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IN MEMORIAM.

Wilson Ewing Hail.

In the death of Wilson Ewing Hail one more of those rare, fearless and peerless spirits that helped in the foundation work of Texas' growth, Texas' prosperity and civilization has passed away. Of those choice souls who, following the westward course of the Star of Empire, cast their destiny and lot among the early settlers of Eastern Texas, who devoted their time and their energies and consecrated their every wish and aspiration to the development and the greatness of Texas, precious few, and the more precious because there are so few, are left to be honored—to be revered as sacred links between a grateful, glorious present and that past which tested and proved the stuff of which men were made. When we glance rapidly over the past and reflect over the stirring, thrilling events which in the forties, the fifties and the sixties claimed and occupied the attention of the men in Eastern Texas in those days, when we look at the theatre of action and study the character and the deeds of the actors in those events and reverently consider how deeply grateful the present and future generations should be to the men who wrought all these things for us and for those to come after us, a profoundly sad feeling follows such reflections and we mourn and grieve to think that of those men who blazed and prepared the way, who laid down the substructure of the splendid empire which has been reared here so few, almost none are left. While the illustrious and imperishable fruits of their labors will endure with us, let us hope, for all eternity, they, having fought the fight and wrought the work ordained for them, have quit the scene one by one. Empire-building as we read of it in the pages of history, for heroic self-sacrifice, for splendid deeds of valor, for rugged statecraft, for tireless labors in the field, for rude yet powerful eloquence in the forum and for all those virile elements that enter into the make-up of a true type of manhood furnish no parallel in men and measures, in glorious deeds and doers to those in that formative period in Texas history which prefigured the birth of an empire. There were those who were more prominent in the public eye, who achieved greater distinction in the council-chamber, whose names were oftener seen in the current publications of the day than was the name of Wilson Ewing Hail. But there were none in the field or forum, in legislative hall or precinct assembly, around the camp-fire or in the civil walks of life, who breathed and cherished a sincerer devotion and a deeper loyalty to all that stood for the upbuilding and development of Texas along lines which called for lofty ideals, who contributed of their means, of their time and of their energies more cheerfully and generously to all propositions which made for the greatness and the glory of Texas than the subject of this sketch. Seventy years of a long, useful and active life, crowded with events of dramatic interest, were spent in Texas and during that entire period there was never a day, after years of sober reflection had been reached, when love for the state of his adoption ever waned or devotion to its welfare, its people, its customs, its institutions and even its name ever flagged. Like all old Texans who came in an early day and cast their fortunes with those of other pioneers he felt a kind of parental solicitude and pride in all things which affected the good name and the good standing of the state and swift came the hot words of resentment from him against any one who cast slur or slight on the state's good name.

In sketching thus briefly the long useful life of the deceased the writer has yielded to the impulse to speak of its relation to that period of the state's history. It deserved mention and notice as he and other pioneers deserve the enduring gratitude of all who have come on since to enjoy the blessings which the services of these old Texans have provided and guaranteed.

The writer can add but little to what has already been well and appropriately said of the subject of this sketch in the civil walks of a good citizen. As a shining exemplar his life stands forth to be read of all. In the manifold relations of life wherein civic worth and virtue challenge admiration and emulation, it challenges comparison. His were the promptings of a high standard of citizenship, yielding a cheerful obedience to all laws and exacting the same from others. A broad, open-hearted charity was a characteristic of his nature. Of a deeply religious nature no one was more zealous or consistent in his duties to his church or faithful to the obligations which church membership imposed. In his dealings with his fellow man he strove to live up to the golden rule. As father and husband his life was one of idolatrous devotion, exemplifying that tender, solicitous care and thoughtfulness which a true husband and father never fails to exemplify. A good citizen, a good man, an ardent churchman, an earnest patriot, a doting husband and father, an old Texan gone—as we trust, to an eternal reward.

FRIEND.

The peach crop this year, owing to the heavy frost which caught the blossoms just as they were swelling and opening, says the Scientific American, will be very light in the eastern part of the United States, but it will be not less than it was before the landing of Columbus, for the peach is an Asiatic product, the Yang-tse-kiang country being the home of this fruit. The Chinese have always been familiar with the peach from earliest records. In the Celestial kingdom the peach blossom is used in ceremonials, something after the manner of the orange blossom among ourselves. The Department of Agriculture has had an agent in that section of China studying the early history and evolution of this fruit.

On the first indication of kidney trouble, stop it by taking Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Boll Weevil Meeting.

Mr. Moore, representing the Central Boll Weevil Committee of Texas, spoke to about 250 farmers and merchants at the court house Saturday on the boll weevil and how to destroy them. The lecture was well received and nearly all promised to work along the lines suggested. He said that the people in every community of the county should organize farmers' institutes and select delegates to meet about once a month to discuss diversification, boll weevil and all matters of interest to the farmers, and promised that if they would organize, literature of interest to farmers would be sent them from time to time and without cost by the central committee. He also stated that any boy or girl between the ages of 14 and 20 years who would send in their names to J. H. Connell, secretary of the executive committee, that seed of different kinds would be sent them free and that they could enter the contest for the prizes paid by the committee for the different varieties planted. Also information would be sent them in regard to the farmers' congress of boys and girls which will convene next month and all who attend will be entertained free and instructed in many things of interest. He also distributed literature showing how to combat the weevil and urged the people to organize and fight the weevil along the lines suggested; that is, to pick and destroy the weevil and squares and constant ploughing of the cotton regardless of whether the weather was wet or dry. A farmers' institute was then organized with the following signers:

J. V. Collins, G. M. Calhoun, Chas. Robinson, J. W. Arledge, J. T. Simmons, J. R. Monk, E. E. Barlow, Jno. Turner, C. E. Robbins, Edmond Hill, F. M. Satterwhite, J. M. Satterwhite, W. D. Collins, G. C. Ellisor, Tom Calhoun, F. H. Bayne, Will Denny, F. M. Allen, Tom Self, A. H. Wootters, E. H. Simmons, E. F. Hollingsworth, Jess Duren, J. L. West, O. F. Hallmark, A. B. Hallmark, C. C. Stokes, T. H. Matlock, F. G. Edmiston, Jr., Frank Craddock, J. L. Reynolds.

All boys and girls who desire to join the farmers' congress and to contest for the prizes offered should send in their names at once to Mr. J. H. Connell when valuable literature, seed, etc., will be sent them free of cost.

The following extract is taken from an article published in Sunday's Houston Post which was written by J. H. Connell, secretary of the boll weevil executive committee:

Cotton planters and tenants should bear in mind the two facts that the spring season this year is late, and that the crop of weevil is correspondingly late. There is, this late in the season, little opportunity during ordinary years to protect the crop by picking up squares and hand gathering weevils. But this year June is the most effective time for this work, because the winter crop of weevil is at least three weeks late in depositing their first eggs. Every one killed now will prevent a thousand from damaging the cotton crop in July and August.

No one practice or method will defeat the weevil. This has been shown conclusively by hundreds of the most practical men in the weevil district. The several steps recommended by this committee are simple, but they are effective in protecting the cotton crop against the pest.

Rather than take systematic steps to protect the present cotton crop, we know that hundreds of farmers are sitting idly down waiting for some expert to kill the weevil for them. In the meantime the cotton plants on thousands of acres are losing every square and many sections the yield will not average a bale to ten acres.

City Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett, that the ordinance for the taking up and impounding hogs as passed June 10th, 1901, in said city of Crockett be so amended as to hereafter read as follows:

That it shall be unlawful for any hogs to run at large within the present corporate limits of the said city of Crockett or on any street or alley within aforesaid limits. The city marshal or any policeman of said city or any other person duly authorized by the city council shall impound any hogs running at large within said limits and detain same until all fees are paid, which fees shall be fifty cents per head for each hog as impounding fee to go to the officer so impounding same, and the further sum of ten cents per day for each hog so impounded for the keep and feed of same; and if any hogs so impounded are not taken out by the owner within five days after being so impounded, the said officer impounding same shall proceed to sell such hog or hogs to the highest bidder for cash after giving ten days notice in writing after the expiration of said five days, by advertising the time and place of such sale by posting notices up at three public places within the limits of said city, one of which shall be at the court house door in said city, and such notice shall contain the description of the hogs so advertised for sale.

It shall be the duty of the officer so selling said hogs to pay over to the owner of same, if the owner can be found, the balance of the proceeds of such sale, if any, after first deducting said fees, and if the owner cannot be found the balance of said sum so realized, if any, shall be paid over to the city treasurer to be placed in the general fund and may be paid out on the order of the city council at any time within thirty days to such owner on his making satisfactory proof of his ownership.

It is hereby provided that the owner of such hogs may redeem same at any time before such sale by satisfactory proof of ownership and paying said fees. It shall also be the duty of such officer to so post such hog or hogs for the first five days as a notice to the public that the hogs of such description are in the the pound.

CHAS. LONG, Secty. S. T. BEASLEY, Mayor.

Chronic bronchial troubles and summer coughs can be quickly relieved and cured by Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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

COMPOSITION.

"How Crockett May be Made a Cleaner, Prettier Town."

There are always many ways in which we can beautify a town or city. No matter what her present beauty may be, there is still room for greater improvement; and as to enhancing the beauty of Crrckett with her natural stately trees, it could be made a very attractive town.

