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## GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS.

### Vote in Houston County for Governor, Representative and County Judge—Democrats Elected.

The general election vote in Houston county was light. The republicans and the socialists developed some strength in every voting box except one, Tyer's Store, which was the only box in the county giving a solid democratic vote. All democratic nominees were elected.

Following is the vote at each box in Houston county for the three leading candidates for governor, the two candidates for representative and the two candidates for county judge. The vote for these candidates is representative of the vote for all other candidates on the ticket:

Augusta—Governor, J. E. Ferguson, democrat, 61; John W. Philp, republican, none; E. R. Meitzen, socialist, 4.  
Representative, J. R. Hairston, democrat, 65; John W. Shaw, socialist, 3.

County judge, E. Winfree, democrat, 65; R. M. Hamlin, socialist, 3.

Antioch—Governor, Ferguson, democrat, 22; Philp, republican, none; Meitzen, socialist, 12.

Representative, Hairston, democrat, 22; Shaw, socialist, 12.

County judge, Winfree, democrat, 23; Hamlin, socialist, 13.

Ash—Governor, Ferguson 15, Philp 12, Meitzen none.

Representative, Hairston 15, Shaw none.

County judge, Winfree 16, Hamlin none.

North Crockett—Ferguson 204, Philp 8, Meitzen 22.

Hairston 210, Shaw 22.  
Winfree 212, Hamlin 22.

South Crockett—Ferguson 163, Philp 34, Meitzen 45.

Hairston 163, Shaw 45.  
Winfree 168, Hamlin 45.

Ratcliff—Ferguson 93, Meitzen 20.

Hairston 92, Shaw 20.  
Winfree 92, Shaw 20.

Creek—Ferguson 28, Philp 5, Meitzen 7.

Hairston 30, Shaw 7.  
Winfree 30, Hamlin 7.

Daly—Ferguson 25, Philp 21, Meitzen 5.

Hairston 25, Shaw 5.  
Winfree 25, Hamlin 5.

Daniel—Ferguson 13, Meitzen 5.  
Hairston 13, Shaw 5.

Winfree 14, Shaw 5.  
Dodson—Ferguson 6, Meitzen 24.

Hairston 6, Shaw 30.  
Winfree 6, Hamlin 28.

Freeman—Ferguson 15, Meitzen 8.

Hairston 17, Shaw 8.  
Winfree 17, Hamlin 8.

Grapeland—Ferguson 155, Philp 2, Meitzen 10.

Hairston 157, Shaw 10.  
Winfree 155, Hamlin 10.

Holly—Ferguson 17, Philp 3, Meitzen 2.

Hairston 19, Shaw 2.  
Winfree 19, Hamlin 2.

Kennard—Ferguson 72, Philp 2, Meitzen 27.

Hairston 72, Shaw 27.  
Winfree 72, Hamlin 27.

Lovelady—Ferguson 89, Philp 3, Meitzen 24.

Hairston 90, Shaw 23.  
Winfree 92, Hamlin 23.

Percilla—Ferguson 12, Meitzen 5.  
Hairston 20, Shaw 5.

Winfree 20, Hamlin 5.

Arbor—Ferguson 29, Philp 5.  
Hairston 31, Shaw 10.

Winfree 32, Hamlin 9.  
Porter Springs—Ferguson 42,

Philp 10, Meitzen 4.  
Hairston 42, Shaw 4.

Winfree 42, Hamlin 4.  
Shiloh—Ferguson 14, Meitzen 17.

Hairston 14, Shaw 17.  
Winfree 14, Hamlin 17.

Belott—Ferguson 17, Philp 2, Meitzen 12.

Hairston 17, Shaw 12.  
Winfree 20, Hamlin 12.

Tadmor—Ferguson 10, Meitzen 11.

Hairston 10, Shaw 11.  
Winfree 10, Hamlin 11.

Weches—Ferguson 30, Meitzen 3.  
Hairston 30, Shaw 3.

Winfree 30, Hamlin 3.  
Volga—Ferguson 29, Philp 2,

Meitzen 8.  
Hairston 29, Shaw 8.

Winfree 29, Hamlin 8.  
Weldon—Ferguson 55, Philp 2,

Meitzen 7.  
Hairston 55, Shaw 7.

Winfree 55, Hamlin 7.  
Tyer's Store—Ferguson 13, others none.

Hairston 13, others none.  
Winfree 13, others none.

Houston county—Ferguson 1229, Philp 111, Meitzen 282.

Hairston 1257, Shaw 296.  
Winfree 1272, Hamlin 294.

### D. T. Adair is Dead.

The death of D. T. Adair occurred at his home, one mile east of the city limits, Friday afternoon from an overdose of strychnine, self administered during a temporary period of insanity.

Mr. Adair was in Crockett Friday morning and those with whom he transacted business say that he seemed to be terribly depressed in spirit over general financial affairs. He left for his home at about half past eleven, and in the early afternoon hurried telephone calls for the doctors were received. Dr. Stokes was first to respond, and later Dr. Wootters and others went out. Medical aid reached Mr. Adair too late, however, for he was dead, or practically so, when it reached him.

On his way from the house to the barn after dinner, Mr. Adair stopped to get a drink of water and it is believed that he took the poison then. He was found in a dying condition at the barn by one of his sons soon afterward. In one of his pockets was found a letter, stating what disposition he desired to be made of his property and advising in regard to other affairs.

Mr. Adair was one of the most substantial farmers of the county and his affairs were not in bad shape. But he had worried to such an extent over the low price of cotton and the general conditions prevailing that it is believed his reason was undermined. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and leaves wife, two grown sons and smaller children.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at his late residence and interment followed in the Hill cemetery east of town.

Mr. Adair was a useful citizen and his passing is deplored.

### Foley Cathartic Tablets.

Are wholesome, thoroughly cleansing, and have a stimulating effect on the stomach, liver and bowels. Regulate you with no gaping and no unpleasant after effects. Stout people find they give immense relief and comfort. Anti-Bilious.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet.

## THE ELECTION IN TEXAS.

### All Democrats Elected Except One—Amendments Suffer—Republicans and Progressives Show Falling Off.

State officers elected:  
Governor—James E. Ferguson.  
Lieutenant Governor—William P. Hobby.

State Treasurer—J. M. Edwards.  
Attorney General—B. F. Looney.  
Commissioner of Agriculture—Fred W. Davis.

Associate Justice Court of Criminal Appeals—W. L. Davidson.

Railroad Commissioner—Earle B. Mayfield.

Associate Justice Supreme Court—William E. Hawkins.

Superintendent of Instruction—W. F. Doughty.

Land Commissioner—J. T. Robinson.

Controller—Henry B. Terrell.

Congressmen at Large—Jeff McLemore and J. H. Davis.

Texas voters overwhelmingly defeated the proposed constitutional amendment to increase the pay of legislators and to lengthen the regular sessions; decisively defeated the amendment providing for seawall districts, and defeated by a slender majority the so-called initiative and referendum amendment.

As usual all democratic candidates for state offices, congress and the legislature, were elected, the sole exception being William Bierschwale of Fredericksburg, a republican, who is returned to the legislature as an independent.

Mr. Ferguson's majority for governor, it seems, will be slightly in excess of 200,000. The total vote apparently is about 250,000, or 50,000 short of that of 1912, but somewhat in excess of that of 1910. The democratic ticket has received a somewhat larger proportion of votes than in 1912; the socialist party about the same proportion, and the republican and progressive parties have scored losses. In fact, it seems that these two last named parties combined have not polled as many votes in Texas as either of them polled in 1912. The progressive party, according to the present returns, has less than half as many votes as it received in 1912, and the republican party about half as many.

The returns received give the following totals:

#### FOR GOVERNOR.

Ferguson, democrat, 63,014.

Etheridge, progressive, 757.

Philp, republican, 3,256.

Meitzen, socialist, 6,045.

Choate, socialist-labor, 200.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

For initiative and referendum, 21,849; against 22,648.

For increased legislator's pay, 16,829; against, 26,648.

For seawalls, 19,577; against 22,443.

#### Cotton Reduction.

Cameron, Texas, Nov. 4.—W. T. Watts of Waco, who owns some four or five thousand acres of land about five miles north of Cameron, has announced that he will not plant any cotton on this land another year. He proposes to plant it to corn and other feed crops and this fall stock his farm with cattle and fatten for the market. This is one of the finest black land farms in Milam county and heretofore Mr.

Watt has been working this farm on the halves with Mexican labor, planting almost the entire farm to cotton. Many other large planters in the county will doubtless follow the example set by Mr. Watt and it is thought Milam county will be among the leading counties in the state in cotton reduction. Many of the farmers are now plowing their land preparatory to planting oats. All classes of farmers seem to be very much interested in reducing the cotton acreage.

#### Special Services Next Sunday.

The close of the conference year in the Methodist church circles of our town will be reached with the services of next Sunday. Mr. Hotchkiss, who has been pastor here for the last two years, expects to leave the following day for Bay City where the conference convenes that week. Special services are being planned for the services of both hours next Sunday. In the morning, the pastor announces, he will speak on "The Christian's Possessions," bringing a message of inspiration for the time of special stress that now prevails. In connection with the service he will give to the congregation a summary of the report of the year's work that he will render to the conference. There will be special musical features. At night the choir will render a splendid program of music and the service be largely one of sacred music. The pastor desires us to say that a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend both services of the day.

#### American Spenders.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2.—Americans spend \$20 for alcoholic liquors for every dollar that buys tea and coffee. Our tobacco costs five times as much as our new churches. Every time we give a dollar to the heathen we hand out a dollar and ten cents for chewing gum. Candy takes from our pockets two and one-half times as much as our medicines. We Americans spend an average of eight dollars a year for jewelry, it is also figured.

