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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

AT CROCKETT.

In the State of Texas, at the close of business,
January 31st, 1910.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	\$425,157 72
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	14,167 58
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000 00
Bonds, Securities, etc.	51,000 00
Other Real Estate owned	18,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	10,879 50
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies and Savings Banks	8,126 21
Due from approved Reserve Agents	53,724 75
Checks and other Cash Items	422 21
Notes of other National Banks	500 00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	725 50
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie	\$20,235 25
Legal-tender notes	6,700 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	4,300 00
Total	\$713,938 72

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000 00
Surplus fund	50,000 00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	6,255 33
National Bank Notes outstanding	99,300 00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	3,356 77
Individual Deposits subject to check	399,214 59
Demand Certificates of Deposit	2,788 00
Time Certificates of Deposit	52,197 11
Cashier's checks outstanding	626 92
Total	\$713,938 72

State of Texas, County of Houston, ss:
I, M. F. JENSEN, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. F. JENSEN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of February, 1910.

H. J. ARLEDGE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
H. F. MOORE,
ARCH BAKER,
JAS. S. SHIVERS,
Directors.

J. H. PAINTER,
LAND LAWYER,
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

GRAND JURY REPORT.

REVIEW OF COMMISSIONER LIVELY'S CRITICISM.

Observations on the Commissioner's Record and Allied Subjects.

(FIFTH INSTALLMENT.)

Editor Courier:

Well, the echoes are still ringing from the last blast of Samuel's trumpet, but they seem to be echoes that have been in touch with an unclean, malodorous mess somewhere. We shall consider but two or three matters brought up by his article and the rest of it dismiss as unworthy of decent notice—the fact of the matter is that a part of the communication is too indecent for public print and public reading. To show how hard put to Samuel is we call attention to the insinuation, or charge rather, that the writer was responsible for conceiving and engineering through the Commissioners' Court that Houston auditing job. And this is a sample brick of the whole structure. Samuel knew when he intimated that the writer had anything to do with that "job," in its conception or working it through the Commissioners' Court, that he was stating an untruth and doing so knowingly and wilfully. The people of this county, who have known the writer for 35 years or more know in the first place that the writer is incapable of doing what Samuel insinuates. And for the information of those citizens who do not know the writer we will say: The year that this

"job" was put through—the people of this county fleeced out of over \$800 for doing nothing—the writer was absent from the county for nearly ten months. We left Crockett just after Christmas that year, went to San Antonio, thence to Hot Springs, Ark., where we remained some six months, part of the time in a hospital, and went thence to the writer's old home in the East where he stayed some time, then to the Jamestown Exposition, thence back to Texas, arriving here about the middle or last of October, after that monumental piece of extravagance had been consummated. These are the facts in this matter that Samuel speaks of. And if he is capable in any degree of shame, he ought to be in this instance. He was a member of the Court when this flagrant, high-handed tribute to his own unspeakable incompetency went through and I am informed when the matter first came before the Court was outspoken in favor of employing an expert accountant from Houston to check up the books of Tax Collector Brightman at a fee in the aggregate of over \$800, but when on a final showing he saw that there were enough votes to put it through without his he side-stepped the question and voted against it. The people do not need any stronger proof of the utter incapacity of such men as Samuel Lively for Commissioners than the eloquent fact that they would employ an expert to do what the Commissioners' Court ought to do. If they had been competent business men they could have checked out Brightman's books without the help of any one. And the last man in the world to plead defense of such jobbery is Samuel Lively, who was a member of the Court that engaged the services of such auditor.

And while we are considering

such splendid examples of Samuel's business capacity, let us in this connection refer to that tank and tower piece of work, for the construction of which and the connections the county paid the Southern Structural Steel Co. \$750. This didn't include the hot air pump and engine installed under a separate contract for \$250. The writer is informed by a man living in Crockett that he would have been glad of an opportunity to have taken the tower-tank contract for \$350. Now, what do you think of that? Besides, what good and useful purpose have this tank and its connections served? The contract called for piping to north and south sides court house square with hydrants, valves, and water troughs for the farmers to water their stock. Has any one ever seen these watering troughs? The motor power of the pumps is said to be "hot air." Some one has

suggested that this possibly explained so many sessions of the Commissioners' Court in order to furnish hot air to run the engine, to pump the water, to flush the toilets, to water the stock, etc. Anyhow, the tower, tank, etc., at present are chiefly ornamental, for there has not been any water flowing into or out of it since October last—about the last session of the Commissioners' Court. We are to have a regular session of the Court next week. May-be-so Sam-u-el can get up "hot air" enough to pump water enough to do some lavatory work.

But these things we have mentioned above are only a few of the many, many avenues of extravagance in handling the people's money. We notice among the bills to be acted on next week one for over \$200 for "Bug O," "Rex

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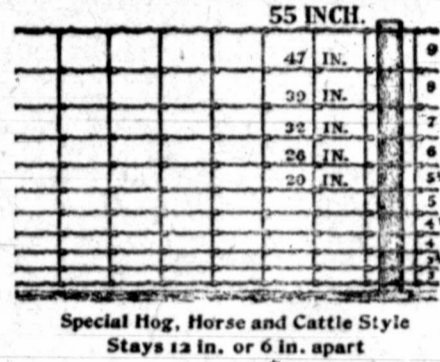
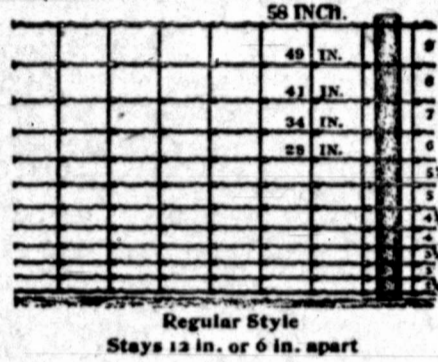
For the next two weeks will be something different from all others heretofore, and in these two issues it will be our aim to place before the public what we think to be the most complete stock of groceries and hardware ever handled by any house in the county

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GRAND JURY REPORT.

riding bailiffs to do what the rangers did. After they had made their report and went after and brought in the witnesses we decided they were entitled to the pay of bailiffs. The bill was O. K.-ed by Judge Gardner and allowed by the Commissioners' Court. The truth is that three of the Court told the writer before he passed on the claims that it would be all right and they would allow it. Then if it were not the proper thing to do, why didn't Commissioner Lively make his protest and register his nega-

tive vote when he had an opportunity to do so?

These are the facts about the ranger matter. And the writer will make this offer to Commissioner Lively: If he will refund the money for "road service" which he has in his pocket and to which he has no right, the writer will go down in his pocket and pay back to the county treasurer the ranger fee—\$50. Isn't that fair, Sam-u-el? Now come up to the "scratch."

The rest of Sam-u-el's piece is not worthy of notice further than to say that the first and last resort of a demagogue, one of those

smooth-bore, rim-fire, 22-calibre politicians, is to cover up his own short-comings, his own incompetency, his own weakness, by making dirty, low-down appeals to the prejudice of a few in the country against the town. He speaks of the Crockett Legislature and when he does so he knows there is none. And as for Crockett grafters that he refers to, if there be such, Samuel Lively is the very kind of a duck, to use slang, that these same Crockett grafters want to see Commissioners. His sort is just like clay in the potter's hands. They can work, mould and shape him up into just such a vessel as they want and before he knows it he is a handle on a jug or some kind of a pot or some other vessel the Crockett grafter wants to manufacture. Now what do you think of that, Samuel?

But Samuel jumps on the last Grand Jury for its expense to the county. We understand that in getting up this charge he had the help of another member of the Court. The work of the last Grand Jury speaks for itself and shows an equivalent for every dollar of the county's money paid them. The writer will be pardoned for mentioning the fact that he paid out nearly a third of what he got to witnesses and bailiffs for services that had been turned down by Judge Gardner or he thought wouldn't pass muster before the judge. The fact that we saved the county the expense of so many sessions of the Commissioners' Court more than compensates the county for the cost of the last Grand Jury. Commissioner Lively knows that the frequency of the sessions of the Commissioners' Court had been a subject for the jibes and jeers of the town and country. Everybody was talking about how frequently they met; and when they did meet they got together about 12 on Monday and adjourned about 9 or 10 o'clock in the morning of the day they quit. But they didn't quit; they simply called off from "labor" (?) to refreshment, and started at it again a week or so later, after resting

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from their arduous (?) labors. Everybody was talking and laughing about it. And the writer is informed by one close to Commissioner Lively that Commissioner Lively and one other Commissioner met here by accident the day the poor unfortunate negro was hung and a special session of the Commissioners' Court was held. Why was that, Sam-u-el? What public emergency existed to call for a session of the Commissioners' Court on that day when two of the Commissioners had received no notice of such meeting? And the minutes show it, too. But that isn't all. There is a world of all this—a regular Cripple Creek mine to dig from, and you can get it, too.

We will call attention to just one more instance of extravagance of Commissioners' Court since you pitch into expense of Grand Jury. Do you remember when the writer in 1887 put this county in the district system of schools? W. A. Davis was County Judge, W. F. Murchison, J. H. Ratcliff, E. H. Calloway were the Court at this time. They had the entire county to cut up into school districts. They got one of the surveyors before them and *did the work in three days*. The present Commissioners' Court had a *little over half* of the county to "district" and it took your Commissioners' Court, Sam-u-el, *over three weeks* to do the work. Is it any wonder that you should think "we are living in the most progressive age I ever saw," to quote your own language? And yet Sam-u-el has the arrogance unspeakable to

speaking of the time the last Grand Jury was in session. Again, from November, 1906, to November, 1907, the Commissioners' Court was in session about 60 days, some 15 to 20 sessions for the year. From November, 1907, to November, 1908, Commissioner Lively's Court was in session about 95 days, holding 23 to 25 sessions. And yet he talks about the time the Grand Jury was occupied. From November, 1908, to November, 1909, Commissioner Lively's Commissioners' Court was in session some 85 to 90 days, holding 20 odd sessions. And yet Samuel talks about the Grand Jury holding so long. Compare the number of days the Commissioners' Court was in session for years 1908 to 1909 with a year when W. F. Murchison, J. H. Ratcliff and E. H. Calloway were on the Court, say from November, 1886, to November, 1887. The old Court held 10 sessions, 20 days in all for the year. How does that compare, Sam-u-el, with 20 odd sessions, 85 to 90 days in all? And yet Commissioner Lively presumes to talk about the time and the cost of the Grand Jury. Indeed, "we are living in a progressive age!" Again, you prate about the time and cost of the Grand Jury, tell us for what purpose money is appropriated to buy stamps for Commissioners? It appears on the minutes. Stamps for Commissioners! The people would be astounded at the amount of money appropriated for stamps for various officials. But enough for the present. W. B. P.

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Gregg Replies to Stevens.

To the Democracy of the Seventh Congressional District:

Mr. Stevens in his announcement criticises the fact that the work of improving the Trinity river began at the Dallas or upper section instead of at tide water near the mouth.

If this criticism is left unanswered by me people of the district may think that I have not been as watchful of their interests as I should have been. I think, however, that a brief statement by me will not only disprove any such inference, but will show that I have acted with good judgment and in the only way to insure the ultimate improvement of the river.

The 57th Congress in 1902 made an appropriation to begin the improvement of the river, directing that part of it should be expended upon the Dallas section and the balance was to be used in erecting a lock and dam on the lower section at such place as offered the greatest obstruction to navigation, not at tide water as suggested by Mr. Stevens. When the 58th Congress met in December, 1904, no substantial part of the appropriation for the lower portion had been expended. In the meantime (between 1902 and 1904) a board of engineers had made a further examination of the river, and had made a report greatly increasing the estimated cost of the project and a majority of that board reported adversely to the continued improvement of the river. When the rivers and harbors committee of that Congress had its bill under consideration in 1904, Mr. Burton, chairman of the committee, openly announced that he opposed making any further improvement of the Trinity river, and favored permitting the money already appropriated to revert to the treasury, giving as his reason that he did not believe the upper section could be made navigable and did not think there was any reasonable prospect of there being enough commerce on the lower section to justify its improvement. This was a bomb in the ranks of those of us who favored improving the river, for we knew that his influ-

ence was so great he would be able to control the matter. All of us were anxious to find some plan which would be acceptable to Mr. Burton. Mr. Burgess, the Texas member of the committee, was particularly active in the matter, and after a conference with the chief of the government engineers, he suggested to Mr. Burton to make the experiment on the upper section by transferring to it the money already appropriated and supplementing it with enough to build two locks and dams. Mr. Burgess was satisfied if the experiment was made it would demonstrate that the upper section could be made navigable, and subsequent developments have shown that he was right in this. Mr. Burton finally agreed to this, on condition that Dallas contributed \$66,000 toward the expense. Mr. Burgess informed me and others that unless this proposition was accepted the entire project would be abandoned and the money already appropriated returned to the treasury. The plan was accepted as an ultimatum and as the only way to have any further work done on the river. It was no longer a question of how the improvement should be made, but it was a question of having it improved in this way or not at all. If Mr. Stevens had been here, would he have permitted the entire project to fail, rather than let the work be done as proposed in this ultimatum? The next river and harbor bill was passed in 1907, and in that bill I secured an appropriation for a lock and dam in the lower section, at Hurricane Shoals on the west boundary line of Houston county. In the bill now under consideration I hope to secure appropriation enough at least to start a lock and dam at White Rock Shoals between Trinity and San Jacinto counties. This place and Hurricane Shoals are supposed to offer the greatest obstacles to navigation in the lower section. When the locks and dams at these two places and the ones authorized in the upper section are finished, the engineers believe we will have navigation for several months in the year.

There was at one time some fear expressed that the cleaning

of the river in the upper section increased the danger of overflows by the removed drift lodging on snags in the lower section. The bill passed in 1902 before I became a member of Congress directed a certain portion of the appropriation to be used in cleaning out the upper section and it could not be used in any other way. Since I have been a member of Congress I have insisted that the appropriations available for cleaning and snagging purposes should be used for snagging and cleaning the lower section, as a result the only snag boat now at work on the river is working from the mouth up, removing the snags as it comes to them, and the removing of the drifts and cleaning out is going on in the lower section.

