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Danger in the Theatre

"Have I Become Your Enemy Because I Have Told You the Truth?"

Rev. S. F. Tenney Warns the Young People Against the Modern Play and Quotes from Authorities.

EDITOR COURIER:

I might refer to the fact that the theatre is a school to encourage financial extravagance. Very few of our citizens have much surplus wealth. Most of them find it difficult to make ends meet. Yet a large sum goes into the theatre from Crockett, and very little of it is left in Crockett. Probably our young men on small salaries, and perhaps our young girls in some instances, and our heads of families that are financially straitened, all contribute a large share of the money necessary to maintain the theatrical performances in Crockett, and when they go to a city also liberally help the city theatres. Is not this worse than a waste of money? I might also refer to time wasted in this way—time that is needed for business, for intellectual and religious improvement. But I prefer to bring in a witness that knows more about the theatre than I do. Dr. Buckley of New York has made a thorough investigation of the kind of plays that are popular, and in addition in his younger life had much experience in attending the theatre. He tells us that the effect of the theatre upon himself and upon others that he observed was morally bad, and that he believes he would have been led to ruin by it if he had not yielded to the persuasion of his friends and broken away from it. He tells us that out of sixty of the popular plays in the New York theatres (these theatres that are considered respectable and not the very low grade ones) fifty were morally corrupting in their nature. He says only a small per cent. of the plays are from Shakespeare, but even of Shakespeare's plays he says: "It would be highly improper to take the plays as they are and make them matters of criticism before a class of young ladies and gentlemen. But they are acted before them in the theatre, and the obscene and profane passages are not purified or redeemed by the magnificent and unobjectionable sentiments and expressions with which they are interwoven." Of Goldsmith's play, "She Stoops to Conquer," he says: "The play contains much profaneness and vulgarity, and several sneers at temperance and religion." The play, "East Lynn," he says, "consists of infidelity, adultery, murder, re-marriage, etc." Of the play, "The School for Scandal," he says it "has more than a score of filthy allusions in it, and deals with adultery and fornication in the loosest way." Again, he says: "In most plays

wickedness is made to furnish amusement. Lying, drunkenness, adultery and other works of the flesh become the cause of sport and the occasion of hilarity. And, as it has been truly said, crimes that would call down the wrath of God on their perpetrators are systematically made to provoke laughter. True religion—meaning the conscientious, self-denying, God-fearing Christian—is never praised, but usually ridiculed; and when religion comes upon the stage it is generally in the person of a sporting parson, or an Aminadab Sleek, or the Hypocrite."

In urging the young to abstain from the theatre, and holding that it is wrong for the Christian to countenance it, we "do know what we are talking about," so far as experience can impart that knowledge. And possessing a lively recollection of the influence exerted over himself, he has narrowly observed the unfolding of character among the large number of youths with whom he has been thrown, and has conversed with many who had opportunities similar to his own.

From the whole he draws the conclusion that there is no habit, which does not imply a positive renunciation of morality, more pernicious than that of theatre going. "It is sometimes affirmed that this objection, that plays contain obscene allusions, would condemn the Bible. This reply will have force when one passage can be found in the Bible in which a word was introduced for the sake of its obscenity. And the attempt to bolster up filthy allusions in plays by the Bible will be seen to be as absurd as it is profane when we remember that from sixty-six different books, of which the Bible is composed, not an instance can be produced of a joke founded on licentiousness or sin, while its solemn declaration is that neither drunkards, nor thieves, nor fornicators, nor adulterers, nor liars, nor profane swearers, nor murderers, shall inherit the Kingdom of God."

The witness that I have quoted freely from is Dr. Buckley, who is conspicuous for his ability, and is an editor of a New York Methodist paper. I might quote from Talmage, who tells of a prominent actor who said he never allowed his wife and daughters to attend the theatre on account of the corrupting things there. Talmage also speaks of a converted actor who once said to him as he pointed to a theatre: "Inside those walls is hell." In our own community, not long since, an intelligent

young lady teacher when visiting in Crockett was persuaded to attend a theatre. She told a friend that some things in the theatrical performance made her blush. Perhaps some of our city folks who often attend the theatre have got past the point of blushing, and witness immodest acting with a high head as if all they saw were clean and right.

It is notorious that this is a day of divorces and unfaithfulness in the married life, and murders, and suicides, and seductions. The papers are full of such records—from the late notorious case of a United States senator murdered by the woman he had wronged, and the Millionaire Thaw case, down to the common people. It is also well known that it is a common report that the churches throughout the country are much neglected, even by church members. May it not be that the theatre is responsible for many of these effects? Of course, what is wrong for a church member logically is wrong for anybody else.

An inspired writer once said: "Have I become your enemy because I have told you the truth?" So I ask: Am I the friend or the enemy of the young people when I thus warn them of the danger in the theatre? S. F. TENNEY.

TO ONE IN HEAVEN.

Written for THE COURIER.

The portals of faith were thrown open,
The bars were unfastened by love,
When a spirit in guise of my loved one
Was ushered to realms above.

The touch of a hand that has vanished,
The breath from the lips I had kissed,
Are gone like the roses of summer
From my heart to forever be missed.

Like the joys of our life were the fleetest,
Like the flowers that were soonest to fade,

Like the pleasures that are dearest and sweetest,
Are gone with the lost yesterdays.

God's will has severed the love links
That bound us to all earthly spheres.
The same hand will bind up the sorrow,
With a solace caused only by tears.

We are left with the rest of the living,
To drink from the fountain of faith.
It is ours if we ask for the giving,
The promise each chosen one hath.

But the sorrows that cluster my pathway,
The dimness to see far beyond,
Is the barrier that comes without bidding
To dispel, to shut out the sound.

Of the voice I so loved in the spring-time—
Of life I had cherished in dream—
Our bark anchored safe by a life-line,
Drifting far from life's troubled stream.

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An Interesting Letter.

Creath, Texas, Jan. 26, 1908.

ED. COURIER:—After reading so many good letters from Belott, thought I would write a few lines from Creath.

Everything is moving on quietly. Farmers all getting busy; some repairing fence, some plowing, and some repairing houses. All are in hopes of a big crop.

Health is generally good.

Our school at Enterprise is moving on nicely with full attendance, but too many for one teacher. We need a special school tax for this district. Say, patrons of Enterprise district, let's get a move on us and be prepared for the next school.

I noticed in the Times a letter from Belott signed Bachelor. He says he hasn't any good wife or pretty girls to write about and he knows something about pleasure. He reminds me of the little girl that cursed the goose. The writer hasn't any good wife to write about, but has eight pretty girls and two boys. Will say if friend W. O. L. practices what he preaches he is a man after my own heart, and I believe he does. I don't see how any man can sit down and let his children grow up in ignorance with the school advantages we have now. I contend that we could have as good schools in the country as the towns can. Yet people will send their children to town and pay from ten to fifteen dollars for board and \$2.50 to \$5.00 for tuition. That is building up the town school and letting the home school drag. Some will say they cannot send their children to school. I think any one can send their children to school. Let me tell you how I do it: When school starts I start the oldest and the youngest ones. They go the full term and the others get in all the time I can spare them. By so doing I have turned out four teachers, and the younger ones are coming on nicely. Some people say it is no use to educate a girl—that she will marry a farmer or a clod-hopper and an education will do her no good. But I think, of all people, the farmer's wife needs an education most of all. Will say further that I have never had a school nearer than two miles.

Miss Hanna Patton finished her school at Conner Creek on the 24th. She will go to Fisher county to teach this spring and summer.

KID.

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RAILROAD TIME TABLE.

