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APPROPRIATE AND USEFUL Gifts.

How much better it is to present something useful for Christmas than the meaningless trifles which are often given. The sensible idea of "practical presents" has manifested itself of late years more strongly than ever before. Consequently our impressive showing of fine line of Haviland and Austria china, individual sets of various kinds, best grade of enamelled ware and crockery of all kinds. You should see our line of cutlery. Everything needed for the kitchen. Ladies' and gents' hose that wear like buckskin. Ask to see our linen handkerchiefs, towels, house slippers, gents' gloves and caps. Be sure and see our line before you buy.

NO GOODS CHARGED.

YOURS TO PLEASE, **R. C. STOKES.**



FARMERS HAVE THE NERVE AND MONEY.

Bears in Grain Pit Failed to Squeeze Growers Out—Hung on to Holdings.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 13.—Despite strenuous efforts on the part of the professional bears in the Chicago grain trade to squeeze them out of the corn market by repeated onslaughts on that cereal in the local pit during the last two weeks, country traders and farmers, aware of the serious condition of the crop, have had the nerve and sufficient wealth at their command to cling to their purchases of futures. This class of traders not only held on to their previous purchases, but have been steadily adding to their lines on all soft spots, local commission houses being almost snowed under with orders from the country to buy corn.

Today because of the continuation of weather conditions which is rapidly making country roads impassable, there was such a great exhibition of buying that the bears became panic-stricken and covered millions of bushels of short corn. The efforts on the part of professionals to break the price of corn dates back three weeks.

Jas. A. Patton is credited with being short from 10,000,000 to

12,000,000 bushels of December corn at the present time. That house today made strenuous efforts to cover.

Private wire houses with Southern connection report that Southerners who cleaned up on cotton have been big buyers of corn of late. Logan & Bryan especially have had large numbers of buying orders from the South.

Great Excitement in Bull Ring.

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 13.—Great excitement was created at the bull fight in Nuevo Laredo yesterday evening when one of the maddened bulls jumped over the ring and dashed up the crowded tier of reserved seats. The occupants screamed and fell pellmell to the ground. Finally when the bull reached the judges' stand, at the very top of the amphitheater, one of the pursuing bull fighters succeeded in stabbing him to death with a dagger.

Though no one was seriously hurt many carried off scars on their persons as a reminder of the incident.

Poor Man!

Why is a merchant who doesn't advertise like a man in a rowboat? Because he goes backward, I suppose.

No—because he has to get along without sales.

UNIVERSITY HAS STAUNCH FRIEND.

Col. Brackenridge Has Donated 400 Acres of Valuable Land to The School.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 13.—It was learned today that Col. Geo. W. Brackenridge of San Antonio has decided to give the University of Texas a tract of 400 acres of land bordering on the Colorado and extending from the western limits of the city of Austin north, and includes the old dam site and land adjacent thereto. It is not known what particular purpose the land is to be put to, except held as a permanent fund for some building or other purpose.

The land is valuable because of its proximity to Austin and its general location. If the University students were in strong on aquatics they would find splendid locations on this land for boat houses, also rowing courses. Water athletics have never been popular at Texas University, but rowing and swimming clubs are to be organized next spring.

Col. Brackenridge has donated thousands of dollars to the University of Texas, besides advancing large sums at different times in order that buildings may be constructed within a certain time because they were badly needed. He never accepts one cent of interest for these large sums advanced and paid back after many months,

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when the permanent fund has accumulated it.

Tonight Col. Brackenridge and Judge A. W. Terrell, both regents of the University, went East with President Mezes of the University. They will inspect certain large Eastern colleges and secure data which will be of benefit to Texas University, especially in the matter of the construction of the new \$200,000 library building. Col. Brackenridge is interested.

To Work for Better Roads.

Topeka, Kan., December 14.—National aid for permanent roads, a system of National highways connecting the capitals of the various States and of highways connecting the various county seats, aid of Federal prisoners for building roads and the establishment of road-making on a strictly business basis are some of the suggestions made today at the opening of the National good roads convention here. A letter from President

Taft declares against National aid to any great extent. The president said:

"My own view of the good roads question is that it is chiefly a State function and that all the States ought to unite in an effort to promote good roads. I don't think that the farmers are as much interested in the matter as they ought to be."

"Next to education, a system of good roads is the greatest civilization."

Arthur T. Nunn, president of the National Association, suggested that National and State resolutions and one resolution declare for National aid for road work.

This is Worth Remembering.

Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. Will McLean.

Season's Greetings

Again we solicit your presence to examine the magnificent array of Christmas gifts now on display. Our efforts to have the best and most complete line ever shown in this city have been successful. As a suggestion for your benefit we name a few items:

- Cut Glass in Richest Patterns and Cuttings,
- Toilet Cases to Suit Almost Any Individual or Purse,
- Books in the Daintiest of Bindings,
- Fancy Stationery for Fastidious People,
- Hand Painted China Which Would Adorn Any Home

and last, but not least, a line of Toys, Dolls, Wagons, Guns, Soldier Sets, etc., that will make the little tots happy. No trouble to show you and we cordially invite you to call.

The Murchison-Beasley Drug Company
Next Door to Nunn & Nunn's Office.

THE BIG STORE

Just a Few of the Big Store's Bargains

Specially Grouped for

THE HOLIDAY TRADE

We have decided to make the last few days of this year decidedly brisk in a business way, and in order to do so have reduced materially the prices on all articles quoted below. Please read and remember that we make good all we say.

Bargains in Rugs and Art Squares.

All \$5.00 rugs will go for \$4.00
 All \$3.50 and \$4.00 rugs will go for 3.00
 All others in proportion.
 Art squares, equal to any sold elsewhere for \$15.00, our price only \$9.75

Felt Shoes.

We have a fine line of these goods for men and ladies.
 Men's \$2.00 felt shoes for \$1.65
 Ladies' \$2.00 and \$2.25 felt shoes for 1.75
 Ladies' \$1.75 felt shoes for 1.50
 And all other shoes for men, ladies and children will be sold very close as trade stimulators during the remainder of this month.

Next we wish to speak to you of our large stock of

Ladies' and Misses' Coats and Jackets.

We have a very large and well selected stock for both ladies and misses, ladies' ranging in price from \$3.50 to \$20.00 each, misses' from \$1.25 to \$6.00 each, and in order to close these will sell—
 Ladies' \$20.00 jackets for \$15.00

Ladies' 15.00 jackets for 12.50
 Ladies' 12.50 jackets for 10.00
 Ladies' 10.00 jackets for 8.00
 Ladies' 8.00 jackets for 6.50
 Ladies' 6.50 jackets for 5.00
 All other ladies' and misses' jackets will go at proportionate prices.

