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ON ADVERTISING.

Paper by W. D. Adams of Forney
Read to Druggists.

Mineral Wells, Tex., June 20.—Mr. W. D. Adams of Forney read the following paper before the State Pharmaceutical Association, his subject being: "Advertising the Store the Best Medium; What to Say and How to Say it."

Advertising is the lubricant which makes the wheels of the business world run smooth; it is the essential oil of the commercial world; it is the "graduate" in which the business man's capacity is measured. Like most of the profoundest truths, it is best exemplified by some of the simplest laws of nature, for instance, take as an example the common, every day, ordinary hen, when she does business she never fails to advertise the fact; if she fails to cackle you are safe in betting that the egg production is limited to a narrow margin and that there is nothing doing in the poultry yard.

Advertising is no longer an experiment, if it ever was one, it is a well established fact that the degree of business success achieved depends largely upon the amount of judicious advertising employed. I take it that there is no one in this intelligent body of men who is willing to go on record as believing that advertising does not pay, therefore I shall presume that we are all of one mind on this question, that is, that judicious advertising is always profitable. The question is, what is judicious? I shall not worry your patience or tax your good nature by attempting to exhaust so comprehensive a subject as the one under consideration in a paper of this nature. I will content myself with touching upon some of the most salient features as I see them, and please you if possible—by being brief.

Let us take notice of the different modes of advertising in their relative importance, the local newspaper, the mailing list, road signs, novelty advertising, street distribution. The selection of the best medium is to be determined largely by local conditions and environments. As for myself I have settled the question as to the best medium long ago, and I unhesitatingly and unreservedly say that there is no medium whatever by which you can reach the people and get results that will excel the local press. Liberal and judicious use of printer's ink gives a tone of respectability and prosperity to any business; however, the best medium will fail to bring

results unless you properly use it. One of the great troubles with our advertising is we do not give it enough consideration and thought, we treat it as a matter of minor importance. We spend five minutes writing an advertisement and expect it to create a sensation; we invest ten dollars in advertising space for six months and expect in return to have attracted the attention and trade of the whole community. Is this sensible? Is it rational? We should learn to be reasonable in our expectations and constant in our efforts. If we do not get the results we may know that the fault is as likely to be in us as in the medium. There is not a druggist here today, if he is in touch with his business, who will not admit that the demand for certain patent medicines is regulated by the amount of advertising done, that after the effect of the advertising is over that the demand for the medicines decrease. This fact alone should be prima facie evidence sufficient to convince any doubting Thomas.

In preparing your advertisements for the press take the most pains with them, use as much care and time in their preparation as you would if you were writing the president's message. Make it interesting reading, something that the people will look for from week to week and read it as quickly as they would the most important local happening. Avoid the old stale stereotyped "card" that has done service ever since the art of printing was invented. Get out of the old rut; the druggist who runs one of these old "cards" generally considers the newspaper man a necessary nuisance which every well-regulated community is supposed to endure and to which every liberal-minded merchant is supposed to contribute. In writing your advertisements do not try to say it all at one time; don't be afraid that you are not going to get your money's worth; a single ball from a rifle is sometimes more effective than a charge of bird shot from a gun. Remember, the paper will be published again and that then you will have another shot. Above all do not ask your publisher to write your advertisements; what does he know about your business? Suppose he should ask you to write an advertisement about his business, what kind of a mess would you make of it? He can arrange the mechanical appearance and the position, but you must tell him what to say. In mechanical appearance your advertisement should be plain and neat; fancy flourishes and script type will do for your office stationery, but your advertisement should be so that any one, just so he knew his A B C's, can read it.

A COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT.

Some Sound Reasons Why We Should Have One.

EDITOR COURIER:

It is the purpose of this article to point out some of the most prominent reasons why Houston county should have a superintendent of public instruction.

It is a well-known fact that there is no kind of organization about our rural schools. Every teacher and every student works independently of everything else. There must be unity if much effective work is to be done, and the only possible way to secure unity is to have a county superintendent. All cities and independent districts have superintendents. They know well that they cannot have an efficient system of schools without an official head. I have seen counties in which the rural schools were in no way inferior to the town schools. Such counties were under the direction of able superintendents.

There is little room for progress in the average rural school of Houston county. The pupils reach a certain place in their studies by the close of the school term. The chances are that a new teacher will be installed at the beginning of the next term. There are no records to show what pupils have done, so they are started at the first of the book and caused to thrash over the same old subject. This goes on year after year until pupils become disgusted and leave school. Hundreds of good people in this county will testify to this fact. The remedy is to have a county superintendent who will keep a careful record of the standing of all pupils, and thus prevent endless discouragement and waste of time.

A good county superintendent would soon bring the schools to such a state of organization that a uniform system of report cards could be used for the whole county. By means of these cards the teacher could, at regular intervals, make definite statements to parents in regard to the progress of their children. I know from experience that this has much to do with enlisting the hearty co-operation of patrons and stimulating students to exert themselves to the limit of their ability.

If you have never been a teacher yourself, you can hardly imagine how gladly the young teacher entering the profession would welcome the assistance and counsel of an able supervisor. A few timely suggestions and a little judicious directing would save the teacher many an hour of anguish and make the school worth vastly more to the community. The fact that every teacher in the Houston county institute endorsed a resolution favoring a superintendent ought to convince us that they feel the need of such an officer.

The rural schools do not meet the demands of our people. The farmer who lives in the remote country districts must let his sons and daughters grow up with the mere fragments of an elementary education or he must board them in town or he must abandon his

farm to tenants and brambles and move to town where there are good schools presided over by a superintendent. The moral is: Have a county superintendent.

Some would have you believe that the county judge can fill his office and have time enough left to fill the office of county superintendent. Such persons are either lacking in information or they are deliberately trying to deceive you. The county superintendent has a multitude of important duties, one of which is to visit the schools as much as four days each week as long as they are in session. The county judge as ex-officio county superintendent is required by law to do the same work as a regular superintendent. Hence you see the impossibility of one man's filling both these offices. The best he can do is to fill one office and let the other take care of itself. At this rate, the people's interest is bound to suffer. The idea of intrusting these two offices to one man is a relic of old border times when there were only a few hundred people in the county.

Again you will hear that if the \$600 which now goes to the county judge as ex-officio superintendent is paid to a county superintendent, the judge's salary will be reduced until no competent man will have the office. Let us see. The democratic executive committee assessed the county judge at \$1600. Deducting \$600 for the county superintendent the judge will still get \$1000—a right decent sum. Added to this is the honor of holding the highest office in the county. Then the degree of prestige and distinction given the officer is not to be despised.

How will the county superintendent be paid? Half of his salary has heretofore gone to the county judge as ex-officio superintendent; the other half comes out of the available school fund. This will give some unscrupulous persons an opportunity to cry out that we are robbing the school children to pay the county superintendent. This is untrue. The available school fund does not belong to the school children. The state does not owe money to any child. The state does owe each scholastic child a certain amount of professional service. It proposes to pay this service through the school teachers and the county superintendent. So the school year is made about two days shorter and much better.

On Saturday, June 30, the question of superintendent or no superintendent will be settled by vote of the people. The independent district will not be affected if a superintendent is elected, but every student and every patron of the rural schools who does not stand for a county superintendent is neglecting an opportunity to confer lasting good upon the school interests of Houston county.

A. W. CAIN,
Principal Grapeland High School
and Instructor in Crockett Summer Normal.

Warning.

If you have kidney or bladder trouble and do not use Foley's Kidney Cure, you will have only yourself to blame for results, as it positively cures all forms of kidney and bladder diseases. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

AUGUSTA LETTER.

Railroad Surveyors Near Town and Moving South.

Augusta, June 25, 1905.

EDITOR COURIER:

One of the most propitious rains of the season fell here at 3 o'clock this evening, and was general throughout this section. It lasted full three-quarters of an hour and was hailed with delight by every industrious farmer, many who had seemingly forgotten the saying of the good book, "it rains upon the just and unjust alike."

Through the courtesy of Capt. Gregg we were driven over that section of country north of town and tributary to the meanderings of Silver Creek, and found the farms we traversed in most excellent state of cultivation, especially the farms of Mr. Charley Butts and Major Jim Newman. On the latter's farm we were shown some cotton that had been given a full test of two kinds of fertilizer, the commercial and the old reliable home stable, the latter predominating.

The surveying crew is camped in four miles of this place and is on a direct line with Weches, but as to the final route of the main road-bed no one knows definitely and is only left to conjecture.

We are to have two burials in the Augusta cemetery this evening at 4:30. Mrs. Butler, an aged and highly respected lady, who has resided here for many years, passed away at her home yesterday after a short illness, and will be laid beside her husband who had preceded her several years. Also Mrs. Alice Phoenix, aged near 45 years, whose interment will take place at the same time. Most every citizen of Augusta was out to pay their last respects to the departed ones. May the Great Omnipotent give comfort to the afflicted ones in their sad bereavement, and the shadows of the majestic oaks and the ripples of the placid stream near by around the quiet repose a vigil keep.

Mr. Will Bradley, wife and little baby girl of Hickory Creek vicinity were visiting at the Gregg home the past week.

There is much comment in this section as to the feasibility of electing a school superintendent, and it is the opinion of many that the office should be created and a good man elected for the position, and if the material is lacking at the county seat, we have a young man here who is in every way competent, well-known and a scholarly gentleman, who we believe could fill the bill satisfactorily to all concerned.

We relished our first nutmeg melons of the season for breakfast this morning, and as they were culled from the "candidates' patch" were of excellent quality and fine flavor. Ever thine,
DONNELLA.

During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right



The Little Doctor

SAYS
Nine persons in every ten have Liver Troubles. If you're one of the nine--don't delay, try Ramon's Liver Pills & Tonic Pellets. Better than physics--don't gripe--act quickly and absolutely sure. Full treatment 25 cents.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

The Perfect Man.

The "perfect man" has been discovered. That is, his physical measurements conform to the accepted standards of perfection in that respect, and that is about as near perfection as man may approach. This paragon is named William Liebecke, and he is a Chicago policeman.

Liebecke is secure of a position in the hall of fame. It is so seldom that a man approaches so near perfection that when one does so it is a remarkable event, and he is a hero. But we must not expect other qualities of greatness in such a man. It would be asking too much.

