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GRAND JURY REPORT.

REVIEW OF COMMISSIONER LIVELY'S CRITICISM.

Observations on the Commissioner's Record and Allied Subjects.

(SECOND INSTALLMENT.)

Mr. Editor:

Do you and your reading clientele recall a public document published a short nine months ago, technically known as the Report of the Finance Committee? Said finance committee had been appointed by his honor, Judge Gardner, and charged by him to thoroughly look into and overhaul the financial affairs of Houston county. To do so such committee must necessarily review the acts of the Commissioners' Court. They couldn't do otherwise, and they couldn't do that within the time prescribed by law, even with the most strenuous efforts. But the Report of their Findings which they submitted, though neither comprehensive nor conclusive, all things considered, was exceedingly interesting. It was subscribed and sworn to by C. W. Ellis, Chas. Long and C. W. Moore, the committee appointed by the court. Among other things engaging their attention and meriting their criticism and condemnation, was the conduct of Commissioner Lively and others touching the question of road riding, road inspection or whatever it may be called. Some one of the April numbers of this Courier has the report, and we invite the attention of the public to that part of the report which runs as follows, word for word:

"We find that the County Commissioners have drawn pay for road service on an average of 87 days for each commissioner and the Attorney General rules that they are entitled to only 12 days at \$2.00 per day. They have also held five regular and eleven special sessions in one calendar year. We find they have made a practice of advancing some of the officers money on ex officio one quarter in advance, etc., etc., etc."

The above is not from the Report of the last Grand Jury which seemed to chafe and mortify Commissioner Lively to such a degree. But it is taken from the Report of the Finance Committee published about six or seven months previous. There was a Grand Jury in session at the time this report was made and to whom it was made. We are not advised whether they gave this particular feature of the report attention or not, or what they did. Still the predicate is presented right there for the Grand Jury at that term of the court to do something, for it is self-evident to any one who ever read the Road Law applying to this county at that time (not now) that Commissioner Lively had no legal or moral right to draw two dollars a day for 87 days, or \$174.00. Not even the glimmer or shimmer of a show for taking that money out of the treasury of Houston county. He had no more right to

it than any other citizen had. And where was Roderick's "GUIDE" then? It did not require the official opinion of the Attorney General to settle the question of how many days a Commissioner could demand pay for in reviewing the roads, nor his opinion as to how much compensation could be legally drawn for such service. The Road Law—if not the GUIDE—says in language as plain as a barn door at high-noon that Commissioners could collect for only 12 days and at \$3.00 per day.

Section 3 of the Road Law for Houston county, in effect at the time this Finance Committee dug up all this information, says:

"It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of each precinct to annually review the roads of his precinct and for his service in so doing shall receive the sum of \$3.00 per day for not more than 12 days in each year."

That was the law governing when Commissioner Lively collected money from Houston county's treasury for 87 days as the Finance Committee reported. Does that law require the interpretation of the Attorney General? Doesn't every one know that 12 is not 87? And where was that illuminating budget of law, the GUIDE, when all this was going on? Is it possible that Commissioner Lively has some infirmity of sight whereby the number 87 looks like 12? Or may-be so it was one of those occasions when Commissioner Lively was in an off mood and just went slushing and slumping and slopping along and wasn't very punctilious over small matters like the loss by the county of five or six hundred dollars. But again that Guide, that frayed-out, frazzled-out, petered-out pocket edition of blue moonshine, that teaches that 12 is equal to 87 and that 3 times 12 is equal to 2 or 3 times 87, where, oh! where was that?

And during all this period, oh! where was Roderick then, and that self-acclaiming trumpet of his and that GUIDE? Oh! where was that Bundle of Light that always shines for the footsteps of the groping Commissioner? The Tables of the Law which Old Moses brought down from the thunder-riven summits of Sinai are a surer and a safer mentor than any copy by Barnard. Especially apt and fit is the application in the transaction where Commissioner Lively drew, according to the Finance Committee, some \$125 to \$130 to which he was not entitled.

But, Mr. Editor, we are now coming to something that the public hasn't yet got into the merits of. Let me insist that the reading public will note that all that has been said above does not contain one word of speculation or conjecture but are the findings of the Finance Committee in the early spring of 1909. The public will also note that it is all sworn to. We will now take a few steps forward and present to the public a sketch of the recent changes in the road law applying to Houston county. In doing so we are likely to flush a few who have not yet come into the light of this controversy. The last Grand Jury called attention to the change in the road law of this county from

12 to 100 days for which Commissioners could draw compensation. The changes in the road law were amazing and struck the members of the Grand Jury with astonishment. These changes were made by the last Legislature at its regular session. The bill is numbered on the Calendar of the House and in the House Journal as House Bill No. 503. The Journal on page 565 reads thus:

"Introduced by Mr. Luce H. B. No. 503, A bill to be entitled, An Act to amend Sections 2 and 3 of Chapter 53, etc., etc., being a Special Road Law for Houston county, etc., etc."

Before proceeding further it will be remembered that Mr. Luce was the Representative of Houston county and, by the way, we believe a brother-in-law of Mr. Lively.

What the writer wants to specially invite attention to are the changes or amendments made in the old law by the amendments in the bill introduced by Representative Luce. And what are they? The most striking and radical is the following: The old says "for his services in reviewing the roads of his precinct the Commissioner shall receive the sum of \$3.00 per day for not more than 12 days." As amended by Representative Luce the same section now reads: "The County Commissioners, who are hereby declared to be ex officio road supervisors, shall receive for their services as road supervisors \$2.00 per day for not more than 100 days in each year." There you have got. Now isn't that daisy, a full-blown, ox-eyed daisy, of a law?

And how many people in Houston county knew that this change in the road law had been made outside of the Commissioners' Court and the Representative? Does this law say anything about the Commissioners putting in their time at labor as Commissioner Lively says? Not one word. Besides, whoever saw Commissioner Lively with a plow or spade or hoe at work under the provisions of the law as he says? But the law provides for superintending and directing the road hands, says Commissioner Lively. Then what are the overseers for? That is the last recourse and that is nothing but a subterfuge to escape the indignation of an outraged public—nothing but a subterfuge—a flimsy pretext to cover up the real purpose of the law. Now how did it happen that that bill was introduced by Representative Luce? Who suggested to Mr. Luce the propriety of making these changes? Did Commissioner Lively ever talk to Representative Luce about the change and urge him to introduce the bill? How many letters did Commissioner Lively write Representative Luce touching the bill and its provisions? How many times did Commissioner Lively appeal to Representative Luce to push this bill? Then isn't it also true, Mr. Lively, that one of your Court made a trip to Austin in the interest of this road bill and for the purpose of lobbying for it? Didn't that same member of the Court go up there and spend some time laboring with Representative Luce and doing all in

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GRAND JURY REPORT.

(Continued from 1st page.)

his power to aid Representative Luce get the bill in and through? Another thing, how much, if anything, did you contribute to the "pot of expenses" to aid in defraying the expenses of the member who went to Austin at the time this bill was "a-borning?" Did you help in the "pot" or not? Don't you think it a shocking proposition that this should go on and never a word about it to the people who are taxed to pay for this "supervision of 100 days?" How much public expression had there been in behalf of this change from the public? Had three or more people gotten together and demanded that the time should be changed from 12 to 100 days? Not one of the four papers of the county had ever demanded such a change. Who outside of the Commissioners' Court insisted that this change should be made and that it would be, not a raid on the county treasury, but in the interest of good and better roads? Not one single citizen so far as we have heard.

If we were Sam-u-el Lively, Sam-u-el Lively, Sam-u-el Lively, We would tell you what we would do. We would go into a pecker-wood hole. A pecker hole. A peck hole. We would go into a pecker-wood hole. And pull the hole in, too.

Pneumonia Follows a Cold but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar, which stops the cough, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from your system. Will McLean.

FIRST STATE BANK OF RATCLIFF.

Organized in That City Saturday, Jan. 9, With a Capital of \$30,000.

The organization of a State Bank in Ratcliff Saturday, Jan. 9, is news of more than small interest and was one of the longest strides Ratcliff has ever made in a commercial way. The meeting was called at 2:30 in the office of the bank with the following stock holders present:

Earl Wheeler, representing Geo. W. Riddle of Dallas and himself, W. P. Conner, R. A. McKinney, G. F. McKinney, G. M. Mahoney, W. H. Anderson, W. A. Bradley and P. O. Graves, J. M. Sims being absent. Besides the above, W. E. Richards of Houston and the World Security Co. of New York subscribed some stock.