Going North.....	11:15 A M
	9:13 P M
Going South.....	11:45 P M
	10:49 P M

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Barton Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of Lucy Klingheifer, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Granson Jackson, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3rd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 3rd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, on the 2nd Monday in March, 1908, the same being the 9th day of March, 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of January, 1908, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 5073, wherein W. T. Bruton is Plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Barton Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of Lucy Klingheifer, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Granson Jackson, deceased, are defendants, and said petition alleging that Plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described tract or parcel of land situated in Houston County, Texas, about 20 miles southwest from the town of Crockett, the same being a part of the Barton Clark league, containing 300 acres, more or less, and described by field notes as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of Daniel Clark's survey out of said league an ash marked X brs S 31 E 4 5-10 vrs a red elm brs N 85 W 4 vrs. Thence with the meanderings of the Trinity River southwest to corner on east bank an elm brs N 80 E 6 5-10 vrs. Thence east 2400 vrs to corner on the west side of Clark's Creek, a huckleberry marked X. Thence in a northerly direction with the creek to Daniel Clark's south line. Thence with said Daniel Clark's south line west 2000 vrs to the place of beginning.

Plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years Statute of Limitation on said tract of land in bar of any claim asserted to Plaintiff's title by the Defendants herein. Plaintiff alleges that the claim or claims of the Defendants herein cast a cloud on his title to said tract of land, which claim or claims are specially set out in Plaintiff's petition, and Plaintiff prays judgment of the Court removing all clouds from his title to said land, substituting any and all missing deeds and for general and special relief.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, Texas, this 7th day of January, 1908.

J. B. STANTON, Clerk,
District Court, Houston County.

A Baby

should be sunshine in the house, and will be if you give it White's Cream Vermifuge, the best worm medicine offered to suffering humanity. This remedy is becoming the permanent fixture of all households. A mother with children can't get along without a bottle of White's Cream Vermifuge in the house. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

The Maintenance of Earth Roads.

We may recognize the value of hard, durable roads in all parts of the country, but still the fact remains that for a long time to come the majority of the roads will be composed of earth. Furthermore, in about nine months out of the year, the earth road, if properly cared for, is reasonably satisfactory. For many agricultural districts, it is the only road at present available. Hence, these communities should set themselves seriously to work to learn the best methods of maintaining earth roads and of getting the maximum service from them. Prosperity comes to the country to a great extent through the prosperity of the farmers. This fact strongly suggests the importance of giving the earth road every possible care and attention in its location, drainage, construction and maintenance.

An earth road composed of water holding soil should be exposed to the sun and air as freely as possible, as comparison between the shaded and sunny portions of such a road will easily indicate. This should be accomplished by clearing a sufficient amount of trees and undergrowth away from the road. It must be remembered, however, that sandy and gravelly roads require moisture, and in these cases some shade should be retained. Furthermore, trees are beneficial along river banks and on steep grades subject to washing.

Drainage is one of the most important points to consider in connection with an earth road. The majority of earth roads in all mountainous and hilly districts have too much drainage. Occasionally a road will be found with five ditches, three in the middle made by the horses' hoofs and by wheels of the vehicles, and two on the sides. All well-constructed earth roads are supposed to have no more than two ditches, one on each side of the travelled roadway. Keep the water out of the middle of the road by giving it a crown or elevation in the center of 7/8 inches above the top of the inner slope of the ditch for a 20-foot road, and where the hills are a little steep, make the crown 10 inches. With a crown of about 1 inch to the foot from the center to the sides, the ditches which are often built across the road on steep grades to deflect the water will not be needed. Instead of carrying water across the road in open ditches, tile or concrete drains should, if possible, be provided. They should have sufficient capacity and fall to carry the maximum amount of water that is expected to flow through them at any one time. The capacity is increased in proportion to the fall or grade; for instance, 12-inch pipe laid on a one per cent grade will carry 1,800 gallons per minute, while the same pipe laid on a 2 per cent grade will carry 2,500 gallons per minute. Furthermore, a culvert laid flat will soon fill up, while one having a good incline will keep itself clear.

In the maintenance of an earth road, avoid the mistake of changing the natural order of things. Naturally the soil is found on top and the clay on the bottom. If this order is reversed in constructing a road, the result will be less satisfactory than if the soil be left at the top of the road, for soil makes a better surface to a road than clay. If the roadbed is largely clay to start with, it will be well to place sandy soil or clean sand on top. A covering of 6 to 10 inches of sand upon clay that persists in breaking up into deep mudholes will usually be satisfactory, and if sand enough be added, this clay will cease to make mud. If the roadbed is composed

of sand it can be improved by an application of clay.

The rule for a serviceable earth road, then, is as follows: make ditches on each side and keep them open; haul sand and gravel upon sections needing this treatment; use a road machine and a split log drag judiciously (a full description of which will be contained in a later article); follow the "stitch in time" rule and give an earth road the same careful, persistent attention you would give your prize acre, factory or store, and it will pay as large a profit in proportion to your individual outlay.

A PIECE OF STRING.

It Plays a Prominent Part in the Life of Japan.

Writing from Japan, an American says: "You must come here to appreciate some of the quaint customs and usages which contact with other peoples has not yet driven out. To read about them gives you only a poor idea. For instance, did you ever know what an important thing a piece of string is here? The children, workmen, idlers, servants, all carry pieces of string for use in case of emergency. With us the emergency would arise only when a parcel had to be done up, but the Jap uses his piece of string as a first aid to the injured, to repair a rent in his clothing, to fix a broken down jinrikisha, to mend tools, to take measurement, and, in fact, the string is his universal tool chest. The queerest use to which it is put, according to my way of thinking, is when a police officer arrests a man, ties a bit of string about the arrested man's wrist and then leads him by the loose end of the thin hempen fetter to the lockup. You ask, 'Why doesn't the Jap crook break the string and find a gateway?' He could, but he would not. That's where his respect for the law comes in, and the bit of string holds the man as securely as though he were manacled by our own humane chilled steel, nickel plated and snap locked method."—New York Tribune.

Cigarettes as Wedding Fee.

As one of Manila's leading young men was donning his evening suit preparatory to keeping a social engagement he ran his hand into his pocket and was surprised to find an envelope there. On opening it he discovered 25 pesos in bills. "Now, where in thunder did I take on all this money?" he said. "It isn't mine, for I never carry my bills around in an envelope." Then he sat down to think where he had worn the suit and how he had come by the 25 pesos. "The last place I wore it," he mused finally, "was when I was best man at a wedding a month ago. But I gave Dr. Rossiter his money. I remember distinctly giving him something, and it must have been his fee. If I didn't give him the money, what in the world did I give him?" He called up Dr. Rossiter by phone. "Do you mind telling me," he asked, "what I gave you for a fee at Blank's wedding?" The answer came back very distinctly and cuttingly: "Young man, you gave me a box of vile smelling cigarettes."—Philippine Gossip.

Arbitrator and Arbitrary.

If an arbitrator is chosen to end a dispute, says the London Chronicle, there is no reason to dread that his decision would be arbitrary, though the two words are very near relatives. An arbitrator, the Latin word which used to be more common as English than it is now, meant by derivation simply "one who went to" something to examine it, and so at first a spectator or witness. Then in Roman law it assumed the technical sense of an umpire. But a "judicium," the legal decision in a case with regard to a definite sum of money, for instance, was distinguished from an arbitrium, a legal decision as to an uncertain sum which had to be determined; hence arbitrary acquired the sense of uncertain, capricious.

It Was Plain Enough.

A college professor who recently returned with his wife from their honeymoon greatly amused a company of people in his home town, according to the Lewiston Journal, by assuring them, on being questioned concerning their trip, that nobody where they spent their honeymoon suspected that they were bride and groom.

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KIT CARSON.

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One of the most noted of the hardy western frontiersmen was Kit Carson, to whom, with Daniel Boone, belongs the credit of having always dealt fairly with the various Indian tribes, as they themselves acknowledged. The withdrawal of Carson by the government was the cause of a great war. Captain Henry Inman in his book, "The Old Santa Fe Trail," relates an amusing incident of the gallant pioneer.

My own conception of Kit Carson as a child was that he was ten feet high, that it would have required the strength of two men to lift his rifle, that he usually drank a river dry and picked the carcass of a whole buffalo clean as easily as a lady does the wing of a quail. Years after, when I made the acquaintance of the foremost frontiersman, I found him a delicate, reticent, undersized, wiry man, the very opposite type of what my childish brain had created.

