

COOPER AND THE RAILWAYS.

Prominent Citizen of Hillsboro Gives Views on Railroad Situation in Texas.

Hillsboro, Tex., Nov. 12, 1908. Permit me to quote from the Austin correspondent to one of the great dailies of the country of the 8th inst.

The correspondent says: "If all the railroad projects now on foot in Texas are carried out there will be several hundred miles of new track built in this state during the coming year." The irritating "if" will be noted. Why should the correspondent feel apprehensive lest these 'railroad projects' may not be 'carried out.' Other states about us are building railroads and erecting manufacturing, why not Texas? Why should the nauseating "if" protrude itself? Let me call the attention of the people of Texas to the fact that there are now fifty-five counties in this state with not a mile of railway in them. There are fifty other counties with less than twenty miles of road each. A citizen may have his home in Texas and be one hundred miles from his nearest shipping point.

Certainly, it does appear that Texas is an inviting field for the investment of capital and the building of railways. If ever a state stood in need of railways it is Texas. One-half of the state is practically without railway facilities. Some of the roads are scarcely paying expenses, while others are being operated at an actual loss. But, what do we hear? We hear of a one per cent

tax on the gross earnings of the roads, which, however, by an intelligent court has been relegated. We hear of an intangible tax on railways; that is a tax on something that may or may not be enesse, the apparent purpose of the law being for the state to make money rightfully if it can, but if not to make money. We hear of a desire upon the part of some gentlemen of prominence to reduce the passenger rate from three to two and two and a half cents per mile. Some of these gentlemen are, of course, candidates for office, or will be in due season, possibly candidates for governor. Let me say this to the people of Texas, that the nightmare of this state today is the result of a surfeit of politics and demagogues. The people emerge from one political stadium to enter hopelessly the gateway of another, and the turmoil, unrest and bitterness never cease. The politicians do the exploiting and the masses foot the bill. We have too much politics. We have too much legislation. The legislature of Texas ought never to meet only on call of the governor by and with the advice and concurrence of the heads of the departments.

Meanwhile, taxes increase, while values decrease. What this state needs is more steel rails and less political railway; more corn and less political cant; more poultry and less politicians; more steam whistles and less political calliopes; more Poland-China hogs and less political hell.

L. N. Cooper.

Notice of Director's Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the directors of the Texas South-eastern Railway Company, and each of them, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of said company is hereby called to be held at the principal office of said company in the town of Diboll, Angelina County, Texas, at 2:30 p. m. on Saturday, being the 27th day of Feb., A. D. 1909, for the following purposes, to-wit:

1. In pursuance of authority from the stockholders of said company, to authorize the issuance,

execution and registration of the bonds or obligations of said company in such denominations, to such amount, and upon and for such time, terms and conditions as said Board, in pursuance of authority, to be granted by the stockholders, may, in their discretion, under the law, authorize, and to authorize the execution of a mortgage upon all or any part of the property, rights and franchises of said company to secure such bonds, same to be upon such terms and conditions as said Board may authorize under the directions of the stockholders.

2. To authorize the president of this company, or other proper officer, to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue and register said bonds and mortgages and to take all steps and incur all expenses necessary to that end.

3. And generally to do all things necessary to carry out the above purposes, and likewise to secure the issuance, approval and certification of the stock of said company, in the manner required by law.

T. L. L. Temple,
Pres. of Said Co.
E. C. Durham, Sec'y.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston county, on the 14th day of December, A. D. 1908, in the case of Davis & Ham Commission Company vs J. B. Massie and Will Rush, No. 5134, and to me as Sheriff directed and delivered, I have levied upon, this the 15th day of December, A. D. 1908, and will between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the first Tuesday in February, A. D. 1909, it being the second day of said month, at the Court House door of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, proceed to sell at Public Auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all right, title and interest which the said J. B. Massie and Will Rush had on the 4th day of August, 1906, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: Situated in the County of Houston and State of Texas, described as follows:

FIRST TRACT: Being 40 6-10 acres of the Daniel Harrison survey of 486 acres of land more or less, conveyed by Dr. M. A. Thomas to C. W. Kline by deed recorded in Book 35, page 260, Houston County Deed Records, and more particularly described as follows: Beginning on the Crockett and Hall's Bluff road, 475 varas from J. R. Bennett's east corner, stake for corner in road, from which a P. O. 20 in. marked X brs N. 5 E. 2 vrs. Thence N. 78 W. with said road 230 vrs. N. 67 W. 260 vrs. corner in said road, being corner of plank fence, a hickory 10 in. marked X brs. S. 38 W. 4 vrs. Thence N. 27 E. 700 vrs. set stake in field for corner, corner of wire fence. Thence N. 80 E. 66 vrs. set stake for corner. Thence S. 36 E. 400 vrs. set stake for corner at fence near the woods. Thence S. 18 W. 486 vrs. to place of beginning.

SECOND TRACT: Being 50 acres, part of the Daniel Harrison survey sold by J. W. Hall to C. W. Kline, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of a tract of 106 58-100 acres described in deed to Kline by J. W. Hall. Thence N. 20 E. with east line of said tract, 1376 vrs. N. E. corner of same in Navarro road, a red oak 20 in. marked X brs. S. 20 W. 16 vrs. Thence with said road 86 1/2 E. 293 vrs. corner in said road; Thence S. 25 1/2 W. 1300 vrs. stake in Hall's Bluff road, a hickory 10 in. brs. N. 51 W. 18 9-10 vrs. Thence south 76 1/2 w. with the meanders of said road 160 vrs. the place of beginning.

THIRD TRACT: Being 106 58-100 acres of land consisting of 102 58-100 acres of the Daniel Harrison survey and 4 acres of the W. White league survey, described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the Hall's Bluff road, S. E. corner of Thomas survey, P. O. brs. N. 5 W. 2 vrs. marked X. Thence N. 18 E. with Thomas east line 510 vrs. stake for corner; Thence N. 36 E. with Thomas N. E. line 404 1/2 vrs. stake for corner. Thence S. 80 W. 66 vrs. N. W. corner of said Thomas survey; Thence N. 15 E. 590 vrs. to Harrison and White league line. Thence east with said league line 295 vrs. to Peter Nelson's S. E. corner; Thence N. with Nelson's east line 168 vrs. stake in Navarro road; Thence with the meanders of said road S. 64 E. 140 vrs. S. 52 1/2 E. 295 2-10 vrs. corner in said road, R. O. 20 in. brs. S. 20 W. 16 vrs. marked X. Thence S. 20 W. 1376 vrs. stake in Hall's Bluff road, pine 14 in. brs. N. 34 1/2 W. 10 6-10 vrs. do. 12 in. brs. N. 65 1/2 E. 12 8-10 vrs. Thence south 84 1/2 w. with said road, 181 7-10 vrs. to place of beginning.

Said property being levied on as the property of J. B. Massie to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$575.09, together with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent. per annum from the 13th day of October, A. D. 1908, in favor of Davis & Ham Commission Company and costs of suit.

However, such sale to be subject to the vendor's lien reserved in four notes for \$262.62 each due October 1st, 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911 respectively, and three notes for \$445.00 each due October 1st, 1912, 1913 and 1914 respectively, bearing eight per cent interest per annum, and containing stipulations for ten per cent attorneys fees. All of said notes owned by the plaintiff, Davis & Ham Commission Company, and the defendant J. B. Massie is liable thereon. Given under my hand this the 15th day of December, A. D. 1908.

John C. Lacy,
Sheriff Houston County, Texas.

Start the New Year Right

and don't forget the house that always supplied you with ideal

House Furnishings

Our Stock This Year is Larger and Better Than Ever Before

Compare Our Prices With Anybody's and See if We Haven't Got Them Bested Before They Make Their Prices.

<p>Look!</p> <p>Three-piece suit, all solid oak, bed 6 feet 3 inches high, dresser 45x20, mirror 24x20, worth and sold for \$25.00, in this sale for only..... \$19.90</p> <p>Suit No. 77 1/2, solid oak, golden finish, large mirror 36x18, worth \$30.00, in this sale for only..... \$23.90</p> <p>Every suit reduced in price until January 1st.</p> <p>A large assortment of Dining Tables, Sideboards, Buffets and China Closets! Everything is marked down to the bottom. Get my prices before you buy.</p>	<p>Rockers</p> <p>Well, you will have to see them to appreciate the price. All the latest styles and shapes from \$12.50 to..... \$1.00</p> <p>Iron Beds</p> <p>Get one of the guaranteed beds. Don't cost you any more than any other kind. Ten year guarantee with each one. If it breaks in ten years it will be made good.</p> <p>Rugs</p> <p>In all sizes at from \$25.00 to..... 50c</p>
---	---

A Happy New Year to You All.

UNDERTAKER
AND
EMBALMER

J. D. SIMS

THE
FURNITURE
MAN

DOG OWNERS WORRIED.

Several Valuable Animals Lost Through Strange Disease.

Lovers of dogs in this vicinity will be worried about a disease which has caused the death of several valuable animals in and near this city within the last month. Yesterday Mr. N. P. Cook lost two valuable Walker hounds, and there may be other deaths in his pack. The cause of all the trouble is a little worm which is found in stagnant water and which finds entrance to the system by drinking. Human beings are liable to the same disease. The source of origin is unknown. The mosquito gets the infection it is supposed from some decomposing animal matter, goes to stagnant water and there deposits the eggs of this worm, the technical name of which is filaria immites, a species of haematozoa. The dog drinks the water, taking the eggs into his system, where they pass into the blood and finally find lodgment in the heart. There they breed and finally clog that organ. A post mortem operation performed upon one of the dogs of Mr. Cook yesterday morning by Dr. Cheney showed the right ventricle of the heart to be completely filled with these worms, ranging in length from six to twelve inches and of the diameter of a crochet needle. It is a peculiarity of this worm that it breeds only in the heart, not seeming to find lodgment elsewhere.

Human beings are liable to the same trouble from drinking water which is stagnant, and the matter has had the serious attention of the medical fraternity for many months past. The habit of hunters in the field of drinking from pools of stagnant water, or allowing their dogs to do so, should be discouraged as far as possible according to authorities. The United States department of agriculture is vitally interested in the subject and have men in the field now working on the origin of this worm.—Monroe (La.) Star.

Ill Health is More Expensive Than Any Cure.

This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could every sufferer but undo the past and cure that first neglected cold, all this sorrow, pain, anxiety and expense could have been avoided. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of colds, and can always be depended upon. Use it and the more serious diseases may be avoided. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

It's a Crime

to neglect your health. The worst neglect that you can be guilty of is to allow constipation, biliousness or any liver or bowel trouble to continue. It is poisoning your entire system and may lead to a serious chronic disease. Take Ballard's Herbine and get absolutely well. The sure cure for any and all troubles of the stomach, liver and bowels. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES VIA I. & G. N. R. R.

Visit "The Old Folks at Home" at Xmas Time.