Next we quote you our large stock of

Comforts and Bed Blankets

at very interesting prices. Our extra large and nice silkolene comforts, worth \$3.50, all colors and figures, going now for only \$2.50
 Our extra heavy silkolene comforts, \$2.50 stock, going for only \$1.75
 All \$2.00 stock going for 1.50
 All \$1.50 and \$1.25 stock going for 1.00
 We also have a nice stock of bed blankets from 65c a pair up to \$5.00

Our Stock of Fancy Laprobes

is too large and in order to reduce it will sell all \$12.50 robes for \$10.00, all \$10.00 robes for \$8.00, all \$8.00 robes for \$6.50, all \$6.50 robes for \$5.00,

and all \$5.00 robes for \$3.50

Next we desire to mention our

Ladies' Coat Sweaters.

We have a large stock of these goods that will be sold very close for the next few days. They are just the thing to kill old Crimp, too. We have them in red, white, blue and gray.
 Ladies' all wool white sweaters, the kind you see advertised in the magazines for \$3.50, our price \$3.00
 Ladies' red, blue or gray sweaters, regular \$2.00 stock, going for \$1.50
 The \$1.75 kind going for 1.25
 And on down the line to the very cheapest grade.

Our stock of men's and ladies' rubbers is very large and in order to reduce same will make prices so low you will be surprised when you ask for them.

We also have a large stock of men's and ladies' gloves, both for dress and for work, and can not only save you money in this line but will give you the best stock that can be had.

Closer prices made on furniture and stoves.

Jas. S. Shivers & Company

THE BIG STORE

A CHANGE OF HEADS.

The Trick a Dusky Ruler Wanted a Magician to Perform.

Thurston, the magician, had many interesting experiences during his professional tour of the globe several years ago. He went to all sorts of outlandish places and appeared before rulers of many strange lands and communities. On one occasion his manager had arranged that Thurston should give an exhibition before the ruler of a province called Pagopago, in the Fiji islands. In the crowd that saw the exhibition were many of the black and yellow slaves of the chieftain. All the spectators were amazed at the many strange manifestations of the black art that Thurston offered, but no trick appealed so strongly to the assembled retinue and to the chieftain as that in which a white duck was made to appear with a black head and a black duck, after a moment's manipulation, with the head of the white duck. The trick had to be repeated, and then the chieftain engaged in a long whispered conversation with the interpreter.

"What is desired?" queried the obliging trick player.

The interpreter coughed apologetically and then responded: "Respected sir, our honored sire wishes you to take two of his slaves and put a yellow head on a black man and the black head on the body of a yellow servant. Our honored sire thinks it would be very funny."

"Tell his royal highness," Thurston replied, "that I could give a yellow man a black eye, but I would not like to attempt to make his entire head black."—Philadelphia Record.

MONEY IN JUNK.

The Stuff is Always in Demand, and the Profits Are Large.

Up and down the dirty back alleys drives the junkman, singing his mournful, nasal cry, loading his rickety wagon with broken scraps and pieces of old iron, an object of pity or of ridicule to most of the uninformed public.

Let him be admired or envied, rather, for if not he himself, at least his employer, is probably making more money than nine out of ten professional men.

Few things are more depressing and unsightly than a little pile of junk as high as a two story building. One may see such piles in every city, and, so far as the casual observer can determine, none of the stuff is ever moved. The

piles increase apparently from month to month and grow rustier and rustier, but the men in the business keep on buying.

How are they able to keep so much money tied up? Where do they get the large amount of capital which seems to be necessary?

They borrow from the banks, like any other business man, on the security of their stock in trade.

"No better security," the president of almost any bank will declare. "It can neither burn nor blow away. It can't be damaged by water or smoke. Where is there a collateral like that? It is absolutely safe. The foundries and the nut and bolt works and the stove factories can't get along without it. It pays the largest profits of any business to which we lend money, and these profits fluctuate very little. Junk is always in demand. The men in that business are excellent customers."—Technical World Magazine.

Almost Insulted.

Amid the lace bargains in one of the large department stores the other day a shopper engrossed in thought set her little Japanese spaniel on the counter. One of the salesgirls, not seeing the little dog, threw a remnant of reduced lace over him and entirely submerged him. When the woman went to look for her pet he was not to be found, but several shrill yelps, accompanied by an upheaval of the lace, betrayed his presence. He was quickly rescued from his predicament, and the woman, showering kisses upon his moist, upturned nose, said, "Did they cover mamma's precious with cheap fifty cent lace?"

The salesgirl, who evidently had cultivated diplomacy, assured the dog's mistress that the lace had been reduced from \$1 to 50 cents, and the woman took her pet away mollified.—Philadelphia Record

Foiled Them.

Every instructor at Chautauqua is required to fill out a paper answering a number of necessary and unnecessary questions. One year there was a remarkably handsome male member of the faculty in whom all the girl students were much interested. "Is he married or unmarried?" became an all absorbing question. Finally some of them had the courage to approach the college secretary and ask if the files might be looked over. And there the handsome professor, anticipating perhaps some such investigation, had recorded his matrimonial pretensions as follows: "Married or single? Yes."

Do You Want to Buy Goods Cheap?

If so, listen! Before the holidays T. D. Craddock is making reduced prices in every line. He has installed a new model National cash register, and with each cash purchase you get a check showing date and amount of purchase; and in addition to the very cheap prices we are now giving the public the benefit of, your checks for cash trade are redeemable at our store in beautiful premiums now on exhibition. Come and see for yourself. Our stock is complete in every line. Here are a few of the items we carry:

Wagons, Hog Fencing, Barbwire, Nails,

Men's and Boys' Clothing,

Ladies' and Misses' Cloaks,

Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings,

Dry Goods of Every Description,

Shoes for everybody, Dress Goods to suit the most fastidious, Staple Groceries, Salt, Flour, Sugar, Coffee, in fact we have not space or time to enumerate the bargains we have for you. See us.

T. D. CRADDOCK.



On Christmas eve the children, all gathered around the fire, Discuss the probabilities until they must retire.

'Tis then the fateful wishbone, kept over from Thanksgiving day, Is brought to light and broken in the traditional way.

With their fair, expectant faces and eyes with light aglow They await the anxious moment when all of them shall know

Who is to be the favorite of fortune and whose choice Is sure to bring fulfillment fit to make the heart rejoice.