## SENATE MAJORITY INCREASED.

### Thomas J. Pence Analyzes Tuesday's Election as an Indorsement of the Administration.

Washington, November 6.—The following statement was issued by Thomas J. Pence, secretary to the national democratic committee:

"The republican press talks of a victory achieved at the polls. They lost three United States senators, while the democracy elected all of its democratic senators, and increased its majority in the senate from ten to sixteen. In the light of the political history of the nation, the republicans should have carried the house, but they did not. Indeed, the democratic party smashed every political precedent established since the foundation of the government, and elected a democratic house by the largest majority ever given a political party following a revision of the tariff laws. Only once before has a political party been given a majority in the lower branch of congress following a revision of the tariff laws. This occurred in 1898, when, following the enactment of the Dingley tariff law, the republican majority of forty-seven was cut to thirteen. The enactment of the McKinley, the Payne-Aldrich and all other tariff laws has sent the dominant parties to defeat.

"In analyzing the result of Tuesday last the fact should not be overlooked that the republican party in 1898 profited by a war with a foreign country, otherwise it could hardly have survived the ensuing congressional election. With commerce of the nation temporarily throttled as a result of a worldwide condition, and forced to enact a war tax on the eve of the congressional elections, the administration went before the people and achieved a victory never before approached by a dominant political party following a revision of the tariff. The result of Tuesday is nothing short of marvelous in the light of the facts. The republicans have achieved a victory invisible. They do not control any branch of the federal government."



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## PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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## DEATH OF ADMIRAL CRADOCK.

### Rear Admiral's Flagship Good Hope Floundered Following Battle in Chilean Waters.

London, Nov. 6.—It was the British cruiser Good Hope, Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock's flagship, which floundered after being set on fire by shells from German warships in the naval battle that took place off the Chilean coast last Sunday. The British cruiser Monmouth, which the Germans said they had sunk, was badly damaged, and it is possible that she is the warship which was reported today to be ashore on the coast of Chile. So far as known none of the Good Hope's crew survived.

This was the news given out to the public by the admiralty this evening as the people were beginning to think the German accounts of the result of the battle in the Pacific had been exaggerated.

Rear Admiral Cradock lived up to his reputation of being one of the followers of that naval school which believes that the enemy should be engaged, no matter what his superiority. According to the admiralty, it was he who brought about the action, for the German squadron at first was disinclined to give battle.

Rear Admiral Sir Christopher Cradock, who commanded the British squadron from the battleship Good Hope and who probably went down with that ship, was in charge of the British fleet in Mexican waters at the time the American marines occupied Vera Cruz. He was 52 years old.

The news of the probable death of Sir Christopher Cradock was received in Galveston with more than ordinary concern. The distinguished British officer made many friends here during his brief stay, when, as commander of the cruiser Essex, he brought to this port Sir Lionel Carden, en route to London from Mexico City via Galveston, Washington and New York. At that time, accompanied by Major I. L. McGlasson, state quarantine officer of the port of Galveston, Sir Christopher toured the state of Texas, visiting Dallas, Austin, San Antonio, Houston and other prominent cities, making a personal call upon Governor Colquitt, and meeting many prominent members of Texas official and commercial life.

Sir Christopher had a distinguished record. During the Soudan campaign in 1891 he served in the British army and also saw service in China in 1900. His gallantry at Taku earned him promotion to a captaincy. He became a rear admiral in 1910.—Galveston News.

## Cotton Reduction.

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## Petition for Discharge.

United States of America, Eastern District of Texas, ss. In the United States District Court in and for said District. In the matter of C. L. Steed, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy No. 1773. Petition for Discharge.

To the Honorable Gordon Russell, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas:

C. L. Steed of Kennard in the County of Houston and State of Texas, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 1st day of October, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Act of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property, and rights of property and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said Bankrupt acts, except such debts as are excepted by our law from such discharge.

Dated this 4th day of November, A. D. 1914. C. L. Steed, Bankrupt.

## ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

Eastern District of Texas, ss:

On this 5th day of November, A. D. 1914, on reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered by the court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1914, at the office of Hon. Hampson Gary, Referee in Bankruptcy, at Tyler, Texas, in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed in said district, and all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the petitioner should not be granted. And it is further ordered by the court that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Hon. Gordon Russell, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Tyler, Texas, in the said district on the 5th day of November, A. D. 1914.

(Seal of the Court) Attest: J. R. Blades, Clerk. By H. C. Blades, Deputy. 1t.

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## Despondency Due to Indigestion.

It is not at all surprising that persons who have indigestion become discouraged and despondent. Here are a few words of hope and cheer for them by Mrs. Blanche Bowers, Indiana, Pa. "For years my digestion was so poor that I could only eat the lightest foods. I tried everything that I heard of to get relief, but not until about a year ago when I saw Chamberlain's Tablets advertised and got a bottle of them, did I find the right treatment. I soon began to improve, and since taking a few bottles of them my digestion is fine." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

## Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Cherokee County, on the 14th day of October, 1914, by J. J. Bolton, clerk of said court, for the sum of fifteen hundred forty-nine and 5/100 dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Mrs. M. J. Copeland in a certain cause in said court, No. 6521 and styled M. J. Copeland vs. J. D. Freeman and Miss Reppe Freeman, placed in my hands for service, I, A. W. Phillips, as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 27th day of October, 1914, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All that certain tracts or parcels of land situated in Houston County, Texas, about eight miles west of Lovelady and being portions of the Omy Weir League and more particularly described as follows:

First Tract, beginning on N. E. B. of D. M. Pendergast 1607 acres and at S. Cor. of Blk. No. 1 of subdivision of east half of said league, P. O. 6 inches N. 20 W. 5 vrs. Thence N. 45 E. 1392 vrs. with line of Blks. 1 & 2 to S. E. cor. of Blk. No. 2 and S. W. cor. of L. D. Knox, 194 acre tract Hky. 12 inches N. 72 W. 2 vrs. Thence S. 25 E. 772 vrs. with line of said Reeves tract corner on same P. O. 12 inches N. 13 E. 1 vr. do 8 inches N. 18 E. 1 vr. Thence S. 45 W. 600 vrs. to S. E. cor. of Rollo 100 acre tract P. O. 16 inches N. 30 W. 8 vrs. Thence N. 45 W. 1200 vrs. to N. W. corner of same on E. B. of said 1607 acres P. O. 4 inches S. 10 W. 3 vrs. Thence N. 45 W. 624 vrs. to place of beginning, containing three hundred twenty-seven (327) acres of land.

Second Tract: Beginning at N. E. corner of F. Perez League also corner of Omy Weir League P. O. 16 inches S. 20 W. 1 vr. do 10 inches N. 60 E. 8 vrs. Thence S. 45 W. with league line 570 vrs. to S. E. cor. of B. L. West 100 acre tract P. O. 16 inches S. 50 W. 8 vrs. Thence N. 45 E. 600 vrs. to N. E. corner of said 100 acres and S. E. corner of G. W. Reeves 180 acre tract. Thence N. 25 W. 409 vrs. to S. W. cor. of T. D. Reeves 122 acre tract P. O. 4 in S. 60 W. 2 vrs. Thence N. 60 E. 1460 vrs. with S. B. line of said Reeves tract to his corner on E. B. of said league. Thence S. 45 E. with said league line 1083 vrs. to N. E. corner of S. Price 100 acre tract. Thence S. 45 W. 990 vrs. to N. W. cor. of said Price tract rock for corner P. O. 16 inches N. 50 E. vrs. Thence N. 45 W. with league line 430 vrs. to the place of beginning, containing three hundred and one (301) acres of land, as it existed on the 31st day of August, 1914, and that said property be sold as under execution in satisfaction of said judgment, and levied upon as the property of J. D. Freeman and Miss Reppe Freeman and that on the first Tuesday in December, 1914, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of Houston County, in the city of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. D. Freeman and Miss Reppe Freeman.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County. Witness my hand, this 27 day of October, 1914. A. W. Phillips, 4t. Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

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## Remarkable Cure of Croup.

"Last winter when my little boy had croup I got him a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I honestly believe it saved his life," writes Mrs. J. B. Cook, Indiana, Pa. "It cut the phlegm and relieved his coughing spells. I am most grateful for what this remedy has done for him." For sale by all dealers. Adv.



## STRONG ARMED RADBOURNE.

He Never Got Tired and Never Pitched a Poor Game of Ball.

It is said of Charlie Radbourne, the famous old time Providence pitcher, that he never pitched a poor game in his life; that he had the speed of a Rusie, the craftiness of a Clarkson, the intelligence of a Mathewson and the tantalizing ways of a Cuppy.

One day in 1884, the year the Providence club won the National league pennant, Frank Bancroft brought that famous team to Cleveland for the windup series of the season.

There were exactly eleven men on the payroll—Radbourne and Sweeney, pitchers; Gilligan and Nava, catchers; Joe Start, first base; John Farrell, second base; Jerry Denny, third base; Arthur Irwin, shortstop; Cliff Carroll, left field; Paul Hines, center field; Paul Radford, right field.

The Providence team was out for the pennant at that time, and Radbourne was pitching every day. After the third game and the third successive victory for "Old Rad" a number of the fans went down to the old Weddell House to see the great pitcher. They found him playing billiards.

"Should think you'd be in bed, Rad, old boy!" suggested one of the visitors. "Aren't you awfully tired?"

"Tired?" repeated the big pitcher with a sneer. "Tired from tossing around a five ounce ball for two hours out of the twenty-four? Why, man alive, I used to be a butcher! I got up then at 4 o'clock in the morning and knocked down 1,400 pound steers until 8 at night. That was work—sixteen hours of it every day. This morning I got up at 10 o'clock, but had nothing to do until 2. Then I put on my uniform and rode out to the ball park and handled the ball for two hours! Tired? Bah! That tired talk gives me a pain. A ball player does less work for the money he gets than anybody else in the world. I like to pitch every day. It's all foolishness, this thing of resting up four or five days after pitching a game. Some of the pitchers have conned the club owners into thinking that such long rests are necessary, but I don't feel right unless I'm in there every day."

