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## Challenge Sale.

You Know What That Means. - - It Means Business,  
**We Challenge Them All.**

To hold the confidence of our regular customers and gain new ones, that's our aim. We roll up our sleeves, draw our sword and **Challenge all Competition**, to make such startling prices, and give such wonderful values, as we offer in this sale to the people of Crockett and Houston County.

This sale starts now. From the minute you clap your eyes on this advertisement, you'll be getting ready to attend this wonderful Challenge Sale.



Pongee, Zephyrs, Cotelaines, Gaze de Soie, Torquay novelties, silk novelties, satin stripe lace mulls at from per pattern \$2 to... \$6 00  
 75 pieces fancy colored lawns and dimities worth 12 1/2 and 15c at per yd... 10c  
 Good quality fancy figured and striped dimities at per yd... 5c  
 Good quality solid colored lawns, per yd... 5c  
 Colored Scotch Lawns per yd 3 1/2c  
 Best quality dress styles Zephyr Ginghams per yd... 10c  
 Yard wide shirting Percals per yd... 9c  
 Plain and fancy stripe linen Crash for skirts at per yd... 15c  
 Cotton Coverts per yd... 10c  
 Brown dress Linens at per yd 15, 20 and... 25c



### NOTIONS.

Our notion department is full of rich bargains not to be found elsewhere. Of course they are only small things at small prices, but as the prices are smaller than elsewhere, our customers are the gainers.

### WHITE GOODS.

15c quality white Lawns per yd... 10c  
 10c quality white Lawns per yd... 8 1/2c  
 8 1/2c quality white Lawns per yd... 5c  
 5c quality white Lawns per yd 3 1/2c  
 White Organdies at per yd 10, 12 1/2, 15, 25, 30, 35, 45, 50, 75 and... 90c  
 White Piques at per yd 10, 12 1/2, 15 and... 25c  
 Checked Nainsooks at per yd 5, 7 1/2, 10, 12 1/2, 15 and... 20c  
 Checked and striped white Dimities at per yd 5, 7 1/2, 8 1/2, 10, 12 1/2, 15 and up to... 25c



We are showing the largest stock of Swiss, Nainsook and Hamburg Embroideries ever shown in Crockett, and our prices on these goods defy all competition.

Don't fail to see our line of Embroideries, the kind others sell at 25c, at a yd... 10c  
 Nainsook Embroideries at per yd 10, 12 1/2, 15 and up to... 50c  
 Hamburg Embroideries at per yd 2 1/2, 4, 5, 8 1/2, 10, 12 1/2 and up to... 25c  
 Swiss Embroideries at per yd 1c to... 50c  
 Valenciennes Lace at from per yd 1c to... 12 1/2c



Famous,  
 Fadeless,  
 Faultless,

### Topsy Hosiery.

Ladies' black cotton Hose at per pair from 5c to... 50c  
 Ladies' fancy stripe Hose at per pair 10, 15, 25c up to... 1.25  
 Complete line ladies' Laced Hose at from per pair 10c to... 50c  
 Misses' Hose, all sizes, at from per pair 5c to... 25c  
 Infants' Hose in black, pink and blue.

Men's half Hose in black and colors, plain or laced at from per pair 10c to... 1.00

### LADIES' MUSLIN UNDERWEAR.

We have a complete assortment of Gowns, Chemises, Drawers, Skirts, Corset Covers, etc., at for less money than the material alone will cost you.

La. Gowns from 50c to... \$2 00  
 " Drawers " 25c to... 1 25  
 " Chemises from 50c to... 1 50  
 " Skirts from 50c to... 1 25  
 " Corset Covers from 15c to 75c



### PARASOLS AND UMBRELLAS

We have a great variety of ladies' Parasols in black and colors, plain and fancy, all stylish designs and excellent quality.

Prices range from 50c to... \$6.50  
 Men's Umbrellas from 50c to 3 50



### SOME MEN'S FURNISHINGS

please by reason of style, others by quality, some through low prices. Difficult as it is, we endeavor to combine all three. Success has crowned our efforts judging from the popularity of our offerings.

A man's full size knit Undershirt for... 12 1/2c  
 A man's genuine Balbriggan Undershirt for 25 and... 50c  
 Men's fancy Balbriggan Undershirts at 25 and... 45c  
 Men's lisle thread Undershirts at... 1 00  
 Genuine No. 50 Scriven's Drawers, all sizes, at per pr. 50c  
 Imitation Scriven's Drawers at per pair... 40c  
 New line of club, four-in-hand and bow ties at 15 and... 25c  
 A full line of the newest things in men's belts at 25, 50 and... 75c

### STAPLES.

Good yard wide sea island brown Domestic per yd... 4c  
 Good yard wide bleached Domestic per yd... 4c  
 Good yard wide bleached Domestic, free of starch, yd... 5c  
 Gold Medal yard wide bleached Domestic per yd... 6 1/2c  
 Best heavy round thread Cotton Checks, full width and weight, per yd... 4c  
 Good Cheviot Stripes per yd... 5c  
 Good check Ginghams per yd 4c



### CLOTHING.

It is conceded to us that we not only carry the best stock, but the best quality of Clothing in Crockett. We have a big lot of Men's Spring and Summer Suits in fashionable patterns and shades which are cut and finished just as well as the custom tailor will do it but at a half less than the tailors' price. We sell them at per suit \$2.50, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$8.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$16.50, \$18 and... \$20 00



### A Trifle Mannish.

SEE THAT THIS TRADE MARK IS BRANDED ON EVERY SHOE.  
 Weltered Sole, Extension Edge. Most popular street boot of the season.  
 Exact Reproduction of this Style Shoe.

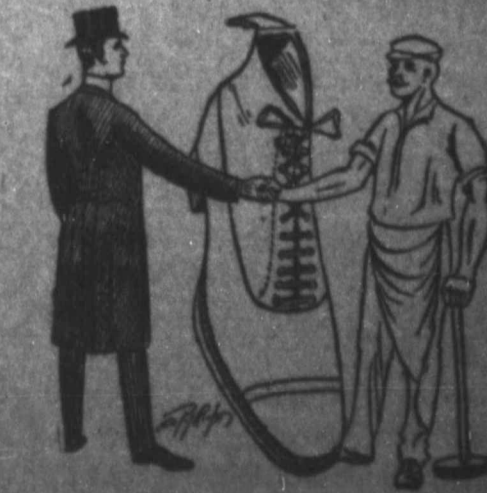
### Shoes.

In our shoe department we carry the very best brands that money can buy. We have on the merit of our goods built up a shoe trade second to none in this county, always using the utmost precaution to give to our customers the very best values for the price charged. Our line of Crockett's fine shoes for men, and "Queen Quality" shoes for ladies cannot be excelled.

36 prs. Men's Oil Grain Buckle Plow Shoes for per pair... 50c  
 36 prs. Ladies' Low Cut Shoes, sizes 1, 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, worth \$1.75 for per pr... 75c  
 Complete line of Ladies' Low Cut Shoes at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50 per pair and up to... \$3 00  
 Misses' and Children's Low Cut Shoes, all sizes, at from per pair 35c to... 2 00

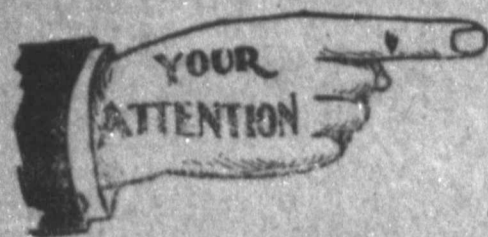
We keep competition guessing just what we will do next. You'll find we are just over the line when the other fellow comes up.

### Shoes.



## DAN McLEAN.

# THE BIG STORE.



## 'Twill Pay the Housekeeper to Notice This.

Spring is the time for freshening the home, and every housekeeper is thinking about new curtains, floor coverings, table linen, etc. If you want the newest styles in these goods at reasonable prices, just tell us your wants and the goods will be laid before you. And nowhere in Crockett will you find a more complete assortment—we have almost anything you can possibly need. A few things mentioned will give you only a faint idea of our attractive stock.

### Art Squares.

The very thing to cover your floor during warm weather—people are using them more than ever. We have them in various beautiful designs and colors.

3x3 yards, all wool.....\$7 50  
3x3 " wool filling..... 4 75  
3x4 " " "..... 5 00

### Drapery Goods.

Many beautiful patterns in swiss curtain goods, all white and white with colored flowers, a yd. 12 1/2 to.....50c

Silk finish Tapestry, for heavy curtains, couch covers, etc., all colors, 50 in. wide, yd. 50 to...75c

### Cushion Covers.

All the new designs, all colors, all qualities—the biggest lot we've ever had. They are beauties at each 25, 35, 50c to.....\$1 50

Cords to match them, per yard, 15 to..... 25c



Fine linens are the housekeeper's pride—she cannot make her home attractive without them.

We bought our stock very close, and we're going to have only a small profit out of it—so it is bound to be cheap. We want to

make pleased customers of all the housekeepers, and we want you to come to us for your Table Linens—we are sure we have just what you want.

Bleached Damask, a yard, 25c to.....\$1 25

Blue or Red Damask, a yard, 25 to..... 50c

Linen Napkins, per dozen, 25c to..... 1 50

### Lace Curtains

in various styles and qualities, cream and white, per pair 75c to..... \$3 50

### Window Shades.

An immense lot of these, any kind you want—plain ones and fancy ones.

A splendid Cloth Shade, 3x6 ft. for.....25c  
Better grades, 30, 35 up to.....50c

### Curtain Poles

in dark wood and white enamel, complete with fixtures, each, 20 to.....50c

### Towels and Crash.

Towels of every description, a pair, 10c to....\$1 50

Good Cotton Towels, full size, a pair..... 10c

Towel Crash, a yd. 5 to..... 20c

### Counterpanes.

We have all grades in white—some are hemmed, others fringed.

We have, also, blue with white, and red with white, from \$1 to.....\$3 50

# JAMES S. SHIVERS & CO.

### Easter Services at Baptist Church.

The Easter services at the Baptist church next Sunday promise to be specially attractive and helpful. The pastor will preach an Easter sermon at 11 a. m. and the choir will render special music for the occasion. At 7:45 Rev. J. D. Hooker will preach and the pastor will celebrate Easter in a fitting way. Those who wish membership and cannot be present at morning service are requested to come prepared for baptism at the evening service.

### Easter Services at the Methodist Church.

There will be a special Easter service at the Methodist church on next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Selections of special music will be rendered, and those who have applied for membership in the church will be received at the beginning of the morning service. Others who may desire to join the church are requested to be present at the morning service.

The American Bible Society will have its annual meeting at the night service, and all the public are invited to these services.

### Meeting of Stockholders.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Crockett Canning Association is called to meet in the court house at 1:30 o'clock on Saturday, March 29, 1902, for the purpose of passing on report of the executive committee appointed at your last meeting, and to appoint such other committees as may be deemed necessary and to confer on the executive committee such other and further authority and powers as may be deemed necessary to the proper supervision and erection of said factory, the making of contracts for canning products, purchase of cans and wood,

and employment of a competent man to operate same, and for the transaction of such other business as may be deemed of interest to the association.