One day while Kit was at the fort I came across a periodical that had a full page illustration of a scene in a forest. In the foreground stood a gigantic figure dressed in the traditional buckskin.

On one arm rested an immense rifle. His other arm was around the waist of the conventional female of such sensational journals, while in front half a dozen Indians lay prone, evidently slain by the hero in the impossible attire in defense of the preposterous female. The legend stated how all this had been effected by Kit Carson.

I handed it to Kit. He wiped his spectacles, studied the picture intently for a few seconds and then said: "Gentlemen, that that may be true, but I hain't got no recollection of it."

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Why, Lord bless their hearts, the ladies love to shop! It's just as unsatisfying and artificial to shop by mail as to make love by mail—and that's the limit.

But, while the women love to walk through aisles of bargains, they love also to read about the bargains. When a newspaper comes to the house, which page does the woman peruse first? The page with the biggest shopping ads. Sure thing! Won't fail one time in ten. Test it and see.

In communities where the merchants don't advertise big enough to tempt the women, what happens? The Mail Order Catalogue comes along, full of attractive ads., with prices put down in black and white. The women read the catalogue; they are tempted by the bargains offered; they send their money by mail.

Thus they miss nine-tenths of the glory and joy of shopping. But what else can the poor ladies do?

Now, Mr. Merchant of Our Town, be good to the ladies. Give them some interesting reading matter. Print some of your bargains in your home paper. Put the prices there in black and white.

Isn't it really a pity to deprive the ladies of one of their supreme delights—shopping, seeing things, inspecting before taking?

BE GOOD TO THE LADIES AND YOU'LL BE PROSPEROUS.



It was St. Valentine's day and Freda Traumer was bustling about the kitchen making great preparations. Prof. Max was coming to tea, and, in Freda's opinion, this teacher of astronomy was the greatest of men. The emperor himself was not half so wise or handsome, the foolish maiden thought. Her father, who was an enthusiastic student of astronomy, was a great friend of Herr Max, and the latter often came to his house, where there was a fine observatory.

When the two men went up to the house-top observatory to study the heavenly bodies Freda, eager to learn, went with them; but somehow the constellations, comets, meteors and asteroids she heard them speak of so fluently were all so confusing that she could understand nothing, try hard as she might.

But she learned one thing, which was not down in the books, all unconsciously. During those long, delicious nights spent upon the house-top watching the glowing heavens, she had learned the lesson of love and all the affection of her pure, young heart was lavished upon the professor.

The soft summer nights passed and they met no more upon the roof, but the two astronomers spent many an evening in the Traumers' cozy little parlor, with their books and charts spread on the table beside them. Then the young hausfrau sat by quietly knitting, feasting her eyes upon the beloved countenance, but if by chance Herr Max glanced in her direction, she dropped her blue eyes, blushing deeply. And as she always dropped her eyes she never saw the tender smile that played upon his lips whenever she repeated this harmless maneuver.

When St. Valentine's day came the bright flower of hope blossomed in Freda's heart, for this was surely the opportunity she sought and she hoped the good saint would lend her his aid. With loudly beating heart she entered the stationer's shop and asked the young clerk to show her the valentines. She pressed her hand against her heart to still its beating making, as she did so, a far prettier picture than any of the painted graces on the valentines before her.

Some one, passing by, caught a glimpse of her and thought so, too; but Freda was so engrossed in trying to find a valentine to suit her, that she did not know the professor had seen her and had passed on with that rarely tender smile upon his lips.

At last she found what she wanted. It was a very simple little valentine, but it told an eloquent story. On the top of the white embossed page blazed a glorious star, with beams of light radiating from every point, and beneath it, as if basking in its rays, lay a tiny heart pierced by an arrow shot from the bow of a roguish cupid. "Ach!" thought Freda, "the star is Herr Max and mine is the heart. But I fear he can never stoop low enough to reach it." With this humble thought she tremblingly addressed the envelope and then ran to drop it in the nearest postbox. A score of times she wished it back and reproached herself for her boldness, but now he was coming to tea and if he understood he would reveal it in his conduct and she would soon know her fate.

At last the preparations for supper were completed, and, with a tired sigh, she sat down by the bright fire to rest. Pleasant visions filled her mind, and she did not hear the footsteps which softly drew near, and only knew she was not alone when something dropped into her lap.

It was the valentine she had sent that morning—he had brought or sent it back to her, she knew not which, for grief and shame so overcame her she dared not turn her head to see.

Thinking he thus refused her love, she was about to cast the now hateful valentine into the fire and then rush away and never look at the professor again, when something stopped her. Her eyes fell upon the valentine. It was the same, and yet not the same, for, although the great star still blazed at the top of the card, the little heart was no longer far beneath it, but, instead, rested within the heart of the star.

A deep joy filled little Freda's breast! When, at last, she took courage and looked around she saw the professor standing behind her, and saw for the first time the tender, loving smile as he gently drew her to him and folded her in his arms.



THIRTY YEARS OF IT.

A Fearfully Long Siege of Daily Pain and Misery.

Charles Von Soehnen of 210 A St., Colfax, Wash., says: "For at least thirty years I suffered with kidney troubles, and the attacks laid me up for days at a time with pain in the back and rheumatism. When I was up and around sharp twinges caught me, and for fifteen years the frequent passages of kidney secretions annoyed me. But Doan's Kidney Pills have given me almost entire freedom from this trouble and I cannot speak too highly in their praise."



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AFTER THE QUARREL.



She—I wouldn't cry for the best man living, so there!
He—You don't have to cry for him, dear, you've got him.

Rapid Rise.

"Pa," said Mrs. Hardapple, as she opened the letter, "the man who ran over our old crippled cow with his automobile wants to know how much she was worth."

"Tell him about six dollars," drawled Hiram Hardapple. "Let me see, it was that poor village doctor, wasn't it?"

"No, Hiram; it was a city feller."
"Was, eh? Well, by heck, tell him she was a first-class critter and worth every cent of \$50."

"And come to think of it, Hiram, his automobile was almost as long as a steamboat, with glass windows, six lights and a horn that you could hear five miles."

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Unappreciated Prowess.

The athletic son wrote home from college as follows:
"Dear Pop: Watch the papers. Next week I distinguish myself by throwing the hammer."

And the irate old gentleman stamped his gouty foot and replied:
"I don't care to read any such disgraceful antics in the paper. If you break any windows you'll have to pay for them yourself."

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Hard Worked Woman Not Ready to Face Hired Girl Problem.

A Massachusetts man, whose business frequently takes him over the line into Vermont, says that one evening he was a guest at a farm house in that state when he observed that the wife of the owner—a poor, wan little woman—was doing every bit of the work around the house.

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"Why don't you get help here? Surely you are not going to try to pull through the long winter without a hired girl."

A sickly smile came to the pallid face of the woman. "Waal, I dunno," she said. "I don't feel as if I could just yit; but p'raps I should get to feelin' a little better and stronger I might."—Illustrated Magazine.

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A breeze stirs the bronze of your hair,
Warm and wild,
And mingles our treasures together.

I fly from you over the trees' jeweled
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You follow with limpid soft laughter,
And catch with your baby hands leaf
filtered lights—
I fly, and you ever come after!

I am yours so divinely—yet yours not
at all
I pine for your lips, moist and glowing,
You cry as I leave you at sable night-
fall,
And both are undone at the going.