One day in a game at Cleveland Radbourne went back almost to the shortstop's position to recover a wild throw from his catcher. Glasscock was at bat. As "Rad" picked up the ball Glasscock yelled, "Well, let's have it."

"All right!" was the reply. And from a distance of at least ninety feet "Old Hoss" shot the ball squarely across the plate. Radbourne died while in his prime.—Cottrell's Magazine.

### Well Posted.

Mrs. Newly Riche had been invited to an exclusive private musicale at the home of one of the socially elect. It was her first appearance in the coveted circle, and she was anxious to justify her presence among aristocratic music lovers by seeming well informed in matters musical. So she ventured a remark when all had become still, after the polite applause for the beautiful singing of the baritone star of the occasion. Leaning toward him eagerly and making herself as conspicuous as possible, she said: "Oh, Signor Deeptone, I am so interested in the English composers. Won't you please sing something by Sir John L. Sullivan?"—Argonaut.

### Welcome Punishment.

A little boy went to church with his mother. The service was somewhat long and utterly incomprehensible to the child; consequently he fidgeted. His mother reproved him several times. At last she leaned toward him. "Bobby," she whispered, "if you act badly I'll never bring you to church again."

A gleam of hope dawned in Bobby's weary eyes. "Mamma," he said eagerly, "how bad will I have to be?"

### How a Fish Swims.

All fishes have air bladders in their bodies which enable them to rise and fall in the water at will. Near the bottom the weight of the water compresses these bladders, and as a consequence the body of the fish shrinks until its bulk is of equal weight with the water it displaces. It is because fish can regulate the dilations and contraction of the air bladder that it can control at pleasure its depth in the water.

## A STONE THAT FLOATS.

Some of the Properties of the Curious Substance Asbestos.

A queer product of nature is asbestos. It is a sort of mineral vegetable substance, both fibrous and crystalline, elastic and brittle. It may be called a stone that floats. It is carded, spun and woven, just as are flax and silk.

Asbestos is mined in various parts of the world. The asbestos of one country varies as greatly in appearance from that of another country as does the foliage of the trees and plants native to each. There is, however, one quality that all asbestos, no matter whence derived, possesses, and that is its indestructibility. No known combination of acids, it is said, affects the strength or indeed even the appearance of its fiber. The fiercest flames leave it unscathed.

Some varieties of asbestos are as compact in texture as marble, taking the highest polish, while others show extremely loose, silky fibers. "Mountain wood" is a variety presenting an irregular, filament structure like wood, and other forms of asbestos are rock cork, mountain leather, fossil paper and fossil flax.

Asbestos is really a species of amphibole or hornblende, composed of separable filaments with silky luster. Its color varies greatly, passing through many shades of white, gray, green, brown, red and even black.

In some cities firemen are provided with asbestos clothing, which practically defies the flames, the men being enabled to pass through a blaze unscathed if no longer is required than the time they can hold their breath. Asbestos roofing will eliminate all danger of fire from falling sparks. Millions of feet of steam pipes, boilers, etc., are covered with this material, so that all heat may be retained, while asbestos also forms frost proof protection for gas and water pipes.

One of the thousand special uses to which asbestos is applied is that of covering walls. Instead of plaster a single sheet of asbestos is placed upon the raw bricks. The wall may be covered with this material as soon as built, and a room the walls of which were completed in the morning shows that night an interior as smoothly finished as glass and as hard as stone. Then, too, this glossy surface, while perfectly firm, will not crack.—Chicago Herald.

### Demanded Consideration.

A prominent clergyman tells with great delight of a brother minister who was called to a certain church. A committee visited the minister and asked that he accept the call.

"I have been considering the matter," replied the reverend gentleman, "but my wife fears she may not like the church."

"But your wife doesn't preach," protested the committee.

"True enough," replied the clergyman thoughtfully, "but she frequently lectures."

### Disadvantages of Poverty.

"We're goin' to move again in a month or two," said the little girl on the back porch. "We move into a new house every year."

"We don't," said the little girl in the adjoining yard. "My papa owns this house."

"And you don't never move into any other one?"

"No."

"My, my! It must be awful to be as poor as that!"—Chicago Tribune.

### Disappeared.

"Now," said the great magician, rolling up his sleeves to show that he had no concealed mechanism to deceive the eye, "I shall attempt my never failing experiment."

Taking from his pocket a golden sovereign, he said:

"I shall cause this coin to disappear utterly."

So saying, he lent the sovereign to a friend.—London Graphic.

### Self Betrayal.

In a reform speech a judge said: "Our opponents, too, talk about reform now. They have become very virtuous indeed. But they can't help giving themselves away, like the old auntie, unconsciously."

"My old man," said the old auntie, "is so fond of chicken that if he couldn't get it no other way he'd—he'd buy it!"—Exchange.

## SUPPRESSED THE STORY.

It Was Good Enough to Win a Prize, Yet Was Never Published.

A number of years ago a series of prizes for the best detective story was offered by a certain well known western newspaper, and the late F. R. Burton, in collaboration with a fellow craftsman, entered the competition. Their story, the theme of which involved an ingenious method of robbing a safe in spite of the protection afforded by a time lock, was one of the five which won prizes, and the authors' portraits were duly published in the issue of the paper which announced the result of the competition. The prize money, constituting a considerable sum, was promptly paid over, but to the authors' surprise, although the other four winning stories were published, that of the time lock failed to appear.

After a few weeks a representative of the paper called upon Mr. Burton, explaining that the editor was anxious to know what authority he had for his story and whether it would really be possible to rob a bank after the fashion that he had set forth. With the help of a pencil and a few diagrams Mr. Burton easily proved the accuracy of the method to the apparent satisfaction of his interviewer and thereafter looked forward to a prompt appearance of the story. But a few days later the secret of the delay was revealed.

A special envoy of the paper waited upon him, full of consternation and apology, and prepared to make any amends within reason, but was emphatic in announcing that it was absolutely impossible to publish the story because, after expert investigation, they had become convinced that if it should appear in print it would destroy the protective power of every time lock safe in the country, and the representative of the newspaper did not take his leave until he had obtained what Mr. Burton under the circumstances easily granted—a signed agreement releasing the paper from its obligation to publish the story and solemnly pledging himself not to attempt to publish it elsewhere.

Accordingly the curiosity piqued by this bit of inside history is likely never to be gratified.—Bookman.

### A Chinese Joke.

There was a man in Changan who was very fond of giving dinners, but the food given was atrocious. One day a guest threw himself on his knees in front of this gentleman and said, "Am I not a friend of yours?"

"You are, indeed," replied his host.

"Then I must ask of you a favor," said the guest, "and you must grant it before I rise from my knees."

"Well, what is it?" inquired his host in astonishment.

"Never to invite me to dinner any more!" cried the guest, at which the whole party burst into a loud roar of laughter.—North China Herald.

### Terrifying, Indeed.

An authority upon chemistry was lecturing before a well known woman's club and illustrating his remarks with experiments. All went well until he paused a moment and then said, "I'm very sorry, but I must ask any of the ladies who use face powder containing bismuth to leave the room during this experiment, as the gases I am about to set free have a peculiar affinity for bismuth and turn it purple."

Whereupon the entire audience save three courageous sisters rose and fled from the room.

### A Big Mistake.

"What's the matter?" we asked of the new husband.

"I'm in bad. My wife says her faith in me is hopelessly shattered."

"What terrible thing have you done?"

"It didn't seem so terrible at the start. I broke a dish and tried to blame it on my wife's cat."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Exactly.

"Uncle George, we are studying synonyms in school, and I want to know the difference between 'cute' and 'sneaky.'"

"According to your mother, it is the difference between what you do and what Mrs. Jones' little boy does."—Puck.

## STOICS OF THE ORIENT.

Neither Victory Nor Defeat Will Excite the Turkish Soldier.

The Turko-Italian war had been going on for seven weeks when Mr. G. F. Abbott joined the main Turkish and Arab forces in the desert round Tripoli town, with the object of collecting material for a book on the campaign. In "The Holy War In Tripoli" he tells many interesting things, but he declares the Turks to be without sense of humor. Their extreme gravity, however, is not the result of insensibility. It is almost pathetic to see them pet the little lambs whose mothers they slaughter.

"Fury" is a word that I have often heard used in connection with the Turkish soldier, and furious they are when they must be in fight. But the word that best describes their nature is "kindness." They are not only kind to people of their own kin and ever ready to help one another, but also kind to the alien who has no claim upon them. I have received many proofs of this trait in their character. One Turk will offer to draw water for me, another to boil it over his fire, a third to boil my kettle while I am washing. It is all done without any servility of manner and without any mercenary motive, for I always find it hard and sometimes impossible to make them accept any pay for their services.

There is no reckless dash about the Turkish soldier, but a calm, slow, inflexible determination, a sort of rock obstinacy, equal to any test of privation, of fatigue, even of defeat. He knows no despondency because he knows no elation. He is in perpetual training for the endurance of hunger and thirst and painful marches across waterless and shelterless wastes.

The Arabs display a fortitude that would have made a Spartan or Roman feel small. They submit to the surgeon's knife without anaesthetics and look on while their limbs are cut off as unconcernedly as if they belonged to some one else. They can exist without food for a time incredible to a European. The Arab holds fast to the wise maxim that a few things suffice.

### The Human Lungs.

At birth respiration is at the rate of 44 a minute; at five years, 26; at fifteen to twenty years, 20; at twenty to twenty-five years, 18.7; at twenty-five to thirty years, 16; at thirty to fifty years, 18.1.

A man of ordinary size inhales at rest 33.6 cubic inches of air; walking one mile an hour, 52; two miles, 60; three miles, 75; four miles, 91.

The total amount of air passing through the lungs in twenty-four hours is from 686,000 to 1,568,390 cubic inches, according to activity.