D. A. NUNN,  
F. H. BAYNE,  
PAT BARRY,  
W. B. WALL,  
Executive Committee.

### Death of Mr. J. R. B. Barbee.

The COURIER by oversight failed to mention last week the death of Mr. J. R. B. Barbee, which occurred at Lovelady on the 14th of the present month. Mr. Barbee was one of the oldest citizens of the county. He used to be in business at Lovelady, but of late years had been enjoying the quietude of his farm. At his home the latchstring was always on the outside. He was generous, warm-hearted, and as honest as the days are long. He always dealt fairly with his neighbor and was particular in paying every cent he owed. If a friend, he was true, and we do not know of any enemies he had. He was a member of the Masonic lodge at Lovelady and was buried by that order. Peace to his ashes.

### District Court.

Judge Gooch went home Friday of last week and was unable to return Sunday night to be in readiness for district court Monday morning. He recommended and sent down Hon. T. B. Greenwood, Jr., of Palestine, who was accepted by the Crockett bar Monday morning as special judge for the week. Later—Judge Gooch has recovered from sickness and resumed the bench Wednesday morning.

The following business has been disposed of:

State vs. Bowlie Granger—murder; case dismissed on motion of

district attorney. This negro was indicted for connection with the murder of Jake Sheffer, another negro, but sufficient evidence could not be found to convict.

State vs. Maj. McMillan—murder; case continued on application of defendant for testimony of John Johnson and John Johnson fined \$500 for disobedience of subpoena. McMillan stands indicted for the murder of Jake Sheffer.

State vs. Jerry Lang—rape; continued.

State vs. Jim Grounds—assault to murder; case dismissed as to felony upon defendant entering plea of guilty of aggravated assault; adjudged guilty of aggravated assault and fined \$25.

State vs. Andrew Watson—theft of hogs; continued by defendant.

State vs. Lige Hill—theft of hogs; continued by defendant.

State vs. Henry Murchison—theft of hogs; continued by defendant.

Bills against the last three named were found by the grand jury of the present term of court.

The jury commissioners were sworn in by Judge Greenwood Tuesday morning and entered immediately upon their duties as such.

### The Tom Payne Case.

The Tom Payne case, in which the defendant is charged with murder, was set for Wednesday morning and both sides announced ready for trial. A special venire of seventy-five men had been summoned for the case and sixty-six were on hand, the others being excused. The jury of twelve men was secured about 2 o'clock in the afternoon when the special venire was nearly exhausted. The state began to examine its witnesses and something like a dozen were ex-

amined Wednesday evening. In all there are about eighty witnesses summoned in this case and the court house yard and hall way were almost filled with them Wednesday. Several days will be taken up with the case. Payne was tried at the last fall term of the court for this murder and the result was a mistrial.

Following we give the jury as selected: Jim Saxon, Jim Owen, Fred Stewart, Jr., Clyde Mainer, Jim Willis, W. H. Dickey, R. F. Hall, Henry Musick, W. H. Lively, Ran Goolsby, Frank Brown and H. L. Brannen.

### Conner Creek Items.

Editor COURIER:

The "chronic grumbler" will be forced to hush complaining about dry weather now.

Most of the farmers have planted some corn, but on account of cool weather and too much rain, very little is coming up yet. We hear several saying the blackbirds are doing a great deal of damage to what is up.

There were two log rollings on the Creek last week. The boys report heavy logs and splendid dinners. Suppose they did justice to both.

"Hello, Mr. Smith, why such a broad smile?" "Pgannies, I have a girl baby at my house." The above conversation was over heard by "John's" a few evenings ago.

Mr. Charlie Myres moved up to Kennard last week. We were very sorry to see him leave and hope he will visit us often.

Misses Berta and Gertrude Collier went out to Coltharp last Tuesday.

Mr. Henry Holcomb and son, Arthur, were among us last week valuing our property. Ask Mr. Henry if he's afraid of smallpox. Mr. Tom Bonner, from Lufkin,

was in this part of the world last week buying pine timber.

Mr. Robert Anderson started to Crockett Monday. We wonder if he didn't stop in the Concord settlement.

Several of our boys went to Coltharp to church last Sunday, and we think we heard a buggy coming back at a late hour. One of the boys is speaking very strongly of petitioning the commissioners' for a bridge across Cochino bayou not far from Mrs. Steed's.

Mr. Juriah Collier will leave next Sunday for Tyler. He intends taking a short hand and commercial course in the Tyler college.

Mrs. Durham, wife of J. A. Durham, died last Monday. Mrs. Durham was a sweet, Christian lady and leaves a large family and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. As ever,  
JOHN & MARY.

### Daniel Doings.

Ed. COURIER:—Sunday morning came with beautiful rain. We are glad to see it. It will make our corn come peeping through the ground and make everything look lovely.

Mr. Bethard returned home Tuesday of last week from the ill bed of his mother. She was improving very fast. She will soon be up again.

Mr. and Mrs. Strickland were at Mr. Walker's Sunday of last week.

We are glad to learn that Mr. Walker is getting well again.

We learn that Messrs. Strickland and Beason are having a 16-inch well bored at the saw mill. They have some water in the tank at present.

Mr. Milligan was in town on business last Saturday.

There is not very much sickness in our neighborhood at present. Health seems to be good. We hope it will continue so.

With success to the COURIER. READER.

### WOULD TRY OLD MASTERS.

American Artists Failed to Do Justice to Mrs. Malaprop's Daughters.

A reputation for wit is like a rolling snowball—it gathers from without more than it develops from within. He who possesses the reputation for witty stories shall have witty stories added to him, so to speak. Just as with the great national type, the American parvenu. There is a charming woman in Washington who betrays her former lowly station sometimes, so all the malapropisms current are told of her.

And here is another. It is probably quite as true as some of the others. An acquaintance met the woman on the deck of an outgoing steamer. Two of her daughters were with her.

"What—off for Europe again? What is the errand this time?"

"I'm going to have the dear girl's portrait painted."

"Why not in America?"

"Oh, I've tried all the American artists in vain," she said, "and now we're going over to see what the old masters can do."

### The President Knew Him.

Someone was telling a senator that in his opinion President Roosevelt was perhaps better fitted for the routine work of the White House than any of our other recent president. "On account of his experience in the civil service commission," said this speaker, "he knows the clerical and personal side of the government as few other men know it." "I should say he did," replied the senator. "The other day I went up to ask him to reappoint a United States marshal out in my state. I had no sooner mentioned the official's name than the president broke in. 'So that infernal scoundrel is still in office, is he? I remember him in the days when I was in the civil service commission.' And that is as far as I got with my errand," added the senator, sadly.

### Hardships Endured by Gorki.

Although Maxim Gorki has been known as a writer only eight years, more criticisms have been devoted to him than to any Russian author except Tolstoy. He is only thirty-three years of age, was born in Nijni Novgorod, lost his father and mother before he was nine years old, and set out to make his way in the world at a very early age. He wandered all over Russia, undergoing such privations and sufferings that on one occasion he tried to commit suicide. At last, after herding with rogues and vagabonds and tramps, both in Europe and in Asia, he discovered his vocation.

### Professor and the Jew.

At one time the streets of Edinburgh used to be the favorite hunting ground of men who came up to passers-by and asked whether they had any "old clothes" to sell. "Christopher North," as John Wilson, professor of moral philosophy in the university, was called, took a very special dislike to these fellows. One day as he was going home from college a man came up to him and inquired of him in a low, confidential voice, "Any old clo', sir?" "No, my dear fellow," replied the professor in a similar whisper, "have you?"

### Mecca for Southern Negroes.

It is said by a correspondent of the Baltimore Sun that West Virginia is rapidly becoming more and more the mecca of the negroes of the South. The climate of this state, as a whole, is congenial to this race, and the great coal and coking industries in operation in almost every county, together with the extensive railroad construction being carried on, furnish ready as well as lucrative employment for negro laborers, of whom 15,000 are employed in the mines.

### Crusade Against Needless Noise.

The crusade against unnecessary noise, started in various parts of the country, has been taken up by the Lackawanna railroad in the form of a general order to employes requiring them to desist from noisy conversation and loud calling around passenger stations at night. The object of the order is to obtain a minimum of noise about trains and stations, especially at times when sleeping passengers are likely to be disturbed.—New York Times.

### Gambling in Mexico.

The minister of war in Mexico has decided to restrict the number of gambling houses in that city, and officers are warned that if caught in one of the establishments the penalty of dismissal from the army will be enforced against them.

### The Toothbrush Plant.

One of the most curious plants in the world is the toothbrush plant, a species of creeper which grows in Jamaica. By cutting a piece of the stem and fraying the ends the natives make a toothbrush.

### What Expectation Costs.

England spends \$8,400,000 a year on her papers, Scotland £900,000, Ireland \$1,400,000, France spends less than \$1,500,000.

### SIBERIAN EMIGRANTS.

Many Return to Russia After Failure to Establish Themselves.

Much is being written about the many thousands constantly pouring into Siberia, but little is heard in America of the great numbers who are compelled to return to Russia, having been unable to establish themselves in Siberia. The Russian papers during the past year have been severely criticizing the arrangements of the government for persons seeking to colonize Siberia. It has been frequently stated in newspapers that from 35 to 50 per cent of Russians entering Siberia have returned within a few months, unsuccessful. In self-defense the Russian government has therefore published figures showing the number of persons entering and leaving Siberia during the first nine months of 1901.

During this period 77,714 Russians entered Siberia, and of these 26 per cent, or 19,728, returned within a similar time. The reason of such a large proportion as one-fourth returning is explained as follows: During the past two years the crops have failed each season. Of the 19,000 who returned between January 1 and September 30, 1901, 16,000 have come from the grain provinces of Russia. Secondly, the steppe lands of Siberia along the railway are almost entirely taken up and only the forest lands remain. But the majority of the immigrants are from the steppe lands of Russia, and, being unused to clearing forest lands, soon became discouraged and returned.

Sculptors and artists of New York city are congratulating themselves and the art-loving world over the return to America for good of the eminent sculptor and painter, William Frederick MacMonnies, after a seventeen years' residence in France. Mr. MacMonnies, tired of what he calls the oversensitive life of Paris, will rest for a year, and then open a studio. During his relaxation he will make frequent hunting trips, and will take advantage of the opportunity to make a close study of nature. The significance of the great sculptor's decision to make this country his home may be appreciated when it is stated that it is his earnest desire to see established in America a national school of art which shall be the Mecca of the art students of the world.

### Brazil's Witty Emperor.

The bewildering complications in every part of South America recall anew the happy remark of the late Emperor of Brazil during a European tour. While on an inspection of a celebrated factory, the workman in charge of some machinery exhibited its workings and remarked proudly that it made a hundred revolutions a minute. "What!" said Dom Pedro, "more than a South American republic!" The next turn of the wheel was to make Brazil, too, a republic.

### Comparative Safety.

Considering that no less than 108,758,583 passengers were carried on the railroads of Massachusetts last year, according to the report of the railroad commissioners, the fact that only thirty-seven of them were killed or injured on the trains furnishes some interesting testimony as to the comparative safety of this mode of traveling in this state. No passenger was killed and but six were injured by causes beyond their own control. Four were killed and twenty-seven injured by reason of their own fault or want of caution. Of course, these figures do not include the accidents or fatalities among the railroad employes. These bring the number up to 611, which is a very much smaller total than the record of recent previous years.