If the citizens would take the proper interest in improving their own property and keep their premises clear of trash then the city authorities would do their part which would consist in straightening and widening the streets and paving the principal side walks and laying the town off in blocks. Then perhaps the city's thought would turn to artesian well, a good system of waterworks and sewerage that the town might be kept in a healthy condition. With an abundance of pure water; then, a hook and ladder company should be organized to secure the safety of the place against fire.

A society of ladies has been formed to beautify the sidewalks by planting flowers and transplanting the trees in rows, but in order to have this we must first have the stock law enforced that the ladies' efforts may not be in vain.

Every town should have one if not more parks, but much depends on the amount of water secured. If artesian wells cannot be had the citizens, regardless of expense, should have an artificial lake which would not only supply all the needed water but would add greatly to the pleasure of the people. Then if rightly managed, a natatorium could be had and gradually the town would be advertised by visitors and soon grow to be of great prominence.

The citizens would naturally like, when seeing the improvements and advancement of the town, to take a greater interest in their homes, building handsome ones, or improving the old ones.

At very little expense to any one Crockett could be made a very pretty place, and the improvement has already begun and we can all help some if we try.

ARTHUISA DEAN, 9th Grade.

A TEXAS WONDER.

Hall's Great Discovery.

One bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emisions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of $1. One small bottle is two months treatment and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists. Smith & French Drug Co., Crockett.

CROCKETT, TEX., Jan. 30, 1903.
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Dear Sir:—I have used your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, for Kidney and Bladder trouble with good result and I cheerfully recommend it.
Yours truly, F. P. PARKER.

Foley's Honey and Tar *for children, safe, sure. No opiates.*

The Big Store's Pre-Inventory Price Reductions . . . . .

. . . On July 1st we begin our semi-annual inventory, and as the time is drawing near we want to reduce our stock in short order. To induce you to help in this work, we are putting some very attractive prices on everything in the store. The following list will give you an idea of how things are being reduced:

Table No. 1

1 lot of Lawns, various designs and colors, were 7½c and 8½c, now.....5c

Table No. 2

1 lot of Lawns and Batistes, all colors, were 8½c and 10c, now.....7½c

Table No. 3

1 lot of Lawns and Dimities, all colors, were 10, 15 and 20c, now.....9c

Table No. 4

1 lot of Dimities, Swiss Plumetis, Lawns, etc., were 20c and 25c, now.....12½c

Table No. 5

1 lot Embroidered Swiss and Lace Stripe Lawns, were 30c, 35c and 40c, now.....15c

Table No. 6

44-inch Embroidered Swiss Plumetis, in 6 yard patterns, were $3.25, now.....$2.00

Shirts

1 lot Men's Negligee Shirts, attached or detached collars, were 50c, now.....25c

Linen Pants

1 lot Boys' Short Pants, 3 to 10 years, were 25c, now.....10c

Suspenders

1 lot Suspenders, all sorts and kinds, were 25c to 50c, now.....20c

Hats

Job lot Men's Wool Hats, all colors and sizes, were $1.00 to $1.50, now.....50c

Shoes

1 lot Children's Shoes, sizes 3 to 8, various styles, were 35c, now.....15c

Shoes

1 lot Misses' Shoes, sizes, 8 to 12, button or lace, were $1.00 to $1.50, now.....75c

Everything in Millinery Department Will be Sold at Cost.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Store closes at 6:30 every evening except Saturday, when it is open until 9.



Miss Ida M. Snyder,
Treasurer of the Brooklyn East End Art Club.

"If women would pay more attention to their health we would have more happy wives, mothers and daughters, and if they would observe results they would find that the doctors' prescriptions do not perform the many cures they are given credit for.

"In consulting with my druggist he advised McElree's Wine of Cardui and Thedford's Black-Draught, and so I took it and have every reason to thank him for a new life opened up to me with restored health, and it only took three months to cure me."

Wine of Cardui is a regulator of the menstrual functions and is a most astonishing tonic for women. It cures scanty, suppressed, too frequent, irregular and painful menstruation, falling of the womb, whites and flooding. It is helpful when approaching womanhood, during pregnancy, after childbirth and in change of life. It frequently brings a dear baby to homes that have been barren for years. All druggists have $1.00 bottles of Wine of Cardui.

WINE OF CARDUI

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Young People's Society Christian Endeavor, Denver, July 9-13.

Mr. John R. Reeves, Chairman of the Transportation Committee for Texas, announces that the I. & G. N. and The Denver Road (Ft. W. & D. C.) has been unanimously declared the "Official Route" from Texas to the Denver Convention, and all arrangements have been made for the entire Texas Delegation to concentrate in Fort Worth on the morning of July 7, and leave there on the Ft. Worth & Denver train at 9:45 a. m., arriving Denver the afternoon of July 8.

Low excursion rates will be in effect from all points on the I. & G. N. to Denver and return, and we operate a Through Sleeper daily from Galveston, Houston, Waco and intermediate points to Denver, via Fort Worth and The Denver Road, and Through Sleepers and Chair Cars daily from San Antonio Austin, Taylor and intermediate points to Fort Worth.

Remember the Official Y. P. S. C. E. train will leave Fort Worth morning of July 7th, and to join this train, parties from San Antonio, Austin, Galveston and Houston should take trains on the evening of July 6, via I. & G. N.

Agents will give complete information and arrange Sleeper Reservations. D. J. PRICE,
G. P. & T. A., I. & G. N. R. R.,
Palestine, Texas.

Denison Herald: North Texas has gone into the hog industry very much in recent years, and now that there are big packeries in the State, and the markets are so much nearer home, that is good reason why it should produce many more hogs.

While the advent of the new packeries in North Texas has contributed largely to the hog production industry, there are yet other things which have done much toward directing the attention of the farmers to the profit in the business. These other things can be grouped under the word "diversification." Among the things that came about by diversification was the cultivation of sorghum and alfalfa. True, sorghum had been raised for hay for cattle and horses, but it was found that this plant grew rapidly, hence if planted in the early spring would be good feed by the middle of June. And it was further ascertained that there is nothing better for summer feed for hogs than sorghum, the saccharine matter contributing to flesh and growth to a marvelous degree. A man with a sorghum crop planted for hogs, that is, in rows so that the stalks will grow large and rapidly, can keep his swine from the early summer till the frost falls. Further, it was ascertained that Texas is peculiarly adapted to the growth of alfalfa, and that as a hog food nothing is better in its green state, and that the animals will eat it even after it has been reduced to hay. The peanut crop, the field pea crop, and other crops of that kind, which grow well even in drouthy times, all had the effect of attracting attention to the raising of hogs for market. And now that packeries are here, where the animals can be sold at any moment they are best for the market, the business of hog-raising has assumed very large proportions. It will only be a few years until Texas will lead in the number of hogs produced.—Galveston News.

THE BEST MEDIUMS.

Newspapers and Other Publications With Established Circulation.

The very best form of advertising, says a writer in the Newcastle Chronicle, is in the newspapers and popular publications of whose circulations there can be no doubt. Even if your handbill or circular is thrust into the letter box of the person whose attention you wish to secure the chances are that it is put straightway into the waste paper basket by the master of the house.

This may be its fate even if it is posted, but at least you can be sure that the missive will be opened and probably read. Anyhow it will reach its destination and not be mysteriously buried or hidden away with generations of lumber.

A business man recently having to clear out his premises for rebuilding purposes found in his cellars tons of printed matter for which he had paid large sums and on which probably his late manager had received commissions—secret commissions. Here were colored posters, illustrated pamphlets, attractive circulars and "inserts" for magazines by the million, some of them in great bundles that had never been unpacked, let alone circulated.

But the small advertiser who thinks when he has had half a million handbills printed and intrusted to deliverers he has done a great thing often finds his outlay unremunerative. He had much better make sure of the publication of his announcement by advertising in the newspapers.

Was Wasting Away.

The following letter from Robert R. Watts, of Salem, Mo., is instructive. "I have been troubled with kidney disease for the last five years. I lost flesh and never felt well and doctored with leading physicians and tried all remedies suggested without relief. Finally I tried Foley's Kidney Cure and less than two bottles completely cured me and I am now sound and well." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Warning.

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

LOOK OUT FOR MALARIA.

An epidemic of Malaria is sure to follow the wet season and the high waters which have prevailed all over the South. Malarial and kindred fevers will develope to an alarming extent. General health conditions will be bad; every precaution should be taken.

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A trial of fifty years has demonstrated that for this emergency, Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic has no equal. Iron is the fighting element in the blood, and the kind of iron supplied by Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic is just the kind the system requires to successfully combat malarial conditions. Don't wait until you are attacked. Take it now and fortify yourself; it is an absolute safeguard and, at the same time, it is the best tonic and invigorant for the entire system. On the other hand, quinine disturbs the system and its cumulative poison begets greater physical troubles than those it is employed to remedy.

Where a bad case of chronic Malaria already exists, take DR. HARTER'S FEVER and AGUE SPECIFIC. It is guaranteed to cure. Price 50 cents.

BUT IF YOU WILL

Take DR. HARTER'S IRON TONIC

You Won't Have Malaria. Price $1.

All dealers handle, or send to DR. HARTER MEDICINE CO., Dayton, Ohio.