Permanent organization was gone into and the following officers were elected:

Geo. W. Riddle, Pres.; W. P. Conner, Vice Pres.; Earl Wheeler, cashier; Geo. W. Riddle, Earl Wheeler, W. P. Conner, G. M. Mahoney and G. F. McKinney, directors.—Ratcliff Herald.

Fifth Sunday Meeting.

Program of fifth Sunday meeting to meet with Arbor Baptist church eight miles east of Crockett, beginning Friday night, January 28, 1910:

Preaching Friday evening at 7:30 by G. W. Rice, E. G. Beckham alternate.

Saturday, 9:30 a. m., devotional exercises led by J. P. Brannen; 10 a. m., What is Bible Sanctification? Chas. Manning, J. C. Sullivan; 11 a. m., preaching by W. T. Traywick.

At 12 o'clock dinner will be served on the grounds; 1:30 p. m.,



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congregation called together by singing.

Is it right for lay members to indulge in amusements that would be considered unbecoming in a preacher? by J. H. Sallas; 2:30 p. m., Christian Education, by T. J. Harrott, J. C. Sullivan and F. A. Beckham; 7:30 p. m., preaching by S. G. Oliver, Chas. Manning alternate.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school mass meeting; 10:30 a. m., board meeting; 11 a. m., missionary sermon by T. J. Harrott, alternate T. M. Buller.

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DON'T GAMBLE, SAYS GATES

Great Plunger Gives Texas Pastors Information to Be Used in Sermons.

Galveston, Tex.—John W. Gates, the noted Wall street speculator, appeared in a new light at the Gulf District Methodist Episcopal conference in session at Port Arthur when he addressed a gathering of churchmen and laymen, warning them against speculation and all other forms of gambling.

The "Bet You a Million" plunger, who is probably the most famous speculator to go from the west and invade Wall street, delivered his warning with an earnest expression on his countenance and in slowly chosen words. He explained that he didn't mean anything personal, in addressing the preachers, but was merely suggesting a topic for sermons. He said:



John W. Gates.

"The man who speculates on futures or gambles for high stakes by any other means, becoming one day a pauper, the next day a millionaire, and again a pauper, is not happy. He burns up his strength and his life in a fever of excitement, and comes to his end without having ever really enjoyed himself.

"Happiness and contentment belong to the tiller of the soil, the mechanic, the merchant, who earn their money by labor and invest their savings wisely to provide themselves a home for their declining years. They always know just where they are and their lives are sweetened by a sense of security.

"I guess I know about as many stock and grain gamblers as does any man in the country. And I do not know one who risks any large percent of his fortune on the market who is what you would term a happy man.

"It is foolishness for a man to try to be a small gambler. If he has the habit, some time or other he will make a big plunge. Then it's all over with him so far as having much joy in life is concerned. He will plunge again and again. He may grow wealthy or go broke, but the fever has him, and contentment is fled."

Diaz a Strong, Wise Ruler.

President Diaz of Mexico is one of the most remarkable of living rulers. His father was an innkeeper, and the president is of mixed Spanish and Italian blood. His rise to fame was as remarkable as it was rapid, and it would be difficult to estimate the good that he has done for Mexico. Although he is an autocrat of autocrats, he is very democratic, and is immensely popular among his people. He is 80 years old, but no one would think it to look at him, and he is still as vigorous and as hard a worker as most men half his age. It is practically due to President Diaz that Mexico has now an efficient railway system, and he has also done a great deal for the spread of education.—M. A. P.

In the Footsteps of the Fathers.

One has to be careful when attending a prison service or even when singing before convicts, as the titles of the numbers too may need careful selection, as witness the story of the Rev. F. R. Meyer.

He once attended a prison service at which one of the hymns was "We Are Marching on the Good Old Way, the Good Old Way Our Fathers Trod." Archdeacon Sinclair capped this with a story of a bishop who opened a prison service with the observation that he was delighted to see so many present.

Post-Mortem Values.

"A man may have a cur dog he doesn't consider worth a dose of rat poison," said Uncle Henry Butterworth, "but let his neighbor kill that cur and in less than five minutes the owner will be saying: 'I wouldn't have taken \$50 for that dog!'"—Kansas City Times.

The Mother-in-Law.

It is agreed that mothers-in-law are puzzling problems. Handle with care. If lovely, keep her so; if strange, use policy. Every one is a personal question.—Exchange.

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Little Willie was fond of springing surprises on his parents by announcing some terrific happening, and then, when excitement was at fever point, declaring that nothing of the kind had occurred. But he played the trick once too often. A new and very pretty governess came to stay at the house for Willie's benefit a few weeks back, and a day or two after her arrival Willie rushed to his mother saying:

"Mamma, there's a strange man upstairs who has just put his arm around Miss Wilson's waist and kissed her several times."

"What?" said the mother, as she jumped up to pull the bell for the butler.

"Sold again, mamma!" said Willie, in great glee. "It wasn't a strange man at all. It was papa!"

After the Hunt.

Provided with some trophies of the chase in the shape of rabbits, Rev. Sanford C. Hearn, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Yonkers, proceeded to dress them for dinner in the parsonage cellar. His small son watched the father's work with interest. Going upstairs, the youngster called his mother.

"Oh, mamma," said he, "what do you suppose papa is doing?"

"I can't guess, child. What is he doing?"

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Although the survey of the past year's anti-tuberculosis work shows that much has been done, the reports from all parts of the country indicate that this year, the amount of money to be expended, and the actual number of patients that will be treated will be more than double that of the past year. For instance, special appropriations have been made in the various municipalities for next year's anti-tuberculosis work, aggregating \$3,976,500. In addition to these appropriations over \$4,000,000 has been set aside by the different state legislatures for the campaign against tuberculosis this year. Besides these sums, a large number of the present existing institutions and associations are planning enlargements of their work, and new organizations are being formed daily.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 15 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

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He didn't complain if you were a little despondent or irritable at times. Now he does. He's the same man. He didn't understand then. He doesn't now. Then he thought it was caprice and liked it. Now he thinks it is caprice and doesn't like it. But now he's busy getting money.

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DRINKING AT MEALS.

One by one old and cherished ideas are giving way before the simple application of practical tests. Perhaps no other idea with reference to eating habits has been more widespread and more persistent than that it is injurious to drink waters at meals. The old medical rule against eating before going to bed has been discredited by the medical profession itself for a long time now, and it has been repeatedly shown that a reasonable amount of food taken before retiring is beneficial to many nervous people and is not infrequently a cure for insomnia. The rule against drinking at meals has been more persistent, but it appears to be doomed, now that the professors in the physiological chemistry department of the University of Illinois have set about making experiments to prove the digestive value of copious draughts of water taken while eating. One quart of water at each meal was the prescription followed, and it was found that the subject actually thrived on it. The theory is that the water, diluting the saliva, "causes the digestive fluid to assume greater digestive activity."

The south figures largely in the commercial and industrial news of the day. It is estimated that at prevailing prices the cotton crop this year will be worth from \$900,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000, and that vast sum goes directly into southern pockets. The southern corn yield for 1909 is over 679,000,000 bushels, and this will add several hundred millions of dollars to the wealth of that section. Arkansas expects to make \$950,000 out of rice this year, and other states will gain in the same way. Louisiana has a good sugar yield. Alabama is selling steel rails to other portions of the country and to foreign purchasers. West Virginia is going into the apple business on a great scale and with improved methods, and Berkeley county alone this year receives about \$400,000 for its fruit, and half that sum is said to be sent to the growers. So it goes in many directions. The agricultural and manufacturing opportunities in the south are just beginning to be appreciated.

The Christmas tree crop is as legitimate as any other for which there is a demand. It can be produced on land that probably could hardly be induced to grow anything more valuable. The favorite tree is the balsam fir, from northern New England and New York, and this tree when cut is useful only as a Christmas tree and possibly for wood pulp. It does not when mature make either good firewood or lumber, but it is an ideal, sweet-smelling, rapidly-growing Christmas tree, and its use for that purpose is the best it is capable of being put to.

A Cornell statistician makes the prediction that if the decline of the birth-rate continues as at present unchecked there will be no births a century and a half hence. Posterity in that event will be relieved of the problems raised by the higher cost of living, the exhaustion of natural resources and other economic questions. There will be no exhortation to go "back to the land" and no concern about the price of milk—unless indeed immigration from Mars has begun to set in by that time.

