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District Court.

District court convened Monday and the grand jury was assembled as follows:

T. R. Deupree, foreman; J. R. Mainer, Lyman Knox, W. A. Moore, B. L. West, S. A. Cook, Hugh Morrison, N. E. Allbright, R. E. McConnell, W. W. Gilbert, John Penick, C. M. Streetman.

E. L. Simpson was appointed door bailiff.

Mrs. W. Bandy of Athens is the court stenographer.

This being the first week of the court, only non-jury civil proceedings are being had.

Cases on the criminal docket are set for trial as follows:

Jim Smith, murder; set for Monday, April 12, and special venire of 40 ordered.

Dan Wright, murder; set for Wednesday, April 28, and special venire of 60 ordered.

Joe Williams, murder; set for April 14 and special venire of 40 ordered.

Dick Wilburn, murder; set for April 19 and special venire of 80 ordered.

G. T. Simpson, theft of property of value over \$50; set for April 26.

Zeke Williams and Will Kirksey, murder; set for April 21 and special venire of 40 ordered.

Judge J. G. Barbee.

The remains of Judge J. G. Barbee, who died at Wharton on Wednesday of last week, reached Crockett Friday at noon and were conveyed to the home of the brother, Hon. N. B. Barbee. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, conducted by the Methodist pastor, Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss. The services were attended by many of our people and the floral contributions were numerous.

Interment occurred in Glenwood cemetery immediately following the services at the church, which were appropriate and brief. The newly made grave was banked to concealment with flowers—a last tribute of esteem from relatives and friends in Crockett, Wharton, Houston and elsewhere.

Judge Barbee was born in Crockett on July 4, 1850, and was the son of Dr. J. G. Barbee and Miranda (Burrow) Barbee, both of whom were natives of North Carolina, but early settlers in Tennessee.

Dr. Barbee was one of the pioneer physicians of his time and locality. He began the practice of medicine as a young man and continued throughout his life. He came to Texas some time in the 30s, first settling in Shelby county. He continued his profession in Shelby county until 1852, when he moved to what is now Lee county, where he lived until his death in 1853. His widow lived there until the close of the war, when she returned to Houston county and lived

until her death in 1886.

Judge Barbee was the youngest of the nine children of his parents. Of these, Julia, Edna, John and a second son named John are dead. Those living are: Mrs. V. J. Frymier, the wife of B. F. Frymier, a former Crockett citizen; N. B. Barbee of Crockett and Mrs. Gay, widow of George Gay of Lee county.

Judge Barbee's wife was Miss Fannie B. Fifer of Alabama, a daughter of Jacob and Lucy Ann Fifer. After his marriage Judge Barbee engaged in the insurance business in Memphis, Tenn., for two years and then moved to Houston county, where he took up farming, also serving as justice of the peace at Augusta, Houston county, for two years. In 1884 he moved to Wharton and since that time the latter place has been his home. At Wharton he first engaged in the mercantile business, but later took up farming again. In 1893 he was elected county judge, serving one term. Since his retirement from office he has devoted his time largely to managing his business and property interests.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. C. M. Hughes; a son, Banks Barbee, and the wife and mother, all of Wharton.

Judge R. T. Payne, the Lovelady justice of the peace, was a visitor at the Courier office Monday. Judge Payne was in Crockett to make his regular report to the grand jury. While in the Courier office he took occasion to observe that too much hard times is being talked, making business conditions to appear much worse than they really are. He said that our people who did not live through the civil war do not know what hard times are. Asked as to the damage of the recent freeze, he gave it as his opinion that the fruit crop is injured, but not completely killed. He said very little damage had been incurred by other crops.

The funeral of Lewis Cook, mention of whose death occurred in the Courier last week, was held from the Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. As a mark of respect for one of its members, the city white schools were dismissed for the afternoon, so as to permit attendance at the funeral in a body. For the services the church was filled and the line of march to cemetery was a long one. Lewis was only sixteen years old and a favorite with his fellow students. The services were conducted by the Methodist pastor, Rev. D. H. Hotchkiss.

For the Stomach and Liver.

I. N. Stuart, West Webster, N. Y., writes: "I have used Chamberlain's Tablets for disorders of the stomach and liver off and on for the past five years, and it affords me pleasure to state that I have found them to be just as represented. They are mild in their action and the results have been satisfactory. I value them highly." For sale by all dealers.

H. M. McCelvey Dead.

News reached Crockett Tuesday of the death of H. M. McCelvey at Temple. Mr. McCelvey was a citizen of Houston county from 1859 to 1884. Born in South Carolina in 1837, he came to Houston county, Texas, when he was twenty-two years old. He served in the Confederate army from Houston county while he was yet a young man. Returning from the war, he farmed in the eastern part of this county and conducted a mercantile business at Pennington. In 1884 he went to Temple, Bell county, and engaged in the mercantile business. In his new home town he prospered and was rated as one of the successful men of his country.

Washington Phillips has developed into a "living model style show" artist as the following from a Weatherford newspaper will show: "The display was put on by a sort of relay system, one group of five young ladies exhibiting themselves and styles and then withdrawing to give place to another group and another lot of styles. The conception of the idea and the fitting out of the displays came from the mind of A. W. Phillips, and to him the other store employes generously concede the credit of this living model style exposition, a thing never before attempted in Weatherford."

Common School District Trustees.

Trustees convened Saturday at 2 p. m.; elected J. N. Snell chairman of the organization of school trustees, and nominated J. H. Rosser and Nat Patton to run for county trustee at large. Voters will choose between the two for this position.

H. F. Patton and W. M. Baumgarner were nominated to run for county trustee from commissioners' precinct No. 4. Voters in precinct No. 4 will vote for either J. H. Rosser or Nat Patton for trustee at large, and also either H. F. Patton or W. M. Baumgarner to represent precinct No. 4.

J. N. Snell, Chairman.

Executors' Notice to Creditors.

The undersigned having been appointed executors of the estate of David Thompson Adair, deceased by the County Court of Houston county, Texas, on the 2nd day of February, 1915, at a regular term of said court, hereby notify all persons having claims against said estate to come forward and present them for allowance, at their places of business, in Crockett, Texas, where they receive their mail.

This March 2, 1915.

T. W. Thompson,
F. H. Hill,
Executors of Estate of David T. Adair, Deceased.

This—and Five Cents.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets.—Crockett Drug Co.

Should Texas Be Divided?

A debate will be held at the Antioch Club Saturday night, April 3, on the following subject: Resolved, that Texas should be divided into two or more states. The affirmative will be represented by George Lewis Payne and Monroe Anderson of San Pedro and the negative by V. Hoyt Porter and J. D. Sallas. Music will be furnished by T. W. Crowson, Barnes Hodge and Gus and Dave Price. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Notice of Election.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

To whom this may concern: Whereas, on the 8th day of March, A. D. 1915, a petition was duly presented to the Commissioners' Court, in and for Houston county, Texas, and of record in Commissioners' Minute Book 10, page 245; asking that an election be held within the following described territory, to determine whether hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the said subdivision of Houston county, Texas: Within the limits, the metes and bounds of Holly voting precinct No. 13, a subdivision heretofore established in Houston county, Texas. Whereas, the said election is

granted as prayed for. Notice is hereby given that an election is ordered to be held on Saturday, April 10th, 1915, at the polls in said district and in said county and state. Viz: Holly. And the polls to be opened at the usual hour provided by law, for the purpose of determining whether the aforesaid stock shall be permitted to run at large within the said subdivision of the said county and state, and due returns made thereof to this court, as the law directs. The election to be held by the managers heretofore appointed by the Commissioners' Court to hold general elections within said precinct. E. Winfree, County Judge and Chairman of the Commissioners' Court, Houston County, Texas. 4t.

Quick Action Wanted

When one is coughing and spitting—with tickling throat, tightness in chest, soreness in throat and lungs—when head is aching and the whole body racked with a cough that won't permit sleep—he wants immediate relief. Thousands say Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is the surest and quickest acting medicine for coughs, colds, croup and la grippe.—Crockett Drug Co.

W. T. Azbell, ex-postmaster of Edwardsport, Ind., writes: "I suffered from severe trouble with my kidneys and back. First bottle of Foley Kidney Pills gave me relief. Thousands testify that backache, rheumatism, sore muscles, aching joints and bladder weakness vanished when Foley Kidney Pills were taken.—Crockett Drug Co. Adv.

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Best High Patent flour, every sack guaranteed	\$1.75
Good High Patent flour, every sack guaranteed	\$1.65
Fresh corn meal per sack	70c
Swift's best bacon, per pound	11½c
Swift's Jewel lard, 10 pounds for	90c
Swift's Jewel lard, 5 pounds for	49c
Best quality cooking oil per gallon	60c
Good barrel syrup per gallon	40c
Pure Ribbon Cane syrup in cans	60c
Penford syrup in cans	45c
\$1.00 Bucket coffee for	60c
Best Alfalfa hay for	55c
Good hay for	37½c
Pure corn chops for	\$1.70
Mill run bran for	\$1.40
Feed oats per sack	\$2.70

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Come to Grapeland—we have got the best town west of the Mississippi.

This is not a one day special sale; these are regular prices.

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Wm. R. Wherry

MEASURES TO CONTROL GRASSHOPPER PEST



Grasshoppers Feeding on Poison—Note That This is Not the Way to Spread the Bait.

The more alfalfa fields there are, the greater will be the plague of grasshoppers unless measures are adopted to control the pest. The grasshopper, of course, was known in America long before alfalfa, but as the country becomes more settled and the waste lands and uncultivated fields in which the insect breeds grow fewer, the pest crowds in greater and greater numbers into the places that are left. Since an alfalfa field affords almost ideal conditions for breeding, to plant alfalfa is to invite all the grasshoppers in the vicinity to come and be merry at your expense.

In order to breed freely, grasshoppers require two conditions; first, an undisturbed soil to hatch their eggs, and second, a food supply for their young. The margins of roads and fences, ditch banks, in fact any waste land, will do to hatch the eggs, but with alfalfa or grain at hand for the eating, the young will not stay long in their birthplace. Grasshoppers, it is true, have many natural enemies which will be attracted by the abundance of their prey and thus ultimately afford the farmer some relief. By that time, however, the alfalfa crop is likely to have suffered irreparable damage.

Perhaps the simplest way of fighting the pest, when this is practical, is to destroy the eggs. These are deposited in masses in the late summer and fall, inclosed in kidney-shaped pods, in soil which the grasshopper prefers moderately compact and rather damp, but not actually wet. The young hatch in spring, reach maturity in the summer and die when they in their turn have deposited their eggs. There is only one generation each year. Throughout the late fall and winter, therefore, the farmer has an opportunity to rid himself of the pest by destroying the eggs. Plowing, harrowing, disking or cultivating to a depth of two inches will do this.

