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## ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

### SENATOR DAVIS OPPOSES A CHANGE OF THE LINE.

He Has Found Nothing That Would Cause Him to Change the Line Which Has Always Been Understood as the Boundary—England's Desire.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Davis of the committee on foreign relations has given considerable attention to the Alaskan boundary dispute. He has found nothing in his investigations which would cause him to change the line which has always been understood as the boundary, and upon which both countries have been proceeding for a number of years. He says that the only question in dispute is whether the line should be drawn from the ocean coast to the main and or from the adjacent islands. Mr. Davis says that even this does not present a case for arbitration because it is manifestly plain that the shore of the main land of the continent is the basis of the line. It is also evident from the selection of the mountain range as a line that the men who drew the boundary agreement meant that the line should be taken from the ocean coast, where it touched the main land. He says, always go with the shore, and with a question arises as to whether an island, no matter at what time settled or claimed, belongs to the country owning the island. He also says that the desire of Great Britain for a portion of the Alaskan coast is plainly apparent, declares Senator Davis, when it is considered that there is a vast coast in the Northwest territory which can reach the seaboard through a pass in the north Rocky mountains and thence across the strip of land owned by the United States east of the Rocky mountains. There are 100,000,000 acres of tillable pasture ground in this territory. It is desired by Great Britain to open up this great wheat and stock producing country and secure a short route to the sea.

## THE WORK OF A MOB.

### A DISGUSTING TRAGEDY NEAR NEW ORLEANS.

Patrick Morris and His Colored Wife Meet a Terrible Fate at the Hands of a Mob—Their Bodies Hid With Bullets and Burned to Ashes.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Jan. 13.—Patrick Morris, a white railroad hand, and his colored wife met a terrible fate at midnight Saturday night. They lived in a flatboat near Westwego wharf of the Texas and Pacific, a few miles above the city on the opposite side of the river. On account of their difference of color, as well as the charge that they kept a disorderly place for negroes, there has been growing a sentiment against them. They were sitting in their boat when a body of men came down and set fire to the hull. They sought refuge on shore, and as soon as they made their appearance they were killed with bullets. The woman was killed outright, but the man fell crippled, and two were burned to ashes with the boat. The authorities of Jefferson parish where the difficulty occurred claim that they can not discover the perpetrators, but the 11-year-old son of the victims, who escaped with his life and is now in charge of the society for the prevention of cruelty to children, says that a business rivalry was at the bottom of the burning. His father having had trouble with a saloon keeper in the vicinity. He claims to have identified several of the crowd all of whom being white men. The citizens in the vicinity, however, say that the place was a nuisance and that the couple had been run away from several places. They think that the mob went there for the purpose of giving Morris a whipping, but he showed fight and infuriated his oppressors to encompass his own doom.

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## A STATE BRIEF.

### Interesting Items Gleaned and Arranged from the Daily Press.

A few days ago at Fort Worth in the Seventeenth district court, before Judge W. D. Hill, Frank Ware, who, it will be remembered, was given a life sentence for the murder of Martin J. Black, the Fort Worth and Denver City locomotive engineer, by poisoning on July 1 last, withdrew his appeal and asked that sentence be passed upon him. This was promptly done by Judge Hill, and Ware now goes to the penitentiary for life. In accordance with the agreement entered into by the state the indictment pending against Mrs. Rosa Black, wife of the dead man and the self-confessed companion of Ware in the crime, will now be dismissed.

A skull found in a gravel pit in north Waco demonstrates one of two things: Either gravel strata form faster than is reckoned by geologists, or methods employed by dentists supposed to be of recent origin are of much greater antiquity. The teeth in the skull found were filled with a substance which the local dentists say was unknown ten years ago, and there was a false tooth set on in a plan so ingenious as to belong to the present.

The skull was taken out from beneath a gravel stratum four feet thick, which stratum was five feet under loam and soil. About four feet from the skull were some bones of a human foot. No other portions of the skeleton could be found.

A. B. Campbell, a prisoner confined in the city calaboose at Fort Worth, made his escape recently. When his absence was discovered it was found that one of the bars in the big iron grate had been broken at the top and the opening repaired by a couple of iron straps bolted across the aperture of the grate. Campbell was arrested on the outside, as these nuts had been removed. Campbell was being held pending investigation upon a charge of burglary.

Judge Terhune, in his recent charge to the grand jury at Greenville said: "What you want to do, is not so much to indict some people, but to get some cases that will result in conviction of the guilty and if you get that, you will enforce the law. If you get a lot of cases where a man will be turned loose on the trial, you might just as well stop trying to do anything."

The statistics compiled by E. G. Dun & Co. for Texas, show that during the entire year of 1895 there were 551 failures, an increase over 1894 of 80. Of this number 540 were traders and 11 manufacturers. The liabilities in both classes amounted to \$4,916,000 with assets of \$3,490,812. Liabilities for 1894 were \$1,015,880 less, the total for that year being \$3,933,526.

On examining trial the other day at Houston, E. D. Frwin, president and H. H. Brooks, secretary of the Security Benevolent association, were held in \$500 on a charge of conducting an insurance company contrary to the laws of Texas. The state insurance commissioner prosecuting the case, which is practically a test of the insurance laws of Texas.

The dead body of an infant was found at Waco by two carpenters the other morning adjoining the building upon which they were at work. It was very slightly covered with earth and had been placed there during the night. The body was fully developed and the child had evidently been born alive. It had been dead probably four or five days. No clue.

Dr. John W. Cook of Waco, author of the scheme to secure land donations to a company to be organized for making the Brazos river navigable, is receiving much encouragement and better prospects than he has for some time. Cards all reports which tend to discourage the project on the ground of impracticability.

City Treasurer Norvell of Beaumont recently submitted his report showing the following balance of the balance of the different funds: General, \$3,341,982.16; interest and sinking waterworks bonds, \$66,700.