Excursion rates to St. Louis, Kansas City, Memphis and the old States in the Southeast; also principal points in Mexico. Tickets on sale Dec. 19-20-21, limit Jan. 17th. To all points in Texas: Tickets on sale Dec. 18-19-23-24-25-26 and Jan. 1st, limit Jan. 5th.

For rates, apply to nearest Ticket Agent, I. & G. N. R. R. or address D. J. Price, G. P. & T. A., Palestine, Tex.

Don't be Hopeless

about yourself when you are crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints—of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by Murchison & Beasley.

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

Young Mules

FOR SALE

Smith Bros. have 35 head of young mules for sale cheap. See them if you want a bargain. Terms to suit purchaser. At the

BRICK LIVERY BARN

IN CROCKETT.

BROUGHT THANKS OF CHINESE EMPIRE



Copyright by Waldon Fawcett.

Tang Shao Yi is the special ambassador of China who came all the way from his country to Washington to thank the United States for remitting part of the Boxer indemnity. He is one of the most brilliant and capable men of the Flowery Kingdom. Before going home he will observe and absorb all he can of our financial and commercial systems so that his country may profit by it.

THE HELP PROBLEM

HOW ONE SOCIETY SOLVES THE SERVANT QUESTION.

German Housewives in New York Give Rewards to Maids for Faithful Service to its Members.

New York.—The managing director of the German Housewives' society, which at its recent annual meeting awarded premiums to 40 servants for faithful service, declares that the members of the society know nothing of the difficulty of the servant problem which is driving suburbanites from their country homes and city householders into apartment hotels.

The Hausfrauen Verein does not belong to the City Federation of Women's Clubs and its members are not long on social uplift or economic progress. Equal suffrage is barely a name and the glories of the Daughters of the Revolution have hardly been revealed to them.

Instead they are a band of women who cling tenaciously to the idea, rapidly becoming obsolete, that the eternal job of woman is to make a comfortable home. It is a just conviction, but so deep that they managed to strike at the roots of the servant problem, while their sisters who esteem themselves brilliant and intellectual confess themselves beaten.

The Housewives' society is versatile. It acts as an employment agency for its members. It gives free services to employes in various ways. It encourages servants in all the domestic patience and tact. Mrs. Theresa C. Schmidt, the managing director, is full of help for the servants who come to her seeking places.

Twelve years ago, before the days of employment agency reform, a few German women arose in revolt against the ways of employment agencies and formed a society to serve the same purpose in a more satisfactory manner. This antedated the days of the servant problem in its present serious aspect, but these careful housewives recognized disturbing influences below stairs and built their society to meet them.

According to Mrs. Schmidt, the secret of happiness among the German housewives is a deep seated objection to a continual change of maids.

"The comfort of the household depends more upon keeping servants for a long time than upon anything else," she said, "so we reward the maids who stay in their places. When a girl has worked for one of our members for two years she is presented at the annual meeting with a handsome gold brooch in the form of a bee."

Mrs. Schmidt displayed one of these emblems of industry, which was engraved on the back with the stamp of the society and the name of the prize winner. After a servant is entitled to wear the golden bee she receives additional premiums every two years if she still continues in her place. This year \$2,000 was spent in prizes. Rings, bracelets and ten dollar gold pieces were presented to the older servants.

"You see, a girl will work very hard to earn one of these," Mrs. Schmidt said. "It makes her very proud and

happy. It is a recommendation in itself. It is like a diploma from a training school. The girls make a kind of fraternity among themselves."

"You see, I impress upon my girls that it is the steady ones who make most in the end. You can see for yourself. Rose Hahn, our oldest golden bee, who got the 12 years' premium this year, began at \$18 a month and she is now earning \$50 in the same place."

Mrs. Schmidt admitted that it is not always possible to place a girl satisfactorily the first time.

"They are very human, like every one else," she declared, "and they will do well in one place where they will fail in another. I always give them three trials and sometimes more."

"When a girl is in a strange country without friends to help her it goes to my heart and I do my best for her. It is not always the girl's fault if she does not do well. Sometimes she is too sick, or if she has just come over, too homesick to work."

Once a girl has earned a golden bee she has a recognized standing with the society. If after that she has a grievance against her mistress she can bring it before the board of directors for settlement. This privilege is granted once a year, but according to Mrs. Schmidt it is seldom claimed, because the girls come and talk about it to her first and usually settle it out of court.

Love All; Trust a Few.
Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none; be able for thine enemy rather in power than use and keep thy friend under thy own life's key; be check'd for silence, but never tax'd for speech.—Shakespeare.

Will Care for Lepers

Philadelphia Nun Leaves Hospital for Heroic Task.

Philadelphia.—Fulfilling a desire which has long occupied her mind, Sister Marcella, for many years head nurse in the accident department of St. Joseph's hospital, has left that institution to devote the rest of her life to the unfortunate lepers, who have been gathered together at New Orleans.

Sister Marcella goes first to the mother nurse of the Sisters of Charity at Emmitsburg, Md. Under their auspices a leper colony has been established at New Orleans, and Sister Marcella, volunteering for a vacancy caused by the death of one of the sisters, was selected for the heroic work by Mother Margaret, superior of the order of the order at Emmitsburg. There are 36 lepers in the home, attended by six Sisters of Charity, headed by the Rev. A. V. Keenana as chaplain. Five years ago Sister Marcella volunteered her services for the leper home, a state institution of Louisiana, but at that time her superiors decided to assign her to hospital work in this city. She has been

PINE LOGS FLOAT DOWN SACO.

River Not Largest, But Is Center of Maine's Big Lumber Industry.

Saco, Me.—The Saco river, although not one of the largest rivers in Maine, has floated more pine logs this season than any other stream in Maine.

In fact, the Saco has had this record for several years. Pine is becoming scarce in Maine and is becoming more valuable every year. Up among the upper tributaries of the Saco which extend into New Hampshire and through the White mountains and in many of the towns in Maine bordering on this river some pine is yet to be found, but the lumber "crusaders," as they are called, the men who scout through the country hunting for pine timber, find it more difficult each year to buy sufficient pine to supply the needs of the manufacturing concerns which demand this kind of lumber.

Last year the Saco floated to its mouth 15,000,000 feet of pine, together with much spruce, hemlock and other lumber. The men who buy the pine are obliged to purchase at the same time all the other kinds of lumber with which it is mixed, and such of it as can be used is floated down the Saco to be manufactured into boards or whatever else it can be well used for.

The Saco is not large, but is known as one of the most picturesque of Maine rivers, and is the scene of Kate Douglas Wiggin's "Rose of the River." It is also a busy little stream, and in its way to the ocean does a good deal of work. Perhaps the Saco contributes more to the prosperity of the state than any other river in it. Everywhere its way is fettered by dams and water wheels, and just before it takes its final plunge to the ocean level it makes a grand-stand finish by giving energy to three of the largest cotton mills in New England.

LOUD SOCKS EXPEL BOY PUPIL.

Youth Refuses to Conceal Footgear and High School Ousts Him.

Middletown, Conn.—Young Augustus Marsh, who was a tackle on the Middletown high school eleven, left that institution of learning in some haste the other day. As a consequence the other students have ceased to wear their trousers "turned up." They have been rivals in the splendor of their hosiery.

Augustus bought and wore socks to school that were so loud his young woman teacher could not hear herself think; they drowned the sound of the noon whistles so that recess was late. They were Nile green in color, embroidered in a vivid red. Better to display their glory Augustus made a double roll in the end of his trousers.

"Augustus," said the teacher, blushing as red as the clocks on her pupil's socks, "pull down your trousers' ends." Augustus only grinned.

The teacher reported him to Principal C. H. Woolsey, who suspended him indefinitely.

Finds Diamond in a Squab.

Bristol, Va.—While preparing a squab for breakfast the other morning, Dr. George E. Willis discovered a diamond of high quality and said to be worth \$300 in a craw of the young bird.

Dr. Willis is a pigeon fancier, raising numbers of the birds every year. The pigeons are not confined, but are allowed to fly at will, the cote being open to them at all times.

The loss of such a stone has not been reported in this community. The diamond evidently had been lost after being loosened from its setting, and was picked up by the pigeon in lieu of gravel.

Makes Pain Go Away

Are you one of the ones who pay in toll For your right of way through this life?

If so you will find Hunt's Lightning Oil! A friend which will aid in the strife.

To those who earn their own way by their own labor, accidents occur with painful frequency. Burns, bruises, cuts and sprains are not strangers to the man who wears corns on his hands. A better remedy for these troubles does not exist than Hunt's Lightning Oil.

Taking No Chances.

"Sir, our paper is going to publish a series of articles about the world's beautiful women and I have been sent to ask you whom you consider the most beautiful woman in the world?" "Is my name to be published along with my opinion?"

"Certainly, sir; it will be given a most prominent position."

"Then you'd better write me down as saying that it's my wife's mother." —Houston Post.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by Druggists. Price, 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Chinese Idea of Government.

Here is a Chinese idea of prosperity in a nation: When the sword is rusty, the plow bright, the prisons empty, the granaries full, the steps of the temple worn down and those of the law courts grass-grown, when doctors go afoot, the bakers on horseback, and the men of letters drive in their own carriages, then the empire is well governed.

"It Knocks the Itch"

It may not cure all your ills, but it does cure one of the worst. It cures any form of itch ever known—no matter what it is called, where the sensation is "itch," it knocks it. Eczema, Ringworm and all the rest are relieved at once and cured by one box. It's guaranteed, and its name is Hunt's Cure.

Opinion of an Expert.

"I hear you are going to marry Charley?" "Yes; he asked me last evening." "Let me congratulate you. Charley is all right. He is one of the nicest fellows I was ever engaged to." —Stray Stories.

For Colds and Gripp—Capudine.

The best remedy for Gripp and Colds is Hicks' Capudine. Relieves the aching and feverishness. Cures the cold—Headaches also. It's Liquid—Effects immediately—10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

After a man has been married a year he doesn't get brain fog from thinking of his wife when she is spending a few weeks in the country.

ONLY ONE "BROMO QUININE"
That is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

And it sometimes happens that a man is married to his boss.

Use Allen's Foot-Powder. Cures tired, aching, sweating feet. 25c. Trial package free. A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

A singer doesn't weigh his words on the musical scale.

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT

The Flavor Lasts Remember that!

Land Titles Guaranteed

A HOME should never be founded upon an uncertain title; neither should hard earned money be invested in or loaned upon such a title. The simplest, cheapest and best is a **GUARANTEED TITLE**. A two-cent letter, stating particulars, **BEFORE INVESTING** (anywhere in Texas) will lay the foundation for future safety for you. Address

HOUSTON ABSTRACT & TITLE GUARANTY CO.
HOUSTON, TEXAS

Don't Delay
The season of coughs and colds is not yet past—they will be prevalent for some months to come. Do not neglect or experiment with them. Use the safe and sure remedy—**Simmons' Cough Syrup**. It heals the soreness and stops the cough.

He isn't much of a baker who eats all the bread he kneads.

