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AN ADDRESS

From the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 6.—The following address was issued to-night, signed by Chairman Dudley and a number of members of the democratic state executive committee, Governor Culberson, Judge Reagan, Governor Hogg, Chairman Blake and other supporters of free coinage:

"To the Democrats of Texas: We congratulate you upon the submission by the democratic state executive committee of the paramount issue in the approaching campaign to the highest tribunal of democracy, the people in their primaries. It now remains for them to express the sovereign judgment of the democratic party of Texas upon this momentous question. It is conceded that an overwhelming majority of the democrats of Texas earnestly favor a return to the currency system adopted by the framers of the government and the restoration of silver to its former position of equality with gold at the public mints at the present coinage ratio of 16 to 1. The remaining hope of those who have reluctantly agreed to refer this question to the arbitration of the people is that through their negligence or indifference or the influence of insidious arts of designing persons, the intent of the submission to secure a full expression of the will of the democratic party of Texas may be defeated. We appeal to every member of the party and to every citizen who is willing to accept the liberal invitation of the national and state democratic executive committee to join in making the verdict of the democracy of Texas in favor of bimetalism so complete and emphatic that the advancing cause of financial reform may receive an impetus that will further the general success:

"J. G. Dudley, George A. Carden, E. P. Hill, Arch Grinnan, S. A. McMeans, W. J. Hood, J. R. Warren, S. J. Hendrix, Henry A. Finch, J. M. Harper, G. W. Barefoot, J. O. Nicholson, H. B. Marshall, W. W. Dillard, C. A. Culberson, John H. Reagan, J. S. Hogg, J. W. Blake, R. M. Wynne, Ned Morris, Bryan T. Barry, James W. Swayne, Heber Stone, E. G. Senter, R. N. Stafford, J. J. Faulk, Jink Evans, L. T. Dashiell, John A. Wayland, A. M. Kennedy, B. D. Dashiell, Thomas N. Jones, John M. Duncan."

Waterworks.

In a town in central Texas there were three cases of typhoid fever in rapid succession in one family. The family physician suggested to the father and head of the family that perhaps their drinking water was contaminated. The gentleman said that could not be as he had an excellent well, standing thirty feet in water, and which had not been drawn dry for forty years. "That may be the trouble," said the doctor; "the water in there is not fresh and pure." So the gentleman hired two stout negroes to draw out the water. It was a hard day's work with two ten gallon kegs for buckets. At last the water was all out and the negroes proceeded to excavate and haul out the mud and debris over which the water stood. The writer was present

and the following is only a partial inventory of what came out of the well: one cart-load of rocks, brickbats, beef bones, cow horns, old shoes, broken pottery and pieces of porcelain that had served every purpose known to the crockery trade, one tin spittoon, one milk cooler, two rotten buckets, bones of two defunct hens, one fine comb, skeletons of a puppy, a cat and two rabbits, one tooth brush, two snuff bottles, spinal vertebrae of snakes, one hair brush, one rusty wash-pan, a wooden instrument resembling a boot-jack, and formerly used to tighten rawhide thongs used in early days as "bed-cords." Last but not least, came out what some said was the fossil remains of an extinct quadruped of the Cenezoic Age. The fact that all the articulations of its anatomy were still held in place by ligaments led others to dissent from this opinion. They declared it to be of recent existence and to belong to the Age of Man. A local veterinary surgeon, an expert on feline anatomy, said it was the osseous frame of a digitigrade carnivorous mammal called the *Mephitis Americana*, or in plain United States, "the bones of a dead polecat."

These are facts susceptible of proof. The other witnesses reside in this state and their depositions may be taken. The place had been rented for years. This subterranean museum was not the collection of one family or one generation, yet it was there and those good people who innocently supposed they quaffed a wholesome and delightful beverage from the "Old Oaken Bucket," drank a fluid full of the bacilli of disease—recking with the very germs of death. But they are not alone. Every man who drinks water from a shallow surface well in an old town puts his health and his life in jeopardy every time he empties a dipper or glass of water. Such water is the fluid extract of decomposed animal and vegetable matter that has accumulated for years. The ground is saturated with it and it contaminates the surface well. "Cleaning it out" does not remove the danger. You can no more get a safe beverage from such a well than draw lemonade from an ash hopper or truth from a populist paper.

You must either go out of town above and beyond the possibility of contamination, for a supply of pure water, or bore down to the artesian sands. Rockdale, Texas, a town no larger or richer than Crockett, saved enough in one fire not more than a year ago, by having water-works and good fire pressure, to pay for the entire plant.

Crockett is able to have water-works. Pure water in an inexhaustible supply can be had here for a trifling cost. In sanitation alone it would soon save the investment, to say nothing of suffering, fire losses and inconvenience saved. Figure on the insurance saved by a water supply and fire company. Figure on it any way you may, and you can't figure out any way this city can afford to go longer without water.

HYGIEA.

Commissioners' court is in session with a full bench.

NATIONAL FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Subtreasury and \$50 Per Capita Eliminated—Meet at Dallas.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The national farmers' alliance and industrial union, which has been in session here three days, adjourned this afternoon.

Important action was taken during the closing session. The subtreasury plan, to which this alliance has been committed for a number of years, and a demand for an increase in the circulating medium to \$50 per capita, were eliminated from the platform.

Resolutions were adopted opposing the refunding of the Pacific railroad debt, and agreeing to meet next year at Dallas, Tex., if the city will make suitable offers.

A committee was appointed this morning to appear before the proper congressional committee to complain of alleged outrages and murders on the Maxwell land grant in New Mexico and in Colorado, the Des Moines river grant in Iowa and the Seirra forest grant in California. Alliance members who had lived on these grants complained to the national organization that they were illegally evicted in favor of corporations, and the alliance now proposes to call the attention of the congress to these cases.

Democratic Call.

To the Members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Houston county:

Gentlemen:—By virtue of authority vested in me as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Houston county, I hereby call a meeting of said committee for Monday, February 24th, at 10 a. m. The committee will assemble in Crockett at the time designated. Business of the gravest concern to the party will come before the committee, and it is hoped that every member will be on hand.

W. B. PAGE,
Chairman, Dem. Ex. H. Co.

Republican Call.

To the Republicans of Houston county:

In pursuance to the power invested in me, I therefore call a county convention in the courthouse in the town of Crockett, Saturday, Feb. 29, 1896, to elect delegates to attend the state convention to be held in the city of Austin, March 24, 1896, and to attend to any other business that may come before the convention.