Where the nature of the ground or other circumstances make this impracticable, specialists in the department of agriculture recommend the use of poison bait. Resort must be had to the bait early, however, and all waste and uncultivated land gone over thoroughly before the young insects have developed sufficiently to move about freely and feast on the growing crops. For, as has already been said, though the grasshoppers may breed in places where they can do

no harm, they will not spend their lives there.

A cheap and effective bait is made by mixing 25 pounds of wheat bran, one pound of paris green, two quarts of cheap molasses or sirup, and three oranges or lemons. The bran and paris green are first mixed together in an ordinary washtub or any other convenient receptacle. The molasses or sirup is placed in a separate vessel and the juice of the fruit squeezed into it, then the skin and pulp are chopped up finely and added to the molasses mixture, which is further diluted by the addition of two gallons of water. This is then mixed with the bran and paris green and enough water added to make the whole a stiff dough. This amount of poison is sufficient to treat from five to ten acres. It must be remembered, however, that the fruit is the most important ingredient.

In applying the poison it should be sown broadcast in strips one rod apart before sunrise in the morning. Broadcasting does away with the risk of poisoning stock, poultry or birds.

Another method of destroying the insects is the use of the hopperdozer. This consists primarily of a shallow pan, usually made of sheet iron, with a track about one foot high and a front about two inches high. It is filled with water covered with kerosene and drawn over the field on runners that can be made of old wagon tires. The grasshoppers disturbed by its approach will either jump directly into the kerosene and water or against the back of the hopperdozer, which throws them into the poisonous mixture.

Where the conditions are such that the fields can be quickly inundated and the water promptly run off—as is frequently done in rice fields—it is possible to drown all the young grasshoppers if the right moment is selected. As soon as the young begin to run about flooding does but little good, as they easily climb to the upper part of the vegetation beyond the reach of the water. On the whole, the use of some such poisoned bait as that already described, will probably be found the most satisfactory way to control the pest. Fuller information in regard to the matter is contained in the recent publication of the United States department of agriculture's farmers' bulletin No. 637, "The Grasshopper Problem and Alfalfa Culture."

SOMETHING BESIDES FEEDING

Good Breeding Methods, Exercise and Proper Management Are Important Essentials.

Success with hogs depends upon a great many things besides feeding.

Good breeding methods, exercise and proper management in every respect are necessary. However, if the hog is supplied with the proper amounts of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, water, etc., and is kept free from parasites of all kinds, much will have been done to make the handling of hogs in winter a profitable operation.

Dressing for Market.

Poultry should be kept off feed 24 hours before being killed and dressed for market.

Buying Milk Utensils.

In buying new milk utensils, see that all joints are smoothly soldered.

Greatest Enemy of Alfalfa.

Fox tail is the greatest enemy of alfalfa.

BE REGULAR WITH INCUBATOR

Machine Can Be Made to Pay by Careful Attention to Lamp, Airing and Turning Eggs.

There must be method and regularity in running an incubator. If you insist upon regularity in the time of filling the lamp, airing and turning the eggs, and insist upon your mind telling you just when the right time arrives for looking after these small details, there is not the least bit of doubt but that you will succeed in making that incubator pay you for the time spent with it.

Marking Young Chicks.

One poultryman has a unique way of marking his chickens. As soon as they are a day or two old, he cuts off a toe just far enough back to be sure to get all the nail off, with a good shears. It is done instantly, and bleeds very little.

The chickens do not seem to mind it in the least. Care should be taken not to cut the toe back too far, as it will bleed too much.

REGULAR SESSION OF LEGISLATURE ENDS

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION PROBABLY WILL BE CALLED TO BEGIN ON APRIL 25.

GOVERNOR VETOES TWO BILLS

A Total of 1108 Bills Were Introduced in Both Branches, 427 in Senate and 681 in House; Senate Passed 104 and House 150.

Austin, Tex.—With a record of 254 bills finally passed, two of which have been vetoed by Governor Ferguson, the first regular session of the thirty-fourth legislature of Texas passed into history at 2:40 Saturday afternoon, although the official clock recorded that it was but 12 o'clock, its hands having been repeatedly turned back to enable the enrolling clerks to get bills into shape for official signature.

A total of 1,108 bills were introduced in both branches, 427 in the senate and 681 in the house. The senate passed 104 and the house 150.

Among the bills that died was the Hill penitentiary reform bill, which was passed by both senate and house and conference report agreed to, but at the last minute it was found that the caption had not been amended to conform with the body of the bill and it was called from the house for correction. When it got back to the house there was no quorum in that body and after waiting until nearly 3 o'clock sine die adjournment was taken and the bill was left a corpse on the field of hasty legislation, having been introduced early in the session and bearing number 7.

In the thirty-third legislature there were 494 bills introduced in the senate and 903 in the house. There were 27 senate joint resolutions in 1913 against 22 this session; 43 house joint resolutions in 1913 against 48 this year; 32 concurrent resolutions in 1913 in the house against 22 this year.

Senator W. J. Townsend, Jr., of Angellina was unanimously elected president pro tem of the senate for the interim between the regular and special sessions.

The final message of the governor dismissing the legislature with his commendation and good wishes came late in the day.

"To the Legislature: Replying to the respectful request of your honorable committee for submission to you by me of any further matters that I might desire to bring before you before the official adjournment of your honorable body, I beg to advise that there are no matters which will at this time be submitted by me for your official consideration.

"However, I am glad of the opportunity to express to you my deep and sincere appreciation of the patriotic services which you have so signally rendered the State in the passage of the many wise laws at your hands. I thank you most cordially for the loyal support and co-operation rendered me as the governor of the State, and I take this opportunity to thank personally each individual member of this legislature, and to wish each of you Godspeed to your home and loved ones. Yours truly,

James E. Ferguson,
Governor of Texas."

The cost of the first session of the thirty-fourth legislature in cash to the State is about \$126,000 in per diem, mileage and contingent expenses. There was appropriated \$125,000 for mileage and per diem and \$30,000 for contingent expenses and less than \$120,000 has been expended, leaving more than \$20,000 on hand.

A special session will be called about April 25.

Friday's Senate Proceedings.

Austin, Tex.—Immediately after the senate was convened Friday morning a resolution was adopted inviting former Senator Julius Real of Kerrville, the only republican to serve in the Texas senate in late years, to address the body, which he accepted, and spoke for a few minutes, recalling the days when he was a member of the senate.

"There is one thing about which I wish to speak to you," said Mr. Real, "and that is the passage of the Gibson bill. I understand that it will be submitted to you in a message from the governor for action during the called session, and I hope you will pass it, for Texas needs the benefit of the cheaper money which it would bring."

The first measure to be considered was the penitentiary bill, a house bill by Mr. Hill, which was passed to third reading Thursday night after several amendments had been adopted. The bill passed finally without debate Friday morning and was sent back to the house and later to conference.

A house joint resolution by Mr. Beard of Milam, submitting a constitutional amendment permitting coun-

ties to levy an ad valorem tax not to exceed 50c on the \$100 valuation for the maintenance of public schools, was passed without debate.

Senator Erelford offered an amendment striking out the clause permitting the governing boards of the state university and the A. and M. College to issue bonds. A similar amendment offered by Senator Sutter had been defeated by a vote of 19 to 10, but it was adopted Friday by a vote of 21 to 9. Vote on final passage was taken and the measure passed by a vote of 21 to 8.

The senate passed a house bill by Messrs. Furrh and Blalock permitting the commissioners court of Harrison county to appropriate \$1,000 for farm demonstration work in that county.

The house bill by Mr. Wagstaff amending the present bonded warehouse law as to permit a farmer to own more than \$1,000 of stock in a warehouse was passed.

Friday's House Proceedings.

Austin, Tex.—Debate on concurring in the senate amendments to the Sackett resolution providing for a constitutional amendment looking to the separation of the university and A. and M. College, and discussion of the special committee report on the alleged attempted bribery of a representative, engaged the attention of the house for the greater part Friday.

A resolution by Mr. Loudermilk was adopted recalling the dentistry board bill from the governor for correction, the record showing that the vote by which the house had finally passed the bill had been reconsidered and not finally disposed of.

A resolution was adopted recalling from the governor for correction the house joint resolution seeking to permit registered voters to vote anywhere in the state outside the counties of their residence.

On motion of Mr. Caldwell the house refused to concur in senate amendments to the bill increasing the pay of appellate court stenographers and asked for a conference committee. The chair named Messrs. Caldwell, Weber, Low, Gates and Nichols on the part of the house.

By viva voce vote the house concurred in senate amendment adding the emergency clause to Mr. Metcalfe's bill providing for removal of dead animals on or near any public highway.

Texas Senate.

Austin, Tex.—Two resolutions of sympathy were the first measures before the senate after it convened for Thursday's session. One was on the death of J. C. Lattimore, superintendent of Waco schools, brother of Senator O. S. Lattimore of Fort Worth, and the other was on the death of Mrs. Eliza E. Wallace, mother-in-law of Governor Ferguson.

The first measure laid before the senate by the chair, a house bill by Mr. Crudington, permitting the members of the supreme court to employ a stenographer for each justice, was warmly debated, and was passed finally with several amendments.

Without debate the senate passed finally a house bill by Mr. Cates requiring the use of fish ladders over chase of school land for homestead purposes during the month of June, 1901; a house bill by Mr. Wagstaff permitting persons holding license to practice law in other states to secure a license in Texas without examination.

The senate accepted the report of the free conference committee on the joint resolution providing that a road tax of 50c on the \$100 valuation may be levied by counties.

The house text book bill, by Messrs. Nordhaus, Burton of Tarrant and Florer, was passed finally as amended.

The senate passed finally the house bill by Mr. Dixon of Harris providing for the recording of tax receipts with county clerks, as deeds are now recorded, fixing a fee of 25c and requiring county clerks to keep such record books.

The senate passed finally the house bill defining and regulating reciprocal fire insurance contracts.

The Valentine house bill providing for local option free text books was laid before the senate and was passed finally with practically no discussion.

Texas House.

Austin, Tex.—All day Thursday the house worked with almost feverish anxiety to pass finally all the measures pending on third reading.

The following measures were passed Thursday:

Senator Darwin's joint resolution, which seeks a constitutional amendment permitting the issuance of bonds for levees and the drainage of swamp lands sought to be reclaimed.

By Mr. Bland and others: Providing for the suppression of splenic or tick fever and other live stock diseases below the quarantine line.

Senator Harley's bill, authorizing assessment accident insurance companies to require admission fees of not exceeding \$3 each.

Senator Hudapeth's bill, permitting structural iron companies to incorporate.

THE WEATHER

General Observations—Forecast. General Weather Movements Due and Their Local Effects, for the Cotton States, March 28 to April 4, 1914.