THE CHRISTMAS BEARS.

By GERALD PRIME.

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ISABEL was having it out with her father. It was only a few days before Christmas, and she should have been at peace with herself and all mankind in general, but she wasn't. She had been telling herself all this particular day that as soon as her father came home she would put her case before him in a light so convincing that he would be brought to admit that he had been a little too arbitrary. Her scheme had not worked. She was beginning to realize painfully that her effort to gain her point had resulted in confirming her father in his opinion that it was a man's privilege to rule in his own house, especially when the woman of it was his only daughter, a girl of twenty, who could not be expected to know her own mind.

"You know perfectly well," said Isabel, with a final heroic attempt to snatch victory from the jaws of defeat, "that Jack and I have been—have been good friends for a long time. The only reason he hasn't spoken about it—to you—is because he has been waiting until he was in more of a position to do so."

"Then it's mighty lucky for him that he concluded to postpone it," declared Tom Truesdell testily. "Romance is all very well for those who can afford it, but Jack Goodale doesn't belong to that class. I pay him a fair salary, and I admit he earns it. But I don't see how he expects me to accept him as a son-in-law. How could he ever provide for a wife as extravagant as you? Absurd!"

"He has a little money, and he may make a lucky deal some day," she persisted in spite of the forlornness of her hope.

"Do you mean that the young man intends to gamble in wheat?" he asked ironically.

"Why shouldn't he? You do, don't you?" Tom Truesdell snorted impatiently. "No," he retorted, "I do not gamble. A gambler risks his property. I never risk anything. I know how the market is going because I make the market. There is a difference, Isabel."

Driven to desperation, Isabel played her last trick. "The man you want for a son-in-law," she said, "is no better off financially. He has nothing but his debts to distinguish him."

Mr. Van Ingen is coming to lunch with me tomorrow, and I shall make a study of him. He certainly ought to do great things for us socially."

Van Ingen was punctual at Truesdell's office on the following day. As he entered the busy place he found the bustle very disquieting to his nerves. Tape machines clicked, clerks were shouting perplexing fractions into telephones, and there was an uproar quite unfamiliar to the young man's ears. All at once Truesdell rushed into view, almost overturning his distinguished visitor, and without even an apology shouted in a voice that seemed peculiarly disagreeable:

"Here, Goodale! Get a move on and sell all you can—10,000,000 bushels today. Keep a cool head, man!" Having given his commands, Truesdell turned to his visitor. "You'll have to excuse me," he said. "I expected a quiet day, but the bulls are on the warpath, and I'm having the fight of my life. Goodale will be back presently, and he'll tell you all about it. Come in tomorrow and I'll blow you to that luncheon—if I have money enough left to pay for it."

The excited operator was away before the startled young man could put in a word. He couldn't understand why so rich a man as Truesdell was supposed to be should agitate himself over his business. What was amiss? The idea was so irritating that he found a trifling consolation in the fact that his wooing had gone no further.

Just then Goodale returned, and Van Ingen felt it due to himself to learn something of the condition of affairs. His ideas of business were exceedingly vague, but he nerved himself for the undertaking.

"Mr. Truesdell seems to be unusually excited today," he began. "I can't help thinking something must be up."

"Something is up," Goodale admitted quietly. "Wheat is down."

"Oh, I see," said his rival, with a dazed look which belied his assumption of intelligence. "Mr. Truesdell has been dealing very heavily lately, I believe."

"Very heavily indeed," Goodale agreed promptly.

"Many people will be very hard hit," "Very hard indeed."

Van Ingen concluded that he had solved the problem. He thanked his informant, rose languidly and proceeded to his club, inwardly grateful that he had escaped a terrible possibility.

While he was eating his luncheon a man whom he knew emerged from behind his paper and came over to his table.

"Beastly panic in the wheat market," he observed rather dolefully. "Hope you're not scorched, Van."

"No money to play with, dear old chap. I've just left a man up to his eyes in it—Tom Truesdell. Know him?"

"Well, rather!" the other replied. "I have just dropped a cool \$10,000 in the pit. If your man Truesdell has been equally out of luck he must be looking forward to a rather gloomy Christmas. It means millions to him."

An hour later Van Ingen went into the writing room and penned a note to Mr. Truesdell to the effect that some unexpected and important business would compel him to forego the pleas-

ure of a further discussion of the contemplated alliance.

On Christmas eve Goodale and Van Ingen met face to face on the street. The latter would have passed without a sign of recognition, but Goodale grasped his hand and greeted him cordially.

"I am afraid you people must have come out of your deal rather badly," Van Ingen stammered.

"Not at all," declared the other radiantly, with a final wring of his one-time rival's hand which made him wince. "We were bears. The lower the price went the more we made. About a million is the figure."

Van Ingen smiled feebly and murmured his congratulations.

Christmas.

Sing holly now and mistletoe
And all resentment from your heart;
Sing the accessories which show
And in this joyous day have part;
Sing help to him you fain would wrong
And good to him you would deride;
Lift up your heart in joy and song
And sing the Christ back to your side
ELBERT SHERMAN.

Santa Claus on the Street.

In the larger American cities of late years Santa Claus has come to be pretty well known to everybody who frequents the business streets during the two or three weeks preceding Christmas. The Volunteers of America, organized by Ballington Booth, formerly of the Salvation Army, supply Santa Clauses in considerable numbers.

The traditional chimney idea is put to practical use. A member of the Volunteers rigs himself up in true Kris Kringle costume, with long coat, flowing white beard and fur cap. He stands beside a miniature chimney set on the sidewalk, on top of which is a large placard requesting passersby to drop in a coin to help send Santa Claus down the chimney with a big Christmas dinner for the poor or to carry shoes, clothing or other supplies to the city unfortunates.

Christmas Family Advice.

To Papa—Remember the myth of Santa Claus, to keep it holy.

To Mamma—Don't worry about the molasses candy getting on the parlor rug. Christmas comes but once a year, and the stores will sell you a parlor rug any day.

To Miss Belle—It is not necessary to stand under a bunch of mistletoe if you look at him the right way.

To Little Willy—Don't be envious of Jimmy Jones because Santa brought him a cannon. Next year you may get a disappearing gun. (It will disappear mysteriously shortly after you begin to make a noise with it, and maybe mamma can explain.)

To Baby—Be good, dear child, and let who will be clever.

Old Folk at Home Remembered.

