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BIG INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISE.

THE HOUSTON COUNTY OIL MILL AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY LEADING CONCERN.

Manufacturing Cotton Seed Oil and Products—Fertilizers and Mixed Feed—Has Large Pay Roll.

It is not generally known, even by citizens of our own town, that in Crockett is to be found one of the largest, if not the largest, cotton oil mills in East Texas. In the black waxy belt there are mills of larger capacity, but few east of that belt with the capacity of the Crockett mill. The Crockett mill has a crushing capacity of 45 tons of cotton seed every 24 hours. Operating to its full capacity the mill is run seven months out of every twelve, beginning in September and closing in April. During the present month this mill will close another one of its most successful seasons.

The Houston County Oil Mill and Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. H. F. Moore is president and Mr. Thos. Self secretary and manager, is now capitalized at \$102,000, having recently increased its capital. To accommodate the increased business, the office force has been enlarged and a man is kept on the road.

Some of the products of the mill are cotton seed oil, cotton seed cake, meal, hull and linters. A complete fertilizer factory is now in operation, turning out three sacks a minute and making nine different brands of fertilizer. A feed plant for producing a mixed feed of meal and hulls for cattle has been lately installed. The mill has its own lighting plant and apparatus for fighting fire.

The pay roll is large, averaging for labor alone \$350 a week. This is a big item for Crockett, as all of this money is spent here. The men operate the latest improved conveyors, elevators, linters, hullers and other machinery. The power comes from two big boilers and a monster engine. Fifteen men are employed in the mill, exclusive of the office force.

The shipping facilities are excellent, there being two loading and unloading tracks. The mill is not cramped for space, having plenty of room to spread in.

The Houston County Oil Mill and Manufacturing Company was first organized in 1893 with a capital of \$30,000. During the remarkable growth of the property, it has been under the direct management and personal supervision of Thos. Self.

Texas Industrial Notes.

The good roads movement has struck Hardin county and a bond issue of \$35,000 has just been voted and the work of building roads will begin at once.

Beeville is to have a new \$75,000 court house and a \$30,000 sewer system. Work on the court house is now under way and the sewer system will be begun within a few days.

Colorado has issued road bonds

to the amount of \$30,000 which have been approved by the Attorney General, and the building and improvement of roads in Mitchell county will be begun at once.

The Road Commissioners of Upshur county held a meeting recently and decided to establish a permanent road gang, equipped with road building machinery and under competent supervision. A campaign for good roads will be carried on in that county.

Fort Bend county has just issued \$500,000 in bonds for road improvement, and the work of constructing good roads in that county is to begin immediately.

Hitchcock has enlarged their fruit packing house, making the new building 180 feet long with a shipping and packing capacity of from 20,000 to 25,000 bunches of vegetables per day.

A factory for the manufacture of bridge and road material is to be established at Gonzales at once by an Indiana firm.

Caldwell county has voted a bond issue of \$50,000 for building macadam roads. This precinct has already voted \$50,000 for road building, and 24 miles of macadam roads have been built recently.

The Gulf Live Stock Insurance Company, with a paid capital of \$100,000 and with main offices at Orange, has been chartered. The business of the company is the insurance of all kinds of live stock.

Clarksville is preparing to issue bonds to the amount of \$300,000 for the improvement of public highways in Red River county.

Velasco will spend \$100,000 for repair of the jetty walls, and other improvements of the Velasco harbor. This means the opening up of Velasco as a port and the inauguration of a steamship line to the North.

There is an epidemic of hotel building in Houston, and with the completion of their monster auditorium and convention hall, with a seating capacity of 7000, that city is preparing to launch a campaign for the purpose of bringing to Houston numerous conventions, state and national. Four new hotels are under construction, with all the way from fifty to three hundred rooms each, and there is an unusual amount of building and construction work going on in the Bayou City.

Death at Creek.

Editor Courier:

Bruce McDougald, the youngest son of J. H. McDougald, died at his home near Creek at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 30, 1911, after having been confined to his bed about a week with pneumonia. He was born March 2, 1887, and so was twenty-four years of age at the time of his death. Bruce was a devoted and kind-hearted young man, so all who knew him deplore his untimely departure to realms unknown. He leaves a wife, three children, an aged father, two brothers and five sisters, besides other relatives and friends to mourn his loss. The remains were laid to rest by Sweetgum Camp, W. O. W., in the Douglass graveyard, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Correspondent.

THE NEW ROAD LAW.

A Brief History of Its Origin With Comments.

Editor Courier:

As is generally known we have a Special Road Law for Houston county, passed by the last Legislature. In view of what seems to be wilful misrepresentations of the origin of this act, and still more wilful misrepresentations of its provisions, we hope it is proper to discuss both briefly in your columns. All will recall the prominent fact that the campaign of last year hinged on and revolved about the road law then in force, and its signal failure to meet the exigencies of the situation. It was a patent fact to all that it scored a pre-eminent and unrivalled success in providing generous leaks and open flood-gates for the outflow of surplus funds, and the broad, smooth highways which such liberal outlays prepared the travelling public to expect were still in the abstract and beyond the hope of realization. So that the general public expected and demanded some change not only in the law but also in the system and methods of road-construction.

To these ends the representative of this county was prepared for expressions of public wishes, and in fact welcomed them. Public notice of a mass meeting to consider the subject of good roads was inserted in the local papers advising the public of the time and the object of such meeting. The first meeting was called in an issue of local papers for January 27. Everybody was urged to be present, and at this meeting there was quite a large and enthusiastic number of people—the farmer element predominating. Mr. J. W. Madden was elected Chairman, J. W. Young, Esq., Secretary. By unanimous vote a resolution was adopted to petition the Commissioners' Court to create a Special Road District to extend in every direction the distance of seven miles from Crockett, and to order an election for issuance of Road Bonds to the amount of \$150,000 for the purpose of grading and macadamizing these roads. At this same meeting there were three committees appointed as follows: J. W. Hail and J. W. Young, Committee on Petition to Commissioners' Court to create Road District; W. B. Page, J. W. Young, and F. E. Kalb, Committee on Road Correspondence and Road Engineering; A. A. Aldrich, Syd Smith, J. C. Eastes, W. B. Page, and J. W. Young, Committee on Road Legislation.

After fixing the date of next mass meeting, which was two weeks from that day the mass meeting adjourned to meet two weeks later. Notice was published in the local papers of the day and all urged to attend from all parts of the county as business of importance was to be transacted. Two weeks from the date of this meeting there was another mass meeting, and a large one. The Chairman, Mr. Madden, called for reports of the Committees appointed at the previous meeting. Mr. A. A. Aldrich reported for the Committee on Road Legisla-

tion, of which he was chairman. He presented the copy of a bill providing for a Special Road Law for Houston county—the leading and most prominent feature of which was in the first section, which provides for a Superintendent of Roads and Bridges. The entire bill was read to the mass meeting and fully explained. Those present were especially impressed by this change of management and control from the Commissioners to a superintendent. There was considerable discussion of the bill, and the views of every one who expressed himself were that the present system of road supervision and management was an absolute failure, and that it was not possible to adopt a system of road working that could be worse than the present under the old law, and that any change would be an improvement. The entire mass meeting was pleased with the superintendent idea, and the suggestion made that there was enough money squandered on the roads under the old system to pay the salary of two superintendents. After the bill outlining the Special Road Law for Houston county was read and commented on by quite a number of those present, it was submitted to a rising vote of the crowd, and it was adopted unanimously by a standing vote. There was not one vote against it.

The Committee on Road Engineering, Road Material, etc. also reported, as did the Committee on Special Road District. The above is briefly a summary of the proceedings preliminary to the bill being sent to Austin. Judge Aldrich, Chairman of the Committee to get up the bill, was instructed to forward same to Hon. J. B. Smith, the Representative for this County, and to indicate to Dr. Smith that the bill as thus outlined was the expressed wishes of the people of this county.

There will be a short comment next week on two or three sections of the law.

Good Roads Committee.

FRIEGHT DEPOT TO BE ENLARGED.

ALSO A PLATFORM EXTENSION TO BE MADE AT SOUTH END OF THE DEPOT.

Railroad Company Enlarging Shipping Facilities to Accommodate Increase of Business.

In view of the numerous improvements that are now taking place in Crockett and the rest of Houston county, it will be an interesting bit of news to our people to learn that there is still another improvement to be undertaken at an early day—the enlargement of the shipping facilities at Crockett. The railroad company has given out the statement, by correspondence and otherwise, that the freight depot is to be enlarged and the shipping platform extended, and that at a very early date. The workmen are expected to begin operations within the next week.

An addition of 56 feet is to be made to the present wareroom and an extension of 80 feet is to be made to the shipping platform. The new depot, built a year ago, was at that time thought to be large enough. But the railroad company is now finding it inadequate to the demands of Crockett shipping and, in keeping with the progress of the times, feels called upon to give the public more room and better facilities. The demand comes from the increased business caused by the rapid growth of the town and country, and from the opening up of the wholesale grocery house of the Pearlstone-Edmiston Co., which is to open its doors in Crockett at an early day.

A car of rock salt in transit. See Billy Lewis.

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The Largest Machinery Dealers in East Texas

Agents for Continental Gin Company. Winship, Smith, Eagle, Pratt, Munger.

Agents for Murray Gin Company. Houston, Stanwood and Gamble engines and boilers. Straub, Nurdyke and Marmon corn mills. Royal pea thresher. Hailey hay press. Full line belting, shafting, pulleys, pipe and fittings.

State agents Southern circular saws, Tower edgers and trimmers, Fisher & Davis saw mills.

Agents for Chase, Triumph and Adams shingle machines. All kinds gin repairs in stock. First-class machine shop. We repair and rebuild engines and all kinds of gin machinery. Send us your work.

Write or telephone us for price and our salesman will call to see you.

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TYLER, TEXAS

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CAUTION! Hawkes' Glasses are Never Peddled.

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Social Items.

In District Court.

Three cases on the civil docket have been disposed of since the last report. They are as follows:

Louisiana & Texas Lumber Co. vs. Jas. Stewart, suit for land—verdict of the jury for the plaintiff for all the land sued for except 80 acres for the defendant to include the improvements.

Louisiana & Texas Lumber Co. vs. Southern Pine Lumber Co., suit for land—verdict of the jury for the defendants for 160 acres of the land sued for, to include improvements; for the plaintiff for the balance of the land sued for.

Louisiana & Texas Lumber Co. vs. M. Rodgers et al., suit for land—verdict of the jury for the plaintiff for all the land except 160 acres known as the Allen Rogers or Richardson tract.

The grand jury adjourned last week to meet again on Monday, April 17. Before adjourning it reported 23 bills of indictment, 11 felonies and 12 misdemeanors.