Cool Wave Series Number K—Due for its next recurrence in Northwest United States March 28, will be a moderate to average movement, for the season, preceded in the west by warmer temperatures and light precipitation. The precipitation will increase as the movement progresses eastward. Clearing and 10 or 15 degrees cooler weather will follow.

Number 8—Due April 1, will be an average movement, accompanied by light snowfall, with increasing precipitation in the west as the Cool Wave departs eastward. Seasonably colder weather will result in Northern, Eastern and Southeastern States.

Forecast for the Cotton States.

Sunday to Wednesday, March 28-31—The week will open generally fair and moderately cool in the South and little change of any kind is expected during the first half of the week, while Cool Wave Number K is crossing the country. Light frost temperatures are expected in Northern Alabama and Georgia and in the Carolinas Wednesday and Thursday, but it will be warmer in Middle and Western Cotton Belt.

Thursday to Sunday, April 1 to 4—Unsettled weather will appear in Western Cotton Belt Thursday and it will continue more or less unsettled, breaking into general rains by Saturday. The general rains will be spreading over the South as the new week opens, with no material change of temperatures.

—National Weather Journal, Houston, Texas.

CASH AGAIN IN SIGHT FOR THE TEXAS FARMERS

Texas Industrial Congress Has Prepared Bulletins to Enable Farmers to Secure Cash Prizes.

Bulletins have been prepared for the more than 20,000 Texans who have entered the various contests of the Texas Industrial Congress with a view of winning its large cash prizes through the growth of best crops and farm animals; cost of production considered. Their titles are, "A Garden Bulletin," "Cowpeas," "Corn," "Small Grains," "Kaffir, Milo and Feterita," "Peanuts," "Planting Time," "Fattening Hogs for Market," "The Family Cow" and "Cultivation of the Crop." Copies of these bulletins will go to each contestant. They may be secured by any farmer in the state by enrolling in the contests, for which there is no charge, and which places no obligation whatever on the contestant.

Each of the bulletins has been prepared by competent men and reviewed by specialists. They have dealt particularly with the difficulties and problems which Texas farmers have to face, and do not call for the use of rare and expensive farm machinery or the practice of unknown methods. Further, they are based on Texas soil and climatic conditions and contain nothing that is locally impracticable.

The bulletin on "Hogs for the Market" contains valuable suggestions as to how to select the animals, information as to what and how they should be fed and indicates simple and easy means of keeping them free from vermin and in health. Rations for young pigs are described, and a regular schedule is given of the kinds of foods best suited to hogs of various sizes and ages.

In corn growing, seed selection, deep plowing and cultivation are emphasized. The congress has sent out several thousand "rag doll" corn seed testers; it suggests that six seed from various parts of the ear be used in the tests, and that all ears which show low germinating power be discarded, and that the seed from them should never be used for planting.

Check row planting is especially desirable for corn, as it makes easy more thorough cultivation. Seven hundred tons of water are needed to produce fifty bushels of corn on an acre, and as this falls irregularly, special effort must be used to conserve it as it falls. The bulletin urges frequent shallow cultivation throughout the whole growing season, especially after the ear begins to form. This provides a mulch which acts to retain the moisture in the soil. In fact, each phase of corn cultivation is discussed, and the questions which arise oftenest in the minds of Texas farmers have been singled out and answered, and the congress will be glad to have inquiries whenever information is needed.

Texas Corporations Chartered.

Austin, Tex.—The following Texas corporations were chartered Friday: Pearson-Kirk Mercantile Company of Gorman; capital stock, \$20,000.

Telluride Power Company of Dallas; capital stock, \$40,000.

Overland Sales Company of Houston; capital stock, \$1,000.

Beaumont Cotton Oil Mill Company of Beaumont; capital stock, \$100,000.

Wharton Methodist church of Wharton; no capital stock.

CARRANZA AND VILLA FORCES TO MIX IT SOON

REPORTS FROM NEAR TAMPICO CLAIM BIG ARMIES HAVE GATHERED THERE.

RANCHES LOOTED BY BANDITS

British Consul Pierce and Family Hurriedly Depart From the Troubled Republic—Black Smallpox Takes Hand.

Washington.—Reports to the state department and to the Mexican agencies Monday continued to indicate that Villa and Carranza forces are massing near the coast in Northern Mexico for what may be the most decisive battle fought since Huerta was overthrown.

Advices to the state department from Tampico said the Carranza forces were "retreating to Victoria and that the Villa forces were marching on Victoria." This was thought to mean that at least a considerable part of the Tampico garrison had marched inland to join the army assembling to meet the oncoming Villa troops. The same dispatch said it was reported that in Tampico there were approximately 2,500 Americans, 300 British subjects, 50 Italians, 50 French, 2,000 Spaniards and 2,000 Chinese.

A report to the department from Laredo, dated March 20, indicated that a large Villa force was on its way to attack Nuevo Laredo. Other reports told of an outbreak of black smallpox in Campesche, of the killing and theft of live stock by looters in the vicinity of San Carlos, Coahuila, and of the robbing of stores in Guaymas by a mob which resented the refusal of Chinamen to accept fiat money. The governor, the dispatch said, had ordered 100 soldiers to Guaymas to punish the mob leaders.

The Villa agency made public reports that General Chao, leading the southern division of the campaign against Tampico, had penetrated beyond Ebanos to a point less than ten miles from Tampico, and that the vanguard of the Villa army operating against Matamoros had reached Reynosa, sixty miles from Matamoros. The civil population, it was said, was fleeing from Matamoros to Brownsville, Texas.

Secretary Bryan and Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, conferred Monday over a new danger menacing the Yucatan sisal hemp supply from which must come the twine to bind this year's crop of wheat in the United States and Canada. Earlier both the secretary and the ambassador had received a committee of Yucatan citizens who said that Carranza officials at the port of Progreso were burning stores of sisal and threatening growers and shippers with heavy taxation and penalties because of their refusal to accept a Carranza governor.

Galveston, Tex.—Arthur Peirce, for forty-four years British consul at the port of Progreso, Mexico, with his family of twelve, have fled for their lives from Mexico. They were of a party of 215 residents of Yucatan that arrived in Galveston Sunday on the Norwegian steamship Nils, after she had been literally driven out of Progreso at gun point. Practically every large grower of sisal grass in the Progreso district, the most of whom made their homes at Merida, with their families, are on the steamship, refugees from Mexico. Homes, plantations, business houses, everything was abandoned by the refugees when they left. Such things as they could carry—gold, jewelry, etc.—were hurriedly gathered and brought aboard.

The steamship Nils left Galveston one week ago for Progreso for a cargo of sisal. It was evidently the belief of the soldiers that patrolled the town that she had brought ammunition.

Washington.—A protest was sent by the United States Friday to General Villa against the collection from Americans or other foreigners of part of a special tax of 1,000,000 pesos levied at Monterey.

The British embassy had brought to the attention of the state department a report just received from Monterey saying that the British-owned light and power company there had been called upon to pay \$35,000 as its share of the new tax.

Just how the general assessment was to be apportioned the state department was not informed, but the understanding was that General Villa had laid an omnibus tax on the city, leaving it to the city authorities there to raise the money in whatever way they saw fit. The order was dated March 16, it was said, and fifteen days was the time given in which to raise the money.

PUTS BLAME ON WAR



C. H. Canby, president of the Chicago board of trade, who testified in the New York state investigation into the rise in the price of bread, declared that the law of supply and demand and not the furore of the Chicago wheat pit, was the cause of the increase.

"Europe wants our wheat," Mr. Canby declared, "and the world price governs the American price. Every country in the world is trying to purchase wheat here. It is a matter of bidding between the American consumer and the foreign buyer."

"I think the New York investigators are on the wrong track. No group of men have sufficient power to boost artificially the price of wheat. A conspiracy to restrain trade in wheat and flour is well-nigh impossible."

"I am unalterably against a federal embargo on wheat exportations. Not only would that be a great blow to our commerce, but it would be

tampering with our economic fabric. Speculation has been but a drop in the bucket in comparison with the real cause of the increase in the prices—the war.

"There is no shortage in our supply. We still have 75,000,000 bushels for export. The new crop will be in circulation in 15 weeks."

"For the first time in years the farmer is getting a fair price. Formerly he had to compete with cheap labor in Austria, Argentina and other wheat-raising countries."

SAYS WIVES SHOULD BOSS

Just why, in addressing a woman's organization, Secretary of the Navy Daniels should have asserted that every young man should get married; that "every man needs a real good woman for a boss," was not apparent, but he said it as he bowed gracefully to Mrs. Daniels. The occasion was the banquet of the League of American Pen Women.

Qualifying his remarks about every man having a feminine boss, Secretary Daniels advised that the wife boss her husband systematically and wisely. He said the husband would then amount to something, but otherwise the chances were he would not.

"Women help to make men better, and with the aid of suffrage they would help to make our government better," he declared.

The secretary said he knew a man who calls his wife "pardner," and declared he likes it, for a wife is all of that. In connection with the European war, as a result of which homes have been broken up in those countries, the secretary spoke of the separation of husbands and wives. He said that while he was not allowed to speak of war, being strictly neutral, he often wondered, as he thought of the great conflict, if our civilization is only skin deep.



A POLITICAL PARADOX

Representative James W. Fordney of Saginaw, Mich., is a political paradox. Expressed in mathematical terms, he would be parallel lines which meet or a half that is greater than its whole.

For Mr. Fordney, in the last congressional election, though everywhere defeated in detail, was victorious. He was beaten in each of the four counties that compose his district, and yet was elected. In each of these counties he ran second—and when the sum of them was taken, he ran first.

Against Mr. Fordney, who is a Republican, there ran a Democrat and a Progressive. In two of the four counties of the district the Democrat won over Mr. Fordney by a small number of votes; the Progressive, however, was left far, very far, behind. In the other two counties the Progressive came out first, with Mr. Fordney a very close second; the Democrat, though, was badly distanced. When the sum total of the votes of the four counties was added up, it was found that, while the Democrat and Progressive had each polled about the same number of votes, Mr. Fordney had beaten them both by a substantial number.

Thus, after three thousand years, nearly, was justified the remark of old Heald: "It is only a child who doesn't know that the half is greater than the whole."

HER LIFE NEVER DULL

"It is singular," said Mrs. William G. Gorgas, wife of Brigadier General Gorgas, chief of the medical corps of the United States army and famous all over the world as the man who made conditions possible for the achievement of the Panama canal, "what a prominent part yellow fever has played in my life! It even figured in my courtship!"

"I was visiting at Fort Brown, Texas, when I was a young miss, and was suddenly taken with yellow fever. At that time General Gorgas was treating and studying fever cases at the same place. He, himself, became ill, and it was during our convalescence that our romance began."