S. M. BRUCE,
County Chairman.

Will Not Be a Candidate

Austin, Tex., Feb'y 7, 1896

EDITOR COURIER:

Please permit me through the columns of your paper, to thank yourself and other friends who have so voluntarily and kindly solicited and advocated my candidacy for judge of the 3rd judicial district. I am grateful indeed for this manifestation of their confidence and good-will, and only wish I were more worthy of the high compliment thus shown me. The office of district judge is one of the highest honor and dignity, and one which any man should be proud to fill; and I conceive it to be a most distinguished tribute to one's character to be even suggested for the place. Especially is this true when such suggestions

come so spontaneous and unsought as in my own case. Had I remained in the district it is probable I should have become a candidate, but circumstances of such a nature have intervened as to render such a course inadvisable, and I take this method of making known my declination. In the event your district shall elect a judge next November, I most sincerely trust the democracy will be triumphant, and that the office will be conducted on that high plane of judicial honesty and integrity befitting its just administration, wholly free from and disconnected with anything that smacks of partisan politics or political juggling. I shall ever keep in sacred remembrance this token of the confidence and esteem of those of my friends who have seen fit to honor me in the manner before-mentioned, and from the citadel of my own heart I again express my sincerest thanks and profoundest gratitude.

Respectfully,

J. W. MADDEN.

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.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

The partnership heretofore existing between E. D. Hellrigle and J. G. Brown has this day been dissolved, E. D. Hellrigle having purchased J. G. Brown's entire interest. All persons indebted to the firm of Hellrigle & Brown must settle with E. D. Hellrigle at once. And all claims against said firm must be presented to E. D. Hellrigle. J. G. Brown will continue to manage the smith department in Hellrigle's employ.

Thanking the public for past favors and trusting that the new firm may continue to merit your future patronage, we affix our signatures,
J. G. BROWN,
E. D. HELLRIGLE,
Crockett, Tex., Jan. 17 1896.

He Denies It.

Palestine, Feb. 1, 1896.

EDITOR COURIER:

The statement in your last issue that I have been trying to run the republican primaries in this district is wholly untrue. I have not taken any active part in any primaries, but have been busily engaged in the discharge of my official duties.
J. R. CORNETT.

County Examination.

The regular examination for teachers' certificates will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, February 20th, 21st and 22d. This includes an examination for permanent certificates as well as for all lower grades.

A. A. ALDRICH,
County Judge.

Notice.

Glenwood Cemetery association will meet at the residence of Judge Aldrich Friday afternoon of this week at 4 p. m.

Purpose of said meeting is to reorganize and plan work for the year 1896.

New election of officers, Meeting important and it is earnestly requested that all members will attend. Mrs. CORRY,
Corresponding Secretary.

The Democratic Executive Committee for Houston County.

Crockett beat, W. B. Page; Lovelady, W. J. Murchison; Grapeland, F. C. Woodward; Augusta, W. F. Murchison; Weches, R. P. Robbins; Coltharp, Z. B. John; Dodson, James Best; Holly, R. W. Skipper; Freeman, H. W. O'Neil; Pleasant Grove, E. M. Collier; Shiloh, F. A. Harvey; Weldon, J. W. Rosamond; Daniel, A. J. Belott; Porter Springs, J. M. Porter; Dally, W. P. Kyle; Boggs, J. K. Chandler; Creek, S. B. Hallmark.

Since the meeting of the committee two years ago, vacancies have occurred in the Holly and Shiloh beats, the former caused by the removal of W. O. Phipps to Lovelady, and the latter by the death of S. G. Hester. The county chairman has filled these by the appointment of R. W. Skipper and F. A. Harvey.

Vote in Congressional Convention.

The vote of each county in the next congressional convention in this, the Second (Cooper's) district, is as follows:

Anderson county.....	6	votes
Angelina.....	4	"
Cherokee.....	5	"
Hardin.....	1	"
Harrison.....	15	"
Houston.....	6	"
Jasper.....	2	"
Jefferson.....	2	"
Liberty.....	1	"
Nacogdoches.....	6	"
Newton.....	1	"
Orange.....	1	"
Panola.....	4	"
Polk.....	3	"
Sabine.....	1	"
Sar. Augustine.....	2	"
San Jacinto.....	2	"
Shelby.....	5	"
Tyler.....		not given

Ice Factory.

We feel authorized in making the statement that an ice factory is an assured fact for Crockett. There are two schemes on foot working to this end, and there is no doubt that one or the other will be carried out. Though slowly, all the accessories of a thrifty, live and enterprising town are coming, and coming to stay. The progress of our little city in this respect is very gratifying to all, and to none so much as to those who have for years labored for such desirable ends. An ice factory in certain prospect, the next on the program are waterworks and a telephone system. They will come in the course of events, and within a shorter time than some are disposed to think.

Worth Knowing

For the information of aspiring gentlemen we publish below an approximate estimate of what each county office pays; also an estimate for that of district attorney and the officials of Precinct No. 1: County clerk's pays from \$2500 to \$3000; assessor from \$2000 to \$2500; district clerk from \$800 to \$1000; sheriff from \$1500 to \$1800; county judge from \$1300 to \$1500; county treasurer from \$900 to \$1200; county attorney from \$1500 to \$2000; justice peace, Precinct 1, from \$1000 to \$1200; constable Precinct 1, from \$800 to \$1000; district attorney from \$2500 to \$3000.

H. A. Rice paid the COURIER a call on Saturday last.

The COURIER has received about forty new subscribers in the short time elapsing since notice of reduction in price. We hope to add fully five hundred more subscribers to our lists in the course of the spring.

The COURIER changes its shape this week. The size will be the same and it will contain just as much reading matter as formerly. The only difference is in the manner of folding.

The Furniture store will receive a beautiful selection of picture mouldings next week of every pattern and price.

We will also receive the prettiest line of window shades ever seen in Crockett—call quick before they are gone.

Our spring stock of furniture is expected to arrive in a short time and we cordially invite you to inspect it. THE FURNITURE STORE.

In a recent editorial the Salem, Oregon, Independent says: "Time and again have we seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy tried and never without the most satisfactory results. Whenever we see a person afflicted with hoarseness, with a cough or cold, we invariably advise them to get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy; and when they do, they never regret it. It always does the work, and does it well."—For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

A complete line of coffins and metallic caskets at The Furniture Store at moderate prices.

The exposure to all sorts and conditions of weather that a lumberman is called upon to endure in the camps often produces severe colds which, if not promptly checked, result in congestion or pneumonia. Mr. J. O. Davenport, ex-manager of the Fort Bragg Redwood Co., an immense institution at Fort Bragg, Cal., says they sell large quantities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the company's store and that he has himself used this remedy for a severe cold and obtain immediate relief. This medicine prevents any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia and insure a prompt recovery. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

War News.

The war with England will not probably occur, but the war on groceries is certain.

ARLEDGE, KENNEDY & CO. have bought out the entire BANKRUPT STOCK OF GROCERIES of the RACKET STORE at 75 cts on the dollar and will sell them out extremely low down. We were loaded for bear on groceries and hardware before making this purchase and now we are over loaded and must sell out to make room. Every body come, but don't all come at once. TERMS SPOT CASH.

CASH! CASH!