Four murder cases are set for trial next week as follows: Cordia Willis for April 10 and special venire of forty men ordered.

Green Burton for April 11 and special venire of forty men ordered.

John Pugh for April 12 and special venire of forty men ordered.

The cases against Jim Spurger, Isam Garner, Andrew Kirkwood, B. J. Jenkins and Henry Skipper, set for trial on April 17, have been transferred to Harris county. These men are indicted for murder, committed at the time of the

Slocum tragedy. The Anderson county cases were previously transferred to Harris county. The men are implicated in the killing of negroes on or near the county line of Houston and Anderson counties.

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets assist nature in driving all impurities out of the system, insuring a free and regular condition and restoring the organs of the body to health and strength. Sold by Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

Announcement

I have purchased the R. C. Stokes stock of groceries, crockery, glass and chinaware and will continue the business at the same stand.

I shall be very grateful to my friends and the general public for any portion of their business in the above lines they may see fit to give me, always assuring them of

Prompt and
the Best
Service at
My Command.

J. D. Woodson

Mrs. Hattie B. Collins.

Mrs. Hattie B. Collins died at her home in this city Sunday morning of pneumonia. The announcement of her death brought sorrow to the hearts of many of our people, for she had gone in and out among them for the ordinary lifetime of a mortal, and was universally esteemed and loved. Mrs. Collins was the widow of the lamented James Collins, known to the older citizenship. She was a sister of the late Chas. Stokes, who died last year and whose life is yet fresh in the memory of our people. Mrs. Collins was 69 years old. She came from Georgia to Texas in the early days and had lived in Crockett the greater part of her life. She has left three sons, Messrs. R. L. Collins of Marlin, Douglass Collins of Dallas and T. B. Collins of this city.

Mrs. Collins had long been a member of the Presbyterian church. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. S. F. Tenney, her pastor from young womanhood. The tribute paid by him to the life of this good woman was impressive. The services were conducted from the family residence Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, and interment followed in Glenwood cemetery.

Mrs. John Reagan.

The remains of Mrs. John Reagan reached Crockett Sunday night from Fort Worth and were laid to rest in Glenwood cemetery Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Before her marriage to Mr. Reagan, a son of Gen. John H. Reagan, Mrs. Reagan was known and admired in Crockett as Miss Laura Hajle. After her marriage she lived awhile at Elkhart, then at Palestine and then in Oklahoma, and

was living in Fort Worth at the time of her death, which occurred Saturday afternoon. She leaves three sisters—Mrs. E. L. Simpson of this city, Mrs. John Murchison of San Antonio and Mrs. Lucy St. Amant of Baton Rouge, La., the latter of whom was with her when death came. The remains were accompanied to Crockett by the husband, Mr. Reagan, and the sister, Mrs. St. Amant. Besides the husband and sisters, Mrs. Reagan leaves five children. The hearts of many of the older people of our town were saddened by her death. She was a member of the Methodist church, but the Methodist pastor being ill, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. T. Grumbles of the Baptist church.

News from Lovelady.

Mrs. W. A. Norris of Crockett was the guest of Mrs. R. E. Parker last week.

Mrs. N. J. Mainer, Mrs. Clyde Mainer and children spent a week in Groveton with relatives.

Miss Nell Turner is the guest of relatives in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cochran, Misses Earline and Carrie Belle Cochran spent Sunday in Trinity.

Mrs. Otis Joplin of Trinity was the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. F. Dent, last week.

Miss Cora Shaw spent Sunday with relatives on Nevils Prairie.

Mr. J. O. Monday is on the sick list suffering from rheumatism.

Rev. Craven of Grapeland filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

At the residence of Miss Mary Belle Robinson Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock in the presence of the immediate family occurred the marriage of her sister, Miss Leila Robinson, and Mr. W. T. Bruton, Rev. Craven of Grapeland officiating.

Pine Grove Items.

Miss Epsie Baker of Holly spent last week with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Satterwhite.

Mr. and Mrs. Clide Satterwhite of Crockett spent Wednesday and Thursday in our community.

Mr. Edd Mann was a caller in our neighborhood last Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Satterwhite of Shady Grove spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. J. M. Satterwhite has been on the sick list this week.

A few ladies of Pine Grove and Mr. and Mrs. Clide Satterwhite

Crockett Market Comp'y

Weekly Bulletin

Swiss Cheese
Brick Cheese
Limberger Cheese
Fresh Jersey Butter
Dressed Chickens
Country Sausage
Pork Link Sausage
Pork Pan Sausage
Holstein Sausage
Cevelat Sausage
Hogs' Head Cheese
Hogs' Head Souce
Pickled Pigs' Feet
Honey Comb Tripe
Breakfast Bacon
Sugar Cured Hams

We make all fancy cuts in beef, veal, pork and mutton.

Use ground bone for your chickens, the great egg producer and health restorer.

Crockett Market Co.

spent last Thursday on the Creek, fishing; all seem to have had a fine time.

The singing given at Mrs. Bob Turner's last Sunday night was enjoyed by all.

For the past week all you can hear down here is, "How is your garden, and how many young chicken have you got?"

Mrs. Helen Saxon has had her home remodeled inside by a fresh coat of paint.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Satterwhite attended the funeral of Mr. Hart at Center Hill.

With best wishes to the Courier, Beth.

One Conductor Helped Back to Work.

Mr. Wilford Adams is his name, and he writes: "I was confined to my bed with chronic rheumatism and used two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy with good effect. The third bottle put me on my feet, and I resumed work as conductor on the Lexington, Ky., Street Railway. It will do all you claim in cases of rheumatism." It clears the blood of uric acid. Will McLean.

Itch relieved in 30 minutes by Woolford's Sanitary Lotion. Never fails. Sold by Murchison & Beasley, Druggists.

We Call Your Attention to

Mrs. Bricker's

Easter Opening Friday, April 7

A showing of the season's latest styles in millinery. We study to please our customers in the making of our hats, realizing the fact that a pleased patron is the best advertisement we could have—Furthermore this is proven by the satisfied customers we have had during the few weeks of our spring season. Another thing is

Our Popular Prices!

Before buying, let us have the pleasure of showing you our line of classy millinery that never before has been equalled for high quality and low prices. It's a real pleasure to show what we have.

HOW IT CAN BE DONE.

The City May Build and Maintain a City Hall and Auditorium.

Editor Courier:—

I have noticed with more than usual interest the very inviting and laudable proposition of the ladies of the Shakespeare Club with reference to the matter of establishing an auditorium for the City of Crockett and the request for a proper solution of the problem of obtaining it by the city.

Prior to the publication of the matter I had been asked by some of our public-spirited citizens to investigate the question as to whether the city could accept the very generous offer of the ladies and so arrange it as to permit the city to establish and control the building for the purpose named. I have not had the time to make extensive inquiry into this question, but am inclined to believe that it can be done.

Article 433 of the revised statutes of this state authorizes any incorporated town or city to establish a free library in such city or town, and to adopt rules and regulations for the management thereof, and to appropriate such part of the revenues of such city or town for the management and increase of such library as the municipal government of such city or town may determine.

Article 466 authorizes the city or town to use the revenues of such city or town for the purpose of erecting a "city hall" as the city council may from time to time deem expedient, and in furtherance thereof the council is invested with power to "borrow money" upon the credit of the city and issue coupon bonds therefor, the same to bear interest not to exceed ten per cent per annum, the aggregate amount of such bonds not to be greater than six per cent of the value of the city's property.

Article 485 provides for the levy of a tax of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation of property for the "erection, construction or purchase of Public Buildings" and other "permanent" improvements within the city limits. Within this article is included building sites and buildings for public free schools.

Article 486 authorizes the issuance of coupon bonds for the purposes above named in such amount as one fourth of one per cent tax will pay the current interest and provide a sinking fund sufficient to meet these bonds.

Without going into the decisions of our courts on the question, these articles of our state laws appear to give the city council ample authority to accomplish the much-desired object of establishing a "city hall and other public buildings," which could include a "free library," lyceum, auditorium and all their necessary accompaniments and equipments.

This is one of the most important and beneficial projects the city can possibly undertake, and I trust it will be pushed with all possible dispatch.

J. W. Madden.

The business men of the small towns are learning what the business men of the large towns have known for a long time—that it is impossible under modern conditions to achieve a considerable success without the aid of publicity. These days everybody reads and everybody reads advertising, for the advertising columns are the clearing houses of retail business. The women do the buying for the home and family, and they are all readers of advertising, because they have learned

that advertising not only saves them money but time and labor as well. People who do not read do not have money enough to make their trade worth striving for. Men who go into business now must either be willing and able to advertise intelligently or go out.—Dallas News.

The Dallas News is good authority. It has been observing and making notes a quarter of a century. And the consensus of business wisdom born of experience bears out its observation above made.—Arlington Journal.

Stock Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett that, from and after the 17th day of April, A. D. 1911, the running at large of horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine and goats within the limits of the said city of Crockett shall be and the same is hereby prohibited, and the city marshal of the said city is hereby authorized and empowered, and it is hereby made his duty, to detain and impound any such stock as hereinabove named as may be found running at large in the limits of said city and hold the same subject to the payment of such fees and expenses as may accrue by reason of such detaining and impounding of such stock, and if such stock shall not be reclaimed by the owner thereof and all of such fees and expenses paid by him within five days after the same shall have been so detained and impounded, then it shall be the duty of the said city marshal to sell the same, after giving ten days notice of such sale by posting such notice at the court house door of Houston county previous to the day of such sale. Any person violating this ordinance by knowingly permitting any of his stock of the kind named herein to run at large within the limits of the said city, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than five nor more than twenty-five dollars, and each day's running at large of any such stock shall constitute a separate offense.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances that may be in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. The impounding fees under this ordinance shall be fifty cents per head for impounding and twenty-five cents per head for each day or fraction thereof same remain in pound after first day. Passed in regular session on March 13, 1911. C. L. Edmiston, Mayor. Attest: M. Satterwhite, Sec'y.

Foley Kidney Pills contain in concentrated form ingredients of established therapeutic value for the relief and cure of all kidney and bladder ailments. Foley Kidney Pills are antiseptic, tonic and restorative. Refuse substitutes. Will McLean.

Ioh Dien or Eich Dyn.

Which is accurate as the motto of the Prince of Wales—Ioh Dien or Eich Dyn? The one is German and the other Welsh. The one means "I serve," the other "Behold the man" or "Behold your man."

"Ioh Dien" was the motto of John, king of Bohemia, whom the Black Prince slew at Crecy. "Eich Dyn" are the words supposed to have been used by Edward I. when presenting his infant son to the Welsh assembly at Carnarvon.