The vital capacity of a man five feet to five feet one inch is 174 cubic inches of air; five feet one inch to five feet two inches, 182 cubic inches, and so on.

### Preventive Measures.

A French prefect once wrote to a mayor requesting him to take precautions against the cholera, which had broken out in his department. The mayor was rather puzzled at these instructions, which appeared vague to him, but after deep thought he answered that he and his electors were prepared for the plague.

On inquiring into the measures taken by the worthy mayor in order to ascertain their efficiency it appeared that he had caused as many graves to be dug as there were inhabitants.

### The Oratory of Gallerus.

The oldest Christian structure in Ireland is a remarkable building, evidently very ancient, but wonderfully well preserved, at Dingle, in County Kerry. It is popularly known as the "Oratory of Gallerus." Who Gallerus was history does not say, but as the oratory has stood practically uninjured for more than 1,000 years, he was probably one of the converts of St. Patrick.—London Saturday Review.

### Rhinoceros Blood.

The blood of the rhinoceros is very highly esteemed by Burmese and Chinese as a medicine for all kinds of ailments. Whenever a party of hunters are successful in shooting a rhinoceros the native beaters carefully draw off the blood and bring it to Rangoon stored in hollow bamboo.

## FINLAND SUMMERS.

Effect of the Famous "White Nights" Upon Vegetation.

The famous "white nights" of the north are a most surprising phenomenon to the visitor from southern climes. It is a weird experience, declares A. M. Scott in "Through Finland," to sit for the first time upon a veranda at midnight and read a newspaper or to walk home from a restaurant at 1 o'clock in the morning and to see people still gossiping at the street corners or strolling along the promenades under a bright, clear sky.

A spirit of rest and peace is over all the earth. The sky is bright, not with the fiery brilliancy of noon, but with a tender, gentle radiance. The colors of the landscape have become softened, but not blended. There are no shadows save for a week or two in June, when the bright northern sky at midnight projects faint, ghostlike shadows toward the south. The sun just dips below the horizon and no more. There is no division between the sunset and the dawn. The same rosy flush serves for both.

Summer in Finland is, in fact, one long day. Never a star is to be seen, and when the first faint star glimmers in the south it is a sign that the summer is past and that the autumn frosts have arrived.

The long light has a marvelous effect upon vegetation, forcing its growth at hothouse pace. The "white nights" account both for the suddenness of the burgeoning and for the intensity of the heat. Land and water have no time to cool. One cannot fail to be struck with the enormous size of the foliage upon the oak and hawthorn trees as compared to that to which we are accustomed. Botanists have explained this as being due to the larger supply of light. It has sometimes been suggested that we may hasten the harvest by the use of artificial lights. Nature herself does this for the Finnish farmer.

### Long and Merry.

A short life and a merry one! The most fallacious quip ever uttered. Why need a life be short to be merry? Rather make it a long and a merry one. There is more sweetness in a dollar's worth of sugar than in the lump or two that goes in the coffee at dinner. A long life and a merry one, namely, usefully, wholesomely merry. That is the life. The other counterfeit maxim came when youth and folly first tasted the quick dregs that come to those who try the short and merry. A short life and a merry one! Bah! There's no such thing unless it be by accident—the chance cutting off of a life that was to have been a long life and a merry one.—Kansas City Star.

### All About It.

"There's one thing about the south pole," asserted the returned explorer emphatically.

The crowd leaned eagerly forward to learn the result of his investigations.

"Yes," repeated the returned explorer, lighting his cigar with great deliberation.

"Er—what did we understand?" it was the man who the inquisitive nose who spoke—"you to say it is, professor?"

The returned explorer threw away his match.

"It is the ice," he explained kindly.

### The Flying Idea.

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

### Tantalizing.

"What are your grounds for seeking a divorce?" asked the lawyer.

"Incompatibility of temper," replied the woman.

"Do you quarrel?" persisted the lawyer.

"Oh, dear, no," replied the woman. "That's just the trouble. He always agrees with me on every subject, and the monotony of life with him has become absolutely unbearable."



## JAPANESE WOMEN WORKERS.

They Help Coal the Ocean Liners That Call at Nagasaki.

There is at least one place in the world where a woman may earn as much as a man for the same labor and where the two sexes work side by side. This is at Nagasaki, Japan. When a liner comes into port the passengers who have been viewing the beautiful harbor observe a fleet of barges laden with coal which are lying in wait near the anchorage. On most of them are twenty to thirty men and women, the latter predominating.

These wear short skirts with cloth stockings, and their heads are covered with thin cotton cloth bearing a peculiar Japanese design in blue print. Some of them have babies with them, and as the ship draws near they hastily bind them on the backs of little girls and boys and make ready for work.

In a trice, it seems, at each of the coal ports a pyramidal series of platforms are rigged up, the lowest level being just above the deck of the barge. Then on each platform two women or a man and a woman take their position, while a lot of men hurry down to the bunkers of the ship to receive the coal after it has been passed in and stow it away. From the end of the platform a double line extends to where men do nothing but throw a big shovelful of coal in a shallow basket, which holds about a peck or a peck and a half. The basket travels from hand to hand, but part of the effect of gravity is overcome by the forward motion, for the receptacle does not stop from the time it is once in the air until it reaches the ship's side. The empty basket is dropped with the same swing that discharges its contents, and an old woman sitting behind the man on the top platform does nothing but toss the baskets to the barge below.

Nagasaki has the name of being the "fastest" coal port in the world, though the labor here is all done by hand. To count the workers who are engaged on the job is difficult. Fresh barges keep coming up all the time and fresh workers. The Japanese contractor who supplies the coal told me later there were about 900 men and women at work. They fairly swarmed along both sides of the ship. The pay for this labor is by piece. Workmen and workwomen each gets 1 yen, or 50 cents, for a day's work of eight to nine hours.

It is bewildering to watch the workers, for the baskets come up so steadily it looks as though they must be moved by machinery. Practice has taught men and women to make each motion count, and the whole effect is that of clockwork.—New York Times.

### Simplicity in Writing.

I was obliged to write too young, when I knew only half truths and was eager to set them forth by what I thought fine words. People used to call me a good writer then. Now they say I can't write at all, because, for instance, if I think anybody's house is on fire I only say, "Sir, your house is on fire," where formerly I used to say, "Sir, the abode in which you probably passed the delightful days of youth is in a state of inflammation," and everybody used to like the effect of two p's in "probably passed" and the two d's in "delightful days."—Ruskin.

### A Long Felt Want.

"You are something of an inventor, are you not?" asked the caller. "I have done a few things in the inventing line," answered the man in the repair shop. "Well," said the other, unwrapping a package he had brought with him, "here's an eight day clock that has been in the family for sixteen years. What I want you to do is to put an alarm in it that will ring for two hours if somebody doesn't go and wind it on the morning of the eighth day."—Chicago Tribune.

### Scales He Wanted.

"I want to get a pair of scales," remarked the customer. "Have you the ambuscade make?" "What's the ambuscade?" inquired the clerk. "Well," returned the customer, "I am given to understand that they're the kind which lie in wait."

## SHOEMAKERS' WAX.

Surprising Properties of This Most Peculiar Substance.

One of the most apt illustrations ever made by Lord Kelvin was his likening the luminiferous ether to a mass of shoemakers' wax. What Lord Kelvin said of shoemakers' wax may be tested by any boy in a manner that will astonish his playmates. First let it be said that the ether penetrates all space. It is as rigid as steel and yet so flexible that it does not retard the passage of planets through space in the least. It is an invisible substance which travels in waves through all things. Now, to illustrate the nature of such a paradoxical material Lord Kelvin searched everywhere and at last concluded that shoemakers' wax represented it best. He made tests, and this is what he found:

He melted some wax in a common glass tumbler. After it had hardened he tried to thrust a lead pencil through it. It would not go. Then he placed a coin on the surface of the wax and left it there for several days. When he again visited it the coin had sunk to the bottom of the glass. The wax had closed over it, and by lifting up the glass and looking through the bottom he could see the coin lying there. Had the wax been as deep as a well the coin would have gone on sinking until it reached the bottom. This proved that the wax would conform only to very slow movements. If he had tried to push it too fast it would have resisted him.

An idea struck the scientist. If the wax acted like this toward the coin how would it treat an object which floated? He accordingly placed a cork in a tumbler and poured hot shoemakers' wax upon it. The wax hardened with the cork at the bottom. Yet when Lord Kelvin looked at the bottom of the glass in a day or two he found the cork had disappeared. It was somewhere in the mass of wax and probably rising very slowly, but surely, toward the top. Sure enough, after a given period of time the cork peeped above the surface of the hard wax, and finally it rose to a point where it remained half embedded in the wax just as it would have done in a glass of water. It rose no higher than this, however, and a corkscrew probably would not have pulled it from the wax. Yet its own buoyancy had raised it up from the bottom through what seemed an impenetrable mass of wax.

This, in fact, is the peculiarity of shoemakers' wax—that it resists all sudden or quick movements, but is highly susceptible to very slow and prolonged pressure.—Exchange.

### How to Carry Books.

The Philadelphia free library permits patrons to take out six books at a time during certain months.

"If you are not going to wrap those books up let me show you how to carry them," said one of the assistants at the library recently.

Then the young woman slipped a cover of one book inside a cover of one she placed on top of it, building up a pile of six books in this fashion, and the man addressed, who was carrying the volumes home to please his wife, the reader of the family, found his difficulties were much lessened.—Philadelphia Press.

### Flattering.

"Oh, sir!" exclaimed Nanna, rushing into the drawing room breathlessly and carrying her fourteen-months-old charge, with whom she had been visiting the zoo. "Oh, ma'am, Archibald spoke this morning for the first time!"

"Really!" exclaimed the young father, jumping up in excitement. "Did you hear that, Bella? And what did he say, nurse?"

"Why, sir, I was showing him a large cage of monkeys when he clapped his hands and called out real plain, 'Papa, papa!'"