### Reading Quite Unnecessary.

During a school tea the other day a kindly old doctor was regarding one of the young guests with evident alarm. Undismayed by the doctor's glances, the young scholar rapidly demolished plate after plate of bread and butter and cake. At last the doctor could stand it no longer. Going up to the young rascal, he said: "My boy, have you ever read any book which would tell you what to eat, what to drink and what to avoid?" "Lor' bless yer, sir," replied the young gentleman, with his mouth half full of plum cake, "I don't want no book. Why, I eats all I can, I drinks all I can and I avoids burstin'."

### Sues for Loss of Idol.

The papers say that a New York lawyer is suing a steamship company for \$2,500 damages for the loss of an Egyptian idol which he shipped to New York from Palermo. Times have changed since the hymn-writer sang of "the dearest idol I have known, where'er that idol may be," and pleaded to be relieved of it. Here's a man who wants his idol back—a pretty dear one at that. Better for him to be content with his damages. The average collector's attitude toward a good old Egyptian god must be almost too worshipful to be encouraged in a Christian country. The hymn-writer's sentiment was safer.—Harper's Weekly.

### PINNING A PROFESSOR DOWN.

Couldn't Delude This Patient with the Wrong Pin.

A fact well known to medical men is that frequently after a patient has swallowed some sharp object, like a fish bone or a pin, the sensation of pain will be complained of for a long time, even though nothing is lodged in the throat. It is often hard to convince a patient that his feeling of distress is altogether due to imagination. Such patients will go from one physician to another, still convinced that the object is sticking in the throat. In such cases it is a justifiable trick to fool the patient by producing a substitute pin which the operator has at hand and which he triumphantly shows to the patient after touching the throat with some instrument. This invariably satisfies the patient and cures him.

The professor wished to make an object lesson of this phenomenon and advised the students to watch for the look of satisfaction on the patient's face when the imaginary source of irritation was recovered. After a prolonged examination, says the New York Times, the professor, with an assumed air of exultation, handed the substituted bright pin to the patient, only to be greeted with the disgusted remark of the man:

"Naw, dat's not it. I swallowed a black pin."

### Victim of a Joker.

The amusing mistake that people make in the matter of foreign phrases are well exemplified by the proprietor of a Philadelphia restaurant. Gaudy pink cards advertising his place of business are being distributed, containing this astonishing sentence: "The cafe is not only considered the bete noir place to stop for refreshments, but the excellence of its service and viands command the respect of all fair-minded people." It is suspected that the proprietor has been the victim of some joke-loving customer, who duped him into believing that bete noir meant something decidedly ultra, quite recherche, in fact.

### Royal Pets.

The love of the royal family for animal pets is very well known, and there are some which accompany the court wherever it goes, even for the briefest stay. When the king and queen came up to London recently on their Christmas present purchasing expedition, at least half a dozen dogs were in the train, and among them a very corpulent and disorderly poodle, which was, presumably, dissatisfied at having to travel in an omnibus instead of in one of the royal landaus. Poor bird cages were also among the baggage, and a hamper, which might possibly contain a cat.—London Chronicle.

### Wine as Food for Horses.

Viticulturists in France have just tried experiments in feeding draught animals with bran mixed with wine, which seems to be successful. It appears that poor wine can be used to replace oats as food, weight for weight, a pound of wine for a pound of oats. At least half of the usual feed of grain can be replaced in this manner without disadvantage to the animals. Barley, beans, bran and the like, mixed with wine, can be substituted for oats entirely, if desired, it is said. In years of abundant vintage a material saving can be effected in this way.

### Automobile for Farmers.

A Colorado man is said to have invented an automobile for the use of farmers. It is a machine which can be operated by gasoline or electricity, and it adapted to plowing, seeding, cultivating or harvesting.

### Figures on Cycle Trade.

An official statement from the British Cycle and Motor Trades association puts the average profit on a bicycle at \$2.16, and the number of persons employed in the cycle trade at 100,000.

### Both Pen and Weapon.

The Roman stylus was often made heavy, that it might be used as a weapon. It was with such a stylus as this that Caesar defended himself when attacked by the conspirators.

### Henry Watterson a Musician.

Henry Watterson is a fairly good musician and it was at one time a serious question with him as to whether he should take up music or journalism as a profession.

### New York Government Expensive.

The expenses of the city of London this year amount to \$80,000,000, and those of the city of New York, as provided for in the budget, to \$97,000,000.

### Criticizes Theological Seminaries.

Dr. McConnell says some of the theological seminaries need a shaking up, and says that their aim seems to be a quantity rather than quality.

### CATCHING GIANT FISH.

Muskellunge of Lake Superior Are Monsters.

Chase S. Osborne, railroad commissioner of Michigan, formerly state game warden, says the first time he fished in the famous waters of Lake Superior's north shore is memorable as giving him the surprise of his life. "A party of us had gone there in a yacht," he said, "and anchoring in the shelter of a little island, thought we would try for muskellunge. Most of us took boats and went out in parties of two and three.

"I was the first one in my boat to get a bite, and when I landed it the fish weighed twenty-two pounds. We caught several more of that size, and as it was many times better than any fishing we had ever had before I never doubted ours had been a remarkable success. I was thinking how the other fellows on the yacht would stare at our catch, and how they would secretly envy us when we pulled back to that vessel.

"We were the first to return," said Mr. Osborne, according to the New York Times, "and we spread our catch out for the inspection of the others when they should climb aboard. Then we saw one of the boats coming and waited anxiously. When its occupants came on deck they had three fish bigger than our biggest, and when all were back on the yacht we found that every one had a muskellunge bigger than any we had caught.

### LABORATORIES IN SCHOOLS.

In New York Thirty of the Public Institutions Have Them.

The laboratory method of teaching is so much in vogue now that few private schools advertise for students without enumerating as a part of the equipment "a spacious laboratory, where students can perform their own experiments under the direction of an efficient instructor."

More lasting good results, it is said, from having a child "learn by doing" than can ever be hoped for from the ancient method, whereby children were forced to accept a knowledge of things on the authority of their teacher or because they "got it" in a book.

The advance to this more scientific and reasonable method of spreading knowledge is, however, not confined solely to private schools.

In New York are thirty public schools, where this laboratory method is in daily use.

### An Authority on Fish.

No one in the house is a better authority on fish than Representative Minor of Wisconsin. He is a disciple of Isaac Walton, and during the summer spends much of his time with rod and line. Mr. Minor is said to be so expert with the rod that he can tell the difference between the bite of a black bass and a brook trout. Before coming to congress Mr. Minor was engaged in the shipping business.

### Traits of the Mikado.

The Mikado of Japan is a man of much energy and endurance and is constantly smoking cigarettes. He is fond of outdoor sports and has warmly encouraged the introduction of football into Japan. He is a hunter and fisherman of no mean reputation and is a good shot with a rifle. His devotion to lawn tennis is marked, and he is clever as a wielder of the racket.

### The Wrong Connection.

The telephone girl and the bill clerk, to whom she had promised her heart and hand, were sitting in front of the fireplace talking about the happy days to come when they would be one.

From one detail to another the talk finally drifted to the subject of lighting the fires in the morning. On this point the young man was decided. He stated it was his emphatic opinion that it was a wife's place to get up and start the fires and let her poor, hard-working husband rest.

After this declaration that was silence for the space of about three-quarters of a second. Then the telephone girl thrust out the finger encircled by her engagement ring and murmured sweetly, but firmly:

"Ring off, please. You have got connected with the wrong number."

### Value of a Mummy.

In estimating the value of a mummy its medicinal qualities are no longer appraised, and thus the problem is easier of solution. Its value must have been greater when it formed a regular part of the materia medica. Until pretty late in the eighteenth century mummies entered into a great variety of drugs, balms and other medicaments. As the genuine mummy was then expensive, recipes were given by many ancient writers for converting human flesh into mummy. Usually only certain portions of the body were used and these were beaten, dried macerated and spiced out of all likeness to their natural condition—hence "beaten to a mummy." Numerous allusions are made to the practice in ancient literature and in an old play, "Bird in a Cage," are the directions "Make mummy of my flesh and sell me to the apothecaries."

### MUSIC BROUGHT TRADE.

New York Butcher Hires Musicians to Play Before His Place.

A new method of advertising has been found by a Seventh avenue butcher who not long since opened his shop.

He determined to avoid the long wait for customers usually experienced by those entering a new business and so racked his head for an idea. One day he was standing in front of his shop, idly waiting the customers who did not come. His eye happened to catch sight of a band of Italian street musicians coming down the avenue. Then a happy thought struck him.

Calling the musicians he engaged them to play each morning before his door. The polkas and waltzes gladdened the hearts of passing little boys and girls, who paused to dance to the tunes. The monotone of the street was broken.

The fine breeze of autumn wafted the music through the quarter and the servant girls and marketing mothers were attracted. Naturally the butcher shop was advertised and patronized, says the New York Times, and the butcher's success was assured.

### Average Longevity.

The average longevity of man and of woman varies considerably in different places and at different times. From statistics carefully compiled, it appears that in England, for instance, the average age for males was 35.9 and for females 41.85 between the years 1833 and 1854; while between 1871 and 1880 that of males was 41.35 and that of females 44.62. In Massachusetts statistics taken from 1833 to 1887 show an average of 39.72 for males and 42.03 for females. These must be taken as the average of white people; for, to mention but one instance, the average of the colored males in Baltimore is not higher than 21.

### A Funeral Stenographer.

A "funeral stenographer" is one of New York's functionaries. She is a young woman skilled in the art of shorthand writing, who attends the obsequies of people of prominence and wealth and jots down in her notebook all the complimentary things the preacher says about the deceased. If mourning relatives desire, she transcribes these notes, and either arranges them in book form or engrosses them upon parchment, for which she receives adequate and sometimes exceedingly liberal compensation.

### These Foods May Cause Blindness.

It is well to refuse the sausage brought to your breakfast table if it is stale, and to refrain from using the cream in your coffee if it is the least bit sour. Otherwise you run the risk of becoming blind.

Some foods, it is said, are most injurious to the sight. "A case was brought under the notice of an eye specialist," says the Dioptric Review, "in which the eyes of a whole family were affected by eating rabbit pie. In each instance the patient had become afflicted with a peculiar defect of vision that is technically known as 'failure of accommodation.' Stale sausages and sour cream cause a weakening of the sight known as 'amblyopia.' Blindness resulting from eating tainted fish has been found almost impossible to cure, and quinine is often responsible for some persons' half-blind condition. This drug affects the optic nerve in a manner that sometimes ends in blindness." It might be added that alcohol occasionally makes people "blind."

### Makes Fun of Official Order.

Congressman Fitzgerald of New York is poking fun at the Indian commissioners' order prescribing the style of haircut and the color of paint to be used by Indians. Mr. Fitzgerald says he wants more information. "I want to find out whether an Indian must wear a plug hat, white shirt, his hair pompadour and patent leather shoes before he can secure his rations," said Mr. Fitzgerald. "I don't think the latest order specifies whether the Indian must refer to his clothing as 'pants,' 'breeches' or 'trousers.' Congress must settle that question."