SICK HEADACHE

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
Positively cured by these Little Pills. They also relieve Distress from Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Too Hearty Eating. A perfect remedy for Biliary Disorders, Nausea, Drowsiness, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Coated Tongue, Pains in the Side, TORPID LIVER. They regulate the Bowels. Purely Vegetable. **SMALL PILL. SMALL DOSE. SMALL PRICE.**

CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS.
Genuine Must Bear Fac-Simile Signature. **REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.**

TOWER'S FISH BRAND WATERPROOF OILED CLOTHING
looks better—wears longer—gives more bodily comfort because cut on large patterns, yet costs no more than the just as good kinds. **SUITS '300 SLICKERS '300 SOLD EVERYWHERE.** Every garment bearing the sign of the fish guaranteed waterproof. **TOWER'S FISH BRAND CATALOG FREE.**

DR. McINTOSH celebrated NATURAL UTERINE SUPPORTER
gives immediate relief. Sold by all original instrument dealers and leading druggists in United States & Canada. Catalog & price list sent on application. **THE McINTOSH & McINTOSH TRUSS CO., 912 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.,** manufacturers of trusses and sole makers of the genuine stamped "McINTOSH" Supporters.

Typewriters Rebuilt
all makes, at one-half manufacturers' price. Good as new. We sell them on 30 monthly payments, or rent them at \$1, and allow credit for rental if bought within a year. Second-hand typewriters from Five Dollars, up. **HOUSTON TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE, Phone 1917, 1818 Prairie Avenue, Houston, Texas.**

SADDLES
C. O. D. \$3.50 to \$50. We Wholesale to the Farmer. **A. H. HESS & CO. HOUSTON, TEXAS.**

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY, Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South, they render written reports in cases not handled by them. Reasonable rates.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY, gives quick relief and cures water on chest. Book of testimonials and 10 day treatment. **DR. H. H. GREEN'S HOME, Box 8, ATLANTA, GA.**

WANTED Young men to learn telegraphy. Situations sure. Can't supply demand for operators. Dallas Telegraph College, Dallas, Texas.

W. N. U., HOUSTON, NO. 1, 1908.

THE CROCKETT COURIER

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Prop'r
CROCKETT, TEXAS

We appear to have taken the door of China off its hinges altogether.

The camel, says an investigator, originated in America. Probably in a "dry" county.

The statistics show no evidence of any increasing demand for the divorceless marriage.

Another boy loses out in the attempt to keep up a record of 50 cigarettes a day. The coroner wins.

A local physician announces that he can transplant kidneys. Now is your time to set out your summer crop.

And now it is suspected that there is a mistletoe trust. Who cares? The girls can find something just as good to stand under.

England is not yet converting its Dreadnoughts into dirigible balloons, though Sir Hiram Maxim cannot help wondering why.

A New York preacher who might be in better business is preaching against Christmas trees. It takes all kinds of people to make a world.

The number of youth in the land who decide that the work of being president is too hard to attract them, is said to be increasing.

Ease in money is not world-wide. In Australia there is a manifest tendency toward stringency, and little money is available for fresh investment.

The Rockefeller Bible class needs more funds to carry on its work. We sincerely hope that some wealthy man will hear of this and contribute.

And now they say Paul Revere never did it. But how do they know? Scarcely a man is now alive who remembers that famous day and year.

The new name of the new emperor of China, aged three, is Hsuen Tuig. Is it proper to advise his guardians that as the twig is bent so is the tree inclined?

A Chicago girl grabbed a footpad who was robbing her and held him until the police came. Perfectly simple—why didn't we think of that method before?

Ethel Roosevelt, who prefers her horse and dog to society, wouldn't have to submit records from musty tin boxes to prove herself a member of that family.

Now that we are to have two-cent postage to Germany how unlucky it is for the German magazines that so few of our American authors can write in that language.

A \$50,000,000 spinster has just died in New York in her nineties. There must be some heartaches over this news in noble European families who missed such a prize.

A French admiral has been relieved of his command for talking too much. The general revolutionary tendencies of the times seem to be working havoc with the talking habit in high places.

The British Columbian government has passed regulations curtailing the size of net used in salmon fishing, also enforcing the regulation that no fish should be caught from Saturday to Monday.

Those who deplore the modernity of substituting "87—Ambrose Channel—87" for Sandy Hook light may yet take comfort in the thought that the new title connotes the old historic minstrel show.

It is planned now to shorten speeches in parliament. Orators not getting full satisfaction can go home and get the remainder of their speeches out of their systems behind the wood shed.

Hens either did not approve of the election, or else they thought the new prosperity entitled them to a rest, for, contrary to our expectations, they are not putting in any eight-hour day laying eggs just now.

The Japanese governing authorities are now devoting careful attention to the improvement of their poultry. Experiments in Japan have shown that Minorcas and Andalusians are the best breeds suited to their purpose.

Patents on the processes of reducing and manufacturing aluminum, which will run out soon, are expected to make the metal much cheaper and cause a greater demand for it. As in many cases aluminum is a satisfactory substitute for copper, the reduction in its price may, it is thought, be an important factor in determining the price of copper. Incidentally, remarks the Indianapolis Sentinel, it is worth while in this connection to recall the fact that clays rich in aluminum are found in several regions in Indiana.

FOR CHOLERA IN SWINE.

WORK TO BE DONE OUT OF EXPERIMENT STATION FUNDS.

PLAN ENDORSED BY FARMERS.

A. and M. College Will Begin the Preparation of Hog Serum to Prevent Cholera.

College Station, Tex.—Within a very short time Dr. M. Francis, professor of veterinary science at the A. & M. College of Texas, will begin the preparation of hog serum to combat the ravages of cholera in the swine of this state. Ohio recently appropriated \$25,000 for such serum, but there has been no special appropriation in Texas for it and the work here is to be done out of the Experiment Station funds. It has been demonstrated by experiments that have been made by the United States government that the blood serum from hogs that have recovered from cholera will render other hogs immune to the disease; it has also been demonstrated that pigs which have recovered are themselves in future immune. The purpose of Dr. Francis is to have sufficient of this serum on hand to meet any emergency and any demand. It will keep three years and wherever there is an outbreak of cholera, whether it is one hog or in many of them, upon request of the owners or the hog men of the community he will either go or send some man to inoculate all the swine, thus preventing a spread of the disease. Since it was determined to do this Dr. Francis has received word from farmers endorsing his plans in this regard.

Taft to Visit Texas.

Augusta, Ga.—President-elect Wm. H. Taft decided Tuesday to visit the State of Texas at some time convenient after his inauguration, preferably at the end of the special session of congress, which he is to call to revise the tariff. While his itinerary for the visit has not been arranged, he will make the city of Dallas one of the principal points of the trip. The cities and towns of the Lone Star State united in the request for his presence at any time he should choose to come.

Hanging From a Tree.

Roanoke, Va.—While en route with his wife and twelve children from Esthazy, Canada, to Petersburg, Va., where they expect to make their home, Charles Kreicar, an Italian, was found hanging from a tree, suspended by a heavy twine around his neck. The police believe that Kreicar, who displayed a large roll of money on the train between Cincinnati and Bluefield, W. Va., was robbed and murdered.

Hays Newspaper Changes.

San Marcos, Tex.—The San Marcos Leader has purchased the subscription list and good will of the Martindale Sentinel. Editor Harwell of the Sentinel will take charge of the Kyle News after Jan. 1, which paper he has recently purchased.

Creighton and Emerson Indicted.

Houston, Tex.—Clyde Creighton and William Emerson, charged with the killing of Daisy Clayton, have been indicted by the grand jury of Harris county. It is set forth in each indictment against Creighton and Emerson that he caused the death of the woman by the use of some blunt instrument, the character of which is unknown to the grand jury.

Butterworth Killed by Mule.

Fort Worth, Tex.—The body of Samuel Butterworth of Houston was found by the roadside Tuesday near Burleson on the banks of Deer Creek, about twelve miles south of Fort Worth. He had evidently been killed by one of his own mules. He was about 60 years of age. The sum of \$3,000 in currency was found on the body.

Pulverized Beer Bottle.

Floresville, Tex.—Refugio Jaureque, the Mexican who has been convicted here and given the death penalty, beat a beer bottle into powder, mixed a few matches with the glass and was intending to take it and shuffle off this mortal coil when another prisoner told the sheriff and the glass was taken from the prisoner.

Germantown, Tex.—The weather is clear, cool and north wind and the water and mud are drying up and the roads getting in good shape.

Temple's Lid Glued on.

Temple, Tex.—Local officers paid particular attention Sunday to seeing that the lid was fastened down firmly and securely in Temple, and it was.

Normal Institute Closed.

San Marcos, Tex.—The Southeast Texas Normal closed Tuesday for the holidays and every outgoing train during the day has been alive with students homeward.

NEED NORMALS FOR TEACHERS.

LEGISLATURE IS EXPECTED TO DO SOMETHING IN THAT LINE.

State Requires 4,000 Teachers Now and Turns Out 1,300 to 1,500 a Year.

Austin, Tex.—The legislature will doubtless be asked for an appropriation sufficient to create and maintain another State normal school.

The State of Texas requires about 4,000 teachers annually to meet the vacancies created by teachers who marry, leave the state or enter other vocations that afford greater compensation. The normal schools located at Huntsville, Denton and San Marcos, together with the other institutions that equip certified teachers, provide about 1,300 or 1,500 teachers annually. This makes it necessary to draw from the high schools and from other states the requisite 2,500 or 3,000 instructors to meet the demands of the schools of the State. Another normal institution would tend to relieve this condition. Teachers must be trained in practical instruction, and it is working an injustice on the pupils of the State and retarding educational development to have to rely upon the graduates of high schools and other states to fill the schools with instructors. The indorsement given to the late constitutional amendment has been taken to indicate an awakened interest in school affairs in Texas, and it is believed that the legislature will be responsive largely to this spirit. In such event the creation of another normal school will be probable.

MORE VOTES THAN EVER.

State Officials Take It as a Healthy Sign of Interest in Affairs.

Austin, Tex.—The fact that in the last general election there were more votes cast than have been cast at any one election since the establishment of the poll tax requirement is taken to be a sign of the general prosperity and improvement of conditions in the State. Nearly 100,000 more votes were cast in 1908 than in 1906. This shows that the State is now in a better condition than before, for when the people take interest in their own public affairs they are sure to be improving. This change has been greeted by the state officials with enthusiasm, for they take it that Texas is coming out of her lethargy.

Gompers Gets a Year in Jail.

Washington.—Twelve months in jail for Samuel Gompers, president; nine months for John Mitchell, vice president, and six months for Frank Morrison, secretary, all of the American Federation of Labor, was the sentence imposed by Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia Wednesday for contempt of court in violating an order previously issued enjoining them from placing on the "unfair" or "we don't patronize" list the Buck Stove and Range Company of St. Louis, Mo.

Cuero Cabbage Car No. 1.