Another significant step in the deep water movement was taken at Rockport when Mr. Alex Brown, the Baltimore millionaire, purchased from Col. J. H. Taylor, and his associates the franchise and partially completed terminal railway leading from Rockport to Harbor Island and Aransas Pass.

Receiver Abel of the Waco and Northwest railroad filed his report for the month of September, 1895, showing receipts amounting to \$183,041.92, disbursements for \$158,983.16, cash on hand \$1,551,983.16.

Near San Augustine Isaac Blackman, colored, has lost two of his children, by accident since New Year. The baby was found dead, apparently having been dropped by one of the other children the day after the baby was wrapped in the clothing of the eldest child caught on fire and she was burned to death.

A few days ago a small boy by the name of a fire cracker burned up eleven babies of cotton near Taylor.

During a recent fight near Caotus, Webb county, Thomas Palacio was shot through the body with a Winchester.

The other day Wm. Nunn of the Landon cotton seed oil mill was going to Dallas on the Santa Fe. Between Landon and Wolfe City some one threw a rock through the window and cut a fearful gash in his head. He was taken from the train at Wolfe City for medical treatment.

Real estate transactions amounting in the aggregate to \$1,744,046 were recorded in Austin during the year 1895.

The governor has appointed August Thorpe and James Helzer as branch pilots at Brazos Santiago.

The excommander of the Confederate States navy, John C. Brain, lectured at Longview the other night for the benefit of the Jefferson Davis monument fund. The new opera house was well filled with people who received the venerable old commander with delight.

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## A LARGE OYSTER REEF HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN FRONT OF THE CITY OF PORT LAVACA.

### The oysters are of superior favor and furnish occupation to a large number of men, who bring in loads to supply the local wholesale dealers.

At Llano, recently, Col. Carb narrowly escaped being burned alive. He went to bed smoking a pipe. Falling asleep, his bed clothing burned under him and he escaped with a few burns not of a serious nature.

At Tanglewood, Lee county, recently, the little 4-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Mac Moore, while alone in the house, set fire to his clothes and was so badly burned that it died some hours later.

At Dallas, recently, a well dressed stranger, who registered at the McLeod as J. E. Thompson, was found dead in his room. An empty telephone wire in evidence as to how he came to die.

It is rumored that an old man by the name of Smith, who keeps a ferry on the Colorado river about seven miles from Matagorda was held up the other night and robbed by two masked men. Near Laredo, a few days since, four children of J. M. Chavez were poisoned by eating mistletoe berries. Two of the children died while two rode to that city for medical treatment.

At Italy, Ellis county, a few days ago, the clothes of the 2-year-old girl of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Boone accidentally caught fire; she died from the effects of the burns.

J. W. Bardwell, who is feeding a large number of beef cattle at Ennis, has lost nine head from something like cholera fever and the prospects are others will die.

The chairman of the Fort Worth board of health reported 417 deaths in that city during 1895. During December last thirty-three deaths were reported.

A Village Mills, Hardin county, Tom Parr, colored by the name of Village Mills company, was instantly killed by being caught between two cars.

Harry Tracy of Dallas has publicly announced that he "would not be a candidate for congress in every Populist in the district was to ask him to run."

Be hunters are at work on the upper Brazos getting out rich finds not only from the bee trees, but from the cliffs along the river and its tributaries.

Henry Hart, a negro about 65 years old, had one of his legs broken the other day by a pile of lumber falling on him at a lumber yard in Brenham.

A 2-year-old child of Mrs. Wendt, near Berlin, Washington county, was seriously burned recently by its clothes catching fire from an open fireplace.

John Carney of Greenville has a dog that goes to market every morning. He is provided with a leather collar. He never litters on the way.

The governor has received an invitation to open the San Antonio mid-winter fair. It commences on Jan. 29 and terminates on Feb. 4.

Judge Steadman has announced publicly that he will not be a candidate for re-election as a member of the next fall law commission.

It now looks as if the candidates for governor will both be citizens of Dallas county. C. A. Culbertson and Maj. J. C. Kearby.

A resolution was passed by the Fort Worth city council recently ordering all street car tracks not in use taken up within 90 days.

There were 483 marriage licenses issued in Collin county during the year 1895, a fall-off of nearly 100 from the previous year.

The Oil Mill company of Dublin, Erath county, will increase their plant to 100-ton capacity and put in a 50-barrel refinery.

At a recent meeting of the Greenville city council A. M. Burns was elected city marshal to fill an unexpired term.

There were issued in Denton county during 1895, 300 marriage licenses, and the district court granted fifteen divorces.

There were 428 marriage licenses issued by the court clerk of Hill county for 1895, 435 for 1894 and 414 for 1893.

Bids for the completion of the court-house of Bexar county, were opened recently and the contract awarded for \$69,000.

Only Bros., monopolists at Fort Worth, are numbered with those who have failed in business.

A few days since five hundred bales of cotton were shipped through Laredo to Orizaba, Mexico.

Ripe tomatoes raised in Goliad county were carried to that city and sold on New Year's day.

Two stone business houses 75x100 are in course of construction at Dublin, Erath county.

J. M. Mathis shipped two train loads of cattle from Collin to Chicago a few days since.

There is talk of Texas Central railway shops going to Dublin, Erath county.

The denizens of Goliad talk of electric lights, an ice plant, and a cannery factory.

Sherman's issue of \$20,000 of permanent improvement bonds has been sold.

There are 637 children attending the public schools of Dublin, Erath county.

Twenty-six immigrants arrived in Nueces county in one week recently.

It is some talk forward with 4000 chattle marketed for the year 1895.

There is some talk of Allison Mayfield, secretary of state, resigning.

Plans of rain has fallen throughout the state the past few days.

Leon Blum is now president of the Galveston Wharf company.

A club of Cuban sympathizers has been organized at Galveston.

The Populists are quite active in most all of the counties.

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## HOUSE RULES.

### WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—At the beginning of the session the house accepted its parliamentary code of rules of the last republican congress—the Fifty-first—with such changes as might be made by the committee on the rules of the house yesterday.

The committee on the rules of the house yesterday reported a bill to amend the rules of the house, which was introduced by Mr. Reed obtained by a rule under which two members were designated to note those present and not voting on a roll. The committee also reported a resolution introduced by Mr. J. Handolph Tucker of Virginia in the Forty-sixth congress. Another new rule provides that the speaker shall entertain only one motion to amend and no other dilatory motion after a report has been made by the committee on rules until the report has been fully disposed of. The rule by which the previous speaker of the house was elected by a majority of members present, if a quorum, is changed to a majority of members voting if a quorum is present.

## GRAND RAPIDS, MICH., JAN. 14.—

### Albert Johnson, aged 25, a street railroad motorman, upon returning to his boarding house Sunday morning, put his cold hands down the back of G. S. H. Holmes, aged 71, a fellow boarder. A fight followed and Holmes went to his room, secured a revolver, and returning fired five shots at Johnson, hitting him three times and killing him instantly. He gave himself up to the police. Holmes' father is a former postmaster of Grand Rapids and is a prominent citizen there. He is a graduate of the state university and of the state agricultural college.

## KILLED IN OKLAHOMA.

### WOODWARD, Ok., Jan. 11.—Thursday evening Jeff Coats, formerly of Parker county, Tex., was shot and killed at Curtis, Okla. Coats was under here in this county, by the under-sheriff of Woods county. Coats was shot twice through the body and his horse killed. The killing occurred in an attempt to arrest Coats on a requisition from Texas. A coroner's inquest Thursday found the affair justifiable, but Coats' friends are not satisfied and will fight the affair to the bottom.

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GETTING MARRIED.

A Terrible Ordeal to Pass Which May Appal the Bravest.

Pinborg Commercial-Classic. If you have never passed through the ordeal of getting married you may as well be told right here that it is no fun for the principals. They are scared half out of their wits to begin with, and when the ceremony is finished they feel awfully awkward and abashed. It is a new position for each of them and they are apt to forget their coaching as they have everything else and may stand there grinning and trembling as if they had been caught hugging and kissing when the supposed coast was clear.

At such a time a telegram from a friend, if it only announced the score of a ball game, would be a most welcome relief. When arranging for your marriage don't fail to have a friend or two posted to come to your relief immediately after the ceremony. He ought to say something encouraging, tell you that he never saw anyone do better and that a handsome couple never stood before an altar. You will feel all the better if some one steps on your toes, or jostles you real hard, or knocks the breath out of you by a sociable and powerful slap between the shoulders.

Another good scheme is to have some one poke fun at the attendants as though they were more awkward and worse scared than the principals. The officiating minister frequently attempts to be facetious, but as that is not his business and rarely his forte, he may make a flat of it. Don't depend too much on him, but have some of the boys and girls ready to pull and haul you around until the daze wears off and you feel willing to trust your legs to hold you up.

Yes, send him a telegram, and have arrangements made for delivering it as soon as the shackles are riveted. Be sure and have it handed to him by a regular messenger even if the boy has to wait around for an hour or two to do it. No man or woman probably ever went through the ordeal who did not register an internal vow that if they got out alive they never would be caught in such a box again. But these are a good deal like the vows registered after the circus—good only till the next time.

Those who attend weddings are greatly to blame for the mental misery of the principals. Instead of doing something to bring them to their senses they are apt to stand and gaze at them as if they were museum freaks. Then they whisper and giggle and point their fingers, which the victims take to mean that they made a fizzle of it, or that some of their fixings have come loose or that they are not doing the right thing. The fact that you are whispering nice things, giggling because you are delighted over their marked success and indicating points of superiority with your finger or fan, will not make that awful present more endurable.

A great scheme would be to have a fire alarm sent in from the church or the home of the bride's parents just in time for the engines to get there at the close of the benediction. In some places they introduce rough and tumble fights, but a fire engine racket is more respectable. A little more attention to details like these will rob marriage of many of its terrors. No doubt there are bachelors who are such merely because of the dread of the ordeal before the altar. All they know about it is from hearsay and observation, and not from actual experience. But one can see enough and hear enough to frighten him, and if happened to be of a scary, impressive nature he will shy at it every time it is mentioned during the remainder of his life.

This thing of the bride's mother crying and taking on as she is wont, should be abolished. It is most discouraging and unnerving to have her going around wearing a long face, sighing and sniffing as though her daughter was about to be placed in her coffin. And then she is almost certain to muss the bride all up when she embraces her and maybe spoil her complexion with a shower of tears when she attempts to plant the motherly kiss on lips or cheek.

But when she turns to her trembling son-in-law and with a great effort calms herself, extends to him a clammy, heartless hand, and in tones reeking with sobs, asks him to take good care of her daughter, he feels that he is a villain of the deepest dye and inwardly wishes for a razor-edged snickersnee with which to end his misery.

Circular to Texas Farmers.

Austin, Tex., Jan. 11.—The cotton crop of 1895 has been gathered and nearly passed out of the hands

of the producers, who have realized from two to three cents more on the pound than was expected when planted. Why? This increase in price is due to two causes. First, the reduction in acreage; second, the decrease in yield per acre. With a full crop the past season, 5 cents would no doubt have been a full average price. Some farmers are grumbling because they did not plant more cotton and less corn. A little figuring would show that in proportion to the increase in the cotton crop the price would have been reduced and more money would have been required to cultivate and to gather it, which would leave less profit. If the coming cotton crop is increased generally, as we hear some farmers talk of doing, and a full average yield produced, they will find cotton below 5 cents the current year. The wise course for farmers to pursue is to plant a sufficient crop of corn and all other kinds of crops needed for home consumption and enough for their non-producing neighbors, and after that to devote their attention to cotton, if they prefer growing cotton for market to the raising of pork and mutton. My experience and observation for thirty-eight years in Texas has been that those who produce the necessities of life at home and have some to spare, are those who never have to give a mortgage. It is true corn is cheap, and why? Because farmers have not beets and hogs to feed to. If they had, instead of 15 to 25 cents per bushel, they could get from 35 to 50 cents for their corn.