Respectfully,
A. W. Gregg.
(Advertisement.)

U. D. C.

Notable among the many charming social events of the past week was the meeting of the D. A. Nunn Chapter, U. D. C., at the home of Col. and Mrs. Nunn.

This handsome new home, colonial in design, combines the stateliness and dignity of the "Old South" in exterior with the luxurious elegance of the present time in its artistic furnishings.

Ideal in its arrangement for entertaining, the entire house was thrown open for the occasion. Beautiful ferns and other potted plants were effectively used throughout the house, making a picture indeed pleasing to the eye.

There must have been quite a few New Year resolutions in effect for in addition to the visitors present there was a very flattering attendance of the Chapter members.

Our worthy President called the house to order, and the opening prayer repeated by all.

The minutes of last stated meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer reported a balance of thirty-eight dollars and forty-four cents to our credit.

Several business letters were read before the Chapter, one from Mrs. Moore Murdock, soliciting aid for the Memorial Hall and Institute of History, to be erected in the near future, and the Chap-

ter voted to extend her an invitation to visit our town at a convenient date.

This concluded the business session, and being the day set apart for appropriate exercises, celebrating the birthday of Gens. Lee and Jackson, the remainder of the afternoon was devoted to the historical program as follows:

1. Roll Call—Name some memorial or philanthropic work of the Daughters of the Confederacy.
2. Original Poem—Mrs. C. R. Stephenson.
3. Piano—Selected—Miss Virginia Chamberlain.
4. "Memorial Ode to Robt. E. Lee"—Mrs. D. F. Arledge.
5. Vocal Duet. "When the Swallows Homeward Fly"—Messdames J. P. Hail and F. Arledge.
6. Essay on "Robt. E. Lee"—Miss Willie Fifer.
7. "Review of the Life of Gen. Lee"—Miss Stella Sheridan.
8. Vocal Solo. "Last Rose of Summer"—Mrs. R. E. Wheless.
9. Paper. Stonewall Jackson as a Friend, Patriot and Christian—Mrs. W. B. Page.
10. Music—Dixie.

The musical numbers of the program were beautifully rendered and added greatly to the pleasure of the evening. Also deserving special mention was the essay prepared and read by one of our High School girls—Miss Willie Fifer, of which the Chapter evidenced thorough appreciation and enjoyment by giving her a rising vote of thanks.

Before adjourning, the Chapter was invited to hold its next regular meeting with Mrs. W. A. Norris, February 26.

Our charming hostess, Mrs. C. N. Corry, was assisted by Misses Chamberlain, Hail and Kuhlman in serving a two-course luncheon consisting of salad, wafers and olives, coffee and fruit cake.

The out of town visitors present were Mrs. R. E. Wheless, Campti, La., Miss Wortham, Lancaster, Miss Mildred McGill, Mineral Wells. Mrs. John LeGory, Cor. and Rec. Secretary.

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GRANDSON OF PRINCE MURAT

Descendant of Famous Soldier is a Resident of Jefferson County, Florida.

There lives in Jefferson county, Florida, a gentleman who has in his veins the blood of two of the great families of modern history. He is George Achille Murat, grandson of Field Marshal Joachim Murat, who married Caroline, sister of the great Napoleon, and afterward reigned for a short time over the kingdom of Naples. After the great crash of the Bonaparte dynasties, Prince Napoleon Achille Murat, son of Caroline Bonaparte, sought to mend his fortunes in the new world. He went to Florida and took possession of some lands under a Spanish grant. In 1826 he married Miss Catherine Willis Grey, a grandniece of Washington.

This nephew of the great Napoleon was a prime favorite in Florida. He was not only a fine business man and a successful raiser of fruits and vegetables, but he gave a social elevation to the scattered population of the peninsula in the first half of the nineteenth century. He was a man of letters, and some of his descriptions of Florida scenery may be found in the French journals and magazines of his day. In one of these magazines he records an invitation to his august cousin, then reigning over France as Napoleon III., to come to Florida to visit him, and he gives a description of the sort of banquet he would prepare for his majesty. The prince had several children, only the youngest of which, now a man close to 70, is living.

The house which the present Prince Murat occupies (though he dropped his title years ago) is the one built by his father after the expansive French villa style. It is full of historical relics, massive old silver, bric-a-brac and tapestries. Its owner is one of the most charming and hospitable gentlemen of the old school.

World Not so Very Bad.

That bad news travels fast is an old saying, and in the present time of electric communication by land and sea, we get plenty of bad news every morning. The fact that we hear of so many crimes and misdoings in every part of the world, far more than were reported a quarter century ago, probably accounts for a share of the downheartedness in respect to human nature, which oppresses so many of us at times. But the fact remains that the misdoings often get notice in the newspapers because they have some picturesque or interesting quality which obtrudes above the level of normal human life; if regular and decent living should ever become "news" we all should indeed be in a very bad way. Hence, it looks as though we ought to realize that the world is no worse than it used to be, and that we know more about it, and if we are forewarned we should be the better equipped for defending ourselves and helping our neighbor.

Plea for the Imagination.

Just as if every living being must have soul and body, so must man have two points of view; that which helps him to see after worldly affairs and that which makes him realize that there is something beyond. In training the child's imagination there is danger. It is that he may develop a contempt for the practical; but one should be a help to the other. A man who is always in the clouds is a cause of irritation to his neighbor; but one who cannot ascend there will be a dull and depressing companion. A man who sees Mont Blanc for the first time and wonders what is going on on the stock exchange is a person to be pitied; but the one who makes his friend lose his train because he is lecturing him on the beautiful, or forgets to bring the ring to church because he is so much in love, is every bit as tiresome as the other.

First Hospital in New World.

It is said that the first hospital ever built in America was erected by the Spaniard Cortes in the City of Mexico in 1524. It was endowed out of the revenues obtained from the properties conferred on him by the Spanish crown for his services in the conquest of Mexico. The endowment was so arranged that it still exists and is paid at the present day. A supervisor is named by the lineal descendant of Cortes at present.

In this hospital women occupied positions as nurses and physicians, and in their care were all cases of obstetrics and women's diseases. Considerable was known by the Indians of medicine. The Mexican hospital is a fine building, with arcades and courtyard. It is an interesting landmark in the history of hospital construction and administration.—Medical Record.



HIS VALENTINE

By **CALLIE BONNEY MARBLE**

HE was very pretty—there was no doubt whatever about that; and Harold Vane, who liked to look at pretty things of all kinds, especially women, lingered in the shadow of the hallway and watched pretty Maud Ethlyn as she sat at the old-fashioned fireplace, one dainty foot resting on the brass andiron, and her curl-crowned head bent low as with a tiny gold pencil she wrote something on a sheet of note paper which reposed, woman-fashion, in her lap.

Presently the writing ceased, and the fair writer, thinking herself alone, proceeded, in a way she had, to talk to her own charming self; and Harold, the man who listened, excused himself on the plea that what she was saying could be no secret, or she would not utter it aloud, even though supposing herself to be alone. And this is what he heard:

"Yes, Cupid, I have written a valentine to the one who is destined by you to be my fate; for, according to maidens' belief, only he, my own true lover, can find it and answer it; hence, should an answer come, it will be absolute proof to me that the writer of it is my future lord and master."

And she made a little curtsey before the long pier glass; and, snatching a soft wool shawl from the sofa, she wound it about her head and shoulders and, the valentine in her hand, went out on to the porch and ran down the garden path. Harold from the hall window discreetly watching her as she went lightly down past the old moss-grown well to the somewhat bleak and deserted summer house, where he saw her slip the valentine under a loose stone at the sill; and then, for reasons of his own, not wishing to be discovered the fair writer of the valentine, he swiftly left the house by another path, making a circuit which in a few moments brought him also to the summer house, where he deftly abstracted the valentine, not pausing, however, to read it until safely within his own bachelor quarters; but, having reached them, he could no longer brook delay and, with hat and overcoat still on, he drew from his pocket the tiny sheet of note paper and read, in Maud's graceful chirography, the following:

Good saint, on earth somewhere, they tell me,
Is waiting a Valentine,
Brave and tender and loyal always,
And destined some day to be mine.
Can you not find him, and tell him duly
Another heart tender and true
As a Valentine somewhere is waiting for him,
And to find her let him ask you.

Early the next morning Maud visited the summer house and, while not really expecting to find her valentine gone, she did hope that it might be, so eagerly raised the stone at the mill and gave a little shriek of girlish delight at finding her hope realized.

Yes, her valentine was unmistakably gone. But who could have taken it? And, whoever, it was, it was quite shabby of him not to have answered it. Could it have been that teasing boy cousin of hers? If so, she would never hear the last of it. But no—Jim would never have put the stone back properly. Maud was becoming a good detective, at least in affairs of love.

But who could it have been? She felt certain that no one had seen her deposit her valentine there under the stone; hence it being gone would argue that Fate had indeed been at work in her behalf. But who was the man?

And Maud dropped down on the rustic seat, albeit not a romantic spot in winter, to meditate and arrive at some conclusion undisturbed.

She really did hope that it was not the young clergyman; for she was not at all up in theology and was quite too undignified for a clergyman's wife.

"And the young doctor would not do, nice as he is," she said, emphatically, "for I never could be sweet and amiable enough to share him with all the other women in the town."

She paused a moment and then continued: "Ralph is a bright young lawyer, but so metaphysical; and, while I can occasionally assume an interest in metaphysics, that mental diet daily would be very wearing. But don't you think, Miss Maud," she continued gayly to herself, "that you are presuming a great deal in taking it for granted that any one of these gentlemen wishes to be your valentine? Oh, no! I do not flatter myself. But the eligible young men in town are so few that I must mention them all to find somebody, so I might as well refer to the others. Reginald comes next, and he does waltz divinely; but waiting is not very profitable, and I fear it is poor Reggie's strongest point. Tom is intellectual; but he has such a dreadful temper that I should feel all the time as though I were living with dynamite. Joe is a tyrant, and he is so insanely jealous. Now, I love to have my own way, or think I do; and, if a man were determined to be jealous anyway, I am afraid I might be tempted to tease him a little, so that combination would not do at all. Only two are left—Jack and Harold; and Jack is a dear good boy, but not at all commanding." (She had forgotten that she discarded Joe because he was.) "And last, but not least, there is Harold."

But what she thought of him the little lady did not say. That evening, as she again sat at the old fireplace, feeling it must be confessed, somewhat disappointed at the non-arrival of her valentine, a white missive, evidently tossed in through the open hall window, fell at her feet. But no one was in sight, and, full of eager expectation, Maud opened the sealed missive.

"Oh, how romantic! how delicious!" she exclaimed, as, with beating heart and dancing eyes, she read:

O, sweetheart mine! I have no gift to offer,
So priceless as thou art!
I only come, a lover true and tender,
And bring to you my heart.

Then, as she turned her head, the door behind her opened softly, and somebody took her in his arms, and somebody's kisses silenced the protests of her lips.

A little struggle—a woman's last pretense of battle before the surrender she is happy in making—and then Maud, with all the tender love of her heart shining in her glorious eyes, whispered, softly—

"O Harold! I am so glad it was you!"

Substantial Valentines.

In olden days valentines were pretty gifts to some friend chosen for the day. The lady valentines of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were honored not by anonymous verse, but by substantial gifts.

THE LION IN LOVE.



LOVE IN THE LION.



COOK MUST GO TO PEN

CONDUCTOR WILL BE GIVEN A TERM IN PRISON.

Two Years and Ten Months' Imprisonment. Awaits James A. Cook, Former Texan.

Guadalajara, Mex.—Monday Judge Palafox said that he would carry out the recommendations of the prosecuting attorney and sentence James A. Cook, the American conductor, to two years and ten months. The prosecuting attorney claims Cook is guilty of criminal negligence.

The prisoner will be given the right of proprietary liberty, which means that after half of the sentence has been served his release on parole will be possible.

Judge Palafox has signified his willingness to allow Cook bail in a sum of 3000 to 5000 pesos, \$1500 to \$2500 gold.

The history of the Cook case extends back many months and has to do with the extensive robbery of freight trains on the Guadalajara division of the National railways.

As a result of these robberies the railroad company was compelled to pay heavy claims made by local merchants. Arrests were made, but few convictions resulted and the division officials finally laid the whole matter before the general officials in the City of Mexico with the request that Federal officers be asked to urge on the Guadalajara authorities the necessity of putting an end to the railroad robberies.

Federal Aid Secured.

The desired Federal assistance was secured, and shortly thereafter the local authorities launched an energetic campaign against the car thieves. This campaign resulted in showing that Mexican brakemen composing Cooks train crew were systematically robbing freight cars, throwing off the merchandise while the trains were pulling into Guadalajara at night and that the merchandise was picked up by confederates and later sold to local merchants. Fourteen arrests were made, the number including three merchants, two Frenchmen and a Spaniard—in whose possession goods stolen from Cook's train were found.

So far as can be learned the Mexican court does not accuse Cook of participating in the robberies, but hold him on a charge of "contributory negligence," which means that it is assumed that negligence on his part in the care of his trains made it possible for the brakemen to rob the cars. He was called to the Third criminal court August 30 last, presumably as a witness, and after some questioning by Judge Palafox was committed to the penitentiary where he has since remained.

Over the Falls.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—A young woman thought to be Miss Beatrice R. Snyder of Buffalo committed suicide Monday by wading into the river just above Prospect Point and going over the American falls. As her body swept over the brink of the cataract she turned her face toward would-be rescuers and smiled a farewell to them.

Smallpox in Mexico.

Hidalgo, Tex.—There are twenty cases of smallpox in San Miguel, opposite Samfordyce, Hidalgo county. A local quarantine has been established against Mexico.

Louisiana Live Stock.

Alexandria, La.—Eighty head of cornfed calves, raised on the Will Harris plantation, as well as a carload of hogs, were shipped Monday to Fort Worth, Texas. Cattle and hog raising is receiving more attention since the advent of the boll weevil.

Assaulted Man Seriously Injured.

Gonzales, Tex.—Mr. Tom Kelso, late Monday was brutally assaulted on the public highway two or three miles from town by two negroes, in a serious condition. One arm was broken, several deep gashes were cut about his head, and he was badly bruised over his entire body. J. T. Smith, colored, has been arrested, while the other negro, one Kelly, has as yet not been apprehended.