DR. HARTER'S

Houston, Tex., Aug. 1, 1901.
"I have used Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic myself and in my family for over twenty-five years, and can heartily recommend it. I regard it as particularly valuable to ward off malarial and other fevers.
J. H. HAYES,
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During the summer kidney irregularities are often caused by excessive drinking or being overheated. Attend to the kidneys at once by using Foley' Kidney Cure. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Foley's Kidney Cure
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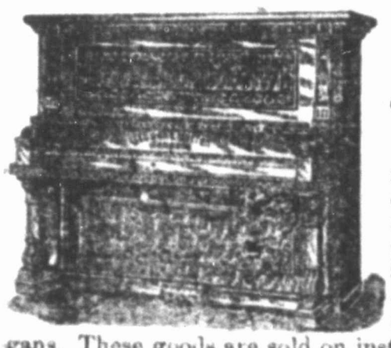
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are the most fatal of all diseases.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE Is a Guaranteed Remedy

or money refunded. Contains remedies recognized by eminent physicians as the *best* for Kidney and Bladder troubles.
PRICE 50c. and $1.00.
AT SMITH & FRENCH'S.

The total value of precious stones imported through New York in March reached $2,871,645. This is a great increase over any previous month's importations.

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PHYSICIAN and SURGEON
CROCKETT, TEXAS.
Office over Haring's Drug Store.

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

Tell a beggar to fill his basket and he will set up a howl because he didn't bring a larger one.

It is often as difficult for a poor man to find meat for his stomach as it is for a rich man to find a stomach for his meat.

LITTLE THOUGHTS.

Love quotes poetry while acting prose.

Contented labor digs the grave of worry.

Never get between a dog and his hobby.

A man may talk all day, and yet say nothing.

Prejudice roosts on a perch from which facts are barred.

Even an empty cupboard contains much food for thought.

It is both fashionable and safe to kick a man when he is down.

It is easy to acquire knowledge if you are not ashamed to confess your ignorance.

Did anyone ever hear of a girl having her picture taken with a frying pan in her hand?

It does not benefit a man much if he happens to be on the right road but headed the wrong way.

It is much easier to eliminate the history from fiction than it is to eliminate the fiction from history.

PENCIL POINTS.

Only the lawless cry out against the laws.

When a man snores he ought to be rapped in slumber.

Black seems to be the swell color for eyes this season.

It is mighty easy for some men to forget that they are honest.

Women jump at conclusions—particularly the conclusions of novels.

Texas

A Record of the Events of the Week that Are of Especial Interest to the People of Texas.

NEW BIRMINGHAM IRON FIELD.

Houston, Texas: Colonel L. M. Openheimer, chairman of the penitentiary board, was in the city yesterday evening on his way to Birmingham, Ala., where he has gone to make arrangements for the employment of an expert pipe maker to be placed in charge of the penitentiary works at Rusk. These works are to be put in the best of shape and run to their full capacity.

Colonel Openheimer was accompanied by Mr. John P. Marshall, an iron master, long in the employ of Andrew Carnegie Mr. Marshall has been to Cherokee county to investigate the ore, and report upon the possibilities of profitably manufacturing iron there. Having satisfied himself that Cherokee county iron is the best in the world, he has so informed his principals, and they decided to acquire the New Birmingham iron properties, which will soon be revived and enlarged and operated to their full capacity.

NACOGDOCHES COUNTY TOBACCO

Cutting of Crop Commenced—Colonel More on Hand with an Artist.

Nacogdoches, Texas: Mr. L. H. Shelfer, the government tobacco expert, commenced the harvest of port of his crop today. The five acres planted on Judge Berger's farm is the first that will receive attention. The tobacco barn furnished by the citizens is ready, and the whole crop will receive the first treatment in the barn. As soon as this piece is cut the land will be used for the second crop, which will be immediately transplanted. The yield will average about 1000 pounds to the acre, which will make it one of the best paying crops that can be planted.

Colonel S. F. B. Morse, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Pacific railroad, is in town today. Colonel Morse has an artist with him taking views of the tobacco fields close around town. He thinks that this enterprise, now in its infancy, will bring forth fruit for East Texas and will land her in the front rank of tobacco growing, unequalled by any part of the United States, and will be a strong competitor with the finest tobacco growing countries of the earth.

Clever Piece of Farming.

Kaufman, Texas: About the middle of last October Mr. T. B. Veach, living near town, desired to sow twenty-five acres in wheat on land which had too much cotton in it to plow up. He mounted his cultivator with a sack of wheat and plowed out his cotton, sowing the wheat in front of him as he plowed. He picked out his cotton this spring and says his wheat will make 25 bushels per acre. Some people laughed at Mr. Veach while he was sowing his wheat, but he is doing the laughing now.

Protracted Meeting at Lockhart.

Lockhart, Texas: The protracted meeting at the Christian church is progressing favorably. Eldedr J. J. Cramer has been seriously ill during the week and Evangelist McHatton has had all of the preaching to do, but he has been equal to the emergency, as evidenced by the increase of interest and attendance.

Vegetable Shipments.

Aransas Pass, Texas: Mr. M. R. Cook, the obligng agent for the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway at this place, furnished the following data as to approximate amount of vegetables shipped this season to date: Cabbage, 30,000 pounds; beans, 1000 boxes; peas, 500 boxes; okra, 300 boxes; egg plants, 200 boxes; squash, 800 boxes; cucumbers, 1000 boxes; pepper, 100 boxes; tomatoes, 3000 boxes; tomatoes, 4000 crates; cantaloupes, 50 boxes.

Cantaloupes are just beginning to come in. All growers advise that this has been the most favorable year, both in price and yield, ever known in this vicinity for tomatoes.

Texas Weather Service.

San Antonio, Texas: Beginning on July 1 the United States weather service will operate a system of daily river station reports, giving the daily status of height of the principal rivers in Texas and special reports and warnings in times of floods. The stations will be at Austin, Ballinger, Beaumont, Columbus, Dallas, Hempstead, Liberty, Orange, Riverside, Rockland and Logansport, La. The reports will be made daily throughout the year to Galveston, which will be the center of the river station service. The observers will receive compensation of $5 per month and 25 cents per observation extra whenever same are called for from the central office. This covers the Sabine, Trinity, Brazos and Colorado rivers.

Will Prevent Web Worms.

Bonham, Texas: Major Moore, a prosperous farmer, living ten miles northeast of here, claims to have discovered a scheme that will prevent the much dreaded web worm from destroying the cotton. When he planted his crop of cotton this year he mixed ashes with the seed in two rows. When the web worm began on the crop recently they never let up until they had totally destroyed the entire crop, with the exception of the two rows in which he used the ashes. These two rows were not touched by the worms and will make good cotton. The balance of his crop had to be replanted.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



"There she comes." Do you see her?

TO CHRISTEN A SHIP.

Three Ways the Girls Have of Smashing the Bottle.

Rear Admiral Bowles, chief constructor of the navy, who was an interested spectator at the recent launch of the armored cruiser Colorado at Philadelphia, has made some interesting comments on the general subject of the methods practiced in christening warships by breaking bottles of champagne on their prows. According to his experience there are three ways of handling the bottle on such occasions.

He describes one as the baseball method, in which the bottle is held like a bat and hurled against the side of the ship with a long, sweeping swing, with energy enough for a home run or a three-bagger at least. Another method is described as the tennis blow, in which the bottle is smashed against the prow with a full-arm serve. The admiral is quoted as saying that this method was used by the sponsor of the Colorado. The third method is described as the ping-pong style, and is a dainty little smash, sufficiently vicious, however, to shower the champagne on the hull, and sometimes on the fair operator also.

It is admitted that none of these methods is perfect and that failure is possible in each, through the nervousness or excitement of the operator, who, by a bad aim, or lack of sufficient force, may fail to break the bottle and in that way spoil the whole proceedings. A failure of that kind might be disastrous to a ship, at least from a sentimental viewpoint, and, as the sailors say, would "hoodoo" that particular vessel. In one case, the sponsor delayed the blow until the descending ship got beyond her reach; but she was equal to the occasion, and by a well-directed throw managed to smash the bottle broadside on.

To avoid the possibility of such accidents, Admiral Bowles suggests the use of a device attached to the ship in such a way that when the young lady releases the bottle it is bound to strike against the prow of the ship with sufficient force to release its contents, and thus give the ship its maiden bath before it reaches its native element.—Washington Star.

Got Back at the Preacher.

President Dabney of the University of Tennessee, when in New York told about the reply of a sinner to a clergyman of his acquaintance, who was a Calvinist with the most severe notions of future punishment. While this Calvinist was walking along the street of his native town he met a man whose tongue had been loosened by too liberal potentations. The fellow seemed to be greatly displeased with somebody, for in his stammering talk the minister heard over and over again the phrase, "Damn you." Going up to the man, he took him by the shoulder and said:

"My man, don't you know it's very wrong to use such profanity?"

"Don't talk to me, sir," responded the drunkard; "I'm damning only one man, and every Sunday you damn two-thirds of the human race."—New York Times.

An Armful of Joy.

I.
Care is a feather and grief is a bubble—
Armful o' joy in a world full o' trouble!
Bright, is if skies
Made the blue of his eyes,
With red lips that know not the meaning of sighs.

II.
He weeps not the future—he knows not the past,
Yet he knows there are loving arms holding him fast;
His pillow of rest
Is a mother's dear breast,
And that's the sweet pillow he's loving the best!

Blue skies and balmiest blossoms above him—
Roses for playmates, and lilies to love him!
Walk, little feet,
In life's roslest street,
Till with roses of heaven these earth roses meet!
—Frank L. Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

Embarrassing.