### Monument for Levi Coffin.

A movement is on foot in Indianapolis to erect a monument to Levi Coffin, who in the stirring times immediately preceding the civil war was at the head of the Indiana organization connected with the "underground railroad," through the medium of which hundreds of negroes escaped from slavery to the north. Mr. Coffin died near Cincinnati in 1877. While living in Newport he aided in the escape of Eli A. Harris of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" fame.

### Sibley Is an Expert Chauffeur.

One of the most expert chauffeurs in Washington is Representative Joseph Sibley of Pennsylvania. He has an automobile and each morning when congress is in session takes it up the avenue to the east front of the capitol, and then turns it over to an attendant. Mr. Sibley is so expert that he can cut figure eights and do other fancy stunts in steering the machine.

**A LETTER**

**From a Houston County Boy to His Father.**

DEAR PAPA:

Your letter came in due time to inform me of an event which must mark an important transition from youth to manhood. I would have forgot the significance of the day mentioned had it not been for your letter.

I enter upon the future with responsibilities I have long been shielded from by your protecting care. Heretofore you have met them for me; now I must assume them myself. I must meet them as you have done. There are responsibilities now resting upon me which every man must meet in his own way—the responsibilities of citizenship. I will meet them as a man should meet them—consciously in my own mind that I am in the right always—conscious at all times that I am the son of a noble, a truly unselfish man—a patriot, a man who has lived for God and for humanity. Rest assured, my dear father, that your son will carry your name untarnished through a useful life. He received it a name for purity of character and lofty aspirations, and if God will it so, he will bequeath it to the world in all its original lustre, a synonym for greatness and glory. How can I ever repay you for what you have done for me during the past twenty-one years? I can never do it. As long, however, as you will live, or I shall live, this obligation will press closely upon my heart. I will be the staff of your declining years, and if heaven knows such a relation as father and son I shall share with you the fruits of God's goodness and mercy in his own appointed time.

I went to the several jewelry stores of this city yesterday. I went with my friend who is twenty-one years old Monday. We went to look at the watches, for his father is going to give him one for his birthday present. We looked over them all, that is the best ones, for he said his father would not pay less than \$75 or \$100 for it. While on this mission I could not but think every little bit of your letter. I would rather have your letter and your five dollars as present than all the watches in this or any other city in the world. I bought some books with my name in them for me.

I must close my letter. Give my love to my mother who shares with you the results of my existence. As the days go by, my thoughts turn constantly to "the old home." I love you all with a fervency that knows no cooling—a fervency of love that grows and grows forever.

**Dangers of Pneumonia.**

A cold at this time if neglected is liable to cause pneumonia which is so often fatal, and even when the patient has recovered the lungs are weakened, making them peculiarly susceptible to the development of consumption. Foley's Honey and Tar will stop the cough, heal and strengthen the lungs and prevent pneumonia. J. G. Haring.

**Senator Morgan's Strategy.**

Senator Morgan of Alabama, according to the latest story that is related of him in Washington, is not one of those whom the young Pitt characterized as being "ignorant in spite of experience." He has not reached his great age, serving so many terms in the senate, without learning a thing or two. In his latest achievement he outwitted Senator Hanna, who is himself something of a strategist. For this feat the Baltimore Sun admirably bestows upon Senator

Morgan the sobriquet of "Foxy Grandpa."

Here is the way in which Senator Morgan downed Senator Hanna: The former, as is well known, is an earnest advocate of the Nicaragua canal project; the latter, it is also well known, is in favor of the Panama route, the Darien route, any route that will postpone matters and perhaps eventuate in the consummation of our having no canal at all. It was in the inter-oceanic canal committee, and Senator Morgan proposed that a vote be taken on the question of reporting favorably the Hepburn bill for the construction of the canal by the Nicaragua route. Senator Hanna counted heads, made sure he had enough members present on his side to defeat the favorable report, and said Aye. There was where he made a mistake. Senator Morgan had his pockets full of proxies, which he cheerfully proceeded to pull out and vote, to Senator Hanna's amazement and consternation. Thus was Senator Hanna outwitted and Senator Morgan enabled to report the Hepburn bill favorably to the senate and bring the construction of the Nicaragua canal appreciably nearer.—Houston Post.

**Population of East Texas Towns.**

The following is a comparative statement from the 1900 census of East Texas towns, all of which have waterworks except Crockett, which is the largest, as will be seen:

Crockett.....	2612
Huntsville.....	2485
Nacogdoches.....	1827
Mineola.....	1725
Lufkin.....	1527
Jacksonville (contemplated).....	1568

You have good reason to fear an attack of pneumonia, when you have a severe cold, accompanied by pains in the chest or in the back between the shoulders. Get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it as directed and it will prevent the threatened attack. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for colds and la grippe, we have yet to learn of a single case that has resulted in pneumonia, which shows that this Remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

**A Summer Trip Unsurpassed on the Continent.**

The trip to Salt Lake City or to the Pacific coast via that point over the Denver & Rio Grande and the Rio Grande Western is the most beautiful in America. No European trip of equal length can compare with it in grandeur of scenery or wealth of novel interest. The Salt Lake City itself is a most quaint and picturesque place and well worth the journey. Its Mormon temple, tabernacle, utility office and church institutions; its hot sulphur springs within the city limits; its delightful temperature, sunny climate and its Great Salt Lake—deader and denser than the Dead Sea in Palestine—are but a few features of Salt Lake City's countless attractions. There are parks, drives, canons and beautiful outlying mountain and lake resorts. Imagine, if you can, a bath in salt water a mile above sea level and in water in which the human body cannot sink. Inquire of your nearest ticket agent for low tourist rates to Salt Lake City, or write for information and copy of Salt Lake City, the City of the Saints," to S. K. Hooper, general passenger agent, Denver, Colo.

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**CUTS STEEL LIKE WAX.**

**Owners of Big Safes Uneasy Because of an Invention.**

Chicago Record-Herald.

Julius E. Haschke, a Chicago electrician, who is discovering a way to apply electricity to iron and steel so as to cut or burn the metal as a warm knife blade does a hard chunk of butter, has brought to bankers and other guardians of public treasure a feeling of insecurity. Mr. Haschke did not invent his carbon point—the name given the metal cutting device—for the purpose of opening bank safes, nor does he wish, so he says, to aid or abet in any way the dark-lantern fraternity, yet he is able to cut into two pieces the thickest iron bar or steel plate.

It makes no difference to Mr. Haschke whether he is called upon to cut in two a big boiler plate in Milwaukee or sever asunder great steel ribs in the Rookery building, Chicago—he goes about his labor with full confidence that he can carry out his part in the contract. Mr. Haschke's experience in Milwaukee a few days ago is being reported far and near as an example of what his carbon point will do. A big boiler foundation was to be removed from the basement of a building. It was almost impossible to get the great mass of metal out as it lay, and then it was equally preposterous to think of cutting the plate in two.

Mr. Haschke's simple invention was mentioned to the interested persons and he was invited to go to the Cream City. Mr. Haschke ensconced himself in a little steel house, placed two pairs of blue spectacles to his eyes, and after connecting his carbon point he touched the steel plate. Persons standing far back in the basement saw a lurid flame shoot up; it was a white light and produced extreme heat. The light wellnigh blinded the spectators, but the operator was well protected and did the work.

At the rate of a foot in five minutes and cutting or burning away a wide space in the plate, the carbon point with its terrible power worked along. Mr. Haschke had no trouble whatever in handling the work, and those who watched him left the place, although blinded by the light, aware of the value of the discovery of the Chicagoan.

It is reported that bankers in Chicago and Milwaukee have been investigating the Haschke carbon point and that they feel its value as an agency for criminal use is virtually nullified by the fact that considerable voltage is required and that a bright light is caused by the carbon point in its operation on steel or iron.

"It is not feasible for a burglar to attempt to open the vaults of any well protected banking establishment by means of the Haschke carbon point because of the high voltage which I believe must attend the operation," said David R. Forgan yesterday. "Even should a burglar gain entrance to the vault room he would meet with the greatest obstacles in employing the Haschke device. It may be a valuable discovery in many ways, but I think its use for lawless purposes is virtually out of the question."

Other bankers either had not heard of the device or agreed with the views presented by Mr. Forgan. When given the bankers' opinions yesterday afternoon the inventor said he could not agree with them, although he confessed he did not care to advertise his carbon point in such a way.

"My apparatus is simple and can be operated with a current of only fifty volts," said Mr.

Haschke. "Such a voltage of electricity can be obtained by tapping the wires on almost any large building. The modern building is alive with electric wires and a shrewd operator could easily find a service main and gather from it all the power needed to use his carbon point. But I have avoided the necessity of tapping wires by inventing a little storage battery, which I use when my work is required in this capacity. This battery has twenty-eight cells and I am able to get just as satisfactory results as with a direct or alternating current."

The inventor added that the power contained in an ordinary electric automobile would be sufficient to do the work. An illustration of what the Haschke device can do was demonstrated last summer at the Rookery building. The rear portion of third floor had to be raised. Six 22-inch beams of wrought iron were to be cut. Power was obtained from the plant in the building, and Mr. Haschke performed the task in slightly over two hours. It was estimated at the time that chipping or sawing the beams would have caused six men to work for at least four days.

The Haschke apparatus is simple. A carbon of electrode is attached to a wood handle by means of a metal clamp; to this clamp a wire is fastened, the other being connected with the object to be operated upon. If a safe, the second wire is attached to a hinge or lock, as the fancy of the operator dictates.

The eyes and face of the workman are protected against the glare and the heat by a box of aluminum or sheet iron. The carbon point is thrust through a hole in one side of this box. The box used by Mr. Haschke is small, and its inner sides are lined with asbestos. Drill proof Bessemer or chrome steel are cut as easily as the softer metals with this remarkable invention.

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**Chances Favorable for Houston County.**

A letter from a prominent citizen of Galveston informs us that our conjectures as to the possibilities in the congressional race in this district are well taken. He surmises that neither Lacy nor Gregg can hope to win with both of them in the field, but suggests that Col. Lacy has the strongest following in Galveston with the chances favorable to Col. Nunn of Crockett.—Palestine Advocate.

**A Severe Cold for Three Months.**

The following letter from A. J. Nusbbaum of Batesville, Ind., tells its own story: "I suffered for three months with a severe cold. A druggist prepared me some medicine, and a physician prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I then tried Foley's Honey and Tar and eight doses cured me." Refuse substitutes. J. G. Haring.

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### COL. NICHOLAS SMITH PUT OUT.

#### Greely's Son-in-Law Couldn't Pay Room Rent.

New York Sun.

Col. Nicholas Smith, whom somebody once called the "handsomest man in the world" and who married Ida, the younger daughter of Horace Greely only a short time after her father's death, has, according to the statement of his former landlady, Mrs. Hurd of 59 West Ninety-third street, been dispossessed from his lodgings and those occupied by his two daughters, Miss Nicola Greely Smith and Miss Ida Smith, because he couldn't or wouldn't pay Mrs. Hurd \$62, the amount he was in arrears for room rent. This is not the first time Col. Smith has been hard up, but so far as the records show this is the first time he was ever dispossessed. Here is the story Mrs. Hurd told yesterday:

"Col. Smith applied to me five months ago for lodgings. He said he wanted one large room for his two daughters and a smaller one for himself. He was suited with the rooms I showed to him and he and his daughters moved in. Not long after they came here, the grocer and the milkman and the baker began to deliver foodstuffs to them. I rented neither room for a kitchen and had no idea that Col. Smith would take such meals as his daughters could fix up under the conditions in which they were living here.