Big Ranch Deal.

Marathon, Tex.—Messrs. McIntyre & Beekley have sold to Mr. Joe Irving of Alpine, Tex., 51,200 acres of land, together with about 3,000 head of cattle. Mr. J. McIntyre furnishes 28,160 acres and Dr. Beekley the balance of 23,400 acres. The consideration was something over \$200,000. A greater part of this land is deeded, and that portion lying near and east of Marathon is good farming land.

Mexican Poll Tax Payers.

Hidalgo, Tex.—Of the 1,171 poll tax payers in Hidalgo county, three-fifths are Mexicans and 95 per cent of them do not speak English.

THE CRAFTY CREDITOR



"Sorry, old man—bad tooth?"
"No—dentist owes me money—can't get near him—trying new scheme."

In Bad Shape.

The Missus—Jim, you've been drinking again!
The Mister—Mabel, m' dear, I cannot tell a lie—I—
The Missus—Goodness! Then you must be worse than I thought. Go to bed in the other room.

The decoilette gown demonstrates that when a woman is in the swim she wants to wear as few clothes as possible.

USE IT IN ADVERTISING

Lena Schmidt of Dudley, Tex., Writes a Letter About Cardui Having Helped Her.

Dudley, Tex.—"You may use this letter in your advertising, if you like," writes Mrs. Lena Schmidt of this place.

"A few years ago, I suffered every month, I was relieved right away. Cardui has surely done me a sight of good. It brought me back my health. I am now strong and well, and feel better than in years, and am doing all my housework."

Every woman needs a tonic, to take when she feels blue, miserable, sick, weak, under the weather.

The tonic to take at such a time is Cardui, the woman's tonic.

Cardui is also a medicine. For pain and discomfort, due to female ailments, no medicine is so good as Cardui.

The main ingredients of Cardui are imported direct from Europe, especially for this one woman's medicine and tonic, and are not for sale at ordinary drug stores.

Cardui acts specifically on the womanly organs, preventing unnecessary pain and building up womanly strength.

Try it for your troubles. It will certainly help you.



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Sloan's Liniment is the best remedy for sprains and bruises. It quiets the pain at once, and can be applied to the tenderest part without hurting because it doesn't need to be rubbed—all you have to do is to lay it on lightly. It is a powerful preparation and penetrates instantly—relieves any inflammation and congestion, and reduces the swelling.

Here's the Proof.
Mr. L. ROLAND, Bishop of Scranton, Pa. says:—"On the 7th of this present month, as I was leaving the building at noon for lunch, I slipped and fell, spraining my wrist. I returned in the afternoon, and at four o'clock I could not hold a pencil in my hand. I returned home later and purchased a bottle of Sloan's Liniment. It relieved my wrist at once, and I was able to hold a pencil in my hand again."

Sloan's Liniment

and used it five or six times before I went to bed, and the next day I was able to go to work and use my hand as usual."



Sloan's Liniment is an excellent antiseptic and germ killer—heals cuts, burns, wounds and contusions, and will draw the poison from sting of poisonous insects. 25c., 50c. and \$1.00. Sloan's book on horses, cattle, sheep and poultry sent free. Address Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

For Misses Wortham and McGill.

Miss Willie Wortham and Miss Mildred McGill, who have been the recipients of many pleasing hospitalities during their stay here, were again complimented on Friday afternoon when Mrs. W. A. Norris was the charming hostess.

Most every form of entertainment having been observed during the series of social affairs of the past week, this ingenuous little hostess conceived the unique idea of entertaining the classmates of the honoree, Miss McGill.

A number of the honoree's graduating class were present, and these, with a few intimate friends of the hostess, made quite a merry party.

This artistic home is ideally arranged for affairs of this kind and looked extremely inviting as the guests were ushered into the reception hall. Vases of cut flowers adorned the mantels and center table, lading the atmosphere with their perfume, like a breath of spring. Ferns and other foliage plants artistically arranged completed the decorations.

Seven tables were placed in the reception suite where until a late hour the devotees of the ever popular 42 were oblivious of time, until a word from the hostess bade them enter the hall where each guest was served with punch.

Miss Willie Wortham very graciously acted as toast mistress and in a few expressive and well chosen words drank a toast to class and the honoree, to which those of the class present gracefully responded with original toasts which created quite a little amusement. The absent ones and the hostess also came in for their share of good wishes.

The tally cards were in the class colors of pink and green and underneath the cover design were inscribed the names of the members, fifteen in number. The favors for those of the class present also expressed the color motif and were dainty badges fashioned of ribbon and forget-me-nots.

Appetizing refreshments of ambrosia, chocolate and fruit cake were served by the hostess in which she was assisted by Mes-

James R. E. McConnell and E. T. Ozier and Miss Etta Hail.

The thoughtful kindness of the hostess will long linger in the hearts of those present.

Real Estate on the Move.

J. W. Hail has just closed another deal of one thousand acres to W. H. Kuhlman, formerly of Bardstown, Ill., now of Crockett, as he has moved to Crockett and is making it his home.

Mr. Kuhlman has traveled all over Texas and says that Houston county is the best all-around county in the state. S. M. Peck, a resident of Crockett for more than fifteen years, is interested with Mr. Kuhlman in this purchase. Mr. Peck is a good judge of real estate and knows a good thing when he sees it.

The purchase price is said to be fourteen thousand dollars. Mess. Kuhlman and Peck expect to begin at once to put the entire tract under a ten strand woven wire fence. They will then stock their ranch with fine bred cattle and sheep. There is no doubt that these two gentlemen will have one of the best improved ranches in Texas, and the enterprise promises to be a success, as Mr. Kuhlman is an experienced stock raiser. He and his brother, Geo. F. Kuhlman, together with four other Bardstown, Ill., gentlemen, bought of J. W. Hail a tract for which they paid \$20,000.00.

From Belott.

Editor Courier:

Woodmen of the World elected officers for 1910—Belott camp, No. 2231, Belott Texas: F. M. Patton, Con. Com.; W. C. Wilson, Adv. Lieut.; P. D. Austin, Clerk; J. O. Kelley, Banker; G. H. Austin, Escort; J. C. Kelley, Watchman; Howard Denman, Sentry; Dr. C. W. Evans, Camp Physician; G. H. Duren, A. P. Bolch, E. L. Brown, Managers.

P. D. Austin.

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Will McLean.

Where is Sir Roderick?

Augusta Correspondent in Grapeland Messenger.

Augusta, Texas, Jan. 30.—We have read with interest the articles of Hon. W. B. Page in the Crockett Courier. He has raised the curtain and turned on the light showing beyond a doubt that the county has been fleeced to the amount of hundreds of dollars. He further shows by facts and figures that it has been done illegally. With this light on the subject the time is ripe for the people to call a halt and have a better condition of affairs or have no commissioner's court. The bill that is now a law was hatched up by our commissioners, one of them going to Austin to assist in lobbying the bill through. Such a thing was unknown to the citizens of this county. The bill referred to allows the commissioners one hundred days for road service instead of twelve. This piece of high handed rot is no worse than taking the purse strings of the county in their own hands and do as they wish with its contents. This matter deserves serious consideration of every citizen of Houston county. Mr. Page rightly deserves the thanks of the citizenship of this county for his work in the grand jury report and the light he has given the people in regard to the doings of the commissioner's court. Where is Sir Roderick Lively now? We presume he sits upon his throne a sceptered commissioner wrapped in the solitude of his own originality.

Old Gray.

Excursion Notice.

Celebration of Washington's birthday, Laredo and Monterey, February, 1910. Very low rates have been authorized for the above occasion on Feb. 20 to 22 inclusive. Laredo tickets good until Feb. 24, 1910; Monterey tickets good ten days.

For particulars see I. & G. N. Agents.

For driving out dull bilious feeling, strengthening the appetite and increasing the capacity of the body for work, Prickly Ash Bitters is a golden remedy. The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co., Crockett; C. R. Rich, Lovelady; special agents.

From Boaz, Ala.

Editor Courier:

Again I ask you to change your course and stop at Boaz, Ala., instead of Keener, Ala., at which place (Boaz) we are now located and tucked away in a brand new pastorium and all the environments pleasant as one so unworthy could expect. Yes, this is a delightful place, high, dry and healthful, but if you will say nothing about it I will tell you something; it is this part of my heart is in Crockett. God bless you all. I love every one of you, and I want you to hear me say so. Won't you all write to us? Please do, we will "devour" every word greedily. So many thanks for the two nice boxes of Christmas presents. I believe every one of you thought of us.

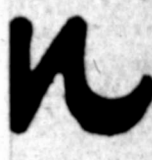
Fraternally,
W. W. Harris.

Bright's Disease is more dreaded by physicians than any of the serious disorders with which they have to deal because of its insidious and malignant character. If prompt action were taken when headaches, urinary disorders, digestive troubles first appear, much suffering and sorrow would be averted. Prickly Ash Bitters will quickly stop the spread of the disease, quiet the inflammation, heal the kidneys and bladder, strengthen and regulate the liver, and drive poisons and impurities out of the system. The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co., Crockett; C. R. Rich, Lovelady; special agents.

Mr. E. A. Kelley, Belvidere, Ill., writes us: "I am an ex-engineer with 22 years active service to my credit. About three years ago my kidneys were affected so that I had to give up my engine. First I was troubled with severe, aching pain over the hips. Then followed inflammation of the bladder, and specks appeared before my eyes. A sample of Foley's Kidney Pills that I tried, so benefitted me that I bought more. I continued to take them until now I can safely testify they have made me a sound and well man." Will McLean.

Sore Lungs and Raw Lungs.

Most people know the feeling, and the miserable state of ill health, it indicates. All people should know that Foley's Honey and Tar, the greatest throat and lung remedy, will quickly cure the soreness and cough and restore a normal condition. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar. Will McLean.



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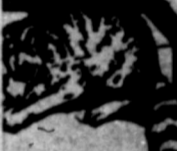
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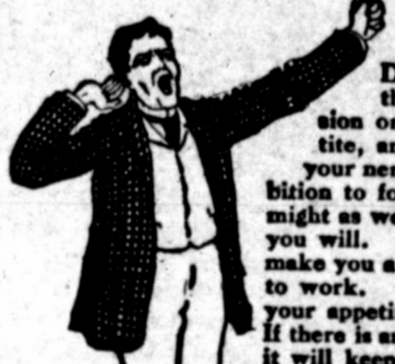
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For Shame, Mr. Stagger.

"Our splendid cook left to-day and I had to take her place," said Mrs. Stagger. "I hope I shall be successful in imitating her." "I certainly hope you will be successful in following in her footsteps," suggestively remarked old man Stagger as he chewed on a crisp-boiled potato.

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The house which the present Prince Murat occupies (though he dropped his title years ago) is the one built by his father after the expansive French villa style. It is full of historical relics, massive old silver, bric-a-brac and tapestries. Its owner is one of the most charming and hospitable gentlemen of the old school.

World Not so Very Bad.

That bad news travels fast is an old saying, and in the present time of electric communication by land and sea, we get plenty of bad news every morning. The fact that we hear of so many crimes and misdoings in every part of the world, far more than were reported a quarter century ago, probably accounts for a share of the down-heartedness in respect to human nature, which oppresses so many of us at times. But the fact remains that the misdoings often get notice in the newspapers because they have some picturesque or interesting quality which obtrudes above the level of normal human life; if regular and decent living should ever become "news" we all should indeed be in a very bad way. Hence, it looks as though we ought to realize that the world is no worse than it used to be, but that we know more about it, and if we are forewarned we should be the better equipped for defending ourselves and helping our neighbor.

Plea for the Imagination.

Just as if every living being must have soul and body, so must man have two points of view; that which helps him to see after worldly affairs and that which makes him realize that there is something beyond.

In training the child's imagination there is danger. It is that he may develop a contempt for the practical; but one should be a help to the other. A man who is always in the clouds is a cause of irritation to his neighbor; but one who cannot ascend there will be a dull and depressing companion.

A man who sees Mont Blanc for the first time and wonders what is going on on the stock exchange is a person to be pitied; but the one who makes his friend lose his train because he is lecturing him on the beautiful, or forgets to bring the ring to church because he is so much in love, is every bit as tiresome as the other.

First Hospital in New World.

It is said that the first hospital ever built in America was erected by the Spaniard Cortez in the City of Mexico in 1534. It was endowed out of the revenues obtained from the properties conferred on him by the Spanish crown for his services in the conquest of Mexico. The endowment was so arranged that it still exists and is paid at the present day. A supervisor is named by the lineal descendant of Cortez at present.

In this hospital women occupied positions as nurses and physicians, and in their care were all cases of obstetrics and women's diseases. Considerable was known by the Indians of medicine. The Mexican hospital is a fine building, with arcades and courtyard. It is an interesting landmark in the history of hospital construction and administration.—Medical Record.



HIS VALENTINE

By **CARLIE BONNEY MARBLE**

SHE was very pretty—there was no doubt whatever about that; and Harold Vane, who liked to look at pretty things of all kinds, especially women, lingered in the shadow of the hallway and watched pretty Maud Ethlyn as she sat at the old-fashioned fireplace, one dainty foot resting on the brass andiron, and her curl-crowned head bent low as with a tiny gold pencil she wrote something on a sheet of note paper which reposed, woman-fashion, in her lap.

Presently the writing ceased, and the fair writer, thinking herself alone, proceeded, in a way she had, to talk to her own charming self; and Harold, the man who listened, excused himself on the plea that what she was saying could be no secret, or she would not utter it aloud, even though supposing herself to be alone. And this is what he heard:

"Yes, Cupid, I have written a valentine to the one who is destined by



Made a Little Curtsy.

you to be my fate; for, according to maidens' belief, only he, my own true lover, can find it and answer it; hence, should an answer come, it will be absolute proof to me that the writer of it is my future lord and master."