With women it is different. There are so many perfect women that they are quite ordinary. Most of us know one. We are very unfortunate if we do not. And their standard of perfection is so high that even a "perfect man" measured by them would fall far short.

Yet there have been perfect men, but seldom was it discovered that they were so while they lived. The first husbands of remarried widows have usually been perfect men. But it was fatal. That is the trouble with trying to be a perfect man. It is so dangerous. One prefers to be healthy and a "brute."

A perfect man is so good and obliging--we aren't talking about physical perfection now--that everybody imposes on him, and finally when he sees a long vista of years before him in which he must go on being perfect, he is discouraged and ups and dies. It is the easier way out of it. So we must not seek that sort of perfection. The best we can do is to try to measure up correctly by the tape and scales. Then maybe we can get on the police force and in the physical culture magazines. --St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Have You a Cough?

A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will relieve it. Have you a cold?

Try it for whooping cough, for asthma, for consumption, for bronchitis. Mrs. Joe McGrath, 227 E. 1st Street, Hutchison, Kans., writes: "I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my family for 5 years, and find it the most palatable medicine I ever used." Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

Ten Years in Bed.

"For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys," writes R. A. Gray, J. P. of Oakville, Ind. "It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a Godsend to me." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

NOT HIS OWN EXPENSES.
But Those of the Entourage that President is Worrying Over.

Washington, June 21.--In a letter to Representative Tawney, chairman of the appropriations committee of the house, and in personal talks with members of both the senate and the house, President Roosevelt, discussing the proposed appropriation of \$25,000 to defray the expenses of his trips about the country, said that he did not want the money for the payment of his personal expenses. He stated that, in any event, whether the appropriation was made or not, he would pay his own expenses hereafter on every trip. He stated that he did not feel, however, that it was quite just that he should have to pay also the expenses of the government employes who accompanied him on these trips for the purpose of transacting the business of the government or the expenses of such others as might accompany him on the whole or any part of a trip.

The clouds hung low, the wind sobbed and moaned. The lightning flashed and the thunders rolled and rumbled. Many people sat with bated breath and peered through the darkness which was illuminated ever and anon by the burning poison. Danger was there and yet they saw it not, but seemed to feel that nature was unbridled. The fearful promised to do better in the future. The brave looked, wondered and admired. Some wept in the bitterness of fear. Some prayed in silence. Why all this fear? Is it because men fear death? Not necessarily so. It is because men dread and fear the powerful. The child runs from the approaching locomotive for the same reason that the grown-up man runs from the approaching storm. After all life is made up of storms and calms, and it is well. Were it not for this the world would grow independent and forget its preserver. But clouds will not always lower. The night will not be forever. The day will come and the sun will shine again. The clouds will drift away and all will be well. But in its passing, the storm may take many with it. It may break many hearts and separate many homes, but it is passed, the day dawns, the birds sing and peace reigns supreme. --Bonham Favorite.

Unknown Friends.

There are many people who have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with splendid results, but who are unknown because they have hesitated about giving a testimonial of their experience for publication. These people, however, are none the less friends of this remedy. They have done much toward making it a household word by their personal recommendation to friends and neighbors. It is a good medicine to have in the home and is widely known for its cures of diarrhoea and all forms of bowel trouble. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

How to Break Up a Cold.

It may be a surprise to many to learn that a severe cold can be completely broken up in two or three days' time. The first symptoms of a cold are a dry, loud cough, a profuse watery discharge from the nose, and a thin, white coating on the tongue. When Chamberlain's cough remedy is taken every hour on the first appearance of these symptoms, it counteracts the effect of the cold and restores the system to a healthy condition within a day or two. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
for children; safe, sure. No opiate

Sarah's Last Farewell.
"Then your farewell tour is, after all, the tour of all tours," said the man with the muck raked French.

"But yes," which is the French for "sure thing." "What have I not done in your great country this time? In what place besides the stable of horses have I not presented my repertoire? The grand tent, it suffices in Texas. The rink for playing on the rollers (jouant sur les castors) it is the place in California. Even the dancing hall of the county makes of itself the palace of L'Aiglon by necessity."

He of the frazzled French ventured a remark after selecting the wrong tense. "The west, then, it is more appreciative of the drama than the east?"

"Ah, should I say? I am now in the east and this is my farewell. Must I then make the faux pas at the twelfth hour? They appreciate greatly my plays in the great west, even though nobody in the town but the French waiter understands me."

"Maybe the east likes Pawnee Bill's Wild West better," was the next suggestion.

"Ah, Monsieur Bill of Pawnee--that is the performance, very jolly, of the hairy west?"

"We say woolly west, but it amounts to the same thing." --New York Sun.

The Little Lawyer Man.

It was a little lawyer man Who softly blushed as he began Her poor, dead husband's will to scan. He smiled, while thinking of his fee, Then said to her, so tenderly, "You have a nice, fat legacy."

And when, next day, he lay in bed With bandages upon his head, He wondered what on earth he said. --The Green Bag.

Interesting to Asthma Sufferers.

"I have had asthma for three or four years and have tried about all the cough and asthma cures on the market," says Daniel Bantz of Otterville, Iowa, "and have received treatment from physicians in New York and other cities, but got very little benefit until I tried Foley's Honey and Tar which gave me immediate relief and I will never be without it in my house. I sincerely recommend it to all." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup, La Grippe, Asthma, Throat and Lung Troubles. Prevents Pneumonia and Consumption. Smith & French Drug Company.

Going to Paint This Season?

Has the paint on your house ever stuck five years?

HAMMAR PAINT will stick five years!



Because
The essential qualifications of a lasting paint, viz., perfectly blended pigments and pure linseed oil, are what you get when HAMMAR PAINT is used.

You do not know the quality of oil used in ready mixed paint.

You do not know how long the ready mixed paint has been standing. Hammar Condensed Paint is nothing but a perfect blend of paint pigments. You add thereto an equal portion of pure linseed oil. The result is a paint that you know contains pure linseed oil without adulteration.

A paint that always has lasted five years and always will.

But to make it safe for you to buy Hammar paint, we will guarantee it to last five years or money back. This guarantee is backed by a half million in cash and by the Great Hammar Paint House of St. Louis, with the reputation of a third of a century back of it for honorable dealing. Drop in some day and let me tell you something about paint that's new.

T. D. CRADDOCK,
Crockett, Texas.

An automobile driver was arrested recently while driving slowly through a village and fined \$5. He demanded why he had been so treated, as he had violated no speed ordinance, but could get no satisfaction. Later a court officer explained the whole matter by saying: "We held a meeting last night and decided that this speeding must stop. This man was the first to come along slow enough for us to catch, so we arrested him." --New York Evening Sun.

Acute Rheumatism.

Deep tearing or wrenching pains, occasioned by getting wet through; worse when at rest, or on first moving the limbs or in cold or damp weather, is cured quickly by Ballard's Snow Liniment. Oscar Oleson, Gibson City, Ill., writes, Feb. 16, 1902: "A year ago I was troubled with a pain in my back. It soon got so bad I could not bend over. One bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me." Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

An Echo Alarm Clock.

President Murphy of the Chicago National league club told at a baseball dinner a remarkable echo story, according to an exchange.

"There was a man," he began, "who had a country house in the Catskills. He was showing a visitor over the grounds one day and, coming to a hilly place, he said:

"There's a remarkable echo here. If you stand under that rock and shout the echo answers four distinct times, with an interval of several minutes between each answer."

"But the visitor was not at all impressed. He said, with a loud laugh:

"You ought to hear the echo at my place in Sunapee. Before getting into bed at night I stick my head out of the window and shout, 'Time to get up, William!' and the echo wakes me at 7 o'clock sharp the next morning." --Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

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Office in the rear of Murchison's Drugstore.

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NEW MODELS NOW READY

Remington Typewriter Company,
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THE ORIGINAL LAXATIVE HONEY and TAR
in the YELLOW PACKAGE

TEXAS WHEAT CROP.

Dorsey Estimates That After All It Will Be 15,000,000 Bushels.

Fort Worth, Tex., June 26.—H. D. Dorsey, secretary of the Texas Grain Dealers' Association, stated yesterday morning that, owing to the scarcity of labor on account of the wet weather for the past two weeks, that the wheat will be late in coming on the market.

The farmers throughout the State are beginning to actively thresh the wheat, however, where threshing has been done the crop was not quite as good as was anticipated, yet it is expected that Texas will produce 15,000,000.

Drowned in Play.

Corpus Christi, Tex.: Information from Bluntzer of this county states that a Mexican boy was drowned in the river while bathing there. With three companions he went in and the three boys jumped on his back because he was a good swimmer. In their sport they strangled him. The three were arrested.

Forest Fires Raging.

El Paso, Tex.: The third forest fire this season in the Chiricahua reserve in Arizona is burning and a big force of rangers is fighting it.

The second fire near Cloudcroft, N. M., is also raging and is now within fifteen miles of that summer resort.

The big fire now burning near Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico, is said to be threatening that city.

William May a Suicide.

Austin, Tex.: William May, aged 71 years, a former resident of this city, suicided in the mountains fifteen miles northwest of here, where he was staying with relatives. A shotgun was used with terrible effect. It is supposed by the relatives that ill health caused the deed, deceased having suffered with a complication of diseases. He was minus his left hand.

Thompson Succeeds Nevill.

San Antonio, Tex.: Word has been sent to all the district and county clerks in the state that Joe Thompson of Dallas has been appointed secretary of the County District Clerks' Association to succeed C. L. Nevill, the district clerk of Bexar county, who died suddenly a few weeks ago.

Large Vein of Copper Struck.

San Antonio, Tex.: News was received here by parties interested in the Jimulco mine in Mexico that a large vein of copper ore had been struck below the fifth level.

The mine is practically owned by San Antonio people, among the stockholders being Otto Wranau, Otto Koebler, John J. Stevens, O. S. Newell, Albert Steves and others.

An Unfortunate Farmer.

Burnet, Tex.: Last winter Marshall McLean, a farmer in this county, lost his barn by fire and has not been able to replace it. Yesterday while attending the barbecue at Sage his residence caught fire and was burned to the ground with everything the family had except the clothing they had on. The generous crowd made up a purse for him.

Jailed for Throwing a Rock.