Victims of sport on the ice are already numerous, as young people are "forcing the season." Winter is not a matter of the calendar; it is dependent upon temperature, and until real winter weather arrives it is unsafe to venture upon ice over running water, where freezing is slower than on ponds and marshes where the water is slack.

As a matter of fact, humor is humor. American humor cannot be more humorous than English humor, nor than French, German, Japanese. It is merely the sense of humor that differs in individuals and in races. Humor is like music—some have an ear for it, an appreciation of it, others are tone-deaf or merely dull.

M. Paulhan's flight to a height of 1,345 feet with a monoplane sets a new world's record for flying into the upper atmosphere, and establishes confidence that aviators will very soon be able to venture upon the steadier upper currents for long-distance flying. Truly, the heavier-than-air machine is "getting up in the world."

ITEMS OF INTEREST

NEWS THAT IS NEWS, WHEN IT IS NEWS, FOR ALL

DOINGS OF DAY AND WEEK

Happenings the Wide World Over of Important Events Condensed to Good Reading.

WASHINGTON.

An unexpected early adjournment of the house Friday probably saved the defeat of the Henry resolution proposing a change for the date of presidential inaugurations.

In a message full of specific suggestions, President Taft Friday put up to congress the question of enacting laws designed to amply safeguard the natural resources. The message makes no reference to the recent upheavals growing out of the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, ignores the former chief forester entirely, and gives all credit for the conservation recommendations of the message to Secretary Ballinger of the interior department. He says his recommendations are "really an epitome of the recommendations of the secretary of the interior in respect to the future conservation of the public domain in his present annual report."

Speaker Cannon Friday declared that the insurgents of the house would have a square deal in the coming Republican caucus if they came into it. There were no efforts in advance by anybody, he said, to set a trap or pitfall for those of the majority who have been fighting the organization but no one could be given any definite assurances or promise as to what the outcome of the caucus would be. Every one of the two hundred and more Republicans in the house would be bidden, and they should attend, said the speaker.

The house could not agree on the senate's amendment to the Ballinger-Pinchot inquiry resolution Wednesday and sent that measure to a conference. The Bennett-Sabath white slave bill was passed in the house in spite of the objections of Representative Mann, father of a rival bill.

The members of the house committee on harbors and rivers Wednesday agreed to bring in a report when they submit the bill on which they are now working, recommending to the house that the policy of having annual river and harbor bill be re-established, with the bill of this year with the beginning. The idea is that the measure for the maintenance of the waterways of the country shall become as much of a fixture as the bill making provision for the support of the navy.

Through the efforts of Representative Stephens of Texas the homesteaders on public lands in New Mexico who were about to lose their interests in the lands and the improvements made on them will be spared this loss if the senate passes the Martin bill, which has already passed the house.

The house Wednesday passed the bill giving the grand lodge of Masons of Oklahoma an option on the reservation for the Cheyenne and Arapahoe agency and the Arapahoe Indian school near Reno.

DOMESTIC.

Baron Emil Karl von Mueller is declared by the Hoboken authorities, who were notified of his arrest in Los Angeles on a charge of bigamy, to have practiced that crime on a wholesale scale for the purpose of robbing his victims.

Every precaution is being taken by the authorities to protect teamsters and others engaged in the fish trade about Reelfoot Lake, Tennessee. Notices posted by alleged night riders that all docks must be vacated in six days has caused some uneasiness among the fish workers.

One of the worst slumps in the history of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange occurred Friday. Values melted away after the manner of a frost under a June sun, when cotton went down nearly \$6.25 a bale, which caused the greatest excitement among speculators.

Cotton brokers had not recovered their breath when the Cotton Exchange closed in New York Friday after a period of wild excitement equal almost to the turmoil of collapse of the Sully boom several years ago. When the selling stopped because the market stopped operations for the day, it was estimated that \$35,000,000 worth of cotton, or probably 600,000 bales, had been traded in the pit.

The building of a line of railroad from Paris to Palestine, which is a due north and south air line, and a joint trackage arrangement with the International & Great Northern from Palestine to Houston, is said to be the latest and most tangible proposition now being seriously considered by Col. B. F. Yoakum for the Frisco system.

Daniel C. Reid of New York is on the Rock Island company. He resigned as chairman of the board of directors and also as chairman of the executive committee Thursday.

James J. Jeffries gathered in \$6,480.98 by his road work last week. These figures are official and were furnished by Harry H. Frazee, manager of the Jeffries tour. There never was such a triumphal march as Jeffries is making across the continent.

The condition of Frank Newman, city detective of San Antonio, who was shot while eating supper Monday night, is somewhat improved. Physicians now hope that he will ultimately recover, although he is very weak. The police still have no clue to the men who did the shooting.

Ray Lamphere, who died recently in the Indiana penitentiary while serving a term for setting fire to the home of Mrs. Belle Gunness, near La Porte, Ind., did not carry the secrets of the Gunness charnel farm to the tomb. When he believed death near, he confessed. The confession was made to the Rev. Dr. E. A. Schell, formerly pastor of the La Porte Methodist Episcopal church, now president of the Wesleyan university at Mount Pleasant, Iowa, and held by him as a confessional secret. He claimed to have chloroformed the family and set fire to the house.

Simoon B. Chapin, head of the New York and Chicago firm of S. B. Chapin & Co., was suspended from the privileges of the New York stock exchange for a period of sixty days for participation in the Rock Island fiasco of Dec. 27 last, when alleged ill-managed manipulation sent the common shares of Rock Island from 50 to 81 and back again in a period of twelve minutes.

The city council of Shreveport on Thursday adopted an ordinance providing for the purchase of the Louisiana State Fair Grounds, with most of the buildings thereon, for \$50,000, which is necessary to meet outstanding indebtedness and add improvements.

The supreme court has refused a writ of error in the case of B. T. Masterson vs. the St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, of Galveston, thereby terminating an interesting and important piece of litigation. The important point involved concerns the statutory requirement as to the period within which a will may be probated. The statute recites that a will must be probated within four years after the death of the testator and the probating of the will of John W. Harris, former attorney general of Texas, was contested on the grounds that it was sought to be probated thirty years after death.

"We must increase production per acre by more intelligent methods or we must face the relentless, certain day when we shall not produce food enough to supply our own necessities," said President Wm. C. Brown of the New York Central Railroad in an address Wednesday before the New England Railroad Club in Boston.

The monthly report of Financial Agent Barton of the Texas penitentiaries shows that during December the receipts of the penitentiaries amounted to \$206,130; that expenditures at Huntsville amounted to \$149,692; at Rusk to \$1,982, and that \$8,429 of the expenditures were transferred from Rusk to Huntsville. That on December 31, 1909, there was on hand a balance of \$72,524, as against a balance of \$16,825 on hand the first of December. In figuring the receipts for the sugar sales from all the farmers, the report shows that \$107,407 was obtained.

FOREIGN.

King Alfonso, sitting as the president of the cabinet, in Madrid Friday, ruled with an iron hand in putting down the internal troubles threatened by the revolutionists revealed in an article printed in a military newspaper. The revolutionists had for their purpose the engendering of bad blood between the army and the government over the distribution of honors to the troops of Morocco.

Friday witnessed the close of the parliamentary election campaign in London. It has been fought on an issue entirely novel to the people of these times, an issue that has not been raised before for 300 years, and it has been fought with an intensity of conviction, energy and bitterness unparalleled in Great Britain in the present generation. Even the Gladstonian home rule campaign, which came near destroying the Liberal party, failed to arouse the political factions to anything like their present vehemence. "Vote to protect the vote" is the exhortation addressed to the people by the leading Liberal organ. On the opposing side is ranged every possible influence in support of the privileged classes.

The rumor that a battle has been fought at Acayapa and that the government troops had been defeated by the insurgents apparently was greatly exaggerated. Later advices indicate that the reported engagement was only a clash between the advance guards of the insurgents and the outposts of the government forces.

TEXAS STATE BANKS

NOW NUMBER 540—ELEVEN CHARTERED SINCE JANUARY 1.

STATE FIRE RATING BOARD

Monthly Meetings Will Be Held to Hear Complaints on Rates Fixed by Companies.

Austin, Tex.—Since Jan. 1 the secretary of state has chartered eleven new state banks representing a total capitalization of \$235,000. Of the new banks seven have a capital stock of \$10,000; two, \$20,000; one, \$25,000 and one, \$100,000. With this chartering there are 540 state banks, eleven of which have been chartered since the first of the year.