And she made a little curtsy before the long pier glass; and, snatching a soft wool shawl from the sofa, she wound it about her head and shoulders and, the valentine in her hand, went out on to the porch and ran down the garden path, Harold from the hall window discreetly watching her as she went lightly down past the old moss-grown well to the somewhat bleak and deserted summer house, where he saw her slip the valentine under a loose stone at the sill; and then, for reasons of his own, not wishing to be discovered, the fair writer of the valentine, he swiftly left the house by another path, making a circuit which in a few moments brought him also to the summer house, where he deftly abstracted the valentine, not pausing, however, to read it until safely within his own bachelor quarters; but, having reached them, he could no longer brook delay and, with hat and overcoat still on, he drew from his pocket the tiny sheet of note paper and read, in Maud's graceful chirography, the following:

Good saint, on earth somewhere, they tell me,
Is waiting a Valentine,
Brave and tender and loyal always,
And destined some day to be mine.
Can you not find him, and tell him duly
Another heart tender and true
As a Valentine somewhere is waiting for
him?
And to find her let him ask you.

Early the next morning Maud visited the summer house and, while not really expecting to find her valentine gone, she did hope that it might be, so eagerly raised the stone at the mill and gave a little shriek of girlish delight at finding her hope realized.

Yes, her valentine was unmistakably gone. But who could have taken it? And, whoever, it was, it was quite shabby of him not to have answered it. Could it have been that teasing boy cousin of hers? If so, she would never hear the last of it. But no—Jim would never have put the stone back properly.

Maud was becoming a good detective, at least in affairs of love.

But who could it have been? She felt certain that no one had seen her deposit her valentine there under the stone; hence it being gone would argue that Fate had indeed been at work in her behalf. But who was the man?

And Maud dropped down on the rustic seat, albeit not a romantic spot in winter, to meditate and arrive at some conclusion undisturbed.

She really did hope that it was not the young clergyman; for she was not at all up in theology and was quite too undignified for a clergyman's wife.

"And the young doctor would not do, nice as he is," she said, emphatically, "for I never could be sweet and amiable enough to share him with all the other women in the town."

She paused a moment and then continued:

"Ralph is a bright young lawyer, but so metaphysical; and, while I can occasionally assume an interest in metaphysics, that mental diet daily would be very wearing. But don't you think, Miss Maud," she continued gayly to herself, "that you are presuming a great deal in taking it for granted that any one of these gentlemen wishes to be your valentine? Oh, no! I do not flatter myself. But the eligible young men in town are so few that I must mention them all to find somebody, so I might as well refer to the others. Reginald comes next, and he does waltz divinely; but waltzing is not very profitable, and I fear it is poor Reggie's strongest point. Tom is intellectual; but he has such a dreadful temper that I should feel all the time as though I were living with dynamite. Joe is a tyrant, and he is so insanely jealous. Now, I love to have my own way, or think I do; and, if a man were determined to be jealous anyway, I am afraid I might be tempted to tease him a little, so that combination would not do at all. Only two are left—Jack and Harold; and Jack is a dear good boy, but not at all commanding." (She had forgotten that she discarded Joe because he was.) "And last, but not least, there is Harold."

But what she thought of him the little lady did not say.

That evening, as she again sat at the old fireplace, feeling it must be confessed, somewhat disappointed at the non-arrival of her valentine, a white missive, evidently tossed in through the open hall window, fell at her feet. But no one was in sight, and, full of eager expectation, Maud opened the sealed missive.

"Oh, how romantic! how delicious!" she exclaimed, as, with beating heart and dancing eyes, she read:

O, sweetheart mine! I have no gift to offer,
So priceless as thou art!
I only come, a lover true and tender,
And bring to you my heart.

Then, as she turned her head, the door behind her opened softly, and somebody took her in his arms, and somebody's kisses silenced the protests of her lips.

A little struggle—a woman's last pretense of battle before the surrender she is happy in making—and then Maud, with all the tender love of her heart shining in her glorious eyes, whispered, softly—

"O Harold! I am so glad it was you!"

Substantial Valentines.

In olden days valentines were pretty gifts to some friend chosen for the day. The lady valentines of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were honored not by anonymous verse, but by substantial gifts.

THE LION IN LOVE.



LOVE IN THE LION.



COOK MUST GO TO PEN

CONDUCTOR WILL BE GIVEN A TERM IN PRISON.

Two Years and Ten Months' Imprisonment Awaits James A. Cook, Former Texan.

Guadalajara, Mex.—Monday—Judge Palafox said that he would carry out the recommendations of the prosecuting attorney and sentence James A. Cook, the American conductor, to two years and ten months. The prosecuting attorney claims Cook is guilty of criminal negligence.

The prisoner will be given the right of proprietary liberty, which means that after half of the sentence has been served his release on parole will be possible.

Judge Palafox has signified his willingness to allow Cook bail in a sum of 3000 to 5000 pesos, \$1500 to \$2500 gold.

The history of the Cook case extends back many months and has to do with the extensive robbery of freight trains on the Guadalajara division of the National railways.

As a result of these robberies the railroad company was compelled to pay heavy claims made by local merchants. Arrests were made, but few convictions resulted and the division officials finally laid the whole matter before the general officials in the City of Mexico with the request that Federal officers be asked to urge on the Guadalajara authorities the necessity of putting an end to the railroad robberies.

Federal Aid Secured.

The desired Federal assistance was secured, and shortly thereafter the local authorities launched an energetic campaign against the car thieves. This campaign resulted in showing that Mexican brakemen composing Cooks train crew were systematically robbing freight cars, throwing off the merchandise while the trains were pulling into Guadalajara at night and that the merchandise was picked up by confederates and later sold to local merchants. Fourteen arrests were made, the number including three merchants, two Frenchmen and a Spaniard—in whose possession goods stolen from Cook's train were found.

So far as can be learned the Mexican court does not accuse Cook of participating in the robberies, but hold him on a charge of "contributory negligence," which means that it is assumed that negligence on his part in the care of his trains made it possible for the brakemen to rob the cars. He was called to the Third criminal court August 30 last, presumably as a witness, and after some questioning by Judge Palafox was committed to the penitentiary where he has since remained.

Over the Falls.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—A young woman thought to be Miss Beatrice R. Snyder of Buffalo committed suicide Monday by wading into the river just above Prospect Point and going over the American falls. As her body swept over the brink of the cataract she turned her face toward would-be rescuers and smiled a farewell to them.

Smallpox in Mexico.

Hidalgo, Tex.—There are twenty cases of smallpox in San Miguel, opposite Samfordyce, Hidalgo county. A local quarantine has been established against Mexico.

Louisiana Live Stock.

Alexandria, La.—Eighty head of cornfed beefs, raised on the Will Harris plantation, as well as a carload of hogs, were shipped Monday to Fort Worth, Texas. Cattle and hog raising is receiving more attention since the advent of the boll weevil.

Assaulted Man Seriously Injured.

Gonzales, Tex.—Mr. Tom Kelso, late Monday was brutally assaulted on the public highway two or three miles from town by two negroes, in a serious condition. One arm was broken, several deep gashes were cut about his head, and he was badly bruised over his entire body. J. T. Smith, colored, has been arrested, while the other negro, one Kelly, has as yet not been apprehended.

Big Ranch Deal.

Marathon, Tex.—Messrs. McIntyre & Beekley have sold to Mr. Joe Irving of Alpine, Tex., 51,200 acres of land, together with about 3,000 head of cattle. Mr. J. McIntyre furnishes 28,160 acres and Dr. Beekley the balance of 23,040 acres. The consideration was something over \$200,000. A greater part of this land is deeded, and that portion lying near and east of Marathon is good farming land.

Mexican Poll Tax Payers.

Hidalgo, Tex.—Of the 1,171 poll tax payers in Hidalgo county, three-fifths are Mexicans and 95 per cent of them do not speak English.

THE CRAFTY CREDITOR



"Sorry, old man—bad tooth?"
"No—dentist owes me money—can't get near him—trying new scheme."

In Bad Shape.

The Missus—Jim, you've been drinking again!

The Mister—Mabel, m' dear, I cannot tell a lie—I—

The Missus—Goodness! Then you must be worse than I thought. Go to bed in the other room.

The décolleté gown demonstrates that when a woman is in the swim she wants to wear as few clothes as possible.

USE IT IN ADVERTISING

Lena Schmidt of Dudley, Tex., Writes a Letter About Cardui Having Helped Her.

Dudley, Tex.—"You may use this letter in your advertising, if you like," writes Mrs. Lena Schmidt of this place.

"A few years ago, I suffered every month, I was relieved right away.

"Cardui has surely done me a sight of good. It brought me back my health. I am now strong and well, and feel better than in years, and am doing all my housework."

Every woman needs a tonic, to take when she feels blue, miserable, sick, weak, under the weather.

The tonic to take at such a time is Cardui, the woman's tonic.

Cardui is also a medicine.

For pain and discomfort, due to female ailments, no medicine is so good as Cardui.

The main ingredients of Cardui are imported direct from Europe, especially for this one woman's medicine and tonic, and are not for sale at ordinary drug stores.

Cardui acts specifically on the woman's organs, preventing unnecessary pain and building up womanly strength.

Try it for your troubles. It will certainly help you.

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Sloan's Liniment is the best remedy for sprains and bruises.

It quiets the pain at once, and can be applied to the tenderest part without hurting because it doesn't need to be rubbed—all you have to do is to lay it on lightly. It is a powerful preparation and penetrates instantly—relieves any inflammation and congestion, and reduces the swelling.

Here's the Proof.

Mr. L. ROLAND, Bishop of Scranton, Pa. says:—"On the 7th of this present month, as I was leaving the building at noon for lunch, I slipped and fell, spraining my wrist. I returned in the afternoon, and at four o'clock I could not hold a pencil in my hand. I returned home later and purchased a bottle of

Sloan's Liniment

and used it five or six times before I went to bed, and the next day I was able to go to work and use my hand as usual."

Sloan's Liniment is an excellent antiseptic and germ killer—heals cuts, burns, wounds and contusions, and will draw the poison from sting of poisonous insects.

25c., 50c. and \$1.00
Sloan's liniment on horses, cattle, sheep and poultry sent free. Address Dr. Earl S. Sloan, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

GLADSTONE A WOOD CHOPPER

Axes Used by England's "Grand Old Man" and a Chair Among Prized Relics.

London.—The centenary of William Ewart Gladstone, who sat in the British house of commons for 62 years, was celebrated recently. Gladstone, "the Grand Old Man" of England, was born in 1809 and died May 19, 1898. Up to the last days of his life he was fond of wielding an ax. On his estate at Hawarden he chopped down trees to beautify the landscape and often cut the trunk and branches up for fuel. He had special axes for his work and they are among the prized relics at



Top—Gladstone's Axes.

Bottom—Chair Made from Tree Felled by Gladstone.

his old home. The great statesman once cut down a mighty oak and from it made a chair. A portrait of the "Grand Old Man" was carved on the back of the chair.

HE CALLS WOMEN SAVAGES

Prof. William I. Thomas Who Braved Ire of Fair Sex, Showed Extraordinary Courage.

Chicago.—Prof. William I. Thomas, University of Chicago sociologist, who bravely stood up before 200 women and declared that woman's dress was a competitive affair which ruined the men and made the women clothes-horses, has broken into the public prints before by advancing other ideas just as entertaining.

If Prof. Thomas had his way, what is left of the Indian braves of the United States reservations would be married to white belles right away. Prof. Thomas would draw the line in intermarriage with the negro only.

And then the professor has written a book, "Sex and Society," which caused quite a little stir because he declared that love, wonderful love, was only a myth, and that the ancient method of allowing a male person to hit a lady on the head and drag her off to his tent, bungalow, or



Prof. William I. Thomas.

flat, was much superior to parlor courtship and the mere giving of bon-bons.

"Woman is only a savage, anyway," he had the courage to say.

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."

IMPORTANT PART WAS TRUE



She (to her fiance, with whom she has just broken off her engagement)—You deceived me; everything that you told me about your family, your position and your means was false.

He—it was true about my debts, though.

ANGRY PROTEST OF BOYHOOD

"Valentine Night-Gown" Offended Sensibilities of Small Masculine Humanity.

William, a little country boy of six, was snowbound with his mother at the house of an aunt, 20 miles from his own home. The two, who had driven over in a sleigh just to spend the day, were forced to remain three nights, and were supplied by the hostess with garments to sleep in. There being no small boys in his aunt's family, William was put to bed in one of his little cousin Deborah's nightgowns, very indignant at having to wear anything with so many frills and lace trimmings around the neck and on the sleeves.

"I won't stand it, mummer," he loudly protested on the second night, "I won't wear anything so girly! I'll run away, you see if I don't, and perrush in a snow drift before I'll put that thing on again. Why, rather than wear that—that valentine night-gown—I'll sleep raw!"

Teamster's Punishment Earned.

Apparently it pays not to be cruel to horses out in Chicago. A teamster who admitted abandoning his horses for six hours on a recent stormy day was fined \$50 by a magistrate. The humane society prosecuted the case vigorously and promised to report the matter to the driver's employers. Presumably he will lose his job, as he was unable to pay the fine and will have to serve a jail term.

For Shame, Mr. Stagers.

"Our splendid cook left to-day and I had to take her place," said Mrs. Stagers. "I hope I shall be successful in imitating her."

"I certainly hope you will be successful in following in her footsteps," suggestively remarked old man Stagers as he chewed on a crisp-boiled potato.

Free to Our Readers.

Write Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago, for 48-page illustrated Eye Book Free. Write all about Your Eye Trouble and they will advise as to the Proper Application of the Murine Eye Remedies in Your Special Case. Your Druggist will tell you that Murine Relieves Sore Eyes, Strengthens Weak Eyes, Doesn't Smart, Soothes Eye Pain, and sells for 50c. Try It in Your Eyes and in Baby's Eyes for Scaly Eyelids and Granulation.

Sometimes a man is as badly frightened by an imaginary snake as a woman is by a real mouse.

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Few men put off until to-morrow the meanness they can do to-day.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. Forechildren teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See a bottle.

Some local celebrities are famous and some are notorious.

MARKETT COURIER

People Realize the Danger.