DO NOT FORGET TO CALL AND PRICE. Just arrived in Car Lots.

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J. E. DOWNES

SAYS:

That in these hard times it stands every one in hand to be economical, but in order to do so it is not wise to buy the cheapest as the lowest priced goods are not the cheapest in the long run. He says that he buys from first hands and buys good goods at bottom prices for cash; that he does not keep Cheap John, Jim Crow or shoddy goods, but every article is of the best and as low as any one can sell who sells good goods. He asks a share of your trade.

Bible Society.

The annual meeting of the Houston County Bible Society was held at the Presbyterian church, Sunday night. The bibles are kept for sale by J. E. Downes and are sold at New York cost without freight. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. J. S. Mathis, president; J. C. Wooters, vice-president; James DeDane, secretary; J. E. Downes, treasurer.

Election Notice.

It is ordered by the city council of the city of Crockett, Texas, that an election be held within the corporate limits of the city of Crockett on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1896, for the election of a mayor, two aldermen and a city attorney of said city to serve for two years. Passed February 11, A. D. 1896.

J. C. WOOTERS,
Mayor of Crockett, Texas.

Attest:
JOHN SPENCE,
Sec. City of Crockett, Texas.

Mistrot Bros. & Co's

Closing sale of the bankrupt stock is now going on. It will not last but about two weeks.

We are going to clear out the old stock regardless of cost or value. We need the room for our spring stock which will begin to arrive in two weeks. If you want a suit of clothes at half-price now is the time to get it. We have lots of Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Gents' Furnishing Goods, etc. to close out, as well as Clothing. Come to see us.

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R. D. KING, Manager.

The Improvement Goes On

Ike Daniel is making arrangements to begin making brick again. He will have a new yard and new machinery. The demand for brick continues brisk, and new houses are being contracted for. J. E. Downes is going to erect another brick store-house on the lot where he did business before moving into his present brick. The Knights of Pythias are going to purchase a lot and erect a two-story brick. Besides, other bricks are in contemplation. The spirit of improvement goes on without abatement, and Crockett is outstripping her East Texas neighbors in rapid growth and substantial enterprise. The latest enterprise on foot is an ice factory, which seems assured. Work will begin on it in a short time, we understand. The next thing will be waterworks which must come before a great while.

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Unanimous Choice

The New York Morning Journal recently offered ten leading makes of bicycles as prizes in a guessing contest, giving the winners free choice of any one of the ten machines. The result was ALL of the ten winners selected

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ECCLESIASTICAL CONTEST.

Powerful Creed Defenders Backed Up by Shouting Sisters of the Faith.

For the last week the Rev. Mr. Byrd of the Christian church and the Rev. Mr. Blalock of the Missionary Baptist denomination have been engaged in a lively debate at Spring place, says the Atlanta Constitution. Every day they meet in the courthouse, and in the presence of large audiences they discuss the merits and demerits, the claims and the credits, of the two professions of religious belief. The debate attracted large crowds and one day Byrd would hurl his denunciations against the opposition and on the next day Blalock would launch invectives at the faith of his brother preacher. Toward the last the battle became so obstinate that some exceedingly vigorous language was used.

On Saturday matters reached a climax when the pent-up emotions of the women of the two flocks gave way and they prepared for a shouting match. The Baptist sisters went prepared to indulge in a fervent demonstration and had their plans all laid for a regular jubilee of prayer and praise. Somebody gave the "lan away" and the Christian church women marshaled their vocal legions in battle array. Numerically they were the weaker, but by enthusiasm and lung power they made up for the disparity in numbers.

Finally, just at the close of Blalock's talk, at a signal given, the leader of the Baptists opened up and the other sisters joined in. The leader of the Christian church cohorts took the cue and began on her side of the house, and then occurred a scene such as those who were present never witnessed before. Finally the Christian church people triumphed and carried the day over their competitors in vocal powers. The concluding sermon was delivered and at the close it was declared a drawn battle, and Blalock returned to Tennessee and Byrd returned to Dalton, each claiming that he had vanquished his opponent.

Feeling still runs very high among the Murray county folks and opinion is very much divided as to which one of the preachers got the best of the discussion.

THE CROCODILE PECULIAR.

Appears to Be Very Dead When He Is Much Alive.

There is little in the animal kingdom that can be so dead and be so much alive as a crocodile. The number of unsuspecting persons who have mistaken him for a log and have failed to discover their mistake until it was too late to be of any benefit to them will never be known. In ancient times, several years prior to the British occupation of Egypt, some of the people of that country worshipped the crocodile as a god, there being nothing else like him. They fed him on dainties and togged him out with jewelry. In other parts of Egypt, however, the natives looked upon him as a devil. Having no firearms, they did not fill him with lead, but they managed to immolate him successfully with such weapons as were fashionable at the time. The crocodile is not so numerous in the Nile as he was in the days of the Rameses family; in fact, he rather shuns the river now below the second cataract on account of the annoyances inseparable from tourist traffic. It seems impossible for a tourist to see a crocodile without trying to plug him with a revolver, and to a reptile that is fond of a quiet life this sort of thing is simply insufferable. He will not molest a man unless he can take him at a disadvantage, and as long as man does not unthinkingly step on him the crocodile will go his own way and calmly await his opportunity. He feeds on fish, but for a course dinner would rather have humanity, black preferred, which shows that there is no accounting for taste, even among reptiles. His methods of capturing large game are plural as well as singular. Sometimes he will lie on a river bank partly covered with sand or mud until an absent-minded native wanders within reach. Having grabbed his prey he will waddle into the water and there drown the struggler. He will then drag his victim ashore and bury him in sand or mud and wait for days before he gorges himself.

Modern Military Development.
 Capt. James, in a recent address at the Royal United Service Institution in London, declared that a modern military development would inevitably shorten the period of war. Moreover, he asserted, while at the actual point of battle the destruction of life would be vastly increased, the aggregate loss of men in the entire war would be really reduced by the improved means of treating the wounded.

Southern Women.
 The old notion that southern women are languid, feeble folk ought to be dispelled by the act of four women in a suburb of Macon, Ga., last week. A house took fire during the night and the neighbors gathered to help the inmates in saving their effects. Four women carried a large upright piano from the parlor all the way out into the middle of the street unassisted.

PARALYSIS.

From the Press, New York City.

Morris Preslaner of No. 1 Pitt Street, New York, who is a real estate agent and collector of rents, caught a severe cold early last spring, which settled upon his kidneys. Soon he began to suffer severe pain in his backbone, sides and chest. His symptoms grew rapidly more alarming, until at last he was as helpless as a child, and could scarcely move as he lay on his bed.

Though a native of Berlin, Mr. Preslaner has lived in this country for forty years, having served the country of his adoption by three years' hard service in the civil war. He enlisted with the Nineteenth Illinois Infantry, taking part in many battles and marching with General Sherman to the sea. He is now a member of Koltes Post, G. A. R., and is one of the most popular men in the Post.