Luling, Tex.: As the westbound passenger train pulled into town Sunday morning a Mexican threw a rock at it, which smashed one of the windows. Luckily nobody occupied that seat and no one was hurt. The Mexican was caught later by Deputy Sheriff Jimukes and was placed in jail and was taken to Lockhart yesterday and placed in the county jail.

Brazos Farmer a Suicide.

Bryan, Tex.: Mr. Joe Newman, a highly respected farmer, 35 years old, living near Edge, Brazos county, shot and killed himself with alleged suicidal intent. His wife died several years ago, and he leaves three children. No cause for the act is assigned, but it is believed to be despondency.

St. Louis Bridge Bill Signed.

Washington: President Theodore Roosevelt yesterday signed the bill authorizing the city of St. Louis, Mo., to build and operate and maintain a railroad, wagon and foot passenger bridge across the Mississippi River at that point.

Calvert Scholastic Census.

Calvert, Tex.: The scholastic census of Calvert shows there are 702 children within the city limits. This is an increase over last year.

TEETH THAT WERE USELESS

Puzzle to the Man Who Had Suddenly Sustained the Loss of Them.

Harry Leon Wilson, author of "The Spenders," was domiciled for a summer in Connecticut with a colony of artists and writers, all of whom had to go into the city every day, relates the Saturday Evening Post.

Wilson was doing nothing but loafing. He loafed artistically, and from time to time met and had fun with some of the natives of the place. One day he found two men in the road who seemed congenial, and he struck up an acquaintance with them. He proposed a drive and they got a surrey and two horses.

"Can you drive?" asked Wilson. "Sure," one of his sudden friends replied, "I am a fine driver."

They got aboard and started down the road. Before they had gone half a mile the team was frightened by a passing automobile and ran away. The driver valiantly steered the horses into a telegraph pole and Wilson and his two friends were thrown helterskelter into the road.

Wilson slowly gathered himself together. One of his friends was sitting in the ditch rubbing his bruises and the other stood in the middle of the road gazing in tearful misery at two front teeth which he held in the palm of his hand.

"Pretty lucky escape, wasn't it?" asked Wilson, for want of something better to say.

"Yes," replied the man with the teeth, weeping afresh, "but please, oh, please, tell me, what shall I do with these?"

AGGRAVATING ECZEMA.

Troubled Badly for Several Years with Eczema on Limbs—Another Wonderful Cure by Cuticura.

"For several years I was troubled badly with an eczema on my limbs and wrists. Physicians in several towns had prescribed for me without giving me any results. I had often used Cuticura Ointment and received relief temporarily. In the spring of 1904 I took the Cuticura Resolvent Pills and used the Cuticura Ointment for about five weeks and at the end of that time there was not a blotch on me anywhere. This spring I took a few vials of the Cuticura Resolvent Pills as a precautionary measure, and will continue to do so every spring simply as a spring tonic, as they are so easy to carry with you, and they certainly fix your blood for the ensuing year. I now use only Cuticura Soap. The Cuticura Ointment and Pills certainly cured me of an aggravated case of eczema. St. Clair McVicar, San Antonio, Texas, July 6, 1905."

Pitied Pitcoe.

A man who had started with a friend on a week's automobile tour stayed away two weeks. When finally they got back to town, he went home, and his wife received him coldly. What he dreaded was a scolding and an upbraiding. "I am so glad to be back with you here, dear," he said; "but I pity Pitcoe. Poor old Pitcoe!" "What is the matter with Pitcoe?" said the lady, sharply. "Ah, poor fellow," said her husband, "at this moment his wife is giving him the very deuce!" And that wily speech got him off.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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Muggay—Where did yer git de watch? Gaffer—Got it wid a suit o' clo'es.

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Bianche—I think so, father. I've been through three engagements already.—Washington Star.

Up to Him.

Regular Boarder—How many more times am I going to see this same piece of pie?

Waiter—Dunno, sir. The boss told me to keep giving it to you till you et it.—Detroit Free Press.

Mixed.

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"It wouldn't dare!"—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

A man finds it easier to boast of the glories of the past if there are not a few old-timers around who remember it even better than he does himself.

GENERAL GLEANINGS.

The king of Ashanti has 3,332 wives. A young Jones is born every 40 minutes.

The number of known stars exceeds 100,000,000.

Contributors to the London Times are paid \$25 a column.

One man in six in the American navy is a total abstainer.

The parrot appreciates music more than any other of the lower animals.

Over 20,000,000 leeches were used annually 25 years ago, but now not 1,000,000 a year are used.

The world's largest prune orchard—in Los Gatos, Cal.—contains 50,000 trees and yields an annual profit of \$50,000.

There is always room at the top, of course, but sometimes it's a whole lot more sociable at the bottom.—Puck.

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How many Parisian people born in Paris are there living in Paris at the present time? According to the last census about 36 per cent. of the total population. Paris has the smallest indigenous population of any European capital.

Simply Tested.

There is a very easy and simple way to tell if a diamond is genuine. Make a small dot on a piece of paper with a lead pencil, and look at it through the diamond.

Animals Immune.

Certain substances which are deadly in their effects on man can be taken by animals with impunity. Horses can take large doses of antimony.

Poor.

"Yesir, I come from North Car'lyay." "Ah, the sapphire country?" "Well, I dunno. It's more of a rhinestone neighborhood where I hang out."

Wanted Further Instructions.

A woman writes from Colorado: "I actice in reading 'Vacation Notes' that the English drink soda and whisky. I tried ordinary kitchen soda, and didn't like it very well. Is that the right kind?"

Phosphorescent Rats.

A new species of rats has been discovered in South America that have phosphorescent skins, which burn with a terrifying greenish glare at night.

The Effete West.

Afternoon tea is to be served in the Twentieth Street schoolyard. How dainty! Perhaps after awhile our schoolboys will wear frills on their trousers and tisp.

Marriages in Ireland.

The number of marriages registered in Ireland in 1904 was 22,961. The excess of births over deaths was 24,298, but this was more than offset by the emigration of 36,902 persons.

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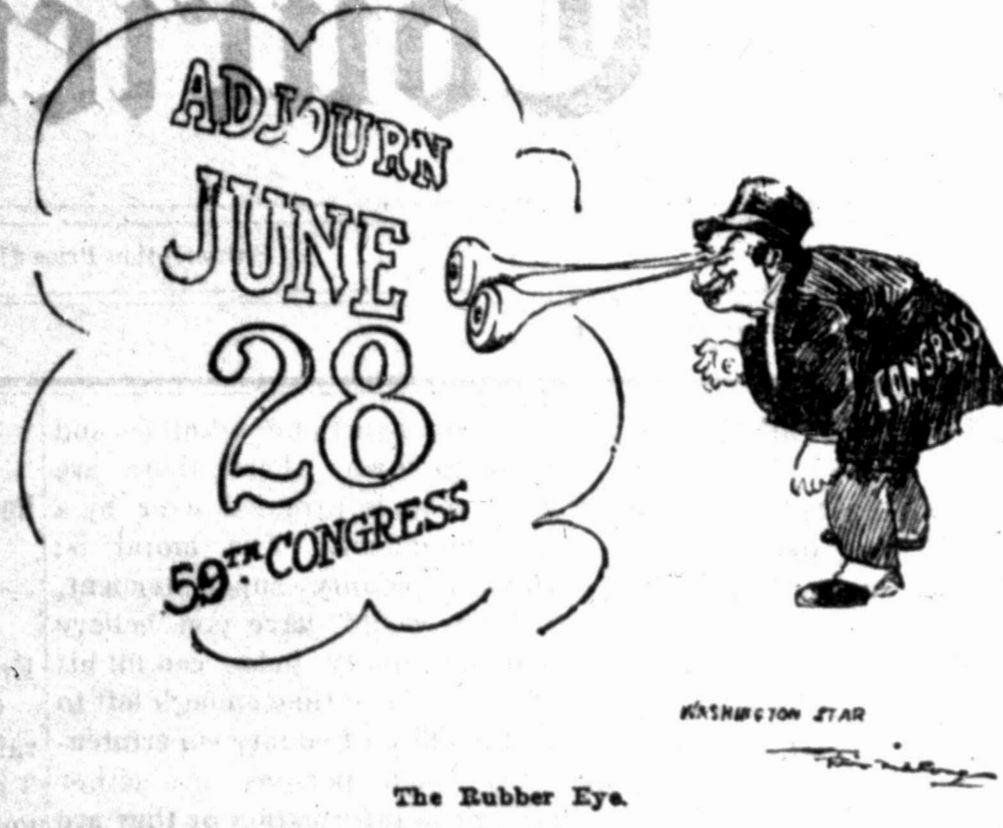
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Thomas and Taggart, Charged With Securing and Paying Rebates, Fined and Sentenced to Prison—Bonds Given and Appeals Filed in Each Case.

Kansas City, Mo.—In the United States district court here, Judge Smith McPherson, of Red Oak, Ia., passed sentence upon the five defendants recently convicted in this court of making concessions and accepting and conspiring to accept rebates on shipments.

George L. Thomas, of New York, was fined \$6,000, and sentenced to four months in the penitentiary. L. B. Taggart, of New York, was fined \$4,000 and sentenced to three months in the penitentiary.

Appeals Filed in Each Case.

Appeals were filed in each case, and a stay of execution was granted until June 29, until they can be perfected. The bonds in the case of Thomas and Taggart were fixed at \$6,000 each.

Judge Says Verdicts Were Right.

Judge McPherson said that he was fully persuaded that the verdicts in the cases are right, and he assessed the fines against all of said corporations at the same sum.

KING AND QUEEN OF NORWAY.

The Ceremony at Trondhjem Was Religious and Solemn, Not Ostentatious.

Trondhjem, Norway—King Haakon was crowned king of Norway in a solemn and unostentatious manner. The king persisted that the coronation be limited to a religious ceremony in the cathedral.

King Haakon was crowned first and Queen Maud afterward with practically the same ceremony.

The crown, although reduced in size since it was used by King Oscar, proved too large for King Haakon, and failed to confer dignity on the monarch.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Bryan.

Charged With Killing Servant Girl.

St. Louis, Mo.—When Mrs. Emma Kaufman, wife of a wealthy brewer, was brought into court on charge of having caused the death of Agnes Polreits, 17, a servant girl, by beating her, she was hissed by many women present.