But when all is still and in slumber you
lie,
A dream with our innocent blisses,
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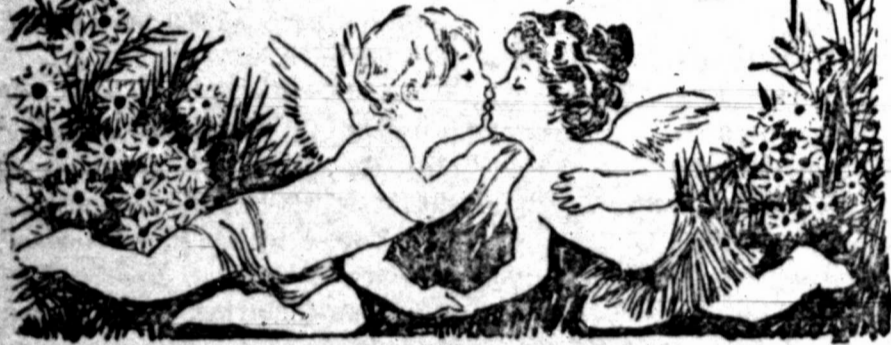
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REPORTER TO BOSS

REMARKABLE RISE OF COMMIS-
SIONER JOHN H. O'BRIEN.

arrived in New York Only Few Years Ago. But Has Had Meteoric Career Since Becoming Identified with McClellan.

New York—From newspaper reporter to political leader and head of a great city department employing thousands of men and spending millions of dollars every year—such is the almost phenomenal stride in the narrow space of four years of John H. O'Brien, commissioner of water supply, gas and electricity, who for two years, and particularly during the



JOHN H. O'BRIEN

last few months, has been conspicuously in the public eye.

It shows, among other things, how easily success may be achieved in the great city of New York.

Had he graduated from the ranks of the Democratic organization he would be the object of only ordinary attention. But he never was a district captain. He never was an election worker. In fact, he never belonged to the Tammany organization until after he became a recognized leader.

He found himself in New York one day and soon after the close of the Pan-American exposition in Buffalo, and although he had no intention of remaining he yielded to the requests of editors for whom he had done work in Buffalo and took a position as reported. When he reached New York, at the age of 30, he was almost boyish in appearance, and while acquainted with many New York politicians, whom he met while an Albany correspondent, he had no knowledge of metropolitan newspaper methods.

But he knew how to meet men, how to get information, had a faculty for absorbing things quickly and appreciating their significance, and he knew how to write. The result was that he came to be quickly recognized as a first-class reporter. For a time he did whatever there was to be done. Gradually it developed that he was peculiarly fitted for political work, and during the campaign of 1904 he reported the progress of the canvass of Col. George B. McClellan, who was running for mayor for the first time. His work showed he had a keen knowledge of politics, and it attracted the attention of Col. McClellan, who, after being elected, offered him the place of private secretary at a salary of \$5,000 a year.

It developed that the qualifications which had been pointed out by his Buffalo friends made him an unusually successful secretary, and made him greatly admired by the mayor.

GOT RECOGNITION FROM STAR.

How Mansfield Made Student the Envy of His Comrades.

When Richard Mansfield produced "Cyrano De Bergerac" in Cleveland the production necessitated the use of a large number of supernumeraries. Most of these extra hands were Adelbert students, who greatly enjoyed the opportunity of supporting the eminent star. Of course Mansfield's personality was the prime source of interest to them, and every super in the mob—courtiers and Gascon cadets—was wildly anxious to gain a personal recognition from the great Cyrano, but he appeared entirely oblivious of the presence of each and all.

But one night toward the end of the week a student-super who had strayed away for a few moments rejoined his comrades. His face was radiant.

"Well, fellows," he said, "the old man spoke to me."

"Mansfield spoke to you?"

"I was standing in the runway at the right."

so well did he familiarize himself with the metropolitan political machinery that Mayor McClellan, when he was renominated in the fall of 1905, chose him as his political manager and announced that he would conduct his campaign independent of Tammany hall. The spectacle of a man 32 years old who had been in the city less than four years conducting a mayoralty campaign in a year when Tammany hall was in the throes of one of the hardest fights of a decade attracted much comment.

Not altogether satisfied himself that he was ideally fitted for the job, Mr. O'Brien resigned as private secretary, rolled up his sleeves and went to work. It quickly became evident that his ideas of conducting a campaign—and they were in line with those of the mayor—were vastly different from those used by Tammany hall. It became apparent, also, that in the matter of running a campaign on a high plane the youthful manager could teach the old-time managers a few things. He worked from nine o'clock in the morning until one or two o'clock the next morning, and by his faithfulness he earned the sincere friendship of Mayor McClellan, who was re-elected.

The city was filled with rumors as to what O'Brien's reward would be. No one doubted that he could have any job which the mayor had power to give him. He was talked of as chamberlain and finally was named as fire commissioner, which pays \$7,500 a year.

In person Commissioner O'Brien is about five feet ten inches tall and weighs about 190 pounds.

CHICAGO PROFESSOR HONORED

Dr. Chamberlain Heads Association for Advancement of Science.

Chicago.—Dr. Thomas Chrowder Chamberlain, who has been elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and who will confer with President Roosevelt regarding the conservation of the natural resources of the country, is the professor and head of the department of geology at the University of Chicago. He is a noted expert in the action of glaciers. He was graduated from Beloit University and until his connection with the University of Chicago he was occupied chiefly as an



PROF. T. C. CHAMBERLAIN

educator in various institutions in Wisconsin. He has also served as geologist for the United States and has been head of the glacial division of government geology since 1882.

Africa Leads in Gold Output.

Africa produces more than one-third of the world's gold. Its annual output is \$150,000,000; the United States gives out \$95,000,000; Australia, \$85,000,000; and New Zealand, \$10,000,000.

The Important Thing.

Mr. Jawback—Why on earth do you sit by the airshaft window to read? You can't see well there.

Mrs. Jawback—No, but I can hear, beautifully.—Cleveland Leader.

"Yes, yes."

Mansfield was hurrying to his dressingroom. I smiled and nodded. He saw me. Then he spoke. "What did he say?"

"He said: 'Out of the way, you idiot,' and passed along."

And the envied youth remained the only super to whom the star extended a personal recognition during the engagement.

The First Request.

Her—You promised if I'd marry you, you'd give me anything I wanted.

Him—Well, what do you want?

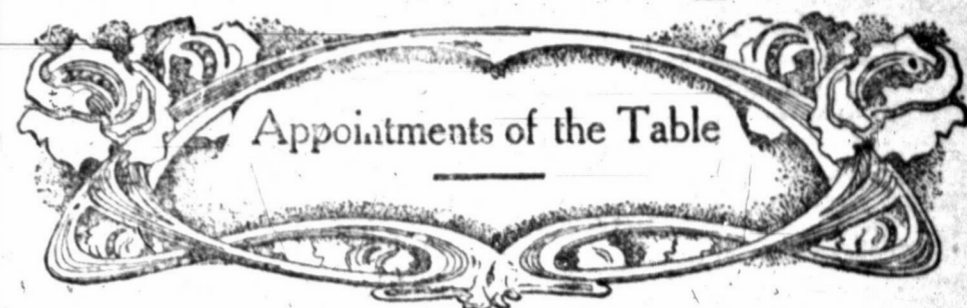
Her—A divorce.—Cleveland Leader.

Even the man who dresses loud doesn't always succeed in making his self heard.

Galleries.

Reggy DuBarry—I was just over in Europe and took in all the famous galleries.

Tommy Tuff—Dat is nuttin. I've been taking in all de famous 10-20-30 cent galleries all over the town.—Chicago Daily News



Appointments of the Table

Smart Luncheon Linen.

Broadly speaking, the best style of table linen for a formal luncheon is a centerpiece and individual doilies. Nevertheless this cannot be laid down as a hard and fast rule, because so beautiful are covers made especially for luncheon use that not to have them is a pity. Unless, however, the cover is especially for such a purpose it must not be used. That is to say, a dinner cloth, no matter how simple, or how magnificent, can never be substituted for luncheon.

To mistake the two is impossible, for a luncheon cover is either circular, being rarely if ever larger than the table itself, or else it is quite square, with only the four corners hanging a trifle.

When the table is larger, individual doilies of course are omitted, but when, as is often the case, the circle is only large enough to cover the middle of the table, doilies become essential. There are those for plates, two sizes for goblets, those for water and wine, others for bread and butter dish, should it be used, and still others for finger bowl. They are duplicates in miniature of the centerpieces, and serviettes of course match perfectly.