Welsh tradition has adhered naturally to the Welsh form. The other has been more popularly accepted.—London Lady's Pictorial.

A Queer Ceremony.

A queer ceremony is performed every year on the 8th day of September in the Valle Magglo, Italy. The region abounds in vipers. The celebrants form into a weird procession, each person—man, woman and child—carrying a huge figure of a snake stuffed with cotton. As they pass along they weep and lament, believing that by the expiatory ceremony they will render themselves proof against snake bites during the grape gathering.

Wretched Man.

Algy—By Jove! Miss Clara, how sweet you look in white! Do you know when I saw you coming across the lawn you looked so nice I thought it was Miss Julia—Harper's Bazar.

Generous.

"Some men say," remarked the beautiful heiress, "that I have no heart."
"Oh, that doesn't matter!" replied the poor but willing youth. "I'll give you mine."

Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has many, not upon your past misfortunes, of which all men have some.

An Unsatisfactory Method.

"Been walking the floor because of your debts, eh?" said the sympathetic friend.

"Yes," replied the improvident person.

"Any results?"
"Not worth mentioning. I walked till I wore out the carpet and had to go further in debt for a new one."—Washington Star.

SPOILED THE ACT.

An Incident That Enraged the Actor and Amused the Audience.

Some years ago a melodrama was being performed in a country theater, the chief actor in which had made himself, from his haughty and overbearing conduct, disliked by all. In the last scene he was supposed to visit the tombs of his ancestors. In the center of the stage upon a marble pedestal stood the statue of his father. A heavy fold of drapery covered the figure. Enter Albert, who thus addressed the statue:

"I am here once again to gaze upon those features which in life so often looked on me with tenderest affection. Father, thy mourning son now comes to pay thee adoration. Let me remove the veil which from the vulgar gaze shields the beloved image of a once dear parent!"

Off went the drapery, and, behold, there was disclosed the statue of the father gracefully standing upon its head.

The effect cannot be described. It was electric. The shouts of laughter which followed the mistake of the super effectually put an end to the scene, which changed to the next as quickly as possible amid the jeers of the audience, the anger of the manager and the uncontrollable rage of the actor.—London Telegraph.

THE PARISIAN CABMAN.

A Deadly Verbal Insult That Will Render Him Speechless.

A discreet knowledge of slang is a very useful accomplishment for the stranger or the foreign resident in Paris. Thus if a cabman is rude or more than usually extortionate or if he splashes you with mud from head to foot as he passes and then turns around to grin at the damage done, and cooche frequently do these things, an inadequate command of the niceties of the French language leaves all the advantages on his side.

You might call him "idiot" or "sauvage," but this would only tickle him. If, however, you were able to shout "Va donc, Collignon!" the result of the encounter would be at once wholly in your favor.

To say "Collignon" to a cocher is the supreme insult. It leaves him gasping and further speech on his side useless. It is easy to understand why.

Collignon was a coachman who as long ago as 1855 went to the house of a poor professor and murdered him because he had protested against an overcharge. It is satisfactory to know that Collignon was promptly tried, sentenced to death and guillotined. To this day, then, "Va Collignon!" remains the last word.—Paris Cor. New York Sun.

His Inspiration.

"Isn't inspiration a queer thing?"

"I suppose so. What about it?"

"Why, a few weeks ago I had a red-hot squabble with my wife over a dressmaker's bill, and when I came down to the office I was mad enough to chew spikes. Then I sat down at my desk and wrote a little poem on 'Help the Erring Brother with a Single Kindly Word!' And, say, those verses, born of bitterness and nourished by anger, have been copied in the leading newspapers all over the country! How's that?"

"Fine. Why don't you improve on the idea?"

"How?"

"Why, get mad enough to beat up your wife, set fire to the house, shoot a policeman—and then write an epic that will go thundering down the ages."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Made His Position Clear.

An old Pennsylvania German living in the mountains had a hard three hours' dusty walk to accomplish one morning, and he rose very early to make his start. He had gone but a little way when he was overtaken by an automobile. The driver picked up the old man, and they were at his destination in about twenty minutes.

"Danks so much awfully mit de ride. If I had known myself to be here already two hours in front of de clock yet I vud be at home fast asleep already to start unless I knew you vud not have picked me up since."—Housekeeper.

Why He Left.

Long—Why did you leave the place where you formerly boarded?

Short—Because the landlady had too much curiosity.

Long—In what direction?

Short—Oh, she was continuously asking me when I was going to pay my board bill.—Chicago News.

The Next Question.

"Dora's invited to a swell party," said the mother.

"How much will the gown cost?" asked the father, who knew what was coming.—Detroit Free Press.

Not a Freshman.

Caller—I didn't know your son was at college. Is this his freshman year?
Mrs. Bunderby—Oh, no, indeed! He's a sycamore.—Boston Transcript.

HE LED THE CHARGE.

And Then the General Changed His Mind About the Colonel.

The French General Gallifet was a famous cavalry leader, a good liver, a fine soldier and a man of impetuosity, daring and bravery. It is said that Gallifet's pluck was in great measure owing to his extraordinary powers of digestion, he once undertaking and accomplishing the feat of eating a wine-glass. In a biography of General Gallifet is the following story:

"During some maneuvers he was watching a charge of cavalry under his orders. Suddenly the leading squadron stopped dead. Gallifet roared, 'Send me the colonel!' And the colonel galloped up.

"Now, colonel, what's wrong?"
"We came upon a road at the bottom of an embankment which was too steep to ride down, sir."

"Nonsense, sir! You're not fit for your job. I will lead the charge. You go to the tail of the squadron."

"Gallifet took the command, galloped to the road and rolled down the embankment with his horse. Lying on his back with a sprained muscle in his leg, he shouted to his men to stop, adding:

"Send me the colonel!"

"The colonel came up from the tail of the squadron.

"Colonel, you were right. I am a d—d fool! You may take the command of your regiment again."

FIRST TYPEWRITER.

It Was a Clumsy Machine and Practically Useless.

Most persons will be surprised to learn that the typewriting machine is not, as they imagine, a distinctly modern invention. So long ago as 1714 a patent was taken out in England by Henry Mill for "a machine for impressing letters singly and progressively as in writing, whereby all writings may be engrossed in paper so exact as not to be distinguished from print."

His machine was, however, a clumsy one and practically useless. It was not until over a century later (1829) that anything more in this line was attempted. Then the first American typewriter, called a "typographer," was patented by W. A. Burt.

In 1823 a machine was produced in France having a separate key lever for each letter, and between the years 1840 and 1890 Sir Charles Wheatstone invented several machines which are now preserved in the South Kensington museum, London.

In 1873 C. L. Sholes, an American, after five or six years' work, succeeded in producing a machine sufficiently perfect to warrant extensive manufacture. He interested a firm of gun manufacturers in it, and in 1874 the first model of the modern typewriter was put upon the market.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Every Minute Counts.

A business man from a small southern town was visiting New York. A friend asked him what was the most impressive thing he had seen so far—the high buildings, the subway, the ocean liners or what.

"None of them," was the prompt reply. "The thing that impressed me most was the rush in everything. I was in an office one day, and a young woman, evidently a new hand, was opening the mail. There must have been several hundred letters. She cut one open, took out the letter and laid it in its proper basket.

"Here, that will never do," said the boss. "Every time you lay down that paper cutter and take it up again you are wasting time. Cut them all open first and then take them out. You will save at least ten minutes that way every day."—New York Sun.

Scottish Students' Dress.

The Scottish university student has a code of etiquette in clothes as strict as that of Eton or of Harrow. And into it the straw hat enters. On Sept. 15, be the weather ever so bleak, the streets are full of what the small boy knows as "strawbushers." On the 16th you will find never a one—on a student's head, that is. As for the medical student, he seldom wears a straw hat at all or anything in its place. It is his pride to go bareheaded, as it is to wear a fancy waistcoat and turned up trouser ends. The arts and divinity men sedately avoid these last three fashions.—London Chronicle.

The Forgotten Picture.

Mr. Hope Moncrieff recalls in "London" a curious story of Lord Hertford. The one noble taste he had was for the collection of pictures, which he is said to have hung with their faces to the wall. He once commissioned an agent to find him a picture which, it turned out, he had himself bought three or four years earlier!

Doesn't Require Magic.

Closest—I saw a magician last night who made ten dollar bills disappear as though they had never existed. Spendit—Huh! I can do that.—Philadelphia Record.

Fairy tales are made out of the dreams of the poor.—Lowell.

FREAKS OF NATURE.

Two Queer Rock Formations on the Island of St. Helena.

There are at least two queer freaks of nature on the island of St. Helena—or, rather, four, for one of them is a group of three figures—known the world over as the "Devil's Nose" and "Lot and His Daughters." Any one who is able to study the island as it is and not run wild over the Napoleonic legends which have clustered about that "sea-bound rock" since the days when the "Little Corporal" was housed there in his living grave will find much that will repay for investigation, time and study.

The queerest of the natural formations are the oddities above alluded to. The first of these imitative forms is a rocky promontory which has been known by names which signify Old Nick's nasal projection since May 22, 1802, when Juan Castella and his men sighted the island just in time to see the devil disappear beneath the waves in the best harbor, leaving his nose as a reminder of what might happen should the venturesome Spaniard seek to take possession of his Satanic majesty's favorite haunts.

"Lot and His Daughters" are three conical rocks which can only be conjured into representing a man and two women by a strong play of the imagination. According to the views of some writers they are weather worn statues of colossal size, probably the work of some aborigines of the island. Their gigantic size, however, would seem to preclude this idea. When or by whom they were dubbed "Lot and His Daughters" no authority has ventured to say.

CONJURING BIRDS.

Trick Sparrows of Hongkong and One of Their Feats.

The famous Chinese conjuring birds are Java sparrows. At street corners in Hongkong sedate old Chinese may be seen putting the birds through their tricks for the benefit of strangers.

Each birdcage has a sliding door, and just outside this is a pack of little cardcases, each containing a picture and a small pot, holding half a dozen grains of rice.

When the stranger, pursuant to the suggestion of the owner, hands over the necessary coin this is placed with the pack of cards at the cage door. Then the owner will undo the fastening of the door. The bird, eyeing the coin, then the cards, then the coin again, as if he thought his performance too cheaply valued, descends from his perch, opens the door with his beak, hops outside, draws a card from the pack and passes it to his master. He receives in reward one grain of rice.

The man takes the little picture from the case received from the bird and hands it to the stranger to inspect. He then returns it to the case, accompanied by the tiniest flat slip of bamboo, and stuffs the case up with the rest of the pack. The bird descends and selects a case, and the stranger opens it, to find the identical one containing the bamboo.

How can this be accounted for? The only possible way of explaining is that the bamboo slip is slightly scented.—Exchange.