Mr. Preslaner told a reporter the story of his dreadful illness and wonderful recovery. The reporter met him as he was returning from a long walk, and, saying that he had heard of his wonderful cure, asked him to tell the story. His words were as follows: "I began with, I was taken sick just a year and a month ago, having taken a severe cold which settled on my kidneys. At first I thought the pain that I had suffered would soon pass away, but, instead of doing this, it grew more intense every day, so that in a week I could walk only with considerable difficulty.

"I called in a doctor, who said I had locomotor ataxia and began treating me for that disease. He did me no good, and all summer long I could scarcely attend to my business at all. Then I called another doctor and took his medicine for several weeks, but experienced no relief. Dr. Truman Nichols, of No. 231 East Broadway, whom I at last called in, helped me more than any of the other doctors, but along towards fall I grew worse despite his treatment.

"Early in November the little strength I had in my legs left me and I was unable to stand. The pain in my back and sides became almost unbearable, and my limbs grew cold. An electric battery I bought failed to help me, and for weeks I felt myself gradually growing weaker until all hope left. "Some time before this I had read of a wonderful cure a man had received from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, but was so prejudiced against what I thought was a patent medicine of the usual worthless character that I could not make up my mind to try them. As my pains increased and death seemed coming near, I thought of what I had read and of the symptoms of the man who had been cured. They were precisely the same as mine, and at last, with my wife's earnest entreaty, I consented to try the Pink Pills.

"I am now convinced that these pills saved my life. Gradually my strength began to return, the desire to live grew stronger within me. After having taken three boxes I left my bed. This was early in March. All pain had left me, and that terrible dead feeling in my legs had gone away. I was still very weak, but before I had taken the fourth box I was able to get down stairs for a short walk in the open air. Now I feel as if I had been born again and am as happy as a child."

All diseases, such as locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus' dance, partial paralysis, sciatica, rheumatism, neuralgia, nervous headache, palpitation of the heart, effects of la grippe, pale and sallow complexion, and all forms of weakness, either in man or woman, disappear when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are taken. Pink Pills can be bought of any dealer, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price (50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50—they are never sold by the hundred or in bulk) by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

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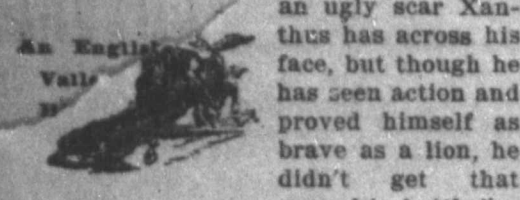
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As Eagle Valley

The boys who knew the colonel's story-telling abilities, drew their chairs closer and put themselves into a listening attitude.

The old man drew his cigar again and went on: "We were camped at a small town near Lexington that week; it was near the end of the war, and while we had not been doing much fighting for a month or more, our marching had been rather continuous and arduous. Xanthus then was a lieutenant in the 5th infantry, and a braver or more daring fellow never wore the blue. He was the envy of all the young officers and the idol of the soldiers. He had the manners of a Chesterfield and the daring of a Robin Hood. And it was the combination of these two qualities that got him into trouble and brought him the scar that makes him look so fierce and military.

"Near where we were camping was the mansion of a wealthy old Kentucky farmer, a supposed unionist, but who really was in sympathy with the confederacy. In addition to other very desirable commodities he possessed a pretty young daughter and from the first time that Xanthus saw her it was all over with him. He fell desperately in love and availed himself of every opportunity to go up to the big house, as we called it. And it wasn't long until the little Venable girl—Venable was her father's name, David Venable—it wasn't long till she was as much in love with Xanthus as he was with her.

"Those who were on the inside watched the affair constantly and wondered how it would turn out. The little girl had a couple of brothers, who for

and it is my impression that he has gone to the Venable house to carry off the daughter of that household as a bride. Now, whether his action is right or not, it is not for us to say, but a man in love is liable to encounter great dangers in accomplishing his end. But," said the colonel, with a twinkle in his eye, "all this is neither here nor there, and is of no consequence to you. My purpose in assembling you together is to send you out as a reconnoitering party; go out and reconnoiter, no matter where or what; don't do anything rash, but should you happen to find any soldier or officer of the United States in danger, give him protection."

"The colonel turned to his writing, and we knew that we had received our orders. Not a man who did not understand, and we turned away with smiles on our faces and a great thrill of sympathy in our hearts for the comrade who was braving danger alone for the sake of the girl that he loved.

"It was but the work of a few minutes to swing into the saddle and go galloping away in the direction of the Venable household where we knew our reconnoissance would be most valuable.

"It was a cold, clear night, one of the kind that puts spirit into a man and makes him feel like bounding over the ground. We were a light-hearted set, happy as could be in our mission, and we laughed, chatted and joked as we galloped along under the bright, starlit skies.

"It's rather hard lines," laughed Stetson, "that an escort of half a dozen men has to be sent out every time a fellow wants to go and see his girl."

"It would be harder," said Bates, in reply, "if the escort had to go all the way with him and listen to all he said to his sweetheart."

"It would be rather hard on the fellow," added Tedsbury.

"Not half so hard as on the sisters," retorted Bates.

"You're a fraud, Bates; a cynical, unmatrimonially inclined fraud, and married at that," said one of the men.

"Married? That's the reason he isn't matrimonially inclined," answered another.

"By George!" exclaimed Stetson, "if

straight into the faces of his pursuers. "It was all done in a moment. We saw his saber flash upward; and we heard a woman scream: 'Don't kill my brother,' and saw the saber lowered; then there was a flash of another steel and Xanthus dropped from his horse, just as we dashed up and surrounded the two Venable boys.

"The girl was on the ground beside her lover, weeping and trying to staunch the flow of blood, while her brothers stood by, mad enough to end it all with her; but we took them all safe into camp. Of course, we couldn't do anything with the fellows—they were only protecting their own. But they had to consent to the marriage of their sister with Xanthus; for, as you know, he did not die of his wound.

"A saber-stroke, did you say? No, that's the unromantic thing about the whole affair. A saber-stroke would have had the right tone about it, but they had cut our lieutenant with a big corn-knife!"

WAKED THE WRONG MAN.

How John Was Robbed to Pay Timothy McCarthy.