"From then on General Gorgas specialized to a great extent on yellow fever, and gave his attention toward its prevention in places where it had become a chronic malady. His assignments in the service have been to regions where he might continue to carry on his battle against it, and as I look back over my life it appears to me that yellow fever stalks rather vividly alongside many of my experiences."



GREATEST COTTON CROPEVER PRODUCED GROWN IN 1914

Federal Report Shows 1914 Crop Largest and Worth Less Than 1913—War Cost in Cotton Over \$200,000,000.

Washington.—The greatest cotton crop ever produced in the United States was grown in 1914.

Census bureau statistics issued this week, giving final ginning figures, officially place the 1914 crop as a record with 16,102,143 bales of 500 pounds each. That is, 409,442 equivalent 500-pound bales, or 204,721,000 pounds, more than produced in the great crop of 1911.

In addition to the great production of lint cotton, a record quantity of linter cotton, which is extensively used in manufacture of military explosives, was obtained. This cotton, delinted from the seeds at oil mills, amounted to 395,732,000 pounds and brought the total 1914 crop to 16,892,604 equivalent 500-pound bales, or 8,446,803,500 pounds.

While the crop was a record one, the only states to make new records in the production were Alabama, Louisiana and Oklahoma. The other cotton states all came close to their records. Texas produced in 1914 4,580,933 bales against 3,944,970 in 1913.

A feature of the crop was the greatly increased production in California and Arizona, two states where the cotton-growing industry is in its infancy and where a superior quality of the staple is raised.

California's production amounted to 49,835 bales, or 24,917,500 pounds, while Arizona's was 7,142 bales, or 3,571,000 pounds.

Unofficial estimates place the value of the crop, which this season has been greatly reduced by the effect of the European war, at \$570,000,000 for lint. That is based on an average price of 7.2c per pound to producers, and an estimate of 70 per cent as the quantity already sold, with the remainder selling at an average of 7.8c a pound. On the same basis the value of the seed is estimated at \$134,000,000. These together made the estimated value of the 1914-15 crop to cotton farmers \$704,000,000, compared with \$911,000,000, the value of the 1913-14 crop, estimated in the same manner.

The report of the census bureau is: The 1914 cotton crop of the United States aggregated 15,873,002 running bales of lint, or 16,102,43 equivalent 500-pound bales. The department of agriculture Dec. 10 estimated 15,966,000 equivalent 500-pound bales. These figures compare with 13,982,811 running bales, or 14,156,486 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1913. 13,703,421 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1912 and 15,553,073 running bales or 15,692,701 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1911, the three largest crops prior to 1914. Included in the 1914 figures are 121,451 bales which ginners estimated would be turned out after the March canvass.

Round bales included numbered 57,618, compared with 99,962 in 1913, 81,528 in 1912 and 101,554 in 1911.

Sea island bales included numbered 81,598, compared with 77,563 in 1913, 73,777 in 1912 and 119,293 in 1911.

The average gross weight of bales for the crop was 507.2 pounds, compared with 506.2 in 1913, 508 in 1912 and 504.5 in 1911.

Ginneries operated for the crop numbered 24,522, compared with 24,749 in 1913, 25,279 in 1912 and 26,349 in 1911.

Linter cotton, not included in total ginning figures, amounted to 772,276 running bales, or 791,464 equivalent 500-pound bales, compared with 631,152 running bales or 638,881 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1913, 602,324 running bales or 609,594 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1912 and 556,276 running bales or 557,575 equivalent 500-pound bales in 1911.

Widow Pension Act Passed.

Nashville, Tenn.—The house of representatives Friday concurred in senate amendments to the bill which provides pensions for widows or wives of disabled husbands in counties of 50,000 having juvenile courts. The monthly rate is \$10 for the first and \$5 for each additional child. The limit is \$4,000 per annum per county.

Three Robbers Hold Up Interurban.

Houston, Tex.—The interurban car from Galveston, due in Houston at 12:40 Friday morning, was held up and robbed at the Houston Belt & Terminal Company Junction by three masked white bandits, who were all armed with big pistols, and who used wild west methods in their work. They got money and jewelry.

Interurban Robber Overpowered.

Braunton, Tex.—An attempt was made to rob the last incoming interurban car from Port Arthur about 12:30 Friday night. A young man is in the city jail. He boarded the car just out of Port Arthur. There were four or five passengers on the car. The conductor overpowered the robber.

SAFER CREDITS

The Regional Bank's New Measure Will Help Business Men in Many Ways.

Better credits, rather than an extension of credit, is the much-to-be-desired effect which the Federal reserve act will have on business. The new regional banks will exercise a useful function in assisting member banks to improve the character of their loans.

The most useful function in matters pertaining to health is the digestive system for it is from this source we receive our daily help in renewing the waste portions of the body, keeping the blood pure and well supplied with red corpuscles, and the general condition up to Nature's standard.

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Make Hostetter's Stomach Bitters your first choice in any ailment of the Stomach, Liver or Bowels. You will find it well worthy of your confidence. Insist on having the genuine.

The Biggest Fool.

Pat was strolling about one day with an Englishman. "Pat," said the Englishman, "I will give that woman sixpence or every penny you give her."

"Right," said Pat, and he gave her ninepence.

When the Englishman had given her his share, "Pat," said he, "which of us was the biggest fool?"

"It was you," said Pat.

"No," said the Englishman, "it was you, for you gave her all you had."

"But," said Pat, "that was my mither."

The Long Talk.

"After I got through with my remarks," said the orator, "the people applauded loudly."

"I joined in that applause," replied Miss Cayenne.

"You were interested."

"Yes, and grateful. I was afraid for a while that you had grown absent-minded and thought you were filibustering."

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Any woman in this condition has good cause to suspect kidney trouble, especially if the kidney action seems disordered.

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A Louisiana Case

"Every Female Tells a Story." Mrs. F. F. Gookin, 211 Hanson St., Hammond, La., says: "My system was filled with uric acid and I had sharp pains across my back and shoulders. My kidneys didn't act right and my muscles ached. After doctors' medicine failed, Doan's Kidney Pills fixed me up all right. I have no backache now and my kidneys are well."

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ABOUT 50,000 SURRENDER

Fighting in France and Flanders Continues—German Zeppelins Visit Paris and Drop Bombs—In the Dardanelles.

Latest War News From Front.

The Przemyśl garrison, which capitulated to the Russian army Monday, surrendered without a fight. The hoisting of the white flag over this fortress, which was said to be on the point of surrendering on a number of occasions, caused little surprise, as it was generally known that it was in a terribly weakened condition, without food or ammunition, and its endurance was only a question of days.

War office advices report that nine Austrian generals were taken, more than 300 officers and 50,000 men.

The Russian general commanding the invading army has been decorated with St. George's cross.

A Te Deum was celebrated at the Russian army headquarters in Petrograd when the fall of Przemyśl was announced, the ceremony being participated in by Emperor Nicholas, Grand Duke Nicholas and the members of the general staff.

A heavy snowstorm failed to check the enthusiastic demonstrations in which the civil and military populations united when the fall of Przemyśl was announced. The crowds, floundering in deep drifts which tied up street traffic, cheered the officers and soldiers who remained to participate in the celebration.

The Przemyśl garrison was estimated at 80,000 men last September and last week it was reported that it had diminished to 25,000. There have been recurrent reports of cholera and other diseases, but these were as vague as many of the premature reports regarding its surrender.

The relations between Italy and Austria are believed to have reached an acute stage. A Rome dispatch says Austrian and German subjects have been advised by their consuls to leave Italy in the shortest possible time and that a number of Germans who recently arrived in Italy are being watched because of a suspicion that they are military spies.

There also are reports that Greece is preparing to adopt a more active attitude. Following a series of prolonged cabinet meetings at Athens, the Greek minister of marine is quoted as having said that the Greek government had received all guarantees and to have indicated that the country was about to engage in some enterprise.

The allied fleet is preparing for a renewal of the attack on the Dardanelles, delayed by unfavorable weather. At a council of the admirals aboard the French battleship Suffren it is reported that a decision was reached to make a new general attack, in which all the warships will take part.

Reverting to their policy of last fall, the Germans early Sunday attacked Paris with air craft. Four Zeppelins started for the city, but only two reached it. These dropped bombs, injuring a number of persons and setting fire to buildings. The French airmen, whose duty it is to guard the city, pursued the Germans, but owing to the mist they were unable to overtake the airships.

As far as the land operations are concerned the eastern front holds the most interest. The Russians, despite the swampy conditions of the ground, are slowly, according to Petrograd dispatches, pressing the Germans back to the East Prussian frontier, their latest achievement being to defeat three German columns which had set out on the road to Ostrolenka from Myszyńce, which is not far from the German frontier.

Three battleships, two British and one French, have been sent to the bottom of the straits of the Dardanelles by Turkish mines, while at least two other warships have been raked by the cannon fire of the Turks and damaged. Both Great Britain and France admit these losses, the first serious ones suffered by the allies since they began their endeavor to pierce the tortuous waterway leading up to Constantinople.

The battleships which met with disaster are the irresistible and Ocean, which belonged to Great Britain, and the Bouvet, belonging to France. The damaged ships are the British battle cruiser Inflexible and the French battleship Gaulois. Practically the whole of the crew of over 600 men on board the Bouvet were lost, as the vessel sank three minutes after she had come in contact with the mine.

IN EUROPE



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ODD FELLOWS AND REBEKAHS MEET AT MINERAL WELLS 1916

Much Work Was Accomplished for the Good of the Members—All Left-over Amendments Defeated.

San Antonio, Tex.—The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Texas wound up Wednesday the affairs of its 1915 convention, while the Daughters of Rebekah organization cleaned its slate completely and adjourned until 1916.

Mineral Wells won in the four-cornered contest for the honor of entertaining the convention next year. The contest was not drawn on sharp lines, however, as the first vote expressed the general will decisively, and the choice of Mineral Wells was made unanimous by a rising vote. The nominating speech by Judge Miller of Dallas was seconded by W. K. Francis of Fort Worth, who served as grand master of the grand lodge last year; W. B. Sebastian of Brackenridge and W. A. Howard of Mineral Wells.

During the session of the grand lodge a surprise came in the form of an overwhelming defeat of all the proposed amendments that had been carried over from last year. By many it had been anticipated that the manner of electing the grand lodge officers would be changed, so that the right of choice would be conferred upon the subordinate lodges, but the attempt to effect this change met with immediate opposition.

Another proposed amendment that suffered instant defeat was that seeking to change the grand lodge's time of convening from 2 o'clock in the afternoon of the third Monday in March to 8 o'clock in the evening of the same day.

Principal of the other proposed amendments were those seeking to limit the tenure of grand lodge officers to ten consecutive years, and to elect representatives to the grand lodge for two years instead of one year.