Rough on the Piano.

Once in the company of President Diaz I spent a few nights in the Mexican earthquake zone as the guest of the governor of the state. As a measure of precaution the plaster ceilings of our sleeping rooms had been replaced with strips of matched boarding. "If a trembler should come in the night, senor," remarked my host as he was bidding me good night, "wait for nothing, but make straight for the patio. I think these boards will hold until you get from under cover." And that evening, when I took the governor's wife out to dinner, she had remarked sadly: "We are so benighted here in the hot lands. It is impossible even to have music, for no sooner do I have my grand piano tuned than an earthquake comes along and tips it over."—E. Alexander Powell, F. R. G. S., in Everybody's.

Origin of the Opera.

The opera, like nearly everything else interesting in the world of mind, had its origin in ancient Athens. The earliest librettos were by Sophocles and Aeschylus, such as the "Abameimon" and "Antigone," a band of flutes and lyres constituting the orchestra, the dialogues being musically declaimed and the choruses sung to the best music of the time. Thus do we have the germ of all later developments in the line of opera.—Exchange.

Enforcing the Rule.

The passenger with the huge square package persisted in riding on the rear platform of the car.

"What have you got there?" demanded the conductor.

"It's a painting of Mount Vesuvius—if you think you have to know," said the passenger.

"Well, you'll have to take it to the front platform," said the conductor. "No smoking is allowed back here."—

By the Wayside

SKETCHES AND NOTES

OF
MOUNTAIN, PLAIN
AND BATTLEFIELD

BY W. B. PAGE

(Continued from last week.)

Snickers Gap, Va.

Referring again to the savage, uncivilized methods universally applied by the Federals during the late civil war, it is not possible to erect a monument high enough, big enough, and black enough to represent the vandalism of such men as Sherman, Sheridan, Custer and the like. The writer recalls it as but of yesterday how the cook of his father's family dragged him from bed at daylight with the exclamation, "Get up, boy, the whole country is blue." Her description of the situation as she saw it, and as the writer saw it a few minutes later, was not one whit exaggerated. The man leading this raid was Custer, who, after the war went up against the Sioux at the Little Big Horn fight. This man was on a raid to cut the Virginia Central Railroad at Charlottesville and to destroy by fire every public building that would burn. Nothing was too sacred from historic or other point of view to escape the torch in his hands. Nor did anything of value—such as family plate, church silver, or other articles which had acquired a value from the sanctity of use or had become consecrated as a family heirloom, fail to appeal to the rapacious cupidity of Custer or his looting followers. After the cavalry fight at Trevellan's station between him and Hampton, Custer's entire wagon train was captured, and in the headquarters' wagon was found family plate and even the communion silver of churches, which this unspeakable vandal was lugging off to serve him presumably in later years in his campaigns against the Sioux. To the eternal shame and dishonor of Custer and all his looters and plunderers of private homes, it will stand and it should stand that only barbarians resort to such methods of warfare! And to the eternal honor of the South and the Southern soldier it stands as a crowning glory—a perpetual monument forevermore of his exalted, humane character, that he not only did not apply or resort to such savage methods of waging war, but he was incapable by nature, by education, and by training of appealing to such methods. And the official records of the late war so far as they may affect the conduct of Southern soldiers on Northern territory will be searched in vain for parallels to the rapine, spoliation and burning which were to be found in the track of invaders like Sherman, Sheridan and the like. If in the eternal verities there be such an essence as The Inexorable Law, which apportions to every one measure for measure and like for like—what an Inferno of woe, of desolation, of hunger, of speechless misery, the damning wails of widows, the weeping and sobbing of mothers over the destruction of the last dust of food for hungry children—all these and a thousand other fiendish horrors which only the diabolical ingenuity of such impossible monsters as Hunter, Sheridan, Sherman and that organized mob of looters, the Fifteenth Corps, to which Sherman refers with singular pride "as never failing to do their work well," could conceive—such an Inferno must have awaited all these authors of all these horrors.

And there was a peculiarly singular and exquisite touch to the atrocious methods which some of these Federal Generals used who

were natives of the South. We will take Hunter as a type. He was a native of Virginia, and to the everlasting honor of his relatives be it said that after the war was over he made overtures to his relations in Virginia for reconciliation. They spurned him and his overtures in language and manner which will stand as a model of disdain and contempt for something unclean and devilish. This man left nothing in his path of destruction from the Potomac up the valley to the Natural Bridge. And General Crook who was with him on this raid said "he believed Hunter would have burnt the Natural Bridge if such a thing had been possible." Every building of the Virginia Military Institute—a school which for years had been regarded by all the world as barely second in rank to that of West Point—was burnt to the ground by orders of this renegade Virginian. On the parade ground were cannons of English, Spanish-French and Morocco designs of dates of 1678 and 1693, and this Virginian Marplot did his best to take them off. Here also looming up on the Campus was one of two statues by the French sculptor, Houdon, of George Washington, and and this abortive type of Virginia manhood, this shining exemplar of Virginia degeneracy, alias David Hunter, actually stole it—carried it off to Washington. Congress later had it returned.

Of all Virginians, who, when the trumpet blast to rally was sounded from mountain peak to tidal plain, drew their swords against the Mother State, there were none who achieved such distinction as this same David Hunter. He eclipsed all, and he did it in such a way as not to invite rivalry. "Fighting" Bob Evans turned his back on his native state, as did old General Winfield Scott, but to their credit it may be said that they used the sword alone unaided by the torch.

It is not generally known that the cadets at the Virginia Military Institute distinguished themselves in one of the campaigns in the Virginia Valley. And just at this point in our sketches we will briefly speak of the part they took in the Battle of New Market. There were about 250 of these boys in attendance on this school and they were from every state in the South. It was the school from which Jackson had gone into the service of his country, and that fact had given to the institute a standing and rank which attracted young men from states beyond the border-line. Many of these young men were not over 14 years of age and none over 20. But they possessed in their make-up the *materiel*, the *timbre* of a soldier, and at the Battle of New Market they showed the "stuff" that was in them.

The Federal army was under Shields, and Jno. C. Breckenridge commanded the Confederate forces. Breckenridge was face to face with a serious situation; he had 5,000 men, while Shield's force nearly doubled his. Breckenridge, recognizing the great disparity in forces, and the immense advantages against him, called on the Superintendent of the Military Institute at Lexington for help. It has been doubted if he really expected any response to his call, but promptly came the reply that the Superintendent would join him with the entire corps of cadets. The time had come, was then, for these boys to show what military training can do. Every boy responded and fell in line. As they march off for the field of action some distance down the valley, they pass Confederate camps of veterans who look on in wonderment at this array of youngsters, and thought of Grant's remark: "the Confederate Government is robbing the cradle and the grave to keep its lines full."

These veterans of hard-fought fields knew what fighting was, and were shocked at the sight of these boys going to real war. And these "old vets" had to have their fun and they were always loaded for it. As this corps of nattily-dressed young men go by in a perfect line of formation, they shout at them: "Say! Don't you all want a sugar rag?" And again: "Why, you better go home to your mummies." The cadets bore all this sarcasm as silent as pieces of marble. They reach the field of battle and go into position in perfect alignment, commanding the applause of even the Federal lines. When the Federals under Shields saw these Virginia Military Institute boys form at the foot of a green slope fronting a Federal battery at the top, they are almost speechless in admiration of their appearance, and these questions are heard: "Who or what are they? Regulars?" It was not a great while till these same fellows thought they were regulars in reality. In a little while this line, 250 strong, natty and smart of dress, begins to move. And it moves up that same green slope, at the summit of which is a Federal battery of six pieces. It moves, too, with the precision and regularity of clockwork, showing that their training at the Virginia Military Institute, Jackson's old school, had not been all holiday work. Up this green slope this line of "sugar-rag" boys continues to move—a little faster, and still a little faster. Here and there, and now and then, one, two or three drop out, fall. The line closes up and moves on up the slope. More drop out. But the gaps close and the alignment is still perfect and on they go. On and on they go, common time, double time, and then the charge with bayonets glistening in a perfect line. Then comes that same old "blood curdling rebel yell" from every one of those "sugar-rag" boys, and then those bayonets are at the breasts of those veterans in blue around the guns. And the battery has been captured, and those "Confederate veterans" who shouted "sugar rag" at these youngsters gaze on in amazement and wonder, and yell like fiends in approval. That was not all. They had split Shield's center, and held it as well as the battery, and saved the day for Breckenridge. The Virginia Military Institute Superintendent, Commandant Shipp, had led these boys in this charge, and fell severely wounded. And when he fell, some of the boys took command and led the column to triumph. In this charge more than fifty of these youngsters fell, eight killed and fifty odd wounded. It was their first baptism of fire and nobly they won their title to knighthood.

Captain Town of the Federals said: "I do not believe the history of any war has record of anything more chivalrous, more heroic, more honorable than the charge of those boys to victory, which would have been an honor to seasoned veterans." General Shields who commanded the Federal forces in this fight declared that a school that could turn out such soldiers was the school for him, and after the war sent his boy to the Virginia Military Institute. Captain Town of the same force also sent his to the same school.

In the churchyard at Lexington is a monument to these boys, and this monument furnished Mrs. Margaret Preston with the inspiration for that beautiful poem, "Somebody's Darling."

The following poem was written by one of the cadets in the New Market fight.

THE CROSS OF HONOR.

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Of a sorrow left unspoken
By the lips of love unbroken
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For the sake of those who gave them
For the sake of those who died.

Lee, the matchless, would have worn it,
Stonewall Jackson would have borne it,
Death's strong hand could scarce have
torn it

From the princely Stuart's breast.

Hold it veteran, as an omen,
Sacred as the tear of woman
Shed for chevalier or yeoman;
Nobler than the noblest Roman
Shed for comrade laid to rest.

Southern veterans, wear these crosses,
Emblems of our Southland's losses,
Losses death alone can drown;
When the last reveille's sounded,
When sin's hosts their arms have
grounded,
He in whom our faith is founded,
For each cross will exchange a crown.

(To be continued next week.)

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A BILL
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An Act to Create a More Efficient
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Be It Enacted by the Legislature of
the State of Texas:

Section 1. That the office of
Superintendent of Public Roads and
Bridges be, and the same is hereby
created in the County of Houston,
State of Texas. And the Commission-
ers Court of said county shall at their
first regular term of court after this
law shall have taken effect appoint a
superintendent of public roads and
bridges. Said superintendent shall be
a person who shall have had experi-
ence in the construction and building
of public roads and bridges, and shall
be a person of good moral character,
and who shall at the time of his ap-
pointment be over twenty one years
of age, and who shall be a resident of
the State of Texas. He shall then hold
the appointment until the following
February term of the Commissioners'
Court, unless otherwise removed for
causes hereafter stated.