### Making an Enemy.

"I didn't know your mother was seriously ill," said the neighbor.

"She isn't," replied the dainty daughter. "What made you think that?"

"I saw you washing the dishes this morning."

And now they never speak as they pass by.—Detroit Free Press.

## MAKING A SOLDIER.

Story of a Badly Frightened Boy That Chaffee Took in Hand.

"There was a kid in the company who couldn't have been over eighteen. Never ought to have let him enlist at all. He was always complaining and kicking, and at the first fire down he went on his face in the trench and lay there. One of the men kicked him, but he didn't stir. Then along came General Chaffee, cool and easy, and sees the kid. 'What's the matter, you fellow down there? Get up and fight with your company.' 'No, I can't,' whines the kid. 'Can't?' cried Chaffee, jumping down into the trench and hauling the boy up. 'What's the matter with you that you can't? Are you hurt?' 'No, sir, I'm scared. I'm afraid of getting hit.' 'Well, you're a fine soldier!' says the general.

"Then he looked at the boyish face of the lad and his own face kind of softened. 'I suppose you can't help it,' he said. 'It ain't so much your fault. I'd like to get hold of the fellow that took you into the army.' I suppose any other general would have sent the boy to the rear in disgrace and that would have been the end of it. But Chaffee stood there with the bullets kiying around him beside the boy (who had crouched down again) and thought with his chin in his hand. By and by he put his hand on the boy's shoulder.

"There isn't as much danger as you think for," said he. 'Now get up and take your gun and fight and I'll stand here by you.' The boy got up, shaking like a leaf and fired his first shot pretty near straight in the air. 'That's pretty high,' said the general. 'Keep cool and try again.' Well, in three minutes that scared kid was fighting like a veteran and cool as a cucumber, and when he saw it the general started in. 'You're all right now, my boy,' he said. 'You'll make a good soldier.' 'God bless you, sir!' said the youngster. 'You saved me from worse than death,' and he was pretty close to crying when he said it.

"After a time the order came to retire from the trench, and we had just to collar that young fellow and haul him away by the neck to get him to retreat with the company. In the rest of the fights there was not a better soldier in the company, and not only that, but we never heard a grumble or a kick from him from that day."—From Watters' "History of the Spanish-American War."

### The Elephant's Feet.

Accustomed to the dry climate of the Indies, the elephants imported to temperate and rainy countries are subject to many diseases of the flesh and skin to which the veterinary surgeons of national and municipal zoological gardens are compelled to give the closest watch. The smallest scratch on the sole of an elephant's foot is apt to become serious unless immediately treated with an antiseptic, and the horned substance of the feet, not being exposed to the wear produced by roaming through a wilderness, grows in captivity as rapidly as the finger nails of a human being. The veterinary surgeon trims these nails or horned substances with a chisel and mallet.

### Stuck on Him.

A "young blood" belonging to the "newly rich" was invited by a friendly patron to his home at Tuxedo and given a ride on a blooded horse. It was a novel and most disagreeable experience, but somehow or other the young fellow maintained his balance until he came round to the starting place. Then, with an effort to appear perfectly at his ease, he said:

"Cholly, dear boy, I'm just stuck on this horse of yours."

"Lucky for you," said the owner, "or you would have been off a dozen times."—Atlanta Journal.

### Related Information.

Obedient Youngster — Mother, may I speak?

Parent—You know that you must not talk at the table.

"May I not say just one thing?"

"No, my boy. When your father has read his paper you may speak."

Father reads through his paper and says kindly:

"Now, William, what is it?"

"I only wanted to say that the water pipe in the bathroom had burst!"

## WAYS OF A BEAR.

Bruin Has a Curious Habit of Biting Into Tree Trunks.

"A bear never gets tired," said a Pike county man full of the subject that has made that corner of the Keystone state somewhat famous. "No one ever saw a tired bear. A bear will travel a hundred miles over the roughest kind of ground and through swamps and thickets without ever thinking of resting if hard pressed and be just as fresh for another hundred miles as he was when he started on the first.

"If he has time he will sit down once in awhile to take a bite of something to eat, as the hunter can see if he is following bruin in a tracking snow. This and the curious custom the bear has of turning off his course when traveling, whether the dogs and hunters are after him or not, and going to certain trees on one side or the other of the course, where he bites viciously at the trunk until the splinters fly, are the only digressions he makes from his route.

"The habit of biting trees in this way while traveling has never been satisfactorily explained. The trees may be two rods or they may be half a mile or more off from the bear's line of travel, but no bear passing that way ever fails to sheer off to them and bite off a piece, unless he is too closely pressed by the dogs or hunters. Any old woodsman can take you to trees of this kind that are almost bitten in two by bears that have stopped and chewed them in obedience to the custom.

"The bears must have some reason or purpose, of course, in picking out trees to be visited and bitten, but what it can be no one knows, any more than why bears never fall on coming out of their winter sleeping places in the spring to rise full length against some particular tree, reach up as far as they can along the trunk and scratch a mark in the bark with their claws.

"Natives of the bear country say that bruin does this to see whether he has grown any since he holed up in the fall, while others declare it is a challenge to other bears as a test of their high reaching powers in competition. Perhaps neither is right."—New York Sun.

### Dickens as an Actor.

While the world at large gained by Charles Dickens' devotion to literature, the stage lost one who, if he had chosen to adopt it as his calling, would probably have been the greatest actor of his time. None who had the good fortune to see the plays in which he acted can forget his mastery of stage technique. None who can remember his readings can forget his vivid and lifelike powers of characterization. Comedy and tragedy, humor and pathos, each came readily within his means. By his mastery of the actor's art terror, tears and laughter were compelled at his command as by his pen he compelled them in his writings.—John Hare.

### Antiquity of Barbers.

The occupation of barber is an institution of civilized life and is known only in those nations that have made a certain progress in civilization. It is referred to in Ezekiel, "And thou, son of man, take thee a barber's razor and cause it to pass over thine head and upon thy beard." We do not read of barbers at Rome until about the year 260 B. C.

### The Main Chance.

A Scottish laird invited an English friend to go salmon fishing with him. The Englishman hooked a salmon, but in his excitement fell into the stream. The keeper, seeing he was no swimmer, went to his aid, when the laird called out:

"What are ye about, Donald? Get hand o' the rod and look to the feesh. He will wait, but the feesh winna."

### Nest Building Apes.

In West Africa there is a species of apes commonly known as the nest building apes. They build their nests of branches of trees and leaves that overlap each other, so as to be perfectly water tight. They use them also as a shelter. In this case they suspend them from the trees upside down and sit under them during the heavy storms.

## VARIETIES OF LIGHTNING.

The Luminous Ball is as Destructive as a Dynamite Bomb.

There are several varieties of lightning or visible electric discharges in our atmosphere. They are—first, the linelike, wavy, often branching, forked lightning; second, sheet lightning; third, St. Elmo's fire and the "brush" discharge; fourth, ball lightning (also called "fire balls" and "thunderbolts"); fifth, the aurora borealis (or "polaris," since it occurs at both poles of the earth).

The "zodiacal light" is not, as has been supposed, an electric discharge. Forked lightning is the familiar, dangerous, sparklike form of discharge, and sheet lightning is merely the reflection on clouds of forked lightning, too distant to be itself visible.

St. Elmo's fire is a continuous brushlike silent discharge given off sometimes at the masthead of ships. A similar harmless discharge is seen on mountain tops and is described by Alpine climbers. It was seen and studied at the observatory on Ben Nevis a few years ago.

Ball electricity is a very terrible and uncommon thing. During a thunderstorm a luminous ball from a few inches to a yard in diameter is seen moving near the surface of the ground. It may rise and fall and even enter an open door. Usually when it touches any obstacle it detonates and causes enormous destruction, like a dynamite bomb.

The aurora borealis or northern lights, better called aurora polaris, is a form of electric discharge in our atmosphere which occurs only near the arctic and antarctic region. Its occurrence is not accounted for. It consists of curtainlike scintillations of colored light and is accompanied by a hissing or rustling sound and may be related in nature to the brushlike discharge of St. Elmo's fire. The spectrum of the aurora has been examined and shows that it contains the gases of our atmosphere (including the rare new gas krypton) in an incandescent condition.—New York American.

### Mascots of Olden Days.

Mascots have had their place in the world for many generations. Cats, as with the ancient Egyptians; grasshoppers, as in Italy, and various other specimens of animal life have in their time been counted as sacred or lucky by different peoples. So it is only a continuance of old customs that has caused baseball teams to take along an animal or a small boy when they go upon the diamond to try their skill with other players. The custom has spread to such an extent that today there is not a vessel in the navy of the United States that has not some kind of mascot. This assertion will apply with almost equal force to the other navies of the world.—Chicago News.

### Deceiving Appearance.

It always annoyed Tom Spencer to have a waiter attentive to the point of almost forcing him to tip. On one occasion Mr. Spencer entered a cafe and hurriedly ordered his lunch. In a few moments the waiter returned, and after serving the required order hung about making unnecessary arrangements about the table.

"Feel like a cup of tea, sir?" said he, bending over the patron solicitously.

"Do I look like a cup of tea?" snarled Mr. Spencer.—National Monthly.

### Eugenics.

"Father, did you ever lie when you were a boy?"

"No, my son," said the father, who evidently did not recall the past with any distinctness.

"Nor mother, either?" persisted the young lawyer.

"No. Why?"

"Oh, because I don't see how two people who never told a lie could have a boy who told as many as I did. Where could I have got it from?"—Ladies' Home Journal.

### Stating a Fact.

"Marjory, isn't it getting late?" asked Mrs. Munn as she peeped into the parlor at 11:30 and interrupted a conversation between her daughter and her young man.

"Yes, mamma," replied Miss Munn sweetly; "it usually does at this time of night."