The extensive chartering of the state banks following the passage of the bank guaranty law has been noticeable. The outcome will doubtless be watched with interest. The state also has fully the new banks which are being chartered, carefully examining their applications and looking into them fully before granting licenses to operate, and all efforts are being made to prevent any banks from creeping in that are not sound in every particular.

Two of the banks chartered since January 1 and licensed by the state banking board are situated at Oak woods, a small town in Leon county.

Fire Rating Board.

Austin, Tex.—The state now has another board which will conduct a monthly hearing on matters of statewide importance, the fire rating board. This board is to listen to complaints on the fire insurance rates as fixed by the fire insurance companies of the state, and present indications are that they may be very numerous.

The companies have not yet completed their specific schedules for all of the towns and cities of the state, hence people are not aware of just what changes may be made in their rates. Fort Worth, however, has gotten its rates and has entered a healthy protest with the board against some of them. The board has set Jan. 27 as a date to hear the evidence in this case, and will make its first ruling on the fire insurance rates at that time. After that time its monthly hearing may be much more extensive, for only two matters have been docketed for this hearing.

Taylor Oat Crop Large.

Taylor, Tex.—While the corn crop of this section is comparatively short, necessitating importation in some instances, the oat crop in the territory tributary to Taylor is in splendid condition, and the yield will show an increase of from 40 to 50 per cent over the previous season. The late freezes and sleet seems to have been beneficial rather than detrimental to this forage crop.

Fire at Wellington.

Wellington, Tex.—Fire destroyed the west half of the south side of the square Sunday. Following were total losses, no insurance being carried on any building burned: D. T. Bray, hotel, \$3,000; Coe Bankrupt stock, \$3,000; J. W. Bradley, building, \$1,000; S. Burger meat market, \$1,000; A. F. Byrd, restaurant, \$1,000. The J. D. Camp brick store building stopped the flames on the east of the fire, burning to the street on the west.

Sale of Brazos Bottom Land.

Bryan, Tex.—Mr. C. S. Gainer of Bryan has purchased 1,700 acres of land in the Brazos bottom from Sheriff Henslee of Burleson county and his sister, Mrs. Joe Woods of Somerville, for a cash consideration of \$13,000. This purchase gives Mr. Gainer a holding of 5,116 acres in the Brazos bottom, all adjoining and all in levee district No. 1.

Negroes and Chickens.

Houston, Tex.—Harris Jackson, a white man, and five extremely diminutive negro boys, were arrested Sunday charged with burglary, the complaint growing out of the disappearance of chickens from numerous hen roosts in the Highland Park addition to Houston.

Matagorda County Schools.

Bay City, Tex.—A number of changes in the teaching force of the county schools have taken place lately. Miss Annie Leppard having resigned. Miss Tennie Holmes, a former teacher, has been elected in her stead. Two of the common district schools are yet without teachers.

Taft's Cotton Patch.

Corpus Christi, Tex.—In addition to the many smaller outfits there are nine of the largest steam plowing outfits at work in this county plowing two acres daily, thus changing thousands of acres from the stock ranch to cotton farms. Manager Green of the Taft ranch will plant 10,000 acres to cotton this season.

CHICAGO MERCHANT MAKES STATEMENT.

After Spending Thousands of Dollars and Consulting the Most Eminent Physicians, He Was Desperate.

CHICAGO, ILLS.—Mr. J. G. Becker, of 134 Van Buren St., a well-known wholesale dry goods dealer, states as follows:

"I have had catarrh for more than thirty years. Have tried everything on earth and spent thousands of dollars for other medicines and with physicians, without getting any lasting relief, and can say to you that I have found Peruna the only remedy that has cured me permanently.

"Peruna has also cured my wife of catarrh. She always keeps it in the house for an attack of cold, which it invariably cures in a very short time."

OF WORTH IN HIS BUSINESS

Boy Detective Congratulates Himself That His First Name Is Easily Pronounced.

"It's a lucky thing for me," said Bill Butts, the Boy Detective, to himself, "that my folks were plain people and believed in plain names. Supposing, for instance, I had been named after the fashion of my distinguished kinsman, Archie Butts, the military factotum of President Taft.

"I'm out on the case and I've trapped my man. I stand facing him fearlessly with a scowl on my face.

"And who are you?" he asks.

"Archibald Williamson De Graffenreid Butts, the Boy Detective!" I answer.

"Honestly, I believe I'd have to laugh saying it. Anyhow, before I got through my man would be on the next block. That's why I say that my folks were sensible, plain people and named me plain Bill, which is of great value in my profession."

CHANCE FOR BARGAIN.



For Sale Cheap—Aeroplane—Owner No Further Use.

A Nasty Dig.

"As nasty a dig as I ever administered in my newspaper career in Virginia City," said Mark Twain, "was directed against a man named Ferguson.

"Ferguson, at Christmas time, invited me to see the presents he had given his wife. They were magnificent gifts. The man expected, of course, a write-up.

"Well, he wasn't disappointed. The next day, in a prominent place on the first page of the Enterprise, I inserted this paragraph:

"John H. Ferguson's Christmas gifts to his wife are being much admired. They include a diamond stomach-acher and many other beautiful specimens of cut glass."

WHEN DINNER COMES

One Ought to Have a Good Appetite.

A good appetite is the best sauce. It goes a long way toward helping in the digestive process, and that is absolutely essential to health and strength. Many persons have found that Grape-Nuts food is not only nourishing but is a great appetizer. Even children like the taste of it and grow strong and rosy from its use.

It is especially the food to make a weak stomach strong and create an appetite for dinner.

"I am 57 years old," writes a Tenn. grandmother, "and have had a weak stomach from childhood. By great care as to my diet I enjoyed a reasonable degree of health, but never found anything to equal Grape-Nuts as a standby.

"When I have no appetite for breakfast and just eat to keep up my strength, I take 4 teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts with good rich milk and when dinner comes I am hungry. While if I go without any breakfast I never feel like eating dinner. Grape-Nuts for breakfast seems to make a healthy appetite for dinner.

"My 13-months-old grandson had been very sick with stomach trouble during the past summer, and finally we put him on Grape-Nuts. Now he is growing plump and well. When asked if he wants his nurse or Grape-Nuts, he brightens up and points to the cupboard. He was no trouble to wean at all—thanks to Grape-Nuts." Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs. "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

ASKS LAWS FOR CONSERVATION OF OUR RESOURCES

Special Message Is Sent to Congress by President Urging Action by Lawmakers.

CONTROL OF WATER POWER

Executive Recommends Leasing of Valuable Privileges on Government Domain to Private Interests Under Conditions That Would Prevent Monopoly—Question of Fostering Soils Most Important—Reclamation and Irrigation of Arid Lands Also Treated Upon—Preservation of Our Forests.

Washington.—The president transmitted to congress a special message on the subject of the conservation of the nation's natural resources. In substance it was as follows:

To the Senate and House of Representatives:

In my annual message I reserved the subject of the conservation of our national resources for disposition in a special message, as follows:

In several departments there is presented the necessity for legislation looking to the further conservation of our national resources, and the subject is one of such importance as to require a more detailed and extended discussion than can be entered upon in this communication. For that reason I shall take an early opportunity to send a special message to congress on the subject of the improvement of our waterways; upon the reclamation and irrigation of arid, semi-arid and arid lands; upon the preservation of our forests; and upon the reclassification of our domain with a view of securing the agricultural settlement of mineral and phosphate lands and sites belonging to the government bordering on streams suitable for the utilization of water power.

In 1869 we had a public domain of 1,055,911,283 acres. We have now 731,354,081 acres, confined largely to the mountain ranges and the arid and semi-arid plains. We have, in addition, 368,035,975 acres of land in Alaska.

Disbursement of Public Lands.

The public lands were, during the earliest administrations, treated as a national asset for the liquidation of the public debt and as a source of reward for our soldiers and sailors. Later on they were donated in large amounts in aid of the construction of wagon roads and railways, in order to open up regions in the west then almost inaccessible. All the principal land statutes were enacted more than a quarter of a century ago. The homestead act, the pre-emption and timber-culture act, the coal land and the mining acts were among these.

Fraudulent Titles.

The truth is that title to millions of acres of public lands was fraudulently obtained and that the right to recover a large part of such lands for the government long since ceased by reason of statutes of limitations. There has developed in recent years a deep concern in the public mind respecting the preservation and proper use of our natural resources. This has been particularly directed toward the conservation of the resources of the public domain. A vast amount of discussion has appeared in the public prints in generalized form on this subject, but there has been little practical suggestion. It has been easy to say that the natural resources in fuel supply, in forests, in water power, and in other public utilities, must be saved from waste, monopoly, and other abuses, and the general public is in accord with this proposition, as they are with most truisms. The problem, however, is how to save and how to utilize, how to conserve and still develop, for no sane person can contend that it is for the common good that nature's blessings are only for unborn generations.