Farmers should improve their stock. They should keep the very best and avoid the expense of any that do not yield a profit. To illustrate: With Texas growing two million bales of cotton and other states reducing their producing capacity at the same ratio, cotton would reach 9 cents or more. Planting the remainder of their land either in corn, oats, wheat and other crops and raising stock to consume all the surplus, then would the cry cease that farming does not pay. It is safe to say that those who adopt this course will succeed far better than those who do not do so, and it is further safe to say that if farmers plant as largely in cotton the present year as they did in 1894 and as sparingly in other crops, they will regret it.

A. J. ROSE, Commissioner of Agriculture.

AMERICAN COTTON GROWERS.

Headquarters for 1896 Established at Waco. New Agreement. Headquarters American Cotton Growers' Protective Association in Texas, Waco, Tex.—We have re-established headquarters in Waco for 1896 and communication will hereafter be addressed to us exclusively here. Write plainly and direct to M. B. Davis, sr., secretary, box 452, Waco, Tex.

At our recent conference we adopted the following plan of organization and statement of object and purposes. It is nearly similar to the plan formulated and adopted at the first meeting held January 9 and 10, 1895, at Jackson, Miss.

Article 1. The object and purposes of this organization are to combine the American cotton growers for their mutual benefit and protection, and to gather and disseminate statistics and information useful to its members.

Art. 2. No one shall be a member of this association unless he is an actual grower of cotton, a leaser of land or a furnisher of supplies for that purpose.

Art. 3. This association is formed for one year, and every member thereof is bound by the terms thereof until January 1, 1897.

Art. 4. This agreement is not to be binding upon the signers thereof until it is signed by the planters of at least three-fourths of the cotton acreage in 75 per cent of the cotton growing states in each of the cotton growing states, which fact is to be determined upon by the national committee.

Art. 5. Every member of this organization contracts and binds himself to plant and cultivate in the year 1896 not more than the number of acres of cotton that he planted and cultivated during the year 1895.

Art. 6. Every member hereof binds and obligates himself to deliver to his county committee before the 15th and the 25th day of May, in the year 1896, a statement of the number of acres of cotton then under cultivation on the premises planted or controlled by him, and the condition thereof.

Art. 7. School communities and districts throughout the state will hold meetings as early in 1896 as possible to adopt the plan and to elect delegates to attend the meetings of that year, the first of which will take place in Waco on January 21, 1896.

With granaries and corn-cribs full, and smoke-houses and cattle-pens showing an abundance of

home meat, we fear that the farmers may be led into the error of over-planting and bringing about again the catastrophe of 4 cent cotton.

At the meeting of Tuesday, January 21, there will be discussions in which porkpackers, shippers of live hogs and cattle and grain shippers and exporters will participate, the object being to facilitate the marketing of farmers' hogs, cattle and grain, to the end that they may feel encouraged to proceed in line with our plan of preventing over-production of cotton.

In a future notice we will be able to announce reduced railway rates to the meetings to occur during the coming year. Invitation is hereby extended to grain, cattle and hog men and pork packers to attend our January meeting.

E. S. PETERS, President. M. M. DAVIS, Jr., Secretary.

HOW TO LOSE FLESH.

The Testimony of One Who Has Suffered and Been Redeemed.

After much study and looking about she determined upon a regimen. She instantly gave up sugar in tea and coffee, and milk at any time. For two months she took for her breakfast, luncheon and dinner only beefsteak and toast, and now and then spinach and lettuce; always oranges—orange in plenty. She drank with this clear coffee or tea. Sometimes she drank claret. She limited the amount of water taken through the day to one quart, or, at most, three pints. Some of this she drank hot before or after meals. Often she squeezed the juice of a lemon in it. When the two months were over and the flesh had begun to diminish, she ate other vegetables and fruit, corn, peaches, celery, but never any vegetables that grew under ground—potatoes, onions, parsnips, turnips, or beets. She never ate—and this was her most important rule—she never ate anything fermenting in character, any pears, plums, grapes, or sweets. Because bread has a fermenting quality in it, she always toasted it dry. Pudding she never touched, sauces, nor cake. If food led to flatulency in any form, she knew at once that it was a food to be avoided. By and by, after the first few months, she allowed herself an occasional sweet or an ice, but never as a habit.

REAGAN AND CLEVELAND. Colonel O'Brien Moore writes from Washington to the St. Louis Republic as follows:

Few men in the United States of eminence and influence in the democratic party have been more critical of President Cleveland and his administration than John H. Reagan of Texas. Judge Reagan is now the sole surviving member of Jefferson Davis' Confederate cabinet. He is an ardent advocate of the free and unlimited coinage of silver, and has at times savagely assailed President Cleveland because of his alleged sympathy with the views of the money kings of the East. Judge Reagan has always had the courage of his convictions. He never dodged an issue or neglected a duty. While differing as radically as he does from President Cleveland, he has always conceded the president's honesty. Reagan has regretted the president's views, but never questioned his integrity.

Some democrats, because they differ from the president on one question, or two, or three, are inclined to damn him all along the line, even though his views and theirs are similar on many things. He has written to a friend in Washington regarding the president's message on the Monroe doctrine. He said that Cleveland's message would make him illustrious and glorious for all time; that he was a president to be proud of, and that it was no wonder that the people had confidence in him. This is the commendation of a venerable statesman, who has been in the service of his State and country for nearly sixty years. It shows that Judge Reagan, differing as sharply as he does from the president on the money question, is still broad and big enough to appreciate the president's great qualities in other directions.

AUGUSTA.