A good many hundred thousand dollars have been shipped home to Europe for Christmas, through the banks, by foreigners employed in America. This year, probably because of the high rates of wages, the banks have been busier with this class of exchange than usual. The bulk of the drafts go to England and Ireland. Servants send most of this money, and none is apparently so poor or ragged that he or she has not at least the equivalent of a pound sterling to send home to the old folks.

The Truth About Santa Claus.

I write myself down as one who still believes in Santa Claus. Don't you? Are you one of those very literal folk who have their doubts whether they ought to let their children cling to the beautiful old myth?

Without imagination, without dreams, without poetry, this old world of ours would be a very wearisome place. Its road would be steeper than it is—much like sleighing over bare ground would our progress be as compared with sleighing over deep, hard packed snow.

The poetic myth of the old saint, with his reindeer and his jingling bells and his bulging pack of toys and bonbons, has charmed a thousand generations. The stocking hung by the chimney on Christmas eve, the children staying awake until sleep pounced on them like a strong man armed, the presents filling them from top to toe in the morning, the rush of the bare feet hurrying fast across the floor, the merry uproar, the bubbling laughter, the shouts of joy—the whole of this family pageant belongs to dear Santa Claus. We owe it to him. Gradually, as the golden mists of childhood clear before the sun and the "trailing clouds of glory" fade, our small men and women discover that Santa Claus is not one, but ten thousand; that he is better than they knew, being just the spirit of love, good will and beautiful usefulness that makes the world a beautiful place to live in now and makes it a good starting point for heaven by and by. For you and me there is hope that we may do our duty in this world lovingly while we keep the child heart and believe in Santa.

WAYNE HOLT.

Soup Marks.

Guest—You called "Minna." Is that the blond, the dark one or the old woman? Walter—How do you know our cooks? Guest—By the soup.—Meggen-dorfer Blatter.

You Will Miss It



If you don't subscribe for this paper for the coming year. It will contain all the worth while news of the world, at home and abroad, with the accent on the AT HOME.

BOBBY'S CHRISTMAS PLAIN.

By WILLIS HAWKINS.

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I'M awful tired o' bein' rich. I think it was a pity We come into the money which Enticed us to the city. I wish that we was poor again An' back in Pawpaw Center A-livin' as we ust to when We was so much contented.

Pa didn't have that worried look An' ma was never nervous Before we had a chef to cook An' a butler man to serve us. I'd ruther be the way we was, All feelin' fine an' happy, With simple cookin' such as ma's That never made us scrappy.

An' then the lugs the girls put on! I think it's awful silly That Mary Jane is "Marie Zhon" An' Nellie is "Nattie." But, gracious, they git mad at me When I say "Nell" or "Mary," Though that was what they ust to be When they was 'tendin' dairy.



"I THINK IT'S AWFUL SILLY."

Them days I knew a lot o' boys That I could play an' fight with An' swap my marbles an' my toys Or go an' stay all night with. But now that I'm a rich man's son There'd be a great sensation If I should play with any one Beneath my lofty station.

An' now that Chris'mus time is near An' Santy Claus is comin' I don't see how he'll git in here Unless it's through the plumbin'. Instead o' chimneys we have wires Where 'lectric currents sizzle, An' I guess where you don't have fires Your Chris'mus is a fizzle.

The Flying Idea.

The first man who got the theory of the flying machine right was no less a person than the painter Leonardo da Vinci. He pictured it as heavier than air, provided with wings and uplifted, in spite of its weight, by the rapid revolutions of a propeller. Leonardo had an idea that the propeller might be turned by clockwork or by setting a number of laboring men to turn a handle, but in that respect he was mistaken.—Fall Mall Gazette.

An Intelligent Cow.

A few nights ago a citizen went home and found a cow in his yard. He drove her out. He then went into the house and later heard the animal in the yard again. He drove her out the second and third times. The citizen's son came home later and found the animal in the yard and drove her out. The citizen then made an investigation and found the cow got in by waiting around the fence on the river side. He hung up a lantern to deceive the cow as she came in, and the next morning, so he says, he found the cow in the yard with the lantern hung on her horns, using the same to hunt out the best grapefruit in his grove. Say what you please, but that was an intelligent cow. And the story is true—of course it is.—Fort Myer Press.

Swell Stock.

"Could I sell you an imported Persian cat for \$1,000?" ventured the cat and dog fancier.

"What!" exclaimed the multimillionaire in surprise. "Why, I just bought a \$5,000 bulldog from you the other day."

"Yes, but I thought you'd want a \$1,000 cat for that swell bulldog to chase. You surely wouldn't allow a \$5,000 bulldog to chase a common cat, would you?"—Pittsburg Press.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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HOGG AND THE COMMISSION.

In his message to the legislature, in which he implored the Legislature, when the railroad commission was created, to provide in that law that no commissioner should run for office until two years after the expiration of his term of office, we find this very significant language used by Gov. Hogg:

"Before dismissing this important subject it is perhaps well to draw your attention to a few more important features valuable to incorporate in the law establishing the commission, which are: "That all temptations to engage in business or to use the great powers reposed in the commissioners to subvert political ends be removed. This can be done by providing that no member of the commission, during his term of office, shall engage in any commercial, agricultural, mining or other avocation, or be holder of any stock or bonds, or have any interest in or be employed by any railroad company or other common carrier during his term of office, or be eligible to any other public position of emolument or trust for the period of two years after the expiration of his term as commissioner."

And further along in said message this language is used:

"One of the great achievements by the commission, desirable by all classes, should be the removal of the railway from politics. With the feature of disqualification as suggested, it is not impossible for this result to be fully attained. In many respects a plain, circumspect law, administered by the honorable, painstaking commissioners, will conduce much to the peace and prosperity of the railways and the public. The constant friction resulting in so many antagonisms between the citizens and the carriers will be abated. The biennial political agitation and corrupting influence of corporate power in the elections, always productive of discontent, jealousy and unhappiness among the just people, will be at an end."

Children and Dogs.