Said Superintendent shall be ap-
pointed for one year, at a salary not
to exceed \$1200.00 per annum, said
salary payable monthly out of the
Road and Bridge Fund upon warrant
issued by the County Clerk and ap-
proved by the Commissioners' Court.
Said Superintendent shall take the
oath of office as other county officers,
and shall make a bond payable to
the County Judge and his successors
in office in the sum of \$5,000.00, with
at least two good and sufficient sur-
ties, unless said bond is made by a
surety company, conditioned that such
Superintendent will faithfully and ef-
ficiently discharge all the duties as
defined by this act and by the general
road laws of the State of Texas. And
in the event there is any recovery had
upon said bond for any violation there-
of, or any money collected upon said
bond, the same shall be paid to the
County Treasurer of Houston County,
and by him credited to the Road and
Bridge Fund of said county.

Sec. 2. The Superintendent shall
have charge of all roads (public) and
bridges, and shall supervise them. He
shall also have control of all the over-
seers and all teams, tools and other
property belonging to the public roads
and bridges, and shall advise the Com-
missioners' Court in appointing over-
seers and appointing hands, and in
opening up new roads or discontinu-
ing old ones. He shall account for
all money and property belonging to
the public road and bridge fund that
may come into his possession.

Sec. 3. When it becomes necessary
said Superintendent may, with the
consent of the Commissioners' Court,
appoint one or more competent assist-
ants, who shall be paid \$1.50 per day
for their services, which sum shall
be paid out of the Road and Bridge
Fund. The Superintendent shall be
responsible for the acts of his assist-
ants.

Sec. 4. The said Superintendent of
public roads and bridges shall have
full power and authority, and it shall
be his duty to adopt such system for
working, laying out, draining and re-
pairing the public roads of said county
as he thinks best for the public
good.

Sec. 5. The Superintendent shall
have power, with the consent of the
Commissioners' Court, to purchase
such teams, tools and camping outfits
as may be necessary for the working
of the roads.

Sec. 6. The said Superintendent may
with the advice and consent of the
Commissioners' Court of said county,
when there are road and bridge funds
in the treasury, to hire hands, to be
paid not more than 15 cents per hour
for actual work and hire teams,
with wagon and driver, at not to ex-
ceed 25 cents per hour actual work,
without board, and to take the coun-
ty teams and tools and work such
roads as may be needed for the bene-
fit of the public without regard to
the special benefit of any section of
the county.

Sec. 7. In case the Superintendent
lets out the building of any bridge
or the improvement of any roads by
contract, he shall let it out by sealed
bids, and to the lowest responsible
bidder—reserving the right to reject
any and all bids—who shall make a
bond in double the amount of his bid,
which bond shall be made payable to
the County Judge with two or more
good and sufficient securities, to be
approved by the Commissioners' Court,
conditional for the faithful perform-
ance of his contract. Provided, how-
ever, that no contract for the build-
ing of any bridge or other improve-
ments upon the county roads in ex-
cess of \$50.00 shall be made by said
Superintendent unless said contract
is first approved by the Commission-
ers' Court. Said bond if forfeited shall
be payable to the road and bridge fund
and said Superintendent shall receive
and accept, for the Commissioners'
Court, all public work of any kind let
by contract.

Sec. 8. It shall be the duty of the
Superintendent to have the hands,
where there are as many as ten on
one section of the road, build all
bridges not over thirty feet long; but
the county must pay for all the lumber
and nails or other necessary material
required to build all bridges that are
built by road hands, and when two
sections of a road meet at a creek
or any place where a bridge has to
be built, and there are as many as
15 hands on both sections of road and
bridge to be built is not over fifty feet
long, then it shall be the duty of all
the hands of each section to meet
and build the bridge. If the Super-
intendent cannot look after the build-
ing of the bridge, he shall designate

an overseer to superintend such build-
ing, who shall have the same author-
ity over hands as a regular overseer
has; and any hand failing to obey
such overseer shall be deemed guilty
of misdemeanor and on conviction
thereof shall be fined in any sum not
less than one dollar and more than
five dollars; such fine when collected
to go to the credit of the road and
bridge fund.

If any bridge shall be over fifty
feet long, the Superintendent shall
let the contract to build same to the
lowest responsible bidder, reserving
the right to reject any and all bids;
provided, all such contracts so made
shall be first approved by the Com-
missioners' Court.

Sec. 9. All contract work done on
the public roads and bridges of Hous-
ton County shall be paid for by the
County Treasurer out of the road and
bridge fund, on the voucher of the
County Superintendent of public
roads and bridges only, which voucher
shall be audited and approved first by
the County Superintendent, and then
passed on and approved by the Com-
missioners' Court.

Sec. 10. It shall be the duty of the
Superintendent to inspect the roads
and bridges once every six months,
make a written report to the Commis-
sioners' Court at the February and Au-
gust terms of the court, and to the
Grand Jury at each regular term of
the District Court of Houston County.
Said report showing the service ren-
dered by each overseer, and the judge
of the court of the Third Judicial Dis-
trict shall, at each term of his court
in Houston County, give this act spe-
cially in charge of the Grand Jury of
said county. If any road overseer,
or if the Superintendent of roads and
bridges has failed to comply with any
of the requirements of the road law, or
if the Superintendent fails to make a
true and correct report as hereinbefore
required, he shall be deemed guilty of
a misdemeanor and upon conviction
thereof shall be fined not less than
\$20.00 nor more than \$200.00, said fine
to go to the Road and Bridge Fund.

Sec. 11. The Superintendent of
Roads and Bridges shall have power
to order overseers, call out hands and
work the roads at any time he thinks
necessary. The overseer shall have
full power and control over all hands,
teams and tools assigned to him, and
all hands shall work as directed by
him, and the overseer shall summon
or have summoned to work all hands
assigned to him, and each hand shall
take an axe, shovel, pick, spade, or any
other tool that he may have as direct-
ed by the overseer. Each hand shall
be summoned at least 12 hours before
he begins work. The overseer may
give a hand not more than one day of
time to summon the hands to work.

Sec. 12. The overseer and all hands
assigned to him shall work the road
at least five days from the first day
of January to the thirtieth day of
June; and five days from the first day
of July to the thirty-first day of De-
cember; eight hours actual labor shall
constitute a day's work.

Sec. 13. The Commissioners' Court
shall as soon as the enactments of
this law as is practicable, and as soon
after the selection and qualification of
the County Superintendent, re-classify
all of the roads of Houston County into
the following classes; that is to say,
roads of the first, second and third
class. All first class roads shall be
at least 45 feet and not more than
60 feet wide in the clear. All second
class roads shall be thirty-five feet
wide in the clear, and all third class
roads shall be 25 feet wide in the
clear.

Sec. 14. Each hand shall do a rea-
sonable good day's work of eight
hours, and if a hand fails to work
when summoned or refuses to obey the
orders of the overseer, he may be ex-
empted from working by paying \$1.00
for each day he is summoned to work.
If he refuses to pay \$1.00 for each day
he is summoned to work or obey or-
ders, then he shall be deemed guilty
of a misdemeanor and the overseer
shall report the hand to any court of
competent jurisdiction, and upon con-
viction he shall be fined in any sum
not less than \$1.00 nor more than
\$5.00 for each day he refuses to work
or obey orders, said fine to be paid into
the road and bridge fund.

Sec. 15. If any hand subject to road
duty pays to the Superintendent or
County Treasurer \$4.50 by the first day
of February, he shall be exempted
from road service for the entire road
year, and shall be given a receipt
showing for what time he is exempt.
If the exemption money be paid to
the Superintendent, he shall report
said money in the name of the party
to the Treasurer. The Treasurer
shall keep a book showing who are
exempt and for how long. All exemp-
tion money shall be paid into the Road
and Bridge Fund.

Sec. 16. The Commissioners' Court
shall furnish to the road overseer
blanks on which to make reports to
the Superintendent as to the number
of hands on his road, and the number
of days each hand has worked, and
as to the condition of the road as to
the amount of money he has received
from any hand or from any other
source and what disposition has been
made of the money; and also report
as to all teams, tools and everything
else he may have at his disposal, and
also as to how long he has used them,
and what disposition he has made of
them. He shall swear to all reports
he makes. The Superintendent is
hereby authorized and empowered to
administer the oath for this purpose
for which he is to receive no fee. All
reports of overseers must be made
semi-annually, by January 1st and July
1st, and said report must be turned
over to the Superintendent with all
the money in overseer's possession be-
longing to the road and bridge fund.

Sec. 17. The Superintendent shall
compare all reports of overseers and
must go before the Grand Jury with
a full and complete report, which he
may swear to as being full and com-
plete, and if said road and bridges are
not in good condition, his report must
show wherein they are not, naming
the overseers responsible for same.
Said report must show the names of
all hands who have failed to do their
duty as road hands, and whether or
not said hands had been indicted and
tried. Failure on the part of the
County Superintendent to make said
report as above shall constitute a
misdemeanor, and upon conviction
thereof the County Superintendent of
roads and bridges shall be fined in any
sum not less than \$50.00 nor more
than \$200.00. If the Grand Jury be-
lieves from the report of the Superin-
tendent any overseer has failed to do
his duty, he shall indict him, and if
found guilty he shall be fined not less
than \$25.00 nor more than \$100.00, and
any hand failing to do his duty on
the road shall be deemed guilty of
a misdemeanor and on conviction be
fined not less than \$1.00 nor more
than \$5.00.

Sec. 18. It shall be the duty of the
Commissioners' Court to furnish all
necessary blanks to the Superintend-
ent for making his reports as provid-
ed.

Sec. 19. If any overseer fails to
accept commission as overseer without
lawful excuse, he shall be deemed
guilty of a misdemeanor and on con-
viction shall be fined not less than
\$10.00 nor more than \$25.00.

Sec. 20. Any person who serves
one year shall be exempted from ser-
vices from the next year's overseer.

Sec. 21. Every male person of
sound mind and not an invalid or
disabled who is twenty-one years of
age and under forty-five years of age,
and who is not exempted from road
service by the general laws of Texas,
shall be subject to road service,
except ministers of the gospel actual-
ly discharging their ministerial du-
ties.

Sec. 22. All teams, tools and ma-
chinery used by the Superintendent
shall be the property of the county
and shall belong to the county.