EDITOR COURIER: Since the holidays are over our little city has settled down to business, and once again the new year starts out. The young people all report a merry Christmas and a good time during Christmas week there were several nice entertainments given in honor of visitors, which were enjoyed to the fullest extent and will be among the cherished memories of the past.

Miss Kline of Houston, spent the holidays with her brother, Gaylord Kline, who is principal of the school at this place.

Mr. Chas. Butts returned during the holidays with his bride, formerly Miss McCormick of Mullin. They have the best wishes of your

correspondent for a long and prosperous life. They will make Augusta their future home.

Miss Clara Mitchell is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Dr. Elliott Porter Newiman, who is attending school at Oman, spent Christmas at home with her parents.

Mrs. O. A. Rial' of Hillboro, and Mrs. W. V. McConnell are visiting their father, W. McLean.

There will be a church supper at this place on the 17th of this month, given by the ladies; the proceeds of which will be used to repair the church. There will be plenty of eatables and everybody is invited to come. General admission will be twenty-five cents. It is for a good cause and should be liberally patronized.

Dr. Wilson says that he can down Mr. LeGory on large hogs as he killed two of the Berkshire variety, one weighing 584 pounds and the other 479. Success to the COURIER, and may it have a prosperous new year.

CHEAP METROPOLITAN PAPERS.

There is no excuse nowadays for a citizen to subscribe for a great metropolitan paper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "Twice-a-Week" Republic of St. Louis, which is credited with the largest circulation of any weekly paper, is only \$1 a year, and for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 copies a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns this year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" Republic will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities.

The Daily and Sunday Republic can now be had by mail for a little more than one cent and a half a day, or \$6 a year, when paid in advance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has increased its value twofold by adding many valuable features.

An Old Soldier's Recommendation. In the late war I was a soldier in the First Maryland Volunteers, Company G. During my term of service I contracted chronic diarrhoea. Since then I have used a great amount of medicine, but when I found any that would give me any relief it would injure my stomach, until Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was brought to my notice. I used it and will say it is the only remedy that gave me permanent relief and no bad results follow. I take pleasure in recommending this preparation to all of my old comrades, who, while giving their services to their country, contracted this dreadful disease as I did, from eating unwholesome and uncooked food. Yours truly, A. E. Bending, Halsey, Oregon. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

The policy has been adopted of putting all the county convicts in this county who fail to make bond and hire out in the usual way, at work on the county roads where they are allowed fifty cents per day for their labor, which is credited on their fines, and they are lodged in jail at night. Special officer John Taylor has several road-workers in his charge now under this system. Under the old system the convict who didn't give bond, remained in jail for ten days and then, upon making affidavit that he was unable to pay his fine, he was kept in jail and allowed a credit of three dollars for each day he remained there until the fine and costs were paid. Under the new system he must exercise his muscle for the public good and pay for his grub.

We have just received an elegant line of furniture of all grades. It will be to your interest to call and examine our stock while the assortment is complete. Our new line of bedsteads cannot be equalled for quality or cheapness. In all our experience we have never seen bedsteads which could equal these for the price. Our new line of chairs from 50c up can't be beat. We will sell our regular 75c chair for 50c until these are gone. If you want a bargain in these goods come quick for they will soon be gone. We haven't space to name over our different lines of goods but ask you to come and see for yourself that we have genuine bargains in every line.

Aldrich & Duren.

Tax collector Sheridan has been doing a rushing business with the tax payers for the past three weeks but the returns are coming rather slowly just at present. About two thirds of the state and county taxes for 1895 have been collected thus far.

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A friend of Crockett and the COURIER suggests that we "touch 'em up"—meaning public opinion and the powers that be—on the sidewalk question. The files of the paper will show that we have touched and retouched this veteran issue with argument, satire and sarcasm often enough to have started a revolution and carried it to a triumphant conclusion; but the sidewalks on the residence streets remain as of yore—uneighly trails utilized by bipeds and quadrupeds alike and an obstacle to the progress of the community. Some reforms are so gradual that, like the processes of evolution as claimed by Darwin, they are invisible to the naked eye and can only be ascertained after the lapse of generations. The sidewalk reform in Crockett, moved by a sterner and invisible inner force, without any assistance from the outside, seems to be working itself out after that fashion.

COACHEE WAS A WIZARD. But His Magic Couldn't Keep Him Out of Jail.

Belief in the magic art is by no means extinct in the department of the Pas de Calais.

The latest sorcerer is a coachman, who, by some peculiar process of reasoning, is regarded by the ignorant as a past master in the occult sciences. One of his victims was a girl who was extremely anxious to be wedded to the object of her affection.

The young man could not be induced to come forward, so she consulted the Jehu, who told her that she would be married in the beginning of February. She put a certain sum of money down as an installment, and, although disappointed, was returning with the remainder when the police interfered and arrested the Jehu.

One venerable dame declared that she was delighted with the magician, as he evicted an evil spirit from her habitation.

She had called on him with her daughter, and he had told them that the house was bewitched. On the receipt of the sum of eighteen francs the coachman paid her a visit, and, after shutting himself up in the stable for ten minutes, he emerged with the joyful tidings that he had discovered a "fatal toad" and had driven it off the premises. From that moment, the old woman declared, she had been at peace, and she went up with the expression of her gratitude and of her confidence in the great sorcerer. In answer to the questions put to him the Jehu said that he had learned it all in a little book he had lost. There were spells and incantations. "Very good. Repeat one," said the presiding judge. "But they are in Latin," the man replied. "Never mind; go on. We shall understand all the same," exclaimed the judge, encouragingly. The improvised magician, however, could not get out a word, but lunging his head amid roars of laughter, and soon afterward he was sentenced to two months' imprisonment.—London World.

HOUSTON COUNTY

AND ITS INDUCEMENTS

HOUSTON COUNTY is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31 1-2 degrees North; longitude 95 1-2 degrees West; 113 miles North of Houston and 163 miles North of Galveston. The county is bounded on the East by the Neches and on the West by the Trinity river. The county is one of the oldest and largest in the State, embracing an area of 680,000 acres of land. The population is 25,000. Of this number 17,000 are white and 8,000 colored; foreign born less than 1,000. Debt and tax rate are very small. The bonded debt of the county is being rapidly liquidated.

