Men's overshirts worth 50c for 45c.
The best brand coffee worth \$1.00 for 85c per bucket.	A 1.25 " " 1.00	" " 2.00 for 1.75	" " .50 for .40	Men's negligé shirts worth \$1.00 for 80c.
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Ground coffee 25c cans at 20c	A .75 " "50	" " 1.25 for 1.00	Overalls \$2.00 suit for \$1.65	Men's negligé shirts worth 50c for 45c.
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	Gloves worth \$1.00 for 75c			
	" " .75 for 60c			
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Every article in our store is a bargain. We can save you from 5 to 50 per cent on any purchase you desire to make. The few quotations above are only a drop in the bucket.

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Make a Change in Receivers.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 3.—The news from New Orleans that the United States Circuit court at that place had reversed Judge Bryant of the Eastern Texas District Court in the Waters Pierce receivership case, was received with a great deal of satisfaction at the Attorney General's office today. "I am delighted with the underscore under the 'D,' as Roosevelt would say," said Mr. Davidson this evening. "It is as I thought, right would finally prevail." It seems probable that it will be a question of a short time when Receiver Dorchester, appointed by the Federal court, will be rejected and Receiver Eckhart, appointed by State court, will succeed him. About a month ago the Third Court of civil appeals at Austin sustained the trial court in the appointment of a State receiver. This would have placed Eckhart in charge at the time, but the attorneys for Waters Pierce Oil Co. filed a motion for a new trial. This motion has not been acted upon at the present time. As the court has already reviewed the case carefully it is probable that a rehearing will be denied. It may be that the attorneys for the Waters Pierce will try to take the case to the Supreme Court of United States on a writ of error. The right to

ask for a writ of error would have to come either from the Third Court of Civil Appeals at Austin or from the Circuit Court of the United States at New Orleans. There is some doubt if a writ of error would be granted by these courts. Should a writ be refused it would only be but a short time until Eckhart would take charge. The decision at New Orleans today is one of the greatest victories for the Attorney General's department since the trial court. The State appealed the action of Judge Bryant and it was taken to the circuit court at Fort Worth. It is the same court which reversed Judge Bryant at New Orleans today.

Senator Green Dead.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 2.—Senator Robert B. Green one of the best known men in the state died suddenly last night of heart disease while in camp with his brother-in-law, Geo. Maverick, near the city. Death came swiftly and painlessly while he was on his cot. Mr. Maverick drove twenty miles in the darkness and brought the body into this city late last night. Senator Green is a native of this city, and comes of a distinguished family of lawyers, having won himself an enviable reputation at the bar. He was for years county judge of Bexar county and won a reputation as an upright judge who fearlessly enforced the laws. His greatest work was in the good roads campaign which he led. Through his efforts bonds were issued for \$500,000 and 180 miles of splendid roads were built out of the city. As county judge he was instrumental in breaking up gambling in San Antonio and transformed a wide open town into one of the

most law abiding in Texas. Notwithstanding the bitter enemies he made in this fight, he was one of the most popular men in this part of the state, and has been frequently mentioned for governor. As a young man he first came into prominence as captain of the Belknap Rifles, one of the most famous military organizations this state ever had. He was a man of fine physique with military bearing. As a public speaker he was pleasing and forceful. His integrity and his courage were alike unquestioned. He was cut off in his prime in the midst of useful public service, and his death is widely mourned in Southwest Texas.

Eastern Texas Railway Fined.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 3.—The State took judgment today by agreement for \$150 against the Eastern Texas Railroad, as a penalty for not operating its passenger trains on published scheduled time. This is a short line of thirty miles from Kennard, Houston County, to Lufkin. It was stated today that since the suit was ordered by the commission the railroad rearranged the schedule and running of the trains was satisfactory to the commission subsequent to the new arrangement, hence the small penalty.

That's It!!!

Cough yourself into a fit of spasms and then wonder why you don't get well. If you will only try a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup your cough will be a thing of the past. It is a positive cure for Coughs, Influenza, Bronchitis and all pulmonary diseases. One bottle will convince you—at your druggist's, 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

Bankrupt Notice.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas: Tyler Division: in Bankruptcy: In the matter of J. C. Lansford, Bankrupt, No. 1543. To the creditors of J. C. Lansford, Bankrupt, of Crockett in the County of Houston and District aforesaid: Notice is hereby given that on the 26th day of November, A. D. 1907, the said J. C. Lansford was duly adjudged and declared a Bankrupt and the first meeting of creditors in said bankruptcy will be held in my office in Tyler, Tex. on the 7th day of December, 1907, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, when and where said creditors may attend, prove their claims, examine the bankrupt, elect a trustee and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. S. D. Reaves, Referee in Bankruptcy. Tyler, Texas, Nov. 26th, 1907.

Good Cough Medicine for Children.

The season for coughs and colds is now at hand and too much care cannot be used to protect the children. A child is lots more likely to contract diphtheria or scarlet fever when he has cold. The quicker you cure his cold the less the risk. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the sole reliance of many mothers, and few of those who have ever tried it are willing to use any other. Mrs. F. F. Starcher, of Ripley, W. Va., says, "I have never used anything other than Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for my children and it has always given good satisfaction." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a child as to an adult. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may escape this disagreeable disease. How can you cure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended. Mrs. M. White of Butler, Tenn., says: "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Some one told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

Children's

favorite tonic is White's Cream Vermifuge, the cure for worms and all children's diseases. It not only kills the worms, but removes the slime and mucus in which they build their nests. Its action on the child is mild and leaves him in a healthy condition. Joe Daniel, Sarmac, Tenn., says that he gave one of his children White's Cream Vermifuge when the doctor thought it had colic, and from the first dose the child passed worms. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

Muscular Pains Cured.

"During the summer of 1903 I was troubled with pains in the instep of my foot," says Mr. S. Pedler, of Toronto, Ont. "At times it was so painful I could hardly walk. Chamberlain's Pain Balm was recommended to me, so I tried it and was completely cured by one small bottle. I have since recommended it to several of my friends, all of whom speak highly of it." For sale by Murchison & Beasley.