Cuero, Tex.—Our truckers shipped out a car of fine cabbage Tuesday, which is bringing highly satisfactory prices. The cabbage crop here from season, cultivation and fertilization is simply magnificent this season, and there seems to be no trouble about marketing our liberal acreage at fine figures, the product being sold right here on the track by the local agents of the truckers.

Homeseekers at Westfield.

Westfield, Tex.—During the past two weeks quite a number of homeseekers from the North have been here. Several have bought homes and will stay, and they report that many more will come as soon as they can sell their homes in the North and buy here.

Missouri Ousted Standard Oil Co.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Declaring that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, the Republic Oil Company of Ohio and the Waters Pierce Oil Company of Missouri had conspired and combined to monopolize the oil business in the state, the Supreme Court of Missouri Wednesday issued a decree ousting oil three from the Commonwealth and fining them \$50,000 each.

Sale of 120,000 Acres.

San Antonio, Tex.—The ownership of the Milton Toole land in Presidio county, a tract of 120,000 acres, has been sold by J. D. Cameron of Kansas City to a syndicate of Oklahoma men. The land will be cut up and put on the market for colonization purposes.

Large Potato Crop in Prospect.

Westfield, Tex.—From indications a very large crop of Irish potatoes will be planted for next spring's crop. Some cotton is being held, and all such cotton is in strong hands, that can wait until the price is better, even though it takes a few years.

THE EUCALIPTUS TREE.

THE EXPERIMENT BIDS FAIR TO PROVE SUCCESSFUL.

ARE TO PLANT 10,000 ACRES.

Trees Imported From California Making Rapid Growth—Valuable Acquisition to Coast Country.

Port Arthur, Tex.—The experiment of John W. Gates, if successful, will prove a great blessing to the Texas coast country. Mr. Gates planted several hundred eucalyptus trees last winter, little plants taken from two-inch pots, brought from California. They have made wonderful growth during the year. Many of them are now ten feet high. The eucalyptus is valuable as a fuel and for fence posts, railroad ties and many other purposes. The growth is rapid and for wood the cutting begins four years after planting. In San Francisco the wood is cut into small blocks and sold at 50 cents per sack. Its lasting and heating properties are almost equal to hard coal. It reproduces itself from the stump and the second growth is much more rapid, having the roots to force it. In the parks at San Francisco when the trees are in bloom people suffering from colds or lung troubles sit for hours and breathe the aroma from the blooms, which is very pungent, and after a time becomes offensive, but is certainly efficacious in all throat and lung troubles. A cough medicine is made from the distillation of the bark and honey made from the bloom, which is very bitter and the bees delight in working the flowers, but ruin the honey for table purposes.

There are thirty varieties of the eucalyptus. The Santa Fe railroad is planting 10,000 acres this winter for ties and telegraph poles. The rapidity of the growth and its value for timber and fuel make this a great acquisition in any section where it will thrive and in the great stretch of open prairie along the Texas gulf coast, if it proves a success, will solve the fuel problem and also be a most valuable asset as a timber.

CLOSING AT NEW BRAUNFELS.

Saloons Closed There for the First Time in Sixty-three Years.

New Braunfels, Tex.—"Liberty and freedom" were cremated in effigy, when the lid went on in New Braunfels Sunday.

The closing up of the town for the first time in sixty-three years was made the occasion of a novel but spectacular demonstration on the part of the populace. A funeral procession of more than 1000 persons formed on West San Antonio street, and preceded by a band of twenty-five pieces and a coffin containing figures formed to represent the twin principles of "Liberty and Freedom," proceeded through the principal streets of the city, ending at the music pavilion, where, with much pomp and ceremony the effigies were cremated.

The funeral march was a new composition entitled "The Baskin-McGregor Waltz," and is pronounced by music critics to be a gem in its way. In the parade were carried the two democratic banners presented to Comal county in 1858 and 1887 as the banner democratic county of the State.

On either side of the wagon containing the coffin was carried a banner flaunting the inscription, "We close of our own accord and not by force."

Wolf Scalp Bounty Law.

San Antonio, Tex.—Features prudent to embody in the wolf scalp bounty bill to be introduced at the coming session of the State legislature are being considered at a conference now being held here. B. L. Crouch of Corpus Christi is the moving spirit. The details of the bill will be suggested to State Senator Hudspeth of Sonora, who will introduce the measure. An appropriation of \$150,000 will be asked. The amount of bounty per scalp has not yet been determined upon.

Cameron Poultry Shipments.

Cameron, Tex.—The Cameron Produce Company has bought and shipped about 10,000 turkeys since October 1. It shipped three solid carloads of dressed turkeys, a total of 68,000 pounds.

Fire in Cotton Yard.

Mount Pleasant, Tex.—Saturday afternoon fire at the local cotton yard damaged about 75 bales of cotton. The loss is about \$1500, fully insured.

Victoria, Tex.—Holiday week the live stock shipments from over the Victoria division of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio during the past week light, as follows: J. B. Wells, four cars steers, Sample to Taylor; E. L. Carroll, one car hogs, El Campo to Victoria; Pauncey & Sturgis, two cars mixed, Simply to Algiers.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

T. R. ATMAR,
DENTIST,
CROCKETT, TEXAS.
Office over Bricker's Jewelry Store. Telephone No. 67.
Crown and Bridge Work a Specialty.

J. H. PAINTER,
LAW. ABSTRACTS.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

S. B. STOKES, M. D. J. S. WOOTTERS, M. D.
STOKES & WOOTTERS
PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.
Office in the rear of Murchison's Drugstore.

W. C. LIPSCOMB, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN and SURGEON
CROCKETT, TEXAS.
Office with Murchison & Beasley

WHITE'S
Cream Vermifuge
THE GUARANTEED
WORM
REMEDY
THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC.
BEWARE OF IMITATIONS.
THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY
Ballard-Snow Liniment Co.
ST. LOUIS, MO.
At Murchison & Beasley's



Our Sympathy

is always extended to those in distress, but we have no sympathy to waste on the man who borrows his neighbor's paper when he can have one of his own at a mere nominal expense. Your home paper stands for your interests and the interests of your home town. It deserves your moral and financial support. If you are not a member of our family of readers you should begin now by sending in your subscription.

Where Are Your Interests

Are they in this community?
Are they among the people with whom you associate?
Are they with the neighbors and friends with whom you do business?

If so you want to know what is happening in this community. You want to know the goings and comings of the people with whom you associate, the little news items of your neighbors and friends—now don't you?

That is what this paper gives you in every issue. It is printed for that purpose. It represents your interests and the interests of this town. Is your name on our subscription books? If not, you owe it to yourself to see that it is put there. To do so

Will Be To Your Interest

DIET AND HEALTH

By DR. J. T. ALLEN
Food Specialist

Author of "Eating for a Purpose," "The New Gospel of Health," etc.

WHITE BREAD, THE BROKEN STAFF

Wheat very closely resembles nuts in composition and digestive action. A large constituent of nuts is albumen. Corresponding to this we have in wheat, gluten, a form of albumen.

The fact that nuts contain almost 50 per cent. fat, while grains contain from one to seven per cent., is an objection to the displacing of nuts. This weakness of the grains has been met, intuitively, by adding butter fat to bread, though animal fat is not a perfect substitute for nut fat.

Starch, which forms about 60 per cent. of cereals, is nearly the same, chemically, as fat, the essential element of each being carbon, but its digestion is materially different. When changed to sugar by the action of the saliva and of the intestinal fluids, starch is easily assimilated and serves the same purpose as fat; it supplies heat and energy. But cereal starch, if it is a natural substitute for other forms of carbon—sugar, fat and honey, is extremely indigestible when incased, as it is in the ripe cereals, in cells that cannot be penetrated by the digestive liquids. Butter fat and nut fat are quickly reduced in the intestines to a soapy condition, and readily absorbed. Sugar is also easily taken up and used to supply heat and energy, but cereal starch must first be converted into sugar or glucose.

The infant cannot digest starch, and the weak intestinal digestion is always debilitated by it. The same is true of potato starch, unless baked or made floury by dropping in boiling water and boiling rapidly.

These facts I have proved by actual experiment, living for several days at a time on raw and again on cooked starch, besides testing them by artificial digestion in the laboratory. They have a very important bearing upon health, especially of children.

Wheat contains all the elements needed to support life and in due proportion. The starch converted into sugar by the action of the saliva and intestinal fluids, gives heat and energy, the gluten or nitrogenous part builds flesh, and the minerals found in the coarse brown outer layers furnish all the mineral elements needed to support the action of brain and nerve and for the finer processes of nutrition.

In the milling of superfine flour, however, some of these valuable minerals are thrown out. This reduces the nutritive value of the flour, but it also makes it much less valuable as a food, in another respect, as we shall see presently.

No question in diet, except the meat question, has been so vigorously debated as that of the relative values of white and brown or entire wheat bread. Some maintain that the fine white flour contains a larger per cent. of nutriment than the entire wheat flour, quoting the analysis of the government chemist to prove it. They also insist that the coarse outer shell of the wheat is extremely irritating to the delicate lining of the intestinal canal, one physician, who writes extensively on diet, going so far as to say that it is better to use the white bread and take a "judicious pill," occasionally.

In speaking of the chief defect of

milk as a food for adults, I called attention to its deficiency in iron, which gives that "sand" that is necessary to bring the moral qualities into play. Now the standard analyses show that the percentage of iron in whole wheat is more than double that in superfine white flour. Sulphur and chlorine, highly essential elements of the blood, are entirely eliminated from white flour, and only a trace of sodium is left—which cannot be naturally supplied in common salt.

The ordinary white flour contains less than half as much fat as whole wheat, and only one-fourth the mineral matter.

Of course the deficiency of mineral elements of nutrition in white bread can be made up by eating potatoes, green vegetables, beans, eggs and meat. Indeed, it is probable that the general use of this broken staff of life—white flour—is one of the causes of the abnormal craving for "variety." Variety is the only salvation of him who depends upon white bread for his staple nourishment.

But granting that variety is desirable—though for reasons already given in the article on "The Simple Diet," I think it is not—it does not then follow that the substitution of white bread for whole wheat is advisable.

The greatest enemy the physician has to fight in some severe digestive disorders is fermentation; and of all the elements that favor continuous destructive fermentation in the food tube the worst is wheat starch—not excepting the putrefying tendency of meat in the lower intestine. Anyone who has made flour paste knows how quickly it spoils and becomes a source of contamination.

The condition most necessary to the digestion of bread is that it be fully exposed to the action of the digestive fluids. White bread forms in pellets, especially when eaten fresh; the whole wheat is much more open to the circulation of those fluids; it cannot form dough pellets.

It is urged by those who favor white bread that tests show a larger percentage of waste in the excreta from whole wheat bread; in other words, the fine white bread is more completely assimilated. This is the truth, but not the whole truth.

The whole wheat flour contains everything that the fine white flour contains, and some very valuable elements not in the white flour.