Dr. George Edward Reed, president of Dickinson college, tells a story of his preaching days which deals with the rather disastrous if humorous setback one of his flights of oratory received.

"One Sunday morning," says Dr. Reed, "I made some statements in my sermon which might be deemed extreme, and so I cautiously began to make certain qualifications. I said, 'Perhaps there are business men present who think I don't know what I'm talking about.'

"'Amen! That's so! Hallelujah!' cried out the dear old deaf brother sitting right under the pulpit."—New York Times.

Caught on the Rebound.

"Say, pa," queried small Bobby, "what is gossiping, anyway?"

"Gossiping, my son," replied the old man, "if we get right down to the plain, unvarnished facts, is lying. But why did you ask?"

"Because," replied the young investigator, "ma says you do a lot of gossiping every time your business keeps you late at the office."

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Some heartless people will say that the man who was killed by lightning while he was playing the fiddle invited the fate which overtook him. But perhaps he was not one of that kind.

The latest records give 187,353 miles as the length of submarine cable laid to date. The first cable was laid just fifty years ago.

The Columbia man looked crestfallen. "What's the matter?" asked the sympathetic girl. "I'm simply crushed, he replied" ,hopelessly. "I went to a college bazaar yesterday, and at the Columbia table they were selling aprons."

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JESSICA'S PAPA.



It was rather unreasonable of Jessica to find fault with her father and accuse him of a lack of cordiality toward her callers. Most of her girl friends consider the professor a model parent just by reason of the shy and retiring disposition which he showed on the frequent occasions of visits of Jessica's young man.

Jessica said: "Mr. Runsford felt quite hurt by the way you acted, papa. He thinks that you don't like him, and that he, isn't welcome when he comes."

"I'm very sorry," said the professor, penitently. "I'm sure I didn't mean to snub him. I like the young man very well, I'm sure, but I was afraid that I might be in the way."

"The idea!" said Jessica. "As if you couldn't talk well on any subject. But really, papa, when—when any of my callers are here you must try to be more cordial to them—and Mr. Runsford has a great admiration for you, papa."

"Well, I'll do my best, of course," said the professor. "As I say, I didn't mean to hurt his feelings."

It was not long before the professor had an opportunity to show that he meant well at least. It was rather late in the evening and he was sitting out on the front veranda awaiting his daughter's return from some little entertainment at a neighbor's house. He was suddenly aroused from a biologic reverie by the sound of voices and saw Jessica and some unknown young man standing at the garden gate.

"I'm sorry that I can't ask you in," she said, "but I'm afraid papa has gone to bed. He goes very early, you know, and I wouldn't like to disturb him

"You needn't be afraid of that," called the professor in loud, cheerful tones. "Come right in. It's Mr. Runsford, isn't it?"

"No, papa," replied Jessica; "it's Mr. Deakin. Won't you come in, Mr. Deakin?"

"I believe I will for a few minutes," said the youth.

He came and was welcomed by the professor with absolute effusion. The professor could, as his daughter had said, talk on any subject interestingly, and he exerted himself conversationally with great success.

It was perhaps an hour or two before Mr. Deakin left. As soon as he was well away Jessica turned to her father. She seemed annoyed about something. "Why did you encourage h'm to stay so, papa?" she demanded.

"I—I didn't mean particularly to have him stay—not so long, at least," replied the professor.

"He wouldn't have stayed if you hadn't been so awfully nice to him," said Jessica, resentfully. "You made him think you were enjoying him. I didn't think you were such a social hypocrite, papa."

"Why, dear me!" said the professor, "you do seem to be hard to please, Jessica. It was only yesterday that you felt badly because I didn't entertain your callers and——"

"That was Herbert," said Jessica, unguardedly.

The professor was silent for a moment. Then he said: "It was Herbert, was it? Oh, oh! I see. I see now—Herbert, who has an admiration for me. Yes, yes! That was Herbert."

"Papa," said Jessica, "I'll thank you not to make insinuations."

HIS LAWN MOWER



"I notice that you and Bayliss haven't seemed very friendly the last week or two," observed the Park Ridge man, holding up his newspaper and changing his feet on the seat before him.

"Well," said the man in the ulster, "it was like this, Bayliss, you know, lives next door to me, and we always managed to get along pretty well together. If he needed any of my garden tools—which he was always doing—all he had to do was to come and ask me and he got 'em. The lawn mower particularly. He didn't have one of his own and all last summer he used mine.

"Well, early last winter the women of the church got up a rummage sale. Bayliss is one of the main guys, you know, and he came around to me one morning and wanted me to hunt up a lot of plunder and, of course, I said I'd do it. My wife was away at the time and it was the girl's Thursday out, so as I didn't want to leave the house open I told Bayliss I'd dump what I could rake up outside on the back porch, where Ben Skiles, the expressman could call and get 'em. What do you think that consarned idiot of an expressman did?"

"I give it up," said the Park Ridge man.

"He carted off my lawn mower that was standing there on the porch with the trash from the garret. Wouldn't that jar you?

"I didn't attend the sales. But it came out afterward that that skate Bayliss bought the mower in for $5. I guess he thought he was getting a bargain, but I only paid $3.50 for it new. The pastor's wife met me a few days after and she laid it on thick about my generosity. I went to Bayliss and I told him it was a mistake of Skiles' and I thought he ought to give me the mower back. Think he'd do it? Not much! He had the nerve to tell me that I could have it for half what he gave at the sale. I got hot and I told him what I thought of him."

"Pretty tough," said the Park Ridge man, sympathetically.

NOT GUILTY.



"There are times," said a lawyer, "when, despite all the legal rules that surround it, one touch of nature makes the whole world kin—and then look out for a surprising verdict. I was on a jury myself once. A haggard, starved-looking woman was on trial for shoplifting. When she was brought into court her two little children ran to her in tears. 'Oh, mamma, mamma!' they cried and threw themselves upon her lap.

"There was on the jury an old Irishman, a shrewd-looking fellow, with hair of fiery hue. As a the trial dragged and droned along he seemed to be paying less attention to the evidence than to the prisoner's children, especially to one of them, a pretty little eight-year-old girl.

"When we retired there was a hurried attempt made to come to a verdict, anxious as we were to get home to our dinners. Guilty, of course, was the prevailing opinion. The old Irishman stood apart, gazing out of the window, until we asked him for his opinion. Then he turned and spoke with emphasis:

"Not guilty, of course! We have no fair evidence ag'in that unfortunate, parsecuted creature. The judge towld us that we were to be the judges of the credibility of the witnesses, and, shure, I wouldn't believe one of thim divils of flurewalkers undher oath, for they know they might lose their jobs if they didn't swear what was expected of them."

"So to our amazement and amusement he harangued us. Somehow a verdict was brought in that gave the defendant her liberty.

"'It's a quare thing, a very quare thing,' chuckled the old Irishman as we filed out of the courtroom, 'but I think it was lucky for that woman that that eight-year-old girl of hers is just the picture of my little granddaughter, Mary Ann.'"

Hermann Klein's July chapters of The Century's "Modern Musical Celebrities" will tell, among other interesting reminiscences, of Jean de Reszke's first appearance in Wagner opera. The production was "Die Meistersinger," given July 13, 1889, at Covent Garden, London; and Jean de Reszke sang Walther von Stolzing. Though the opera was sung in Italian, it was a gratifying success. Jean de Reszke's first appearance as a German singer in Wagnerian opera took place in New York City during the winter of 1895.

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When a man who has never been valued by any one of his acquaintances as anything more than a drone meets with an injury for which he thinks he may hold a corporation responsible, even to the extent of contributory negligence, he too often demands not merely the sum which would compensate him for the loss of time of a skilled workman due to his injuries and a reasonable sum as balm for his sufferings, but institutes suit for a sum of money beyond the wildest dream of avarice, under ordinary circumstances or contingencies. The jury, made up of supposedly honest and honorable citizens, sworn to render an impartial verdict, will in some such cases render a judgment in favor of the complainant for the full sum sued for, amounting to many thousands of dollars, simply because the defendant is a "soulless corporation" and is supposed to be able to stand the strain. In such a case the decision is not based upon calm and impartial judgment, but is perhaps warped by an unreasoning prejudice against the corporation and a false sentiment of sympathy with the complainant.

Let us have equity and fairness all around, without prejudice and without favor.—San Antonio Express.

Cleveland has about 100 millionaires. There are at least four men who are worth $10,000,000 or more—John D. Rockefeller, J. H. Wade, Samuel Mather and Charles Harkness.

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Ever and anon some worldly man who has had a night-sweat calls for the ink, and with pen in hand, writes again of the "old swimming hole."

To dream of boyhood's happy June and the "old swimming hole," is, to a man steeped in the strenuous dregs of business, like the fragrant odor of an inspiring flower in the chamber where illness exhales its feverish atmosphere. Men who, as a general thing, think more of Swift's reference to fish that should swim thrice—once in the sea, once in butter, and once in good claret—cannot get away from the memory of the "old swimming hole."

Any man who has had the double-lock knot tied in the tail of his shirt, while he splattered the water upon his grinning fellow youths, can never forget the earnest ardor which marked his shivering endeavor to untie that knot!

In after years hard problems may arise to puzzle a man, to demand the uttermost effort of his ingenuity and capability, but never, no, never, will he fight against greater odds than when he sought to untie that wet and clammy Gordian knot beside the draughty river's edge. Triumphs may come and go, man reach high estate in the struggle for supremacy, but nothing will ever confront him demanding greater energy, concentration or perseverance.