Told In 2 Lines

Jersey Woodson in jail at Montgomery, Ala., for killing brother. Gov. Peekham of Kentucky seeks seat in senate.

Revolution in Guatemala continues; government worried.

John Mitchell advises against labor party nominations.

Estate chemist says Indianapolis meat made fresh with chemicals.

Sultan of Morocco signs the Algeciras treaty.

Dallas, Tex., making fight for Woodmen of the World headquarters. Storm destroyed thousands of acres cotton in Bosque county, Texas.

M. D. Wilcox, postmaster at Bonsteel, S. D., convicted horse stealing.

Man who says he is Dowie's father says: "Fakir."

Dr. John M. Moore, Ph. D., elected editor Nashville Christian Advocate.

Oil struck on main street of Petersburg, Ind.

Joas E. Days, Paris, Ill., elected general grand high priest of Masons.

Severe frosts injured crops in Wyoming.

Gas well brought in at Wewoka, L. T., produces 2,000,000 feet daily.

Scheme for 20,000-ton battleship goes over till next session of congress.

Evan, son of Geo. Tuttle, Springfield, Ill., touched live wire and died.

Mayor Bidaman of Terre Haute, Ind., must face impeachment trial.

Illinois supreme court holds state general election law valid.

Geo. J. Snelus, famed metallurgist, died in London.

Geo. Peppre, aged 81, oldest constable in Illinois, died at Leroy.

Burlington railway completes block system over main line—4,030 miles.

Kentucky railroad commission orders freight rates cut 25 per cent.

Iron mills throughout the country are crowded with orders.

Southeast Missouri wheat fields promise largest yield for years.

Rain, fine wheat, and splendid outlook for apples in southern Illinois.

Five generations at annual Wynnan family reunion, Sycamore, Ill.

Conditions of national banks, June 18, called for by comptroller.

Verano; republicans nominate son of Senator Proctor for governor.

Severe earthquake shocks in Philippines and Formosa.

International art exposition in Rome in 1911.

Official home coming reception to Bryan will be held in Lincoln, Neb.

Missouri supreme court refuses to reopen Barrington murder case.

T. B. Johnson, editor San Antonio Daily Light, is dead.

Fifty-one cattle killed in railroad wreck near Monroe, Mo.

A British tailor will design uniforms for Uncle Sam's soldiers.

Cotton Belt recures charter to extend to Houston, Tex.

Wabash has abandoned plan to enter Allegheny City, Pa.

Bar silver is 65 1/2c; Mexican dollars are worth 50c.

The government will deposit \$12,000,000 in San Francisco banks.

Ohio miners' strike settled; 35,000 men return to work.

Oklahoma City had a great statehood celebration.

A 12-year-old boy swallowed blade of grass at Waco, Tex., and died.

Louisiana legislature passes law restricting negro vote at primaries.

Congress appropriated \$2,000,000 to increase efficiency of state militia.

Former Lieut. J. R. Binns drowned himself between Nome and Seattle.

France has taken \$50,000,000 Pennsylvania railroad bonds.

The senate will probe the Utah land frauds.

At Westop, Mo., Frank Kelly killed his wife for a burglar.

R. B. Roosevelt, president's uncle, buried at Sayville, L. I.

Col. H. H. Willsie, civil war veteran, died at Galesburg, Ill.

LOCK PLAN FOR PANAMA CANAL

THE SENATE DEFINES ITS POSITION IN THE GREAT WORK.

President Pleased That His Ideas Have Prevailed in the Senate and House—The Entire Commission Will Go to the Isthmus to Look Over the Ground.

Washington—The United States senate has approved the lock-level canal by a vote of 36 to 31.

The house so voted several days before.

The sundry civil appropriation bill carries an appropriation of \$26,000,000 for canal work during the coming fiscal year.

The senate defined its position clearly by adopting the following:

"That a lock canal be constructed across the isthmus of Panama, connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, of the general type proposed by the minority of the board of consulting engineers created by order of the president dated June 24, 1905, in pursuance of the act entitled, 'An act to provide for the construction of a canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, approved June 28, 1902.'"

The president expressed gratification at the action of the senate in supporting his plan for a lock canal.

Orders will be issued in a few days to push the work as rapidly as possible.

On being advised of the result of the vote Mr. Shonts, of the canal commission, called upon Secretary Taft and began to discuss the plans for the prosecution of the work.

It was decided that the entire commission should start for the isthmus at an early moment, and that Chief Engineer Stevens should accompany it.

It is the purpose to make a thorough inspection of the work, which has reached a point where experts must determine the lines on which it is to be continued, and Mr. Stevens desires that full approval shall be had of his own plan before the work goes further.

THE QUESTION OF IMMUNITY.

House and Senate Wrestling with a Measure to Define Statutory Immunity.

Washington—The recent failure to convict the beef packers in Chicago of conspiracy under the interstate commerce law because of the claim of immunity set up by them and sustained by the courts has given congress no end of anxious moments with a view of enacting some law that will remedy the defects.

The senate passed a bill on the subject which the house has also passed, inserting an entire new bill after the enacting clause.

The house will follow the lines laid down by Atty-Gen. Moody in the packers' case.

THE ST. LOUIS FREE BRIDGE.

Bill Passed Congress With Amendment Granting City Right of Eminent Domain.

Washington—The St. Louis free bridge bill passed the senate with an eminent domain amendment. It was sent to the house, and the amendment adopted.

The city of St. Louis thus secures power to condemn all land necessary in Missouri and Illinois for approaches and terminals of the great free railroad and wagon bridge which it has, by a great majority of its voters, decided to build.

The pen with which the president signs the bill will be secured by the city of St. Louis and placed in the Forest Park museum.

GOV. PATTISON OF OHIO DEAD.

Andrew L. Harris, Lieutenant Governor, Sworn In as Acting Governor.

Cincinnati—John M. Pattison, democrat, governor of Ohio, died at his home in Milford, a suburb of this city. His death was unexpected, although he had been ill ever since his inauguration.

The remains of the late governor were not taken to Columbus for a state funeral. His wishes and those of his family were for a quiet service at home.

Split Over the Pipe Line Feature.

Washington—The conference report on the railroad rate bill was split wide open over the pipe line feature. Pipe lines are made general carriers, and also a general carrier can not own or be interested in product it carries.

The argument is made that a pipe line has no oil to transport but its own, and is built for that purpose.

Take Wabash Notes.

Boston—Lee, Higginson & Co., of this city, take Wabash equipment trust 4 1/2 per cent notes for \$6,200,000, secured by locomotives and freight cars valued at \$7,000,000.

AFTER STANDARD OIL

ATTY-GEN. MOODY TO BEGIN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS.

Asserted That Part of the Suits Will Be Filed in St. Louis and Other Western Cities.

Washington—The determination of the administration to begin a series of criminal prosecutions against the Standard Oil Co. has been formally announced through the attorney general, Mr. Moody.

While an effort is being made to confine all information to the formal statement given out at the department of justice, it can be safely asserted that a part of the suits to be filed within a short time will be filed in St. Louis, East St. Louis, St. Joseph, Springfield and Kansas City.

The Illinois cases will deal with what has become known as the "Whiting rate" since the Garfield report was made public.

The details of the government plan have not been fully worked out as yet, but it is understood that the most important cases in the middle west will originate in Chicago and East St. Louis.

The decision of the administration to go after the Standard Oil Co. has been deliberate.

In the cases which the attorney general has in view, but which he declines to name in advance of the prosecution, he hopes to obtain a sentence either of fine or imprisonment, and in all instances where the case is covered by the statutes he will instruct district attorneys to press for a jail sentence.

SYMPATHY FOR RUSSIAN JEWS.

Senate Passes a Joint Resolution Expressing Horror of American People.

Washington—The senate passed a joint resolution of sympathy to the Russian Jews, expressing the horror of the American people. The resolution will go to the house and then to the president.

Wants Douma Punished.

St. Petersburg—Ramish Ali, a Georgian member of the house, on behalf of the social democrats, offered a resolution holding the administrative officials guilty of murder, robbery and violations of law and demanding the prosecution as accessories of the ministry, which, the resolution declares, has been sheltering their agents and preventing an exposure of the conditions by the press.

President Shocked and Horrified.

New York—The following telegram from President Roosevelt was read at a mass-meeting of Jews:

"I shall go over the matter with Secretary Root. You know how deeply we sympathize with your feelings and how shocked and horrified we are at what has occurred in Russia, but you know also how well-nigh impossible it is to accomplish anything but harm by interference."

Want United States to Intervene.

New York—Jacob H. Schiff has received a number of cable messages to ask the United States to intervene and prevent a general anti-Jewish outbreak in Russia.

An Ousted Legislator's "Squeal."

Boston—Representative Frank J. Gethro, expelled from the Massachusetts house of representatives for alleged bribery in connection with the defeat of the antibucket shop bill, has turned on the legislators who, he asserts, were equally guilty with him, and through his counsel gave to District Attorney Moran evidence which, the latter says, will result in the indictment of at least fifty members of the house for either bribery or perjury.

Pythian Home at Decatur, Ill.

Decatur, Ill.—The Pythian home for aged and orphans was located in Decatur. Decatur gives \$25,000 and the site and is given until August 1 to comply with the contract. The home will cost \$250,000.

Investigate Western Coal Field.

Philadelphia—Western coal lines inquiry is about completed, and the interstate commerce commission will now turn its attention to the western field.

Fire at an Asylum.

Middletown, Conn.—Fire in the amusement hall connected with the state hospital for insane caused a panic. One man, a spectator, was killed.

President's Traveling Expenses.

Washington—Senate has passed the bill to appropriate \$25,000 a year for the president's traveling expenses.

For the Hollister Murder.

Chicago—Richard Ivens was hanged for the murder of Mrs. Bessie Hollister, a beautiful choir singer.

PECK'S BAD BOY ABROAD



The Bad Boy and His Dad Return from Texas—The Boy Tells the Groceryman About the Excitement at San Antonio.