It is true that the elements of food of which the largest percentages are needed in the daily ration are carbon and nitrogen, and that white bread contains these in larger percentage, because excluding some valuable elements of nutrition found in the whole wheat. But the exclusion of these elements breaks the staff of life. A man might have a perfect stomach, perfect lungs, perfect kidneys, with abundance of food, and yet his death within 60 days from starvation might be a necessary conclusion from a consideration of all the facts.

Prof. Magendie, a distinguished French physician, fed two dogs, apparently in equal health, one on white bread and the other on entire wheat bread, allowing both plenty of water and keeping the conditions otherwise as nearly equal as possible. The dog fed on fresh white bread was dead in about 30 days, while the other remained in his usual health.

The highest authority on health in the world, the British Medical Association, has declared itself in favor of the coarser breads made from the full grains. The London Lancet, the greatest medical journal in the world, recently expressed the opinion that the great increase in appendicitis in Britain is due to the increased use of fine white bread.

Appendicitis results from the putrefaction in the large intestine of masses of incompletely digested food. No one can doubt the tendency of white bread to mass and putrefy.

I have said that peanuts should not be roasted because albumen, of which the peanut largely consists, coagulates at 160 degrees, and is then assimilated with difficulty. The same applies to

wheat gluten. A large percentage of the gluten with the indigestible matter in whole wheat bread is excreted. Starch is one element of food that is improved by cooking; when thoroughly cooked it is more fully assimilated than any other food element, except sugar. It is natural to suppose, then, that a larger percentage of waste should be excreted from whole wheat than from white bread. But it does not follow that the white bread is better than the brown.

A certain amount of waste matter in the food is beneficial, stimulating naturally the action of the intestines. No one familiar with the physiology of digestion advocates pre-digested or highly concentrated foods.

Well cooked starch is more completely assimilated than any other cooked food, if there is a demand in the system for a supply of carbon at the time the food is taken, and no abnormal conditions exist to prevent its assimilation. Therefore, we should expect a more complete use of the cooked starch bread. A vigorous man on a long tramp would utilize practically all of half a pound of sugar daily, with other food, especially if he were below normal weight; but sugar is not a good staple diet; half a pound a day would soon cause serious trouble for a bookkeeper. Let a bookkeeper eat a pound a day of coarse bread and no serious trouble may follow for months or years; yet if he eat a pound a day of white bread, trouble will certainly follow in a short time, serious trouble, ultimately.

Of all the indirect causes of disease the most prolific is constipation; and there is no more general contributing cause of constipation than fine white bread.

"Fear God and keep your bowels open" was the whole gospel preached by a Quaker who believed in speaking the simple truth in a simple way. Perhaps he had taken his cue from another member of that society who said: "I shall pass this way but once, therefore, if there is any good thing I can do while I am in the way, let me not fail to do it." The young physician, full of strange notions about "pathogenic bacteria" and "indications of the opsonic index," may forget in his inquiry into the causes of our common ailments to ask whether we are living according to the gospel of the old Quaker; but our good old family doctor, who learns and forgets most of the brilliant theories of the profession, never forgets to ascertain the condition of elimination. Many of our able thinkers in the healing profession say there is but one cause of disease—the retention of waste matter in the system.

Our grandmothers knew of several kinds of physic, some of them not very agreeable, but there was one that was intended to serve as a cure-all in all cases in which it was not deemed necessary to send for the doctor; it was called by way of pre-eminence, "a physic." Now there are people who seem to think that God made everything that might possibly be eaten without causing severe distress to be used for food, and for hundreds of years doctors have been "proving" specific remedies good for real and imaginary ills. I am glad to have this opportunity to say to a large number of our American people that I am satisfied that Nature did make one good physic which man has learned to improve (?) by making it into coarse bread; but I shall deal with the curative values of foods in forthcoming chapters on "The Diet Cure."

The Struggle for Liberty.

What you call liberty, I call liberties; and what I call the struggle for liberty is nothing but the constant, living assimilation of the idea of freedom. He who possesses liberty otherwise than as a thing to be striven for, possesses it dead and soulless; for the idea of liberty has undoubtedly this characteristic, that it develops steadily during its assimilation. So that a man who stops in the midst of the struggle and says, "Now I have it!" thereby shows that he has lost it.—Henrik Ibsen.

Laws in Direct Conflict.

The club women of Chicago are puzzled over the question of a lawful costume for working women. They point out that only a little while ago a woman in Chicago was arrested and fined for wearing trousers while earning an honest living as a hod carrier. Now they are informed that there has been a ruling in the post office department holding that women employed as mail carriers must wear trousers. There is a movement on foot to send a delegation to Washington for the purpose of consulting President Roosevelt on the subject.

Minerals in South Russia.

South Russia has among its valuable minerals rock salt, coal, coprolites, kaolin, sands for glass making and other purposes, manganese and iron ores, the latter being especially first in importance, free from phosphorus and with little sulphur.

THE WEEK'S EPITOME

A RESUME OF THE MOST IMPORTANT NEWS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

A Carefully Digested and Condensed Compilation of Current News Domestic and Foreign.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

Many of the senators left Washington Thursday to spend the holidays at their homes, as congress will adjourn Saturday until January 4.

In his annual report made to the Secretary of the Interior, Monday, Governor Curry of New Mexico makes a strong appeal for statehood for his territory.

The Postal Savings Bank bill was before the Senate Thursday for over an hour, Senator Burkett of Nebraska making a comprehensive argument in favor of its passage.

Something of a flurry was caused in diplomatic circles in Washington Thursday over the report which generally obtained that Venezuela had declared war against Holland.

Instructions were sent by the State department to American Minister Furniss at Port au Prince to accord recognition to the new government of Haiti, headed by Gen. Simon.

Albert Perkins of Tennessee, it is understood, will soon resign as an agent of the Department of Commerce and Labor to promote the demands of cotton seed oil and its products in Europe.

William H. Taft, President-elect of the United States, Friday announced the appointment of United States Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania as Secretary of State in his cabinet.

The Senate Wednesday agreed to postpone until after the holidays any action in the Brownsville, Texas, affair, regarding the re-enlistment of negro soldiers who were discharged by the President in 1906.

A decrease in the area devoted in India to cotton culture is shown by the fact that there are 17,333,000 acres under cotton, as compared with 17,710,000 acres one year ago and 19,732,000 acres the year before that.

Secretary Garfield submitted to Congress Wednesday the draft of a proposed bill to enable him to remove the restrictions on the allotments of all Indians, other than members of the Five Tribes, living in what was formerly Indian Territory.

The Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn from entry by the President's order all the public lands in the important petroleum and natural gas field in Northwestern Louisiana, known as the Caddo oil field, and embracing 6500 acres.

The report that congress is considering the final establishment of the line between Texas and New Mexico in the near future is exciting considerable interest. The town of Farwell is just across the line from New Mexico and a very slight change may either throw Farwell into New Mexico or Texas into Texas.

Diplomatic Washington, notably the representation of Latin-America, is watching with deep concern the outcome of the differences between the Argentine Republic and Brazil, whose relations, strained because of the jealousy over naval armament, are aggravated by the alleged interception by the Argentine authorities of an important dispatch sent by Brazil to its legation in Santiago.

There is a well defined movement on foot having for its purpose the creation of an additional civil court for Dallas county and the next legislature will be asked to create one.

Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, accompanied by a party of friends and several staff writers on Mr. Pulitzer's yacht, the Liberty, is on his way to Panama to investigate the conditions prevailing in the canal zone.

It is feared that the anti-foreign movement at Canton, China, originally caused by the death of a coolie on the steamer Falshan, who is alleged to have been brutally murdered by a Portuguese watchman on the vessel, will culminate in an outbreak against all foreigners.

United States officers Friday discovered and destroyed two of the largest illicit distilleries ever found in Alabama. They were in the northwestern part of Madison county, within a few yards of the Tennessee line.

E. P. Ripley of Chicago president of the Santa Fe road has given out the statement that it is the avowed policy of the Santa Fe not to build any more lines in Oklahoma until the constitution of that State is modified so as not to require the organization of different corporations for each road built.

The Argentine legation in London has been instructed to ask for bids for two Dreadnoughts and six destroyers.

The will of the late George L. Hume of Austin was filed for probate. The estate of the decedent amounts to about \$50,000.

The sidewalk building has taken a new start in Brownwood and many contracts are now being let for cement walks.

Members of the Dallas Builders' Exchange are contemplating the erection of a Builders' Exchange building during the coming year.

At Martingburg, W. Va., Wednesday, four persons were killed by the collapse of a pier and span of a new bridge across the Potomac.

Renfro B. Creager was named Thursday to succeed John W. Vann, relieved of duties as collector of the customs at Brownsville.

An earthquake shock Sunday threw the populace of Puyotre Dame, France, into a panic, but did not materially damage anything.

A fire of accidental origin destroyed the plant of the Producers' Turpentine company at Elizabeth, La., Friday night. The loss was about \$5000.

The branch wholesale grocery house in Greenville of the Waples-Platter Grocery Company caught fire and was destroyed Sunday morning. Loss about \$33,000.

The Bank of Venezuela has cabled its agents in Paris and Berlin to cancel the unlimited letter of credit given to President Castro when he left Venezuela for Europe.

Elmer Hill, charged with the murder of Mamie Womack at Monticello, Ky., was dragged from the jail and carried four miles to Greasy Creek, and there hanged to a tree.

Jay E. Rice of the Milwaukee Farm Realty Company has bought a 5000-acre tract of Gulf Coast land near Seabree, Texas, to colonize Wisconsin and North Dakota farmers.

As a result of a shooting at Burke, a small town eight miles from Lufkin, Saturday, Mrs. Joseph Ferguson and her daughter, Bertha, who is 17 years of age, are both seriously wounded.

Seventeen soldiers of the Eighteenth Infantry, stationed at Camp Keithley, Mindano, P. I., are still ill as the result of drinking poisonous alcohol that killed ten of their comrades on December 15.

Gov. Hoch Tuesday appointed a commission to join with a commission from Oklahoma to investigate the Kansas penitentiary and the charges of inhuman treatment, poor food and unsanitary surroundings.

The Panama Canal will be opened January 1, 1915, according to an official communication received Tuesday by the California reception committee from Joseph Buckner Bishop, secretary of the commission.

In a statement issued by the National Association of New York for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis after an investigation of the needs of destitute consumptives in the United States, it is declared there are only 15,000 beds for 600,000 patients, or 400 consumptives for every bed.

The faculty of the A. & M. College of Texas is now arranging for the summer school that is to be held at College Station from June 15 to 30, 1909. Courses are to be arranged for farmers, for teachers and for students, and it is believed that it will be such an attractive proposition that many of each class will take advantage of it.

In order to give them an opportunity to study irrigation, truck, fruit and general farming in that section, E. J. Kyle, professor of horticulture of the A. & M. College of Texas, will take a number of students from the agricultural department of the college to Brownsville during January at the joint executive meeting of the Texas State Horticultural Society and the Texas Nurserymen's Association and the Texas Nut Growers' Association. It is expected there will be a large attendance at this meeting.