This country is suffering from an acute case of dogophobia. The malady is daily growing more desperate and is chiefly confined to the homes of the rich and well-to-do. I can easily understand the wisdom of a pet for the children and that in certain avocations and departments of industry a good dog is a valuable asset; but I denounce as positive idolatry and a stigma on the Nation the feasting and founding by jeweled hands of pug nosed bull dogs and poodles. The pampered poodle revels in the good things of life, while the boy with the newspapers contests every inch of ground on frozen streets for an honest existence. Many women regard children a burden not to be borne and dogs sheltered under velvet and gold are cradled in laps and homes of luxury. A silver collared bull dog slept peacefully upon the soft cushion of a big automobile in front of a mansion. A passing news boy paused long enough in his fight with hun-

I was a bull dog and not a boy." There are one million dogs in Texas. It is estimated that more than two million dogs are carefully put to bed every night. They prowl on velvet carpets. They sleep on sofa pillows and some actually share beds with their owners. Within the shadow of these homes of wealth, are the homes of orphan children. They too perhaps are put to bed every night, but they know not the magic touch of a mother's love. Cream and cradles hold out beckoning hands to lap dogs, while little children point their skeleton fingers at us and are starving in stall fed America. In ten thousand tenements little children go to bed hungry and close their eyes on hard floors, while poodles plunder tables and from hands soft and white receive on salvers of silver in rich profusion the choicest viands the markets afford. To crush the life out of childhood and install the dog, is a crime for which the society and civilization of today will have to answer.

The press of the country, within the last few days, informs me that at Peoria, Illinois, a "Family Pet Cemetery Association" has been formed. A charter has been granted and land purchased. This means monuments to dogs. Within five years the tourist will discover standing there over the graves of dead dogs, marble shafts that would be a credit over the graves of many men and women whose lives were a blessing and a benediction and of whom the world indeed was not worthy. There will then be seen mute but eloquent proof of the skilled touch of chisel and mallet and those with care and display worthy a better cause, will grow flower, vine and evergreen to tempt the passer by and delight the eye in this grave yard of dogs. Throughout our country the feet of little children have hurried through the gates and crowded into the cities of the dead. Their graves are not long ones. Only an humble shaft would do. In their dreamless sleep there is nothing now to alarm or distress them. In unknown graves they uncomplainingly await the resurrection of the just. No sentinel shaft guards their speechless dust. A cypress shingle or a pine board marks not their last resting place upon the earth. The care and attention given worthless dogs would feed and clothe orphan children, who if their hands were clasped in line would reach across the continent. The need of many homes in America today is more children and fewer dogs; more healthy children and fewer distempered dogs.

L. N. Cooper.

More Danville Proof.

Jacob Schroll, 432 South St., Danville, Ill., writes: "For over eighteen months I was a sufferer from kidney and bladder trouble. During the whole time was treated by several doctors and tried several different kidney pills. Seven months ago I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Pills, and am feeling better every day and will be glad to tell anyone interested just what Foley's Kidney Pills did for me." Will McLean.

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to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

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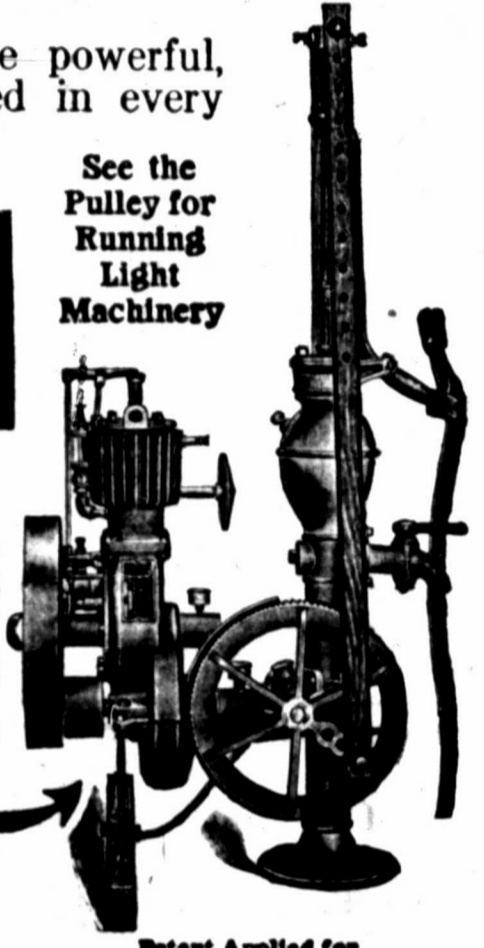
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Campaign Not Yet Begun.

Asked by a newspaper reporter at Houston concerning his campaign for governor, General Davidson said: "I do not care to make any statement concerning my race until after I have retired from office. I am just winding up my affairs at Austin so that I can give the campaign attention. I am entirely satisfied with the situation as it appears to me now and am very much encouraged with the sentiment I find everywhere."

General Davidson was asked when he expected to formally open his campaign and in reply stated that he had not considered the matter fully. "I have a number of invitations. The people of Cisco want me to come there. I am informed that they have a Davidson Club there with a membership of 350 and they are anxious to have me make the first address of my campaign there. Waxahachie also wants me and I

have invitations from a number of other places. I will not decide the matter, probably, until after the first of the year."

The Wills Point Chronicle takes twelve pages this week to accommodate its advertisers. It reports over 100 renewals for the week, and this is a common occurrence. It has nearly 3000 subscribers. The Van Zandt people are a reading people, hence they are a progressive, industrious, thrifty and intelligent people.—Athens Review.

Foley's Honey and Tar is the best and safest cough remedy for children. At the first symptoms of a cold give as directed, and ward off danger of croup, bronchitis, sore throat, cold in the head and stuffy breathing. It brings comfort and ease to the little ones. Contains no opiates or other harmful drugs. Keep always on hand, and refuse substitutes. Will McLean.

Steers Made Record.

Kansas City, December 9.—Two carloads of steers sold at the Kansas City stock yards today at \$10.50 a 100 pounds. This is the highest price ever paid on the open market here, and it is \$1 higher than any price that steers have ever brought on the open market of Chicago.

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Whenever you have a cough or cold, just remember that Foley's Honey and Tar will cure it. Remember the name, Foley's Honey and Tar, and refuse substitutes. Will McLean.

After exposure, and when you feel a cold coming on, take Foley's Honey and Tar, the great throat and lung remedy. It stops the cough, relieves the congestion, and expels the cold from your system. Is mildly laxative. Will McLean.

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What we save you on a buggy (or any other vehicle) will go a long way toward getting a new harness. Come in and get our figures. Prices speak louder than promises.

If we cannot please you, go where you please, but for your pocket-book's sake give us first whack.

T. J. WALLER

CROCKETT, TEXAS

ESSAY ON TRADES DAY.

(Written for the Courier.)

They ask for products from our store
A bunch of chickens from the door
Or like-wise such we have galore
No better than what has been before
They ask for this and something more.

To pry a point of pleasant plans
To show a part of our bounteous lands
Comes with a will, without demands
From hearts warmed by their generous
hands.