According to the most honored ethics of the "old swimming hole," the knot shall be tied in an able-bodied manner and as tight as any number of boys can clandestinely pull it. It is then thoroughly water-soaked and again used as the contending faction in a tug-of-war. The result is usually quite satisfying to all but one boy.

Indeed the "old swimming hole" is surrounded with many more ethical environments than the mere tying of a shirt-tail.

In most "holes" a boy must pick-up bottom, tread water, dive from the spring board, "stay in the longest," go in at least once a day, have a sun-burned back, a clam-shell cut, moss in the hair, sore eyes, shriveled skin, entire absence of fear, and a disposition to "duck" all weaker members of the school of boys.

In the epigrams of Martial is found this: "You see those fish before you, a beautiful example of the sculpture of Phidias; give them water, and they will swim."

It is only in late years that men show a disposition to be fish, but certain it is in their boyhood days, "give them water, and they will swim." The tortoise is not more in its element than lads in brooks with sandy, shelving shores. Dare upon dare, shout upon shout, feat upon feat, and now and then a wrangle, is born in mid-stream. Hearts are as light as the merest debris that flutters by on the dancing tide. What is there about life that takes the effervescence of happiness from the heart and causes man to look backward to his bathing days in the "old swimming hole" for inspiration and distraction? Do your thoughts ever ask that question, and do you never long with Mark Lemon thus:

"Oh, would I were a boy again,
When life seemed formed of sunny years,
And all the heart then knew of pain
Was wept away in transient tears!"

Or did the knot in the tail of your shirt prove too great for your adolescent powers and leave you only sad memories of boyhood days?

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June is a month of roses, of daffodils, of humming birds, of buzzing bees, glistening dewdrops and sweet girl graduates who hitch their wagons to the stars without so much as a lease of proprietorship or a chattel mortgage! It is a month of brides and rice, of glorious skies and fish stories. Brooks set up a cheerful roundelay and groves rustle in pleasant cadence. A concord of perfume greets the nostrils and on the green-sward the small boys are digging the mumble-the-peg out of the sod with their noses and teeth, a la groundhog! The man who cannot be happy in June-time is no gentleman.



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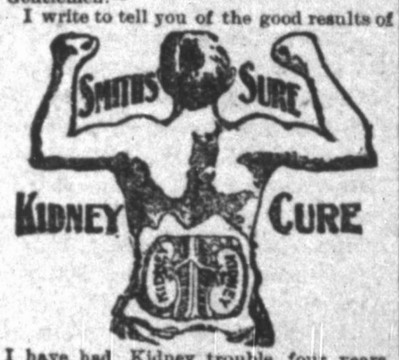
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THE CROCKETT COURIER.

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CROCKETT, - - - TEXAS

ALL OVER TEXAS.

Nine-tenths of the wheat near Frisco has been harvested.

Eddie King, aged ten years, was drowned near Greenville.

A mad dog bit thirty other canines at Terrell before being killed.

An electric light plant is to be placed at Grandview by W. B. Head.

Wolves are making many successful raids on sheep in the vicinity of Lampasas.

Corsicana has started a movement to secure good sidewalks by passing a sidewalk ordinance.

Conrad Baker secured a $5000 judgment against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway at Sherman.

Seventeen freight cars on the International and Great Northern Railway were ditched near Rockdale.

Frank Crawford has been arrested at Crawford on a charge of having deserted from the United States navy.

Tim Shepard, colored, was given a five years' sentence at Livingston on a charge of assault with intent to murder.

An automobile plunged over an embankment at Guthrie, Okla., and seriously injured Mrs. F. O. Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert was also badly bruised.

The British monitor Scorpion foundered eighty miles off Georges Shoal while being towed by the British tug Powerful from Bermuda for St. Johns, N. B.

William Shaughnessy secured a $14,000 judgment against the International and Great Northern railway in a case decided at Houston. Personal injuries were alleged.

In the case of Conrad Baker vs. Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway at Sherman for alleged personal injuries, there was a judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of $5000.

The case of William Shaughnessy against the International and Great Northern Railway Company at Houston for damages on account of alleged personal injuries, materialized a verdict in favor of plaintiff. The amount of the judgment was $14,000.

The Amarillo Artificial Stone and Brick Company has been organized with $15,000 capital. F. M. Putty president; C. E. Kingsbury, vice president; R. B. Newcome, secretary and treasurer; J. F. Tarter, general manager.

German farmers near Waco are fighting boll weevils by picking them off by hand and burning them. They use paper bags to put the insects in and consign bag and all to the flames. They say the work is effective.

The four-year-old son of John Holloway, of Sulphur Springs, had his right thigh broken. The young fellow was on a wagon loaded with posts, when the team became frightened, ran away, overturning the wagon.

Harry Landa, of New Braunfels, says that the corn crop in Southern Texas, the acreage of which is about the same as last year, is assured, and that the prospects for a good cotton crop are favorable at this time.

Farmers in the vicinity of Abilene are complaining of the presence of doves and believe that they should be slaughtered. In fact, some are declaring that the birds will entirely destroy the wheat unless relief comes soon.

Two men robbed the Adams Express company at Webb City, Mo., of $2000 consigned to the Carterville bank. Bud Fair and Frank Ellis were captured in the woods three miles from Joplin after a chase and the money recovered.

While the three-year-old child of William Bennett, a farmer near High, was sitting on the end of a crosstie on the Texas and Pacific track it was struck by the pilot of an eastbound passenger and was seriously injured, but will recover.

Fort Worth Lodge No. 251, I. O. O. F., will, about July 15, commence to build on the lot, corner of First and Throckmorton streets, a modern, up-to-date two-story brick building, to be used as a lodge room.

Major W. de S. Maud, who has a contract with the British government to supply it with 11,000 head of stock cattle for the Boers in the restocking of their farms, said that a shipment of 1000 head would be made from Galveston soon.

TOO DEEP FOR WORDS.



"Little Russian comment"—(news item), but a lot of thinking.

BIG SALE OF SARATOGA OIL PROPERTY.

Beaumont, Texas: A deal of considerable magnitude was finally closed here today, the money paid and the title papers delivered by which Joe H. Eagle of Houston sold 400 acres of his Saratoga oil holdings in the Nancy Fuller survey for $125,000 cash to a party of wealthy gentlemen, composed of D. R. Beatty, A. L. Williams, G. W. Armstrong, D Call, M. Eastham, W. E. Price, C. H. Moore, R. A. Greer, W. P. H. McFadden, George C. O'Brien, W. B. Skirvin, Hugh Hamilton, E. A. Fletcher and B. R. Norvell. These gentlemen will call themselves the Beaumont syndicate. They will reserve forty acres of this land for actual development purposes and cut the balance up into five-acre blocks and place such blocks at once upon the market.

This sale has been much discussed here, and the concensus of opinion is that it is a good trade for both parties.

It is understood that during the day several of these blocks have been spoken for at fancy figures. But the forty acres reserved by the syndicate will not be sold at any price and they will soon begin its active development.

The land lies within a few hundred yards of successful wells and will be fully developed.

Mr Beatty was the active head in the enterprise and, under his management, the plan went to early success.

Mr. Eagle owned the controlling interest in this survey, and he bought outright all outstanding interests and personally delivered the title, reserving considerable acreage in the same survey, adjoining the 400 acres sold.

When seen together about the matter late this evening, Mr. Beatty, Mr. Eagle and Mr. McFaddin confirmed the above facts.

Levee System Condemned.

Memphis, Tenn.: A convention of land owners from the western counties of Tennessee and Kentucky was held in this city today, in which resolutions were adopted against the present levee system on the Mississippi river, and at which a committee of five was named to go before the Mississippi river commission at its annual meeting in St. Louis, and enter a protest against the levee system in toto. Farmers, who say they represent more than 1,000,000 acres of land in Kentucky and Tennessee, claim they have suffered great damages from the overflows of recent years because of the building of the levees on the Arkansas side of the Mississippi.

Death of Thomas Goggan.

Galveston, Texas: A cablegram received at Galveston yesterday morning announced the sad news of the death of Mr. Thomas Goggan, senior member of the firm of Goggan Bros., which occurred in Cork, Ireland, where the deceased had gone in search of health. The deceased was 68 years of age and possessed a host of friends in this city, who will mourn his demise. His home was in Galveston and he is survived by a wife and two daughters, who were with him at the time of his death, having accompanied him on his European tour. Two brothers, John Goggan of Galveston and Mike Goggan of San Antonio, also survive, and three sons, who are stationed at points where Goggan Bros. operate branch music houses.

Decomposed Body in Red River.

Texarkana, Texas: The decomposed body of a man was found floating in Red river at Garland today. The body was in such a condition that racial identity could not be made. It was buried by the water's edge.

Must Marry First.

New York: A Newark, N. J., man is seeking residents of New Jersey, who, he says, are heirs under a peculiar will, made by a James Russell, who died in California about four months ago, leaving a large estate. Besides bequests of $1000 or $2000 to a number of persons, it is stated that Russell left $400,000 to his son, provided he shall marry a New Jersey girl. None of the alleged heirs nor the desired bride has been found yet.

Big Shipments of Wheat.