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RAILROADS. The Great Northern branch of the International & Great Northern runs North and South through the center of the county; the Trinity Southeastern (Cotton Belt) near the Eastern boundary and the Trinity, Cameron & Western is projected through the Southwestern part. Two other roads are chartered through the county, and are being surveyed and partly constructed. The county is well supplied with transportation facilities and will be unsurpassed by any in the state when the new roads are built, as they will be before a great while.

SCHOOLS. Houston County has the best system of public free schools in the State of Texas. The city free schools of Crockett run nine months and the county free schools six months in the year. The county has a school fund of \$70,000 in her own right, which draws an annual income of \$5,000. This, together with \$25,000 furnished by the state, makes an available school fund for the county of \$95,000 a year. School houses are commodious and fitted with patent, first class school furnishings.

CHURCHES. All churches are represented and the different denominations have facilities equal, if not superior, to those enjoyed in the old states.

WATER. The county is plentifully supplied with water for all purposes. An abundance of good water can be secured in any part of the county. At short distances there are never-failing streams of pure water, which furnish power sufficient for manufacturing purposes. No county in the state can boast of as many such streams.

SOILS. We have the greatest variety of soils, adapted to the cultivation of all farm products grown in the temperate zone. There are the black saxy, the black loam, the stiff black sandy, the gray sandy, red, chocolate, alluvial and scores of other kinds. Nine tenths of it is prairie land of the best quality, and is easily cultivated with all the improved agricultural implements. Of the land in the county, about 100,000 acres are in cultivation, and the balance of 580,000 acres is virgin prairie and forest.

TIMBER. The timber in Houston county is of all kinds and in almost unlimited supplies. There are magnificent forests of long leaf and short leaf pine, red oak, white oak, post oak, linn, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in fine supply: holly, beech, maple, sassafras, cherry, and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Palace" in Fort Worth, Houston county was awarded the first prize gold medal for the best timber exhibit. A furniture factory, or any other using hard wood, would do well here. Pine lumber can be had at \$6 to \$8 per 1000 feet.

FRUIT. The soil of Houston county is unsurpassed in its adaptability to fruit culture. Apples, peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots and grapes yield enormous crops. In this business there is a chance for fortunes to be made, as early fruits and berries can be matured and shipped to the northern markets before competition from other sections affect the market price. Strawberries, blackberries, dewberries and others are grown without trouble.

STAPLE PRODUCTS

The yield of cotton in this county averages one-half a bale per acre; corn twenty to thirty bushels; sweet and Irish potatoes two to four hundred bushels and ribbon cane produces from two to four hundred gallons of the very best syrup. Melons of all kinds, peas, beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, squashes, onions, beets, radishes, cabbage and all other garden vegetables grown in the greatest abundance.

The soil in portions of the county is particularly adapted to tobacco culture and there are thousands of acres that will produce the very best quality of tobacco grown. We have recently tried the GENUINE HAVANA tobacco and find that, when the farmer has the proper knowledge of curing same, the yield is from \$200 to \$400 per acre, our Havana tobacco bringing forty to fifty cts. per pound in the New York market.

In 1894 Houston County produced 30,000 bales of cotton, 900,000 bushels of corn, more first class ribbon-cane syrup than could be used at home, and enough meat for home use. Besides these crops, oats, sorghum, peas, hay and peanuts enough to fatten all stock on hand through the winter.

LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs. Mrs. J. B. Harkins is reported to be sick. C. R. Brannon of Lovelady was in town Wednesday. Seed oats at Arledge, Kennedy & Co's. W. F. Dent of Lovelady, was in town Tuesday. Miss Mattie Brashier is on the sick list. A new firm in town—Carlton & Slattery. The oil mill will run about two weeks longer. The weather this week is about all that could be desired. Judge Cooper is reported to be quite ill. William McLean of Augusta was in town Saturday. Dave Bayne and family of Huntsville will locate here. T. J. Dawson and J. S. Langston called on the COURIER one day this week. O. D. Kirkpatrick of San Saba County has moved to Crockett. Plow tools all kinds, at Arledge, Kennedy & Co's. Family orders solicited for oysters, bread, etc., at New Restaurant. J. B. FIFER, Manager. Miss Willie Pierson of Burnet, who has been visiting Mrs. H. F. Craddock in this city, has returned to her home. Eat at New Restaurant. Best meals in city, 25c. J. B. FIFER, Manager. It is reported that two new mercantile houses will soon be established in Crockett. Board by day, week or month at New Restaurant, only first-class one in city. J. B. FIFER, Manager. J. S. Fluker has sold his residence property in east Crockett to John Shivers. Elwood, the little son of N. E. Albright, has been quite sick for some days. The Knights of Honor and the Knights of Dixie have arranged with the Knights of Pythias to use the hall of the latter for their lodge meetings. The railroad company has finished the work of grading the roadway west of the red brick culvert over the town creek, to the railroad track. The Crook brothers expect their mother out from Tennessee about the first week in February. She will make her home here with her son, Jere Crook, at the D. M. Murchison homestead. W. V. McConnell spent Sunday in Augusta, and returned accompanied by his wife who had been visiting at the home of her father, Wm. McLean, in that town. Judge Gould of Palestine, attorney for the I. & G. N. R. R. Co., and A. R. Howard, treasurer of the same company, were in the city last Friday. The federal grand jury at Tyler has returned an indictment against Curry Connor who lives near this city, charging him with robbing the United States mails. The case was continued when called for trial, and Connor was released on bond. R. H. Jones, the express agent in this city, blonde and beaming, boarded the train Wednesday morning for Groveton, where he was booked for a ball and a good time that night. It is said that Robert had no less than five written invitations to that ball, beseeching his genial presence. The lodge of the order of Knights of Dixie, recently organized in this city, has elected the following officers: Dr. S. T. Beasley, C.; Jas. Brown, N. C.; M. Baumberg, J. C.; Dr. Laurence Corley P.; R. H. Jones, N. P.; S. E. Harrel, Chaplain; John Taylor, P.; J. H. Ellis, Scribe and F. S.; John Murchison, Treasurer. The lodge has a membership of thirty.