On the recommendation of the committee on the Widows and Orphans' Home at Corsicana the grand lodge adopted rules and regulations for the government of that institution.

The two banners offered by Dr. Cates of Abilene for the largest increase in lodge membership during the year were won by Jourdan Lodge No. 907 and Electra Lodge No. 883, which reported gains of twenty-four and thirty-five members, respectively.

The Rebekah officers elected were: Mrs. Amella Blank of San Antonio, president; Mrs. Minnie Brown of Tyler, vice president; Mrs. Nellie C. Litter of Fort Worth, grand warden; Mrs. J. Alexander of Cisco, secretary; Mrs. Mamie Dale-Brown of Iowa Park, treasurer; Mrs. Myrtle Wynne of Beaumont, member of the advisory board, and Dr. B. J. Hubbard of Kaufman, grand messenger.

A concert by the girls' orchestra of the Widows and Orphans' Home of the Odd-Fellows at Corsicana was a feature of the session of the Rebekah assembly.

General Scott Pacifics Indians.

Washington.—A laconic telegram to the war department Sunday from Brigadier General Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, at Bluff, Utah, announced that the general was bringing in the four Plute Indians who recently led a band of their tribesmen on the war path when the federal authorities murdered. The message, addressed to Secretary Garrison, said: "Successful. Have four Plutes desired by Marshal Nebeker, and am at their desire personally conducting them to Salt Lake to turn over to Marshal Nebeker. Am leaving everything peaceable behind us in Southern Utah."

NEW LEGISLATIVE MEASURES SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR

Governor Ferguson Has Put His Signature to Several Bills, Thus Making Them Law.

Austin, Tex.—Governor Ferguson has signed the following measures:

Senate bill No. 40—The working woman's 54-hour law.

House bill No. 545—Mills county road law.

House bill No. 535—Amend Houston county road law.

House bill No. 531—Camp county road law.

House bill No. 502—Amend charter of Gainesville.

House bill No. 604—Increase authority and duties of commissioners court of Orange county.

House bill No. 597—Appropriating \$4,000 for suppression of carbon on anthrax.

House bill No. 579—To require governor to appoint hide and animal inspectors for Bee, Duval, Live Oak, Maverick and Walker counties.

House bill No. 511—Amend Van Zandt county road law.

Senate bill No. 389—Angelina county road law.

Senate bill No. 769—Giving authority to members of the Agricultural and Mechanical College board to sign warrants in the absence of the president.

Strike Oil Vein Near Dallas.

Gainesville, Tex.—The Snyder Oil Company of Dallas, which is drilling an oil well six miles north of Dexter, has struck a fair sized vein of oil at 400 feet.

Peace Congress Dates Are Set.

Washington.—It was announced from the headquarters of the American Peace Society this week that the fifth American Peace Congress will be held in San Francisco in September or October next.

Bonham Mayorality Nominee.

Bonham, Tex.—In the second primary held Tuesday to select a democratic nominee for mayor Joe Thurmond was nominated.

Abandoned Tract Yields Oil.

Lake Charles, La.—Sloan A. Emerson this week brought in a 1,000-barrel gusher in the Egerly field on part of a lease abandoned by the Gulf Refining Company as unproductive.

Armed Guards Placed in Yards.

Kansas City, Mo.—Armed guards were stationed both inside and outside of the stock yards pavilion Friday, where French and British representatives are inspecting 26,000 horses for their governments.

Military Governor Resigns.

Brownsville, Tex.—General Antonio Y. Villarreal, for the past year constitutionalist military governor of Nuevo Leon, Mexico, has resigned and crossed into the United States.

Belgians to Raise German Pigs.

Brussels.—One million German pigs have been billeted on the civilian population of Belgium. The pigs must be fed and cared for by the Belgians, without distinction as to class.

Noted Portrait Painter Is Dead.

Washington.—Elphalest Fraser Andrews, who painted several of the portraits now in the White House, including those of Martha Washington and Dolly Madison, died Friday, aged 60.

Fire Causes a Loss of \$10,000.

New Braunfels, Tex.—A large shed of the Lands Industries, filled with feedstuffs, burned Saturday, entailing a loss of about \$10,000.

TOMMY'S AMBITION IN LIFE

Not a Very High One, but Extremely Complimentary to His School Teacher.

Many of the teachers attending a recent teachers' convention at Portland, Me., had good stories to tell. One young and rather pretty teacher from Lincoln county told the following:

"It has been my custom to encourage discussion on subjects outside the lesson papers, and along this line I one day spoke of ambition. After I had set before the class the desirability of having high aims I asked my pupils what each planned to be. One wanted to be a doctor, another president, another an aviator, another an electric car motorman, another an engineer on a railroad, and so on around the class, until I reached Tommy.

"Tommy is a bright, handsome youngster of seven years, and I was expecting him to want to be someone of great importance in the world. I was puzzled to find him plainly much embarrassed. He didn't want to tell me his ambition, but finally asked if he might whisper it to me. Much interested, I gave him permission, and he trudged up to my desk. Even there he hesitated.

"Come, come, Tommy!" I said, somewhat impatiently. "Tell me what it is you want to be in life."

"He raised himself on tiptoes and alighted one arm about my neck as he whispered, 'Your—your husband!'"—The Sunday Magazine.

Honi Soit Qui Mal Y Pense.

It was recess. Two small boys were having a somewhat rough struggle, and when one received an unexpected hard blow he exclaimed:

"If you don't look out, you'll end up in a place that begins with H and ends with L!"

A passing teacher, hearing the remark, acceded the boy severely for what he had said.

"Well," replied the boy, after a pause, "I'm sure I don't know what you're talking about. I only meant hospital."—The Sunday Magazine.

Easily Explained.

His Fiancee—Tell me, count, why do you always kiss my hand?

The Count—Are you not left-handed?

His Fiancee—Yes.

The Count—Then that is so hand with which you sign so checks, is it not?—Puck.

A Saving Period.

"It is a good thing that baseball was not among the old Roman sports."

"Why not?"

"Why, the audiences would always have insisted on killing the umpire."

Was Overmade.

"He is a self-made man, is he not?"

"Yes, except for the alteration made by his wife and her mother."

Comparatively Speaking.

"Science is in its infancy."

"Still, it's a pretty bright baby for its age."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

The White House baby having been named, the minor affairs of the nation may proceed.

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Mr. J. A. Hughes, Red Level, Ala. "Electro-Galvanic-Blisters cured Rheumatism I had forty years and now helping me with."

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TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

A deal has been consummated whereby the Southland Life Insurance company of Dallas reinsures the business of the San Antonio Life Insurance company of San Antonio.

The double bond issue of \$310,000 voted on by the property owners of Cleburne, recently, carried by a safe majority. The proposition was to issue \$130,000 to build ward school buildings and \$180,000 sewer bonds.

The house has killed the Clark breeder's bill, or so-called Pari-Mutuel bill, striking out its enacting clause by a vote of 78 to 17. This amendment was signed by Mr. Baker of Hood and about 70 others.

At a meeting it has been decided to continue the Johnson county fair and open it just before the state fair at Dallas. The committee will work throughout the summer getting up exhibits.

The greatest bonuses yet paid for leases in the Taylor Thrall oil field was closed when the Witherspoon associates paid \$11,250 bonus, or \$150 acre and seventh royalty, for a lease of 75 acres of land located about three-fourths of a mile west of the new oil wells.

Waco was the winner in the contest for entertaining the next biennial convention of the Woodmen of the World, jurisdiction of the Texas, after a spirited contest at Fort Worth. Houston, Corpus Christi, Wichita Falls, Waco and Mineral Wells were urged upon the delegates.

The corner stone of Dallas' new \$5,000,000 passenger station was set in place with due ceremony Tuesday afternoon. Members of the state legislature and the foremost railway men of the state of Texas joined with the Dallas chamber of commerce, the union depot committee and representative citizens of the city in making the occasion one of the most important in the history of Dallas.

The social service federation, an organization which for several years has devoted itself to caring for the poor and destitute of Houston, has gone out of existence because of insufficient funds to carry on the work. At a meeting of the directors of the organization, the financial statement was read, showing that the treasurer had on hand only \$20.88, while debts aggregate \$2,300.

A new military post will be established in San Antonio some time in May of the present year. It will be the home of the fourth arm of the service. Brigadier General George P. Seriven, chief of the signal corps, who arrived there accompanied by Captain Ben B. Foulis, is authority for the statement that a complete aero squadron will be in operation near the Fort Sam Houston reservation by the latter part of May.

Governor Ferguson has signed the compulsory school attendance bill. The signatures of the speaker and lieutenant governor were affixed and the bill was carried to the governor's office by Mrs. John W. Woods, wife of the speaker, and Representative John E. Davis, chairman of the house committee on enrolled bills. All the official indorsements in both house and senate were made with the pearl and gold pen with which the governor's name was signed. This pen—the exclusive stilographic medium through which the bill becomes a law—will be worn as a brooch by Mrs. Woods.

The statement of Mexia's three banks shows that there is \$482,220.58 on deposit subject to individual check.

Dr. I. H. Pauline, French physiologist, appeared before the doctor's luncheon club at Fort Worth in a demonstration of his power to cause the flow of blood to cease in any member of a subject's body. The physiologist caused the blood to recede absolutely from the subject's arm, leaving it white and apparently dead. Physicians could feel no pulse beat in it.

Reports of the financial condition of the four banks of Taylor at the close of business March 4 show total deposits of over \$1,075,000 in the Taylor banks.

The Grayson county commissioners' court rescinded the good roads bond issue recently ordered for April 10 and reset it for Saturday, April 17. The issue will also be for \$300,000 instead of \$200,000 as first ordered and bear only 5 per cent interest instead of 5 1/2 per cent at first proposed.

CALOMEL IS MERCURY, IT SICKENS! STOP USING SALIVATING DRUG

Don't Lose a Day's Work! If Your Liver is Sluggish or Bowels Constipated Take "Dodson's Liver Tone."—It's Fine!

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, you may lose a day's work. Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoonful will clean your

sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working; you'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and cannot salivate. Give it to your children! Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

ALL THE PROOF NECESSARY

Surly Man Must Have Been Convinced That He Was Occupying the Other's Chair.

It was the rush hour in the cafeteria, one of these quick-lunch places where you help yourself and grab a chair and use the arm of the chair as a table. A rushed feeder grabbed a table and plopped out a chair. Then he remembered he needed coffee and he dashed over to the service counter. When he returned with his coffee his chair was occupied by another hurry-up diner.

"Excuse me," said the first man, "but that is my chair."

"How do you know it is your chair?" demanded the occupant in a surly tone.

"Because I can prove it," stated the first man.

"How can you prove it?" asked the occupant.

"By your trousers," was the reply. "You are sitting on my pie."

"Labby" as a Diplomat.