Sec. 23. The funds arising from
any county road tax or from the sale
of any road bonds of the county is-
sued and provided for under the pro-
visions of Chapter 7, General Laws,
First Called Session of the 31st Leg-
islature of Texas, 1909, shall be pro-
rated between the commissioners' pre-
cincts of Houston County according
to the taxable values of the several
commissioners' precincts as shown by
the last preceding assessment. All
funds arising from the sources above
mentioned shall go to the credit of
the road and bridge fund of each com-
missioners' precinct, and shall be paid
out by the County Treasurer on the
voucher only of the County Superin-
tendent after all claims against such
funds have been sworn to by the par-
ties presenting same and properly
audited by the County Superintendent,
and approved by the Commissioners'
Court.

Sec. 24. If under the provisions of
the General Road Laws of Texas the
Commissioners' Court of Houston
County shall create a road district for
the purpose of issuing bonds and lev-
ying a tax to pay the interest and cre-
ate a sinking fund for liquidating
such bonds, the proceeds from the
sale of such bonds to be used for con-
structing public roads within the lim-
its of said district, as provided in
Chapter 7 of the General Laws of Tex-
as, of the First Called Session of the
31st Legislature, said act approved
April 8th, 1909. The proceeds from
the sale of the road and bridge fund
of the aforesaid road district created
by the Commissioners' Court, and
shall be paid out by the County Treas-
urer in the manner provided for in
section 9 of this act.

Sec. 25. All funds derived from any
road tax or from the sale of any road
bonds of county or road precincts, or
from other sources, shall go to the
credit of road and bridge fund, and
shall be prorated in the manner pro-
vided for in Sec. 23 of this act, and
paid out by the County Treasurer in
the manner provided for in Sec. 9 of
this act.

Sec. 26. It shall be the duty of the
County Superintendent to protect all
thirty shade trees along the public
roads, and to erect and keep in order
a substantial sign post at all crossings
of first and second class roads; said
posts showing the direction and dis-
tance of the next most important
place on such roads. And the Super-
intendent shall erect on all first class
and second class roads mile posts and
boards showing the distance of the
county seat.

Sec. 27. The County Superintend-
ent may call to his assistance in sur-
veying any first class road and any
material for construction or improv-
ing same, the service of a civil en-
gineer, one thoroughly competent and
equipped to do such work, and said
engineer shall be paid for his services
by the Commissioners' Court of the
county out of the road and bridge fund
in the precinct in which such an en-
gineering work was done.

Sec. 27a. And after the creation of
such road districts and the issuance
of said bonds, the Commissioners'
Court shall, upon the petition of thirty
(30) of the property tax paying voters
in such district, appoint a competent
experienced road superintendent for
such districts, who shall have the same
powers and duties and be governed by
the same provisions as herein pro-
vided for the County Superintendent.
Said superintendent shall have charge
of the construction of all roads and
bridges in such district. Shall with

the advice and consent of the Com-
missioners' Court make contracts for
the construction and maintenance of
all roads in such districts.

Sec. 28. The Commissioners' Court,
of Houston County shall have power
to condemn and pay for any gravel bed
pit or rock quarry or other material
useful and necessary in the construc-
tion and improvement of public high-
ways, and the Superintendent shall
not use such material until the same
has been bought or a sum in compen-
sation has been agreed upon for same
between the owner and himself, or
between the owner and the Commis-
sioners' Court.

Sec. 29. As far as practicable all
roads in Houston County, especially
first class roads, shall be thoroughly
graded and drained, and all bridges
and culverts shall be of durable ma-
terial of such as heart pine timber,
cement or steel and cement.

Sec. 30. This act shall be taken
notice of by all courts in the same
manner as are the General Laws of the
State on the subject of roads and
bridges.

Sec. 31. This law shall be held and
construed to be cumulative of all gen-
eral and special laws of this State, ap-
plicable to Houston County, except
in cases of conflict or unconstitution-
ality, or when the act prescribes a
different method, manner, power or
right, and in such case this act shall
govern as to Houston County, Texas.

Sec. 32. It shall be the duty of the
Commissioners' Court whenever peti-
tioned to do so by as many as 200
voters in said county, all of whom
shall be resident owners of real es-
tate in said county, to order an elec-
tion to be held by the qualified real
estate owners of said county, to deter-
mine whether or not the office of Su-
perintendent of road and bridges in
said county shall be discontinued and
abolished; provided, however, that no
person shall vote at said election un-
less he is otherwise qualified to vote
in the general election of said county,
and is also the owner of real estate
in said county assessed for taxation,
and the taxes thereon paid up to Janu-
ary 1st next preceding date of the
election. When the Commissioners'
Court upon the petition provided for
herein shall order the election as here-
in provided for, it shall be the duty
of the said court to order such elec-
tion to be held at the regular voting
place or places of said county upon
the day not less than 20 nor more than
40 days from date of said order, and
the order thus made shall express the
object of such election, and shall be
held to be prima facie evidence that
all the provisions necessary to give it
the validity or to clothe the court with
jurisdiction to make it have been fully
complied with.

Sec. 33. And if the result of said
election is favorable to the system of
County Superintendent of roads and
bridges, such result shall be so declar-
ed by the Commissioners' Court. And
there shall be no other election on that
question until the expiration of two
years from the date of the last one,
when another may be ordered as in
the manner provided for in section 32
of this act.

Sec. 34. The clerk of the County
Court of said county shall post or
cause to be posted at least five copies
of said order at different places with-
in the county for at least 12 days
prior to the day of election, which
election shall be held and the returns
thereof made in conformity with the
provisions of the general laws of the
State, and by the officers of election
appointed and qualified under such
laws for such service by the clerk of
the court. He shall pay out of the
general fund of the county the sum
of \$25.00.

Sec. 35. At said election, those who
favor the abolishing and discontinuing
of the office of County Road Superin-
tendent shall have printed or written
on their ballots or tickets the words
"For the abolishment of the office of
Superintendent of Roads and Bridges,"
and those who oppose it shall have
printed or written on their ballots or
tickets the words, "Against the abol-
ishment of the office of Superintendent
of Roads and Bridges."

Sec. 36. The officers holding said
election shall in all respects as here-
in specified conform to the existing
laws regulating elections, and after
the polls are closed, shall proceed to
count the votes and within ten days
thereafter make due report of said
election to the aforesaid court.

Sec. 37. Said court shall hold a spe-
cial session on the eleventh day after
the holding of said election, or as
soon thereafter as practicable, for the
purpose of opening the polls and
counting the votes, and if a majority
of the votes are "For the abolishment
of the office of County Road Superin-
tendent," said court shall immediately
make an order declaring the result of
said vote and discontinuing and abol-
ishing the said office.

Sec. 38. If a majority at said elec-
tion shall vote "Against the abolish-
ment of the office of Superintendent
of Roads and Bridges," the court shall
make an order declaring the result
and have the same entered of record.

Sec. 39. There being no adequate
road law for Houston County, an im-
perative public necessity exists that
the constitutional rule requiring bills
to be read on three several days be
suspended, and that this act take ef-
fect from and after the passage, and
it is so amended.

(Copy of Dr. J. B. Smith's Houston
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cured me." Will McLean.

EAST TEXAS LANDS AND OPPORTUNITIES

MANY POSSIBILITIES OF SECTION NOT BEING DEVELOPED TO FULL ADVANTAGE.

GOOD HIGHWAYS ARE NEEDED

Lack of Improved Roads a Serious Setback in Bringing More Farmers to Vacant Lands.

F. A. Briggs in Galveston News.

Are East Texas lands too cheap to sell readily? It is human nature to have more confidence in an article priced at \$2 than in an article, possibly superior in every respect, that can be bought for \$1. Show a farmer, of \$100 to \$150 per acre land, an East Texas farm at \$15 to \$20 per acre, and tell him that by ordinary attention he can pay for it with one crop and make a good living for himself and family at the same time, and he begins to look for a bug under the chip. Tell him that good farmers are averaging \$200 per acre net by growing tomatoes on that same kind of land; that proper plowing, cultivation and seed selection permits the growth of forty to fifty bushels of corn per acre; that it is good cotton land; that he can grow large crops of oats; that truck, melons and all kinds of small fruits thrive and, unless you can show him, you have told him too much. He classifies you as a "land shark," else why do you want to dispose of such land at so low a price?

East Texas is the "show me" section of the state. Everybody is "from Missouri" on his first trip into this part of Texas. Not that appearances are deceiving, because it is a beautiful country and the heavy growth of vegetation found everywhere should be convincing evidence of the fact that the soil is productive, but stories told relative to net profits obtained from lands that are offered on the market at \$15 per acre. Such lands in California and in other fruits belts of the country are in demand at from \$300 to \$800 per acre, and market advantages are far inferior to those obtained in East Texas. Even many of the old citizens of East Texas have to be shown. Those who have grown cotton and corn on the same lands for thirty years are not inclined to take much stock in "book farming and government farming." You can show them with literature on seed selection, fertilization and culture methods, but they won't read it. You have got to "show them" and many have been shown during the past five years and are making more money per acre today than they made from twenty acres under old methods. As a matter of fact, it takes a stranger to discover new virtue in the soils; to demonstrate the value of new crops; to use new methods for the production of a greater yield of old East Texas staples than has been the practice. And this statement is not a reflection on the intelligence of old-time citizens and natives. It is natural to get into a rut, and when once in, one must have assistance in getting out.

NO COLONIZATION SCHEMES.

East Texas is an old part of the state in date of settlement. While there are many thousands of acres of unoccupied lands, and while most farmers try to cultivate too large an acreage, there are no large bodies of land to attract the land agent and the new town

builder. Therefore these men who follow the new railroads and sometimes precede them and develop new sections of the state are not found in East Texas. They send train load after train load of homeseekers through to West Texas and other points, build new towns, break up huge ranches into farms and perform a work of great value to Texas. A new country is their legitimate field. At the same time the advantages offered by East Texas to the homeseeker are many. It offers the homeseeker with small capital and the man with capital some of the greatest inducements found on the American continent to-day. Nowhere can a poor man find a better opportunity to secure a home of his own and enough land to support himself and family besides lay up a snug sum for old age.

CONCENTRATION OF EFFORT.

Thus far there has been but little concentration of effort to place before the homeseekers from other states the multiplicity of advantages of East Texas. Commercial clubs have had some success in advertising the cities and counties in their jurisdiction. Real estate men have brought individuals into their neighborhood and sold farms, but no combined effort has been made to stop some of the tide of immigration before it reaches other and more distant sections of the state; no concentrated effort has been made to secure train loads of homeseekers for East Texas. Undiscovered gold in the hills is worthless to man. East Texas may possess the soils, the climatic conditions and other advantages, but unless they are made known to the people in search for homes in just such a country, the lands will remain unproductive and the merchants will go without the additional trade which comes with every new settler. East Texas must find some means of bringing its light from under the measure; something which will take the place of land agent and town promoter.

BAD ROADS BLOCK SALES.