Two men named McCarthy died about the same time at Bellevue hospital recently, says the New York Recorder. One had been baptized Timothy and the other John. Timothy was an unfortunate without home or friends, while John was described by his countrymen as a "decent man," with plenty of "decent friends." He lived with his honest wife and family at 546 West Forty-sixth street before he was carried off to the hospital in the hope of saving his life. There was grief among the respectable well-wishers of John McCarthy when it was learned one morning that he had died at the hospital from the effects of a necessary operation, and the feelings of those good people were expressed loudly enough to leave no doubt as to the general esteem in which John McCarthy was held. Poor Timothy McCarthy, who died almost at the same moment, had nobody to mourn for him. It was on a Sunday afternoon that the friends and neighbors of John McCarthy assembled at his house to do honor to the dead. The corpse was laid out in a fine casket and many willing hands were lent to the preparations for the wake that began at 6 o'clock on this particular Sunday evening. No wake in that neighborhood was ever better attended. The house was thronged all that Sunday night and all the next day and all Monday evening until midnight with worthy people, who discussed nothing save the virtues of John McCarthy, and had only one lamentation in the world, and that was on account of John McCarthy's death. It was strange how people would go to the casket containing the mortal remains of McCarthy again and again. It was strange, also, how surprised they looked each time. If one was caught wearing a look of surprise, rather than one of becoming sorrow, that one was quick to cloak his thoughts, lest the good family should feel troubled. It would be the height of ill manners to say that the body in the casket didn't look a bit like it did when life was in it. At a wake it is better to speak only good of the dead. Along about midnight on Monday, however, two young men left the wake, and when they got outside they agreed that the corpse didn't look any more like John McCarthy than it did like the mikado of Japan. Further they declared they didn't believe it was John McCarthy at all. Thereupon they repaired to Bellevue and found John McCarthy's body still on the ice. John was a big, husky fellow. The body of Timothy McCarthy had been shipped to John's home by mistake. Timothy was little and weakened. An exchange of bodies promptly followed. Friendless Timothy had been waked thirty-six hours. There was only six hours left in which to wake John, for the funeral was to take place on the following day.

Love Never Grows Old.

Quite a romantic wedding took place the other morning at Naples, Me. The contracting parties were Enoch M. Bartlett of East Stoneham and Mrs. Sophia B. Leavitt of Naples. The bride and groom are both 65 years old, and in the days of their childhood attended the same school. A friendship was then formed that has never been forgotten in the vicissitudes of life. Both married early in life, and saw a family of children grow up around them, who now have made homes of their own. So, at the age of 65, the widow and widower recalled their past love, and meditating on the loneliness of the life of each, when left alone, they concluded to unite their fortunes for better or worse the remainder of their days. They are as happy as in their younger days.

Divorce Statistics.

Recent statistics show that the increase in divorces exceeds in percentage the increase in population in nearly all of the states. The causes are such as indicate a growing disposition to regard marriage as a mere contract instead of a sacred union.

Old in the Service.

W. Hasell Wilson, president of the Belvidere railroad, a part of the Pennsylvania system, is probably the oldest railway president in the world in active service. He is 86 years old.

A Rash Promise.

A story is told of a London magistrate, who had a lady up before him the day after Christmas, whom the policeman said he had found helplessly tipsy. He told her he would let her go (considering the festive season) if she would promise never to enter a public house again. "But, your honor," said the lady, "I was not drunk; I was drugged." "Well," said the magistrate, who saw that she was fencing, "I'll let you go if you'll promise never to enter a drug store again." To save the fine she promised and departed. All her soda water is gone.

Honest After All.

An inveterate borrower died in Chicago the other day and his numerous creditors, who had never thought it possible to get anything back, were agreeably surprised to find that he had made provision for the payment of every debt from his life insurance.

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Under the headlines "Living Questions" a St. Louis paper proceeds to discuss the city morgue for half a column.

Oklahoma.

No little interest is centered in the result of congressional action on the matter of statehood for Oklahoma and the Indian country.

One thing is self-evident to all well posted persons, and that is, if the two territories were united into one state, its almost unlimited mining industries and extensive and rich agricultural area would make it rank well up among the richest states of the union.

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The Passing of the Outlaw.

The wonderful strides of development in Oklahoma and Indian Territories during the past three years, and the rapid advancement of civilization and Christianity in those territories during that time, leave the outlaw no longer a resting place on this continent.

Beautiful cities, rich valleys and the rolling prairies of that country now teeming with an industrious and enterprising class of people take the place where such bands were roaming at will only a few short years ago. The people of that territory have as little to fear from any further outrages from such a source as those in the east, and such is the result of favorable legislation, backed up by the courage, push and enterprise of the American people.

The Berlin electric stations supply power to 146 printing offices.

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the sake of policy treated Dick Xanthus' visits with respectful consideration, but they weren't blind and they hated him in his blue uniform as 'the devil hates holy water.' They were big, bravay fellows, who were only stay-at-homes because their principles would not let them enter the union army, and their own and their father's interests kept them out of the confederate ranks.

"We warned our young lieutenant that his visits to the Venable house would bring him into trouble, but youth—and especially youth that is in love—is headstrong, so he went on his way just as we expected he would.

"Finally, one day, when things had been going on in this way for some time, Dick asked the colonel for leave on the next night. Old Tom Baker was colonel of the regiment then, and he was a good-hearted old codger. He winked knowingly as he gave the young lieutenant leave and warned him not to get into trouble.

"A quarter of an hour after Lieut. Dick Xanthus had cantered away from the camp a half-dozen of us young fellows were summoned into the colonel's presence. We found him pacing back and forth the length of his tent, with a look of mock sternness on his kindly face. He addressed us as follows: 'Gentlemen, the discipline of this camp, it must be confessed, is rather lax. Confined sojourns in peaceful territory and consequent immunity from danger have brought about this result. I have allowed myself to give Lieut. Xanthus leave to go outside the lines to-night,

you don't change your opinions you don't deserve another letter from your wife and I hope she won't write to you."

"Bates sobered very suddenly. 'Well,' he said, 'this little love-making has to go on, I suppose. I remember when I was making love to my wife.'

"'Old Jim Bundy died on Sunday,' broke out the chorus of five irreverent voices, entirely drowning Bates' incipient narrative, and we all whipped up our horses to keep pace with the sudden indignant spurt which he took.

"Stetson was just remarking, 'Well, there don't seem to be much use for a reconnoitering party to-night; here's one place where the course of true love seems to run smooth,' when the clatter of horses' hoofs broke upon our ears.

"We quickened our pace to the edge of a clump of poplars that commanded a view of the road. Even before we saw his flying horse and his face gleaming in the moonlight we knew instinctively that it was Dick Xanthus and that he was in trouble.

"We saw that his horse was carrying double and we smiled even as we halted and drew our sabers, for the noise of pursuers sounded close upon the clatter of his horse's hoofs. But thought we, he will soon pass our line and then we will flash out and put his assailants to flight. We wished to take no rash measures.

"On they came, pursuer and pursued. The lieutenant was very near us, and we could see him looking down into the face of the little Venable girl, when, to our surprise, what should he do but whirl suddenly and go charging back

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A NEW ORGANIZATION

ORIENTAL ORDER OF ZOUAVES FORMED AT WASHINGTON.