In Mr. Thorold's "Life of Henry Labouchere" this story is quoted: The grand duchess of Tuscany had a venerable maid of honor about seventy years of age. She had piercing black eyes, and looked like an old post chaise, painted up, and with new lamps.

"How old do you think I am?" she once asked me with a simpering smile, that caused my blood to run cold.

I hesitated and then said "Twenty."

"Flatterer," she replied, tapping me with her fan. "I am twenty-five."

FACE BATHING WITH

Cuticura Soap Most Soothing to Sensitive Skins. Trial Free.

Especially when preceded by little touches of Cuticura Ointment to red, rough, itching and pimply surfaces. Nothing better for the skin, scalp, hair and hands than these super-creamy emollients. Why not look your best as to your hair and skin?

Sample each free by mail with book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. XY, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Finest Chemistry.

There is no finer chemistry than that by which the element of suffering is so compounded with spiritual forces that it issues to the world as gentleness and strength.—George S. Merriam.

Time and the Woman.

Stella—Do you believe in long engagements?

Bella—Well, they are better than long marriages.

—Take CAPUDINE—

For HEADACHES and GRIP. It's Liquid—Prompt and Pleasant—Adv.

Culinary Result.

"How was it Binks' got into such a stew?"

"Because he cooked his reports."

Cupid Outdane.

He was a very devil among women. "Platonic love" his friends explained.

The Cough is what hurts, but the trouble is to blame. Don't let your Cough keep you from the tickle—get good Druggists.

Women never discuss anything at a club meeting—they just talk.

Choked Him Off.

Young Percy Prunes had persistently paid his attentions to the beautiful girl in the next street. From her point of view they were about as welcome as rent collectors are on setting days.

Once he chanced to get her alone with himself at a Christmas party. They sat down together.

"I think I—er—er—I will approach your father tonight. Could you advise as to how I should commence?"

"I consider, sir, that you had better suggest before commencing that he should bear in mind the penalties resulting from violent assault, butchery, manslaughter and damage to person. Papa is so impulsive, you know."—Answers.

Not Ambitious.

The evening meal didn't exactly appeal to little Waldo, and he ate sparingly. Mother, like all mothers, immediately became alarmed, and urged him to eat.

"You must eat something, Waldo," she said, "so you will grow to be a great, big, strong man."

"Mamma, I don't want to be a policeman," the youngster said, making no move to attack his meal.—Indianapolis News.

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson.

In Use For Over 30 Years.

Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

In Society's Zoo.

The returned hero was received with open arms.

Society flocked to him in swarms and droves and mobs.

They made a lion of him.

And he? He made a monkey of himself.

YOUR OWN DRUGGIST WILL TELL YOU why Murine Eye Remedy for Red, Weak, Watery Eyes and Granulated Eyelids; No Stinging; No Itching; No Pain; No Discharge; No Swelling; No Blurred Vision; No Headache; No Dizziness; No Lassitude; No Irritation; No Stinging; No Itching; No Pain; No Discharge; No Swelling; No Blurred Vision; No Headache; No Dizziness; No Lassitude; No Irritation.

A gravity railroad will take visitors around the Panama exposition.

RETOUR MUST HAVE STUNG

Effective Rebuke If Recipient Had Not A Hide as Thick as a Hippopotamus.

One may be excused for feeling a little joy when the man who goes out of his way to make a rude remark in order to display his wit receives a rebuke that is as courteous as it is at the same time effective.

The retort given by a certain learned scientist must have been considerably more amusing to the onlookers than it was to the learned gentleman's antagonist.

It happened at dinner that one of the guests began to deride philosophy, and went on rudely to express the opinion that philosopher was but another way of spelling fool.

"What is your opinion, professor?" he asked. "Is there much distance between them?"

The professor, with a polite bow to his vis-a-vis, responded gravely: "Sometimes only the width of a table."

Misconception.

Representative Herman A. Metz, apropos of neutrality, said at a luncheon in Philadelphia:

"Some of these people take a low, debased view of neutrality; otherwise they wouldn't do the things they're doing."

"Their idea of neutrality, in fact, reminds me of the two actors' idea of marriage."

"At the seventh wedding breakfast of the first actor the other, who had himself been married six times, said: 'Well, old man, I thought you had learned by this time that a marriage is nothing but a sentence of hard labor for life.'"

"Yes," said the other actor, "but it's a sentence that you can get commuted by bad behavior."

Modest Hint.

They were at tea near the college grounds, she quite pretty and engaging despite the fact that she was in Teachers' college, and he an earnest student of the law. They had gone quite far along the pleasant road of romance. He inquired what degree she pursued.

"I aspire to be a M. R. S.," she replied demurely.

"I dare say it's hard," he answered, absent-mindedly. Hours afterward, under the green shaded light in his own room, it all came to him suddenly.—New York Evening Post.

Wanted to Quit.

New Recruit—Excuse me, sir. I'm rather "fed up" with this job. I should like to give a week's notice.—London Opinion.

One Dodge.

Knicker—Laugh and the world laughs with you. Bocker—Weep, and you weep a lone.

Hicks' CAPUDINE

CURES HEADACHES AND COLDS—EASY TO TAKE—QUICK RELIEF—Adv.

Taking a Fall Out of Hymen.

"She married a stick of a man; a perfect blockhead."

"Sort of a wooden wedding?"

A man who buys a blind horse should also consult an oculist.

FREE ADVICE TO SICK WOMEN

Thousands Have Been Helped By Common Sense Suggestions.

Women suffering from any form of female ills are invited to communicate promptly with the woman's private correspondence department of the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established a confidential correspondence which has extended over many years and which has never been broken. Never have they published a testimonial or used a letter without the written consent of the writer, and never has the Company allowed these confidential letters to get out of their possession, as the hundreds of thousands of them in their files will attest.

Out of the vast volume of experience which they have to draw from, it is more than possible that they possess the very knowledge needed in your case. Nothing is asked in return except your good will, and their advice has helped thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, should be glad to take advantage of this generous offer of assistance. Address Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., (confidential) Lynn, Mass.

Every woman ought to have Lydia E. Pinkham's 80-page Text Book. It is not a book for general distribution, as it is too expensive. It is free and only obtainable by mail. Write for it today.

Its Uncertainties.

"Do you believe there is going to be a craze for baseball this season?"

"I guess that's a matter of pitch and toss."

Sold Under a Binding Guarantee. Money Back If It Fails. For Men or Boys. Illustration of a man sitting at a desk.

HANFORD'S Balsam of Myrrh

For Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Sprains, Strains, Stiff Neck, Chills, Lame Back, Old Sores, Open Wounds, and all External Injuries. Made Since 1846. Ask Anybody About It. Price 25c, 50c and \$1.00. OR WRITE HANFORD BROS. CO. SYRACUSE, N. Y.

W. L. DOUGLAS. MEN'S \$2.50 \$3 \$3.50 \$4.00 \$4.50 \$5 \$5.50 SHOES. WOMEN'S \$2.00 \$2.50 \$3.00 \$3.50 \$4.00 SHOES. BOYS \$1.75 \$2 \$2.50 \$3.00 MISSES \$2.00 & \$2.50. YOU CAN SAVE MONEY BY WEARING W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES. Illustration of a man in a suit holding a shoe.

Shipping Fever. Illustration of a horse's head. Text: Indisposition, pink eye, epistaxis, distemper, and all nose and throat diseases cured, and all others, by neither less "cures," kept from having any of these diseases with SPOHN'S LIQUID DISTEMPER CURE. Three to six doses often cure a case. One 15-cent bottle guaranteed to do so. Best thing for brood mares. Acts on the blood. 50c and \$1 a bottle. 25c and 50c green bottles. Druggists and harness shops. Distributors—ALL WHOLESALE DEALERS.

Death Lurks In A Weak Heart

Renovine. Made by Van Vleet-McConnell Drug Co., Memphis, Tenn. Price \$1.00

The Crockett Courier

Issued weekly from the Courier Building.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

All resolutions, cards of thanks, programs and other matter not generally news will be classed as advertising and charged for at one cent a word, and unless you have an active account on our books and pay your bill each month CASH MUST accompany the copy. Count the words and send one cent for each word. For instance—25 words, 25 cents. Nothing for less than 25 cents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For City Secretary.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for city secretary of the city of Crockett at the election to be held April 6, 1915. Your votes will be appreciated.

J. VALENTINE.

Typesetting is expensive and for that reason long articles are to be avoided by the weekly newspaper that expects to stay in business.

A healthy sign of the times is that farmers are not running to the banks and to the merchants for help as they have heretofore done. There is a greater determination than ever to rely on their own resources. This is as it should be and should have been.

Money invested judiciously is worth more than money lying idle in the banks. Big bank deposits prove nothing but idle money. Get your money to working. Of all bad things, the money hoarder is classed as the worst. Let it not be said that Crockett has its money hoarders.

The credit system is largely responsible for our present troubles. People who have been buying no more than they could pay for have as much now as they ever had, and in many cases more than they ever had before. Those who have been buying on a credit beyond their means are hard pressed and those who have been extending the credit are harder pressed. There are times when credit is actually necessary, but it should be the last resort. There is only one good thing to go in debt for and that is a home. All other debts should be avoided except as a last resort.

The distinctive field of the home paper is the subject of the leading article in the Texas Journalist of March 15th. "The bulky city newspaper," says the writer, "with its many features and world wide news, can never crowd out the country weekly. In its own field, which is the publication of the weekly community news, the country paper need fear no competition from the outside. Published on the spot and with the flavor of the home community in its news items, the home paper must stand as something different from the city papers which are sent into the community every day with boiled down telegraphic dispatches under the home date line. Primarily the function of the country paper is to give the news of the home folks."

The Crockett Courier outlines its business creed as follows:

"To do business on a cash basis. To arrange obligations so that they can be met the day they are due.

To pay cash for what we buy and require those who do business with us to pay cash for what they get. The publisher gets respect and prestige in this way that he can acquire in no other way. To charge for every legitimate service, donate no free space, make contributions in actual cash to worthy undertakings and then require cash for service rendered. Such methods gain respect and establish credit at the bank that may be used when needed."

Isn't that sane, safe and satisfying?—Texas Journalist.

A gentleman living out west, who moved from Williamson county seven years ago owing the Commercial \$2 on subscription, sent us \$3 this week, principal and interest. He says: "You sent me a bill in 1907, and I became angry, stopped the paper when I moved away, and I have now joined your 'Flowers for the Living' club and will do better in the future. I was angry for five years after you sent me the bill (I called it a 'dun' then). But I read where you said a man was generally mad at you when he had done you a wrong—so I guess that is so." The Commercial has quite a number of such experiences and they grow larger as the years come and go. We sincerely hope the "Flowers for the Living" club will reach from ocean to ocean and from the gulf to the lakes. It ought to be world-wide and eternal.—Georgetown Commercial.