A statement issued Friday by the National Ginners' Association estimates the amount of cotton ginned to December 18 at 11,872 bales.

The Wichita theater, the new \$50,000 play house, opened Monday night in Wichita Falls.

It will mean a saving of \$500,000 a year to the cotton growers of the South if the duty on camels' hair press cloth is reduced to about 4c a pound, according to J. W. Allison of Ennis, who appeared before the Ways and Means Committee in Washington Friday in behalf of the Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

Francis Philip Fleming, governor of Florida from 1888 to 1893, died at his residence in Jacksonville. Ex-Governor Fleming was a native of Florida and served in the Confederate army during the Civil War with distinction.

Each of the grand domains of the Knights of Pythias in the United States and there are about fourteen of them in all, is to consider at the grand lodge meetings early in the year the matter of founding a rythian Home for the care of those members of the order afflicted with tubercular trouble.

PLAY CROQUET IN BARE FEET

Fad Spreading in England Among All Classes.

The fashion of playing croquet in bare feet has shown signs of spreading. In country houses and suburban villas alike has been seen in a corner of the croquet lawn a row of deserted shoes and stockings, while their owners' feet serenely thread the maze of hoops.

It is whispered that a duchess has succumbed to it and during the last week end at one of the best known, most hospitable seats in Surrey the croquet party comprised a leading society beauty, a prominent literary woman, the commander of one of his majesty's destroyers and a city merchant prince, all fashionably attired in nature's own footgear.

Unlike most fashion, barefoot croquet is not at all uncomfortable. After the game the players invariably agree that they have never before played either so comfortably or so well.

The unshod foot takes a splendid grip on the turf, far better than india rubber or leather can, and as a consequence the poise of the body is much assisted and the aim much improved. The fact that the sole of the foot coming in contact with mother earth also seems to be distinctly soothing to the nerves.—London Mail.

Strenuous Methods of Healing.

Papuan medicine men are regarded with great respect by the natives. Those I have met certainly seemed energetic and hard working. They sit close to the patient, massaging the seat of pain with much vigor, and, while they are thus rubbing, make a noise with their lips rather like that which a groom makes when rubbing down a horse. The process is a tiring one, and the medicine man stops at intervals to drink hot water in which taro has been boiled. His object is to extract some mysterious foreign substance from the sick man's body, and if he succeeds in this he receives a

fee, otherwise he gets nothing. "No cure, no pay," is apparently the Papuan sufferer's motto.—The Wide World Magazine.

LUCKY STARS IN THE AMUSEMENT WORLD

ARE SHOWERED WITH GIFTS AND HONORS

Many Owe Their Present High Prices to America---Tommy Burns' \$30,000 and American Pugilists in Paris---Who Does the Least to Get the Most?

REJANE had quit her theater in time to see Sam MacVea knock out Ben Taylor at the Paris Hippodrome.

"What does he get for that?" she asked, as the Herculean American negro struck an attitude of insolent and utter triumph beside his prostrated adversary, while 9,000 Parisians, paying from \$10 to \$1, except in the highest gallery, cheered themselves hoarse.

"What! \$3,000 to do nothing, to risk nothing, suffer nothing?" Rejane exclaimed, scandalized. "That man gave him no fight, no hurt; when he got tired of showing off, he feigned him

Mail," at the height of his success touched \$1,200 per year, and Frederick Lemaitre, who has his marble statue in the streets of Paris and who went on "European tours, never received over \$40 per night.

"That's all very well," said Rejane, "but who does the least to get the most to-day? I stick up for that awful slugger. He's so heavy that no one can hurt him. I am told he has an uppercut, a hook and a short-arm jab, born in the man, that can't be learned. Next month he'll get \$3,000 again to show his graces and knock a man senseless."

So the Parisian question rose—Who does the least to get the most? Rejane and most Parisians know nothing of the \$30,000 of our Tommy Burns in Australia, "win, lose or draw," but to earn it against dangerous Jack Johnson risked the very reputation that

sings, and he sings 80 times a year. But, really, his easiest money is \$5,000 yearly, just for singing 20 short songs into a phonograph. He does it in five mornings, when he feels good—say about \$1,000 per hour!

Money Easily Earned.

Challapine, the great Russian dramatic tenor, gets \$2,000 per night in Paris, Berlin and Vienna, the sole difference being that such nights are few and far between. So Patti, who has had \$5,000 for a single night in the United States, received \$3,000 once for singing three short songs in Paris at the Eden concert—say, \$200 per minute!

Patti's minute! It remains the high-water mark, but it dated after she had become independent in America, her Paris price for a whole evening at the Italian opera having been regularly \$600—and glad to get it! At this epoch in Paris Nilsson was getting \$240 per night; Mme. Carvalho, the star of the Opera Comique, \$200; Capoul, the legendary tenor of the Grand Opera, \$120, and Faure, the famous creator of Gounod's Mephistopheles, \$400.

It must not be forgotten, however, that such settled Paris engagements carried valuable perquisites. When Faure sold his paintings, for example, they produced a fortune, and all had been given to him by admiring artists! Coquelin's house to-day is a museum of precious objects mostly gratis—"Half their charm," says Coquelin.

They say Melba mourns the coming day when her great voice must go. Her life has been a fairy tale of gold and honors, and her last engagement was \$16,000 for ten representations. Yet few can hope to hold the splendid voice as Patti held hers; it goes crack! and suddenly the world-famed operatic star goes out, not pales down! Who remembers Capoul? Recently he was glad to get the position of stage manager at the Paris Grand Opera.

Actors Have Advantage.

Yet the "golden voice" of Sarah Bernhardt draws to-day as ever—she, a long-experienced grandmother! Here is where the actors have their splendid advantage. Life, for them, goes on "all Christmas" quite indefinitely. Sarah Bernhardt is as lucky, happy, feted and fete-giving at this hour as when she first discovered America with Grau, the impresario.

That first American trip of Sarah's lasted four months and put \$120,000 into her pockets. Grau gave her \$1,000 per evening and paid all her expenses, to a special railroad car; but it pained the great artiste to see a simple impresario making money; and thenceforth she organized her own foreign tours. Once she took Coquelin with her to play "L'Aiglon" at \$600 per representation. At the Gaité and when he played "Cyrano" in Paris, his pay was only \$300 per night.

They say that her own pathetic voice so affects Sarah that the tears come naturally, when wanted. In "Camille" she sheds 20—which is \$50 per tear. Coquelin counts speeches that bring down the house; he calls them "words." In "Cyrano" there are 20 such—\$30 per "word!"

And the tragedian, Mounet-Sully; who had \$600 per night in America, \$450 in London and Vienna, and draws \$400 in Paris, where he is a high stockholder in the Theater Francais, counts by roars. In "Oedipe Roi" he roars 20 times—\$30 per roar!

Have Retained Power Long.

After Sarah, the two luckiest actresses in Paris are Jeanne Granier and Rejane. Both grandmothers (born respectively in 1852 and 1857), both continue playing the grande amour, love, passion, stars, flowers, little birds, to the delight of everyone who sees them. In her American tour organized by the Vicomte de Braga, Rejane had \$400 per night—and, accidentally the honor of initiating vast reforms and a financial crisis! For it was the story of her dancing on a table after a dinner given by the vice-president of an insurance company—that brought about the insurance investigations; but her grandchildren in Paris never knew it.

To arrive at her present happy position as proprietor of her own Paris theater, Rejane first married her manager, then divorced him. During the struggle with Porel for possession of her liberty and the Vaudeville, she played a rival engagement at the Varieties that actually ate up all the receipts, but that was a detail; her chief solace was to tell the public nightly in lines altered for the purpose the

woes of a lovely star whose husband-manager desired part profits!

Jeanne Granier, on the other hand, declares that business details would spoil all her pleasure. If anyone wants to take her on tour her price is \$300 per representation. In Paris she takes \$160 per night—with a minimum guarantee of 100 representations. Above all, however, she is a perfect example of a queen of opera bouffe, wise in her generation. Who remembers that Jeanne Granier created "Girofle-Girofla" in 1874? Hortense Schneider was still singing; could she have dreamed that her young rival, after scarcely repeating her successes in the "Petit Duc" and "Mam'zelle Gavroche," could have the strength of mind to switch off to high comedy before the fleeting voice forsook her? Jeanne Granier's triumphs in high comedy proclaim her one of the luckiest artistes of the age.

Fortunate Paderewski.

I once heard Paderewski's manager, while playing poker at the Hotel Powers in Paris, proclaim his own principal as the most lucky or the happiest man. "He has but to keep up his technique, and he enjoys it. He is the typical one-man entertainer; requires no support; needs no advertising or accessories; has no expenses to eat into profits; and there is nothing to prevent Paderewski from drawing his \$2,000 per night as long as he wants to play. You see? He has no contract to make with any manager. He just sells tickets!"

Kubelik, the violinist, who receives \$600 every time he plays, depends upon an orchestra and takes his money from an impresario who shares the risks and profits. Apart from this, the one-man entertainer certainly has his luck simplified for him. Even the champion pugilist must have a pug provided for him to knock out; but think of Fragon, who just sits and sings at the piano for \$4,000 per month!

These music hall stars, surely, do very little to attain much. Yvette Guilbert, who can still get \$160 per night at the Scala in Paris, receives \$360 for singing a few songs in London, Berlin and New York. Mayol, the comic tenor, draws \$60 per quarter of an hour in Paris and \$3,600 per month on tour in French cities. Louise Balthy, grotesque comic lady, earns \$3,200 per month; Germaine Gallois, the beauty escaped from comic opera, \$3,000, and Mealy, another like her, \$2,000—all for short turns in the halls. They are the world's favorites. They show themselves a little quarter of an hour each night—and all the year is Christmas for them!

"Little Tich" Envied.

They have but one lurking danger—loss of popularity; because if the solitary entertainer profits tremendously by the independence of his position, he risks greatly by lack of support. Once I heard a great tragedian of London mourning that he was not Little Tich! "Little Tich is really independent, happy, yes, for life," he said. "The frightful little dwarf discovered that shoes half his body's length permitted him to make a comic bow that the world could not tire of! That comic bow could bring Little Tich \$100 per night in London, Paris, New York—anywhere! He has a cinch for life!"

Who does the least to get the most? Probably Little Tich. If not, then Paderewski. The great tenor and soprano voices go. The champion pugilist will some day find his master—and fall, plump, into obscurity. The comics of both theater and music hall, depending on vivacity and magnetism, lose drawing power with age. The queen of opera bouffe sees her charms fade. But there remain the grandmothers of the Paris stage who own their theaters. Sarah Bernhardt and Rejane have their popularity assured them by the forces that hold all Parisian society together.

Rejane was petty, therefore, to be jealous even for a moment of the placid American Hercules who had nearly punched a hole through Ben Taylor. When he shall have vanished from the ring Rejane will still be playing passion, love, flowers, stars and little birds in her own Paris theater.—Sterling Hellig in the Washington Star.