If the counties in East Texas, individually or collectively, would construct a system of good roads, permanent, paved highways, the question of advertising the manifold opportunities would take care of itself. Bad road conditions have lost many a real estate agent a good sale. Less than two weeks ago a real estate agent at Jacksonville, Cherokee county, drove a man from Ohio five miles into the country to inspect a farm. The Ohio man was pleased with the lay of the land; satisfied with the soil and delighted with the price until he inquired again:

"How far from town did you say this farm was?"

"Five miles," said the agent.

"Well, I thought it was fifteen miles. A farm five miles from town on such a road as we traveled is not desirable. I want a farm located so that when I raise a crop I can market it."

The deal was called off. This real estate agent told me that he had lost, to his direct knowledge, eight sales since January 1 because of bad roads. He does not know how many more, but believes that he could have placed in Cherokee county as many as twenty new farmers thus far this year had the roads been even reasonably good.

A short distance out of an East Texas city a half mile of splendid road has been constructed for the purpose of promoting some real estate. Having made a request to see some of the country, a gentleman owning a fine car invited the writer out. After traveling over some rather bad road at a very low speed for some distance, this half mile of new road was

reached. The machine flew down this at great speed, slowed up and turned for the return trip. Suggesting that if there was time it might be profitable to go out into the country a little farther, the writer was informed that he did not care to trust his machine on the roads beyond.

Some Smith county literature sent out by the Commercial Club at Tyler fell into the hands of a Northern farmer. He came to Texas, went to Tyler and looked for a farm. He was taken over a fairly good road in a roundabout way to a farm for sale, and was pleased. The next day he decided he would like to take another look, and was taken by another driver by a more direct route, but over a very bad road. He returned to town, discontinued negotiations, and departed for the coast country. That farm has never been sold.

One Conductor Helped Back to Work.

Mr. Wilford Adams is his name, and he writes: "I was confined to my bed with chronic rheumatism and used two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy with good effect. The third bottle put me on my feet, and I resumed work as conductor on the Lexington, Ky., Street Railway. It will do all you claim in cases of rheumatism." It clears the blood of uric acid. Will McLean.

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Back to Nature

A hen is not supposed to have much common sense or tact, yet every time she lays an egg she cackles forth the fact.

A rooster hasn't got a lot of intellect to show, but none the less most roosters have enough good sense to crow.

The mule, the most despised of beasts, has a persistent way of letting people know he's around by his insistent bray.

The busy little bees they buzz, bulls bellow and cows moo, and watch-dogs bark, and ganders quack and doves and pigeons coo.

The peacock spreads his tail and squawks; pigs squeal and robins sing, and even serpents know enough to hiss before they sting.

But Man, the greatest masterpiece that nature could devise, will often stop and hesitate before he'll ADVERTISE.

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Proper grooming, feeding and driving is all a horse needs to make him the noblest animal on earth; therefore, be generous in the use of the comb and brush, especially the brush. In using a currycomb, see that the teeth are not bent. Such a comb is an instrument of torture. Teach the boys to use it gently, as many horses are given ugly tempers by cruel and careless currying. To hurt a horse will cause him to hate the operation and the operator.—Buffalo Horse World.

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For a real classy shirt, try John Millar.

Sol Bromberg of Galveston was here this week.

A car of rock salt in transit. See Billy Lewis.

See our window display of shirts. John Millar.

N. E. Allbright has speckled and clay seed peas for sale.

Earl Wheeler and Gary Mahoney of Ratcliff were here this week.

Bring your chickens, eggs and hides to the Crockett Market Co.

How about your Easter suit, shirt and ties? See John Millar.

Try Smith Hardware Co. when in need of anything in the hardware line.

A little bit the swellest line of shirts at John Millar's to be seen anywhere.

George McCullar of the Lovelady country paid the Courier a pleasant visit Friday.

Thos. Self has returned from a business trip to Seymour. Mrs. Self is visiting in Dekalb.

Just received a fine stock of new straw hats, both for work and dress, at Daniel & Burton's.

J. H. Haddox and G. E. Kelley are among the number remembering the Courier since last issue.

The quality of our shoes is remembered long after the price is forgotten. Daniel & Burton.

C. E. King of Pennington, a district court jurymen last week, remembered the Courier while here.

You can buy at Smith Hardware Co. the celebrated Universal Coffee Percolator in aluminum and granite finish in all sizes.

G. B. Kent of Daly, J. M. Pelham of Grapeland and Ed Smith of Weches were callers at the Courier office Wednesday.

Don't order a buggy. Give me same money and take one from me. Jno. R. Foster, 4t The Buggy Man.

Just received, a fine stock of light weight underwear. "Something classy" for men. Drop in and see them. Daniel & Burton.

See Billy Lewis for rock salt.

Ring 1-5-1 for quick grocery service. We have what you want. J. D. Woodson.

Mrs. Berta Wootters is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. R. Denman, in Houston. Dr. and Mrs. Denman have recently moved to Houston from Lufkin.

Mrs. C. A. Clinton left Saturday night on her return trip to Chicago, where she will spend the summer in her new home overlooking Lake Michigan.

Go look at those fine buggies, carriages, etc. Three car loads to select from. I can please you. Harness also. Jno. R. Foster, 4t The Buggy Man.

No matter how rushed the Courier is, it handles all business as though that was the only business it expected to get. No patron is ever slighted by the Courier.

Lawn mowers, ice cream freezers, refrigerators, oil stoves, and also the best line of cook stoves to be had. Smith Hardware Co.

"Just Arrived," a fine lot of men's pants, something that is full of quality and style, and we can save you money on them. Daniel & Burton.

Of course you are fond of keg pickles, but you didn't know where to find them. Listen and we will tell you, but you had better go before they are all gone. N. E. Allbright sells them.

W. A. Norris of this city is putting up four brick buildings under contract at Lovelady. Prosperity is rampant all over Houston county. The Courier is glad to see its neighbors prosperous.

If you want something nice and neat in a snappy up-to-date low cut shoe, and at a price 50c to \$1.50 lower than you can get them in Houston, (quality always considered), see Daniel & Burton.

J. C. Stockton of Route 5 called at the Courier office Saturday. Mr. Stockton owns one of the best improved farms in Houston county. Besides farming and ginning, he raises fine cattle and hogs, and is prosperous.

Dr. Starling or Dr. Watson of Crockett will be in Ratcliff April 16 to 25 and Kennard City from 25 to 30, 1911, to do dental work. These dates will be kept promptly and those wanting dental services will please call early as possible.

Groceries? Ring 1-5-1.

See Billy Lewis for rock salt.

Silk lace striped hose 50 cents, John Millar's.

A car of rock salt in transit. See Billy Lewis.

Gus Goolsby is suffering from a serious attack of pneumonia.

Our new line of the newest thing in shirts. John Millar.

A fresh line of groceries and produce at N. E. Allbright's.

A complete, up to date abstract. Aldrich & Crook.

W. N. Sheridan of Augusta was a visitor at the Courier office Friday.

They will make your mouth water—those keg pickles at N. E. Allbright's.

W. E. Meriweather of Kennard was a pleasant caller at the Courier office Monday.

John Estes sold a car of cows this week to a buyer from Lancaster, Dallas county.

The Courier gives you the county news and not a lot of "hot air" about what it is going to do.

See Smith Hardware Co. for screen doors, windows and screen wire. Their stock is complete.

The quality and style are put into all our shoes long before we put on our price. Daniel & Burton.

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

Will Carson was in Crockett Wednesday to receive a bunch of cattle for his Trinity river pasture.

The Courier office has a sample line of school invitations, programs and diplomas. Those interested are invited to call and see them.

Miss Ethel Phillips returned Sunday night from a visit to her brother, Washington Phillips, at Mineral Wells.

Smith Hardware Co. have just unloaded a solid car of doors and windows. Get their prices before buying and save money.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collins and son of Marlin and Douglass Collins of Dallas were here to attend the funeral of their mother, Mrs. Hattie B. Collins.

Three cars of buggies, hacks and carriages to select from and at prices to suit. Also harness. Jno. R. Foster, 4t The Buggy Man.

Wanted.
Ten teams to haul lumber. Pay every two weeks. Apply at Daniel & Brinson's Saw Mill, 3 miles south of Crockett. 4t

For Sale
A fine Poland China sow and seven pigs for sale. Or will exchange for a good milch cow. 2t. W. E. Cannon.

If you are going to use fertilizer at all, it will pay you to buy the best. The Meridian brands are best by any test, and will bring results to all who use them. For sale by Daniel & Burton.

H. J. Arledge had some steers driven from his ranch to Crockett this week for feeding. He has between 1100 and 1200 head of cattle running in his Trinity river pasture of 7000 or 8000 acres.

For Sale.
A 6000-gallon galvanized iron tank, made of heavy material. Has never had anything but rain water in it. Call and see me. J. D. Friend.

Don't ask if we have it—just trust us with your entire grocery order. You'll be pleased when it reaches you a few minutes later. Phone 1-5-1. J. D. Woodson.

Money to Loan.

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

Warfield Bros.

Office North Side Public Square.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Mrs. J. L. Stephens and little son of St. Louis, who have been visiting Mrs. Stephens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Lee, left Friday night for their home in St. Louis. Mr. Lee, who has been dangerously ill, is improving.

We are unloading car after car of the old reliable Meridian fertilizer each week, which in itself shows that the people have confidence in the kind we are selling. Better get in line and buy the best. Daniel & Burton.

Bruce McDougald, a son of J. H. McDougald of Creek, died on Thursday of last week of pneumonia. He carried some insurance in the Woodmen of the World order, which will go to his wife. He was a good citizen and his death is deeply felt by all.

Daniel & Burton still do the cultivator business. The reason is easily understood. They sell the kind that is simple and easy to operate and will do the best work on black or sandy land, and with the harrow attachment lead everything. "The famous John Deere."

The Courier has not bought all the type in the foundry, but it has enough on hand to supply the wants of its patrons, and the foundry has advised it that its credit is good if any more is needed. So no patron need pass the Courier up for fear that it is short on material.

Notice.
Dr. W. R. Rucker, Veterinary Surgeon of Palestine, has located in Crockett with office at Smith Bros' Stables, and is prepared to treat diseases of all domestic animals. Hog cholera, black leg, and all other infectious diseases promptly eradicated. Milk cows tested for tuberculosis.

Wholesale House to Open.
The wholesale grocery house of the Pearlstone-Edmiston Company is to open its doors in Crockett next week and will occupy the building now being vacated by Edmiston Bros. This house will be represented on the road by John T. Sweetman. Edmiston Bros. will move to their warehouse near the freight depot, where they have fitted up an office.