Some of the Objects and Plans of the Organization—Founded by General M. A. Dillon—Four White Men and One Woman Murdered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—A new national military organization has been formed here by General M. A. Dillon, founder of the Union Veteran's union and the Medal of Honor legion. The organization is called the Oriental Order of Zouaves, and its principal objects are to cultivate among citizens of all classes and ages a strong spirit of Americanism with a special view to reinforcement of the Monroe Doctrine. The uniform of the order is very attractive in design, combining the national colors. The order has an elaborate ritual and installations will be conducted in public. The relief of the members in distress and their widows and orphans is part of the plan of the organization.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Congressman W. H. Crain died yesterday morning. The first information of his death was received at the capitol about 9 o'clock. The flag was at once lowered to half mast. His death came as a shock and surprise to his associates. On Friday he was in the house and was suffering from a severe cold. He went to his room, went to bed, never to leave it alive. The cold developed into pneumonia, and despite the best medical attention and careful nursing he sank rapidly until the end came at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. Immediately after the news of the sad event the Texas delegation met and made the necessary arrangements for the funeral. Governor Snyers was deputed to prepare and present to the house the usual resolutions and regret on the death of a member. This he did, and immediately after the reading of the journal he sent it up to the desk to be read. Speaker Reed put the resolution and the members voted for it in the subdued tones those speak who stand in the presence of death. It was only 12.15 when the house adjourned after a quarter of an hour's session, out of respect for the dead. Senator Mills presented a similar resolution in the senate and that body adjourned at 4 o'clock, long before its usual hour of adjournment. Committees were appointed by both houses to attend the funeral, which is to take place at Cuero.

Murdered by Indians.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—According to advices received from Alaska last night serious apprehension is felt for the safety of four white men and one woman, who are believed to have been murdered by Hranegah Indians on Klake Island. One of the tribe was recently convicted of the murder of a white miner and was to have been hanged last week at Sitka, but his sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Under date of Hewkau, November 23, the Mining Record of Juneau publishes a letter from I. M. Baunter, who says that while in camp with some Indians he heard one of them bragging of how many whites had been murdered by Hranegah Indians, adding that there were four white men and one woman lately added to the list. No additional particulars relating to the identity of the missing people has been received up to this time.

Edward F. Uhl Nominated.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The president has nominated Edward F. Uhl of Michigan assistant secretary of state, to be ambassador extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to Germany. His nomination was confirmed by the senate in executive session yesterday afternoon.

Jurisdiction Extended.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The president has signed the act to extend the jurisdiction of the United States circuit court of appeals over certain suits now pending therein on appeal and writs of error from the United States courts of the Indian territory.

Passed the Senate.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The Catron anti-prize fighting bill passed the senate yesterday. The bill was rushed through and met with only slight opposition.

President Signs the Bill.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Catron bill to prevent prize fighting in the

District of Columbia and territories was signed by the president about 4.30 p. m. The bill did not reach the white house until 4 o'clock or afterwards, and in its case the usual routine was departed from and the measure taken at once to Mr. Cleveland, who after examining its provisions promptly attached his signature, so that from the date of the signature prize fighting is a felony on all soil over which the federal government has exclusive jurisdiction. Prompt measures will be taken to see that it is not violated. By the signing of the anti-prize fighting bill the president has placed upon the governor of New Mexico the responsibility for the prevention of the Fitzsimmons-Maher fight in that territory. The governor has been informed of the act, so that he is fully aware that it is a law. The federal authorities, however, are disposed to do everything in their power to assist in the execution of the law if the governor should find it beyond the unaided ability of the territorial officers to prevent the fight in the territory. To this end the governor may, after he has satisfied himself that his local forces are insufficient to meet the case, call upon the United States marshal for assistance, and the latter in turn may avail himself of the services of all the United States troops in the department of Colorado if necessary to suppress the fight. Proper instructions will be sent by the war department to General Wheaton, the department commander at Denver, to supply promptly all the force requisite upon the request of the proper authorities, and altogether the national government is prepared to make it very unpleasant for any person who participates in a prize fight in any of the federal territories or even aid, and comfort to the would-be fighters by assembling at any point to witness a fight.

Will Stop the Fight in Mexico.
MEXICO CITY, Feb. 7.—The position of the Mexican government on the impending prize fight is that every state in the American union has legislated against prize fighting, Mexico can not permit that which is condemned by public opinion in the United States. President Diaz is unalterably opposed to allowing the fight to come off on Mexican soil and frankly says so. Governor Ahumada of the state of Chihuahua is in the city and said last: "On no pretext will I grant a permit for the prize fight on Mexican soil. I will go further than that, for I will take every possible means to prevent the fight taking place, as has been announced. I have a force of cavalry on scouting duty along the frontier, and I have ordered them to arrest any one entering Mexico to take part in a prize fight. I shall be, myself, at Juarez on Sunday for the purpose of stopping this business. There is a piece of defacto under the control of the United States, but all I may say is that on Mexican soil, under our jurisdiction, the fight shall take place, nor is there money enough in the United States to induce me, as governor, to allow the fight." The sentiment of the Mexican government is fixed and unalterable, and proposed action by the Washington congress is heartily approved here.

Hoke Smith on Pacific Railroads.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Hoke Smith, in conference with the house Pacific railroads committee yesterday advocated the foreclosure of the government ownership of the roads, to which he was opposed absolutely. He recommended that congress pass an act forcing lands granted the two companies, with an exemption in favor of bona fide purchasers from the railroads. If congress did not legislate he would revoke his United States pension orders and patent the lands to the roads.

Oklahoma Divorce Mill.
PERRY, Ok., Feb. 5.—Of the 200 divorce seekers here, seven were granted divorces yesterday in the district court. Among this number was Ferdinand Schmerber, a well known New York city gentleman, who was granted divorce from his wife, Nellie Schmerber. Mrs. Schmerber was formerly a resident of New Orleans, but was married to her husband in San Francisco. Mrs. Schmerber lives at Bay St. Louis, Miss., near New Orleans.

Gone Ducking.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—President Cleveland, accompanied by Mr. E. C. Benedict, left last night at 8 o'clock on the Maple Leaf for Quantico for a day's ducking. The party is expected back to-night.

A CHICAGO TRAGEDY.

TWO BROTHERS FIGHT A DUEL WITH KNIVES.