As filet lace has taken such hold upon popularity that for the present it supersedes all others, so is it desirable in table linen. It is to be found square, joined with linen squares, in long bands or circular. No matter how the design may be worked for the table there is always some linen in combination. The doilies alone may be entirely of lace.

Square covers are more apt to be seen in alternating bands of both materials, manufacturers saying that it is almost impossible to have circular designs properly done up after they have become soiled. Serviettes for such a cover show no lace whatever. A color may or may not be put beneath the cover as individual taste dictates.

Next to filet Renaissance still holds popularity for the table. Very occasionally one sees a duchesse lace luncheon set, but as a rule those who can afford such a magnificent table appointment reserve it for dinner.

Simple yet very pretty in effect are covers of fine linen showing an inset of wide torchon entre deux.

To have any, even the simplest, of these laces laundered when soiled is to ruin them. No matter how expert the fingers that do them, the dainty fabrics will be thick and coarse. They should be sent to professional cleaners, and will come forth from this treatment looking like new.

Table Devices.

The furnishings for the modern table are so wholly unlike those of a few years ago that the great change is noticeable. In the first place the modern table represents money, lots of it, for the little contrivances are

enormously expensive. The round table of piano finish is the proper kind. The table linen set is cheap at \$12, but more fanciful ones with lace insertion borders range near the \$100 mark. The best Haviland in new squatty designs, or the colonial style with thin, breakable stems are again to the fore. The alluring silver sets are so different from what they used to be. Finely polished wooden trays are fitted with very high silver handles, and in the tray center will be found the graceful tea urn with the china and silver cups and saucers and other necessary articles placed around it. It is intended only for luncheon hour, from which tea is served. Chocolate sets grow more beautiful every year until a single set is almost like a group of pretty fragile flowers. Fruit trays are made with very high handles, and some are incased in fine wicker. Bonbon dishes are made in novel styles; shallow silver dishes are used to hold olives, pickles and cheese. Miniature forks are used for numerous purposes, and they, too, are more graceful and dainty. The straw for drinking soft drinks is now made of silver and found on all modern tables. There are wine coolers of silver and porcelain; fine platters holding egg cups; pierced silver trays for various purposes, and quaint milk mugs with pitcher to match.

Dewy Fruit on the Table.

Fruits seem very much in favor for dinner decorations this winter. Like paintings in their massing of colors are some of the special designs in "still life," now adorning tables. At a luncheon the other day the centerpiece was made up of black and white grapes in alternate bunches on a wide low grape dish. Small chips of ice and silvery leaves filled the interstices. Before this dish was placed upon the table, the hostess confided to one of her guests, charged water from a siphon, was squirted over the ice, care being taken not to let it touch the fruit. In less than half an hour beads of dew covered the fruit, making the grapes extra attractive because of their seeming freshness.

New Decoration.

The pretty and ingeniously contrived floral "diabola" will appeal to numberless devotees of the new game as an item for table decoration. The body of the spool, a large pasteboard one will do, is covered with tiny yellow chrysanthemums, which, you know, do not easily wilt, and the tires are of mauve. The spinning cord and wands are decked with any kind of bright flowers and foliage. It can be suspended from the chandelier over the table and further decorated with gauze butterflies.

Many sleeves are being made in folds, fitting tightly to the arm and ending in points well over the hand.

Embroidery



The design shown here will serve for ornamenting many articles, either worked all round or just as a corner. It is effective, and very easily worked with ribbon of appropriate colors; for instance, a soft shade of pink for the flowers, and two or three shades of green for the leaves; gold or blue for the bows. The petals of the flowers and leaves are each one long stitch of the ribbon. A knot-stitch of yellow silk is worked in the center of each flower. The stalks are in cording-stitch of green silk.

The ribbon that forms the bows must be arranged as shown, then can be fixed in position by a few stitches here and there worked with fine silk and a needle. One or two knot-stitches of silk are worked in the tie over part of each bow.

His Valentine

I am a sunbeam, you are a child;
All melting and sweet is the weather;
A breeze stirs the bronze of your hair,
warm and wild,
And mingles our treasures together.

I fly from you over the trees' jeweled
heights;
You follow with limpid soft laughter,
And catch with your baby hands leaf
filtered lights—
I fly, and you ever come after!

I am yours so divinely—yet yours not
at all
I pine for your lips, moist and glowing,
You cry as I leave you at sable night-
fall,
And both are undone at the going.

But when all is still and in slumber you
lie,
A dream with our infant blisses,
I come in a moonbeam, and lingering by,
I cover your red mouth with kisses.

So if you be far or if you be near,
I always must hover above you;
Of all the world's gauds to me the
most dear—
I love you—I love you—I love you!
—Genevieve Farnell.



Tactics of the Little Pagan God

THOUGH the little pagan god who nearly always accompanies St. Valentine on February 14 has the same purpose, wherever he goes, yet he does not everywhere employ the same methods for its accomplishment. His tactics differ in different places. He is as versatile as he is capricious. In New York city he still finds a way to a lady's heart by going to her in a dainty bit of pasteboard, tissue paper, tinsel and paint, all tucked way in a scented envelope. In Berlin he has recently found a new means of wounding his victims in the "cooling postals," which are so constructed that when squeezed they will imitate the plaintive note of a dove. In more prosaic London cupid has abandoned the postman for the telephone, and the up-to-date London lover no longer sends his sweetheart an ardent message by letter, but recites it over the wire into her very ear. Not the most picturesque St. Valentine day customs are not to be found in the big cities, but in out-of-the-way regions, where human nature retains much of its old-time simplicity. In some of the rural villages of England, for example, the season is observed in much the same way as in the time of Queen Elizabeth and many a quaint superstition still survives. In remote villages of Derbyshire the custom still prevails of maidens looking out of their windows in the early morn of St. Valentine's day to learn who their lovers may be. Every girl who wants to get married is supposed to jump out of bed just at daybreak

and dressing hastily open a window facing the street. There she must wait until some man passes by, who tips his hat and says to her: "Good-morrow, 'tis St. Valentine's day." In reply she says: "Good-morrow, sir, I'll be your valentine." As a usual thing, however, the passerby is not a stranger. A Derbyshire girl usually keeps the shutters closed until through some crevice in them she spies the man she wants. Of all observances, however, the most popular in England is that best known as "aweepling the girls." If a girl is not kissed by an admirer before nine o'clock on St. Valentine's morning she is said to be "dusty." Accordingly all the young men of the neighborhood on learning that some young woman has remained unloved past the fatal hour make an attack on her house with brooms, and after sweeping her thoroughly, each of her callers kisses her. The French province of Lorraine has a custom somewhat similar, which is called "beating the ladies." It dates back to the sixteenth century. On St. Valentine's morning every marriageable daughter is expected to arise at daybreak and bake a heart-shaped cake for the first young man who may come for it. If she should oversleep, however, and her lover should call to find her all unkindly of him and the occasion which brought him to her door then his rivals are privileged to punish her in the following fashion: Armed with wisps of hay they may invade her room and, compelling her to get up, they may administer a not especially ungentle thrashing. In the county of Norfolk, England, there still survives a custom which recalls the times when St. Valentine's day was observed throughout Great Britain and the continent by the presentation of substantial gifts. In this way not only lovers remembered their mistresses, but parents their children, husbands their wives, and in the merry days of Charles II. husbands gave presents to other men's wives.



Time mends a Broken Heart.

Effects of the Trade.

"A shoemaker is a poor sort of creature."
"Why so?"
"Because he is by trade a heeler, and there is not a time when he is not willing to sell his sole."
"But you must admit he has one virtue."
"What is it?"
"He will stick to the last."

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CLENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Laugh and Grow Fat, No.