Our space is our chief commodity. On that we rely to bring us in sufficient coin of the realm to enable us to live in comparative comfort and faithfully discharge our obligations in a commercial way. The time has arrived to dispell forever that old idea of a country newspaper man being an object of charity. The country publisher should be as prosperous as is the average business man of his community. If he isn't, the fault lies largely with himself. He has lent a willing ear to the cry from the politicians and others for free publicity and has not screwed his courage to the sticking point where he can look the whole world in the face and say: "Newspaper space is my marketable product. It is for sale. I am not a philanthropist any more than a banker is a philanthropist. I know what it costs me to produce that space. I have placed a fair price on it. If you want my space pay for it."

The general public seems to have small knowledge of newspaper limitations and requirements. The average man seems able to understand that under one set of circumstances and conditions an item may be worth a column, while under another set of circumstances and conditions it may not be worth even ten lines. Timeliness, the run of news and the available space all enter into the appraisal of every particular item. Newspaper devotion to duty at the sacrifice of profits is strikingly exhibited at the present moment in Texas and throughout the country generally. I do not need to look at the books to know that income has shrunk sadly since the outbreak of the European war. The practiced eye

can discern evidences of retrenchment, but it is plain to be seen that many newspapers are running on slender margins or at actual loss in order to serve their readers.—Clarence Ousley.

This has been a long, cold, wet, dreary winter in East Texas. And it might be said that the people generally were ill prepared for it. Cattle and horses and mules have been forced to limited rations. The low price of cotton together with restricted credits at the stores have made it hard for the people to drag through the terrible crisis. Let us hope a better, brighter day is knocking at the door of winter; that spring will soon burst upon us in a manner that will make all nations shout with joy; that the lanes, and meadows, and woodlots, and old fields will afford a bountiful repast for every beast that parteth the hoof and cheweth the cud, and for horses and mules and swine; that the soul of the husbandman will again be made glad and that plant life shall abound in the land once more. In East Texas we have never been forced to beg bread, nor has the Lord ever forsaken us.—Rusk County News.

DICK PUNK VS. MARSHALL FIELD.

Marshall Field & Co., Chicago's greatest retail store, paid seven Chicago newspapers a total of \$354,442.09 for advertising in 1914—a dull year. Marshall Field & Co. began business in a small way many years ago, and from the first utilized advertising in a dignified and convincing manner. From obscurity to eminence Marshall Field emerged, and although he died a decade ago, a multi-millionaire, the store he founded grows yearly. Marshall Field and his successors believed in advertising, and believing in it, unhesitatingly paid for it by employing the best newspapers in their city. But their view as to the profitability of newspaper advertising is controverted by Dink Punk of Mouldyburg. Dink Punk went into the mercantile business at Mouldyburg the same year Marshall Field began at Chicago. Mr. Punk has been consistently opposed to advertising all his life and has, as a leading citizen, uniformly fought all the proposals to make Mouldyburg a progressive community. He is an old man now and inactive. His store went into the hands of the sheriff eighteen years ago and Mr. Punk lives with his married daughter. But he is still consistent and not only does he contend that advertising doesn't pay, but at every opportunity votes against good roads. In his forty years' residence at Mouldyburg he has seen the town grow from 800 to 900 people, and any one who will listen to Mr. Punk is told that the reason Mouldyburg has stood still and dry-rotted while Hustleville, eighteen miles away, has become a thriving little city is because the railroad and Wall street discriminated against Mouldyburg. And although Mr. Punk has paid only a few dollars for taxes during his long life, and spent nothing for advertising, he is convinced that good roads and newspapers will be the ruin of the country unless ex-cart statesmanship shall finally triumph.—Galveston News.

Oils for Everything

Beaumont Oil Black Oil Linseed Oil
Automobile Oil Harness Oil
Axle Oil Coal Tar
Lubricating Oil

Oils for all implements—we have above in stock.

Smith Hardware Company.

ADVERTISING AND

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Open display, 15 cents an inch; position, 20 cents an inch; front page, 25 cents an inch; no free readers.

Local readers, business and political, 5 cents a line; black-face lines, 10 cents.

Notice of sheriff or constable's sales, \$5.00 for 500 words or less; over 500 words, 1/2 cent a word for each insertion.

Citations by publication, 50 cents a hundred words.

City ordinances and notices, and county notices, 5 cents a line.

Cards of thanks, programs, resolutions and tributes of respect and obituaries, 5 cents a line or 1 cent a word.

Subscription, \$1 a year, payable

in advance.

The patronage of the public is solicited on the above basis of charge. The Courier.

Notice of Election.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett that an election be and is hereby ordered held in the city of Crockett on the 6th day of April, 1915, for the purpose of electing three aldermen, a city attorney, a city secretary and a city marshal. J. C. Lacy is hereby appointed judge of said election.

Attest: J. W. Young, Mayor.
J. Valentine,
City Secretary.

They Know It's Safe.

Parents who know from experience insist upon Foley's Honey and Tar Compound when buying a medicine for coughs, colds, croup and la grippe. C. T. Lunceford, Washington, Ga., writes: "I have used it for six years and it never has failed. I think it is the best remedy made for coughs and colds."—Crockett Drug Co. Adv.

A LITTLE TALK ON LUMBER



at this time may prove the means of saving you much money. First of all, bear in mind that only good lumber—sound and clear—will prove satisfactory. That's the kind we handle—all good—every board. If you'll compare our stock and prices with others we'll get your order.

Crockett Lumber Co.

"The Planing Mill"

Free Literature Describing the Great California Expositions.

Write at once to this Bureau for literature descriptive of the great Panama-Pacific International Exposition, which opened in San Francisco on February 20, and the great Panama-California Exposition now open at San Diego.

This Bureau is prepared to supply complete information in regard to railroad rates, hotel accommodations, interesting side trips and reliable, authentic, unbiased information about any section of the great Pacific Coast country.

Send us twenty cents in stamps and we will send you book describing the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, book describing the Panama-California Exposition, a map of California and a sample copy of Sunset Magazine, the great Pacific Coast national magazine, containing beautiful pictures of the Expositions. The regular price of the magazine is twenty cents per copy. Address:

SUNSET MAGAZINE SERVICE BUREAU, San Francisco, California.

EASTER GIFTS

Easter gift giving is a growing custom. In most localities it is considered as necessary to give tokens of esteem at Easter as at Christmas.

A Few Gift Suggestions:

Perfumes—Nothing makes a more appropriate gift for her than a bottle of our exquisite perfume. We can supply all the delicious odors at popular prices.

Candy—Everybody wants good candy for Easter. We are agents for Jacobs' celebrated chocolates and bon bons and can supply you with "sweets" for any requirement. See our special Easter boxes.

Easter Cards—See our excellent assortment of cards. You'll want some of them to send to your local and distant friends.

Egg Dyes, Novelties, Etc., for the children. See that the children are well provided with colored eggs for Easter. We sell the White Rabbit Easter Egg dyes. Call and see our assortment.

Phone 47 or 140—No Item too Small for Our Free Delivery.

Bishop Drug Company
"PROMPT SERVICE STORE."

Local News.

Drugs and jewelry at the Rexall Store.

Wm. M. Patton for feed. He sells it for less. **It.**

Hair dye and shoe polish at the Rexall Store. **It.**

Fresh corn meal 72½ cents at Wm. M. Patton's. **It.**

Watch for the "New Minister" at the Christian church. **It.**

Fifteen pounds best granulated sugar \$1.00 at Patton's. **It.**

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Fifer returned last week from Wharton.

Blood and Bone and Cotton Seed Meal fertilizers at Patton's. **It.**

County Clerk A. S. Moore was a visitor to Augusta last week.

Fifty pound cans best Compound lard \$4.30 at Wm. M. Patton's.

S. M. Monzingo was here from Houston Saturday and Sunday.

Try our fountain next time. **It.** McLean Drug Co.

A complete, up-to-date abstract. **It.** Aldrich & Crook.

Suits pressed for 50 cents, and by experienced man, at John Millar's.

Watch for the "New Minister" at the Christian church. **It.**



"Ball Bearing—Long Wearing"

Twenty-five satisfied users of this machine in Crockett prove its ability to produce the best in typewriting.

Agent for all makes of machines, new and rebuilt models. Sold on deferred payment plan without interest.

J. G. Beasley, Agent

Watch for the "New Minister" at the Christian church. **It.**

Buy your fishing tackle and baseball goods from Chamberlain & Woodall. **It.**

Corn and cotton planters, both in riding and walking, at Smith Hardware Co's. **It.**

If you are not going to buy a new suit for Easter, let us clean the old one. **It.** John Millar.

Corn and cotton planters, both in riding and walking, at Smith Hardware Co's. **It.**

Just unloaded a car of choice prairie hay. Going at 37½ cents a bale at Patton's. **It.**

Would like to talk Easter clothes with you. **It.** John Millar, Tailor and Furnisher.

Miss Leona Graybill of Spring was the guest of Miss Opal Johnson Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Eva Holcomb, after a visit to Mrs. J. W. Madden, has returned to her home at Augusta.

We are showing the newest in shirts and neckwear. **It.** John Millar.

Chamberlain & Woodall's drug store is headquarters for fishing tackle and baseball goods. **It.**

I would like to talk clothes troubles with you. Have some good suggestions to offer. **It.** John Millar.

L. J. Smith of Route 5 came in Saturday and ordered the Galveston News to come along with the Courier.

J. E. Richardson of Waco has instructed that the Courier be sent to Mrs. J. A. Richardson at Mart, Route 7.

The Cemetery Association will meet Friday afternoon, March 26, at 3:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. D. A. Nunn.

Monday morning was one of the coldest of the winter. It is said the temperature dropped to 28 degrees. Ice all the way from a quarter to a half inch thick was reported. Reports as to damage to vegetation—the fruit crop, etc.—are at variance.

Mrs. J. G. Barbee and Mr. and Mrs. Banks Barbee of Wharton were here to attend the funeral of Judge Barbee Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hughes of Wharton were here Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hughes' father, Judge J. G. Barbee.

The Courier job department has card board for sale, in full-size sheets, at 15 cents a sheet—white, red, pink and green. **It.**

C. P. O'Bannon left Monday night for Culpeper, Va., having received a telegram advising him of the serious illness of his mother.

Chamberlain & Woodall have a complete stock of fishing tackle and baseball goods. See their line and get their prices before you buy. **It.**

We not only keep a complete stock of magazines, but solicit subscriptions on any or all of them. **It.** The Rexall Store.

Why send it away when you can have it done at home for the same or less. **It.** Crockett Steam Laundry.

Big Easter Sale.
One-fourth off on all hats for the next few days for cash only. **It.** Garrison & Wright.