Carl and Herman Dahke Quarrel at a Christening—Adjourn to the Yard to Fight—One is Carried to the Hospital Dying—The Other Escapes.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 10.—Carl and H. Dahke, brothers, fought a duel to death with knives last night in the rear of 208 Blackhawk street, the home of their sister, Mrs. Wm. Stuy. There had been a family gathering for the christening of a babe, when the brothers quarreled. They adjourned to the back yard to fight. After it was over Herman was picked up, head and face cut to ribbons. He was conveyed to the Alexian brothers' hospital dying. Carl made his escape. Before going into the yard they had been drinking and quarreling, but had been separated by their wives, who clung, frightened, to their husbands. Carl and Herman Dahke are middle aged, each having a large family. Carl is a laborer. Herman is a night watchman. "Get out your knife," cried Herman, "and come into the yard." Pushing the women away, the two men sprang down the steps to the yard in the rear of the house. Each had a keen bladed pocket knife in his hand, and with screams of rage jumped at each other like tigers. In a moment they were slashing and cutting in fury. Suddenly Herman gave a scream of agony. Carl's knife had shown under the window light for an instant, and then was buried almost to the hilt in Herman's head, entering at the left eye. The unfortunate man fell to the ground, writhing in agony. In the meantime the whole neighborhood had been aroused by the wailing of the women and the children's cries of fear. Men and women were ranged along the fence, watching the deadly duel between the brothers, but no one had the temerity to attempt to interfere. Policeman McGonough arrived just to late to catch Carl red-handed with his brother's blood. A child had run to the corner and informed him, but after Herman had a len Carl jumped over the fence and made his escape.

Negro Ravisher Lynched.
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 11.—On Saturday night last Joe Leads, colored, attempted a criminal assault upon Mrs. A. D. Prince, wife of a prominent citizen of that name, residing in the town of Seddon, fifty miles north of this place. The negro did chores about town and was admitted to many households in that capacity. Mrs. Prince had been married but a few months and she and her husband lived alone. Mr. Prince was late coming to supper Saturday night. Mrs. Prince was in her room awaiting his coming. Leads, who had been working about the place, ascertaining Mr. Prince's absence, stealthily entered the house and came noisily to Mrs. Prince's apartment. He had his hands upon Mrs. Prince's throat before she knew of his presence, but she managed to scream, and struggled with such vigor that the negro finally fled without accomplishing his object. Mr. Prince returned soon afterward and a posse was formed and the negro was found asleep in his cabin and captured. Yesterday morning Justice Jones tried him and bound him over to the grand jury. The officers then started with him to the county jail at Asheville. On the way a party of masked men overpowered them, took the negro and went to the woods with him. Not long afterwards his body was dangling from the limb of a tree and pinned to his breast was a placard reading: "We must protect our wives and daughters." The negro confessed the crime.

Armenian Meetings.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Nearly all the Protestants of Buffalo, with several of the Jewish congregations, united in twenty-five places in mass meetings to protest against Armenian outrages. Resolutions were adopted in several places calling on congress and the executive branch of the United States government to take such action as will effectually restrain the Turkish government and subjects from further murder and outrages in Armenia, and demanding that commissioners from this government be at once dispatched to Turkey to see that our demands are complied with.

A Whole Family Murdered.
CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 6.—An entire family of six—father, mother, wife

and three children—were murdered Tuesday night by Richard Klattke, a Lake View carpenter, who then completed his work by killing himself. The dead are: Richard Klattke, carpenter, 38 years old; Kate Klattke, his wife; John Klattke, his father, aged 78; Mina Klattke, daughter, aged 7. The bodies of the dead were found early yesterday morning in their little cottage, 273 Berscau avenue, two blocks from Cuyler station, a suburb on the Chicago and Northwestern railroad. The discovery was made by Matthew Brown, a saloon keeper, who wishing to have some work done, called at Klattke's residence to secure the services of a carpenter. He rapped on the door but there was no response. Knowing that the Klattkes were early risers, he became suspicious, called the neighbors and broke in. In the house were the seven corpses. Each had a bullet wound in the head. In each case the ball had penetrated the brain and death had evidently been instantaneous. Close beside the body of Klattke lay the empty revolver, and empty cartridge shells were scattered about the room. One peculiar feature was the lack of any indication of a struggle on the part of any of the victims and a heavy odor, like that of chloroform pervaded the house. From this it was surmised that Richard had first chloroformed the entire family and then in his leisure taken deliberate aim and put a ball into the brain of each. Brown immediately sent word to the police and a detail of officers was sent to the scene in a patrol wagon and a careful examination made of the surroundings. There seemed but a little more to complete the tale told by Brown. Everything pointed to a deliberately planned murder by the head of the family and a desire to place himself and family beyond any further earthly troubles.

Wreck in the Territory.
SOUTH McALESTER, I. T., Feb. 8.—Near this place yesterday morning the south bound Missouri, Kansas and Texas mail express was wrecked. Five coaches and one sleeper were badly smashed. The postal car was turned up side down and the express and baggage car telescoped into each other. The day coaches and one sleeper were thrown on their sides and badly broken up. No one was hurt. The wreck was caused by defective trucks under the engine tender. All trains were delayed ten hours.

Death From Morphine.
NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Harry Eversfield, 50 years old, an actor who played the part of Algenon St Albas in "The Artist's Model" at the Broadway theater, died Thursday night at the Warwick from morphine poisoning. Eversfield had been suffering from insomnia for several weeks and his physicians had prescribed morphine. A large bottle was found beside the actor. It was almost filled. This fact led many to believe that the actor had accidentally taken an overdose of the drug. His wife and two children live in England. Mrs. Eversfield was notified by cable of her husband's death.

Bridge Gives Way.
NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 7.—A bridge on the New England railroad across the Pequabuck river near Bristol collapsed at about 6 o'clock last night carrying with it twenty workmen, of which thirteen are believed to have perished. At midnight two bodies have been recovered and eleven men are missing. Among the dead is John O'Brien, a foreman, of East Hartford. She names of the missing are unknown.

Three Men Killed.
BRISTOL, Conn., Feb. 8.—Three men were killed by the fall of the Pequabuck river during the storm Thursday night. The bodies of the victims were rescued yesterday. Their names are Martin Curry, Daniel O'Brien and Nicholas Rick. There were thirteen men on the bridge when it went down. The ten survivors sustained painful bruises, but none of them were seriously hurt.

Hanged in Colorado.
CANON CITY, Col., Feb. 8.—Benjamin Radcliffe was hanged at the penitentiary last night at 8.15 o'clock. Prompted by a desire for revenge for what he considered grievous wrongs Radcliffe deliberately shot down at Parkersburg three members of the school board who were assembled in the school house.