There is nothing in the maxim "laugh and grow fat" or else the joke-smiths fail to grow mirthful over their own merrymaking. Great humorists seldom are fat. F. P. Dunne is the heaviest, weighing about 160 pounds. The weight of others living is: Mark Twain, 150 pounds; George Ade, 147; Jerome K. Jerome, 143, and W. W. Jacobs, 132. O. Henry is really a great humorist, but he is in the 180-pound class.—Home Magazine.

A Remedy for Neuralgia or Pain in the Nerves.

For neuralgia and sciatica Sloan's Liniment has no equal. It has a powerfully sedative effect on the nerves—penetrates without rubbing and gives immediate relief from pain—quickens the circulation of the blood and gives a pleasant sensation of comfort and warmth. "For three years I suffered with neuralgia in the head and jaws," writes J. P. Hubbard, of Marietta, S. C., "and had almost decided to have three of my teeth pulled, when a friend recommended me to buy a 25 cent bottle of Sloan's Liniment. I did so and experienced immediate relief, and I kept on using it until the neuralgia was entirely cured. I will never be without a bottle of Sloan's Liniment in my house again. I use it also for insect bites and sore throat, and I can cheerfully recommend it to any one who suffers from any of the ills I have mentioned."

Too Interesting to Bury.

There is a certain little southern girl who is very fond of her negro mammy. The nurse's name is Sally, and she is a large woman, so she is known as Big Sally. Ethel, however, calls her "Biggie" for short. One day her mother took her to a museum, where, among other things, there were some stuffed animals. Ethel was greatly interested, and for many days she did not tire of talking about them. Perhaps a week later, at the supper table, after a preoccupied silence, she said: "Mamma, when Biggie dies I'm not going to have her buried; I'm going to have her stuffed!"

POOR JOHN!



Scrappeigh—I was a confounded fool when I got married!
Mrs. Scrappeigh—Well, John, married life hasn't changed you any!

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A Way Some People Have.

A doctor said:—
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Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

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Social Items.

Feed for man and beast at Billy Lewis'.

See Tony Gossett for work horses.

See Billy Lewis for chocolates and fancy candies.

R. T. Walters of Kennard was in Crockett Tuesday.

Miss Leela Templeton is visiting her sister at Corsicana.

A full line of staple and fancy groceries at Billy Lewis'.

Tom D. Clark of McKenzie Bend was in Crockett Monday.

Let us clean your old spring suit. SHUPAK TAILORING CO.

Miss Jo Bayne was a visitor from Oakhurst Saturday and Sunday.

The best line of chocolates and fancy candies is carried by Billy Lewis.

Miss Ruby Robinson of Point Blanc is visiting her sister, Mrs. Earle Adams, Jr.

Mr. Z. D. Driskill, living north of town, was a visitor at THE COURIER office Friday.

Chocolates! Chocolates! The best and purest chocolates and fancy candies at Billy Lewis'.

Never pass us by, if you want the best in tailoring. SHUPAK TAILORING CO.

Ladies, men, children and infants can be fitted in quality's best shoes at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's.

Did we clean and press your clothes lately? If not, they need it. SHUPAK TAILORING CO.

For Sale.

Thirty head of good work mules. Apply to Jim Smith, Crockett. tf.

W. G. Creath of Belott and M. B. Creath of Creath were among those remembering THE COURIER Saturday.

W. T. Hale of Daniel and W. H. Wall of Augusta paid THE COURIER office a visit while in town Saturday.

Visit the grocery department of Jas. S. Shivers & Co. and purchase, at low and saving prices, your table needs.

Billy Lewis has a new shipment of Old Dutch Cleanser. If you have once used this cleanser you will have no other.

For Rent.

A good six-room house in the Bruner Addition in Crockett. Apply to S. F. Tenney. tf.

Wood for Sale.

We have wood any length for sale. Leave orders at office of D. A. Nunn or phone 148. Quick delivery.

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 I. & G. N. is figuring on a new schedule for the 16th of February. It is said that the time of all trains will be considerably shortened.

Call on T. H. Leaverton, when in need of lumber. He can supply your wants at low prices. You will find him at the old stand of the Houston Co. Lumber Co.

Our sale of Oliver plows, plow tools, collars, hames and trace chains has been exceptionally large.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

THE COURIER has been supplied by a contributor with an article in defense of dancing which, owing to a rush of other matters this week, will appear in next issue.

We are still after your prescription work. Our aim is to give you the very best always. Don't cost any more.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

Wm. M. Patton's wholesale department has just received one car load each of corn, chops, meal, bran, oats, hay, cement and lime, gasoline and all kinds of oils and sugars.

The cold wave which struck Crockett Saturday night was worth much to fruit growers in the way of keeping trees from budding too early. Ice formed three quarters of an inch thick.

The time for paying your poll tax expired with the last day of January, but the time for renewing your subscription to THE COURIER goes on forever. It is never too late to do good.

Nunn and Nunn have moved their office to the building vacated by the Houston County Coal & Manufacturing Co., who at the same time moved into the office vacated by Nunn & Nunn.

No physician can get the best results from his medicines unless the druggist does his full duty in dispensing the prescriptions. We certainly do that.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

To the Farmers:

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

CROCKETT GINNING CO.

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From what THE COURIER can learn the potato acreage this year will not be as large as last. Potatoes are now being planted. A few farmers have their seed, others are buying and some are planting on shares.

Filling prescriptions is one of our hobbies. We take special pride in this line of work, and we do it right. You get the benefit of this when you need it most. Bring them to us.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

An accident to a freight train south of Crockett Sunday afternoon delayed the "Fast Mail" eighteen hours. The "Fast Mail" is due to reach Crockett at 9:13 p. m., but did not arrive until the next day at 3:15 p. m. The north-bound day train was delayed four hours.

Feedstuff.

I will keep constantly on hand at my warehouse at freight depot all kinds of feedstuff, such as Chops, Bran, Ear Corn and all kinds of Hay. Call and see me—prices are right.

Top Price Paid for Hydes
B. L. SATTERWHITE

DRUGS,

Medicines

Stationery and Perfumes.

RIGHT PRICES.

PERSONAL ATTENTION TO PRESCRIPTIONS.

FRENCH, THE DRUGGIST

The ladies of Crockett and vicinity will be glad to know that Jas. S. Shivers & Co. have engaged the services of an experienced milliner and assistant, and will have for the spring an up-to-date line of millinery of the latest and most distinctive styles.

Capt. W. H. Edrington of the steambot "Holland" was in Crockett Saturday evening and night. Capt. Edrington said he had just returned from a trip up the river and that he had done a wonderful amount of work in cleaning out the channel. The "Holland" is again anchored at the mouth of Hurricane bayou.

Mrs. Leaverton, widow of the late Henry Leaverton, died at her home in Grapeland Saturday. The remains were laid to rest in the Grapeland cemetery Sunday. Mrs. Leaverton is spoken of as a good woman, a kind neighbor and a true Christian. THE COURIER extends sympathy to those whose heads are bowed with grief.

THE COURIER learns of the marriage of Miss Gertrude Collier of Hagerville to Mr. S. B. Paris of Tyler. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Collier and belongs to one of the most prominent families in the eastern part of the county. She is very pretty, cultured and popular. THE COURIER joins in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Nevada.

On account of a number failing to witness the home talent play, "Nevada," by special request the cast will repeat same Friday night under direction of Miss Robards as a benefit for the Young Men's Literary Club. Prices 25, 35 and 50c. The play will be rendered in the same manner as last Friday night with new specialties. Help the home boys and enjoy an artistic evening.

About Thirty-Two Hundred.

Tax Collector Gus Goolsby was asked by THE COURIER editor Monday afternoon for the number of poll taxes paid in each beat in Houston county. The only information he could give was that about 3,200 receipts had been issued in the county. THE COURIER would be glad to publish the number issued for each voting precinct if the figures were obtainable.