Even in causes of spontaneous growth
Where Providence smiles on the sunny
South

Endorsed with chivalry, pomp and pride
Combines this vast dominion wide.

A lavish premium will be given
For that which want would call "from
Heaven."

For just a bit our hands have wrought
From minds which brings us gems of
thought.

The fleecy wreaths in fancy bowers
Rivaling whiteness of the flowers.
The choicest yield we claim as ours
From greatest blessings, sun and showers.

And thus it is from work or play
'Hook worms' or not, it comes our way.
Bring samples all ye, while we may
And prove it on December day.

Mrs. C. R. Stephenson.

Letter From S. H. Lively.

Editor Courier:

It's a fine thing for a man to have his feelings under good control, but since the double-barrel report of the last grand jury, my feelings were uncontrollable. Just to think learned men would sign their names to such an extravagant report. I'm not going to comment on any of that report only the part that touches our officers.

We did not know until recently that the grand jury had the power to govern the time the commissioners' court should meet, or say what we should and should not do. The guide is for us to go by, and we are trying to go by it. It has been said, "trust a dog to the end, and a man until he is elected to office. I will change this by saying, "trust the grand jury until they make their report and place their construction on both county and state laws, when they quote the law and place their own construction on it then we can waver our trust." The report said that some one in the last legislature had amended the road law so as to give the commissioners 100 days to ride their roads in. I do not hesitate to say that is of their own construction. They and no other body of men cannot find any such a law, in a law book in this county. That amendment gives the county commissioners 100 days to superintend the road hands in their work on the road provided further that to draw \$2.00 per day we have got to work with the hands. I would like to know if the public would call that riding the roads? The law further provides 10 days for inspection, just before we make our annual reports. That's what we draw pay for. The other is by hard labor. I would like to know why they were so well informed in regard to what was done on the public roads in the last 2 or 3 years. I'm sure had they been rightly informed, they would not have made such a report on roads.

Again, the report said the commissioners' court slashes and slumps along and permits such going on. Now, we have got the same horror we have always had for a critic. The very idea shows what I said about predicting to us how to run the commissioners' court. Again the report says we can but feel that there is extravagance of the public funds. We can say "amen" to that, but not by county commissioners, but county suckers. It shows how well informed they were in regard to the reduction of the tax rate. In 1906 the tax rate was \$1.20 on the hundred, and in 1909 it was 7 1/2 cents per hundred. So you see how well posted they were on that

line. In the history of my time I do not know as low a tax rate as we are enjoying at present. Then the idea of the extravagance of the commissioners' court. If I could get space in your paper, I could tell you where the extravagance was. They cry for time to examine crime, and in my time I never knew a more costly grand jury. It has been officially reported that this grand jury has cost the county between \$900 and \$1000. Now you see who is extravagant. That is more than all 4 commissioners have drawn for the last two years for road service. Again, that report takes the bone out of our little home officers at Grapeland. I've been informed that when they had one of them before them, they figured the county owed him \$5, but he said the county only owed him \$1 and had not corrected them they would have figured the county owing him \$50. This is more extravagance. Furthermore, by the order of the district attorney and the foreman of the grand jury we had to pay the State Rangers \$50 for their service, and I don't believe they can show any law for that. So now you see where the extravagance comes in. We do not hesitate to say if they had taken the time they consumed in criticising some of the officers and taken up their time in business, they would have gotten through sooner and saved so much extravagance.

With these remarks I'll ring off.
Yours to serve,
S. H. Lively.

VICTIMS OF NEGLECT.

If You Ignore the Warnings Sent up by Ailing Kidneys You are on the Straight Road to Bright's Disease.

When anything is wrong in the kidneys the symptoms are manifest from the top of your head to the sole of your feet.

The following are some of them: Headache, dizzy spells, sluggish brain, drowsiness, dark rings and floating specks before the eyes, sallow skin, bad breath, heartburn, palpitation of the heart, sour stomach, disorder in the urine, backache, weak pulse, constipated or irregular bowels, aching at the knees, feverishness in the feet.

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Liverpool Salt, in hundred pound sacks 65c
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We make shoes our specialty. We carry a complete stock of Wertheimer-Schwartz Shoes—Children's, Misses', Ladies', Men's. Our dress shoes are new, neat and stylish.

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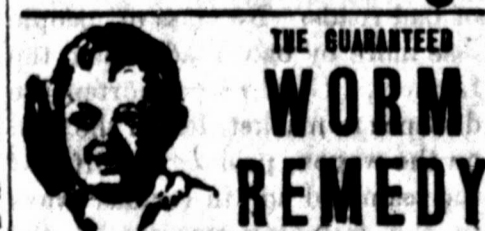
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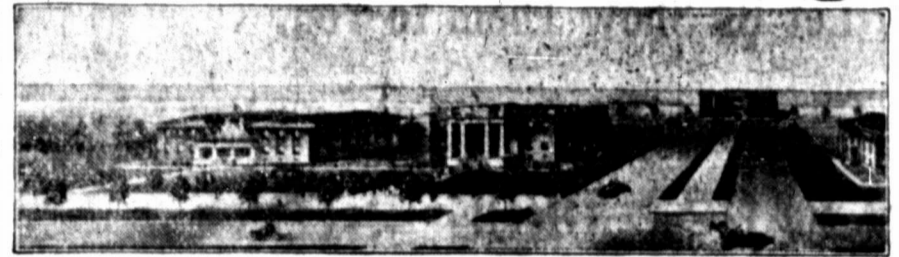
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If it is whiskey, get it from Hyman.

Apples by the box, 1.75, at H. J. Phillips'.

For anything in the jewelry and optical line see J. A. Bricker.

Visit the glove department at the Big Store and save money.

See the pretty rugs and art squares at the Furniture Store.

Go to the Big Store for the best shoes. They keep the Star brand.

Something doing in art squares and rugs at the Furniture Store.

Order your Christmas whiskey from Hyman Harrison, Palestine.

Special line of jewelry novelties for the holiday trade at J. A. Bricker's.

Cranberries, celery and everything for your Xmas dinner at H. J. Phillips'.

Special prices on every piece of furniture from today until Jan. 1, 1910, at the Furniture Store.

For bath of shave go to Friend. Best equipped shop in Houston county. Cleanliness our hobby.

You can buy a wardrobe cheaper than you ever thought of buying one, at the Furniture Store.

R. Monarch Spring '02 \$4.00 per gallon, express prepaid.
W. E. Hail.

Will pay 7 to 7½ cents for green hides and 12½ cents for dry.
B. L. Satterwhite.