BY HON. GEORGE W. PECK
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THE old groceryman sat on an up-turned half-bushel measure, in front of the stove, drying his old-fashioned boots. As he fried the soles in front of the red-hot stove, there was an odor of burnt leather, but he did not notice it, as the other odors, natural to the dirty old grocery, seemed to be in the majority. The door opened quietly, and the old man got up to wait on a possible customer, when the bad



"DAD HEARD SOMETHING IN THE ROOM AND ROSE IN BED."

boy rushed in and dropped on the floor the queerest animal the old man and the cat had ever seen. The cat got up on the counter on a pile of brown wrapping paper, curved its back and permeowed, and the strange animal jumped into a half barrel of dried apples and began to dig with all four feet, as though to make a bed to lie in.

"Take that animalcule, or whatever it is, out of them apples," said the old groceryman, picking up a fire poker. "What is it, and where did it come from, and when did you get back, and why didn't you stay away, and what do you want in here, anyway?" and the old man eyed the animal and the bad boy, expecting to be bitten by one and bit by the other.

"That's a prairie dog from Texas, if you are not posted on ornithology," said the boy, as he took the prairie dog up and put him on the counter near the cat. "Dad is all right, only we were driven out of Texas by the board of health."

"I told that pirate chum of yours when he read me your letter, that you would be in Texas just about a week, and that you would be shipped home in a box. They are not as tolerant with public nuisances down south as we are here. But what did you do there to get the board of health after you?" and the old man pushed the cat's back down level, and held her tail so she couldn't eat the prairie dog.

"Well, sir, it was the condemnedest outrage that ever was," said the boy, as he gave the prairie dog some crackers and cheese. "You see, dad told me I could pick up some pet animals while I was in Texas, and I got quite a collection, while dad was in the hospital. Here is one in my pocket," and the boy took a horned toad out of his pocket about as big as a softshelled crab and put it in the old groceryman's hand.

"Condemn you, don't put a poisonous reptile in my hand," said the old man, as he dropped the ugly looking toad on the floor, and got behind the show case, while the boy laughed fit to kill. "Now tell your story and vamoose, by ginger, or I will ring for the patrol wagon. You would murder a man in his own house, and laugh at his spasms."

"O, get out, that toad, and this prairie dog are as harmless as your old cat there," said the boy, as he watched the old man tremble as though he had jam-jams. "I have got a tarantula and a diamond-back rattlesnake that will pizen you, though. I'll tell you about getting fired out of Texas, if you will stand still a minute. You see, I had my collection of pets in my room at the hotel, and I had the bellboys bribed, and the chambermaid would only come into our room while I was there to watch the pets. The night dad got back from the hospital, where he went to grow some new bones and things on his insides, after he rode the bucking broncho, a man gave me the prettiest little animal you ever saw, sort of white and black, about the size of a cat, and I took it to the room, and put it under the bed, in a box the man gave me. Dad had gone to bed, and was snoring so you could cut it with a knife."

"Say, you know that animal was a skunk all the time; now tell me, didn't

you?" said the old groceryman. "You was a fool to take it, when you knew what a skunk will do."

"Yes, I thought it was a skunk all right," said the boy, "but the man told me the animal had been vaccinated and wouldn't ever make any trouble for anyone, and he would warrant it. I thought a warranted skunk was all right, and so I went to bed in a cot next to dad's bed. I guess it was about daylight, when skunks want to suck eggs, that he began to scratch the box and squeak, and I was afraid it would wake dad up, so I reached down and took the cover off the box. From that very identical moment the trouble began. Dad heard something in the room and he rose up in bed, and the animal sat on the foot of the bed and looked at dad. Dad said: 'Seat!' and threw a pillow at my pet, and then all was chaos. I never smelled chaos but I know when I smell it. 'O, O, but you'd a dide to see dad. He turned blue and green and said: 'Hennery, some one has opened a jack pot, call for the police.' I rushed for the indicator, where you ring for bellboys, and cocktails and things, and touched all the buttons, and then got to bed and pulled a quilt over my head, and dad went into a closet, where my snakes and things were, and the vaccinated skunk kept on doing the same as he did to dad, and I thought I should die. Dad heard my snake rattle hisself in the box, and he stepped on my prairie dog and yelled murder, and he got into my box of horned toads, and my young badger scratched dad's bare feet, and a young eagle I had began to screech, and dad began to have a fit. He said the air seemed fixed, and he opened the window and sat on the window sill in his nightshirt, and a fireman came up on a ladder from the outside and turned the hose on dad, then the police come and broke in the door, and the landlord was along, and the porter, and all the chambermaids, and everybody. I had turned in all the alarms there were, and everybody came quick. The skunk met the policemen half way, and saluted them as polite as could be, and they fell back for reinforcements. Dad got his pants and yelled that he was stabbed, and I don't know what didn't happen. Finally the policemen got my skunk under a blanket and walked on him, and he was squashed, but, by gosh, they can never use that blanket again, and I told 'em so."

"It's a wonder they didn't put a blanket over you and kill you, too," said the old groceryman, as he moved away from the horned toad, which the boy had placed on the counter. "What did they do to you then? What way did your dad explain it? how long did you remain at the hotel after that?"

"We didn't stay hardly any after that," said the boy, as he pushed the prairie dog along the counter toward the groceryman's cat, hoping to get them to fighting. "The landlord said we d-d yankees were too strenuous for his climate and if we didn't get out of his house in 15 minutes he would get a gun and see about it, and he left two policemen to see that we got away. Dad tried to argue the question with the landlord, after all the windows had been opened in the house. He said he had come to Texas for a quiet life, to get away from the climate of the north, but he had no idea any landlord would turn animals into a gentleman's



"DAD WENT INTO A CLOSET WHERE MY SNAKES AND THINGS WERE."

room, and he would sue for damages, but the bluff did not work, and we left San Antonio on a freight train, under escort of the police and the board of health. Say, that freight train smelled like it had a hot box, but nobody suspected us. When we got most to New Orleans dad said: 'Hennery, I hope this will be a lesson to you,' and I told him two more such lessons would kill his little boy dead."

"What did you do with your clothes?" said the groceryman, as he sniffed around as though he thought he could smell something.

"O, we bought new clothes in New Orleans and let our old ones out of the window with a rope. A man picked them up, and they sent him to the quarantine for smallpox patients. O, we came out all right, but it was a close call."

"I'll drop in some day and have some fun with you," said the boy.

"If you do I will stab you with a cheese knife," said the groceryman, as he picked up the broken glass.

CALVERT SAFE ROBBERY.

Sneak Thief Relieved City Drug Store of \$83—Arrest Made.

Calvert, Tex., Saturday afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock someone robbed the safe in the City Drug Store. Mr. C. W. Sparks, proprietor of the store, states that at about 2 o'clock he went to his safe to change a \$5 bill, and the negro for whom he change was intended stood close by and closely watched the proceeding. At about 4 o'clock Mr. Sparks returned to the safe for more change and to his surprise found that some one had beat him to it and relieved the safe of all its cash contents, amounting to about \$83, besides one or two checks and several receipts for insurance premiums.

The thief went out of the back way and pieces of the drawer were found in the alley back of the store. Officers Bush and Lovett have a negro in jail on suspicion, and one or two others are being watched very closely.

BOLL WEEVIL BOOMERANG.

The Insects Turned Out to Be Lady Bugs—Good for Cotton Plant.

Hillsboro, Tex.: A specimen of bugs infesting cotton in the Hubbard City section was sent to the state entomologist at College Station, and in reply to the letter written in connection therewith he advised as follows:

"The insects sent us as occurring on Mr. Mayfield's cotton in abundance are the common lady bugs. It is impossible to over-emphasize the good that is done by these insects, and the more of them there are the better. They are not there to eat the cotton, but to destroy the plant lice, which Mr. Mayfield no doubt has overlooked. Where these insects occur abundantly they are a safeguard against cotton lice injury."

GENERAL CRY FOR RAIN.

Formers Begin to View the Situation With Feelings of Alarm.

Berclair, Tex., June 25.—The drouth remains unbroken here, and farmers are beginning to view the situation with feelings of alarm. Corn is past redemption, and black land cotton is wilting badly. In some fields it is shedding squares and small bolls, and a rain at this time, it is feared, would cause it to shed worse. Prospects for a good crop become less bright every day.

Just Laid the Dust.

Brenham, Tex.: There were several showers in Brenham and vicinity yesterday, enough to lay the dust and cool the atmosphere, but not sufficient for the much needed season. Corn is about ruined for want of rain, but even now it would help some of it, making the ears larger and filling out the grains. It is needd for cotton now also.

Rain at Bryan.

Bryan, Tex.: Light showers of rain fell here yesterday afternoon, sufficient to lay the dust and run in the gutters. Hopes for more and that the drouth will be broken are entertained. Dry weather has prevailed for about a month.

Half Crop of Corn.

Phelps, Tex.: We are still having dry weather. There will not be more than a half crop of corn made up here. Some of the farmers are talking of cutting their corn for fodder.

Rio Grande City, Tex.: Rain is beginning to be needed. The corn crop is being shipped out. Not as large as anticipated for lack of rain.

Thorndale Cutting.

Thorndale, Tex.: There was a cutting scrape here Saturday at 2 p. m. Jones Clement, one of the bookkeepers in the Thorndale Mercantile Company, was cut four or five times. It took forty-two stitches to sew up the gashes. Dave Worley was arrested for the offense. From the best that could be gathered the row started over a business transaction.

Worley was in a buggy when the row started.

Killed by Lightning.

Terrell, Tex.: Vivat, the 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. U. Malory, was killed by lightning here this afternoon about 6 o'clock. Carl McLemore, another boy 10 years old, was severely shocked.

Car Sealer Crushed to Death.

Eagle Pass, Tex.: Jose Villareal, car sealer of the International Mexican Railway, was crushed to death last night between cars while in the performance of his duties.

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PREVENTION OF CRUELTY.

"Plain an' Pinter" Duty That Was Not to Be Misunderstood.

Deacon Smith and Deacon Jones were pillars of an Alabama colored country church. One day while storing hay in their employer's barn, Deacon Jones came upon a hen's nest, in which reposed a dozen large, white eggs, relates the American Spectator.

"Now, what us gwine do bout dis hyah?" he demanded.

"Er, reckon we mout take 'em up ter de big house?" Deacon Smith suggested, without enthusiasm.

"Now, how we know dat hen b'long ter Mars Will?" Bro. Jones objected.

"No, sah! Can't take no chance on gibbin' Mars Will some yuther man's eggs!"

"Mout leave dem hyah, den," was the rueful reply.