As an indication of the force of the crusade against tuberculosis, the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, in a bulletin issued recently points to the fact that while 53.5 per cent. of the expenditures for tuberculosis in 1909 were made from public resources, appropriations made for 1910 indicate that over 75 per cent. of the money to be spent this year will be from federal, state, city and county funds. In 1909, out of the \$8,180,621.50 spent for the prevention and treatment of tuberculosis, \$4,362,750.03 was spent from public money, and \$3,817,871.47 from funds voluntarily contributed. For the carrying on of state, federal and municipal tuberculosis work in 1910, over \$9,000,000 has been appropriated. Of this sum, the state legislatures have granted \$4,100,000, the municipal and county bodies, \$3,975,500 and the federal government, \$1,000,000.

Why His Mother Mourned.

William M. Fogarty has a story about a good old Irish woman whose son was about to start for a trip around the world.

She had watched him prosper with pride. To her he was a great man. In her fond-vision she could see all sorts of terrible tidings coming to him but she held her peace until he had started for the journey. Then she began to cry. A neighbor tried to console her, but to no avail.

"I'm afraid he hasn't the money to get back," said the mother, weeping. "He's got the money to go round the world all right, but how will he ever get back?"—Indianapolis Star.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; since cases of Deafness caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness caused by catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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"Well?"

"At his wedding, when it came to the ring-part, he reached into his pocket and handed the minister a match."

Consoled.

It was after the distribution of prizes at a Sunday school.

"Well, did you get a prize?" asked Johnny's mother.

"No," answered Johnny, "but I got 'horrible mention.'"

Resinol Ointment Cured When Nothing Else Would.

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Owns Up.

"Young man, I began life on a salary of four dollars a week."

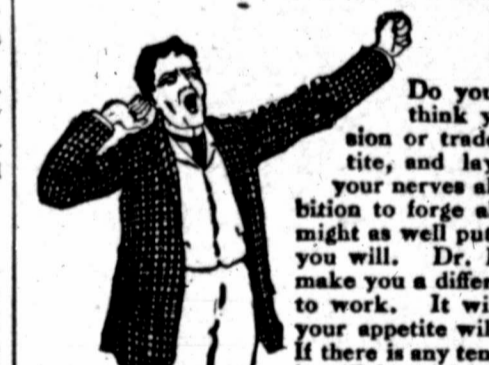
"And lived with your father a while, I suspect."

"Um—well, yes, I did."

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Do you feel all tired out? Do you sometimes think you just can't work away at your profession or trade any longer? Do you have a poor appetite, and lay awake at nights unable to sleep? Are your nerves all gone, and your stomach too? Has ambition to forge ahead in the world left you? If so, you might as well put a stop to your misery. You can do it if you will. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery will make you a different individual. It will set your lazy liver to work. It will set things right in your stomach, and your appetite will come back. It will purify your blood. If there is any tendency in your family toward consumption, it will keep that dread destroyer away. Even after consumption has almost gained a foothold in the form of a lingering cough, bronchitis, or bleeding at the lungs, it will bring about a cure in 98 per cent. of all cases. It is a remedy prepared by Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose advice is given free to all who wish to write him. His great success has come from his wide experience and varied practice.

Don't be wheedled by a penny-grabbing dealer into taking inferior substitutes for Dr. Pierce's medicines, recommended to be "just as good." Dr. Pierce's medicines are of KNOWN COMPOSITION. Their every ingredient printed on their wrappers. Made from roots without alcohol. Contain no habit-forming drugs. World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y.

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—Mrs. Lena Carmocino, Hudson, Ohio. R. F. D. No. 7.

St. Regis Falls, N. Y.—"Two years ago I was so bad that I had to take to my bed every month, and it would last from two to three weeks. I wrote to you for advice and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in dry form. I am happy to say that I am cured, thanks to your medicine and good advice. You may use my letter for the good of others."—Mrs. J. H. Breyere, St. Regis Falls, N. Y.

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GRANDSON OF PRINCE MURAT

Descendant of Famous Soldier Is a Resident of Jefferson County, Florida.

There lives in Jefferson county, Florida, a gentleman who has in his veins the blood of two of the great families of modern history. He is George Achille Murat, grandson of Field Marshal Joachim Murat, who married Caroline, sister of the great Napoleon, and afterward reigned for a short time over the kingdom of Naples. After the great crash of the Bonaparte dynasties, Prince Napoleon Achille Murat, son of Caroline Bonaparte, sought to mend his fortunes in the new world. He went to Florida and took possession of some lands under a Spanish grant. In 1826 he married Miss Catherine Willis Grey, a grandniece of Washington.

This nephew of the great Napoleon was a prime favorite in Florida. He was not only a fine business man and a successful raiser of fruits and vegetables, but he gave a social elevation to the scattered population of the peninsula in the first half of the nineteenth century. He was a man of letters, and some of his descriptions of Florida scenery may be found in the French journals and magazines of his day. In one of these magazines he records an invitation to his august cousin, then reigning over France as Napoleon III., to come to Florida to visit him, and he gives a description of the sort of banquet he would prepare for his majesty. The prince had several children, only the youngest of which, now a man close to 70, is living.

The house which the present Prince Murat occupies (though he dropped his title years ago) is the one built by his father after the expansive French villa style. It is full of historical relics, massive old silver, bric-a-brac and tapestries. Its owner is one of the most charming and hospitable gentlemen of the old school.

World Not so Very Bad.

That bad news travels fast is an old saying, and in the present time of electric communication by land and sea, we get plenty of bad news every morning. The fact that we hear of so many crimes and misdoings in every part of the world, far more than were reported a quarter century ago, probably accounts for a share of the downheartedness in respect to human nature, which oppresses so many of us at times. But the fact remains that the misdoings often get notice in the newspapers because they have some picturesque or interesting quality which obtrudes above the level of normal human life; if regular and decent living should ever become "news" we all should indeed be in a very bad way. Hence, it looks as though we ought to realize that the world is no worse than it used to be, but that we know more about it, and if we are forewarned we should be the better equipped for defending ourselves and helping our neighbor.

Plea for the Imagination.

Just as if every living being must have soul and body, so must man have two points of view; that which helps him to see after worldly affairs and that which makes him realize that there is something beyond.

In training the child's imagination there is danger. It is that he may develop a contempt for the practical; but one should be a help to the other. A man who is always in the clouds is a cause of irritation to his neighbor; but one who cannot ascend there will be a dull and depressing companion.

A man who sees Mont Blanc for the first time and wonders what is going on on the stock exchange is a person to be pitied; but the one who makes his friend lose his train because he is lecturing him on the beautiful, or forgets to bring the ring to church because he is so much in love, is every bit as tiresome as the other.

First Hospital in New World.

It is said that the first hospital ever built in America was erected by the Spaniard Cortes in the City of Mexico in 1524. It was endowed out of the revenues obtained from the properties conferred on him by the Spanish crown for his services in the conquest of Mexico. The endowment was so arranged that it still exists and is paid at the present day. A supervisor is named by the lineal descendant of Cortes at present.

In this hospital women occupied positions as nurses and physicians, and in their care were all cases of obstetrics and women's diseases. Considerable was known by the Indians of medicine. The Mexican hospital is a fine building, with arcades and courtyard. It is an interesting landmark in the history of hospital construction and administration.—Medical Record.



BY CALLIE BONNEY MARBLE

HE was very pretty—there was no doubt whatever about that; and Harold Vane, who liked to look at pretty things of all kinds, especially women, lingered in the shadow of the hallway and watched pretty Maud Ethlyn as she sat at the old-fashioned fireplace, one dainty foot resting on the brass andiron, and her

curl-crowned head bent low as with a tiny gold pencil she wrote something on a sheet of note paper which reposed, woman-fashion, in her lap. Presently the writing ceased, and the fair writer, thinking herself alone, proceeded, in a way she had, to talk to her own charming self; and Harold, the man who listened, excused himself on the plea that what she was saying could be no secret, or she would not utter it aloud, even though supposing herself to be alone. And this is what he heard:

"Yes, Cupid, I have written a valentine to the one who is destined by



Made a Little Curtsy.

you to be my fate; for, according to maidens' belief, only he, my own true lover, can find it and answer it; hence, should an answer come, it will be absolute proof to me that the writer of it is my future lord and master."

And she made a little curtsy before the long pier glass; and, snatching a soft wool shawl from the sofa, she wound it about her head and shoulders and, the valentine in her hand, went out on to the porch and ran down the garden path, Harold from the hall window discreetly watching her as she went lightly down past the old moss-grown well to the somewhat bleak and deserted summer house, where he saw her slip the valentine under a loose stone at the sill; and then, for reasons of his own, not wishing to be discovered the fair writer of the valentine, he swiftly left the house by another path, making a circuit which in a few moments brought him also to the summer house, where he deftly abstracted the valentine, not pausing, however, to read it until safely within his own bachelor quarters; but, having reached them, he could no longer brook delay and, with hat and overcoat still on, he drew from his pocket the tiny sheet of note paper and read, in Maud's graceful chirography, the following:

Good saint, on earth somewhere, they tell me,

Is waiting a Valentine,
Brave and tender and loyal always,
And destined some day to be mine.
Can you not find him, and tell him duly
Another heart tender and true
As a Valentine somewhere is waiting for him,
And to find her let him ask you.

Early the next morning Maud visited the summer house and, while not really expecting to find her valentine gone, she did hope that it might be, so eagerly raised the stone at the mill and gave a little shriek of girlish delight at finding her hope realized.

Yes, her valentine was unmistakably gone. But who could have taken it? And, whoever, it was, it was quite shabby of him not to have answered it. Could it have been that teasing boy cousin of hers? If so, she would never hear the last of it. But no—Jim would never have put the stone back properly.

Maud was becoming a good detective, at least in affairs of love.

But who could it have been? She felt certain that no one had seen her deposit her valentine there under the stone; hence it being gone would argue that Fate had indeed been at work in her behalf. But who was the man?

And Maud dropped down on the rustic seat, albeit not a romantic spot in winter, to meditate and arrive at some conclusion undisturbed.

She really did hope that it was not the young clergyman; for she was not at all up in theology and was quite too undignified for a clergyman's wife.

"And the young doctor would not do, nice as he is," she said, emphatically, "for I never could be sweet and amiable enough to share him with all the other women in the town."

She paused a moment and then continued:

"Ralph is a bright young lawyer, but so metaphysical; and, while I can occasionally assume an interest in metaphysics, that mental diet daily would be very wearing. But don't you think, Miss Maud," she continued gayly to herself, "that you are presuming a great deal in taking it for granted that any one of these gentlemen wishes to be your valentine? Oh, no! I do not flatter myself. But the eligible young men in town are so few that I must mention them all to find somebody, so I might as well refer to the others. Reginald comes next, and he does wait divinely; but waiting is not very profitable, and I fear it is poor Reggie's strongest point. Tom is intellectual; but he has such a dreadful temper that I should feel all the time as though I were living with dynamite. Joe is a tyrant, and he is so insanely jealous. Now, I love to have my own way, or think I do; and, if a man were determined to be jealous anyway, I am afraid I might be tempted to tease him a little, so that combination would not do at all. Only two are left—Jack and Harold; and Jack is a dear good boy, but not at all commanding." (She had forgotten that she discarded Joe because he was.) "And last, but not least, there is Harold."

But what she thought of him the little lady did not say.

That evening, as she again sat at the old fireplace, feeling it must be confessed, somewhat disappointed at the non-arrival of her valentine, a white missive, evidently tossed in through the open hall window, fell at her feet. But no one was in sight, and, full of eager expectation, Maud opened the sealed missive.

"Oh, how romantic! how delicious!" she exclaimed, as, with beating heart and dancing eyes, she read:

O, sweetheart mine! I have no gift to offer,

So priceless as thou art!
I only come, a lover true and tender,
And bring to you my heart.

Then, as she turned her head, the door behind her opened softly, and somebody took her in his arms, and somebody's kisses silenced the protests of her lips.

A little struggle—a woman's last pretense of battle before the surrender she is happy in making—and then Maud, with all the tender love of her heart shining in her glorious eyes, whispered, softly—

"O Harold! I am so glad it was you!"

Substantial Valentines.

In olden days valentines were pretty gifts to some friend chosen for the day. The lady valentines of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were honored not by anonymous verse, but by substantial gifts.

THE LION IN LOVE.



LOVE IN THE LION.



COOK MUST GO TO PEN

CONDUCTOR WILL BE GIVEN A TERM IN PRISON.

Two Years and Ten Months' Imprisonment Awaits James A. Cook, Former Texan.

Guadalajara, Mex.—Monday Judge Palafox said that he would carry out the recommendations of the prosecuting attorney and sentence James A. Cook, the American conductor, to two years and ten months. The prosecuting attorney claims Cook is guilty of criminal negligence.

The prisoner will be given the right of proprietary liberty, which means that after half of the sentence has been served his release on parole will be possible.

Judge Palafox has signified his willingness to allow Cook bail in a sum of 3000 to 5000 pesos, \$1500 to \$2500 gold.

The history of the Cook case extends back many months and has to do with the extensive robbery of freight trains on the Guadalajara division of the National railways.

As a result of these robberies the railroad company was compelled to pay heavy claims made by local merchants. Arrests were made, but few convictions resulted and the division officials finally laid the whole matter before the general officials in the City of Mexico with the request that Federal officers be asked to urge on the Guadalajara authorities the necessity of putting an end to the railroad robberies.

Federal Aid Secured.

The desired Federal assistance was secured, and shortly thereafter the local authorities launched an energetic campaign against the car thieves. This campaign resulted in showing that Mexican brakemen composing Cooks train crew were systematically robbing freight cars, throwing off the merchandise while the trains were pulling into Guadalajara at night and that the merchandise was picked up by confederates and later sold to local merchants. Fourteen arrests were made, the number including three merchants, two Frenchmen and a Spaniard—in whose possession goods stolen from Cook's train were found.

So far as can be learned the Mexican court does not accuse Cook of participating in the robberies, but hold him on a charge of "contributory negligence," which means that it is assumed that negligence on his part in the care of his trains made it possible for the brakemen to rob the cars. He was called to the Third criminal court August 30 last, presumably as a witness, and after some questioning by Judge Palafox was committed to the penitentiary where he has since remained.

Over the Falls.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—A young woman thought to be Miss Beatrice R. Snyder of Buffalo committed suicide Monday by wading into the river just above Prospect Point and going over the American falls. As her body swept over the brink of the cataract she turned her face toward would-be rescuers and smiled a farewell to them.