Evening Thought.

Best of all is it to preserve everything in a pure, still heart, and let there be for every pulse a thinksgiving and for every breath a song. The worship most acceptable to God comes from a thankful and a cheerful heart.—Plutarch.

EVENLY MATCHED.



Magistrate (to witness)—And where were you when this assault occurred?
Witness—Just across the street, your honor.
Magistrate—Then why didn't you go to the plaintiff's assistance when you saw him attacked?
Witness—Faix, I wasn't sure then that he wouldn't be the defendant, your honor.

INTOLERABLE ITCHING.

Fearful Eczema All Over Baby's Face—Professional Treatment Failed.

A Perfect Cure by Cuticura.

"When my little girl was six months old I noticed small red spots on her right cheek. They grew so large that I sent for the doctor but, instead of helping the eruption, his ointment seemed to make it worse. Then I went to a second doctor who said it was eczema. He also gave me an ointment which did not help either. The disease spread all over the face and the eyes began to swell. The itching grew intolerable and it was a terrible sight to see. I consulted doctors for months but they were unable to cure the baby. I paid out from \$20 to \$30 without relief. One evening I began to use the Cuticura Remedies. The next morning the baby's face was all white instead of red. I continued until the eczema entirely disappeared. Mrs. P. E. Gumbin, Sheldon, Ia., July 13, '08."

Potter Drug & Chem. Corp., Sole Props., Boston.

The Land of England.

Twelve thousand seven hundred and ninety-one persons own four-fifths of the soil of England, their aggregate property, exclusive of that within the metropolitan boundaries, being 40,180, 775 acres. In point of fact, the number of owners of four-fifths of the English land is nearer 5,000 than 12,000. Of these 500 are noblemen, and four or five of these swallow up the rest.—New York American.

Not "Just as Good"—It's the Best.

One box of Hunt's Cure is unqualifiedly, unqualifiedly, and absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of Skin Disease. It is particularly active in promptly relieving and permanently curing all forms of itchy skin.

Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, and all similar troubles are relieved by one application; cured by one box.

Deflected Glory.

"Say, what do you think!" cried De Ripper.
"Give us the answer," said young Van Dippy.
"I've just found out," cried De Ripper, "that I wear the same sized shoes as the chap who kicked out a victory for Harvard, don't you know!"

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. C. Little* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

A Perfect Gentleman.

Codling—Why did you speak to that howlid tramp, dear boy?
Softy—Why shouldn't I, old chappie? He isn't in twade, and he doesn't work faw a living.—Penny Pictorial.

For Headache Try Hicks' Capudine.

Whether from Colds, Heat, Stomach or Nervous troubles, the aches are speedily relieved by Capudine. It's Liquid—pleasant to take—Effects immediately. 10, 25 and 50c at Drug Stores.

We would willingly have others perfect, and yet we amend not our own faults.—Thomas a Kempis.

PILES CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS.

PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 50c.

For what the mind wishes, that it also believes.—Heliodoros.

THE PRICE OF A MINUTE.



One Thousand Francs a Minute is What Patti Received for Singing Three Melodies That Lasted Five Minutes. Mme. Melba, for Singing Ten Times, Received 80,000 Francs. For One Rendition Chalapine Demands 10,000 Francs. Mme. Rejane and Mme. Granier, 2,000 Francs.

like an ox? Do you know, that American is better paid than we?"

"Don't criticise," said Sardou, later—it was a short time before his death. "You are all spoiled favorites of fortune at this moment." Then he told her this tale of the gayest and most beautiful young actress of the second empire—Hortense Schneider: The Rejane of her day had quit the Palais Royal in a quarrel at rehearsal. She was packing her trunks for Bordeaux when Offenbach came, offering her the title role of "La Belle Helene," just completed for the Varieties.

Seated on her trunk, Hortense heard with delight the airs that were to transform her to a veritable queen of opera-bouffe; but her mind was made up, and she fled Paris.

Demand Now Seems Modest.

At Bordeaux she got a telegram from Offenbach: "Name your own terms." And, almost as a joke, she wired an answer that Sardou kept among the financial curiosities of his theatrical collection: "As it's Christmas, I expect a present; I won't budge for less than \$400 per month."

"Poor thing! It's Christmas every day now!" laughed Rejane, as Sardou went on telling how the famous actors of his younger days earned in a year what Coquelin has received for two nights in America. Paulin Menier, the immortal Choppart of "The Lyons

made life "Christmas the year round" for him.

Earnings of Star Pugilists.

Were star pugilists to really risk their reputation frequently they would fall into the category of Mephisto, the first man to "loop the loop." He received \$5,400 per month and became a great personage in all the capitals of Europe for risking to break his neck every night!

No, the \$4,000 that Burns picked up easily for knocking out Bill Squires last Grand Prix night was really better money, and it opened Tommy's eyes to Paris possibilities. But here's the comic hitch: The Paris heavyweight job is held down already by a dangerous negro. Paris, waking up to pugilism wonderfully, has golden places open for an absolutely first-class middleweight and any lightweight who can whip Kid Davis. Jimmy Britt, who gets \$3,500 in London for a fairly easy knockout like that of Johnny Summers, can make and hold a splendid Paris place with little risk. MacVea's Paris price for doing nothing is \$3,000, and as he is collecting it six or eight times a year, perhaps Rejane is not so wrong about him.

Because Caruso, look you, is at the mercy of the first sore throat or simple catarrh. The keeping of that delicate voice in order is a veritable drawback to a life "all-Christmas." Caruso gets \$2,500 every time he



DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES

FOR RHEUMATISM BRIGHT'S DISEASE DIABETES BACKACHE

375 "Guaranteed"

PISO'S CURE

CURES WHERE ALL ELSE FAILS

Best Cough Syrup - Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.

Personal Items.

Billy Barbee from San Antonio took Christmas at home.

Lee Simpson was here from Center for the holidays.

Walter Newman of Augusta was here Christmas week.

Miss Lee Arrington of Smithville spent the holidays here.

Harry Castleberg spent the holidays with his family here.

Miss Willie Belle Neal of Elkhart is visiting Miss Cozy Ellis.

Misses Otis McConnell and Yola Kennedy are visiting at Lovelady.

Willie Wilson was at home from Galveston for the holiday season.

Donald Moore of Beaumont took Christmas with his parents in this city.

J. C. Lansford and family of Waco were visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Douglass of San Antonio visited relatives here last week.

Sonley LeMay was at home from the A. & M. college Christmas week.

Miss Dora Leaverton of Grapeland is being entertained by Miss Oryx Moore.

D. O. Kiessing returned Sunday night from a visit to relatives in South Texas.

Tom Aiken visited relatives and friends in Henderson and Dallas Christmas week.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Cater of Austin visited their parents in this city Christmas week.

Mrs. Jack Smith and children visited the family of Walker King at Palestine last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Hayes of Neches were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clinton last week.

Miss Hallie Aldrich, a student of the Texas State University, was at home for the holiday season.

Steve Beasley, wife and son of Austin visited Mr. Beasley's parents in this city Christmas week.

Bunk Barbee, Jr., left Sunday night for Philadelphia. He will travel for a drug firm of that city.

Crockett talent produced a play at Lovelady Monday night to a satisfactory and satisfied audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Baker and children of Rogers were with relatives here during the holidays.

Tucker Baker and family of Kennard were visiting relatives and friends here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Craddock of Chickasha, Okla., were guests of relatives here during the past week.

Porter Newman of Houston was in Crockett this week, returning from a visit to the old home at Augusta.

Miss Pauline Lawrence of Lovelady is being entertained by Miss Albertine Wilson and Miss Nannie Breitling.

Miss Jessie Hill of Lovelady was with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hill, during the holiday vacation.

Dr. Ed Glover, a student of the Texas Medical University at Galveston, was with his parents here Christmas week.

Dr. and Mrs. P. R. Denman of Lufkin took Christmas dinner with Mrs. Denman's mother and family in this city.

Misses Vina Smith and Dell High, students of the State Normal at Huntsville, were at home for the holiday vacation.

Ernest LeMay, a student at the State Medical University at Galveston, took Christmas with the old folks at home.

Roy Deupree and family of Dodge spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Deupree's father, Mr. Chas. Stokes.

Misses Viola Valentine and Albertine Wilson, teaching at Waverly, were at home with their parents for the holidays.

Miss Elizabeth Kalb, attending school at Austin, was at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Kalb, for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Conley of Beaumont were guests of Mrs. Conley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. May, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Smith of Nacogdoches arrived Monday evening to be the guests of relatives and friends for the remainder of the week.

Will and Jim Lipscomb, students of the Southwestern University, spent their holiday vacation at home with Dr. and Mrs. Lipscomb.

Mrs. W. R. Jordan, Mrs. Will Wall and Mr. Walton Wall, all of Lake Charles, were with Judge and Mrs. W. B. Wall during the Christmas festivities.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wootters arrived Friday and spent the week at the home of Mr. Wootters' mother here. They are making their home at Lufkin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lundy attended the marriage of Mrs. Lundy's sister, Miss Annie Louis Leffler, to Mr. Herman Rich at Lovelady Monday evening.

Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Moore from Houston and LeRoy Moore from the Southwestern University were at home with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Moore, for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Porter of Torreon, Mexico, spent the holidays with relatives and friends in this city. While Mr. Porter has returned to Mexico, Mrs. Porter will remain for an extended visit.

Negro Killed Near Weldon.

Sheriff Lacy was called to Lovelady Monday on account of the killing of a negro, Sam Elliott, by Joe Robertson, a white farmer. The negro was killed on Robertson's farm near Weldon, ten or twelve miles from Lovelady. An investigation was held by the county attorney, the sheriff and the justice of the peace, and Robertson's bond placed at \$1000, which he readily gave.

For Eczema, Tetter and Salt Rheum.

The intense itching characteristic of these ailments is almost instantly allayed by Chamberlain's Salve. Many severe cases have been cured by it. For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

A Happy New Year

TO MY FRIENDS
AND CUSTOMERS

J. A. BRICKER

THE JEWELER.

Local News.

Swell line of belts at John Millar's.

A nice assortment of lap robes at Lundy Brothers'.

Gentlemen's kid gloves at John Millar's.

Souvenir post cards—local views—at Sweet's Drug Store.

Everything in men's underwear at John Millar's.

Chas. Long was among those remembering the Courier last week.

Nice suits for boys, with Knickerbocker pants, at Moore & Smith's.

Have your clothes cleaned and pressed by us for Christmas. Shupak Tailoring Co.

Sam Platt has accepted a position with F. H. Hill and moved back to town.

Your overcoat needs a new collar. Let us put it on for you. Shupak Tailoring Co.

The swellest line of silk mufflers and ties that are to be seen in Texas are now on display at John Millar's.

Lone Star Orchard peaches far exceed those canned in California or anywhere else. Ask your grocer for them.