"Now, lookyere, Bro' Smif, Al's 'apprise' at yo! Don' de church teach us ter be kind ter all critters? And don' yo' think dat 'cludes hens? Et we wuster leave dem eggs hyah, dat po' 'il' hen woul' think day warn't 'preciated, an' feel bad bout hit. No, sah! Ouh plain an' pinter duty am ter take dem eggs out yonder in dat pine thicket whar nobody won't see de smoke, an' coast 'em."

FOREIGN FINANCE.

Great Britain's public revenue in April, the first month of the fiscal year, amounted to £418,895, and expenditures, £21,360,361.

New capital issued in London from January 1 to May 5, amounted to \$288,783,915, as against \$434,216,509 in the same period in 1905.

Total operations of the Bank of Japan in the year 1905 amounted to \$14,578,127,060, an increase of \$5,744,106,420 compared with 1904.

The annual report of the Banque de Paris for 1905 shows that net profits amounted to only 10,804,883 francs, against 19,411,421 francs in 1904.

A loan of 100,000,000 francs will be shortly put on the Paris market for the French colonies in West Africa. The greater part is intended for Senegal and the Upper Niger, to improve the navigation on the two rivers.

THE DOCTOR'S WIFE

Agrees with Him About Food.

A trained nurse says: "In the practice of my profession I have found so many points in favor of Grape-Nuts food that I unhesitatingly recommend it to all my patients.

"It is delicate and pleasing to the palate (an essential in food for the sick) and can be adapted to all ages, being softened with milk or cream for babies or the aged when deficiency of teeth renders mastication impossible. For fever patients or those on liquid diet I find Grape-Nuts and albumen water very nourishing and refreshing. This recipe is my own idea and is made as follows: Soak a teaspoonful of Grape-Nuts in a glass of water for an hour, strain and serve with the beaten white of an egg and a spoonful of fruit juice or flavoring. This affords a great deal of nourishment that even the weakest stomach can assimilate without any distress.

"My husband is a physician and he uses Grape-Nuts himself and orders it many times for his patients.

"Personally I regard a dish of Grape-Nuts with fresh or stewed fruit as the ideal breakfast for anyone—well or sick." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

In any case of stomach trouble, nervous prostration or brain fag, a 15 days' trial of Grape-Nuts will work wonders toward nourishing and refreshing, and in this way ending the trouble. "There's a reason" and trial

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Don'ts for the Fourth



Don't pick up a cannon cracker to find out what is the matter with the fuse.

Don't take your wife and baby buggy riding behind a nervous horse.

Don't try to dissuade the boys from setting them off in bunches. They'll go quicker that way.

Don't assault the fool who shoots



his revolver in the air. He may have another load left.

Don't go on an excursion if you have a happy home.

Don't put a cannon cracker under your grandmother's chair. She may have money to leave.

Don't forget the fire department's telephone number.

Don't forget, if you have no children, that the people who have them are a good deal more anxious than you are to have it all over and done with.



PLEASED JOHN ADAMS.

Early Celebration of the Fourth in Philadelphia Described in Statesman's Letter.

Noise and fireworks, parades and display and even liquor set their mark upon the anniversary of the nation's birth while the nation was still very young and the tory was yet abroad in the land. A picturesque description of the first annual celebration of the nation's birthday, 1776, when the United States was a year old, is that by John Adams in a letter to his daughter, written from Philadelphia. "Yesterday being the anniversary of American independence," he says, "we celebrated here with a festivity and ceremony befitting the occasion. I went on board the Delaware with the president and several of the maritime committee, soon after which we were saluted with a discharge of 13 guns, which was followed by 13 others from each of the armed vessels on the river.

After the presidential party had come ashore there followed, according to Mr. Adams' letter, a "good dinner and good cheer." And there was "fine music from the band of Hessians taken at Trenton and continual volleys between every toast from a company of soldiers drawn up in Second street." Then came a parade of the companies and regiments. Of the evening celebration he writes: "I was out walking about the streets for a little fresh air and exercise and was surprised to find that the whole city had lighted up their candles at the windows. I think it was the most splendid illumination I ever saw."

However, the national independence was first celebrated July 8, 1776, four days after the signing of the Declaration, according to Marshall, "on a warm sunshine morning," in the yard of the statehouse (at Philadelphia) "where, in the presence of a great concourse of people, the Declaration of Independence was read by John Nixon. The company declared their approbation by their repeated huzzas. The king's arms were taken down in the courtroom, after which we went to the commons, where the same was proclaimed at each of the five battalions. Fine starlight, pleasant evening. There were bonfires, ringing bells and other demonstrations of joy."

One day later, July 9, the declaration was celebrated at New York in a manner directed by Washington. After this each recurring July 4 was observed by the army. In 1777 it was celebrated by a "feu de joie" (volley) and every soldier was given an extra gill of rum. In 1779 the day brought joy to wrongdoers in the army. All prisoners under sentence of death were granted pardons by Washington and released from confinement.

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Captain H. C. Currie, Station Master, Grand Central Depot, Houston, Texas, says: "I have given Imperial Remedy a thorough trial and can say, there could be nothing better had for eczema. Anyone wishing to know anything further regarding the remedy can correspond with me and I will be glad to tell of the good it did me."

Thousands of people throughout Texas and the South have been cured quickly and permanently of eczema and other skin diseases by Imperial Remedy.

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One on the Doctor.

A Baltimore physician who boarded a crowded car in Charles street, noticed a woman standing and a big German sprawling over twice the seat area that was necessary to him. Indignantly the physician said to his: "See here! Why don't you move a little so that this tired woman may have a seat?" For a moment the German looked dazed. Then a broad smile spread over his countenance as he answered: "Say, dot's a joke on you, all right! Dot's my wife!"

Best of All.

R. J. Mayher, No. 406 South Clark St., Chicago, Ill., writes as follows:

"I have kept and used your Hunt's Lightning Oil for the last ten years in my family. It is the only kind to have and the best of all."

It cures Cuts, Burns, Bruises, Sprains, Aches, Pains, Stings and Bites. It kills Chiggers, too.

Good Test of the Dog.

Suburbanite (to visitor)—Oh, how are you? Come right in. Don't mind the dog.

Visitor—But won't he bite?

"That's just what I want to see. I only bought that watchdog this morning."—La Rive.

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Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Prosperity seems to be some men's earthly punishment.

INVESTMENT IN MOTH BALLS

Manner of Using the Preventive That Proved to Be a Signal Failure.

A State street druggist, telling of the quaint characters whom he encounters in his business, recently said: "Late one afternoon one of the 'ould sod' ambled up to the counter. 'Hov yez onything good to kill moths?' he asked, relates the Chicago Record-Herald.

"'Yes,' said I, 'we have moth balls, the best reemdy known.'"

"'Give me tin cints' worth, thin,' says he.

"I made up the package, handed it to him, and he ambled out again. I had forgotten all about my customer until about four o'clock the next afternoon, when I was forcibly reminded of the transaction of the day before. After I had waited on my customers in their turn I walked over to another counter and was there confronted with my moth-ball investor. Without giving me time to make an inquiry, he said: "'Are yez the young mon that sold me thim things yistiddy?' showing me the remains of about half a dozen of the white balls.

"I answered in the affirmative, and also inquired what the trouble was.

"'Av all the con games I've run up against in me toime, this bates thim all,' he said. 'To think of onyone running a decent down-town store selling the loikes of thim things to kill moths with, or onything else, for the matter of that. They might be all right for playing marbles, but for killin' moths, niver. I may not be as young as yez are, young mon, but I'm just as stiddy, and I want to tell you wan thing. If yez can show me the man or woman that can throw wan of thim balls quick enough to kill a moth I'll not only ate ivry wan of thim yez have in stock, but I'll say noything about the picture the ould woman and meself broke in the foine little game yez would have us play.'"

The Soft Is Hard.

"And don't you ever indulge in any soft drinks?"

"No, never."

"Why not?"

"They're too hard on my stomach."

—Chicago Tribune.

ALL HAIL PE-RU-NA.

A Case of STOMACH CATARRH.



Miss Mary O'Brien, 306 Myrtle Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y., writes:

"Peruna cured me in five weeks of catarrh of the stomach, after suffering for four years and doctoring without effect. In common with other grateful ones who have been benefited by your discovery, I say, All hail to Peruna."

Mr H. J. Henneman, Oakland, Neb., writes:

"I waited before writing to you about my sickness, catarrh of the stomach, which I had over a year ago.

"There were people who told me it would not stay cured, but I am sure that I am cured, for I do not feel any more ill effects, have a good appetite and am getting fat.

"So I am, and will say to all, I am cured for good.

"I thank you for your kindness.

"Peruna will be our house medicine hereafter."

Catarrh of the stomach is also known in common parlance as dyspepsia, gastritis and indigestion. No medicine will be of any permanent benefit except it removes the catarrh.

A Great Tonic.

Mr Austin M. Small, Astoria, Ore., writes:

"During the hot weather of the past summer I lost my appetite. I tried Peruna, and found it pleasant to take, a splendid appetizer and a great tonic."

Save the Babies.

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twentytwo per cent., or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirtyseven per cent., or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen!

We do not hesitate to say that a timely use of Castoria would save a majority of these precious lives. Neither do we hesitate to say that many of these infantile deaths are occasioned by the use of narcotic preparations. Drops, tinctures and soothing syrups sold for children's complaints contain more or less opium, or morphine. They are, in considerable quantities, deadly poisons. In any quantity they stupefy, retard circulation and lead to congestions, sickness, death. Castoria operates exactly the reverse, but you must see that it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. Castoria causes the blood to circulate properly, opens the pores of the skin and allays fever.

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Dr. A. F. Peiler, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria in many cases and have always found it an efficient and speedy remedy."

Dr. E. Down, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have prescribed your Castoria in my practice for many years with great satisfaction to myself and benefit to my patients."

Dr. J. E. Waggoner, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I can most heartily recommend your Castoria to the public as a remedy for children's complaints. I have tried it and found it of great value."

Dr. Edward Parrish, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I have used your Castoria in my own household with good results, and have advised several patients to use it for its mild laxative effect and freedom from harm."

Dr. J. B. Elliott, of New York City, says: "Having during the past six years prescribed your Castoria for infantile stomach disorders, I most heartily commend its use. The formula contains nothing deleterious to the most delicate of children."