Smallpox in Mexico.

Hidalgo, Tex.—There are twenty cases of smallpox in San Miguel, opposite Samfordyce, Hidalgo county. A local quarantine has been established against Mexico.

Louisiana Live Stock.

Alexandria, La.—Eighty head of cornfed heaves, raised on the Will Harris plantation, as well as a carload of hogs, were shipped Monday to Fort Worth, Texas. Cattle and hog raising is receiving more attention since the advent of the boll weevil.

Assaulted Man Seriously Injured.

Gonzales, Tex.—Mr. Tom Kelso, late Monday was brutally assaulted on the public highway two or three miles from town by two negroes, is in a serious condition. One arm was broken, several deep gashes were cut about his head, and he was badly bruised over his entire body. J. T. Smith, colored, has been arrested, while the other negro, one Kelly, has as yet not been apprehended.

Big Ranch Deal.

Marathon, Tex.—Messrs. McIntyre & Beekley have sold to Mr. Joe Irving of Alpine, Tex., 51,200 acres of land, together with about 3,000 head of cattle. Mr. J. McIntyre furnishes 28,160 acres and Dr. Beekley the balance of 23,400 acres. The consideration was something over \$200,000. A greater part of this land is deeded, and that portion lying near and east of Marathon is good farming land.

Mexican Poll Tax Payers.

Hidalgo, Tex.—Of the 1,171 poll tax payers in Hidalgo county, three-fifths are Mexicans and 95 per cent of them do not speak English.

THE CRAFTY CREDITOR



"Sorry, old man—bad tooth?"
"No—dentist owes me money—can't get near him—trying new scheme."

In Bad Shape.

The Missus—Jim, you've been drinking again!

The Mister—Mabel, m' dear, I cannot tell a lie—I—

The Missus—Goodness! Then you must be worse than I thought. Go to bed in the other room.

The décolleté gown demonstrates that when a woman is in the swim she wants to wear as few clothes as possible.

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Here's the Proof.

Mr. L. ROLAND, Bishop of Scranton, Pa., says:—"On the 7th of this present month, as I was leaving the building at noon for lunch, I slipped and fell, spraining my wrist. I returned in the afternoon, and at four o'clock I could not hold a pencil in my hand. I returned home later and purchased a bottle of

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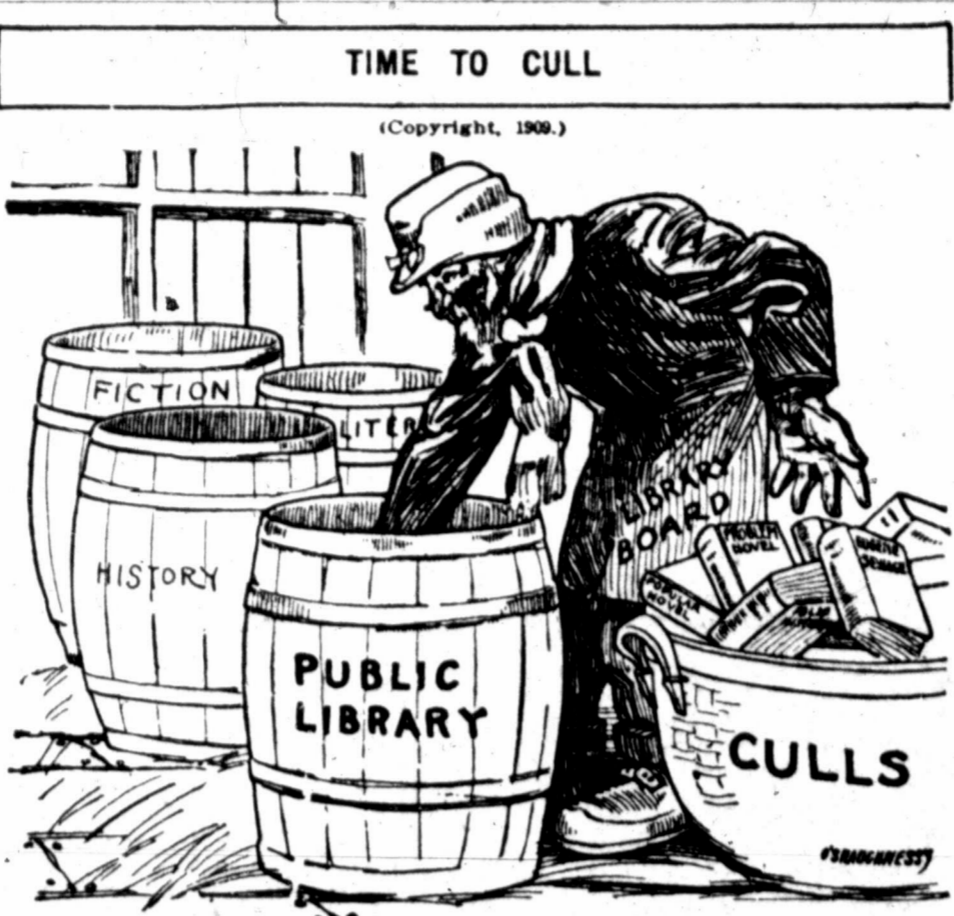
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THE SENATE SPENDS \$102,000,000
 Combined Appropriation of the Urgent Deficiency and Army Bill—Postal Savings Banks Debate.

Washington.—An animated political debate enlivened the session of the house Wednesday. Charges of partisanship in taking of the census were numerous. Democratic members insisting that a nonpartisan census was impossible, unless enumerators were appointed from men of both political parties. After a long debate the census bill was passed providing for amendment to the present law so that there should be an enumeration of cattle slaughtered and hides produced in country slaughtering houses together with a provision for an enumeration of information concerning irrigated lands.

In the senate the urgent deficiency and the army bills were passed, carrying a combined appropriation of \$102,000,000. The postal savings bank bill was discussed at length. A bill exempting certificates of indebtedness and requiring the payment of the principal of the canal bonds, previously passed by the house, was acted upon favorably.

FIRE DAMAGE ESTIMATED AT \$40,000
 Blaze Started in Store of L. H. Burks & Son—Firemen Handicapped by Low Water Pressure.

Houston, Tex.—Fire, breaking out Friday morning in the top story of the brick building on Travis street, between Capitol and Rusak avenues, occupied by the carriage and automobile establishment of L. H. Burks & Son and owned by the Adam Clay estate, for a time thwarted the best efforts of the fire department and endangered a row of three-story brick buildings with valuable contents. After struggling desperately with the conflagration for over an hour in the cold gale of north wind the firemen at last got the fire under control and after the smoke had cleared away it was seen that while the entire third-story of the Burks store had been burned away, the walls of the building were still intact. Loss on Burke stock estimated at \$40,000.

Appalling Mine Disaster.
 Laredo, Tex.—Wednesday night was a night of sorrow and lamenting in the little coal mining village of Las Esperanzas, on the line of the Mexican International Railroad, in the state of Coahuila, Mexico. Its gathering of adobe huts present a weird appearance as the shaded lights from candles which are placed at the head and feet of the corpses of the victims of Wednesday's mine disaster permeate through the open doors into the black night. Little knots of grief-stricken Mexicans are congregated without the humble homes of the victims and are tendering their sincere sympathy and in every way possible demonstrating their innate grief over the death of relatives or dear friends.

Bonds Approved.
 Austin, Tex.—The following bonds were approved by the attorney general and registered by the controller this week. Concho County Common School District No. 2, schoolhouse bonds, \$16,000; ten-forties at 5 per cent. Concho County Common School District No. 2, schoolhouse bonds, \$10,000, ten-forties at 5 per cent.

Jersey Farm Statement.
 Gollad, Tex.—The following from a local Jersey farm from June 15, 1908, to Jan. 1, 1910, and means the sale of over \$2,000 worth of butter in the short time this dairy has been established: Butter, 10,766 pounds; milk received from home herd, 14,605 gallons, or 116,840 pounds.

"JOY RIDERS" KNOCK MAN DOWN
 White Man Struck by Automobile and Left Lying in Road, While Auto-ists Made Their Get-Away.

Houston, Tex.—H. Roberhouse, a white man, was struck by an automobile on the Harrisburg road late Sunday evening, and left lying in the road by the occupants of the car, who were unkind enough not to stop and give assistance to their victim. In fact, immediately after the man was struck more power was applied, and the auto moved rapidly away from the scene. Roberhouse was brought to Houston in an ambulance, suffering from a serious injury.

NOT AFRAID OF UNBURNT LETTERS
 E. S. Clarke, Another Victim of Mrs. Ford, Testifies to Her Black-mail Habits.

Chicago, Ill.—That he could have made some startling statements if called to the witness stand in the trial of Mrs. Ford was declared by E. S. Cooke Friday.
 "Mrs. Ford has been annoying me and my family for ten years because she has some letters I once wrote her. Those letters are of an improper nature, but they are outlawed now. She has had her innings and now I am going to have mine," he said.

A DARING ATTEMPT AT ROBBERY
 Two Men Assault Storekeeper, But He Replies With Shots—Both Make Their Escape.

Houston, Tex.—A very daring attempt at assault and robbery was made in the Fifth ward Wednesday night at the store of Ed Brown. About 8 o'clock two white men entered the store and asked for some potatoes. As Mr. Brown stooped behind the counter to fill the order he was struck from behind with a heavy piece of iron. The blow was a glancing one, however, and did not render the intended victim unconscious. Mr. Brown was able to secure his revolver from behind the counter and took four shots at his assailants. As they made good their escape, it is supposed that neither was hit.

Fate of Wednesdays.
 Cincinnati, O.—The whisky warehouse of Sol and Sig Frieberg was burned on Wednesday preceding Christmas. On Wednesday of last week a wall of the ruined house collapsed on a small frame building and three lives were lost. On Wednesday of this week a derrick in the ill-fated ruins killed two men and seriously injured four others. The three disasters have proved too much for the nerves of the people living in a rooming house beside the ruins, and they are preparing for a hurried exit.

Railroad Filed Charter.
 Austin, Tex.—The attorney general approved and the secretary of state recorded the charter of the San Antonio, Rio Grande & Tampico railway company, with domicile in San Antonio; capital stock, \$90,000. Purpose, to construct and operate a line of railroad from San Antonio through Bexar, Atascosa, McMullen and to the boundary of LaSalle county to a point between the Nueces and Frio rivers, a distance of ninety miles.

Freezing Weather.
 Washington.—Temperature considerably below the average for the season over the eastern portion of the United States and freezing weather in the Gulf States and Florida will prevail during the early part of the present week, according to a forecast issued Sunday by the weather bureau.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.
 THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 To the Sheriff of Any Constable 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 crooks 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 mkd. X brs. N. 35 W. 4 yds and a black jack mkd. X brs. N. 15 W. 7 yds.; thence with said Box southeast boundary line north 55 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 mkd. X; thence north 35 west with the league line at 798 yds. to a stake for corner from which a post oak 20 in. mkd. X brs. S. 53 E. 7 yds., a red oak 10 in. mkd. X brs. N. 72 E. 9 yds.; thence south 81 east 1148 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 38-100 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 fall 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,
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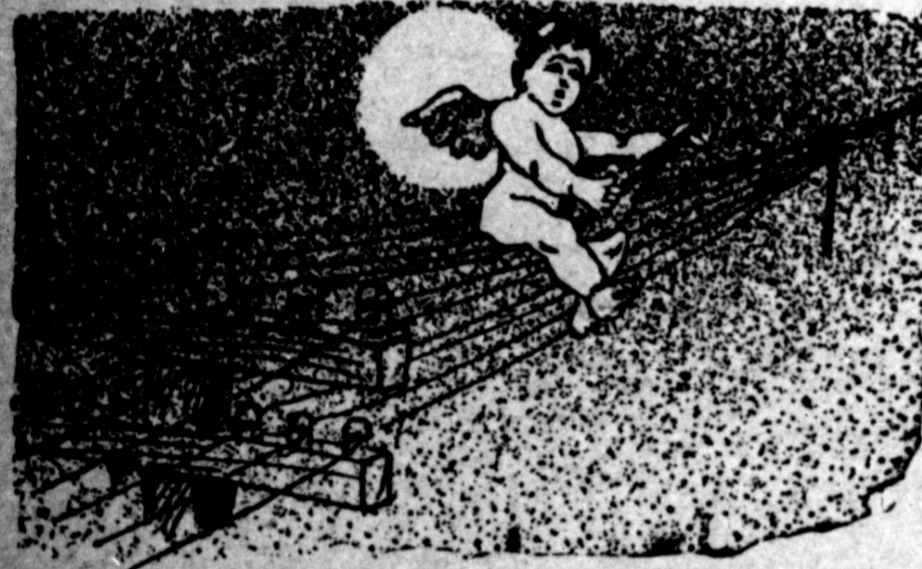
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IN VALENTINE HIS MERRY MORN
 Dan Cupid rose and armed him,
 For impish chase of lads forlorn,—
 A sport which ever charmed him.

But—reckless—he shot here and yon,
 Economy disdaining,
 Until success depended on
 One little shaft remaining.

With naughty skill a plan he wrought,
 Ye while—their footsteps trailing—
 He rounded up ye game he sought
 Beside your garden paling.

Then, as you—blushing—oped ye door,
 (Good luck, ye path was narrow!)
 He spitted seven hearts and more
 Upon that single arrow!



Stories About St. Valentine's Day

Old and New

LIKE many another of our Christian customs and observances, our "Festival of Love," which we celebrate on February 14, originally was a heathen festival. Long before the Christian era the Romans celebrated the feast of the Lupercalia—the joint festival of Juno and Pan—on February 15 each year. Pan was a rustic god, formed in similitude of nature, whence he was called Pan, which means "all." It was feigned by the poets that he struggled with Love and was conquered by him and it became proverbial that "Lover conquers all, Omnia Vincit Amor." Juno was the goddess of marriage, the "yoker" of youths and maidens. In the year of our Lord A. D. 496 Roman youths and maidens still were celebrating the Lupercalia, at which the names of young women were cast into an urn and drawn by blindfolded men. The maid thus drawn was the young man's "valentine" and the association resulting from this drawing of lots usually lasted for a year. The festival ended in an extravagant feast, and, quite often, in scandalous orgies. This sort of thing became offensive to the church and Pope Gelasius ordered a change. Now, it so happened that one of the most austere saints in the Christian calendar, good Bishop St. Valentine, had been put to death, during the Claudian persecution, on February 14, A. D. 270, for the simple miracle of opening the blind eyes of his jailer's daughter. Accordingly the day of the festival was changed to February 14 and the name of the good bishop substituted for the old one. The names he drew.