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 Are wholesome, thoroughly cleansing, and have a stimulating effect on the stomach, liver and bowels. Regulate you with no griping and no unpleasant after effects. Stout people find they give immense relief and comfort. Anti-Bilious.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet.

The State of Texas  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:  
 You are hereby commanded to summon O. S. Cummings, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Houston county, to be holden at the court house of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1915, the same being the eighth day of March, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 7th day of October, A. D. 1914, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court, No. 5526, wherein James S. Shivers & Co., a private corporation duly incorporated under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, and doing business in Houston county, Texas, and J. E. Downes, who resides in Dallas county, Texas, are plaintiffs, and O. S. Cummings is defendant, and said petition alleging:

That, heretofore, to wit, on the thirteenth day of April, A. D. 1910, the defendant made, executed and delivered to these plaintiffs his certain promissory note for the sum of \$711.29, bearing date on the day and year aforesaid, payable to the order of plaintiffs at Crockett, Texas, and due on the thirteenth day of October, A. D. 1910, bearing interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum from the first day of February, A. D. 1910, until paid, and providing for ten per cent additional thereto on the principal and interest then due as attorney's fees if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or if suit is brought on same, whereby defendant became

liable and bound to plaintiffs and promised plaintiffs to pay them the sum of money in said note specified, together with all interest and attorney's fees due thereon, according to the tenor and effect thereon, said note being in words and figures substantially as follows:  
 \$711.29.

Houston, Texas, April 13th, 1910.  
 Six months after date for value received I promise to pay to the order of J. E. Downes and James S. Shivers & Co., Inc., in their office, Seven Hundred and Eleven and 29-100 Dollars, at Crockett, Houston County, Texas, with ten per cent interest per annum from February 1st, 1910, until paid. And in the event default is made in the payment of this note at maturity, and it is placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or suit is brought on same, then an additional amount of ten per cent on the principal and interest of this note shall be added to the same as collection fees. O. S. Cummings.

That plaintiffs have placed said note in the hands of an attorney for collection and have contracted to pay him the ten per cent stipulated in said note, the same being reasonable and the usual and customary fee. That said note is past due and unpaid, and defendant, though often requested, has hitherto failed and refused and still now refuses to pay the same or any part thereof, to plaintiffs' damage in the sum of \$711.29.

Plaintiffs pray for judgment for their debt, \$711.29, for interest, attorney's fees, costs of suit, and such other general and special relief, in law and in equity, that they may be entitled to.  
 Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.  
 Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Crockett, this 7th day of October, A. D. 1914. 4t.  
 John D. Morgan, Clerk, District Court, Houston County.

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 says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.  
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 a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."  
 Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.  
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**CROCKETT TRAIN SCHEDULE.**

<b>HOUSTON TRAIN.</b>	
Arrives from Houston	11:30 AM
Leaves for Houston	12:38 PM
<b>GALVESTON TRAIN.</b>	
Arrives from Galveston	8:34 PM
Leaves for Galveston	11:00 PM
<b>LONGVIEW TRAIN.</b>	
Leaves for Longview	11:30 AM
Arrives from Longview	12:38 PM
<b>ST. LOUIS TRAIN.</b>	
Leaves for St. Louis	8:34 PM
Arrives from St. Louis	11:00 PM
<b>PULLMAN SLEEPING CARS</b>	
On day trains from Chicago to Houston.	
On night trains from Houston to Chicago, from Galveston to St. Louis and from St. Louis to Galveston.	

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# Trade in Crockett

**T**HE merchants of Crockett, those who have advertisements in this paper, have made purchases in anticipation of a large business this season, and secured their merchandise from the mills and wholesalers at figures that will enable them to give the consuming public better prices and better service than can be secured in many of the towns and cities that are bidding for your trade.

## Bring Your Cotton to Crockett

**T**HE banks and business men have made preparations to amply take care of the cotton crop of this section, and warehouse facilities have been provided for storing cotton to be held for better prices. The highest market price is being paid to those desiring not to hold for better prices. The business interests of Crockett invite all within a reasonable radius to bring their cotton and buy their supplies here, promising the best service in handling cotton, lower prices on merchandise and courteous treatment in all dealings.

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# The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from the Courier Building.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

## PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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

We hear of one farmer who planted one pea and gathered a bushel from its production. We have not heard from the farmer who planted one peanut, which makes a crop both under the ground and on top.

Some people complain of the laws. They should remember that the people make the laws and that the progress of government keeps pace with the progress of civilization. Law improvement, like charity, begins in the home.

Farmers who grow nothing but cotton are wanting the government or somebody to do something for them. Those who have plenty of hog and hominy—a living at home—are feeling the business depression less than any other class.

While the rest of the country was standing around talking hard times, the city of Houston voted last week a bond issue of several million dollars for ship channel improvement. That is the kind of pluck that it takes to build a city or develop a country.

Many farmers tell us that they have plenty of chickens, hogs, cattle and work stock, the greatest variety of feed and an abundance of everything else that is consumed in the home and on the farm. These farmers are in no hurry to sell their cotton and are not worried over their credit.

Gigantic schemes in construction projects are now in contemplation for the dark continent of Africa, according to a recent issue of Review of Reviews. More than 25,000 miles of railroad have already been constructed and 2,000 miles more are now nearing completion. The opinion is expressed that Africa will have at least one line which will traverse the entire continent before any north and south transcontinental road is built in Asia, Australia or America.

The music from the poultry yard—the cackling of the chickens and guineas, the gobbling of the turkeys, the calling of the geese and the peafowl—is real music and profitable music. We need more music of that kind. Every time a farmer comes to town he should bring something from his barnyard, from his garden or from his farm to sell, and if it is only a dollar's worth it will buy his coffee or his sugar. His wagon comes in empty and goes out loaded too often.

## LIVESTOCK RECEIPTS AT FORT WORTH.

A report issued by the Fort Worth Stockyards Company shows very plainly that the livestock receipts on the Fort Worth yards during October have not slumped one iota, but on the contrary have made a substantial gain compared with the number of head received for the same period of 1913. The report shows that 204,326 head of livestock were received there during October of this year as against 169,499 head for the same month of last year. Hogs manifested the highest increase, there being 54,589 head last month as compared with 36,616 head for October 1913. According to the Stockyards Company, 100,269 head of cattle were un-

loaded on the local yards during October, while only 84,637 head of the same class were recorded during the same period of last year. Calves, horses and mules also made big gains over the October 1913 receipts. The sheep receipts were the only class of livestock which showed a decrease during October compared with the same month for 1913, and this falling off was largely due to the sheepmen holding their stuff until later in the fall when better prices prevail. The remainder of the receipts is divided as follows: Calves 25,244 head, horses and mules 8,838 head. From January 1, 1914, to November 1 there have been received on the Fort Worth yards 781,364 head of livestock.

## MUST RAISE OUR OWN LIVESTOCK.

There is the opportunity of a lifetime awaiting the American raiser of livestock who can now show the world that it is within the power of American breeders to produce livestock which will measure up to the standard of the fancy importations which have carried off our blue ribbons and won our sweepstakes in contests where foreign and domestic livestock were entered in competition. For several months there have been no importations; Europe's cattle must remain in Europe to feed a hungry and warring nation and after the war has exacted its toll, the cream of Europe's prize winners will have been sacrificed to the God of War and a new era will be forced on the American breeder.

We have always looked across the Atlantic for ultimate perfection in our fancy livestock, but the time has come when the raiser of fine stock must stand upon his own feet and develop his own champions.

## PUBLISHING IS A BUSINESS.

Time was, and not so very long ago, when the publisher of a newspaper looked upon himself as purely a professional man, and those with whom he dealt—that is, his readers and associates—adopted the same attitude. The word "professional" is here applied as meaning that material returns for labor were considered entirely as of secondary importance and that the primary consideration was to give the best that was in him, to wage the fight for righteousness and otherwise for the ideal without thought for earthly needs.

While the principle of striving for the ideal still remains with publishers, an entirely different view of the reward for their labor has displaced the old one, which contented itself with the fact that virtue is its own reward. This, of course, still holds good, but the publisher of today is not of a mind to preach ideals on an empty stomach. Material reward today is a necessity much more than it was "in the good old days."

## Worse Panic in 1914 Than in 1907.

Chicago, November 6.—The United States has passed successfully through a business depression "far worse than the one in 1907," George M. Reynold, bank president and director of the federal reserve bank of Chicago, asserted last night in an address at the University of Chicago.

Only the fact that the nation was in better condition to meet financial reverses than seven years ago, he said, saved the country from a disastrous panic.

## Excursion Notice.

No-tsu-oh Carnival and Deep Water Jubilee, Houston, November 7 to 14.

I. & G. N. popular low rate excursions for special days; season tickets on sale daily. For rates and particulars, see ticket agent, I. & G. N. Railway.

## District Court Proceedings.

Following are the proceedings of a week in the district court:

Wednesday, November 4—Jim Smith, negro, murder; continued on account of the absence of witnesses.

Wednesday, November 4—Wade Mosely, negro, murder; dismissed on motion of district attorney.

Thursday, November 5—Memphis Mack, negro, murder; case set for November 24.

Thursday, November 5—Walter Henderson, negro, murder; verdict of 45 years in penitentiary.

Henderson killed a negro, Bony McCullough, who had stopped at the house to sell pears to Henderson's wife. His first plea was that his wife did the killing. The main witness against him was a negro boy, a son of Gip Johnson, who was travelling in the wagon with McCullough. The boy, when McCullough was shot down, ran to the murdered man and took everything, including some money, from McCullough's pockets, which he held and delivered to McCullough's wife later.

Friday, November 6—Joe Rawls, white, theft of cattle; convicted in two cases, verdict of two years in each case and the remaining eight cases dismissed. Rawls was buying cattle around Grapeland and let other people's cattle get into his herd, which he drove to Palestine and sold. He was the Grapeland constable at the time.