Dr. C. G. Sprague, of Omaha, Neb., says: "Your Castoria is an ideal medicine for children, and I frequently prescribe it. While I do not advocate the indiscriminate use of proprietary medicines, yet Castoria is an exception for conditions which arise in the care of children."

Dr. J. A. Parker, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria holds the esteem of the medical profession in a manner held by no other proprietary preparation. It is a sure and reliable medicine for infants and children. In fact, it is the universal household remedy for infantile ailments."

Dr. H. F. Merrill, of Augusta, Me., says: "Castoria is one of the very finest and most remarkable remedies for infants and children. In my opinion your Castoria has saved thousands from an early grave. I can furnish hundreds of testimonials from this locality as to its efficiency and merits."

Dr. Norman M. Geer, of Cleveland, Ohio, says: "During the last twelve years I have frequently recommended your Castoria as one of the best preparations of the kind, being safe in the hands of parents and very effective in relieving children's disorders, while the ease with which such a pleasant preparation can be administered is a great advantage."

Dr. F. H. Kyle, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "It affords me pleasure to add my name to the long list of those who have used and now endorse your Castoria. The fact of the ingredients being known through the printing of the formula on the wrapper is one good and sufficient reason for the recommendation of any physician. I know of its good qualities and recommend it cheerfully."

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Local Items.

Notice to Advertisers.

Copy for advertisements must be in this office not later than Tuesday morning to insure insertion. No deviation will be made from this rule in the future, because to do so delays publication, causes the paper to miss outgoing mails and works an all round hardship on all concerned.

It is a settled thing—the dust. Miss Cary LeGory is at Mineral Wells.

Fount Kelley of Kennard was here Tuesday.

Remember the Big Store will be closed July 4th.

Roy Deupree was up from Oakhurst Tuesday.

W. V. Clark arrived Tuesday from Mineral Wells.

Read the COURIER and see who is running for office.

M. W. Satterwhite and family have moved to Houston.

This is hot weather. Cool off at Crysups's Soda Fountain.

F. P. Parker wants your chickens, eggs, etc., next week.

A crowd is being made up for a fishing trip to the coast next week.

Did you notice the quality of our Ice Cream?

CRYSUP'S DRUG STORE.

Copies of the waltz, "Ryneilla," on sale at Crysups's. Only 25 cents.

Pure drugs and fresh drugs always found at Crysups's Drug Store.

The COURIER'S announcement column contains the names of all candidates.

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JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

You get exactly what you order when you order it from Hyman's saloon, Palestine.

Mrs. M. E. McClure of Alto was visiting her mother, Mrs. Gootsby, this week.

Mrs. W. F. Hatchell of Hermosillo, Mexico, is on a visit to relatives in the county.

S. L. Murchison and Lee Moore announce the arrival of a boy and girl respectively.

Mr. J. S. Bitner, living near Lovelady, was in town last week and called to see us.

A party of Crockett people will leave Monday to attend the Baptist encampment at Palacios.

John A. Beall, formerly of Henderson, but now of Dallas, was in Crockett Friday.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
stops the cough and heals lungs

Mrs. Woodie Wood of Groveton was visiting her mother, Mrs. J. B. Harkins, last week.

Have you heard "Ryneilla?" Hear it and you'll be sure to like it. By Ruby M. Decuir. 4t.

Come to Jas. S. Shivers & Co's. and see the knocked down prices on all summer dress goods.

Don't buy cheap whiskey. The best is always the cheapest. You'll find it at Hyman's, Palestine.

Walker King, superintendent of the Palestine city schools, is spending the week in Crockett.

If you can name some high grade brand of whiskey you'll find it at Hyman's, Palestine.

At Crysups's you will find "Ryneilla." Purchase a copy and you'll not regret the money. 4t.

If you are a gentleman, a scholar and a judge of good whiskey, you'll buy it at Hyman's, Palestine.

F. P. Parker is your friend. Will pay good prices for your eggs, chickens, hides, wool, beeswax, etc.

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The COURIER has a scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College which it will sell.

We want your patronage, and will do all we can to show you that it is appreciated.
CRYSUP'S DRUG STORE.

When farmers buy less and raise more for home use they will be better off. No farmer can make money and buy everything he uses.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus and family have returned to Crockett from Abilene. The doctor's friends will regret to learn that he is in bad health.

Mr. Henry Sexton, who accidentally shot himself through the hand last week, is not expected to live. Blood poison and lock jaw have set in.

Mrs. Allie Thompson of Lufkin, who once taught school at Belott and was then known as Miss Allie Chambers, was a visitor to Crockett last week.

A fine rain has fallen this week and farmers and merchants alike are happy. And why shouldn't they be? The rain was as bread from the skies—it insures a corn crop.

No good health unless the kidneys are sound. Foley's Kidney Cure makes the kidneys right. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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You may safely feel that every purchase you make at our drug store is absolutely the best.

G. L. MOORE,
THE DRUGGIST.

See G. T. Teal for all kinds of sheet metal work. Roofing, guttering and tank building.

The peach crop, although ruined three times during the early spring, is turning out well. Express shipments of early peaches are being made and the returns are satisfactory.

For Sale or Rent.

A house and lot in Crockett—house has seven rooms, convenient and comfortable. Place has good water, has garden and barn. Rent eight dollars per month.
S. F. TENNEY.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Page have left Missouri and are in the mountains of West Virginia. Mr. Page has been under special treatment for serious complications following an attack of influenza last winter.

Junior W. Howard, the three days' old infant of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howard, was buried Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in Glenwood cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Manly of the Methodist church.

Nobody but a very ignorant man—ignorant as to the correct methods of doing business—ever gets mad at having a bill presented him. If the bill is incorrect he should take the matter up in a gentlemanly way and have it corrected.

The COURIER made a mistake as to the time in its mention of the Pennington camp-meeting in last issue. The camp-meeting will begin on the 7th of July instead of the 13th as published. The time is Saturday before the second Sunday, which is the 7th.

Passengers arriving on the south bound train Tuesday morning report some fast running. They say the distance between LaTexo and Crockett, six miles, was covered in five minutes, which, if a fact, was a record breaker. This train was behind time and met the northbound train here.

Mrs. Ruby Moore Decuir is the composer of a beautiful waltz that is already popular. The name of this entrancing piece of music is "Ryneilla." Although this is her first composition, Mrs. Decuir's musical abilities have for some time been known in Crockett. Much from her talent may be expected in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. West came up from Westville Saturday. When asked by the COURIER editor if he had anything to give out as to the location of his mill, Mr. West said that the plant would undoubtedly be located at some point on the railroad between Crockett and Lovelady but that the exact location had not yet been determined by his company.

The railroad surveyors, who are running a line from Paris via Greenville, Athens and Palestine to Houston, have their camp near Weches, in the northeastern part of the county, and are headed toward Kennard. When Crockett lost the Kennard mill, it not only lost that enterprise, but lost the Frisco railroad. One enterprise follows another.

The Very Best Remedy for Bowel Trouble.

Mr. M. F. Borroughs, an old and well-known resident of Bluffton, Ind., says: "I regard Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as the very best remedy for bowel trouble. I make this statement after having used the remedy in my family for several years. I am never without it." This remedy is almost sure to be needed before the summer is over. Why not buy it now and be prepared for such an emergency? For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

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The Fourth of July.

The Fourth of July is coming, with its great celebrations; big preparations being made. Young people, your future success is soon to be celebrated. What preparation are you making? You are living in a busy age; why try to go through it without a business training? Prepare yourself for the business world, it is today holding out greater inducements to our young people than ever before. Venture. Get out and hustle. Do something. Do it now. Be somebody. Write today for catalogue, addressing the one of the Byrne Business Colleges nearest to you. Memphis Commercial College, 46 N. Second St., Memphis, Tenn.; Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas; Capital City Business College, Guthrie, Okla.; Atlanta Commercial College, 24½ Whitehall St., Atlanta, Ga. You will receive large illustrated free catalogue by return mail, explaining in detail the advantages of a modern course in the Byrne Simplified Shorthand and Practical Bookkeeping or Telegraphy in a progressive commercial school, with expert teachers, and a first-class employment bureau, thru which a position will be secured for you free of charge at the completion of your course. What they have done for thousands of others, they can do for you—place you on the high road to success. Write today; the sooner you equip yourself with a practical education, the sooner you will be drawing the increased salary it will bring. Look about you and you will see that men of knowledge are earning more and enjoying life better than men of ignorance. To decide between knowledge and ignorance is to decide between success and failure. Young man, young woman, think—the future is before you. Prepare to make a success of it.

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Three amendments to the constitution of Texas will be submitted to the voters at the next general election. These amendments are styled as follows: "Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Authorizing the Levy of a Tax to Pay Jurors;" "Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Fixing Salaries and Per Diem of Legislators," and "Proposed Amendment to the State Constitution Relating to Certain Exemptions from Taxation." The COURIER has been selected by the secretary of state, Mr. O. K. Shannon, to publish these amendments, publication to begin with the first issue in July.

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Steady work and high wages until Xmas cultivating and harvesting the unprecedented crops. Thirty threshing machines now ready to begin work in the county. Cotton chopping and other work needed badly. Beginning about July 10th, 700 men will be required for thirty days to gather the cantaloupe and watermelons. After the above work, cotton picking will begin and last until Xmas. For further particulars address
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Train Schedule Changed.

A new schedule went into effect on the I. & G. N. Sunday, giving Crockett a morning train, something we have not had in a long time. The south bound train formerly reaching Crockett at 2:48 in the afternoon now arrives at 9:50 in the morning, leaving Palestine at 8:30 and reaching Houston at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. This train has direct connection from St. Louis and San Antonio. The north bound day train, passing Crockett about noon heretofore, is a half hour earlier now, and does not make connection for San Antonio at Palestine, but connects with the Texas & Pacific at Longview for the north and east. The north bound night train is unchanged, but the south bound night train is a half hour later than formerly.

That Tired Feeling.