House-Keepers Attention.
Commencing March 20th, all "WHITE CREST" Flour will be packed with valuable coupons, which will be redeemed with cash premiums amounting to \$120.00. You can secure full information from your grocer, or from us. Use "WHITE CREST" Flour, the BEST ON EARTH, and save your coupons. Edmiston Bros.

For the past two or three weeks the Courier has been issuing an all-home print paper, which will be continued as long as business justifies it. If you like the all-home print, give it your support by using liberally the Courier's advertising columns, patronizing its job department and encouraging subscription renewals. The Courier expects to give its patrons their money's work, but cannot give them more than that. It will be just what its patrons make it and no more.

Watson's Colic-Medico cures colic in horses and mules. Guaranteed. Sold by Haring Drug Co.

Watson's Febrifuge cures distemper in horses and mules. Guaranteed. Sold by Haring Drug Co.

Population Announced.

The population of Crockett has been officially announced by the United States census bureau as 3947. This is an increase of 50 per cent over ten years ago when the figures were given at 2612. Crockett's population twenty years ago was 1445. The first figures represent the 1910 census, taken a year ago. Considering the growth since that time, the actual population of the city is now more than 4000. And it must be borne in mind that the city limits were reduced one half during the time between 1900 and 1910.

Stabbed by a Negro.

Hearing that his father had been seriously stabbed by a negro, Joe Leathers left last week for his father's Trinity river plantation in Leon county to make an investigation. Joe returned Sunday and reported that his father, Mr. J. F. Leathers, had been stabbed in the back by a negro tenant from another farm. The negro was a tenant on Mr. Leathers' farm up until the first of the year, when he was moved off the place by Mr. Leathers. Last week he came onto the place and was again ordered off by Mr. Leathers. An altercation followed in which the negro used his knife, producing a painful but not dangerous wound. The negro was arrested by Leon county authorities.

The Courier, being very modest, does not like to brag, but so many nice things have been said about it and to it by its friends lately that it feels it will be excused if it refers to some of them. One friend told us: "You are getting out a crackerjack paper—a paper worthy the patronage of all the people of Houston County." Another said: "You are printing the newest and best county paper I have ever seen, and you ought to have the moral and financial support of every citizen of the town and county." And another friend said: "I am glad to see the Courier prospering, for it has pushed along every worthy effort for the upbuilding of Houston county since its first issue twenty-two years ago. Its success is well deserved." The Courier heartily appreciates these and the other nice things that are being said about it and to it by its friends.

Grapeland News.

Grapeland, April 3, 1911.

We have had last night and today the heaviest rains of the season—the ground being thoroughly soaked it will retard cotton planting for a while, as the fields which have been well plowed are boggy. Married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Frank Luce to Miss Sallie Neil, Rev. Whitehouse officiating. Correspondent.

Your tongue is coated.
Your breath is foul.
Headaches come and go.
These symptoms show that your stomach is the trouble. To remove the cause is the first thing, and Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will do that. Easy to take and most effective. Sold by Murchison-Beasley Drug Co.

Watson's Liniment relieves aches and pains in man or beast. 25c and \$1.00. Guaranteed. Sold by Haring Drug Co.

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PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements for city office, election to be held April 11, 1911:
For City Marshal
C. W. LeGory

Are you a taxpayer, interested in the welfare of your country and yourself? Then read the Houston County road law and the article by the good roads committee in this issue of the Courier.

The Courier favors making the county fair a permanent institution. Let it be incorporated and let its stock be divided into shares and taken by its subscribers. Then let its dividends go into permanent improvements.

Two days is not enough time for a county fair. Four days would be better. Two days would not pay for building the grandstand, bandstand, exhibition hall, judges' stand, etc. Let's have four big days and make them a credit to Houston county.

The Courier has some good correspondents in different parts of the county and would like to have more of them. It would like to have a letter from every community in the county every week. Nothing helps more than a bright, new way communication—it helps your community and it helps the Courier.

Col. Nunn was right in his article last week. No one, whether merchant or other person, has any right to dump a lot of waste paper in or on the public streets, to be scattered by the winds before the street cleaner can get to them. Trash cans should be provided and used so that the street cleaner may get around quicker and oftener.

The 1910 census gives Houston county the largest population of any central east Texas county with the exception of Anderson. The census report gives Anderson county 29,650, Houston county 29,564, Cherokee county 29,038, Nacogdoches county 27,406, Rusk county 26,946, Angelina county 17,705, Leon 16,583, Walker 16,061, Trinity 12,768 and Madison 10,318. Now let's make Houston county lead the list in 1920. We can do it on one thing—good roads.

Nothing will serve better to stimulate the raising of better horseflesh in Houston county than a half-mile race course at the county fair grounds. Such a track would not cost much, and as an exhibition hall will have to be provided, the grandstand could be placed over the exhibition hall, both to be under one roof. Provision could be made in the grandstand for the band boys. What is a fair anyway without a band of music and some horses to go round? It is like a circus without the ring.

The editor of the Courier can rejoice in the fullest measure with the people of Houston county in their present prosperity for he

staid with them through the hard times of a few years ago. When it looked like all our people were going to Louisiana one year, to Oklahoma the next and to West Texas the next, the editor of the Courier did not lose heart, for he had confidence in the ultimate outcome of Houston county, but, like many of our stronghearted citizens, he staid with the old ship and offered words of encouragement weekly to the others who did not desert her.

In this week's Courier are two articles, one from Hon. J. W. Madden and the other from Mayor Edmiston, on the auditorium, library and city hall proposition. Mr. Madden has investigated the law and is of the opinion that the city can acquire the lot offered by the Crockett Shakespeare Club and put the desired building on it. He not only believes it can be done, but points out the way how it may be done—by the bond route, which would be submitted to a vote of the people. Mayor Edmiston favors the plan and also favors adding to the public school facilities at the same time and in the same manner. The Courier has heard the plan discussed and has heard no objection to it. It seems to be a good one.

THE HOUSTON COUNTY ROAD LAW.

In another place in this week's Courier will be found the Houston County road law. The bill was introduced by Dr. J. B. Smith, representative from Houston county, at the request of the Houston County good roads committee and as the result of a good roads mass meeting held at the court house, to which the public was invited and on which many representative citizens, farmers predominating, attended. Dr. Smith had introduced another bill, which he withdrew and for which he substituted the bill sent him by the committee. That will explain why this bill has been called Dr. Smith's road law.

We hope that every subscriber will read the law carefully and then give the Courier to his neighbor and ask him to read it. It is a good law and should be thoroughly understood before being criticised. And then it should be given a fair trial before being condemned. The main object of the bill is to create the office of county road superintendent and the bill provides for the payment of such officer out of the county road and bridge fund. The bill does not add a single burden on the tax payers of the county and it is believed by the authors and friends of the bill that it will lighten their burdens. The old law imposed the duty of looking after the county roads on the four commissioners who have other duties to perform. The new law places that responsibility on one officer who has no other duty to perform and who must devote his whole time and study to the task. The Courier cannot see why this should not result in improved conditions in regard to our public highways. It is known that much money has been spent on the public roads under the old law and that the roads show no improvement—in fact it is contended by many that the roads are getting worse every year. The Courier hears of certain localities where the roads are almost impassable. These things being true, would it not be a wise plan to have an experienced road supervisor to superintend the expenditure of the road and bridge fund and to superintend the actual work? Could not such a man, knowing something of engineering, drainage and road construction in general, save to the road

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and bridge fund his salary every year? Is it not reasonable to believe that this plan would result in better roads in Houston county at the same cost as heretofore? Is the law not at least entitled to a fair trial? If, after given a fair trial, it should prove a failure, there is a provision for its repeal by the tax payers at the ballot box. It is conceded by all that our public schools and our public roads go hand in hand in making for a higher civilization. We now have a county superintendent of public schools. Why not have a county superintendent of public roads? It is but another step in the march of progress.

PLAN FOR CITY BUILDING.

Auditorium, Library and City Hall—Additional School Facilities.

Editor Courier:
I read with interest the communication in last week's papers, signed "citizen," and heartily agree with the sentiment that the ladies of the Shakespeare Club are entitled to much commendation for their untiring and unselfish efforts toward raising the money to pay for their lot, and they are certainly deserving of even more in their generous offer to donate the lot to the city, provided a suitable building will be erected on it. Certainly we will all agree that a building should be erected, and a nice one, which will be a credit to our little city, and be used for a public auditorium, free library, Gymnasium for the boys, and a city hall. While we may all agree that this should be done, how shall it be accomplished? To raise the necessary amount by private subscription is not at all feasible, in fact well nigh impos-

sible. To finance it from city funds is impossible, as our several funds are totally inadequate even now, and we do not want to cease improvements along other lines. The only practicable method, as it occurs to me, is for the city council to order an election for a bond issue of a sufficient amount to finance this building, and, while we are doing it, vote sufficient bonds to construct a new school building, and renew the old one. We all know that the school facilities are deplorable now, and something must be done without delay. A sufficient amount can be raised to handle both projects, and with only a small increase in the tax rate. We now have, I believe, the lowest tax rate, and the smallest assessed valuation, of any city in Texas of the same size, and certainly no enterprising citizen would object to a small increase in taxes to provide for such

worthy objects, and the town would be benefitted in more ways than one far beyond the cost.
C. L. Edmiston,
Mayor.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY PILLS

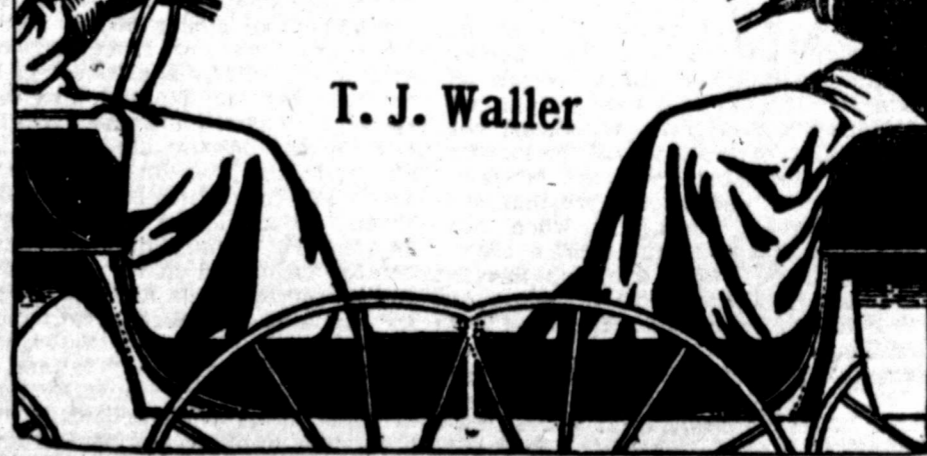
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Let's get together and talk it over.



T. J. Waller