Monday, November 9—Oscar Hartt, negro, liquor law violation; two cases, one case dismissed and one year in the penitentiary. Hartt operated around Grapeland and had been warned that he would get into trouble.

Monday, November 9—Johnson Williams, negro, murder; dismissed on motion of district attorney because of insufficiency of evidence.

Tuesday, November 10—Carr Durham, white, murder; case on trial. Durham is under indictment for killing three of the Christies, father and two sons, also white. Some of the Christies had previously killed one of the Durhams. The case brought many witnesses here from the eastern part of the county, where the murder is alleged to have occurred. These witnesses, together with the regular jurors for the week and the special veniremen for this case, gave the court house lobby and yard a very busy appearance.

The jury in the Carr Durham case was empanelled Tuesday afternoon as follows: E. F. Smith, J. B. Sowers, E. F. Archibald, D. R. Baker, A. S. Walker, D. F. Brown, W. H. Oates, E. S. Atkinson, J. S. Arrington, J. D. Sloan, C. L. Mansfield, A. D. Grounds.

This case will probably consume the balance of the week, as there are a hundred or more witnesses to be examined.

The district court room is filled with spectators during the trial.

The defense is represented by the law firm of Adams, Adams & Young, while the prosecuting attorney, Earl Adams, Jr., has the assistance of J. E. Winfree.

## Teachers' Local Institute.

The third Local Teachers' Institute will meet at Creek, Friday, November 27, at 8 p. m., and will close Saturday night, November 28. The program is as follows:

Friday, 8 p. m.: Song; Choir.

Welcome address: W. L. Bridges. Response: J. H. Rosser.

The Purpose of a Local Institute: John Gilbert.

The Benefits Derived from Dramatization: Miss Dollie Moore and Miss Adell Smith.

Saturday, 9 a. m.:

An illustration of an opening exercise: By school. Should a Literary Society be a Part of the School Work? W. A. Reese.

The Importance of Rural High

# Mound City Co's. Horse Shoe



EVERY GOOD-LOOKING-HOME BELONGS IN THE SELECT HOME CIRCLE!

Mound City Horse Shoe Brand House Paint

Will greatly enhance the appearance of your home. The beautifying qualities of this paint are best appreciated by seeing the finished job. It has placed hundreds of homes in the select circle and delighted thousands of people.

We can tell you some intensely interesting facts about Horse Shoe Paint.

## Brand House Paint

Ready for use—made especially for painting exteriors of buildings—equally as good for interior work.

### Our Guarantee

We guarantee every shade of this Paint which can be made from a white base to be composed of Strictly Pure Lead, Strictly Pure Zinc, ground in Strictly Pure Linseed Oil, with a special High Grade Japan for Drier and the necessary coloring matter. We guarantee it to give absolute and entire satisfaction in body, spreading, beauty of appearance and durability. It is sold subject to chemical analysis.

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# King's Drug Store

Schools: Mr. Daff.

Should the County Board of Education Have the Right to Appoint the County Superintendent: N. A. Gantt.

Benefits Derived by Student's Keeping Note Books: W. B. Adams. Saturday, 1:00 p. m.

Can a Mothers' Club be Used Successfully in Rural Schools: J. L. Jackson.

Benefits Derived from Theme Writing: J. E. McRee.

Can Domestic Science be Taught Successfully in Public Schools: Mrs. G. R. Taylor.

Introducing Domestic Art in a Rural School: Miss Inez Skipwith. Saturday, 8 p. m.

Who is the Boy or Girl Who Makes a Success in Life? J. N. Snell.

Debate, Resolved: That the recent law extending the scholastic age from 17 to 21 years of age is a greater detriment to the younger generation than good: Affirmative, John Gilbert; negative, F. H. Butler.

Needs of Compulsory Attendance in the Public Schools: Nat Patton and Albert Gainey.

Means of Improving Sanitary Conditions: George McCullar. Apparatus for an Agricultural

Library: B. F. Freeman.

All teachers and patrons are earnestly solicited to attend this institute. Conveyance will be furnished for all teachers leaving Crockett 7 a. m. Saturday. Respectfully,

C. W. Butler, Miss Johnnie Duren, Miss Rossie Butler, Program Committee.

### Membership in House and Senate.

New York, November 5.—The membership of the sixty-fourth congress as the result of Tuesday's elections, including a few contests still in doubt, will be as follows:

House of representatives: Democrats 229, republicans 196, progressives 7, socialist 1, independent 1; democratic majority 24.

Senate: Democrats 53, republicans 39, progressive 1; democratic majority 13.

### Back! Back! Back!

With raw, tickling throat, tight chest, sore lungs, you need Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, and quickly. The first dose helps, it leaves a soothing, healing coating as it glides down your throat, you feel better at once. Every user is a friend.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

# Panic Prices!

## WALTER BENNETT'S AT DEPOT

### LARD

Fifty-pound can for ..... \$3.90  
Ten-pound bucket for ..... 95c  
Five-pound bucket for ..... 50c

### FLOUR

Good every-day flour, per sack ..... \$1.30

### COFFEE

Haviland Brand, 25c can for ..... 20c  
Good grade green coffee, 7 pounds for ..... \$1.00

### SUGAR

Best granulated, 15 pounds for ..... \$1.00

### BAKING POWDER

K. C., 25c can for 20c, or two for ..... 35c

These Prices are to Cash Purchasers ONLY



# Bulbs for Fall

## Planting

Double Dutch Hyacinth

Single Roman Hyacinth

Paper White Narcissus

Single Tulips

You Can Get Them All Here

**The McLean Drug Company**

The Rexall Store

Everything in Drugs and Jewelry

### Local News.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Page have returned from Virginia.

See Moore & Shivers for nails, barb wire and staples. tf.

Old newspapers for sale at this office at 25 cents a hundred.

John Morgan found his cow, advertised in the Courier last week.

A complete, up-to-date abstract of adv Aldrich & Crook.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Barbee of San Antonio are visiting relatives here.

Miss Bella Lipscomb is spending carnival week with friends in Houston.

Just a few more days of the gigantic sale. Take notice. It. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Weeks Hamlin has gone to Florida, where he expects to engage in farming.

The big bombardment sale is fast drawing to a close. Buy now. It. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

The county finance committee met Monday according to announcement.

Moore & Shivers expect to unload car barb wire, nails and staples this week. tf.

#### Ginners, Notice.

Bagging and ties for sale cheap. It. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Will Hassell, who has been in El Paso for his health, has returned home.

Just a few more days of the gigantic sale. Take notice. It. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Frick of Huntsville were recent visitors in this city.

Twenty-five cents a hundred is the price of old newspapers at the Courier office.

The big bombardment sale is fast drawing to a close. Buy now. It. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

The Courier and the Galveston News for \$1.75 a year combined, otherwise they are \$1.00 each. tf.

Leave your orders with Moore & Shivers for nails, staples and barb wire. Car to arrive this week. tf.

William M. Patton's fourth carload of bacon and lard has arrived since August 17th. Cost of the four cars, \$10,102.00; my profits, \$1,010.20. It.

#### Ginners, Notice.

Bagging and ties for sale cheap. It. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

S. O. Foster of Frosa, Limestone county, is among the number remembering the Courier since last issue.

Dave Sherman of Ratcliff, J. A. Smith of Blue Lake and Joe Leathers of Leon county were here Wednesday.

J. B. Ash of Ash was a visitor at the Courier office Friday. The little town bearing his name was named for him.

A good farm to rent, 8 miles from Crockett, on the Pine Grove road. Three good tenant houses. Apply to T. D. Craddock. tf.

Misses Knodelle and Shirley Jordan have returned from a visit to Houston, where they were guests of Miss Mary Tittle.

William M. Patton is the only merchant in Houston county who has ever retailed a whole carload of bacon and lard in thirty days. It.

A special sale Saturday of decorated salad dishes, cake plates and water pitchers at Channell's Variety Store. Extra values 20c each. It.

John Morgan's residence on Grace street caught fire Tuesday morning, but the fire was extinguished before any considerable damage was done.

J. T. Salisbury of this city, Hyman Harrison of Palestine and D. F. Frizzell are among Courier subscription renewals since last issue.

M. B. Creath of Creath and M. B. Matchett of Kennard are among our friends remembering the Courier this week. Both are expecting good times ahead.

Travelling men tell us that there is more hard times talk in Houston county than anywhere else and that it is less justified here than in many other places.

Bud Rice of Route 1 was among callers at the Courier office Saturday. He is not despondent, but is going right ahead working out his own salvation.

J. T. Salisbury advises us that the Farmers' Union warehouse is doing a big business in the storage of cotton. Receipts continue heavy with shipments light.

#### Reward for Lost Dog.

Lost, about three weeks ago, a white and liver colored pointer dog, about year and a half old. Return to E. Douglass' store and receive reward. It.

William M. Patton has in stock a full supply of carload stuff—bagging and ties, sugar and syrup, bacon and lard, oils, flour, meal, and all kinds of feedstuff. It.

Mrs. Mattie C. Douglass and Miss Hattie Arledge spent last week in Galveston and are spending this week in Houston, completing a visit of two weeks with friends.

Ney Sheridan, county treasurer, has moved his office into the southeast room of the court house, down stairs, which room is also occupied by John D. Morgan, district clerk.

Post cards received here by friends of Miss Emmie Pearson, who was a visitor in this city last summer, tell of her safe arrival at home in Demopolis, Ala., after visiting at other places.

The county commissioners are in session, declaring the election result and transacting other business. Their next session will be to receive the bonds of their successors and other county officers.

The jury commissioners, to draw jurymen for the next term of the court, will be appointed this week. The jury commissioners, Lang Smith of Lovelady, Herbert Leaverton of Grapeland and John Ellis of Crockett, were in session Wednesday.

#### Pocket Book Lost.

Black Morocco folding pocket book, containing between \$2 and \$4 in silver, some receipts, a 25 cent stamp book and a trunk key, lost somewhere along the Dinky line between Crockett and Oakland. Finder please leave at Courier office. It. L. H. Gause.