"I soon found out, however, that they evidently intended to live, eat and sleep in practically one room, for the room Col. Smith used to sleep in was hardly large enough for more than a bed and chair. So I let the provisions come along and even lent them dishes. The Colonel paid promptly for a while, but at length fell behind a little each week. When I finally asked him to pay up, he said I was really a most extraordinary person, but if I really needed the money, he said, he would assure me that he would have plenty in a short time.

"He said that he had a pension claim against the Government which was about to be settled and as soon as he got the money he would pay me. But the money never came and finally I had to have him served with a dispossession notice. He sent his trunk away yesterday and the rest of his things went this morning. I don't know where he went. Before he left this morning he came to me and said:

"Mrs. Hurd, here is my note for \$62, the amount I owe you. When I get my money, I'll thank you to surrender the note."  
"Oh, I don't want your note," said I, "all I want is your rooms or the rent. But while you're talking about what you owe, who's going to pay for this parlor ceiling which you ruined by letting the water in your daughter's room overflow the wash basin?"

"Really, my good woman," (he had the impudence to call me his good woman), you have an astonishing memory. That had quite slipped my mind. But that is a mere trifle. I suppose about \$2 would fix that. I shall have the honor to hand you an extra two-dollar note, Madame."

"The idea that \$2 would repair this parlor ceiling! It will cost at least \$25. And how do you suppose it was ruined? That's the greatest thing of all. He had washed his hands one day, wouldn't pull out the plug in the basin, left the water running and the basin overflowed. When my husband asked him why he hadn't

pulled out the plug, Col. Smith said:

"My dear sir, I had just washed my hands. You wouldn't expect me to put clean hands into soiled water just to pull out a paltry plug, would you? A gentleman, a Kentucky gentleman, could never think of such a thing."

"But I'm not the only one he didn't pay around here. Get over into Columbus avenue and you'll find that he didn't pay Ferber the grocer or Blanchard the baker or even the newspaper man for his newspaper. Go see any of them and they'll tell you. I'm lucky to be rid of them, but the mess they left the room in the girls occupied was something awful. They wouldn't let my servant in there but once a week, and then only for a short time."

The Sun reporter went around to see some of the tradesmen in Columbus avenue and found that what Mrs. Hurd had said was true. Col. Smith is still owing several bills in the vicinity. Frederick Ferber, a grocer at 729 Columbus avenue, told this story: "Yes, Col. Smith got in on me. He owes me about \$10. A while ago I went for him pretty strong, telling him I wanted my money. Did I get it? Not much. The Colonel just stood up very straight, looked me right in the eye and said:

"Really, Ferber, you can't understand who I am. Do you know that any one from here to the Battery, did they but know that it was Col. Nicholas Smith, would trust me for anything? You ought to know this, Ferber, and so I tell you. Of course, if you don't want my trade, all you have to do is to say so. I only patronize you, because you seemed like a worthy fellow trying to get on in the world. Don't speak of this matter again, Ferber, and by the way, you may send to me some more of that very excellent tea, about half a pound, I would say. Good day, Ferber."

"And do you know, I was that flabbergasted," added the grocer, "that I sent him the tea?"  
The new dealer said that the Colonel owed him \$2 for newspapers. And there were other creditors along Columbus avenue. Where he has moved, none of them knew.

Nicholas Smith was born in Kentucky and Miss Greely was his second wife. His first wife was wealthy. When the second Mrs. Smith died in 1882, she left her property, which she inherited from her father, in trust for her three children, the two daughters who are living with their father and a son, Horace Greely Smith, who is said to be living in Brooklyn. The Brooklyn Trust Company was designated as trustee, but Col. Smith got himself appointed in the trust company's place, and his wife's fortune is apparently gone.

At the beginning of the civil war Smith came out for the Union and was appointed a Captain of Volunteers. He served through the war and was brevetted Colonel of Volunteers. He is rather a striking-looking man. He is tall and straight, with long, curling snow-white hair and dark eyes. It used to be said that he applied quince-seed juice to his hair to make it curl.

After he married Miss Greely he used to spend his summers for several years at Chappaqua, where the Greely country home used to be. In August, 1877, he was arrested for horsewhipping a cripple, who attempted to turn the Colonel's buggy off the crosswalk immediately in front of the Chappaqua Post Office. The Colonel expressed regret for his action.

For several years his services

were in great demand as best man at weddings, supposedly because of his appearance. He officiated in that capacity for a Mr. Ovington in Brooklyn about 1889, and then put in a bill to the bridegroom for expenses. Mr. Ovington refused to pay and Col. Smith brought suit.

#### Chronic Diarrhoea.

Mr. C. B. Wingfield, of Fair Play, Mo., who suffered from chronic dysentery for thirty five years, says Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy did him more good than any other medicine he had ever used. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

#### Philanthropist Gone.

Charles Broadway Rouss, who recently died in New York, was well known in Texas. He made several investments in this state and donated large sums of money to worthy causes. His name was originally plain Charles Rouss. The name Broadway he added because in the principal thoroughfare of New York he had won fortune. He was born in Woodbury, Frederick county, Md., in 1836, and attended school in Winchester, Va. As a boy he had sold notions in the streets at Winchester and it was there he found employment as a clerk in the store of Peter Senseny, the principal merchant, at a salary of \$1 a week. He was then fifteen years of age. In the course of three years he had accumulated a capital of \$500, with which he went into business on his own account. He was, at the age of twenty-five, the wealthiest merchant in Winchester, for he had \$60,000 in bank.

He joined the Confederate army at the outbreak of the war, and when the struggle closed he was practically penniless, having given his money in aid of the southern cause. He went to New York, obtained employment as a clerk, saved his money, and eventually entered business on his own account. He rapidly accumulated money and a few years ago built a twelve story building at Nos. 549 to 555 Broadway, in which he did a large trade.

Mr. Rouss gave the sum of \$100,000 with which to erect, in Richmond, Va., a memorial chapel to those who sacrificed their lives for the lost cause. He gave \$35,000 to found an art scholarship for the University of Virginia. The town of Winchester received several large benefactions at his hands. He gave funds to the merchants when a part of the town was destroyed by fire. He gave Winchester waterworks at a cost of \$30,000 and a town hall. To the city of New York he gave the Washington and Lafayette statue, and in Mount Hope cemetery he erected a monument to the memory of Confederate veterans.

One of the greatest sorrows in his life was the death of his son, C. H. B. Rouss, in 1891. Ten years ago the eyesight of Mr. Rouss began to fail and for the last six years he had been blind. He offered a reward of one million dollars to any man who would restore his sight. He submitted to several experiments and finally hired a substitute, named Martin, who was similarly afflicted. Martin underwent many ordeals, but nothing was found which was of any avail.—San Antonio Express.

#### Don't Become Discouraged,

But use Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box). Many imitations of the original, so be careful and see that it's "purifier" and manufactured by the A. O. Simmons, Jr., Medicine Co.

All itching diseases are embarrassing as well as annoying. Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve and permanently cure all forms of such diseases. Guaranteed. Price 50 cents.

## CARNEGIE LIBRARIES.

### His Advice, "Admit All Fiction That Has Survived Three Years."

New York Herald.

Andrew Carnegie gave away forty more public libraries yesterday to as many different cities and towns of the United States. He mentioned the fact casually at the seventh annual dinner of the New York Library Club, which was held last evening in the rooms of the Aldine Association, at 111 Fifth Avenue. One of his new beneficiaries is the city of Albany, N. Y., which comes in for a gift of \$175,000.

Three hundred friends and members, more than one-half of them women, were present when Mr. Carnegie said:

"I have read a great deal lately about the bill before Congress to provide for a rural postoffice delivery. I am in favor of that. It is a great idea to have one's letters delivered at the door, even when one lives in the country. But I am especially glad to hear that at last practical plans have been devised to deliver books at the doors of persons who live in rural communities. I am glad that so many of the applications that continually come to me for public libraries come from rural or semi-rural places.

"Only to-day I have been called to pass upon some 40 such applications. Many of them are from communities that are poor, and apparently are unable to raise more than \$1500 to \$1800 for such purposes by their own effort. As I have found these applicants worthy it has been a pleasure for me to give them the money they need.

"One of these applications favorably passed upon to-day was from the city of Albany. I am glad to grant that, too. I think our Assemblymen need some such influence.

"You have heard a great deal said about the kind of books we should read and there is a perpetual controversy, especially in regard to fiction. Now, if I had my way, I would not think of robbing the seeker after books of his fiction. Provided it be not actually vicious, it is better to love almost any kind of a book than to love no book at all.

"If your librarians and members of the library club expect to leave your personal fortunes for the purpose of founding libraries, I would suggest that it might be a wise proviso to admit no fiction except that which has survived three years after publication. Imagine what a slaughter of so-called popular books would take place if that were the rule. But, after all, is anything worth calling a book that cannot live three years?

"If one is known by the company he keeps, then you, ladies and gentlemen, are in the very best society—the society of books.

The longer I live the more firmly I believe with Dean Swift that the finest furniture for a house is books. And that is true even if you never open the books you have on your shelves. They exude an influence of their own just as do flowers and beautiful pictures. If you have a Shakespeare, a Milton or a Plato in your room, there are flowers of everlasting fragrance. When a man can walk about a room and just look at the old masters, I would not exchange that privilege, so far as I am concerned, for a thousand sermons."

After the dinner Mr. Carnegie was asked what cities and towns he had given libraries to yesterday.

"Oh," he replied, "I can't remember now. This just happened

to be my library day and that is why there were some 40 applications granted. Most of them were for small sums. Albany? Oh, the sum given there was \$175,000, but I don't recall the others."

## AN AUSTRALIAN PRISONER

### Escapes From Bushmen After Twelve Years—Wife Marries in This Country and He Marries Abroad.

New York, March 19.—After 12 years' imprisonment among the bushmen of Australia, Joseph H. Gill, son of the late Thomas Gill, a well known Brooklyn manufacturer, has been heard from by his family, who had mourned him as dead.

Gill left home in 1886, and in 1893 his wife, believing him dead, married again.

On August 18, 1886, Joseph G. Gill sailed from New York for Australia, where he had extensive mining interests. The mines were situated about 5000 miles from Sydney, and Gill expected to be gone two or three years. He left behind a wife and two children, boys, of 7 and 5 years, respectively. For two years letters were received regularly. His mining interests were prospering and he hoped soon to return to the United States, as he wrote in his last letter.

A period in which no tidings were received from Mr. Gill followed, and then came a letter from the American Consul at Sydney, N. S. W., stating that Joseph Gill, a wealthy mine operator, and four companions had been ambushed and killed by Australian bushmen in Australia, not far from the mines which the Brooklyn man controlled.

This was the last heard from Gill until the news of his imprisonment, which has just been received. It came in the form of a letter to Inspector McLaughlin of the Brooklyn police. The letter was dated Daigupan, Northern Luzon, Philippines. The letter, which was written in November, 1901, was addressed to the chief of Police of Brooklyn. It was as follows:

"In 1886 I left my home in Brooklyn for Australia, where I was held a captive in the interior by bushmen until two years ago. I then came to these Islands and entered the campaign with Macabebe scouts. Prior to Aginaldo's capture I was severely wounded, and I am afraid I am a cripple for life. I am now working my way back to Sydney, Australia, to my wife and child.