County Clerk Allbright issued thirty marriage licenses for the week beginning December 21 and ending with the 28th.

See our line of ladies' cloaks before it's too late, as they are selling fast at our reduced prices. Big Store.

20, 24 and 36 line covered buttons at 20, 25 and 30 cents per dozen, made by Mrs. Hayne Mainer, Lovelady, Texas. tf.

G. W. Harrison of Kennard and T. J. Crofford, two of the Courier's good and appreciated friends, were in to see us last Wednesday.

Don't buy California peaches when you can get Crockett peaches. Ask your grocer for the peaches put up by the Lone Star Orchard Co.

See our goods and get our prices before buying a buggy or harness. You will see our stock contains the latest styles in vehicles and harness and our prices can't be beaten. Call and see our stock whether you buy or not. Lundy Brothers.

For Sale at a Bargain.

Six mules and one horse, mowing machine, disc plow, disc harrows, disc cultivators, section harrow, Acme harrow, turning and shovel plows and other farming tools. Apply to Aldrich & Crook. tf.

The Courier urges upon the voters of Houston county the importance of paying all taxes before the first of February, the date when the 10 per cent penalty tax is added. The penalty tax is not only added to the poll tax, but the voter loses his right to vote.

How One Doctor Successfully Treats Pneumonia.

"In treating pneumonia," says Dr. W. J. Smith, of Sanders, Ala., "the only remedy I use for the lungs is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. While, of course, I would treat other symptoms with other medicines, I have used this remedy many times in my medical practice and have yet failed to find a case where it has not controlled the trouble. I have used it myself, as has also my wife for coughs and colds repeatedly, and I most willingly and cheerfully recommend it as superior to any other cough remedy to my knowledge." For sale by Murchison & Beasley.

Foley's Orino Laxative cures chronic constipation and stimulates the liver. Orino regulates the bowels so they will act naturally and you do not have to take purgatives continuously. McLean's Drug Store.

Money to Loan.

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

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office North Side Public Square,
Crockett, Texas

New shapes in collars at John Millar's.

New line of neckwear at John Millar's.

Boys' Knickerbockers—something nice—at Moore & Smith's.

H. E. Moffitt and F. H. Bayne were visitors at the Courier office last Tuesday.

Beautiful hand-painted cup and saucer free with each bucket of coffee at Moore & Smith's.

T. C. Lively of Augusta and R. S. Willis were visitors at the Courier office Monday.

Let us do it, we know how. Cleaning and pressing a specialty. Shupak Tailoring Co.

Give us your cleaning and pressing. We will send for it. John Millar.

Lundy Brothers' stock of saddlery and harness is complete in every detail and their prices are the lowest.

For Rent.

A good six-room house in the Bruner addition in Crockett. Apply to S. F. Tenney. tf.

Ask your grocer if he handles the Lone Star Orchard Co's peaches. If he does not, ask him to get them, for they are the best.

H. B. Gentry of Grapeland, R. T. Murchison of Latexo and J. T. Simmons of Porter Springs were callers at the Courier office Thursday.

Holeproof hosiery, guaranteed to wear six months without darning. If they don't we agree to replace every pair free of charge. Big Store.

For Rent.

Land for making crop under any system desired. Help will be extended to renters if needed. For full information apply to W. B. Page. 3t.

\$65 per month straight salary and expenses, to men with rig, to introduce our Poultry Remedies. We furnish bank references. Don't answer unless you mean business. Eureka Poultry Food Mfg. Co., East St. Louis, Ill.

The Christmas festivities have been marked with numerous pleasures, more than the Courier has been able to keep up with. However, the Courier has been favored with write-ups of two of a number of receptions, both of which will appear in its next issue. We refer to the elegant affairs given by Mrs. F. G. Edmiston and Mrs. Berta Wootters. The Courier has been taking half-holiday this week and for that reason its mention of social functions is not as complete as the editor would like for them to be.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder trouble that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well. McLean's Drug Store.

A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures. McLean's Drug Store.

Christmas Marriages.

The Courier has learned of the following Christmas marriages occurring in Houston during the past ten days, and hastens to extend congratulations to all of the happy parties:

Herman C. Rich and Miss Annie Louis Leffler.

R. E. Hale and Miss Kate Thompson.

John Thompson and Miss Maud Blue.

Jeff Rains and Miss Lora Terry.

Harvey Smith and Miss Robbie Vaught.

M. C. English and Miss Adye Hallmark.

N. A. Gant and Miss Leila Taylor.

Carl Gainey and Miss Ethel Stowe.

R. H. Gallant and Miss Ruba Howard.

A Token of Appreciation.

As a token of their appreciation of his efforts in building up the streets and roads of this city, some of the citizens presented Mr. C. C. Warfield with a Christmas present that he is now wearing next to his heart. However, this does not preclude a place in his affections for a cherished remembrance of those who have been so thoughtful of his services. Mr. Warfield, as city alderman and street commissioner, has devoted much of his time without pay to superintending the grading and gravelling of the city's thoroughfares, not only doing this gratis but donating his pay as alderman to the street fund. As a result Crockett has about five miles of the best driveway of any town of its class in the state. The citizenship of Crockett is appreciative and at Christmas time they presented Mr. Warfield with a beautifully engraved gold watch that is "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." A suitable inscription is on the inside and covering the outside of the case are the initials, handsomely engraved in monogram, "C. C. W."

Notice of County Depository.

The Commissioners' Court of Houston county, Texas, in special session Dec. 18th, 1908, ordered notice to be given that sealed proposals will be received from any banking corporation, or individual banker, for the depository of the county funds, and the rate of interest agreed to pay on the daily balances to the credit of said county with such depository for a term of two years from Feb. 8th, 1909.

The said bid to be accompanied by a certified check for two hundred dollars as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder.

All bids are to be in the hands of the County Judge by 10 o'clock a. m. on the said 8th day of Feb. 1908.

E. Winfree, County Judge,
Houston County, Texas.

Mrs. McRaney's Experience

Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what it did for me." McLean's Drug Store.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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

The "Game of Business."

So ingrained is the love of sport—of playing the game—that most business men who really amount to much incorporate, in their management of things, certain elements of contest and struggle.

To "beat last year's record" is the hope of every hustling business man—to accomplish more—to build up, to win—to push the enterprise further along toward the goal than ever before—are the motives which impel men to struggle, to scheme, to use up reserves of energy, of money, of ideas.

During the year to come some business houses in this city are going to establish new records, new high-water marks, in volume of business done, and in net profits. Others are going to fall behind the records of 1908.

No merchant is going to do more business in 1909 than he did in 1908 unless he does more and better advertising. That's not guess-work; it's not nonsense. It's merely one of "the rules of the game" of business—and you can't win at any game unless you play according to the rules.

Cost of Advertising.

The unwise merchant often wonders how some rival "can" afford to spend so much money for advertising. He is sure that he could not—that it would bankrupt him in short order to "plunge" into publicity on the same scale that the other fellow does.

The "other fellow" is not worrying about the cost of his advertising for the simple reason that he doesn't have to pay for it. The competitor who cannot "afford" to advertise really, in effect, pays the bills of the man who can "afford" it.

He pays them in the loss of business caused by his failure to

advertise. The business he ought to have—his "share" of the trade in his line—goes, in large part, to the competitor who seeks it, who can afford to advertise for it. The profit on the trade drawn away from the timid advertiser by the aggressive one pay the latter's advertising bills—and leave a comfortable surplus.

This is a fact which progressive merchants are proving all the time—so it ought to have some personal significance to the over-cautious business men who are waiting to get rich before "risking" adequate advertising campaign.—Fort Worth Telegram.

Expresses His Appreciation.

Dec. 26th, 1908.

Mr. Editor:—I am under many obligations to the citizen friends of mine in the city of Crockett for a beautiful Christmas present of a watch and chain made me by them as I understand as an acknowledgment of my services as a member of the street committee, and if you will allow me space I wish to thank them for it. I feel that it was my duty as chairman of that committee to give the work on the streets my personal attention and the benefit of such knowledge as I might possess without reward, but it pleases me more than I can here express to feel that my efforts have been appreciated and approved to such an extent that the citizens wished to express it in so substantial a manner. I sincerely hope we may be able to accomplish much more and feel greatly encouraged in that the citizens of Crockett endorse "Good Roads." Yours truly, C. C. Warfield.

Grapeland Marriage.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 21.

Married, at the residence of Mr. J. F. Martin in Grapeland, Texas, Mr. G. W. Maize of Walker county to Mrs. Cora E. Williams of Grapeland, Rev. A. L. Carnes officiating. Mr. G. W. Maize was formerly a citizen of Reeves county, but has recently moved to Walker county, where they will make their future home. Mrs. Cora Williams is a daughter of Mr. J. F. Martin of Grapeland. She was raised in Houston county and is well known at Crockett as well as other parts of the county, having taught school in a number of neighborhoods, and has friends in all parts of the county.

MOORE & SMITH
Cushion Sole
Shoes

In Both Work and Dress Styles.

Shoes for
Gentlemen
In all styles
From \$4.00
Down.



This beautiful ladies' shoe for only \$3.50

Big
Reduction
In all
Lines.

A Happy
New Year

A Happy
New Year

MOORE & SMITH
Moore & Smith

Special Notice.

In obedience to the proclamation of the Governor of the State of Texas, the county commissioners—city council, all the health authorities therein, are urged and admonished to take precautionary measures to prevent the out-break and spreading of any and all contagious and infectious diseases such as small-pox, typhoid fever, scarlet

fever, cerebro spinal fever, diptheria, trachoma and all pestilential diseases within their jurisdiction. The physicians of Houston county are earnestly requested to observe the above order and report promptly the occurrence of any such diseases to Dr. S. T. Beasley, County Health Officer, at Crockett, Texas. E. Winfree, Co. Judge, 4t. Houston County, Texas.

THROW OUT THE LINE

Give Them Help and Many Crockett People Will be Happier.

"Throw Out the Life Line"—The kidneys need help. They're overworked—can't get the poison filtered out of the blood. They're getting worse every minute.

Will you help them? Doan's Kidney Pills have brought thousands of kidney sufferers back from the verge of despair. Will cure any form of kidney trouble.

Mrs. G. S. Rose, living at 807 Mallard St., Palestine, Tex., says: "For several years I had kidney complaint and was treated by physicians without finding relief. My back and left side pained me a great deal and kidney secretions were rather unnatural in appearance. Doan's Kidney Pills have given me great relief and I take pleasure in recommending them to other persons suffering a similar manner."

Plenty more proof like this from Crockett people. Call at I. W. Sweet's drug store and ask what customers report.

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

Guilty of Counterfeiting.

Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate cough and heals the lungs. McLean's Drug Store.

Hoarse coughs and stuffy colds that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar, as it soothes inflamed membranes, heals the lungs, and expels the cold from the system. McLean's Drug Store.



The Courier Wishes You a Happy New Year.

Happy is the man who is a success at several things--
Lucky is the man who is a success at one thing.

---Selected.