William M. Patton's panic prices: 20 pounds Louisiana brown sugar, \$1.00; 18 pounds fancy Y. C. sugar, \$1.00; 16 pounds best granulated sugar, \$1.00; 56-pound can of lard, \$3.85; 10-pound bucket of lard, 90 cents; \$1.00 bucket of coffee with premium, 65 cents; 8 pounds good roasted coffee, \$1.00; best hams, 19 cents; wrapped bacon, 18 cents; D. S. bacon, 14 cents; 5 gallons of cooking oil in bulk, \$2.75; 50-pound can of leaf lard, \$6.00. It.

#### Peanut Growers Meet Saturday.

As several farmers made a mistake on the date of the meeting of the peanut growers and came to the court house last Saturday for the meeting, this is to call their attention to the fact that the date of the meeting is Saturday, November 14, at 2 o'clock as was published in the Courier last week. Much interest is manifested and preparations are making for a large attendance. A successor to King Cotton is to be nominated.

#### Lost Mules.

Strayed or stolen from range near my place, 9 miles southeast of Crockett, two young mules described as follows: One brown horse mule about four years old, branded B D on left shoulder, has light nose; one black mare mule about three years old, branded B D on left shoulder, also light nose; old wire cut in front of left hind knee. When these mules left home they had not been sheared since last spring. Will pay \$5.00 reward for each mule. First mule strayed off between two and three months ago; second mule about four weeks ago.

B. D. Rains, Crockett, Texas.

#### Best Cough Medicine for Children.

"Three years ago when I was living in Pittsburg one of my children had a hard cold and coughed dreadfully. Upon the advice of a druggist I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and it benefited him at once. I find it the best cough medicine for children because it is pleasant to take. They do not object to taking it," writes Mrs. Lafayette Tuck, Homer City, Pa. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

## Real Estate and Loans.

We have real estate for sale and we would like to examine any vendor lien notes you may have for sale.

CALL ON US AT OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS.

## Warfield Bros.

Office North Side Public Square.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

No. 8742

### REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank

AT LOVELADY  
In the State of Texas, at the close of business, October 31st, 1914.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$ 78,466 48
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	520 12
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	6,250 00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	317 00
Furniture and Fixtures	1,858 00
Due from approved Reserve Agents in Central Reserve Cities, \$28.28 in other Reserve Cities, \$7,787.30	7,815 58
Checks and other Cash Items	256 92
Notes of other National Banks	3,310 00
Fractional Paper Currency, Nickels and Cents	179 12
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz: Specie \$ 3,738 00	
Legal-tender notes 900 00—3,738 00	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	312 50
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,064 62</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000 00
Surplus fund	5,250 00
Undivided Profits, less Expenses and Taxes paid	1,646 44
Reserved for taxes	245 00
National Bank Notes outstanding	6,250 00
Individual Deposits subject to check	32,935 54
Time certificates of deposit payable after 30 days or after notice of 30 days or longer	11,722 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	15 62
Bills payable, including obligations representing money borrowed	20,000 00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$103,064 62</b>

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

W. H. COLLINS, Cashier.

Correct—Attest: J. O. MONDAY, H. H. LARUE, G. L. MURRAY, Directors.

#### Still in the Laundry Business.

I take this opportunity of notifying my friends and patrons that I am still in the laundry business and will make a specialty of dyeing and all kind of fancy cleaning, hat work, or anything that can be done at a first class laundry. I will have a basket going to Houston, leaving here every Tuesday morning. I also represent the Crockett Steam Laundry and will be able to give customers a choice of having their laundry done here if they prefer. I will not be on the laundry wagon, but will call as usual Monday and Tuesday, or any time you ring me at Arledge Tailor shop, telephone 159. Your friend, J. W. Arledge.

#### Dr. J. O. Hoskins Dead.

Dr. J. O. Hoskins, a veterinary surgeon, died at his home, three and a half miles east of the city limits, early Wednesday morning as a result of pneumonia and paralysis. Dr. Hoskins came to Crockett from Fort Worth three or four years ago. He and his estimable family have made many friends among our people. He was a Mason and a Woodman and the funeral services were conducted according to the rites of those orders at his late residence Thursday morning. Interment followed in the Crockett cemetery.

#### Richmond's Portion Oversubscribed.

Richmond, Va., November 12, 1914.—(Special telegram to the Crockett Courier.) Comparatively little cotton is planted in Virginia, but business men subscribed more than a million dollars to the cotton fund of \$135,000,000 now being raised in the United States to be loaned to people desiring to hold their cotton. Richmond's portion of half a million oversubscribed within thirty minutes. List headed by a Richmond fertilizer company with a hundred thousand dollars, the largest single subscription.

#### Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for Croup.

Croup scares you. The loud, hoarse, croupy cough, choking and gasping for breath, labored breathing, call for immediate relief. The very first doses of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound will master the croup. It cuts the thick mucus, clears away the phlegm and opens up and eases the air passages.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet.

#### Declare War on Rheumatism.

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**Breaking a Will.**

Editor Courier:

The law defines a will to be "an instrument in writing by which one disposes of his estate to take effect after his decease." See Cyclopaedia of Law and Procedure, page 1004, Sippkins' Administration of Estates in Texas, page 498. The question of wills is an interesting one. To properly interpret and construe them, so as to carry in effect the will of the testator, is not only interesting but often fraught with much difficulty to the courts and juries of the country. Occasionally, by reason of this difficulty, there is hazard to those to whom the estate should properly be awarded. Often through a sort of sympathy, great error and gross wrong are done by the juries of the country, in saying who is entitled to property under a will. The will of a testator is now and then overturned and distribution made of his estate so utterly at variance with his intentions, that could the testator be apprised of the facts, he would shift his position in his coffin. I affirm, that the will of the testator and not the will of juror should obtain in the distribution of estates. If it clearly appears that the testator was not of sound mind and disposing memory, or that there was undue influence, or other legal impediment; in short, if the testator was not capable of making a will under the rules of the law, then undoubtedly no man would be justified in contending for the will as written. On the other hand, however, if these obstructions do not clearly appear, then no jury has the right to overturn the will and distribute the estate according to their will, or because of whim, or fancy, or because of puerile sympathy for persons regarded as unfortunate under the terms of the will, although such persons may be females or near relatives. A testator has the right to bequeath his property to whom he pleases. Jurors and the world without, in a great majority of cases, are wholly ignorant of what occurs in the private homes of the people. They may think they know, but in this they are mistaken. In the great majority of homes the world over, there is a little world into the mysteries of which none are inducted save and except the family. Again, it is frequently the case, that in the immediate family, one half know nothing of the wrongs perpetrated by the other half upon an aged testator. In order that an aged parent may be honored; that the serenity and peace of such parent, may, so far as possible, remain unimpaired, and that the good name of the family may not be dragged through the sewer of public scandal, some things are withheld even from juries and many things, for many years, are borne or passed as though unseen, unheard and unknown, awaiting the judgment of that higher court, where the scales are held with unpalsied hand, where verdicts are unerring and from which appeals are unknown.

Many men and some women appear to the world without as "whited sepulchers," but if the curtain could be lifted and their inner home life revealed, the astounding revelation would be made that these sepulchers are "full of dead men's bones."

Janus is still stalking through the land today. Within the shades of many homes the skeleton may, even now, be making restless grimace and pointing its bony finger at all who fall within the shadow of its deadly cloister.

A testator then, in view of the facts, may be wholly justified in making a distribution of his estate, though it may not be what was expected by the world without nor distributed as outsiders would have distributed it. Moreover, the disposition of the estate might not

measure up to the notions and requirements of jurors, who sit in absolute ignorance of the home life with its suppressed wrongs, studied insults, concealed oppressions and brutal outrages, hard to be borne, and which indeed are sometimes not borne, but find their distressing consummation in tragedy and the grave. The juries of the country are too prone to look for leaks, from which they think they would be justified in "breaking" the will. I can conceive of no class of circumstances that would induce me to desire preclusion of a brother or sister from an equal distribution of benefit or blessing; yet I contend that the testator should be armored imperviously, in the right to distribute his estate as he pleases and it is the high and sworn trust of jurors to carry out without "shadow of turning," the written and expressed will and design of the testator and not presume themselves to be the arbiters of distribution. Men, I know, are human and some are easily prejudiced or biased; sometimes by a circumstance, trifling and unimportant.

We are told that "the heart is deceitful above all things." Men then, are liable to be carried unwittingly over the falls by a swirl of misplaced sympathy. Not every idiosyncrasy incapacitates a testator from making a will. He may be feeble minded, yet he has as much right to make a will as the strong minded.

The will of a testator ought to be regarded as a sacred thing and great sanctity should surround its interpretation and the distribution of the estate. It should never be forgotten that the dead has left to the honor of the living a trust which should be jealously guarded, defended and discharged. The testator has his reasons for the distribution and to him these reasons are sufficient. Every faculty of courts and juries ought to be on the alert when effort is made to set aside wills. Attempts to "break" wills are too frequent and often too successful. L. N. Cooper.

**Advertised Tax Lands.**

There is an immense amount of uncultivated land in our county held for speculative purposes. On much of this wild land taxes have not been paid for years, the owners waiting till a sale is made, when they will demand that the customers pay up back dues. If this land was advertised for sale and sufficient of it sold to pay the taxes on the whole it would add considerable to the treasury. The law says positively that all lands delinquent shall be advertised each year and sold to pay the taxes. Former officers have been derelict in obeying this law, one reason given that when published not enough taxes were collected to pay the cost of publication. But here another delinquency was practiced; the delinquent list was published, but the

lands were never offered for sale, consequently the delinquents paid no attention, feeling secure that their land would not be sold. This neglect of duty has been going on for more than twenty years, both in city and county, largely in the interest of non resident property owners and speculators. Officers should keep the law.—Palestine Advocate.

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