"I do not know if my dear mother is dead, but would be glad to hear her address if she is alive or my brother's. I shall be in Sydney by the time you receive this letter. Please address me in care of the United States Consulate at Sydney."

The Brooklyn police had little difficulty in finding Gill's mother. Cable messages were at once sent to Gill at Sydney.

No details have yet been received concerning Gill's imprisonment among the bushmen who murdered his four companions. After his escape Gill is said to have attempted to secure information concerning his family. The private detective whom he is said to have employed reported that his wife was dead, and soon afterward Gill married a Sydney woman. Gill's love of adventure led to his enlistment in the Philippines service.

At best life is but short. Do not make it shorter yet by rank neglect of that cough of yours, when one bottle of *Simmons' Cough Syrup* would cure you. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

## BEHEE'S HAIRLESS HEAD.

### It Was Bald at Birth and Has Been the Same Way During Fifty Years.

From the Philadelphia Times.

Wilkes-Barre, March 8.—William, or "Baldy" Behee is one of Wilkes-Barre's unique characters. He was born without any hair on his head, and at the age of 50 he is still without any. His head has always been as smooth as a billiard ball. When a younger man Behee visited nearly all the prominent physicians in the country to see if they could make hair grow. All the doctors said it was a remarkable case.

A noted French specialist, while on a visit to this country, heard of Behee's case from a New York doctor, and came here to see him. He remained for half a day with the Wilkes-Barre man, examining his head. Upon his return to Paris he wrote for Behee to come to France for an examination, promising to pay all expenses, but he declined. The latter had an idea that the French doctor wanted to place him in a museum, but that was not his purpose. He merely wanted to exhibit him to the medical school of Paris. A trip was also contemplated to Berlin and Vienna.

A young man one time came near losing his life on account of Behee's bald head. His name was Michael Gough, a barber's apprentice in the shop of Alexander Schwartz, in this city. When Behee was a young man he did not mind going around Wilkes-Barre minus his hair, but when he went out of town he was very particular about his personal appearance. He purchased a wig from a New York importer, who got it from a house in London. Whenever Behee went out of town he always wore the wig. This changed his appearance altogether. One day he was going to New York and stepped in to Schwartz's shop to get a shave. Young Gough's chair was the only one empty. He had never met Behee before, having come here from the country.

Behee thought he would have some fun with the young man. He told him he wanted a hair cut. The young man turned to get a pair of scissors, and as he did so Baldy snatched the wig from his head and threw it over in the corner of the room. When Gough turned around again and beheld Behee's bald head he fainted and fell to the floor. He was removed to his home, where he remained for some months. At one time it was thought he would not recover. He seemed like a man in delirium. He would be seized with convulsions and cry out: "Oh, see that man's head, he has no hair."

La grippe coughs yield quickly to the wonderful curative qualities of *Foley's Honey and Tar*. There is nothing else "just as good." J. G. Haring.

## How the South Grows.

The whole world wonders at the marvellous growth of the South. And almost every new day seems to bring with it some new source of wonderment—some pleasing surprise in the industrial and commercial activities of that great section. If it isn't a discovery, it is the remarkable development of one. If it isn't that, it is the achievement of some city of the South or of some man or some enterprise there that holds up the business world for a little bit in interested attention.

"I am glad," said John H. Kirby of Texas in his address before the New Orleans Progressive Union last night, "that the Southern people have come to the belief that nothing is so honorable as work;

that there is greater distinction in being a laborer than in being a gentleman." The South has the double distinction of successfully combining the two. The typical Southerner of to-day is gentleman and laborer, both in one. The business world of the South is a great aggregation of indefatigable workers. They have got the hustlers of the West, the North and the East all "on the run." It jars the New Englander just a trifle when he hears the echoes of those millions of southern spindles. It sets the manufacturers "from all over" to thinking hard when they see that the South is not content to grow cotton and cane and rice and timber, not wholly satisfied to dig her coal and her iron from the earth, and to set her mineral oil to spouting. She is taking and is planning to take the added profits that come from turning raw material into finished products. She is a great manufacturer already—is bound to be a bigger one. She is working not only to keep at home the millions of money that her industries yield, but to gather the surplus of other sections into her treasury to help in the development of her resources through investment and reinvestment there.

Keep your eye on Dixie! And what a pity it is that we can't all live to witness the mighty civilization that will confront our sons and grandsons there!—New York Commercial Advertiser.

## Tours in the Rocky Mountains.

A mountain tourist in search of grand and beautiful scenery finds an embarrassment of riches in Colorado and Utah, but if the Denver & Rio Grande and the Rio Grande Western railroads are borne in mind when planning a trip there is little chance of making a mistake or meeting with disappointment.

This is the only route having two distinct lines through the Rocky mountains, thus affording the tourist the advantage of going via one line and returning via the other. In this manner the trip from Denver, Colorado Springs or Pueblo to Grand Junction may be made via the main line, through the Royal Gorge, Leadville, over Tennessee Pass, through Eagle River Canon, Canon of the Grand River and Glenwood Springs, returning via the Black Canon of the Gunnison and Marshall Pass, or vice versa, all through tickets being available via either route.

## Forewarned, Forearmed.

The liability to disease is greatly lessened when the blood is in good condition, and the circulation healthy and vigorous. For then all refuse matter is promptly carried out of the system; otherwise it would rapidly accumulate—fermentation would take place, the blood become polluted and the constitution so weakened that a simple malady might result seriously. A healthy, active circulation means good digestion and strong, healthy nerves.

As a blood purifier and tonic S. S. S. has no equal. It is the safest and best remedy for old people and children because it contains no minerals, but is made exclusively of roots and herbs.

No other remedy so thoroughly and effectually cleanses the blood of impurities. At the same time it builds up the weak and debilitated, and renovates the entire system. It cures permanently all manner of blood and skin troubles.

Mr. E. E. Kelly, of Urbana, O., writes: "I had eczema on my hands and face for five years. It would break out in little white pustules, crusts would form and drop off, leaving the skin red and inflamed. The doctors did me no good. I used all the medicated soaps and salves without benefit. S. S. S. cured me, and my skin is as clear and smooth as any one's."

Mrs. Henry Siegfried, of Cape May, N. J., says that twenty-one bottles of S. S. S. cured her of Cancer of the breast. Doctors and friends thought her case hopeless.

Richard E. Gardner, Florence, S. C., suffered for years with Boils. Two bottles of S. S. S. put his blood in good condition and the Boils disappeared.

Send for our free book, and write our physicians about your case. Medical advice free.

THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.

Tourists to and from Salt Lake City, Ogden, Portland or San Francisco, will find it to their advantage to have their tickets read in both directions via "The Scenic Line of the World" and "The Great Salt Lake Route," thus securing the privilege of using one of the above lines going and the other returning.

The above covers in a general way the trans continental portion of the Denver & Rio Grande and the Rio Grande Western, but it must be remembered that this is but a part of the entire system. For instance, the line from Pueblo, over beautiful La Veta Pass, via the magnificent Folter Gorge to Durango, and through the picturesque Animas Canon to Silverton, affords one of the grandest trips on the continent. This, in connection with the Silverton railroad and the Ouray-tag line, or with the Rio Grande Southern Railroad from Durango to Ridgeway, forms the celebrated "Around the Circle" trip, the remainder of the journey being made eastward over the Denver & Rio Grande.

There are also many smaller side trips that can be made through this beautiful region. Write S. K. Hooper, G. P. & T. A., Denver, Colo., for illustrated descriptive pamphlets.

## POINTED OUT IN CHURCH.

### "Which of Us Shall Die First?"—Death Answered.

New York Herald.

With hand outstretched and finger pointing solemnly at a gray-haired man near the pulpit, on Sunday the Rev. Dr. W. R. Wedderspoon, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Asbury Park, N. J., with trembling voice exclaimed:

"What will the reaper do for us this next conference year? Will it take that old gray-haired man there, or will it be the man who is trying to preach to you to-night?"

The body of the old gray-haired man was yesterday found lifeless on a couch in his room.

He was Howard D. Coleman, who, when Asbury Park was a wilderness, helped to hew down the trees and lay out the town. He was 82 years old, but had no thought of death until he heard these words. He went home and, it is believed, brooded over the occurrence.

To a friend on Tuesday he said: "My time has come." That night he locked his door and was never afterward seen alive.

And now all Asbury Park is wondering what influence pointed the finger of Dr. Wedderspoon at Coleman, and how this old man, who had occupied a seat in the church year after year, should himself, while apparently in full health, predict his own doom.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes the kidneys and bladder right. Contains nothing injurious. J. G. Haring.

## BANNER SALVE

the most healing salve in the world. At J. G. Haring's.

In a write-up of a funeral an exchange says that "the deceased lay quietly in his coffin." That was eminently decorous and a proper thing for him to do. There is nothing which mars the solemnity of a funeral more than for the corpse to get up and cavort among the mourners. It reflects on the gentility of his breeding.—Ex.

Ever ready, always reliable, are Cheatham's Laxative Tablets. They cure a cold quicker than any known remedy. Easy to carry, pleasant to take. Guaranteed. Price 25 cents.

**Foley's Kidney Cure** makes kidneys and bladder right. At J. G. Haring's.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

We are authorized to announce the following candidates for office in City election. Election April 1. For City Attorney: **Geo. W. Crook.**

**Social Stems.**

Trade at Hyman's.  
 Fishing tackle at the New Drug Store.  
 25 lbs. rice for \$1.00 at Chas. L. Shivers.  
 Hyman's saloon for the best keg beer in town.  
 Black Cat for luck, Jim Brown's for low prices.  
 Ike Daniel is recovering from a case of smallpox.  
 20 lbs. Y. C. sugar for \$1.00 at Chas. L. Shivers.  
 A. J. McLemore of Coltharp was in town Tuesday.  
 Kentucky steel plows \$3.00 each at Chas. L. Shivers.  
 Ladies, see those Prince Henry hats at the Big Store.  
 The best lunches in town at the Crockett Meat Market.  
 Mrs. H. Durst and Mrs. Chas. Newton are reported sick.  
 Miss Lillian Lee has returned from a visit to Huntsville.  
 Tennessee Triumph potatoes 45c pk. at Chas. L. Shivers.  
 Crockett Meat Market will pay highest market price for hides.  
 Come, tell your troubles to Paul Jones. **HYMAN'S SALOON.**  
 We will tell you all about the Black Cat at **JIM BROWN'S.**  
 Now is the time to order your Easter suit. **KING & MURCHISON.**  
 Base ball goods of every description at the New Drug Store.  
 Frank Creath, a Coltharp merchant, spent Sunday in Crockett.  
 The New Drug Store has the finest line of toilet soaps in town.  
 Good flour makes good bread. Buy the Electric Light from Chas. L. Shivers.  
 Go to Jas. S. Shivers & Co.'s Big Store for your dainty muslin underwear.  
 Call at Crockett Meat Market for first-class, fed beef at live and let live prices.  
 The New Drug Store has just added several new odors to its perfume department.  
 Dr. Latham from Archer City has been here during the past week on business.  
 You can save 20 per cent. on wall paper by placing your order with the Big Store.  
 A fine assortment of cakes always on hand at the Star Restaurant and Bakery.  
 Wirt N. Wood, district clerk of Trinity county, was attending court here this week.  
 The Alice Roosevelt hat is the "correct thing." You will find them at the Big Store.  
 John R. Sheridan and family are expected to arrive in Crockett this week from Quannah.  
 The latest in Fashion's Fancy Favorite is the Gibson veil. Go to the Big Store and see them.  
 There will be a meeting of Confederate Veterans in Crockett on the first of April, next Tuesday.  
 When you want a good lunch or meal call at the Crockett Meat Market. Meals served on short notice.