Save Money by Buying Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

You will pay just as much for a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as for any of the other cough medicines, but you save money in buying it. The saving is in what you get, not what you pay. The sure-to-cure-you quality is in every bottle of this remedy, and you get good results when you take it. Neglected colds often develop serious conditions, and when you buy a cough medicine you want to be sure you are getting one that will cure your cold. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always cures. Prices 25 and 50 cents a bottle. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

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

Mr. E. G. Pennington of Grapeland is among our friends remembering us since last issue. Mr. Pennington is one of our oldest friends, but has lost none of his punctuality. He pays his subscription as regularly as he pays his taxes, and he has never failed to do the latter. He is one of the few farmers in Houston county who believe in making a living at home, and as a consequence he always has plenty to live on and some to spare.

Wm. M. Patton sells—

Grove's and Oxidize chill tonic, 25c
11 lbs. green coffee.....\$1.00
10 lbs. roasted coffee.....\$1.00
25 lbs. La. brown sugar...\$1.00
Dollar bucket coffee, C. & S...85c
Six 10c packages Dixie Soda...25c
Good corn chops, per sack...\$1.42½
High patent flour, per sack...\$1.35
50-lb. can good lard.....\$4.00
24 boxes Searchlight matches...75c
Black Draught, 25c size.....15c
17 lbs. granulated sugar....\$1.00
Rabbit-foot tobacco, pound...25c

Cards have been issued announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Betty Smith to Mr. Daniel Clifford Kennedy. The invitations are sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, of whom the bride-to-be is a sister. The wedding will be a high-noon affair, taking place at the First Presbyterian church at noon Friday, February 14. A reception will follow at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith from 3 to 5 in the afternoon and from 8 to 11 in the evening. Owing to the prominence of both families, the event is looked forward to as the crowning society event of the season.

The "Measuring Party."

One of the most delightful occasions of the season was the "measuring party" given by the ladies of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church at the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Burton Tuesday afternoon and evening, January 28th. The parlors and dining room were artistically decorated in red, green and white. From the center of the ceiling of the dining room hung four red streamers reaching to the four corners of the table, overlaid with battenburg cloth. In the center of the table, on a reflector, stood a cut glass vase holding white hyacinths. Around it carelessly lay maiden-hair ferns. Wax tapers burned here and there, adding their soft lustre to the surroundings. Mrs. Allen Newton presided over the "measurements," and Mrs. Valentine had charge of the register. The talented Miss Robards of Dallas gave a splendid reading, while Mrs. A. H. Wootters and Miss Margaret Foster delighted the guests by rendering beautiful vocal solos. Mrs. Collins, in her gentle manner, saw no guest went away without a souvenir—a tiny bunch of violets. The hostess served a delicious salad course with cake and chocolate. All departed hoping that in the near future they might again have the pleasure of being a guest of this hospitable home. The occasion was a financial as well as a social success.

A PARTICIPANT.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

The Play Was a Success.

The play "Nevada," presented at the opera house Friday night under the auspices of the U. D. C., met with a full house. The S. R. O. sign was up early in the evening and those who had not engaged seats in advance or come early were forced to stand.

The play was put on under the personal direction of Miss Eva Hamilton Robards of Dallas, and if she had lived in Crockett she could not have made a better selection for the cast.

Nevada, the miner, was well presented by Dr. Brandon, as was also the parts of Vermont or Steele Sr. by Hermie Howard and Tom Carew by Dudley Woodson.

Jack Beasley as Dandy Dick or Richard Fairlee won frequent applause and his singing was applauded and encored. Chas. Haswell as the detective showed him to have had some former stage experience and Barker Tunstall was at home as the black face comedian.

Grady McConnell played his part well and his make-up could not have been improved upon. The Chinaman, Win Kye, was well presented by A. R. Swancoat.

Agnes Fairlee, the pretty and vivacious young lady from the city, was charmingly presented by Miss Margaret Foster. Appearing in four different costumes, her gowns were rich, beautiful and becoming, and, her attainments well suiting for the part, her acting was faultless.

Miss Lizzie Howard as the Widow Merton had a hard part, but did it heroically and nobly. She received frequent and merited applause.

As Moselle the Waif Miss Genevieve Eichelberger revealed a happy role and one that displayed her fascinating personality to excellent advantage.

Music was supplied by a professional orchestra of eight instruments. This orchestra belonged to a show that was passing through and very kindly and gratuitously donated its services, for which its members should have the thanks of all our people.

Even From the Mountains

Ballard's Snow Liniment is praised for the good it does. A sure cure for rheumatism and all pains. Wright W. Loving, Grand Junction, Col., writes: "I used Ballard's Snow Liniment, last winter, for rheumatism and can recommend it as the best Liniment on the market. I thought, all the time I was taken down with this trouble, that it would be a week before I could get about, but on applying your Liniment several times during the night, I was about in 48 hours and well in three days." Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

Don't Put Off

until tomorrow what you can do to-day. If you are suffering from a torpid liver, or constipation, don't wait until tomorrow to get help.

Buy a bottle of Herbine and get that liver working right. Promptness about health saves many sick spells. "Mrs. Ida Gresham, Point, Texas, writes: I used Herbine in my family for six years, and find it does all it claims to do." Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

The Crockett Courier

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line.

Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

THE COURIER is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For District Judge
J. J. Faulk
of Henderson county
W. R. Bishop
of Henderson county
B. H. Gardner
of Anderson county
For District Clerk
B. F. Dent

The editor of THE CROCKETT COURIER and the pastor of the Crockett church disagree on the subject of dancing. The pastor condemns and the editor commends dancing to the extent of two columns each, though it is not likely that either party to the argument knows the difference between Balance-all and Ladies do-ci-do.—Galveston News.

THE COURIER cannot but believe that at the proper time our people will take some concerted action toward bringing the Missouri River and Gulf, or the Missouri, Oklahoma and Gulf, railroad to Crockett. Construction of this road has already begun on the north end and the statement is made that the work will be pushed toward the south until completed. Our people should hold themselves in readiness to act at the proper time.

CROCKETT COURIER: Our farmer friends should not plant too much of their farm in any one crop. Observation and experience have demonstrated that the most successful farmer is the one who does not depend on any one crop.

Correct. In almost every community where the theory of diversification was adopted and intelligently practiced, the farmers are in far better financial condition than when they raised "all cotton" under a crop mortgage plan.—Galveston News.

Those who have the matter in charge of securing the summer normal for Crockett should receive the moral encouragement and financial aid of every citizen of the town. The fact that many teachers and students will be brought here for two months during the dull summer period will be worth much both in a financial and an educational way. Don't let it be said that those who will profit the most are exerting themselves the least to secure this school for our town.

An effort is on foot among the young men to organize a band for the town. This is an effort worthy of the support of all, and should, and no doubt will, receive the encouragement and aid of our people. A good band is worth much to any town, and as proof of this we have but to cite Lufkin. The Hoo-Hoo band has made Lufkin no less famous than did a celebrated brew make fame for Milwaukee. Crockett has some splendid material. There are a half dozen cornet players here, to say nothing of the boys who make the nights hideous with their trombones and bass. THE COURIER would be glad to see all these gathered into a band and confined in a room to themselves. But this is pleasantry and we meant to

be serious. This is a political year and there will be occasions when a brass band will be needed. The Fourth of July is sure to come, when a band will be needed to put on the finishing touches. Long summer evenings are coming when our people will have time to listen to concerts, and THE COURIER believes in entertaining our people at home. If they cannot find amusement at home they will leave home to find it. There is no better way to spend a long summer evening than to go out and listen to a band concert. Help the young men to get up their band and stick to them when they have gotten it up. The business men and the city can well afford to contribute to weekly concerts.

THE COURIER last week entered into its nineteenth volume. There are many names on our subscription books that have been there from the first number, and to these faithful friends and supporters we desire to express our sincerest thanks. We are no less appreciative of all other patronage, whether old or new, but to those who have renewed year after year for nineteen years we have the kindest feeling. THE COURIER begins its nineteenth volume with renewed energy and encouragement, and feels that those who continue with it will have no reason to complain when the twentieth volume is reached.