How long the Christian youth "stood for" this we have no means of knowing but St. Valentine's name stuck to

the day henceforward. It seems, however, that in the sixteenth century, in France, the boys were choosing girls' names and the girls boys' names, so that each had two valentines; and again we find the church interfering. This time it was the Bishop St. Francis de Sales who endeavored to suppress this survival of Paganism by the same old device which Pope Gelasius had tried. But good St. Francis reckoned with due consideration for human nature, the spring of youth and love making, which after all exists in Christian youth as well as pagan. And so the young people triumphed over this saint and returned by degrees to their heathenish practices and cavalier and lady, by lot, exchanged smiles and silken favors. Balls and fetes were given in honor of the festival day and in some places the tender bond endured for a year, according to the old Roman custom.

It behooves the man, woman or child who expects to send out love messages this February 14 to do the shopping at once, for the valentine trade is not only heavier this year than ever before, but it began earlier, the middle of January seeing purchases made, while at the more popular book shops orders were placed before the stock arrived. Foresighted hostesses, making plans for valentine parties, made purchases by the dozen, and the result has been that many of the novelties have been snapped up before they were unpacked. The variety remaining is a large one, however, for the trade proves to be one of extremes, and, while the postals are the prime favorites, at least 40 per cent of the business is attracted to the large, hand-painted valentines of lace paper, celluloid and satin. Teddy bear postals are nice to have, but, after all, there are many children who still cling to the old-fashioned idea of a valentine and there are many parents ready to gratify the preference, thinking nothing of spending several dollars on the exquisite designs which represent the old-fashioned lace and tinsel valentines in elaborated form. Butterflies of the celluloid, beautifully colored, flower designs, hearts and Cupids make of these valentines really artistic and beautiful creations.

Daintiest of all the valentines, though among the most inexpensive, are the shape cards, quaint little sun-bonnet babies and pretty Dutch girls being especially fetching. The Dutch girls resemble water carriers, but their jugs are filled with blossoms and in the folds of their full skirts are such sentiments as "Lof-but me, I lof but zee."

TIT FOR TAT



Farmer Huskworthy—See here! I want ter know what yer mean by sleepin' around here? Ye've been snorin' so loud they kin hear ye a mile away! If ye'd keep yer mouth shut ye wouldn't make so much noise!
 Bo Bill—Neither would you.

RAW ECZEMA ON HANDS

"I had eczema on my hands for ten years. I had three good doctors but none of them did any good. I then used one box of Cuticura Ointment and three bottles of Cuticura Resolvent and was completely cured. My hands were raw all over, inside and out, and the eczema was spreading all over my body and limbs. Before I had used one bottle, together with the Cuticura Ointment, my sores were nearly healed over, and by the time I had used the third bottle, I was entirely well. To any one who has any skin or blood disease I would honestly advise them to fool with nothing else, but to get Cuticura and get well. My hands have never given me the least bit of trouble up to now.

"My daughter's hands this summer became perfectly raw with eczema. She could get nothing that would do them any good until she tried Cuticura. She used Cuticura Resolvent and Cuticura Ointment and in two weeks they were entirely cured. I have used Cuticura for other members of my family and it always proved successful. Mrs. M. E. Fallin, Speers Ferry, Va., Oct. 19, 1909."

Practical Christianity.

"On behalf of the sewing circle of this church," said the pastor at the conclusion of the morning service, "I desire to thank the congregation for 57 buttons placed in the contribution box during the past month. If now the philanthropically inclined donors of these objects will put a half-dozen undershirts and three pairs of other strictly secular garments on the plate next Sunday morning, so that we may have something to sew those buttons on, we shall be additionally grateful."
 —Harper's Weekly.

On Ghosts.

James H. Hyslop, the brilliant psychologist, narrated, during a discussion of the Palatin case in New York, an original old lady's opinion of ghosts.

"Ghosts!" exclaimed the old lady, scornfully. "I don't take any stock in them. If you die and go to the good place it isn't likely that you'd want to waddle back to this poor vale of trouble, while if you go to the bad place you'll be kept there."

The Caggy Bachelor.

The woman who wanted the bachelor to come to dinner called him up at his rooms.

"Hello," she said, adding in the irritating way of women, "do you know who this is?"

The tactful bachelor didn't, but he was too diplomatic to admit it.

"Hello, beautiful lady," he made answer.

GET POWER.

The Supply Comes From Food.

If we get power from food, why not strive to get all the power we can. That is only possible by use of skillfully selected food that exactly fits the requirements of the body.

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"From not knowing how to select the right food to fit my needs, I suffered grievously for a long time from stomach troubles," writes a lady from a little town in Missouri.

"It seemed as if I would never be able to find out the sort of food that was best for me. Hardly anything 'bat I could eat would stay on my stomach. Every attempt gave me heart-burn and filled my stomach with gas. I got thinner and thinner until I literally became a living skeleton and in time was compelled to keep to my bed.

"A few months ago I was persuaded to try Grape-Nuts food, and it had such good effect from the very beginning that I have kept up its use ever since. I was surprised at the ease with which I digested it. It proved to be just what I needed.

"All my unpleasant symptoms, the heart-burn, the inflated feeling which gave me such pain disappeared. My weight gradually increased from 98 to 116 lbs., my figure rounded out, my strength came back, and I am now able to do my housework and enjoy it. Grape-Nuts did it."

A ten days' trial will show anyone some facts about food.

Look in pkgs. for the little book, "The Road to Wellville." "There's a Reason." Ever read the above letter? A few one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

Loved to Death.

"Did you ever know a girl to die for love?"

"Yes."

"Did she just fade away and die because some man deserted her?"

"No; she just took in washing and worked herself to death because the man she loved married her."

For Headache Try Hleke's Capudine.
 Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.—Christian.

WHEN YOUR JOINTS ARE STIFF
 and muscles sore from cold, rheumatism or neuralgia; when you slip, strain or bruise yourself use **Ferry Davis' Pain-Reliever**. The home remedy 75 years.

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 Take **LAXATIVE BROMO** Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

It's a pity that wisdom doesn't grow on a man 'like whiskers.

Dr. Pierce's Peppets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Do not gripe.

Pompadours are responsible for many a high-brow.

Asking Too Much.

The mother of little six-year-old Mary had told her a number of times not to hitch her sled to passing sleighs, feeling that it was a dangerous practice. It was such a fascinating sport, however, that Mary could not resist it and one day her mother saw her go skimming past the house behind a farmer's "bobs."

When she came in from play she was taken to task, her mother saying severely: "Mary, haven't I told you that you must not hitch onto bobs? Besides, you know, it is against the law."

Mary tossed her head. "Oh," she said, "don't talk to me about the law. It's all I can do to keep the ten commandments!"—Woman's Home Companion.

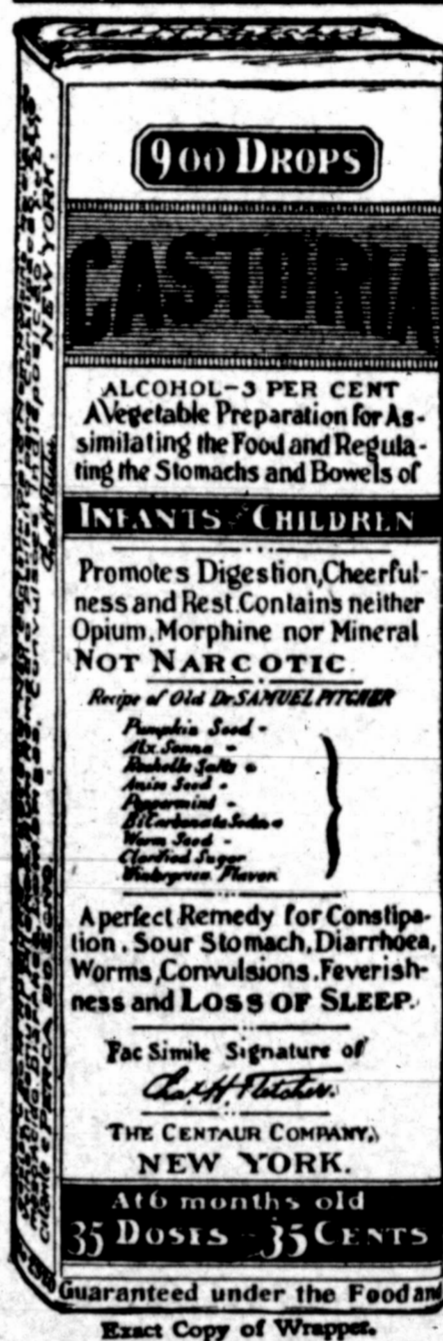
So Touching.

Anxious Suitor—But, sir, I thrill at your daughter's slightest touch.

Practical Father—Young man, I find her slightest touch is usually for a hundred dollars.

Young man, don't marry a parlor ornament unless you can afford to hire a cook.

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TOOTH PASTES: Sanitol, Euthymol, Pasteurine, Fanweiss, Imperial.

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TOOTH POWDERS: Sanitol, Dr. Lyons', Dr. Grove's.

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Local News.

H. Asher is in St. Louis.
See Daniel & Burton for chops, bran and hay.
Watch for 450 dollars to be picked up by some one.
Henry Powers was a visitor to Houston last week.
Buy your seed Irish potatoes from the Big Store.
The Big Store has a car load of cook stoves to sell cheap.
For the best 25c meals, go to Maggie Stanton's Restaurant.
W. W. Willis Jr. was a visitor at the Courier office Thursday.
The Big Store has just received a fine lot of matting this week.
See that you don't miss the 450 dollars to be found by some one.
Geo. W. Patton of Kennard was a caller at the Courier office this week.
Swett Orr overalls and khaki pants, best made, at Daniel & Burton's.
Sid Smith and T. J. Hartt were visitors at the Courier office Saturday.
Mr. John F. Rains was among our friends remembering us Saturday.
The Big Store sells the best sewing machine. It's the Standard.
Hugh Morrison and D. C. Kennedy have returned from St. Louis.
Buy your next sewing machine on the installment plan at the Big Store.
Tom Murray of Crockett Route 2 was a caller at the Courier office Tuesday.
The Big Store's matting stock can't be beat either in price or quality.
Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston returned Saturday night from Houston.
If you want to save money on furniture, go to the Big Store and buy it.
Miss Edith Hewitt of Palestine is being entertained by Miss Stella Sheridan.
\$450 for some one. Full particulars soon. Watch the mails and papers.
W. A. Norris left Tuesday for Huntsville, where he has a building contract.
Open plow bridles, traces, back bands, hames, plow lines and all kinds of leather goods at Daniel & Burton's.

A big lot of poultry netting, hog wire and barb wire for sale at the Big Store. 2t

W. O. Phipps of Lovelady was among those remembering the Courier Saturday.

Ask your grocer for Clinton's pure cider vinegar and insist on having no other. 1t

W. R. Sneed and Dick John of Ratcliff were transacting business in Crockett Saturday.

F. L. Hill, D. H. Driskill and T. B. Collins were callers at the Courier office Friday.

Miss Mary Lee Hudson of Kennard was the guest of relatives and friends here this week.

G. L. Murray of Lovelady is among the number remembering the Courier since last issue.

J. E. Bean of Grapeland and D. J. Keels of Croek were callers at the Courier office Monday.

Mr. M. E. Lansford of Porter Springs is among our friends remembering us since last issue.

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

Middle bursters, fertilizer distributors and a full line of plow implements at Moore & Shivers.

Get Moore & Shiver's prices on any thing you want before buying. They will save you money on it. 1t

Stanton, the oldest and best experienced barber in the city. Shaves 15c or 2 for 25c. Call on him.

The best combination planter in the world is the Ledbetter One Seeder. For sale by Moore & Shivers.

Clinton's pure cider vinegar is the best on the market. Ask your grocer for it and insist on having no other. 1t

Mrs. Luther Eastham of Huntsville is visiting her sisters, Mrs. R. H. Wootters and Mrs. F. G. Edmiston.

Insist on being supplied with Clinton's pure cider vinegar. It is the best on the market, home-made and pure.

Half car barb wire, hog wire, nails and staples just arrived at Moore & Shivers, get their prices before buying.

Let the Big Store sell you your matting, they have the prettiest you ever saw and can save you good money on it.

Albert Smith, H. Durst, Harry Beasley and J. W. Young have returned from the Smith & Young ranch in El Paso county.

We keep constantly in stock Elwood hog fencing Baker Perfect barb wire. Get our prices before buying. Daniel & Burton.

Mrs. L. L. Cannon's trimmer, Miss Lily Hale, will leave for market on the twelfth, to purchase spring and summer millinery.

Our stock of groceries was never more complete. Everything fresh and at prices that cannot be duplicated. Daniel & Burton.

You can get at Daniel & Burton's anything in plow goods from a Pony Kelley to a disc breaker and their prices are right. See them before you buy.

Brood mares, gentle horses and work mules for sale by Harry Everett at Smith Bros' brick livery stable. All this stock will be sold under a strict guarantee.

We have just purchased additional warehouse space and are handling all kinds of feed stuff in car lots. Get our prices before you buy. Daniel & Burton.

An election will be held on February 26 in the Hammond School District to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued for building a new school house.

Harry Everett has a shipment of brood mares, gentle horses and work mules for sale at Smith Bros' brick livery stable, all of which he guarantees to be as represented.

Miss Frankie Taunt of Culpeper, Va., now visiting in Memphis, Tenn., will arrive Tuesday to be the guest of her cousins, Mrs. R. H. Wootters and Mrs. F. G. Edmiston.

If you are needing a gentle horse, a good brood mare or a work mule see those on exhibition at Smith Bros' brick livery stable. Harry Everett will guarantee them to be as represented.