Noteworthy Reforms.

Among the most noteworthy reforms initiated by my distinguished predecessor were the vigorous prosecution of land frauds and the bringing to public attention of the necessity for preserving the remaining public domain from further spoliation, for the maintenance and extension of our forest resources, and for the enactment of laws amending the obsolete statutes so as to retain governmental control over that part of the public domain in which there are valuable deposits of coal, of oil, and of phosphate, and, in addition thereto, to preserve control, under conditions favorable to the public, of the lands along the streams in which the fall of water can be made to generate power to be transmitted in the form of electricity many miles to the point of its use, known as "water power" sites.

The present statutes, except so far as they dispose of the precious metals and the purely agricultural lands, are not adapted to carry out the modern view of the best disposition of public lands to private ownership, under conditions offering on the one hand sufficient inducement to private capital to take them over for proper development, with restrictive conditions on the other which shall secure to the public that character of control which will prevent a monopoly or misuse of the lands or their products. The power of the secretary of the interior to withdraw from the operation of existing statutes tracts of land, the disposition of which under such statutes would be detrimental to the public interests, is not clear or satisfactory. This power has been exercised in the interest of the public, with the hope that congress might affirm the action of the executive by laws adapted to the new conditions. Unfortunately, congress has not

acted in accordance with the recommendations of the executive, and the question as to what the executive is to do is under the circumstances, full of difficulty. It seems to me that it is the duty of congress now, by a statute, to validate the withdrawals which have been made by the secretary of the interior and the president and to use the secretary of the interior temporarily to withdraw lands pending submission to congress of recommendations as to legislation to meet conditions or emergencies as they arise.

Public Land Along Streams.

With respect to the public land which lies along the streams offering opportunity to convert water power into transmissible electricity, another important phase of the public land question is presented. There are valuable water power sites through all the public land states. The opinion is held that the transfer of sovereignty from the federal government to the territorial governments as they become states, included the water power in the rivers except so far as that owned by riparian proprietors. I do not think it necessary to go into discussion of this somewhat mooted question of law. It seems to me sufficient to say that the man who owns and controls the land along the stream from which the power is to be converted and transmitted, owns land which is indispensable to the conversion and use of that power. I cannot conceive how the power in streams flowing through public lands can be made available at all except by using the land itself as the site for the construction of the plant by which the power is generated and converted and securing a right of way thereover for transmission lines. Under these conditions, if the government owns the adjacent land—indeed, if the government is the riparian owner—it may control the use of the water power by imposing proper conditions on the disposition of the land necessary in the creation and utilization of the water power.

Value of Water Power.

The development in electrical appliances for the conversion of the water power into electricity to be transmitted long distances has progressed so far that it is no longer problematical, but it is a certain inference that in the future the power of the water falling in the streams to a large extent will take the place of natural fuels. In the disposition of the domain already granted, many water power sites have come under absolute ownership, and may drift into one ownership, so that all the water power under private ownership shall be a monopoly. If, however, the water power sites now owned by the government—and there are enough of them—shall be placed upon the private persons for the investment of their capital in such a way as to prevent their union for purposes of monopoly with other water power sites, and under conditions that shall limit the right of use to not exceeding thirty years with renewal privileges and some equitable means of fixing terms of rental and with proper means for determining a reasonable graduated rental, it would seem entirely possible to prevent the absorption of these most useful lands by a power monopoly. As long as the government owns the water power sites, it can prevent their improper union with other plants, competition must be maintained and prices kept reasonable.

Soils Must Be Conserved.

In considering the conservation of the natural resources of the country, the feature that transcends all others, including woods, waters, minerals, is the soil of the country. It is the basis of all life, the element to foster by all available means the resources of the country that produce the food of the people. To this end the conservation of the soils of the country should be cared for with all means at the government's disposal. Their productive powers should have the able aid of scientists that we may conserve the new soils, improve the old soils, drain wet soils, ditch swamp soils, levee river overflow soils, grow trees on thin soils, pasture hilly soils, rotate crops on all soils, discover methods for increasing the fertility of the soil, and for the use of land soils, feed grains and mill feeds on the farms where they originate, that the soils from which they come may be enriched.

A work of the utmost importance to inform and instruct the public on this chief branch of the conservation of our resources is being carried on successfully in the department of agriculture; but it ought not to escape public attention that state action in addition to that of the department of agriculture is an instance in the drainage of swamp lands is essential to the best treatment of the soils in the manner above indicated.

The act by which, in semi-arid parts of the public domain, the area of the homestead has been enlarged from 160 to 320 acres has resulted most beneficially in the extension of "dry farming" and in the demonstration which has been made of the possibility, through a variation in the character and mode of culture, of raising substantial crops without the presence of such a supply of water as has been heretofore thought to be necessary for agriculture.

No one can visit the far west and the country of arid and semi-arid lands without being convinced that this is one of the most important methods of the conservation of our natural resources that the government has entered upon. It would appear that over 30 projects have been undertaken, and that a few of these are likely to be unsuccessful because of lack of water, or for other reasons, but generally the work which has been done has been well done, and many important engineering problems have been met and solved.

Funds Inadequate for Service.

One of the difficulties which has arisen is that too many projects in view of the available funds have been set on foot. The funds available under the reclamation statute are inadequate to complete these projects within a reasonable time. And yet the projects have been begun; settlers have been invited to take up and, in many instances, have taken up, the public land with the projects, relying upon their prompt completion. The failure to complete the projects for their benefit is, in effect, a breach of faith and leaves them in a most distressed condition. I urge that the nation ought to afford the means to lift them out of the very desperate condition in which they now are.

This condition does not indicate any excessive waste or any corruption on the part of the reclamation service. It only indicates an over-ambitious desire to extend the benefit of reclamation to as many acres and as many states as possible. I recommend, therefore, that authority be given to issue, not exceeding \$30,000,000 of bonds from time to time, as the secretary of the interior shall find it necessary, the proceeds to be applied to the completion of the projects already begun and

their proper extension, and the bonds running ten years or more to be taken out of the proceeds of returns on the reclamation fund, which returns, in the years to go on, will increase rapidly in amount.

New Law Required.

Respecting the comparatively small timbered areas on the public domain not included in national forests because of their isolation or their special value for agricultural or mineral purposes, it is apparent from the report of the secretary of the interior that the existing laws for the disposition of timber lands that the acts of June 3, 1878, should be repealed and a law enacted for the disposition of the timber at public sale, the lands after the removal of the timber to be subject to appropriation under the agricultural or mineral land laws.

What I have said is really an epitome of the recommendations of the secretary of the interior in respect to the future conservation of the public domain in his present annual report. He has given close attention to the problem of disposition of these lands under such conditions as to invite the private capital necessary to their development on the one hand, and the maintenance of the restrictions necessary to prevent monopoly and abuse of the absolute ownership on the other. These recommendations are incorporated in bills he has prepared, and they are at the disposition of the congress. I earnestly recommend that all the suggestions which he has made with respect to these lands shall be embodied in statutes, and, especially, that the withdrawals already made shall be validated so far as necessary and that doubt as to the authority of the secretary of the interior to withdraw lands for the purpose of submitting recommendations as to future disposition of them where new legislation is needed shall be made complete and unquestioned.

Disposition of Forest Reserves.

The forest reserves of the United States, some 150,000,000 acres in extent, are under the control of the department of agriculture, with authority adequate to preserve them and to extend their growth so far as that may be practicable. The importance of the maintenance of our forests cannot be exaggerated. The possibility of a scientific treatment of forests so that they shall be made to yield a large return in timber without really reducing the supply has been demonstrated in other countries, and we should work to have the best of the science and the methods as their methods are applicable to our conditions.

Improvement of River.

I come now to the improvement of the inland waterways. He would be blind, indeed, who did not realize that the people of the far west, and especially those of the Mississippi valley, have been aroused to the need there is for the improvement of our inland waterways.

The Mississippi river, with the Missouri on the one hand and the Ohio on the other, would seem to offer a great natural means of interstate transportation and traffic, and if properly improved they would relieve the railroads or supplement them in respect to the bulkier and cheaper commodities is a matter of conjecture. No enterprise ought to be undertaken the cost of which is not definitely ascertained, and the benefit and advantage of which are not known and assured by competent engineers and other authority. When, however, a project of a definite character for the improvement of a waterway has been developed so that the plans have been drawn, the cost definitely estimated, and the staff which will be accommodated is reasonably probable, I think it is the duty of congress to undertake the project and make provision therefor in the proper appropriation bill.