**Foley's Honey and Tar** for children, safe, sure. No opiates. At J. G. Haring's.

**Many People**

In every section of Houston county have found it to their advantage to do business with us. They have been pleased with the way we treat our customers, and have recommended us to their friends. We want your trade, and will extend to you every accommodation in our power. We see to it personally that every customer has

**The Best**

Attention, and our goods and prices are always right.

**B. F. CHAMBERLAIN DRUGGIST.**

For German millet seed see Chas. L. Shivers.  
 Feeling bad? Consult Dr. Joel B. Frazier. Office at Hyman's saloon.  
 25 yds. 27 in. round thread cotton plaids for \$1.00 at Chas. L. Shivers.  
 You need not take our word for it. Call at Hyman's saloon and convince yourself.  
 Remember that Holloway & Grebb keep oysters and fish and the best beef in Crockett.  
 You can get the best steaks in Crockett at the Star Restaurant, one door below the postoffice.  
 The ladies of Houston county should see that line of dress goods and millinery at the Big Store.  
 We invite an early inspection of our spring samples. **KING & MURCHISON.**  
 We merit your trade with low prices. Nothing more. **JIM BROWN.**  
 Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from **SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.**  
 We want your order for a spring suit. Inspect our new samples. **JIM BROWN.**  
 Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from **SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.**  
 If you trade elsewhere we will not call you a moss-back. **JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.**  
 Every order no matter how small has our careful attention. **JIM BROWN.**  
 Major J. C. Wootters attended a committee meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Waco last week.  
 Editor Frick of the Trinity Press and Editor Mainer of the Lovelady News were here Wednesday.  
 If you believe in keeping Crockett money in Crockett, don't send your orders for job printing out of town.  
 The COURIER contains more reading matter than any paper published between Palestine and Houston.  
 Patronize COURIER advertisers for bargains. They are men of their word and will do what they say they will.  
 Quite a stench was created Tuesday morning by the turning over of dirt by workmen on the public square.  
 Fresh bread, Houston meat, fresh oysters, and ice cream on and after next Sunday, at the Star Restaurant, C. R. Stephenson, proprietor.

**Foley's Honey and Tar** cures colds, prevents pneumonia. At J. G. Haring's.

**Fed Cattle.**

The Crockett Meat Market is just in receipt of a car of fed cattle.

Don't send your job work out of town. The COURIER office can do it for you in a satisfactory manner.

Have you tried that Diamond Rye Double Stamp Whiskey at Lee Goolsby's saloon? It is mild and mellow.

Miss Ruth King was in Crockett this week on her way to Coltharp where she is conducting a millinery business.

Try a bottle of Baltimore Rye, bottled by the Romeo Distilling Co., Maryland. You will find it at Goolsby's.

S. S. Smith of Ratcliff, a long-time subscriber of the COURIER, paid this office an appreciated visit Thursday morning.

Messrs. J. S. Kennedy and McDowell of Kennard were attending court this week as witnesses in the Tom Payne case.

**Notice.**

Be sure and get prices on my case whiskies before you buy. Prices to suit the times at Lee Goolsby's saloon.

**Easter Perfumes.**

As sweet and delicate as the flowers they imitate, and with all the vernal freshness of the springtide. Our first aim is to secure an assortment that cannot be matched for uniform excellence, and our next endeavor is to supply these perfect odors at the lowest possible price.  
 The cost of perfume is always right here, and you are certain of getting those odors that are most popular, most enduring and most true to nature.

**Easter Egg Dyes.**

Cheap and better than any other means of coloring eggs. Make your children happy. Eight colors for five cents.

**J. G. HARING, PHARMACIST.**

**Notice.**

I have bought out the Blue saw-mill and am prepared to fill orders for lumber. **A. D. OLFPHINT.**

J. H. Wakefield of Lovelady, Ab Thomason of Antioch and Hon. J. H. Ratcliff were noted among those in town this week.

Judge G. H. Gould of Palestine was looking after the interests of the I. & G. N. railroad company in district court here this week.

There are very few candidates whose names are not found in our announcement column. Reference to it will inform you who is running for office.

Some of the young ladies of the town are preparing a Florodora entertainment for Friday night of next week. Something very pretty is promised.

Mr. Taylor, an old Kentucky gentleman, is in town and intends to make his home here permanently. Everybody knows "Old Kentucky Taylor" at Hyman's saloon.

Arch Baker, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' National bank, attended the meeting of the state bankers' association at Galveston last week.

The drug stores of Crockett are now closing on Sundays except from 9 to 11 in the morning and 3 to 5 in the afternoon except to fill prescriptions and sell medicines in urgent cases.

**J. H. PAINTER & COMPANY**

**OFFER**

**Nice Crockett Residence for Improved Farm. Lands in other counties for Houston County Property.**

2 lots and house in Crockett	\$ 600
4 lots in Crockett	350
House and lot in Crockett	1200
" " " " " "	600
House and 2 lots in Crockett	800
15 acres, 1/4 mile from court house	750
113 acre improved farm	600
40 " " " "	350
160 acres on railroad	600

**SEE US FOR BARGAINS.**

**Crockett, Texas.**

Judge A. A. Aldrich announces this week for congress, subject to the action of the democracy of the district. The announcement appears in the proper column.

Crockett merchants need not send their orders out of town for job printing. They can get it here just as good and as cheap as anywhere and thus keep their money at home.

We have the report of the city finance committee in hand, which we regret very much indeed had to go over until next week. City finances are in good shape as is shown by the report.

Up to March 21 there had been 14,886 bales of cotton shipped from Crockett since the first of last September and several hundred bales still remain on the platforms and in the yards.

**Mules for Sale.**

We have about 60 head of good young mules which are for sale at reasonable figures. In lot near Aldrich house.

At **DUREN & KING.**

The county teachers' institute was in session Friday and Saturday. Among those in attendance whom we noted on the streets were Prof. F. M. Martin of Lovelady and Prof. John Crook of Weches.

J. M. Torrence left a plate of very rich honey at the COURIER office Monday. He said it was a sample of 50 pounds which he had just taken from two bee hives. He will please accept our thanks for the same.

**For Sale.**

A 500 gallon street sprinkler, vertical spray—latest improved. Been run about three months. Will sell cheap. Address, **NED GILL, Palestine, Texas.**

The COURIER job office prints candidates' cards on short notice. We have a nice stock of both round and square cornered cards on hand and are prepared to meet competition. Candidates giving us their orders are guaranteed a satisfactory job.

When you talk about there being a better place in Crockett, Texas, to trade than the Big Store,

Every potato stily winks its eye;  
 Every cabbage shades its head;  
 Every beet gets red in the face;  
 Every onion feels stronger;  
 Every oat field is shocked;  
 Eye strokes its beard.  
 Corn sticks up its ear.  
 Every foot of land kicks.

**For Sale.**

Barred Plymouth Rocks' eggs 15 cents per setting of fifteen. **W. D. COVINGTON, with G. M. Waller. 3t.**

**Take Notice.**

All persons are warned to keep off of the Frank Smith fish pond to avoid prosecution. Permission will not be given any one. **JIM SMITH. 3t.**

The following Masons from Crockett attended the conferring of the Scottish Rite degrees of Masonry at Galveston this week: H. F. Moore, C. M. Newton, Hyman Harrison, F. G. Edmiston, J. T. Harrison and J. B. Valentine.

Misses Lena Kelley, Emily Smith, Maggie Smith and Miss Hemphill of Lovelady and Hugh McDowell went to Kennard Sunday morning with the intention of returning Sunday evening. They were rained out, or in, but returned Monday morning.

Misses Myrtle and Aria Pendleton, two charming young ladies from Temple and daughters of Hon. Geo. C. Pendleton, are being entertained by Misses Etta and Denny Adams at their beautiful home in East Crockett.

**S. J. S. Wood Withdraws.**

The present scramble for the petty office of city attorney has assumed such a disgusting aspect that I feel it my duty out of respect to my friends to withdraw from the race. Thanking my friends for their loyalty and support, I withdraw from the race for city attorney. **S. J. S. Wood.**

**Jury Commissioners.**

Jury commissioners appointed by Judge Gooch last week are as follows: W. B. Cochran of Lovelady, M. D. Murchison of Grape-land and Tony Gossett of Crockett. W. F. Murchison of Percilla was one of the first appointed, but being unable to serve, M. D. Murchison was appointed in his place.

Coll Stokes announces this week for the legislature. Other new announcements are Cal Barbee for commissioner of precinct No. 3, W. E. Hail for commissioner of precinct No. 2, T. B. Satterwhite for constable precinct No. 1, Ab Thomason for commissioner of precinct No. 3 and E. Winfree for county judge. Also C. B. Isbell for representative.

**New Tin Shop.**

Crockett Sheet Metal Works. Having just opened a new first-class tin shop, opposite lumber yard, we carry a full line and do all kinds of work in our line such as roofing, guttering, fire proof flues, galvanized steel cisterns, chimney caps, ventilators, stove work and stove pipes, etc., also hot and cold water supplies, plumbing work of all kinds. All work guaranteed. **E. G. STAHL, Foreman and Contractor. Dr. H. J. CUNYUS, Collector.**

**City Primary.**

The city primary election passed off quietly Tuesday. The present mayor, Dr. S. T. Beasley, had no opposition and Mr. S. J. S. Wood's name did not appear on the ticket. He gives notice of withdrawal from the race for city attorney in this week's issue of the COURIER. So Geo. W. Crook was re-elected for that office. Two aldermen were to be elected and five names appeared on the ticket as follows: I. A. Daniel, A. H. Wootters, John Arrington, Geo. Waller and J. G. Haring. The two last named, Waller and Haring, received the largest vote and are the nominees. The general election is next Tuesday. The total number of votes cast was 236.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR CONGRESS:

Crockett COURIER:—  
You will please announce my name as a candidate for Congress in this Seventh Congressional District, subject to a Democratic Convention hereafter to be held for the District.

D. A. NUNN.

EDITOR COURIER:—  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Congress, subject to the action of the democracy of the Seventh District. The candidates for Congress from Anderson county have agreed to abide to result of a primary election to be held in that county on April 15th. I believe that the candidates from Houston county should pursue a similar course. I, therefore, invite my opponent, Hon. D. A. Nunn, to join me in a request to the Houston County Democratic Executive Committee, for such a primary to be held at such time as he may select, in advance of the primary of June 14th. This accords with democratic usage. March 24th, 1902.

A. A. ALDRICH.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the democratic primary.

For County Judge:

Porter Newman,  
E. Winfree.

For County Clerk:

Nat E. Allbright,  
Hugh English,  
James R. Richards.