Let us have that clock in the court house tower and let all help to raise the funds. Robert Nunn will be married on the 5th of February to Miss Huberta Reed of Corsicana. It is reported on good authority that there will be colored citizens on the next grand and petit juries. Mrs. Frank Embry, of Trinity, is visiting F. P. Hudson's family at Coltharp this week. Mrs. Kitty Peoples of Temple, formerly Miss Kitty Buford of this city, is here on a visit. J. E. Hollingsworth of Grape-land, is recovering from a protracted spell of sickness. J. K. Chandler, a well known merchant of Ash, was in town Wednesday and gave the COURIER a call. Jeff D. Sims has moved his family to town and has taken a position at Shivers Bros. store. The business men around the Downes and Racket Store corners have put in an arc electric light. H. C. Sessions of Creek, was in to see us the past week. He is thinking of moving near Crockett. A. J. Payne of Ratliff, was in town last week. With him were several movers from Delta county who are going to locate near him. J. B. Ellis sold what is known as the Dawson place west of Crockett for \$50 an acre. Now, say Crockett dirt is not worth something. Every night at the Baptist church there are exercises in vocal sacred music by a large class of ladies and gentlemen under the direction of Prof. Agy. Mending fences, repairing houses and otherwise "pottering about the premises," is the kind of work now mostly engaging the energies of the farmers. Miss Lizzie May Brown, an accomplished young lady of this city who has been visiting in McGregor for the past two months returned home Friday morning. The writer heard a commercial man remark one evening this week that "Crockett was the best town between Texarkana and Galveston, except Houston." Rice Macey will be down this summer to pay his respects to the populists of Houston county. Are they acquainted with him? W. E. Maves has been putting a great deal of capital in brick houses, thereby helping the town and also showing his faith in the town's future. Frank Keeland and Miss Jimmie Christian of this city were married in Madisonville last week and from there they went to Huntsville and returned to Crockett on Wednesday of this week. Houston county farmers are now solemnly debating the question of the cotton acreage for the coming season. In another column of this issue the COURIER prints some good reading for them on this subject, from sources entitled to respect. The organization of the Crockett brass band has been revived and the members have employed Prof. C. H. Menifee as leader. The band practices three nights in the week, and expects to give a concert about the last of the month. On the 4th of this month county treasurer Ellis received from Austin the sum of \$4090.64, that being the balance due from the state to the school fund of this county for the scholastic year ending last September. A city clock for the court-house tower is being talked, and every one to whom the matter has been mentioned is in favor of it. It will have to be bought and put up by private subscription on the installment plan. Let all help and not wait for a few to do all. Tax receipts have been heavy during January. Collector Sheridan received the following sums for the first eight days of the month: January 1, \$325.00; January 2, \$979.30; January 3, \$444.06; January 4, \$386.00; January 6, \$430.00; January 7, \$114.15; January 8, \$285.15; January 9, \$19.40. At the special session of the commissioners court in this city last week a warrant was ordered drawn for \$400 payable to John B. Smith, for the construction of the new brick culvert across the town creek near the depot; but it was with the understanding that the court did not receive or accept said culvert until better satisfied that it had been erected according to the contract. Mr. Smith agreed that if at the end of twelve months the culvert was not satisfactory to the court that he would rebuild the same at his own expense and he agreed to give bond to the effect and to pay all damages occasioned by defective construction.

If the Comptroller is Willing. Last Friday the commissioners' court met in special session at the court house to further consider the question of the valuation for taxing purposes of the property of the I. & G. N. R. R. Co., in this county. The court had previously assessed the road on a basis of \$12,500 per mile but the company refused to pay on such a valuation and the meeting of the court on Friday was to take further evidence and see if an agreement could be reached and a law suit avoided. All the members of the court were present at the meeting on Friday and Judge Gould of Palestine was also in attendance to represent the railroad company. Judge Gould produced evidence of the road's value in this county—the appraisal of the Texas railway commission being part of this evidence, which induced the court to rescind its former action and fix the valuation of the road in this county at \$10,000 per mile, conditioned upon the approval of the state comptroller. It is understood that this valuation is entirely satisfactory to the railroad company and the tax will be cheerfully paid upon that basis. The following is the order made by the court in the case: "On this the 10th day of January, 1896, came on to be heard the petition of the I. & G. N. R. R. Co., to have the court reconsider its action in fixing the valuation of said railroad at \$12,500 per mile, and after hearing same the court is of the opinion that it committed an error in fixing such valuation, being misled by the evidence. It is therefore ordered, adjudged and decreed by the court that said valuation be reduced to \$10,000 per mile, subject to the decision of the comptroller as to the legality of this court's action in so doing and if the comptroller shall decide that this court has no legal authority to make such reduction at this time, then this order to be held for naught." Keep The Subject Stirred. The recent communication of Rev. S. F. Tenny in the COURIER, concerning the feasibility of securing the location of a Presbyterian College in Crockett has attracted much attention and is being earnestly discussed by substantial and enterprising citizens who desire to promote the growth and welfare of the city. Mr. Tenny thinks that if our citizens would raise \$20,000 and donate a site of ten acres that the presbytery of East Texas would donate an equal sum and locate the college in Crockett. The great educational and material advantages that such an institution would be to this place are obvious. It would be a permanent and growing factor in the prosperity of Crockett and our citizens in their collective capacity could make no better investment. It seems to be reasonably certain that the college will be located somewhere in Eastern Texas, and as other towns are bidding on it our citizens should begin a lively agitation of the subject, preliminary to the practical work of raising the money and making a definite offer to the presbytery at its next meeting. Why Should He Complain? The writer was sitting in the tax-collector's office a few days since. One of the sovereigns walked up to pay his taxes and asked how much they amounted to. The collector told him \$4.30. The tax-payer's eyes flew open, his hands went up and his mouth began instantly to ejaculate something about the burdens of the government and the heavy tax-rate. The writer asked him how many children he had. His answer was, "eight." In reply to the further question, how many he had within scholastic age, he answered, "five." Now this man's school tax was only 60 cents, and he was educating five children at the expense of the public. In other words he was paying in only 60 cents a year for the schooling of his children and was drawing from the state and county for the past year \$22.50. Still he complains at the government, and in all probability cries the democratic party which gives him nearly forty for one. How many more of the chronic growlers are in the same boat? Pull the records on them when you hear them talking thus. Some of the citizens of Crockett are deeply indignant over extraordinary liberties recently taken with their horses after dark by unknown parties whose names they are very anxious to learn. These unknowns have on several occasions taken the horses of the aforesaid citizens by stealth from their stables after dark, and returned them before day in a very jaded condition. It is certainly a remarkable freedom to take with the property of other people, and the injured parties express themselves on the subject in a way that bodes no good for the offenders if they are caught.