One of the projects which answers the description I have given is that of introducing dams into the Ohio river from Pittsburgh to Cairo, so as to maintain at all seasons of the year, by slack water, a depth of nine feet. Upward of seven of these dams have already been constructed and six are under construction, while the total required is 50. The remaining cost is known to be \$63,000,000.

It seems to me that in the development of our inland waterways it would be wise to begin with this particular project and carry it through as rapidly as may be. I assume from reliable information that it can be constructed economically in ten years. I recommend, therefore, that the public lands, in river and harbor bills, make provision for continuing contracts to complete this improvement, and I shall recommend in the future, if it be necessary, that bonds be issued to carry it through.

What has been said of the Ohio river is true in a less complete way of the improvement of the upper Mississippi from St. Paul to St. Louis to a constant depth of six feet, and of the Missouri, from Kansas City to St. Louis to a constant depth of six feet and from St. Louis to Cairo of a depth of eight feet. These projects have been pronounced practical by competent boards of army engineers, their cost has been estimated, and there is business which will follow the improvement.

As these improvements are being made, and the traffic encouraged by them shows itself of sufficient importance, the improvement of the Mississippi beyond St. Louis down to the gulf, which is now going on with the maintenance of a depth of nine feet everywhere, may be changed to another and greater depth if the necessity for it shall appear to arise out of the traffic which can be delivered on the river at Cairo.

Cheap Rail Rate Necessary.

I am informed that the investigation by the waterways commission in Europe shows that the existence of a waterway by no means assures traffic unless there is traffic adapted to water carriage at cheap rates at one end or the other of the stream. It also appears in Europe that the depth of the streams is rarely more than six feet, and never more than nine. But it is certain that enormous quantities of merchandise are transported over the rivers and canals in Germany and France and England, and it is also certain that the existence of such methods of traffic materially affects the rates which the railroads charge, and it is the best regulator of those rates that we have, not even excepting the governmental regulation through the interstate commerce commission. For this reason, I hope that this congress will take such steps that it may be called the inaugurator of the new system of inland waterways. For reasons which it is not necessary here to state, congress has seen fit to order an investigation into the interior department and the forest service of the agricultural department. The results of that investigation are not needed to determine the value of, and the necessity for, the new legislation which I have recommended in respect to the public lands and in respect to reclamation. I earnestly urge that the measures be taken up and disposed of promptly without awaiting the investigation which has been determined upon.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff of Any County of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of John Box, deceased, the unknown heirs of Eugenia A. Box, deceased, the unknown heirs of E. J. Loe, 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 nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be holden at the court house of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1910, the same being the 14th day of March, A. D. 1910, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 7th day of January, A. D. 1910, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 5274, wherein Gilmer J. Barker is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of John Box, deceased, the unknown heirs of Eugenia A. Box, deceased, and the unknown heirs of E. J. Loe, deceased, are defendants, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of the following described tracts of land, all of same being a part of the Francis Johnson league, lying and being situated about three miles southwest from the town of Crockett in Houston county, Texas, and described as follows:

FIRST TRACT.

Known as the J. W. Saxon place and beginning at the north corner of N. E. Lipscomb 6 4-10 acre tract in the Huntsville road; thence with the west boundary line of said 6 4-10 acre tract 430 yds. to the S. W. corner of said 6 4-10 acre tract continuing with the west boundary line of a tract of 28 1/2 acres sold to Geo. W. Crook and others on February 26, 1896, to A. LeGory's north boundary line, corner on said line; thence W. with said A. LeGory's north boundary line to the southwest corner of the Saxon homestead tract a stake in Huntsville road; thence with said road in a general course of N. 15 W. to where said road crosses and at or near a small bridge over a branch on said road; thence with the meanders of said road to the place of beginning, containing 50 acres of land, more or less.

SECOND TRACT.

Known as the Fletcher place and beginning at E. A. Box southwest or most southern point on the southwest boundary line of said league north 35 west 930 yds. from the I. & G. N. railway a hickory mkt. X brs. N. 35 W. 4 yds and a black jack mkt. X brs. N. 15 W. 7 yds.; thence with said Box southeast boundary line north 25 east 1190 yds. to said I. & G. N. railway; thence with the said railway south 18 west 1510 yds. to the southwest boundary line of the said Johnson league; thence with league line north 35 east 930 yds. to the place of beginning, containing 98 acres of land, less 3 1-10 acres out of the north corner thereof, heretofore sold to E. J. Loe.

THIRD TRACT.

Known as the Jennings tract and beginning at S. G. Fletcher's northwest corner on the southwest boundary line of the said Francis Johnson league a hickory and black jack mkt. X; thence north 35 west with the league line at 795 yds. to a stake for corner from which a post oak 20 in. mkt. X brs. S. 58 E. 7 yds., a red oak 10 in. mkt. X brs. N. 72 E. 9 yds.; thence south 81 east 1145 yds. to a stake in old field on Fletcher's northwest boundary line; thence south 35 west with Fletcher's line at 826 yds. to the place of beginning, containing 58 3-10 acres of land.

Plaintiff sets out in his original petition the full and complete title under and by virtue of which he claims said land. Plaintiff alleges that he and those under whom he claims title to said land have had and held peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same for periods of five and ten years respectively and plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years statutes of limitation. Plaintiff alleges that the claims of the defendants cast a cloud on his title to said land. Plaintiff alleges that in the deed from E. J. Loe to E. S. Jennings conveying one of the above described tracts one promissory note is executed as a part of the purchase money and that no release of the lien retained in said deed has been obtained or executed which cast a cloud on plaintiff's title. Plaintiff prays judgment for said land, removing all clouds therefrom and quieting his title to same.

Herein fail not, but have 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, this 7th day of January, A. D. 1910. (Seal.) J. B. STANTON, Clerk, District Court, Houston County. Adams & Young, Att'y's for Plaintiff.

The Department of Agriculture in Austin, Monday, issued its ginners' report, showing 149,744 bales of cotton reported ginned during the month of December. By estimating the ginnings of the private ginners who are not required to report to the Department of Agriculture at \$25,000 b counting the round bales as 50 and the square bales at 50 each, the department figures ginnings to Jan. 1 at 2,403,777.

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On the Border of Monumental Park.

TRAVELERS who have visited the wonderful Monumental park region on the southwestern border of Colorado and in Utah this season, are enthusiastic in their praise of this mysterious and comparatively unknown land that will in all probability come under the protection of the United States government very soon.

There is a law which enables the government to secure control of ruins and natural formations that are of public interest. Under this law the government is now protecting the petrified forest of Arizona, the cave dwellings of New Mexico, the cliff dwellings of Colorado, and many other points of interest in the southwest, and the natural park region of Utah, though it embraces an immense territory, will come under the same sort of protection, and no doubt will be visited by thousands of tourists when its wonders become more fully known.

This region, which includes the most remarkable natural rock formations in the world, is in a part of the world which is almost as rarely visited as the heart of Africa or Labrador. It is part of the great Colorado plateau, and has been shunned by white men because of its inhospitable aspect. On this great plateau, seamed by countless gorges and arroyos, are many unread pages in Nature's book of mysteries. The country, traveled over by an occasional prospector, or perhaps a cattle man penetrates it in search of stray steers. Last year a party of scientists from the University of Utah explored a part of the mysterious land, and this year some students from the new archaeological school at Santa Fe are delving into the rich treasures of antiquity contained in the countless unexplored cliff ruins which are to be found in the canyons. But as a rule the plateau land basks in silence through the lonely years, and the rush to the west, which has had the effect of quickly settling the rich country surrounding the natural park region, has had no effect on this mysterious desert.

The most remarkable features of this strange part of the country are the formations in rock which have been carved by the wind and rain of the ages. Here Nature has carved most fantastic forms, which have been looked upon with awe and veneration by Indians, and which are regarded with the same mixed feelings by white men who look upon them. Here one comes upon immense natural monuments, some of which are more than five hundred feet high, seemingly carved by a giant sculptor out of the sandstone. One of the most remarkable of these is called "Moki Castle," near the San Juan river—an immense castle-like formation nearly five hundred feet high. Around the frowning battlements of this natural fortress have been found the ruins of many cliff dwellings, evidently the "Moki Castle" was a fortress in every sense of the term. Paths leading from the cliff dwellings to the top of the formation would indicate that the house-holders gathered at the summit on many occasions to repel invaders. Stones could easily be rolled down on the heads of persons trying to scale the summit, and a few men on the top of this wonderfully carved "castle" could have held an army at bay.