CROCKETT COURIER: Let's sing the praises of our good streets, and build more of them; of our mild climate, and enjoy it more; of our religious, literary and social advantages, for it is not every community that possesses them. In a word, let's not complain about the things which we have not, but rejoice over the many good things which we have.

It is refreshing and inspiring to read THE COURIER's optimistic remarks upon the good things which its town and community enjoy. Optimism always beats pessimism. It is better any time for a community to enjoy and appreciate its public benefits, for thereby it can be encouraged to strive for the acquisition of other public utilities.—Galveston News.

Since a band has been mentioned for Crockett, the subject of a park is being discussed. A band stand and park will be necessary. THE COURIER would suggest that the city lease some outlying grove within the city limits and convert it into a park as an experiment. Supply it with a band stand, seats, etc., and dispose of its commercial privileges to the highest cash bidders. Admission to the park would be free and those who desired to patronize the ice cream and soda water stands and amusement privileges could do so. By this way the park would become self-sustaining and the band could be paid by popular subscription. This might be tried for one summer as an experiment and in the event of its success the park might be bought by the city.

Candidates Cards...

are best printed at the Courier Office.

Prices Right.

A Measuring Party.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church of this city entertained on last Thursday evening in a very unique and pleasing manner.

Invitations to a measuring party had been issued with the request that five cents be brought for every foot and a cent for every inch over. If one measured five feet six the amount would be 31 cents, and so on.

The beautiful and elegant home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Burton was selected as the place for the entertainment. A better selection could not have been made, for this home is one of the most commodious and admirably situated in the town. Mr. and Mrs. Burton do not often entertain, but when they do, nothing is left undone for the comfort and pleasure of those within their doors. While the ladies of the Methodist church were giving the entertainment, Mr. and Mrs. Burton took the role of host and hostess and showed themselves to be old hands at the business.

The double parlors and dining room were beautifully and artistically decorated and subjects of much praise from all present. The west parlor was converted into a music room, the east into a reception room with the reception hall intervening. From the reception room large doors opened into the dining room, revealing elegance and hospitality. Here a delightful lunch was served.

Early in the evening Miss Eva Hamilton Robards gave a reading and was followed by Miss Margaret Foster in a vocal solo. Both were very much appreciated and enjoyed. Piano music interwoven with bright repartee finished up the evening's entertainment.

The proceeds went to the Ladies' Aid Society. The affair was thoroughly enjoyed, and as the guests departed Mr. and Mrs. Burton were besieged for another such party.

Antioch Gossip.

The people who live at the forks of the creek are suffering from la grippe, but are still able to talk and to show those "from Missouri." We beg leave to hand in the gossip for January.

New Year's night Miss Ola Reynolds, one of the leading society lights of Antioch, ably assisted by Minnie Hutchins of Kittrell's Cut-Off, entertained by giving a "tacky" party. The charming hostess was arrayed in a costume of many colors, and wore un-Cinderella-like slippers; Miss Minnie, ditto. The guests wore their ordinary tacky clothes, but all had a "magniflorious" time.

Prof. J. F. Mangum visited our school and gave both teacher and pupils a much needed lecture.

The Missionary Baptists met at the Antioch church the 4th Saturday to call a pastor for their church for the ensuing year.

The Rev. E. West delivered an eloquent sermon on the 4th Sunday which was highly appreciated by an attentive congregation. The song service led by Prof. Elisha Price was soul-stirring. It had the old-time ring.

Mr. W. T. Wilkins carried his little brother, Senter, to Houston last Saturday to have his eyes examined by an oculist.

The patrons of the Antioch school met recently and repaired the building, put in a new stove and added other needed improvements. School is now moving on smoothly.

Weekly prayer meetings are being held at different homes in the community and much good is being accomplished.

Will the correspondent from

High Grade Fertilizers

We are prepared to supply the trade with all the different grades suited to the various crops on the different varieties of soil. Ask for our booklet, which will tell you all about our fertilizers.

Houston County Oil Mill and Manufacturing Co.

Sunshine be quiet a few days? The "object" is known and will soon be made public.

Only one wedding to report this month—that of Mr. Chas. Butler and Miss Pearl Dickey.

Two deaths have occurred since our last communication. The little blind daughter of Mr. Will Holliday and the infant of Mr. Chas. Reynolds. Both were interred at the Antioch cemetery.

More anon. SUB ROSA.

Bankrupt Sale Notice.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Trustee in Bankruptcy of the estate of Canon & Cochran, Bankrupts, of Lovelady, Houston County, Texas, and pursuant to an order made and entered by S. D. Reaves, Esq., Referee in Bankruptcy, in and for the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas, Tyler Division, authorizing and directing me to sell the stock of merchandise and fixtures belonging to said estate, at Lovelady, Houston County, Texas, by sealed bids to the highest bidder for cash, on Tuesday, the 11th day of February, A. D. 1908, I, the undersigned Trustee, will sell on the date, and at the place and in the manner as ordered, heretofore mentioned, the stock of merchandise invoicing \$4802.53 and the store and office furniture and fixtures invoicing \$473.40, all belonging to the estate of the said Canon & Cochran, Bankrupts. Right reserved to reject any or all bids.

J. G. REAVES, Trustee.

Many Sleepless Nights,

owing to a persistent cough. Relief found at last.

"For several winters past my wife has been troubled with a most persistent and disagreeable cough, which invariably extended over a period of several weeks and caused her many sleepless nights," writes Will J. Hayner, editor of the Burley, Colo., Bulletin. "Various remedies were tried each year, with no beneficial results. In November last the cough again put in its appearance and my wife, acting on the suggestion of a friend, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The result was indeed marvelous. After three doses the cough entirely disappeared and has not manifested itself since." This remedy is for sale by Murchison & Beasley.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Ramon De La Garza, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Joseph N. Craddock, deceased, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3rd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 3rd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County; to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Crockett, on the 2nd Monday in March, 1908, the same being the 9th day of March, 1908, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of January, 1908, in a suit, numbered on the Docket of said Court No. 5074, wherein Charles Edmiston and F. G. Edmiston are Plaintiffs, and the unknown heirs of Ramon De La Garza, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Joseph N. Craddock, deceased, are Defendants, and said petition alleging that Plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple of the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Being 300 acres, more or less, out of Section Number 23, according to the sub-division plat of the Ramon De La Garza 11 League Grant, situated on the eastern bank of the Trinity river in said Houston County, said Section No. 23 being described by field notes as follows: Beginning at the N W corner of Section No. 23 and the N E corner of Section No. 24 and the S E corner of Section No. 17 and the S W corner of Section No. 18. Thence S 35 E between Sections 23 and 24 at 1900 yds to the S W corner of said Section No. 23. Thence N 55 E at 1900 yds to the S E corner of said Section No. 23. Thence N 35 W at 1900 yds to the N E corner of said Section 23. Thence S 55 W between Sections Nos. 23 and 18 at 1900 yds to the N W corner of said Section No. 23, the place of beginning, containing 640 acres of land, more or less, and said 300 acres being all of said Section except 340 acres out of same conveyed by Lucy Clark and H. B. Clark to Mobley & Dailey by deed dated September 22nd, 1898, and recorded in Book 23, page 122, of the Houston County Deed Records, to which reference is here made for description of said 340 acres. Plaintiffs further allege that they own and claim said land under and by virtue of deeds and instruments duly executed from and under the sovereignty of the soil, but Plaintiffs show and allege that the deed from Ramon De La Garza conveying said land and the deed from Joseph N. Craddock conveying said land, both of said deeds having been executed to Plaintiffs remote grantors, have been lost or destroyed, and upon trial secondary evidence of the existence and execution of said deed and the destruction of same will be offered, and Plaintiffs allege that by reason of the destruction of said deed a cloud is cast on their title. Plaintiffs pray Judgment for said land removing all clouds and quieting their title to same, and for general and special relief. Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, Texas, this 7th day of January, 1908.

J. B. STANTON,
Clerk District Court, Houston County.
ADAMS & ADAMS,
Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

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