Fort Worth, Texas:: The railroad companies report a tremendous movement in wheat to Mexico at the present time, the cause for the increase in shipments being a desire to get the grain exported before the advance in duty goes into effect July 1. U. S. Pawkett of the International and Great Northern stated today that his road will have 800,000 bushels out of Galveston alone. There are big shipments being made from every shipping point of importance in the state, as well as from Missouri river points.

Habeas Corpus Hearings Postponed.

Dallas, Texas: Sheriff Johnson arrived from Mexico, Mo., this morning with George A. Morris, Jr., charged by indictment with theft of over $50, the particular accusation being stealing several thousand dollars worth of diamonds from the wholesale house of Joseph Linz & Bro. Morris sued out a writ of habeas corpus as soon as committed to jail, but hearing was postponed by Judge Muse of the district court until tomorrow.

The habeas corpus hearing of Woody Jones was also postponed until tomorrow. Jones is accused in twenty-seven separate affidavits of forgery.

Reported Killing at Canadian.

Gainesville, Texas: The report reached here this morning that J. H. Journegan of Gainesville was shot and killed by his step-son, J. L. Cole, at Canadian, Texas. Mr. Journegan having gone to Canadian to buy a ranch, was followed by his son. A difficulty ensued over money matters, resulting in Mr. Journegan's death.

Gave Himself Up.

Boston, Mass.: Without friends and hungry, with no place to sleep, wet and footsore, Dr. Walter H. Price, once a prosperous physician and surgeon of this city, has surrendered to the police. He explained that a warrant had been issued against him more than a year ago on a charge of performing a criminal operation. He was tired of dodging the police, he said, and wanted to be locked up and then given a trial. Dr. Price was taken to jail.

Human Flesh as a Food.

Pekin: The famine in Kwang Si is growing worse by degrees. The starving population is estimated at 200,000 and deaths are daily occurring. The British authorities of Hong Kong, aided by public subscription, have been sending aid for two months. The Japanese report says that cannibalism is being practiced, human flesh being publicly offered for sale.

The McKinley Memorial Association reported that $500,000 had been raised.

TWO DROWNED IN THE GULF.

J. D. Proctor of Houston and C. T. Well of Newark, N. J., the Victims---Bodies Recovered.

Galveston, Texas: Sunday evenng between 6 and 7 o'clock Jacob D. Proctor, policeman of Houston, C. T. Wells, traveling representative of the Headley Chocolate Company of Baltimore, Md., Miss Emma Pendley of Houston and several others entered the gulf at Murdock's bath house for a bath. The party moved to the eastward and were noticed by several parties and seemed to be hugely enjoying themselves. They passed out beyond the guard lines when, presently the other bathers were startled by Miss Pendley's cries for help. This was quickly responded to by several parties, but before succor reached them Proctor and Wells were drowned. Miss Pendley was rescued in an unconscious condtion and resuscitated with much difficulty. She departed in a very feeble candition for Houston in charge of friends on the 10 o'clock train.

William Hughes, prescription clerk for the Star drug store, made a heroic effort to save Wells, but came near being drowned before rescuers reached him, and was resuscitated with difficulty.

Proctor's body was recovered by Scott G. Shannon and brought to shore, and every effort by physicians to call back the spark of life was fruitless, and his body lies at Levy Bros.' undertaking establishment awaiting the coroner's inquest, which was held at 9 o'clock Monday morning. His clothes, badge No. 45, check for $250, $25 in currency, purse, papers, watch fob, gold ring, knife, keys and diamond stud are in the possession of the Galveston police department.

Wells' body was found at the foot of Sixteenth street about 10 o'clock Sunday night and taken to Levy Bros.' undertaking establishment, at which place it was embalmed. Wells resided at No. 44 Eagle street, Newark, N. J., and arrived at the Tremont hotel Saturday night.

It is impossible to get accurate details of the deplorable incident tonight. Those who witnessed the affair were Mr. Hicks of Kentucky, T. J. Barham and W. Schroeder of Houston, W. T. Downs of Temple, Scott G. Shannon, William Hughes and Dr. W. S. Carter of Galveston, and they will be called upo nto give their testimony before the coroner. In the immense jam and excitement that prevailed it was impossible to find all those partes, and again an effort was made to suppress the affair as much as possible for fear it would put a damper upon the Sunday excursion business to Galveston, and especially the bathing in the gulf. It was stated, however, if the life guards had been properly stationed all the parties could have been saved.

BOYS SHOT MAN TO DEATH.

Fatal Terminaton of a Ball at Thibadeaux, La.

Thibadeaux, La.: Theodore Chaisson of Chackbay, a small village ten miles north of Thibadeaux, was shot and killed at that place last night by Robert and Luke Caillavet, sons, of Felix Caillavet, who is one of the owners of the Orange Grove plantation. The Caillavet boys are under 20 years of age. One of them attends the Thibadeaux public school. Chaisson, the dead man, leaves a family numbering eleven. Chaisson arranged a ball last night, and among those in attendance were the Caillavet boys. It is said that one of the young men acted in what Chaisson considered a disorderly manner. The offender was ordered to desist or leave the house. He refused to do either, and Chaisson, seizing a club, attempted to eject him. During the fray Chaisson was shot six times by the Caillavets, causing death in a short while. One of the boys had his skull fractured in the fight. The two boys were taken into custody by Sheriff Beasy after the Deputy Coroner Dr. Thomas Stark, had held a postmortem examination upon the remains.

Young Lady in Critical Condition.

Malakoff, Texas: Miss Mary Tidmore, one of the telephone operators and sister of the assistant postmaster, Miss Idena Tidmore, was found in a dying condition last night by her sister. She had an aching tooth and had bought some chloroform to ease same. In using it at night she spilled some on her pillow and was found as above stated.

Freight Train Wrecked.

Fort Worth, Texas: A freight train on the Texas and Pacific was wrecked near Sycamore creek today, several cars being ditched. The wreck delayed pessenger trains most of the day, compelling a transfer around the wreckage. No one was injured.

Tarpon World's Record Tied.

Rockport, Texas: The fishing season has opened up here in great style. Sixty tarpon were landed at the Pass yesterday by the guests of Tarpon Inn and the club house. H. B. Leach of Palestine tied the world's record yesterday by catching thirteen tarpon in one day. The trout fishing has also been splendid for the past few days, over 800 pounds being caught in front of town yesterday with hook and line.

Killed With Iron Bar.

Jackson, Mich.: While defending his wife and child from threats of murder at Munith, a small place near here, August Braun, the village hotel keeper, struck William McCrow, his former barkeeper, on the head with an iron bar, from the effects of which the latter died in a few minutes.

Escaped Prisoner Captured.

Dallas, Texas: A. Zadick, one of the prisoners who broke jail at Waxahachie about a week ago, was captured in the city park, this city, by the Dallas police.

Boll Weevil in Nacogdoches County.

Nacogdoches, Texas: Mr. F. G. Briley, a farmer who lives in the Swift neighborhood, ten miles northeast from town, brought in six boll weevils in a bottle this morning. They are pronounced by parties who are acquainted with the pest to be the genuine article. Mr. Briley stated that his cotton would average eight inches high, and that the whole of his crop was infested. Upon inquiry from the farmers in different portions of the county it is learned that the whole county is infested, as it is the first time in the history of the county that these cotton crop destroyers have been reported in such numbers, it has cast a sad gloom over the countenance of all.

Thousand Editors.

Omaha, Neb.: The local committee which has in charge the arrangements for the entertainment of the National Editorial Association meeting in Omaha July 7 announces the completion of its program. About 1000 delegates will be present, for which royal entertainment is prepared. On the afternoon of the last day a special train of four cars will leave for a two weeks' trip through Yellowstone Park and two other trains will carry delegates and their wives for a six days' trip through the Black Hills. The sessions will last from July 7 to 11.

Hottest Day of the Year.

Austin, Texas: This was the hottest day of the year in this section. A farmer stated this evening that if the extreme hot weather prevails for ten days the boll weevil will not injure cotton.

Electrical Storm at Denison.

Denison, Texas: About the hardest rain of the year fell here last night. The storm was accompanied by a violent electrical disturbance. The Christian church was struck by lightning and badly injured.

To Make Report.

Washington: When the pending investigation of the affairs of the postoffice department is finished, a full report of it will be made to President Roosevelt by the postmaster general. It is understood to be the intention of the president to make the report public, accompanying it with a statement of his own reviewing the proceeding, and make such comments upon it as he may deem advisable.

Negro Accused.

Washington: Zachary Lyon, a colored postoffice laborer, today was arrested in the postoffice department building on the charge of stealing letters. He said he was the victim of the machinations of other employes.

Negro Cut to Pieces by Train.

Elliott, Texas: A negro, aged 22 or 23 years, while attempting to board a negro excursion train last night, was thrown under the train and literally cut to pieces, one mile north of Elliott. He lived at Easterly.

Local Items.

Miss Lena Kelley is visiting at Holly.

Car load barb wire at the Big Store.

Stoves repaired. Second Hand Store.

Best flour—Lone Star—for sale only at the Big Store.

"Force," a ready-to-serve, ready-to-digest, delightful food, brings the independent strength that comes of health.

Mattresses 50c and up at the Second Hand Store.

Bedsteads $1.00 and up at the Second Hand Store.

Corsets—any new style at any old price at the Big Store.

Have your mirrors resilvered at the Second Hand Store.

Sugar 5 cents lb at the Big Store grocery department.