If you are languid, depressed, incapable for work, it indicates that your liver is out of order. Herbine will assist nature to throw off headaches, rheumatism and ailments akin to nervousness and restore the energies and vitality of sound and perfect health. J. J. Hubbard, Temple, Texas, writes, "I have used Herbine for the past two years. It has done me more good than all the doctors. It is the best medicine ever made for chills and fever." 50c. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic party:

- For District Attorney
Tom J. Harris
Porter Newman
- For Representative
John B. Smith
L. A. Daniel
- For District Clerk
Joe Brown Stanton
Nat Patton
- For County Judge
John Spence
J. W. Madden
E. Winfree
- For County Attorney
Earl Adams, Jr.
J. A. Ragland
Marvin Ellis
- For County Clerk
Nat E. Allbright
C. G. (Gershorn) Lansford
J. J. Collier
- For Sheriff
A. W. Phillips
C. E. Lively
John C. Lacy
- For Tax Collector
A. L. (Gus) Goolsby
Oscar C. Goodwin
J. W. Brightman
- For Tax Assessor
John H. Ellis
- For County Treasurer
D. J. Cater
J. J. Cooper
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
W. H. Wall
J. A. Morris
W. W. Davis
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
C. L. Vickers
G. R. Murchison
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
C. H. (Cal) Barbee
S. M. Hallmark
J. J. Hammond
J. C. Allee
J. A. Harrelson
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4
C. B. Isbell
J. M. Creasy
- For Justice of Peace, Prec. No. 1
C. R. Stephenson
C. J. Hassell
E. M. Callier
J. W. Saxon
- For Constable Prec. No. 1
J. N. Wellborn
O. B. (Deb) Hale

One of the most vexatious questions to confront the next state administration is that of taxation. There is now a large deficit in the state treasury and current appropriations are found insufficient.

The printing trust, composed of the big printing houses of the state, has had its hands in the pockets of the people of Texas for three years and Houston county has been robbed of many hundreds of dollars. The last finance committee called the attention of our people to this matter.

The free use of the passenger trains, the express companies, the telegraph companies and the telephone companies by public officials should be prohibited by law. Public officials should be denied the privilege of accepting railroad passes for the use of their relatives and friends. There are two classes of officials, however, which we think should be exempt, and they are the sheriffs and the railroad commissioners. All peace officers might be included. The presence of peace officers on trains is often a necessity, and the failure of an officer to keep the peace on a train should be sufficient cause for his impeachment. And for the reason that

they are often needed to keep the peace, especially on excursion trains, they should have free access to all trains. Railroad commissioners are required to do a good deal of traveling in order to familiarize themselves with conditions, and therefore should have the free use of all trains.

The country seems to be in the grasp of the trusts. There are the beef trust, the ice trust, the oil trust, the paper trust, the printing trust, the leather trust, the sleeping car monopoly, the express company trust, and hundreds of others that might be enumerated. If Texas laws are ineffective in breaking up these things, then new laws are demanded.

The Terrell election law needs to be greatly amended and simplified. It is a massive and bunglesome thing as it stands, and its repeal and the adoption of a law briefly and plainly covering the ground should be done by the next legislature. The new law should contain none of the features of the old one which are in the interest of the printing trust. The printing trust has had its hooks in the people of Texas for three years, and that is just three years too long.

FEDERAL AND STATE GOVERNMENTS.

The tendency toward a centralization of too much power in the hands of the federal government moved Senator Bacon of Georgia last week to oppose the granting of a federal charter to a private corporation. Mr. Bacon did not dispute the commercial possibilities of the incorporation, or its probable value to manufacturers and perhaps the public, but that did not justify the granting of a federal charter to a private corporation that might be organized under the laws of the states in which its property was to be situated. The New York Sun, in commenting on Senator Bacon's stand, says that "the conditions which he mentioned are worthy of the serious consideration of all law-makers." The senator, in addressing his colleagues on the duties of the federal and state governments, said:

"I know, Mr. President, that it is now the vogue to look askance at any suggestion that there is any function which the federal government should not perform, and to look with still more disfavor upon the suggestion that there is any remaining function which ought to belong to a state and to be exercised solely by a state, and upon the exercise of which the federal government should not intrude. And yet we are here as representatives of states, and we of all officials in the government of the United States ought to be jealous that the functions which do properly belong to a state should be exercised by a state and not be usurped or exercised by the general government.

The dual capacity of this government is its most distinctive and its most valuable feature, and the larger the country grows, the more numerous the states, the more important becomes the preservation of that feature, because where the general government legislates, it legislates for the entire country, and legislation which may suit one part of the country does not suit another, and for that reason, and out of it, grows the great demand and necessity and importance of local government for local affairs, and the great importance that the federal government should confine itself to the functions the necessity for which called it into being.

"It is manifest that there is an increasing tendency and practice to devolve in great degree upon the federal government the functions which have heretofore been exercised by the states. There is scarcely a public need but that to satisfy it in some shape recourse is had to congressional or executive action. Conceding that much of this encroachment is due to the increasing business of the country and the increasing intimacy of the business relations between the

people of the different states, and cannot be avoided, the fact of such tendency in cases which cannot well be resisted makes it all the more important that the legitimate functions of the states should not be invaded or infringed upon in cases where no public interest requires that congress should do so."

HOUSTON COUNTY SYSTEMATICALLY ROBBED.

The printing trust has been exposed by the independent printing houses of the state and much robbery and jobbery uncovered. The exposure shows up some of the worst extortion and graft of modern times, and for boldness is unequalled by anything uncovered by recent investigations. And the worst feature of it is that it is the county treasuries that have been pilfered and the county tax payers who have been so systematically robbed. Recent investigations by independent houses have brought to light the fact that the big printing houses of Texas have been thoroughly organized for the past three years and their system of co-operation has been so complete that it shows some master minds in the art of forming combinations in restraint of legitimate trade. The trust has dictated prices, throttled competition and practiced frauds to a degree that is criminal, and prosecutions by the state are expected to follow the exposure. Through their patronage of the trust, the county officials of Houston county have caused to be paid out many a needless dollar for stationery and blanks—money that should have been kept in the county and much of it in the county treasury. In its report of the organization of the trust, the committee of the independent houses says: "After countless conferences (by the trust) and much labor, a scale of prices was made covering almost every conceivable kind of printing. In addition, the counties and cities of Texas were divided into seven classes, and a different scale of prices fixed for each class. All this data was then compiled and placed in a small book for the use of confidential agents and travelling men of the trust firms. Naturally, the edition of this book was very limited, and every agent and employe to whom a copy was entrusted was required to furnish security in a large amount for its return when called for or when employment ceased. Every precaution that ingenuity could suggest was resorted to by the trust to prevent an outsider getting a copy." The trust has all counties arranged and separated into seven classes. Where there was no competition the county was classed as No. 1 and the price was nearly thriffler that of class 7, where competition was keen. The trust has Houston county classed as Nos. 3 and 7—class 3 for blanks and books that cannot be supplied by the home offices and class 7 for blanks that can be supplied by the home offices. An extortionate price is charged the county for all goods sold under the list price of class 3, and knock-out prices—prices that cannot be met by any legitimate competition—are charged for all goods sold under the list price of class 7. Thus the inequality and unfairness of the trust prices will be evident to every thinking mind. And right here is where the trust has been getting in its work on Houston county. Its representatives would offer to supply blanks to Houston county—blanks that could be supplied by home offices at Crockett—at a price that could not be legitimately met by any independent or home house, and for blanks and books that could not be supplied by an independent

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or home house the representatives of the trust would charge the county three prices. The commissioners' court of Houston county passed an order that all county officials should pay for their own letter heads and envelopes. The trust knew this and offered to donate letter heads to officials ordering blanks. Of course they expected to add to the blanks the price of the letter heads. In this connection the COURIER thinks it would be economy for the county to pay for letter heads used by county officials. As an illustration to show the difference in prices charged different counties, we will say, which statement is taken from an estimate before us, that where \$3.25 was charged a county where the trust had competition for a blank, \$8.50 was charged for the same blank in a county where competition was not close. What is meant by close competition is that there were large independent offices—in a town like Austin, for instance. The data before us shows that 400 per cent profit was made on an order for blanks from Bell county. Hunt county was charged \$478.75 for blanks that cost \$46.09. Kent county was charged \$8.50 for 1000 printed letter heads, while McLennan county (Waco is the county seat) was only charged \$4.00 for the same work. Anderson county is more favorably classed than Houston county, on account of Palestine being a larger town than Crockett, and Anderson county was charged \$334.00 for blanks that cost the trust \$43.75. The data before us only shows how Houston county was classed, and does not show of how much she was robbed. The investigation by the independent houses has shown up much fraud in some counties, graft being resorted to by county officials or their employes. The matter of exorbitant stationery bills was first brought before the people of Houston county by the investigations and through the report of the last county finance committee. The finance committee recommended that all stationery and blanks that could be supplied at home should be bought here. More recent investigation has brought to light the fact that counties which have not bought their blanks at home, and Hous-

ton county is among them, have been robbed of hundreds of dollars by the trust. This proves the wisdom of the finance committee's advice. There are four printing offices in the county and their books have hardly been blackened with orders for county printing during the past three years. The orders have nearly all gone to the trust and so has the money of the people. When the farmers of Houston county go to pay their taxes next winter they should remember this and when they go to cast their votes before then they should remember it. A vote for a man who will order his stationery and blanks from out of the county when the same can be had here and the money kept at home is a direct vote for a man who favors the trusts and an indirect vote for the trusts. Ask all candidates during the coming county canvass how they stand on this question, and if they are at present holding office ask them where they have been buying their blanks that could have been printed in Houston county. Put them on record as either favoring independent home institutions or the trusts.

ICE MEN SENTENCED.

Toledo, Ohio, Trust—Workhouse and Fine Sentence or Restitution to the Public.

Toledo, Ohio, June 25.—In the Common Pleas court today, Judge Kinkead imposed the maximum sentence of \$5,000 fine and one year imprisonment in the workhouse on five ice men guilty of conspiracy in restraint of trade.

The men sentenced are Jos. A. Miller, who was convicted; R. A. Beard, R. C. Lemmon, H. P. Breinig and P. H. Waters, who pleaded guilty. The Judge said the sentences might be mitigated in the event the men made restitution.

Hearings on motions in arrest of judgment cannot be heard in some time and the ice men will stand committed until the fines are paid or the sentences otherwise disposed of.

The ice men, all prominent, were taken to the county jail to await the making out of the necessary papers to commit them to the workhouse unless in the meantime they meet Judge Kinkead's requirement of restitution to the public.



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