There are indications, too, that the cliff dwellers were not the only ones who were called upon to defend their lives in this strange desert land. On the San Juan, where this remarkable

stream winds its way through the parched table land, is the ruin of an old Spanish fort supposed to have been built in the year 1680. The Spaniards who roamed the plains as far east as Kansas, built forts in many places, where they were beset by unfriendly savages, and it is supposed that here, at the mouth of White canyon, they were compelled to make a stand. No doubt the fort was built at the edge of the river to insure water supply, as it would have been suicide to allow themselves to become surrounded on the plateau, away from the stream, where the question of water supply is the most difficult problem men have to solve.

The little town of Bluff, Utah, is the gateway to the Monumental park country. The difficulties of penetrating this land have been much over-estimated. One leaves the railroad at the little town of Dolores, in southwestern Colorado, not far from the celebrated Mesa Verde cliff dwellings. An easy stage ride of 60 miles takes one to Bluff, on the San Juan in Utah. Bluff is an active little city. Oil discoveries have been made near it, in recent months, and the town is in a fever of excitement over the commercial possibilities that have been opened up. At Bluff there are many professional guides, who are familiar with the country. Probably it would be safer for the average "tenderfoot" to hire a guide and company pack outfit, as it is easy to get lost in this country of magnificent distances. If a person has some familiarity with the art of packing a horse and making a camp, he can readily dispense with the guide, and a ramble through the Monumental park region will give him an outing experience absolutely novel.

The natural wonders begin at the very edge of Bluff, where one looks through a gateway of ornamental pillars upon the town and the river. A short distance from town are two giant formations of sandstone, 278 feet high, known as the "Twins." Not far from the "Twins" is a balanced rock, 60 feet in diameter in its widest part, and balanced on such a slender base that it seems as if a breath of wind might send the whole thing crashing to the ground. This rock, however, withstands the assaults of the winds, but the erosion process is going on slowly and some day the formation will come crashing into the river.

For days one can wander through a country that seems enchanted. Castles and ruins of all sorts and shapes loom up on the horizon, while mirages form in the upper air and melt away into nothingness. The trail is over hot and dusty ground, broken with sandstone and containing little vegetation. There are few birds, and no animals, and an impenetrable silence seems to brood over everything. One becomes almost possessed of the idea that the turrets and spires and castles one sees are inhabited by ghosts. It would not surprise him at all to find a troop of hobgoblins mocking him from the crest of some mighty sandstone formation.

To the photographer, the appeal of Monumental park is something irresistible. The wonderful coloring of the desert is cast over everything. The red of the sandstone glows against the turquoise blue of the sky, and the bright sunshine brings distant objects surprisingly near. The tracery of the rock formations is a delight to the eye. Never is it twice alike, and never is its coloring the same.

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Local News.

Plenty of hay at Billy Lewis'.

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Another big supply of Rayo lamps at Billy Lewis'.

Rev. Tobe Jordan of Cut paid the Courier a visit Tuesday.

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B. S. Hearn of Route 6 was a visitor at the Courier office Saturday.

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B. F. Dent and Roland Shaw of Lovelady were here Saturday and Sunday.

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Silas Douglas of Arbor and J. C. Allee of Creek were visitors at the Courier office Tuesday.

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Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Daniel are now comfortably located in west Crockett, having recently moved from Kennard here.

Miss Mildred McGill of Mineral Wells and Miss Willie Wortham of Lancaster are being entertained by Mrs. John LeGory.

We are still trading sewing machines at the Big Store. Bring in your old one and trade it as part pay on a new one.

The special showing of table linen and linen napkins at the Big Store, beginning next Monday, should interest everybody.

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The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will give a Valentine party on Monday, February 14, at the home of Mrs. H. F. Moore, from 3:30 to 6 and from 8 to 11 o'clock. Everybody come and enjoy yourselves. 4t

Prairie hay at Billy Lewis'.

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Some of the young men of the city complimented the young ladies of the town and visitors with a dance at Lancaster's hall Friday evening. The affair was a very enjoyable one.

The columns of the Courier will contain the names of the candidates for all Houston county offices. Keep your eye on that column if you want to know who is running for office.

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is the one who always wears a frown, is cross and disagreeable, and is short and sharp in his answers. Nine cases out of ten it's not the poor fellow's fault, it's his liver and digestion that make him feel so miserable. Can't help being so disagreeable. Are you in danger of getting into that condition? Then start at once taking Ballard's Horehound for your liver—the safe, sure and reliable vegetable regulator. Sold by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

Notice.

Strayed from Lovelady on Dec. 24, one black mare about 10 years old, 15½ hands high, with split in one ear and one eye out. Will pay \$5.00 for recovery of same. 4t. Frank Denton, Lovelady, Texas.

Mike Ferris has opened a shoe repair shop on east side public square. He is prepared to do all kinds of repair work on shoes and harness, and solicits the patronage of the public. Also has second hand shoes for sale. Shoes left with him for repair will be sold if not called for within one week.

Lost Mules.

Two mules, one black and the other sorrel, both mare mules; black mule unbranded, sorrel mule branded on left shoulder R. S.; left my place Tuesday night. Will pay reward for their recovery. J. J. Polansky, Route 5, Crockett, Tex.

A few farmers and business men of the county met at the court house Friday to hear W. F. Procter, state agent for the national department of agriculture, talk on the subject of selecting seed corn and preparing the land for planting. He also touched on the subjects of pasturing and fertilizing and warned the farmers against an overproduction of cotton. His talk was instructive and the Courier regrets that not more of our farmers heard him.

The Courier announces this week the name of C. M. (Marvin) Ellis as a candidate for the office of county attorney, subject to the action of the democratic primary. Mr. Ellis made the race two years ago and was defeated by a small majority. He is a practicing attorney, a member of the law firm of Madden & Ellis, and is a graduate of the University of Texas. He has filled the office of city attorney of Crockett and has had considerable experience as a practitioner and prosecutor. He will appreciate your support.

To Our Friends and Patrons.

Our prescription work for the next thirty days will be looked after by Mr. Ernest Cochran, who is a graduate of the Atlanta school of Pharmacy of Atlanta, Ga., and a thoroughly competent man.

During the absence of our Mr. Beasley we ask for a continuance of your patronage and promise you the same careful attention and courteous treatment that we have tried to give you heretofore. Your Friends, The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

A Traveling Salesman.

H. F. Beers, 617-7th Ave., Peoria, Ill., writes: "I have been troubled for some time with kidney trouble, so severely at times I could scarcely carry my grips. After using one bottle of Foley's Kidney Pills I have been entirely relieved, and cheerfully recommend them to all." Foley's Kidney Pills are healing and antiseptic and will restore health and strength. Will McLean.

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Office North Side Public Square, Crockett, Texas

In this week's issue of the Courier appears the announcement of B. F. Dent as a candidate for the office of county attorney. Mr. Dent is at present superintendent of the Lovelady public schools, which position he has held for several terms. He is a graduate of the law department of the University of Texas, where he finished a two years' course about two years ago and received license to practice law. He also read law for a while in the law office of Adams & Young in Crockett. He has been a close student since leaving the university and his qualifications for the office are exceptionally good. His candidacy is subject to the democratic primary.

Improvements.

Among the improvements noted under way in Crockett now are the new \$10,000 passenger station, the waterworks, the organization of a new electric light and ice company, the remodeling and refurnishing of the Pickwick hotel, a three story brick building, the rehabilitation of the Mayes brick building burned some time since, the building of cement side-walks in front of the business property of Daniel & Burton and in front of the residence properties of R. E. McConnell, B. F. Chamberlain and Dan McLean, store extension and warehouse for Daniel & Burton, fine, new homes in east Crockett for I. A. Daniel and J. R. Estes, new residences in north Crockett by W. V. Berry and J. R. Sheridan and the improvement of streets and sidewalks all over the city. Let the spirit of improvement continue.

Foley's Kidney Remedy will cure any case of kidney or bladder trouble that is not beyond the reach of medicine. It invigorates the entire system and strengthens the kidneys so they eliminate the impurities from the blood. Backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles are all cured by this great medicine. Will McLean.