Kill bed bugs, moth, etc. Sure shot. Second Hand Store.

The Big Store will be closed all day Monday, July 6th.

Miss Lee Arington left Monday night with the party for Knoxville, Tenn.

D. M. Craddock and Jim Brown are attending the Elks' meeting at Waco.

The county teachers' institute was in session here Friday and Saturday.

Go to the Lumber Yard for all kinds and sizes of screen doors and windows.

Get in line on the Big Store's pre-inventory sale. You will regret it if you don't.

You just ought to see those nice lawns and dimities that the Big Store sells so cheap.

Miss Pauline Hopper of Hagarville was a visitor to Crockett Friday and Saturday.

Millinery department bargains are the sure thing until July 1st, 1903, at the Big Store.

Mrs. C. L. Edmiston of Palestine is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Florence Arledge.

Miss Frances Wootters will leave Sunday for Boston to enter the conservatory of music.

Miss Dell Winfree will leave next week for Dallas to enter the London conservatory of music.

The New Drug Store serves a greater variety of cold drinks than any other place in the town.

We keep a clean and up-to-date drug store, and solicit your patronage. THE NEW DRUG STORE.

Miss Kate Lively of Grapeland was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. V. Berry, Saturday and Sunday.

You will miss a great big bargain if you don't visit the Big Store's pre-inventory sale this week.

If you want the purest and freshest drugs used in your prescriptions take them to the New Drug Store.

Marvin Ellis and Ernest Clark are at home from school, the latter from Nashville and the former from Austin.

Leaky Roofs.

Have them painted with Stahl's Creosote Roof Paint. See Second Hand Store.

In taking inventory at the Big Store many broken lots are found which will be closed out. Fail not to call and invest.

The civic improvement work should not be permitted to drop, but should be carried on until the ends sought are accomplished.

A Complete Drug Store

Full Stock of Fresh Drugs. Large assortment of patent medicines. Prescriptions filled by experienced druggist . . . . . .

Toilet articles of every description. Fine soda water fountain. Elegant assortment of fine cigars. The place is . . . . . .

B. J. Chamberlain's, The Druggist.

This is no Fable.

The Big Store sells furniture cheaper than anybody.

Cheapest and best—Stahl's Creosote Roof Paint—Second Hand Store.

If you have old furniture that you want to dispose of call at the Second Hand Store.

Buy a Standard. It's the best sewing machine on earth. For sale at the Big Store.

The Big Store will not be opened July 6th on account of their annual holiday.

C. E. Young of Palestine, right of way agent of the I. & G. N., was in Crockett Wednesday.

Wanted—50,000 Nut Cracker tobacco tags at half cent each in goods at cash prices.

DANIEL & BURTON.

Mrs. Steve Box was a delegate to the Woman's Home Mission society which met at Groveton last week.

G. M. Waller carries a complete stock of coffins, from something cheap to a cloth casket. His prices are right.

Lovelady is to incorporate for school purposes. The election has been ordered for the 7th of July, which is Tuesday.

Forrest Fifer and Bud Cone, who were carried to Tyler last week by Marshal Eason, made their bonds and have returned.

Dr. Jones, Dentist, Crockett, saves teeth—others extract, makes teeth without plates, and will take your approved note for work.

The Lumber Yard is the place to get the best bargains for your money—come to see us.

T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

Mr. E. E. Hail says he has a large tract of land near town that he is going to cut into small tracts and rent to truck growers next year.

Ice Cream, Ice Cream Soda, Orangeade, Limeade, and a number of other nice drinks served at the fountain of the New Drug Store.

The Houston Co. Lumber Co. have a complete stock of everything in the building line, and prices the lowest. Satisfaction guaranteed.

P. Vavra, a Bohemian farmer from Bell county, has bought land east of Crockett. Other Bohemians are buying land in different parts of the county.

Crockett needs a cold storage where vegetables and fruit that have to be kept over night could be kept without damage. Frequently stuff is brought in too late for shipment on day of arrival and suffers damage from the heat by being held over which could be avoided by cold storage.

Trade Stimulators.

Soda 15 lbs for 25 cts.
Rice 30 lbs for $1.00.
"The Black Cat" keeps things moving. 4t JIM BROWN.

The corpse of a negro was found in one of the lakes in Leon county near the Trinity river last week. The wife of the dead man and another man have been arrested by the Leon county officers.

The D. A. Nunn Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, will meet with Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb Saturday afternoon. All interested are invited to be present.

One hundred acres in strawberries will likely be planted here the coming fall and winter if those who can raise them will do so. Let those who are willing to join in this investment make it known.

Notice to Fishermen and Hunters.

On and after July 1st I will take advantage of the new law prohibiting fishing and hunting in my pasture. All parties are warned to stay out under the penalty of the law. L. D. ROGERS.

The strawberry is one fruit that the frosts do not reach. The business of growing them for market by the car load should be inaugurated at once. There is no better soil nor more of it for this business at Tyler or anywhere else in Texas.

Misses Amelia and Lucy Miller, Mr. N. H. Phillips and Mr. Perryman, the latter a Milam county teacher, left Monday evening to attend the Summer School of the South being held at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Dave Bennett exhibited Monday cotton stalks containing several squares and blooms. He says he has cotton waist high, but not many blooms yet. He has noticed the appearance of the boll weevil. Mr. Bennett lives two miles west of town.

A farmer was exhibiting on the streets Saturday a fine head of cauliflower which was grown only as an experiment, but which he said would be grown extensively by him next year. Anything that can be grown anywhere can be grown in Houston county.

Truck Shipments.

Truck growers shipped a mixed car of cabbage and tomatoes Tuesday and on Wednesday were loading a solid car of tomatoes to go out Thursday. Tomato shipments continue by express and returns are satisfactory, netting from 80 cents up to $1.15 per crate.

S. M. LeSesne, staff correspondent of the Galveston News, is in the city for the purpose of furnishing his paper with a write-up of the county and its resources. W. V. Berry had him in charge Wednesday morning and a glowing account of the county's possibilities is expected.

Fruit Trees! Fruit Trees!! Fruit Trees!!!

We have bought of Huntsville (Ala.) wholesale nurseries a car load of fruit trees for delivery December next. Can sell Elbertas at 3 to 4 cents here. No better stock in the United States. Correspond with us.

J. W. HAIL,
F. G. EDMISTON.

Strawberry Business.

Dr. J. B. Smith, J. W. Hail and W. B. Page are going into the strawberry business along with other vegetables. They are anxious that the acreage planted shall be large enough to furnish berries for market by the car load. Are there not others who will join these gentlemen to this end? The fact should be made known at once and steps to organize perfected.

Fruit Jars, Jelly Glasses

Extra Tops and Rubbers

AT

Baker Bro's.

A Week of Gaiety.

The past week has witnessed a season of entertainments and receptions in this city. Beginning with Thursday afternoon of last week Mrs. C. L. Shivers gave an "at home" to her married lady friends, followed on Thursday evening with a flinch party to the young people, at which Misses Amelia and Lucy Miller, sisters of Mrs. Shivers, were hostesses. Mrs. Shivers gave a spinster's tea Friday afternoon and on the same afternoon Mrs. Geo. W. Crook received in honor of her visitor, Mrs. G. S. Parker of Bryan, which was attended mainly by the married ladies, the spinsters being at the tea. On Friday evening the young people were invited to meet Mrs. Parker and a brother of Mr. Crook, Mr. Will Crook of Tennessee. Flinch was again the game and delightful refreshments were served as on all other occasions mentioned. Monday evening the Dorcas society of the Baptist church gave a lawn fete and entertainment at the house of Mrs. J. H. Wootters, which was well patronized. Tuesday evening was not left blank on the social calendar, the members of the Lotus club giving a dance complimentary to the Misses Storey of Austin, which was an enjoyable event. Mrs. Corry entertained a few couples at tea Wednesday evening in honor of her visitors, the Misses Storey, and on Thursday evening Mrs. Corry gave a reception complimentary to her visitors. Other social functions are to follow and such a round of pleasure has not been witnessed in Crockett since the mid-winter festivities.

Negro Woman Killed.

Constable Jim Barbee of Lovelady brought to Crockett Saturday morning a negro named Dave Burks, charged with killing a woman by the name of Annie White, who was married but not living with her husband. The weapon used was a 38-calibre pistol, a ball from which penetrated the right temple. Burks was arrested at 1 o'clock Friday night by Constable Barbee at the house of the negro's father near Kittrell, Walker county, 14 miles from the place of the killing. The crime was committed on Tom Lundy's place at Antioch Friday at 12 o'clock. Jealousy is supposed to have been the cause. The negro is now in jail.

The COURIER job department is just in receipt of some of the latest styles of type faces for printing fine stationery, such as letter heads for business and professional men, envelopes, bill heads, statements, note heads and almost all forms of blanks. The type is the latest production of the printers' art, is clear cut, easily read and is a pronounced imitation of the engravers' lettering. If you want printing of the latest design we can supply you at a moderate cost.

The Canning Factory.

The Crockett canning factory made its first run Saturday. The run Saturday was only one of the preliminary steps toward getting the factory in operation. Peaches was the product canned and will be the only thing until the tomato crop comes on in a few days. The managers, Messrs. Berry & Hail, were elated over the success of Saturday's work and enthusiastic over the prospect for a successful season of business. Everything is in readiness for the peach and tomato crops and, as has been said, some peaches have already been canned. Tomatoes are expected to begin to roll in next week. Early tomatoes, being too high priced for canning, have been shipped to the Northern markets. The railroad company has built a spur to the factory and cars are put right up to the door.