For County Treasurer:

M. M. Baker.

For Tax Collector:

John W. Brightman.

For Sheriff:

Jake Sheridan.

For District Clerk:

J. B. Stanton.

For County Attorney:

John Spence,  
Earle Adams, Jr.

For Tax Assessor:

H. L. Mobley,  
Sam H. Sharp,  
Bailey Hatchell.

For Representative:

N. B. Barbee,  
Coil Stokes,  
C. B. Isbell.

For Commissioner, Prec. No. 4:

Hugh W. McCelvey,  
J. E. Smith,  
Albert Douglas.

For Commissioner, Prec. No. 1:

F. P. Kennedy,  
B. S. Hearn,  
J. K. Jones.

For Commissioner of Prec. No. 3:

Cal Barbee,  
Ab Thomasson.

For Commissioner of Prec. No. 2:

W. E. Hall.

For Justice Peace, Prec. No. 1:

J. F. Duren,  
John W. Saxon,  
Watson Patterson.

For Constable Prec. No. 1:

A. W. Phillips,  
T. B. Satterwhite.

Waterworks!

Every man who voted in the city primary pledged himself to support the nominees.

This is the best country on earth. People who do not average two days' work a week make a living.

Every white voter in the city should turn out and support the nominees for city offices at the city election next Tuesday.

We believe every progressive citizen of the town will favor the city issuing bonds for a system of waterworks if the question is put to a vote.

The attorney general has ruled that saloons do not have to close on primary election days. The ruling was asked for from Burleson county.

The truck growers' association and the canning factory association are of much importance to Houston county and too much interest can not be manifested.

It is to be hoped that the waterworks movement will take on new life after the city election and that the town will have a supply of water at no distant day for both man and beast as well as for fire fighting.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A Document Full of Interest, Showing the Condition and Conduct of Public Affairs in Houston County.

Hon. Jno. Young Gooch, Judge Third Judicial District: The committee appointed by your honor to examine into the financial condition of Houston county and the manner in which the business of the county is conducted by the different officials herewith submit our report:

We have carefully gone over the books and accounts of the different officers and in some we find slight irregularities while in others we find many irregularities.

COUNTY CLERK.

We find that he has kept financial ledger correctly as to all reports filed in his office for entry on same but we find that quite a number of the officers do not make such reports for entry on said ledger and we recommend that each county and precinct officer be required to make such reports, that is, of all moneys collected by each officer so that county clerk can enter them on financial ledger and if such reports were made and financial ledger properly kept, it would be no trouble for finance committees to check up each officer. Much of committee's time is taken up in having to hunt up these matters.

We find the county clerk has not kept an itemized fee-book of fees and commissions collected by him and also fees charged as article 2495 I of statutes requires and we believe it impossible for him to make a correct report unless he does so keep such book.

We called on county clerk for liquor dealers' bonds and find that J. D. Alfred who is selling malt liquors has given a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors, when it should have been to sell malt liquors only.

TAX COLLECTOR.

The tax collector has paid in all moneys collected by him but we find quite a number of tax delinquents from whom we believe by the proper effort of tax collector the taxes due by them could be collected and we recommend that the collector be required to make strong effort to collect same, so this county's indebtedness may be reduced.

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

The county attorney's report checked out correctly both as to fees of office and all money collected by him and we find he will be due the county something over one hundred dollars over and above fees of office—this amount now being in good bonds can be collected by proper effort. He has quite a number of convict bonds in his hands due and unpaid which were placed in his hands for suit and we recommend that he proceed to collect same promptly. Examination of stray records shows eleven estrays, time for sale of which has expired and no disposition has been made of stock. This matter should be promptly looked into.

COUNTY JUDGE.

Having examined books of county judge we find quite a number of convict bonds collected by him and paid over to county treasurer since report of last finance committee for which he has treasurer's receipts. On further examination and by witnesses we find that a number of convict bonds have been

collected by him that do not show reported on Finance Ledger or to have ever been paid in to county treasurer and amounting to the sum of two hundred and forty nine dollars and seventy seven cents. After finding that these bonds had been paid to the county judge we requested him to show when he had paid same to county treasurer and he could not do so but acknowledged payment of same to him.

We called on county clerk for convict bonds in his possession and after receiving and checking same with convict bond book, we found that there was quite a number of bonds not in his possession. We then called on county judge for such bonds as were not in possession of county clerk and he delivered us 26 bonds and stated that that was all the bonds he had but afterwards brought us a number of bonds which he claimed were "rubbish and no good." On examination we found some of these bonds were good and due and unpaid and some of them had been allowed to go out of date within the last twelve months. We also find that the county judge in collecting money on convict bonds holds the money on same in some instances as long as four months after collection before paying same to county treasurer, when the law says such collections shall be paid to proper parties within 30 days after collection. In checking justices' reports and dockets we find that persons were fined and had made convict bonds and said bonds were given to county judge but do not appear on convict bond book and we give a list of same below:

- Henry Dunean Justice Prec. No. 3
- Oscar Henderson " " No. 3
- Gus Harkins " " No. 3
- Jno. Barnes " " No. 3
- Herbert Polk " " No. 3
- Sam Jones " " No. 1
- Sampson Campbell " " No. 1
- Dick Brice " " No. 1

We recommend that county attorney take proper steps to collect amount due county on convict bonds collected by county judge and not paid to county treasurer.

SHERIFF.

We have examined sheriff's fee report and find same rather vague and indefinite. We found for past fifteen months that a number of sales of land for taxes have been made and that money on these sales in excess of taxes and costs amounting to \$351.10 was not in possession of district clerk as the law directs but still in hands of sheriff. Below we give a list of said sales by number: 4,427, 4,437, 4,438, 4,626, 4,686, 4,815, 4,823, 4,847.

The above amount since investigation has been paid over to district clerk. We also find that a number of sales have been made and bought in by the state and the sheriff's returns of same have not been made to district clerk and deeds for same are not on record in county clerk's office though some of said sales seem to have been made over twelve months ago.

DISTRICT CLERK.

We examined district clerk's financial report to us and find same correct, but we do not find that he made any report to commissioners'

court to be placed on financial ledger since he has been in office which the law requires him to do every 3 months; he also failed to make any report of fees of office to us.

TAX ASSESSOR.

We have no report whatever from tax assessor.

COUNTY TREASURER.

We have examined the books of county treasurer and find them incorrect. His books do not balance with amount of cash in bank by five thousand two hundred and ten dollars and nine cents (\$5210.09.) as cash in bank shows above amount more than his books show and our time being limited we are unable to locate all these discrepancies of which there are several. We also find that he pays teachers' vouchers without being sworn to by teacher or approved by county judge as the law directs, section 60, page 26 of school laws of Texas of 1901. We also find that he paid county commissioners' cash for services at the February term of commissioners' court when there is registered script outstanding against county fund exceeding amount of cash in said fund and his authority for so doing was by verbal order of commissioners' court.

After examination of county treasurer's school bond we believe same is void for the following reasons:

Said bond was made for twenty thousand dollars to cover county fund and after a majority of sureties had signed same it was interlined and made a school bond and approved by commissioners' court and filed for record and six or seven days after filing was withdrawn from county clerk's office and raised from twenty thousand to sixty thousand dollars and has not since been approved by commissioners' court.

The report that the commissioners' court requires of different offices of moneys collected and paid over to treasurer, virtually amount to no report at all and reference is hereby made to articles 840 and 841 R. C. S. 1895.

In conclusion we beg to thank the court for extension of time and indulgence in our labors and for other courtesies—also to thank all the officers for assistance and courtesies rendered in performance of our duties—all of which is respectfully submitted.

G. M. WALLER,  
CHARLES LONG, } Finance Com.  
T. H. LEAVERTON, }

Attest:  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of March, 1902.  
N. E. ALLBRIGHT,  
County Clerk.

On Tuesday of this week the finance committee were in session, their object being to make a correction of that part of their report referring to affairs of county judge's office. They were in session a short time Wednesday morning and filed a brief supplementary report which we could not get in time for this issue. It seems that they made a few changes, allowing two or three credits and also making an equal number of debits. We regret that this brief supplementary report can not be had for publication this week but we will publish same next week.—[EDITOR.]

Bonnet and Apron Sale.

For the benefit of the Methodist church, the ladies of the church will give a bonnet and apron sale on next Friday evening at the parsonage from 3 to 7. Chocolate and cake will be served. This sale is given to assist the ladies in paying their portion of the debt on the furniture in the new church, and a generous public are cordially invited.

FOR SALE

- 11 Bars laundry soap.....25c
- 1 Red cedar water bucket.....65c
- 1 Fiber water bucket.....30c
- 2 Boxes blueing.....5c
- 1 Bowl and pitcher.....85c
- 1 Syrup pitcher.....10c
- 1 Coffee pot.....10c
- 1 Wash pan.....5c
- 1 Curry comb.....5c
- 1 Hand saw.....25c
- 1 Claw hammer.....15c
- 15 Sticks candy.....5c
- 2 Spools thread.....5c
- 12 Boxes matches.....10c
- 3 Bars toilet soap.....5c
- 2 Packages envelopes.....5c
- 1 Bottle sewing machine oil.....5c
- 1 Box axle grease.....5c
- 1 Noiseless school slate.....10c
- 1 " " " double.....20c
- 1 Alarm clock.....90c
- 1 Lap board.....75c
- 1 1-lb. Package soda.....5c
- 2 Boxes Giant potash or lye.....15c
- And other goods in proportion at

THE RACKET STORE,

W. L. DEUPREE, Proprietor.

The sociable given by the young ladies of the Baptist church on Friday evening was attended by quite a number of the young people of the town. The principal feature of the entertainment was "A Musical Love Tale," led by Misses Wootters and Adams, which tested the musical memory of the participants. Several of the young ladies and gentlemen rendered some good music. Games were played and refreshments served, and a very pleasant evening spent.

In our notice of the adjournment of the grand jury last week we stated that they having completed their labors were discharged. But we were misinformed. It seems that the judge discharged them of his own motion, although they asked to adjourn over to a day named by them and stated to the court that they were not through with the business before them. They were, however, discharged and were told that if they were needed again they would be called together again. This is the first time in this county that a grand jury has ever been summarily discharged and the fact has caused no small degree of comment and criticism.

Another Negro Woman Killed.

Another killing occurred Wednesday night of last week in the country south of Crockett and east of Lovelady. The woman killed was the wife of Ed Johnson and she was killed by Turner Randolph, a young negro. The killing occurred at Johnson's house. Johnson was in bed asleep and his wife was playing cards with Turner Randolph. Randolph claims that he and the woman got to pranking with his pistol when it went off with the result as above stated. The report of the pistol awoke Johnson, who demanded the cause of the shooting, and both Randolph and the woman claimed it was accidental, the woman living a short time after being shot and being able to give an account. Justice Payne of Lovelady held the inquest and gave a verdict of accidental killing.

Bankrupt Sale.

I will sell at Crockett, Texas, the entire stock of dry goods, groceries and hardware, by sealed bids, reserving the right to reject any and all bids. Bids received up to April 10, 1902. Stock inventoried ten thousand six hundred twelve dollars and twenty-one cents.  
A. H. WOOTTERS,  
Trustee for W. R. Dean,  
Bankrupt.