Lost, Strayed or Stolen.

One setter bitch, white and black and tan ticket. \$5.00 reward for information leading to her recovery. She answers to the name of Lady. Jack Smith.

Every day we are adding to our already mammoth stock of plow implements. You can buy of us extra points, landsides, handles and beams for any plow. Daniel & Burton.

RICE—100 pounds beautiful white clean rice delivered in double sacks, freight prepaid to your R. R. station, \$3.85. J. Ed Cabaness, Rice Farmer, 4t Katy, Texas.

Two motorcycles were received at Crockett Tuesday, one each for Dr. Latham and Washington Phillips. Dr. Latham will use his in his practice while Washington's will be put into the rural route mail service.

We make shoes our specialty. We carry a complete line of Wertheimer-Swartz shoes for children, misses, ladies and men. Let us show you our stock of men's heavy work shoes. Daniel & Burton.

The Courier wants to thank its friends for sending in that missing number of the Courier, with which they have supplied us bountifully. The first paper was sent in by a son of William A. Eddy of Crockett Route 2, and if Mr. Eddy will call at the Courier office we will pay him the amount offered for the paper.

Notice.

Come with your free will offering to our Valentine party on February 14 at Mrs. H. F. Moore's. Delightful refreshments will be served, and in addition home-made candy and dainty fancy work will be on sale. Hours, 3 to 6 and 8 to 11 p. m. Ladies Aid Society, 2t Presbyterian Church.

High-Class Monuments.

I am agent for the Humboldt Marble Works and handle high-class marble and granite monuments, including a nice line of W. O. W. monuments. Can save you money. See or address me at Crockett and I will call with samples. D. D. Montgomery.

The man who was "born tired" should use Prickly Ash Bitters. It makes work a necessity to give vent to the energy and exuberance of spirits generated by functional activity in the system. The Murchison-Beasley Drug Co., Crockett; C. R. Rich, Lovelady; special agents.

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Mike Younas and Miss Hazel Adell were married Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock by a Catholic priest from Palestine. The bride has recently moved with her parents from Palestine to Crockett and is a young woman of prepossessing appearance. The groom, Mike, as he is commonly known, has lived in Crockett for a number of years and has firmly established himself in the business circles of the town. The Courier extends congratulations.

O. B. (Deb) Hale authorizes the Courier to announce him this week as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Houston county. Deb is well known to the people of Crockett and Houston county as a peace officer, having served as constable and deputy sheriff for a number of years, first serving as deputy sheriff under E. B. Hale, since which time he has held the office of constable of the Crockett precinct and again as deputy sheriff. Before serving as deputy sheriff, he was a guard for a while at the convict farm, where he gained much experience in handling criminals. He solicits your support.

Nat E. Allbright announces this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of county clerk, subject, as are all other announcements now being made, to the result of the democratic primary. There is no more accommodating official in Houston county than Nat Allbright and his accommodations are extended to men and women in all walks of life. He sticks close to his duties as county clerk and the duties of the county clerk are many. All records and papers filed with him are kept in an up-to-date manner, showing him to be thoroughly acquainted with the responsibilities devolving upon such custodian.

In the proper column this week can be found the announcement of A. L. (Gus) Goolsby as a candidate for re-election to the office of tax collector. Gus is now rounding out his second term as the county's collector of taxes and if there is anything against his record in office the Courier has not heard of it. He keeps his office in a neat and business-like manner and is always courteous and polite to those who have business with him. His reports are made out promptly and his books are kept in such a manner that they could be easily checked up by the commissioners' court or a finance committee at any time. He respectfully solicits your support.

Mrs. A. LeGory died at her home in this city Tuesday night. She had been an invalid for many years and had borne her affliction with commendable fortitude. While her condition was known to be serious, it was not known that she was so near death's door and the news of her death was a painful surprise to many of our people. Funeral services were held at the family residence Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the large crowd in attendance attested the admiration in which this good woman was held. Following the services interment occurred in Glenwood cemetery. Mrs. LeGory leaves many relatives to mourn her death. She was a sister of Mrs. John C. Lacy and Mrs. Lucina Long of this city. She leaves the husband, Mr. A. LeGory, two daughters, Mrs. I. W. Sweet and Mrs. W. P. Bishop, and four sons, Messrs. John, Gus, Wortham and Lipscomb LeGory, all residents of this city. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. S. F. Tenney of the Presbyterian church.

Joe Brown Stanton announces through the Courier this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of district clerk. He is now serving his fifth term in office, his opponents heretofore being unable to oust him. He is known by every man, woman and child in Houston county and is one of the most popular officials now in office. Joe Brown is a native of Houston county, having grown up on a farm a few miles east of Crockett. He says he is willing to serve as long as the people want him, and his only way of finding out if they want him is to offer for re-election.

Mr. J. R. Luce, in announcing for the legislature, authorizes the Courier to make the following statement: "The questions that have been asked, in the newspapers and elsewhere concerning the passage of the Houston county road law by the legislature and the performance by me of the duties of the office during my one legislative term, I shall answer on the stump at the proper time, and I believe to the satisfaction of those who believe in sound principles of government and the good of the people of this county. With the consciousness of an honest discharge of my duties as an official I again ask for the support of the voters of the county."

The Courier presents this week the name of Dr. J. B. Smith as a candidate for the office of representative from Houston county in the next legislature. Dr. Smith is one of the best known men in Houston county, having been prominently identified with the democratic party of the county for a life time. No man has a higher standing, professionally, politically and socially, than he. He helped to fight the party's battles at a time when there was fighting to be done, never failing to answer a call to duty when it came from the party to which he held allegiance. It is nothing but fitting that in his retiring from active medical practice he should be rewarded with this office.

The Courier's special edition is going to be the biggest thing ever gotten out in Houston county in the way of a newspaper. The business men of Crockett are contributing liberally towards the venture and are thus making possible an edition that will compare favorably with the trade editions of other portions of the state.

For Sale...

Twenty acres of land in S. A. Miller addition to Crockett. Fronts Alabama and Hall's Bluff road. This is a bargain to cut in town lots. Must sell.

APPLY TO **J. W. HAIL.**

The Crockett Courier

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line. Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

- For Representative
J. R. Luce
Dr. J. B. Smith
- For County Attorney
B. F. Dent
C. M. (Marvin) Ellis
- For County Clerk
O. C. Goodwin
Nat E. Allbright
- For District Clerk
J. D. (Joe) Sallas
Joe Brown Stanton
- For Tax Collector
A. L. (Gus) Goolsby
- For Sheriff
C. C. Mortimer
O. B. (Deb) Hale
- County Superintendent of Schools
John T. Crook
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
C. E. Stephenson
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
John L. Straughan

GRAND JURY REPORT.

(Continued from 1st page.)

O," etc., insect exterminators. Is this "Bug O" at \$2 a gallon to be tried in exterminating the boll weevil, or what? Or is it to be used generally around the court house for clarifying and sweetening the atmosphere? Anyhow, it is "Bug O" and costs \$2 a gallon. For years and years the county had Commissioners' Courts and they never thought of such a thing as "Bug O." But Sam says "we live in the most progressive age he ever saw." Of course we do, Sam-u-el, of course we do, and "Bug O" is an evidence of it. Is that what you mean, Samuel, when you speak of "progressive age," or do you refer to drawing \$2 a day for "road service?" That is strong evidence of progress, too, isn't it, Samuel, especially when you make no showing of having earned it? Oh, we live in a progressive age, it must be, and all the little apples are coming to the top of the barrel when Sam-u-el can draw \$2 a day for 100 days' of road service and show nothing for it but bills *not sworn to* and without the *Jurat* of an attesting official. Speaking of "Bug O" we find that during a former term, about five years since, a bill for \$40 worth of disinfectant was allowed. There is no record of any before that day. And those old Courts seemed to know how to get along without disinfectants and insect exterminators. But Sambo says we are living in a most progressive age. Indeed we are, Sam-u-el, indeed we are, and the people who pay for the fiddling are beginning to find it out. Now, this "Bug O" business may all be necessary; we can't say. We are inclined to the opinion that something is needed—a general cleaning up by means of disinfectants or some other method.

Commissioner Lively comes out in his last article and admits certain things we asked and charged. Now, may-be-so Commissioner Lively can tell us who wrote that first bill that was sent out to Representative Luce, providing for 150 days of road riding or supervision, a copy of the sections of the Aldrich bill. Didn't Commissioner Lively instigate the preparation of this bill? But Brother Luce thought 150 days too many and introduced the one with the 100 days. Isn't that so, Samuel? Now, you say you have a telegram in your vest-pocket from

the Attorney General. Do tell us what he says. Why don't you?

Commissioner Lively refers the writer to Sec. 11 of the General Road Law as authority for charging \$2 a day for "road service." We take it that that applies to counties of 40,000 population by census of 1900. But if it doesn't we admitted in our last article as we did in our first that when Commissioners go on the roads and put in their time in a substantial manner, working with the hands, superintending contracts for road work, bridge building, etc., that they had to charge \$2 a day for their time, but what evidence have we that Commissioner Lively put in his 90 days the first year in such manner? There is no report showing it as Sec. 11 requires—nothing but small slips of paper, "Houston Co. Dr. to —for 9 days road service, \$18," *not sworn to* and frequently no date to it. This is certainly not complying with the provisions of Sec. 11, General Road Law. And again, that same law which you invoke says also that when Commissioners put in their time in this way they *shall not be paid* for 12 days' road inspection at \$3 a day. But Commissioner Lively collected for the 12 days at \$3 per day also. Now, how about that?

But, says Samuel, speaking of the public debt and the tax rate, "we are living in the most progressive age I ever saw," and he claims the credit for getting the county out of debt and reducing the tax rate. It is astonishing the number of people claiming credit for reducing the county debt and tax rate and the Chief Juggler of Facts and Figures, the Chief Custodian of the Barney Stone yet to be heard from. And all this going on and the poor people who pay the taxes to be squandered are entitled to no credit. Those who spend this money for auditing experts, steel tanks and towers, Bug O, etc., are the ones who are entitled to the glory. Does Sam-u-el know that within the last four or five years the taxable wealth or basis of this county has doubled in amount? Did it ever occur to Sam-u-el that maybe-so this fact and this fact alone deserves the greater part of the credit for scrip being at par and the tax rate reduced. Did Sam-u-el ever look to see what the total taxable wealth of the county was about five years ago—not more than half what it is now? There is where the credit goes and belongs. On account of this great big fact of increase of taxable wealth from three a half million dollars to over seven millions of dollars is the further fact that the county debt and tax rate are reduced. So it has all come about in spite of such financial Napoleons as the Boss of Scraperville and not by virtue of anything he has done. It was such brilliant financing (?) as Comm. Lively did that delayed the coming of the day of scrip parity. It would have come sooner if we had had the right kind of handling of public moneys and the tax rate would have been still lower and ought to be.

We will take up next what Commissioner Lively says about the extravagance of the Grand Jury. A part of what we said above is intended as a reply to his comments on the cost of the last Grand Jury.

He has something to say about payment of rangers by last Grand Jury. A brief history of that matter is called for. To begin with, the last Grand Jury had put in two weeks on the criminal affairs and had decided to put in the last week looking into the doings of the Commissioners' Court. As we assembled for that purpose District Attorney Harris told us the rangers were ready to report on their detective work in the southwestern part of the county and he wanted us to go into an investigation of the tragedy they had worked on. Two previous Grand Juries had at District Attorney Harris' request passed the case on. It fell to us to do the work whether or not. So we plunged into it. The public will please bear in mind that not a man on that Grand Jury had anything to with putting the rangers in there at work. Gov. Campbell did it. They worked up the case. They did work that no fiddling bailiff could do and it would have cost the county several times for

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First National Bank

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE
AT LOVELADY
In the State of Texas, at the close of business,
January 31st, 1910.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and Discounts	\$38,437 26
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	2,232 40
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	289 06
Furniture and Fixtures	1,708 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	220 63
Due from State and Private Banks and Bankers, Trust Companies, and Savings Banks	2,559 23
Due from approved Reserve Agents	45,239 25
Checks and other Cash Items	9 50
Notes of other National Banks	250 00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels, and Cents	317 50
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	\$6,761 50
Legal-tender notes	780 00—7,541 50
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312 50
Total	\$105,366 83
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$25,000 00
Surplus fund	1,274 04
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	1,058 00
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250 00
Due to State and Private Banks and Bankers	13,500 00
Individual Deposits subject to check	58,216 06
Time certificates of deposit	17 50
Cashier's checks outstanding	50 05
Reserved for Taxes	1 19
Total	\$105,366 83

State of Texas, County of Houston, ss:
I, W. C. PAGE, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. C. PAGE, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of February, 1910.
SAM H. SHARP, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: J. O. MONDAY,
C. G. LEFFLER,
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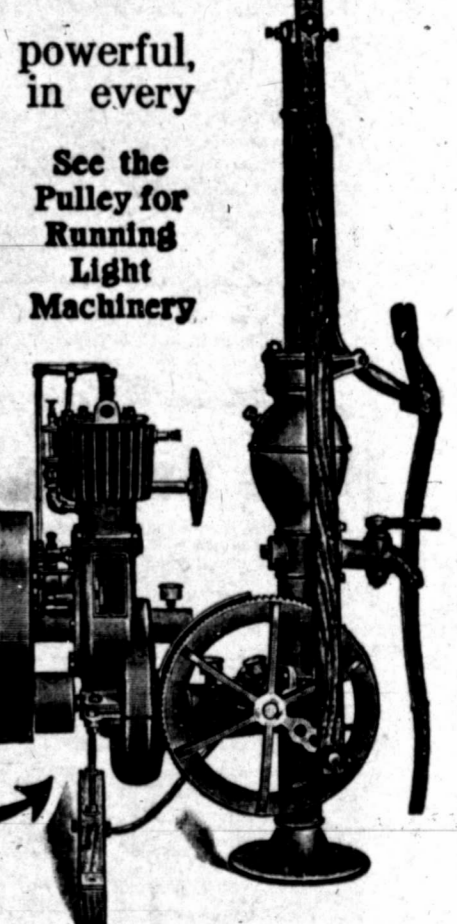
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