A Special Concession.

Through the co-operation of other Colorado lines and for the benefit of those who will visit Denver upon the occasion of the 31st Annual Convention of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, to be held July 9th to 15th, for which a rate of about one fare plus $2.00 for the round trip has been announced, "The Denver Road" has arranged that the final limits of tickets sold from Texas points shall be August 31st instead of July 23rd as previously announced. Under this arrangement visitors will have ample time for a really beneficial vacation as well as unusual opportunities for sight seeing, which should and doubtless will be much appreciated.

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Commits Suicide.

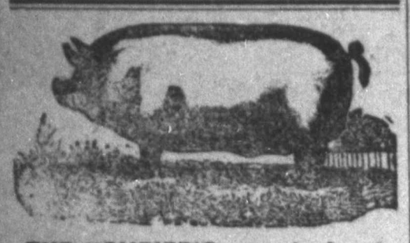
Dave Hugly, the negro in jail for killing his wife near Grapeland two weeks since, committed suicide Wednesday afternoon about 5 o'clock by soaking matches in water and then drinking the water. He had made three unsuccessful attempts before, once by butting his head against the cage, another time by cutting his wrists with glass and another time by eating glass. An inquest was held and the corpse shipped to relatives at Riverside.

Have your furniture repaired, upholstered and made new at the Second Hand Store.

Rev. E. L. Crawford attended the Methodist district conference at Trinity last week. The next district conference will be held at Wesley Chapel, north of town, and Hon. J. W. Madden has been selected as delegate. Mr. Crawford informs us that Crockett has secured the district parsonage and that after the plans are perfected the presiding elder will reside here. This bit of news will be most welcomely received by our citizens.

THE COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, - Editor and Publisher



THE COURIER'S remedy for the Boll Weevil.

The fruit acreage of Houston county will be more than doubled during the next year.

Good money is being realized from the potato, tomato and cabbage crops and the business is only in its infancy.

The canning factory will consume all the surplus peaches and tomatoes which have been going to loss heretofore.

The light and ice company would do a good thing by building a cold storage. This is something that will be needed next summer and is needed now.

The wise farmer will raise plenty of feed for his hogs, horses and cattle and plenty of meat for his family. The money that has been sent out of Houston county during the year for meat and feed has hurt the county worse than anything else.

The Tyler Courier claims that two of the greatest impositions every put upon the American people are found in the price and in the quality of the coffee now on the market. The cheaper grades are counterfeited by the use of preparations that are injurious to health, and the higher grades are sold at a double profit. The syndicates that control the coffee trade pay for it at the home markets from 2 to 8 cents a pound, according to classification. In the United States markets that same coffee is retailed to the consumer at from 10 to 40 cents a pound, according to the classification fixed at the time it is purchased from the half-starved and naked people who gather it.

The Greenville Herald insists that this is peculiarly an age in which the accumulation of wealth, by almost any means, is regarded as the measure of a successful life. Character, attainments other than the capacity to earn money are reckoned as they should be as the real assets of life and consider this sordid view the greatest danger that confronts our national life. If history teaches anything it shows beyond question that since the dawn of civilization the nations that have crumbled into dust date the beginning of their decline at that point where wealth began to undermine the morals and enervate the people. History will repeat itself in this country because history is nothing more than operation of the immutable laws of God as they are written in the lives of men and nations.

The Greenville Banner contends that next to a man's family and business, nothing should stand dearer to a man's heart than the community in which he lives. It is his home. It is the place in which he earns his competence and educates his children. If he wants to make it as popular, as thrifty and widely known as possible he cannot afford to be indifferent to anything that will further these ends. It can be said that a town that is not worthy of the devotion of its citizens in making it widely and generally prosperous is a town in which it is not worth while to live at all. If a town is worth anything it is worthy of our greatest energy, whether we receive an immediate dividend in dollars and cents or whether we merely take our share of the common benefits accorded our home town.

A Wyoming editor has discovered a wonderful animal in that region, which he calls an ooly wooly. When closely pursued the creature stands erect upon its tail and by a series of rapid circular motions bores a hole in the ground through which it disappears. The same man, who is a close student and a naturalist of wide experience, has captured a young gauchee, which he describes as a rare bird, about the size of a guinea hen. There is only one inhabitant of the air of which the gauchee is afraid and that one is an eagle. When sighted by an eagle the gauchee immediately gets ready for action and if the eagle is very large, the gauchee, after trying all other means of escape, takes a long sweep through the air and swallows itself.—Mineral Wells Herald.

Wonderful, wonderful! But then it is better for the gauchee to swallow itself than to swallow the eagle, when size is considered. A difference between the gauchee and man is that the man swallows himself in pursuit of the eagle.

Corpus Crony: That great apostle of diversified farming, The Gal-Dal News, should call attention to the demand in France for American peanuts. The goobers are used to manufacture pure olive oil for export to the United States.

Just why the French will make olive oil from our peanuts cannot be explained, when they make the same kind of oil from our cotton seed, and cotton seed costs them much less than peanuts. Our cotton seed oil is shipped to Italy by the ship loads, and in a very short time is sent back to us in the prettiest kind of bottles with labels on them assuring consumers that the oil inside was manufactured from olives specially grown for the American trade on the Mount of Olives. Texas sends to Georgia and other parts of the South for its goober peas, when they can be raised without any labor or trouble on every sandy spot in the State. This is accounted for wholly by our old habit of going away from home for nearly everything we use. But we are getting over the habit.—Galveston News.

Alfalfa Feed Is What You Need.

Alfalfa feed is what you need if what you're 'at' is t' make 'em fat. There is no crop grown that should be more generally used than Afalfa. There is no crop grown quite as good for all kinds of stock.

There is no better paying crop. Any good soil will grow it, provided it is free, deep soil that can be penetrated by the roots. It is a water loving plant and its roots will search long and deep to find it. If found, your plant is successful.

The preparation of the soil is the first and one of the most essential qualifications of success. It should be plowed well and deep, harrowed and pulverized so as to mellow the surface. The Mexicans brush the surface well as a final preparation. Sow your seed at the rate of twenty pounds or more to the acre, then harrow lightly and roll the ground. This makes the soil firm and smooth and the tender roots get a firm hold on the ground. The month of September or first of October is the very best time to plant it. The writer for three years planted in the early spring, according to directions, the seed sprouted, came up beautifully and a splendid stand was assured. It grew fast and luxuriantly, but as the season advanced and the sun grew stronger and hotter, the tender plants were withered, burned and finally killed. For this reason above, plant in the early fall. Here in Texas the weather is not so severe as to injure it when young and by spring it will have strength to withstand the sun and a long drouth.

It will grow right along all winter and in early spring, if troubled by weeds, run a mower over it, this will improve your alfalfa and you ought to have an early cutting by May and one or two more during the summer. It will continue to grow, right along, and in two or three years, you ought to cut from two to six tons per acre. The first cutting is always the best, not so woody as the later cuttings, and brings more in the market. Stock like it better and it fattens quicker.

In Mexico where the crop grows the year round and irrigation is used, they plant the alfalfa in tables or oblong squares, and cut it each day, haying it for 12 hours before feeding. In this way, it will not scour stock and is relished exceedingly.

As a hay, it is better, if possible to protect it by housing or covering by canvas, as the sun not only bleaches it, but detracts from its substance. Stock of all kinds will leave any other kind of forage for alfalfa.

It sleeks the coat, keeps the hide loose and the system open and is one of the best paying investments on the farm. It brings readily from $7 to $10 per ton, as hay, frequently a much higher price, and is always in demand. It is the ideal food for growing hogs. —Ft. Worth Register.

A Two Edged Sword.

Advertising may be likened unto a two edged sword in that it cuts both ways. Its effect upon the public is the only one to which much attention has been called, but its influence upon the merchant himself is hardly less important. Alertness for new goods, low prices, bargains, the grasp of opportunities, may all be accurately guaged by the advertising a merchant does. The man who does not advertise is slow, indifferent, not up to the times and not eager to give his customers the newest and best of everything. Advertising educates not only the buying public, but the merchant as well.—Retailer and Advertiser.

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NORTHERN LYNCHING.

Burning at the Stake Not Confined to the South.

Wilmington, Del., June 22.—A mob of 2000 to-night broke into the workhouse, bent on lynching George White, the negro who is held on the charge of assaulting and killing Helen Bishop on Monday last. The guards are defending the place, and a boy and man, members of the mob, have been shot and slightly injured. The guards are playing a storng stream of water into the crowd, which is stubbornly holding its ground and declaring that it will get the negro.

Later—There was a fusillade for a time between the mob and the guards. Four members of the mob are said to have been shot, but in the confusion it is impossible to obtain names, except that it is known that Peter Smith, aged 17, was shot in the back.

So far as known none of the guards was injured.

The negro has been taken from the workhouse by the mob, who started with him for Price's corner, the scene of the assault and murder. The mob cut all wires leading to Wilmington, which is five miles from the workhouse, and at this writing it is difficult to obtain reliable information. The mob excitedly announced when they had possession of the negro that they would burn him to death at Price's corner.

The negro was taken to the scene of the crime. He there confessed to having assaulted the girl. He was then burned at the stake and his body riddled with bullets.

Ten Years in Bed.

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

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