No trouble to show you through the best line of furniture ever shown in Crockett, at the Furniture Store.

A nice place to spend a pleasant hour. Go to the Electric Theatre, something doing every night from 7 to 10.

You know what you want and you get exactly what you order, when you order it from Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

We make a specialty of covered buttons. Bring the material with which you wish them covered.
Shupak Tailoring Co.

All whiskies, wines, etc., bought from me same as advertised or money refunded.
W. E. Hail.

Those parlor and dining chairs at the Big Store are dandies. Make your wife a Christmas present of a half dozen and surprise her.

See John Arrington at Goolsbee's horseshoeing shop if you want some good gentle, well broke, young mares, horses and mules. He has some nice, smooth stock to select from.

Miss Etta Hail has returned from a visit of two weeks at Galveston.

Gordon Blakeway of Route 6 was a visitor at the Courier office Tuesday.

J. H. Scarborough of Augusta was a visitor at the Courier office Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rogers of Patterson Lake were shopping in Crockett last week.

R. T. Murchison and two young sons of Latexo were callers at the Courier office Tuesday.

J. E. Mitchell of Diboll, chief engineer for the Texas Southeastern railroad, was in Crockett Tuesday and Wednesday.

Joe Adams, Geo. W. Crook and Frank Shupak have returned from Waco, where they attended the Masonic Grand Lodge.

Rev. F. M. Boyles and family have moved to Navasota where Mr. Boyles will make his home as presiding elder of this district.

The waterworks system is progressing nicely and so is the new passenger station. When these are completed other improvements are contemplated.

Rev. Geo. W. Davis preached his first sermon as pastor of the First Methodist church of this city Sunday to an appreciative audience. He comes to Crockett from Port Arthur.

A gentleman from Longview was in Crockett Monday and gave out the statement that he had contracted to put down a number of concrete sidewalks over the city. He said that when this work is once started it will grow until cement walks stretch from one extremity of the town to the other.

The following travelling men are in Crockett with their families for the holiday season: S. M. Monzingo, Harry Castleberg, Jack Smith, S. L. Murchison, Lawrence Jordan, S. M. Peck, T. J. Aycock, George Richards, E. T. Ozier and perhaps others whose names the Courier did not get.

Allbright-Bitner.
At the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allbright occurred the wedding of Mr. Burse Bitner, of Shiloh, to their younger daughter, Myrtle, on December 12, 1909. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few friends and relatives were present. Rev. B. F. Sallas officiated.
A Friend.

Double Wedding Sunday Night.
Sunday night, after the usual services at the Baptist church, two couples of Crockett young people called at the residence of County Clerk Allbright and requested two marriage licenses. They accompanied Mr. Allbright to the clerk's office, where the licenses were issued. The accommodating county clerk then escorted the two couples to the Baptist parsonage, where the services of the Baptist minister were secured for the performance of the marriage ceremonies. The pastor, Rev. L. T. Grumbles, had retired for the night, but on being aroused and informed that he was wanted, made his appearance as soon as presentable and with his assistance four hearts were soon beating as two.

The young people referred to were Mr. Oliver Daniel and Miss Beecher Tunstall and Mr. John L. Dean and Miss Nora Dawson, all well known and popular in this city. They were receiving the congratulations and best wishes of numerous friends Monday and the Courier joins in wishing them a full measure of happiness.

Money Loan.

We make a specialty of loans on land and on 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

Wardrobes, side boards, buffets, dining tables and chairs. Everything offered at a bargain for 15 days. J. D. Sims, The Furniture Man.

A fine lot of the finest felt shoes to be had anywhere for men and ladies. Just the thing for a nice Christmas present, at the Big Store.

Have you ordered that winter suit? If not, now is the time and Shupak Tailoring Co. is the place. They can please in both style and price.

Bed room suits from the cheapest to the best. Odd dressers and stands. Everything at a bargain.
J. D. Sims,
The Furniture Man.

Over 100 standard brands of high grade whiskeys to select from. Write for my price list, order blanks, etc. Address, Hyman Harrison, Palestine Tex.

Furniture! Furniture! Furniture! The biggest stock ever shown in Crockett at prices that will give satisfaction. Everything new and up-to-date, at the Furniture Store.

Just received one of the prettiest and cheapest lines of rugs and art squares ever shown in Crockett. Extra special price for the next 15 days.
J. D. Sims,
The Furniture Man.

Of course, you can get your whiskey elsewhere, but if you want brands that you know to be good, if you are after good quality, quantity or prompt shipment order it from Hyman's saloon, Palestine.

Holiday Excursion Rates.
The I. & G. N. R. R. will sell excursion tickets to all points in Texas, December 18th to 26th, inclusive, 30th, 31st and Jan. 1st, limit Jan. 5th, at one and one-third fare. For further information see J. B. Valentine, ticket agent I. & G. N. R. R. 2t.

Don't send your money out of the state when you order your Xmas whiskey. You don't get the right proof, the right measure, the right age, the right goods and at the right time. You'll get it just right when you order from Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Tex.

Notice, Cotton Growers.
Beginning Monday, November 8, and continuing until further notice, our gin will be closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, but operated all other week days. We will have a man here every day in the week to buy your remnant cotton.
J. F. Standley.

Leg Went Through Bridge.
The Courier is reliably informed that one of a pair of mules being driven to a farm wagon had one of its legs go through a hole in the bridge between the lumber yard and the railroad trestle Tuesday morning. The wagon was filled with people coming to town to attend the show and much excitement prevailed for a time. With outside assistance the mule was extricated without any permanent injury to its leg. The city council should provide some system of bridge inspection that would prevent the recurrence of a like accident in the future and the county commissioners should co-operate with the council.

Keep the bowels active if you would preserve your health. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters now and then does this to perfection. The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co., Crockett; C. R. Rich, Lovelady; special agents.

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Oysters and Fish
Fies and Cream Bread
Fruits and Confections

Lunches at All Hours

The State Pure Food Law guarantees you the quality and purity of the goods. I guarantee you the kind, the age, the proof, the measure and the prompt shipment. Order it from Hyman Harrison, Palestine, Texas.

Interstate Holiday Excursion Rates.
The I. & G. N. R. R. will sell Holiday Excursion tickets to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago, Memphis and all points in Southeast, also to Mexico, Dec. 18th, 19th and 20th. Limit Jan. 16th. For rates and other information, see Ticket Agent I. & G. N. R. R.

Notice to My Friends and Patrons.
I wish to announce that I have closed out my Gents' Furnishing line, and I am going to continue to do all kinds of cleaning and pressing work at the same cheap prices as before.