Every Mother

is or should be worried when the little ones have a cough or cold. It may lead to croup or pleurisy or pneumonia—then to something more serious. Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure the trouble at once and prevent any complication. Sold by The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

If your stomach is disordered, bowels irregular and you don't feel well, you need Prickly Ash Bitters. It is very effective in removing this condition. The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co., Crockett; C. R. Rich, Lovelady; special agents.

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Lunches at All Hours

Willie Dunwoody Dead.

The remains of Willie Dunwoody reached Crockett Sunday morning and were taken to the residence of E. E. Hail, where they rested until Monday afternoon, when interment took place in Glenwood cemetery. The death of the deceased occurred on a passenger train about three miles north of Palestine Saturday. The corpse was taken off at Palestine and prepared for burial and brought to Crockett Sunday morning. Willie Dunwoody is well remembered by the most of our people. He was a Crockett boy, born and reared here, and none stood higher in the estimation of our people. He left here several years ago with his mother and younger brother for Pecos City, Texas, where they lived for awhile, but afterward moved to El Paso. His health had been failing for some time, and despairing of any improvement, decided he to return to Crockett and spend the remainder of his days among his boyhood friends. His mother accompanied him on the trip, the brother remaining in El Paso. W. E. Hail of Palestine, a nephew and cousin, met the mother and son at Longview and was with them at the time of the young man's death. The deceased was a sufferer from tuberculosis of the lungs and it was known that his condition was serious. Interment was postponed until Monday afternoon to await the arrival from El Paso of John Dunwoody, the brother.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the action of the democratic primary:

For County Attorney
B. F. Dent
C. M. (Marvin) Ellis
For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
C. R. Stephenson

AN OLD-TIMER RETURNS

AFTER AN ABSENCE OF FIFTY-SEVEN YEARS.

None Knew Him and He Knew None.
A Rip Van Winkle Parallel Almost.

Rip Van Winkle, after his interview with the wicked flagon and his nap of twenty years on the sides of the Kaatskill mountains, arose and began rubbing his eyes in a maze of bewilderment over the strange scenes around him. His dog was gone, his gun a streak of rubbish and the echoes of the rolling nine-pins had ceased. Pulling himself together as best he could he pursued the trail to his native village. Every step of the way presented changes; the old landmarks were gone; those he met bore no resemblance to the friends of other days; the boon companions of his indolent manhood were succeeded by new faces and forms; Nicholas Vedder, the village patriarch, was no more; Dame Van Winkle, the terror of his conjugal life, had gone the way of all the others; troops of strange children greeted him with jeers and even the dogs of the village barked at him. The quiet village he had left on the silver Hudson twenty years before on that unfortunate squirrel hunt was not the village that met his eyes now on his return. Von Bummel, the schoolmaster, was gone, Brom Dutcher was no more and even the village inn, "the Union Hotel by Jonathan Doolittle," was no longer recognized. In his amazement he exclaimed: "Does nobody here remember Rip Van Winkle?"

Some of the features and scenes depicted above when Rip returned from his hunt and his unhappy experience with that wicked flagon were vividly recalled and impressed on the minds of some of our people on Saturday last when Uncle Johnnie Hallmark, eighty-odd years old, appeared on the streets of Crockett. He was a citizen of Houston county up to 1853 when he cast his fortunes with the West, locating in Bell county, at "a little wide place in the road" as he expressed it, some twenty miles or more from Temple. The writer, with C. E. Hayes, A. LeGory, Sr., and Berkley Ellis were standing on the sidewalk in front of the old shop.

As the old man came walking down the street, he was

ing faces and places. He came across to where those mentioned were standing and stopped. He scanned the faces of those before him for a brief space as if he had recognized some familiar faces. In the language of Rip Van Winkle, he didn't exactly intimate to Mr. Hayes that he thought maybe so from that snowy crown of his he ought to be Nicholas Vedder, to Mr. Legory that "you perhaps are Brom Dutcher," to Mr. Ellis "that you are Von Brummel," or to the writer "that you are old Peter Vanderdook," but he surely said by his acts and his scrutiny "that you fellows certainly were here when I left this county in 1853, 57 years ago, and you ought to know me." After inspecting the crowd critically he remarked almost in Rip's identical words: "Does any of you know Uncle Johnnie Hallmark who left here in 1853? Or if any of you were here (and all of you look it) when I was here in 1853 you ought to know Uncle Johnnie Hallmark." The old man was a really interesting character, in the eighties it is true, but bright and quick, clean witted, full of vim and overflowing with reminiscences. His mind is stored with a knowledge of the town's history full enough to make a pocket edition. He talked for an hour or more about persons and places. Not a person had he seen up to a late hour that he knew or who knew him away back in the fifties. His mind was as clear as crystal as to places and characters and frequently recalled places where certain buildings had stood and the names of those who had conducted the business. He pointed to the corner where Sweet's drug store stands as the place where the log store house of General Collins was, and the corner where the National Bank stands as the old site of Colonel Long's hotel. It is such reminiscences as these that he reeled off fluently without a hitch and he brought up many dramatic events and scenes, some of them tragic in their nature, that no one present could recall. While talking to the crowd he drew out a slug of tobacco and cut off a chew. Some one asked him if he had been using tobacco all his life. "Yes, not excessively, though, and I ain't dead yet." "How are you on toddies, Uncle John?" some one ventured to remark. "I always take them when somebody treats, or when I want it. I raised ten boys and the whiskey bottle always stood on the fire-board for those boys to help themselves and not a one of them turned out to be a drunkard." Some one said, "Bell county used to be prohibition." "Yes," he replied, "but we had too many democrats there for it to remain so." Speaking of the days before 1853 he said "if a man was a candidate for office here and got the Hallmark and Box votes he was elected sure." "And if you were riding along the road and met a man and said 'good morning, Mr. Box,' and he said 'my name is not Box,' 'well, Hallmark, then,' you rarely missed it." Some one asked him "if such and such Hallmark was a nephew or niece of his." "Yes, and he married a first cousin of mine. The truth is in those days there were so few people living here that they had to marry their first cousins." Nothing speaks so eloquently or forcefully of the rapid flow of the years as the visit from a man like Mr. Hallmark. The places he used to know were here but the faces he went to meet and greet were gone years ago and now quietly in the city came. Possibly he met some old friend. Rip did old Peter Vander-

dook in the village of Falling Waters, still lingering on the stage, that he knew, but we doubt it. The chances are that his eyes never looked into a face whose features he recognized or who knew his. It was a visit from the past as striking, strange and realistic as if it had been from the dead.

A Business Education for a Little Spare Time.

Through the remainder of this month and February the Courier makes the following offer: To all young ladies and girls desiring to act as agents for the Courier, we will pay a commission of 25 per cent on all subscriptions to the Courier procured by them. In addition to this, the Courier will give a full-year, paid-up scholarship in the Port Arthur Business College to the girl or young lady securing the largest number of yearly subscriptions to the Courier. The Port Arthur Business College is recognized as one of the best schools in the South and the scholarship that we are offering is valued at \$110 and is good for a full year's course in the different departments. This is an opportunity to secure a business education for a little work during spare time. Two Crockett students now in this school write back that they are well pleased and making fine progress.

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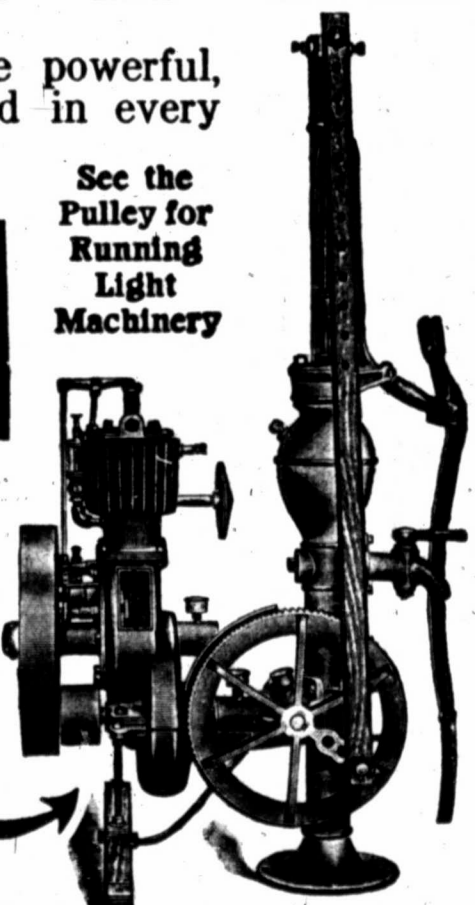
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