Major J. F. Martin of Grapeland was a caller at the Courier office Monday. He was here to be present at the opening of district court.

Harold Hall, having received appointment to the military academy at West Point went to San Antonio last week to undergo examination.

Have enroute one car of pure bred Mebane Triumph cotton seed for sale. Call on John Arrington or Daniel & Burton. Price one dollar. **It.**

Take the Santa Fe Tour Route for the Panama Exposition, running through the greatest scenery in the world. For information and literature call on John E. Monk. **It.**

Our tailoring department is in charge of an experienced tailor, and we do cleaning and pressing as it should be done. Try us. **It.** John Millar.

Hull Brothers detachable handle umbrellas keep you dry in winter and cool in summer. We keep a stock 365 days in the year. **It.** McLean Drug Co.

District court opened Monday morning, Judge John S. Prince of Athens presiding. Hon. J. J. Bishop, district attorney, also is here from Athens and is accompanied by his wife.

Mrs. Sam Sharp of Lovelady, accompanied by her three grandchildren, were here Sunday to see the children's father, Mitchell Roberts, who is seriously ill from typhoid fever.

J. E. Bean of Grapeland, county surveyor, was among the Courier's good friends in town Monday. He reported things to be moving along smoothly in the north end of the county and farming operations to be getting under way.

Best Treatment for Constipation.
"My daughter used Chamberlain's Tablets for constipation with good results and I can recommend them highly," writes Paul B. Babin, Brushly, La. For sale 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.

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Mrs. Ingham H. Roberts and Miss Marian Roberts of Houston were here Friday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Judge J. G. Barbee, and remained with relatives until Monday afternoon.

C. D. Kemp, J. T. Murphy, J. T. Williams and J. Blumberry, lifetime friends of Judge J. G. Barbee, accompanied the latter's remains to Crockett, returning to their homes in Wharton Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Rogers of Patterson Lake were here Tuesday. Mrs. Rogers was doing some shopping while Mr. Rogers transacted other business and incidentally remembered the Courier office.

New songs—"Sue," "Roll Along, Harvest Moon," "In the Gloaming I Hear You Calling," "Frisco Cabaret," etc. We fill prescriptions correctly, too. **It.** Chamberlain & Woodall.

Harry Castleberg is demonstrating the advantages of the Dodge automobile. He received a car from Dallas Monday and immediately put it into use. The Courier editor tried it Tuesday and pronounces it all right. The Dodge is a new make and will no doubt prove popular.

Blanks at the Courier Office.
The Courier job department has for sale the following blanks in stock: Mortgages, vendor's lien notes, mortgage notes and promissory notes. In addition the Courier job department can supply you with any kind of printing that can be done from movable types.

Since the roads have dried out, the advisory committee of the Crockett Good Roads District has had men, teams, graders and scrapers out on every public road from Crockett, shaping up the roads after a bad winter. People coming in report that good work is being done and that results are surprising.

Bankrupt Stock.
I have purchased the bankrupt stock of J. T. Harrison, consisting of saddles, harness, strap goods, etc., and am selling same at actual wholesale cost. Call on Mr. Harrison at his old stand if you want a bargain. "The prices will astonish you." **It.** J. W. Shivers.

Hon. John LeGory and wife have returned from Austin, the legislature having adjourned Saturday. The legislature is to be congratulated for the business-like manner in which it handled the affairs of the state. Governor Ferguson's promise of a business administration is being carried out to the letter.

Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.
"I take pleasure in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to my customers because I have confidence in it. I find that they are pleased with it and call for it when again in need of such a medicine," writes J. W. Sexson, Montevallo, Mo. For sale by all dealers. **Adv.**

NOTICE

The garage at the Planters Cotton Chopper building is now permanently open for the season, in charge of Mr. R. K. Willis. We have equipment and tools for all kinds of automobile and machine work, with free air and water for our patrons at all times. With a concrete floor and plenty of light, we do work as it should be done. We will continue to handle "That Good Gulf Gasoline," Supreme Cylinder Oil and Grease, a full line of accessories, tires, etc. We handled the Fisk tires last year, and after a careful investigation, we found that there is not a better tire on the market at the price. As selling agents for the Ford, Overland, Studebaker and Hudson cars, we carry an extensive stock of parts, and are continually receiving valuable instruction from these factories. We solicit your patronage, and you will find our prices as low as consistent with good work and material. **It.**

Crockett Lumber Co.

The attention of the reader is called to the announcement of J. Valentine as a candidate for the office of city secretary. This office was recently made elective by the city council and Mr. Valentine is the first man to aspire for election to it. He has been serving as city secretary for a number of years, having received his appointment at the hands of the city council. As a citizen of Crockett for many years, he is too well known by our people to need any further introduction by the Courier.

Not Feeling "Just Right."
When you get tired early in the day, have an over-full feeling, are bilious, have bad breath, or suffer from indigestion or constipation, you will find Foley Cathartic Tablets quick and comfortable in action. They are wholesome and health giving. Mr. L. L. Levy, Green Bay, Wis., says: "They do not gripe and their effect is quick and sure. The finest cathartic I ever used."—Crockett Drug Co. **Adv.**

Specials for Saturday and Monday Only.

- 50-lb. cans best Compound Lard **\$4.19**
- 60-lb. tubs **\$5.05**
- 4 cans 10c-size Good Luck Baking Powder **25c.**

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Extra Specials

For Saturday and Monday

We Are Overstocked and Must Unload Some of Our Merchandise, So My Loss Is Your Gain

<p>36-inch Dimity Checks, worth 10c per yard, extra special for Saturday and Monday, 13 yards for</p> <p>\$1.00</p> <p>(Limit to each customer.)</p> <hr/> <p>Fine spun Longcloth, 36 inches wide, regular price 10c, extra special Saturday and Monday, 13 yards for</p> <p>\$1.00</p> <p>(Limit to each customer.)</p> <hr/> <p>6½ and 7c Calicoes, extra special for Saturday and Monday, 20 yards for</p> <p>\$1.00</p> <hr/> <p>One lot of colored Lawns, nice for spring and summer dresses, special Saturday and Monday, 20 yards for</p> <p>\$1.00</p>	<p>Ladies' Vests, extra specials for Saturday and Monday, each</p> <p>5c</p> <hr/> <p>Ladies' Muslin Pants, regular price 25 and 35c, extra special for Saturday and Monday</p> <p>16c</p> <p>(Two to a customer.)</p>	<p>Men's heavy blue Overalls, good grade, special in this sale Saturday and Monday, per pair</p> <p>49c</p> <hr/> <p>Men's Silk Socks in all colors, extra special for Saturday and Monday, per pair</p> <p>25c</p>	<p>Ladies' Muslin Gowns, worth up to \$1.00, extra special for Saturday and Monday, each</p> <p>39c</p> <p>(Two to a customer.)</p> <hr/> <p>Seven spools of the best Thread in this sale for</p> <p>25c</p> <hr/> <p>One lot Ladies' and Men's black Tennis Oxforfs; sizes 2½ to 11, extra special for Saturday and Monday, per pair</p> <p>49c</p> <hr/> <p>Three cards Safety Pins, extra special for Saturday and Monday</p> <p>5c</p>
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Have Lots of Bargains in Lace and Embroidery

C. P. O'BANNON

Petition for Discharge.

United States of America, Eastern District of Texas, ss. Tyler Division. In the United States District Court in and for said district.

In the matter of J. E. Bynum & Son, bankrupt. No. 1860 in Bankruptcy. Petition for Discharge.

To the Honorable Gordon Russell, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas: J. E. Bynum and A. H. Bynum, of the firm of J. E. Bynum & Son, of Crockett, in the county of Houston and state of Texas, in said district, respectfully represent that on the 2nd day of February, last past, they were duly adjudged bankrupts under the Act of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that they have duly surrendered all their property, and rights of property, and have fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of the court touching their discharge.

Wherefore they pray that they may be, individually and as a firm, decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against their estates under said Bankrupt Acts, except such debts as are excepted by our law from such discharge.

Dated this 12th day of March, A. D. 1915.
J. E. Bynum,
A. H. Bynum,
Bankrupts.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.
Eastern District of Texas, ss.

On this 24th day of March, A. D. 1915, on reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered by the court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 24th day of April, A. D. 1915, at the office of J. W. Fitzgerald, 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 said petitioners 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 24th day of March, A. D. 1915.

(Seal of the Court.) Attest:

1t. J. R. Blades, Clerk.
By H. C. Blades, Deputy.

Notice of Election.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett that an election be and is hereby ordered held in the city of Crockett on the 6th day of April, 1915, for the purpose of electing three aldermen, a city attorney, a city secretary and a city marshal. J. C. Lacy is hereby appointed judge of said election.

Attest: J. W. Young, Mayor.
J. Valentine,
City Secretary. tf.

Our "Jitney" Offer—This and 5c.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere. Adv.

Stomach Trouble Cured.

Mrs. H. G. Cleveland, Arnold, Pa., writes: "For some time I suffered from stomach trouble. I would have sour stomach and feel bloated after eating. Nothing benefited me until I got Chamberlain's Tablets. After taking two bottles of them I was cured." For sale by all dealers.

Notice of Election.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

To all whom this may concern:

Whereas, on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1915, a petition was duly presented to the Commissioners' Court, in and for Houston county, Texas, and of record in Commissioners' Minute Book 10, page 234; asking that an election be held within the following described territory, to determine whether hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the said subdivision of Houston county, Texas: Beginning at the Trinity River on the county line between Houston and Walker counties.

Thence with the said Houston county line to where the said county line crosses Tantabogue Creek.

Thence up the said creek to where the said creek crosses the Lovelady and Shiloh road.

Thence with the said Lovelady and Shiloh road to where the said road intersects the Crockett and Huntsville road (at old Shiloh School House).

Thence with said Crockett and Huntsville Road to where the said road intersects the Crockett and Creek Road (at Allen Morrow's Store).

Thence with said Crockett and Creek road to the town of Creek.

Thence with the Creek and Ash road to where the said road crosses Big Creek.

Thence down Big Creek to where the said creek enters the Trinity River.

Thence down the Trinity River to the place of beginning.

Whereas, the said election is granted as prayed for. Notice is hereby given that an election is ordered to be held on Saturday, April 10th, 1915, at each of the polls in said district and in said county and state. Viz: Weldon, Volga, Shiloh, Antioch and Creek.

And the polls to be opened at the usual hour provided by law, for the purpose of determining whether the aforesaid stock shall be permitted to run at large within the said subdivision of the said county and state, and due returns made thereof to this court, as the law directs. The

election to be held by the managers heretofore appointed by the Commissioners' Court to hold general elections within said precincts.

4t. E. Winfree,
County Judge and Chairman of the Commissioners' Court, Houston County, Texas.

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