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DO NOT FORGET TO CALL AND PRICE. Just arrived in Car Lots. 2 Cars Liverpool Salt, Fine and Coarse. 2 Cars Hay, Alfalfa and Forney. Car best TEXAS Bran Car Texas Red Rust Proof Oats and Car of Fresh Flour. Our Clothing and Shoe Stocks are Complete. We invite your inspection before buying.  
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Watch this space, S. H. OWENS, The Grocery Man.  
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E. E. PARKER of Lovelady has opened a first-class SMITH and WOOD SHOP in Crockett on Post Office Street. He will do all kinds of SMITH and WOOD work under guaranty. All kinds of REPAIR WORK done on buggies, wagons etc. and at very reasonable figures. Horses shod with Steel shoes, all round, for \$1.00. Give him a trial. Shop in front of Post Office.  
Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal. was troubled with a lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.  
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is famous for its cures of bad colds. It opens the secretions, relieves the lungs and aids nature in restoring the system to a healthy condition. If freely used as soon as the cold has been contracted, and before it has become settled in the system, it greatly lessens the severity of the attack and has often cured in a day what would have been a bad cold. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.  
The second monthly institute of the Houston county Teachers' Institute for the scholastic year, held its session at the public school building in this city last Saturday, and there were about fifteen teachers present representing Crockett, Augusta, Grape-land, Nevill's Prairie and one or two other points in the county. The meeting was an animated and interesting one, and the topics assigned to the various members present were discussed with enthusiasm and ability. Another meeting of the institute is called for the second Saturday in February.  
Lost or Strayed. One sorrel horse 9 years old, 15 hands high, stocky footed; one black mare about five years old, 13 1/2 hands high. Will pay two and half dollars for delivery.  
M. BROMBERG, Crockett.  
Lost. Two heifers, 3 years old each, red, branded diamond, half circle in the left ear and underbit for their return. J. W. Goodwin, Crockett, Texas.  
Notice in Administration. Whereas letters of administration upon the estate of John H. Stuart, deceased, were granted the undersigned by the Probate Court of Houston county on the 10 day of August, 1895, all persons holding claims against said estate are requested to present the same to me duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law.  
W. B. PAGE, Administrator estate of John H. Stuart, Crockett, Texas.  
NOTICE IN PROBATE. THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting: You are Hereby Commanded, Flat by publishing for 20 days, exclusive of the day of publishing, in some newspaper published in your county a true copy of this writ, you summon all persons interested in the estate of Nancy Wilson, deceased, to answer a final account filed by George B. Outler, administrator of said estate, in the County Court of Houston county, on the 7th day of January, 1896, showing the condition of said estate and praying to be discharged, as said administrator, which will be heard by said Court on the 3rd day of Feb'y., 1896 at the Court House of said County, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application and exhibit if they see proper.  
Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett this 7th day of January, 1896.  
N. E. ALBRIGHT, Clerk County Court Houston County, Texas.  
By JOHN SPENCE, Deputy.

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I hereby give notice to the public of Crockett and vicinity, that I am employed by the Crockett Cemetery Association to do all work that is to be done in the cemetery. I will also dig graves on lowest terms from \$1.50 to \$4.00. It can be found at all hours at cemetery or in town. Patronage solicited.  
WESLEY TRUSS, Administrator's Notice.  
Whereas on the 6th day of Nov. 1896, letters of administration upon the estate of Sam and Emaline Davenport, deceased, were granted by the probate court of Houston county, Texas, to the undersigned, therefore all persons holding claims against said estate are notified to present the same, duly authenticated, to me within the time prescribed by law.  
M. BROMBERG, Administrator Estate of Sam and Emaline Davenport, Crockett, Texas.  
The Discovery Saved His Life. Mr. G. Callouette, Druggist, Beaverville Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house either without it." Get a free trial at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.  
Cure For Headache. As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influences. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tonic to the bowels, and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. Large bottles only Fifty cents at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.  
Office of Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company. GEORGETOWN, TEXAS, Dec. 6, 1895. To the stockholders of the Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company: Notice is hereby given, by order of the board of directors of this company, passed at a meeting of said board held this day, that the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Trinity, Cameron & Western Railroad Company is called to meet at the company's office in Georgetown, Texas, on Saturday, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1896, at 2 o'clock, p. m. for the purpose of receiving reports of the company's officers, electing directors of the company to serve for the ensuing year, and for such other purposes as may properly come before the stockholders.  
Given under my hand this 6th day of December, 1895.  
D. H. SNYDER, Acting President.  
EDWARD E. TAYLOR, Sec'y.

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