I am now prepared to clean and block hats here in your own town. After Jan. 1, 1910, all work will be cash on delivery, as my prices are so very small that every one can afford to pay cash for the work.

Thanking you for your favors shown me in the past, and trusting to receive a part of your business in the future, I remain,
Yours respectfully,
John Horan.

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CHRISTMAS



We have in stock this year something for any and every one at reasonable prices.

A fine assortment of toys that please the children.

A swell line of cut glass, hand painted china ware and china novelties.

Books, Bibles and Testaments.

Games that are sensible.

Xmas boxes of cigars.

Pictures at your own price.

Xmas post cards, three for 5 cents.

Fountain pens.

Morocca money purses.

Perfumes that last.

Paper dolls, china dolls and wax dolls.

Pipes and cases.

Toilet sets—solid silver.

Glove, cuff, collar and work boxes.

Make your purchases early and save money, time and worry.

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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.

It is one thing to advocate good roads and another to get them. The Courier believes the best plan is through the issuance of bonds.

The farmers are the ones who will benefit most by the construction of good roads. They are the ones most interested. They are the ones whose wagons are smashed, whose teams are crippled and whose patience are taxed by the roads of the present day in Houston county.

The Courier has heard some talk of an election to determine whether the county should issue bonds for the improvement of the public roads. As the Courier understands the matter, the preliminary work will have to be gone about after the order of getting up an election on the question of school bonds. The county as a whole can vote on the question or districts can be organized and the question voted on separately in each district. That is a wise provision, for if there is anything the Courier believes in it is local self-government. The Courier would like to see the question submitted for the whole of Houston county, but if all of the county does not want the bond issue, then the Courier would like to see the

question submitted by districts. The question is one that deeply concerns the county at large. Railroads build up the towns, but good roads build up the farms. The Courier has advocated many things in the interest of Crockett, but in advocating a bond issue for better roads the Courier feels that it is advocating a thing in the interest of the great mass of people who live away from the towns and who are entitled to more of the better things of life than they are getting.

Many elections are being held over the state to determine whether bonds shall be issued for the improvement of the public roads, and in every instance that the Courier knows of the election has resulted in favor of the bond issue. Jefferson county is considering the issue of the second installment of bonds. Houston county does not want to be behind her neighbors, for Houston county has lots of pride and there is good reason for her pride. Houston county is going to issue bonds for the improvement of her roads and is only waiting to learn something more of the plan before adopting it.

The law is being looked up in regard to the amount of bonds Houston county can legally issue for the purpose of improving the roads. In the meantime let every citizen in the county calculate if he can his yearly loss on account of bad roads. No class of people lose more by bad roads than the farmers. Good roads shorten the distance to market, lessen the load on the wagon, prolong the life of the team and add in various ways to the fattening process of the farmer's pocket book. Where good roads are being constructed

in the old states far-sighted business men are making money by buying worn-out places in advance of the road-building, fixing them up and selling them at a profit after the completion of the road work along the property. Good roads are of incalculable value to the farming class. New railroads add to the commerce and traffic of a town and help the town, but good roads help the country at large and especially the people who live out of town. Early in January the Courier hopes to inaugurate an educational campaign in regard to the question of issuing bonds, for it wants every citizen of the county to understand the question and believes that when the question is understood there will not be a dissenting voice.

The introduction of tungsten lamps is doing much to advance the use of electricity on farms. It is possible for the farmer with a small plant, driven either by a gasoline engine or by damming a small stream, to obtain sufficient current to light his house and barn with this economical type of incandescent lamp. The use of electricity on the farm, by the way, is growing and, as pointed out by the Electrical World, farmers will in time come to consider electricity a necessity. Then it will be found profitable to establish central generating stations for farming districts to take the place of the small individual plants now being installed.—Scientific American.

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FIRST SHAPE OF EELS.

Straits of Messina Revealed Mystery of the Snake-like Fish.

In the strait of Messina are channels of immense depth, through which a wild tide surges, and owing probably to irregularities at the bottom there are whirling eddies which have the effect of bringing up from the depths below many marine creatures which are rarely seen except in the deep sea trawls.

It was here that the larval form of a fresh water eel was first discovered, an incident which threw a blaze of light on the life history of a very mysterious fish.

All kinds of theories had been given forth with regard to the propagation of the eel. Some naturalists declared they bred in fresh water, others that they visited the estuaries for spawning purposes, but thanks to the discovery off Messina and later captures of the eel in its larval form it is practically certain that after mature eels drop down our rivers in autumn they lie them to exceedingly deep water in the sea and there deposit their eggs.

From the egg comes a little ribbon shaped creature, the larval form. In due course this changes into an eel of still smaller size, strange to say, and these small eels or eivers afterward ascend our rivers and there remain until they reach maturity, when they in their turn descend to the sea and history is repeated.—London Telegraph.

Horses in Literature.

In sacred writ it was deemed worthy of record that Solomon imported horses from Egypt, while the description of the war steed in Job is accounted one of the finest parts of that piece of literature. In Greek myth and English satire the qualities ascribed to Centaur and the Houyhnhnms testify sufficiently to the high regard in which the

horse has ever been held. The name of Bucephalus is inseparably coupled with that of Alexander. At least one Roman emperor had divine honors paid to his charger. Who can picture Don Quixote sleeping on his armor without seeing the princely Rosinante tethered under the dewy night? And the stirring incidents of John Gilpin's ride conclusively proved that the racing blood of far removed equine ancestors was not entirely wanting in the degenerate descendant.

Got All He Asked For.

Another "meanest man" has been found. He lives in the city and conducts a thriving business. The other day a seedy individual approached him and said: "Say, mister, I'm hungry and would like to get a nickel to get a cup of coffee and a roll. I have four pennies and only need one more. Please give me a penny."

The man after searching himself said: "I haven't got a penny. All I have is a nickel. Give me your four cents in change, and I will give you the nickel."

The beggar requests that his name be not mentioned in connection with the item.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Doubtful Praise.

Stippler—Did Miss Kittle admire your paintings? Dobber—I don't know. Stippler—What did she say about them? Dobber—That she could feel that I put a great deal of myself into my work. Stippler—Well, that's praise. Dobber—Is it? The picture I showed her was "Calves in the Meadow."—New York Journal.

Music Lovers.

"How do you know those people are sincere lovers of music?" "By the fact," replied Miss Cayenne, "that they compelled their youngest boy to stop trying to learn to play the piano."—Washington Star.