Waked the Wrong Man.
How John Was Robbed to Pay Timothy McCarthy.
Two men named McCarthy died about the same time at Bellevue hospital recently, says the New York Recorder. One had been baptized Timothy and the other John. Timothy was an unfortunate without home or friends, while John was described by his countrymen as a "dacent man," with plenty of "dacent friends." He lived with his honest wife and family at 546 West Forty-sixth street before he was carried off to the hospital in the hope of saving his life. There was grief among the respectable well-wishers of John McCarthy when it was learned one morning that he had died at the hospital from the effects of a necessary operation, and the feelings of those good people were expressed loudly enough to leave no doubt as to the general esteem in which John McCarthy was held. Poor Timothy McCarthy, who died almost at the same moment, had nobody to mourn for him. It was on a Sunday afternoon that the friends and neighbors of John McCarthy assembled at his house to do honor to the dead. The corpse was laid out in a fine casket and many willing hands were lent to the preparations for the wake that began at 6 o'clock on this particular Sunday evening. No wake in that neighborhood was ever better attended. The house was thronged all that Sunday night and all the next day and all Monday evening until midnight with worthy people, who discussed nothing save the virtues of John McCarthy, and had only one lamentation in the world, and that was on account of John McCarthy's death. It was strange how people would go to the casket containing the mortal remains of McCarthy again and again. It was strange, also, how surprised they looked each time. If one was caught wearing a look of surprise, rather than one of becoming sorrow, that one was quick to cloak his thoughts, lest the good family should feel troubled. It would be the height of ill manners to say that the body in the casket didn't look a bit like it did when life was in it. At a wake it is better to speak only good of the dead. Along about midnight on Monday, however, two young men left the wake, and when they got outside they agreed that the corpse didn't look any more like John McCarthy than it did like the mikado of Japan. Further, they declared they didn't believe it was John McCarthy at all. Thereupon they repaired to Bellevue and found John McCarthy's body still on the ice. John was a big, husky fellow. The body of Timothy McCarthy had been shipped to John's home by mistake. Timothy was little and weakened. An exchange of bodies promptly followed. Friendless Timothy had been waked thirty-six hours. There was only six hours left in which to wake John, for the funeral was to take place on the following day.

Love Never Grows Old.
Quite a romantic wedding took place the other morning at Naples, Me. The contracting parties were Enoch M. Bartlett of East Stoneham and Mrs. Sophia E. Leavitt of Naples. The bride and groom are both 65 years old, and in the days of their childhood attended the same school. A friendship was then formed that has never been forgotten in the vicissitudes of life. Both married early in life, and saw a family of children grow up around them, who now have made homes of their own. So, at the age of 65, the widow and widower recalled their past love, and meditating on the loneliness of the life of each, when left alone, they concluded to unite their fortunes for better or worse the remainder of their days. They are as happy as in their younger days.

Singular Appetites.
Eccentricities of appetite as to quantity and quality are far more common than many suppose and more extraordinary. Two clergymen of New England—one a godward, the other abstemious—were dining together. The abstemious looked with wonder and horror upon his colleague. The lady of the house, delighted to see the latter eat, brought on dish after dish, until at last his wondrous capacity was overtaxed and he exclaimed: "Madam, I cannot eat everything." Said the other: "You surprise me."

Unite Against Evil Doers.
The Cumberland Presbyterian: When he who buys or he who sells a ballot comes to be regarded as a public enemy, as really criminal even if not so culpable, as is he who buys or she who sells humanity's holy heritage of woman's honor, then indeed will it be true that "the powers that be are ordained of God."

A ROW IN A CHURCH.

ONE MAN KILLED OUTRIGHT AND ANOTHER WOUNDED.

An Englishman Residing Near Union Valley Commits Suicide By Shooting Himself Through the Heart With a Winchester Rifle.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, Feb. 10.—A runner came to town yesterday evening from Clifton prairie neighborhood, fifteen miles from here, stating that a difficulty occurred there yesterday at a church, where the people of the neighborhood had assembled for worship. Pistols were used freely and with deadly effect. One man is reported to have been killed outright, two balls entering the back of the head and lodging over the eyebrows. His brother was shot under the right arm. It is known that at least one other man is seriously wounded and probably may die. Officers and physicians have gone to the scene.

Alleged Counterfeiters Arrested.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 11.—The chief of police of Matamoros, Mex., succeeded on Saturday in locating and capturing a man who is charged with having been for some time making counterfeit United States bills and circulating them on the Mexican line by means of two confederates. A spurious \$20 bill, United States currency, was found in Matamoros a month ago, and the authorities notified the sheriff of this county, believing that the counterfeit was made on this side of the river. Sheriff Forto began to work up the case, and finally located the alleged counterfeiters at a ranch on the Mexican side thirty miles from Matamoros. A detachment of soldiers under the chief of police set out Friday for the ranch designated and captured the alleged counterfeiters, Emilio Cantu, with an outfit and a quantity of counterfeit bills of various denominations. The two alleged confederates were also arrested and all were jailed in Matamoros.

Women Raid Saloons.

BLACK JACK, Tex., Feb. 8.—Thursday afternoon the ladies met somewhere and proceeded to Main street armed with an ax, hatchets, etc. There were two places where there were two places where liquor was being sold in violation of the local option law. These the ladies attacked with their weapons, chopping down the doors and smashed the barrels, jugs and bottles, not sparing even the counters and screens. Several hundred men were present and witnessed the onslaught. When they were through wrecking these resorts, without a word to any one, they quietly left in a body. Some days ago the ladies called on the parties and asked them to discontinue their business, which they refused to do, hence the raid.

Child Burned to Death.

NACOGDOCHES, Tex., Feb. 10.—A 3-year-old daughter of Mr. Lee Hand, who resides six miles west of here, was accidentally burned a few days ago so badly as to cause her death in a few hours. Her mother was attending to some outdoor domestic duties in the yard, while the little girl was in the house with a smaller child and her clothing caught fire. She was burned mostly about the head and face and from this it is supposed that her bonnet caught fire first.

Suicide of an Englishman.

STOCKDALE, Tex., Feb. 10.—News was received here two days ago that A. O. W. Thomas, an Englishman who resides near Union Valley, had committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart with a Winchester rifle the deceased has a wife in England. He was a man of considerable intelligence and had some property.

Charged With Murder.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Feb. 11.—David Putty was taken through this city yesterday en route to Paris. Putty is charged with the murder of Deputy Marshal Ed Thurlow near Duncan, 1. T. last week. He was arrested Sunday morning in Illinois Bend, Montague county, after making a desperate fight, during which the captive was wounded in the shoulder.

A Sad Accident.

MCKINNEY, Tex., Feb. 11.—The 3-year-old child of John Monroe was burned to death about nine miles east of McKinney Thursday. The child's clothing caught fire in the yard and she died within thirty minutes after receiving the fatal burns.

Throat Cut.

TAYLOR, Tex., Feb. 11.—About 10 o'clock Saturday night two Mexicans became involved in a difficulty on Porter street in which one of them cut another's throat from ear to ear. The wound of the victim, known as Ransom, is not considered fatal. The cutter escaped.

A Suicide at Dallas.

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 7.—Mark Bessard, a bachelor 45 years of age, shot himself at his residence, No. 225

Cantegral street, a few minutes before noon Wednesday. The affair came in the way of a very painful and unexpected surprise to all who knew him. Save an intimation to his brother, Adolph Bessard, a few days ago, that his personal affairs were not doing to suit him, there had been nothing to indicate that he had more than his share of man's troubles. He was a member of the firm of Madsen and Bessard, proprietors of the Dallas corn mills, corner of Worth street and Pacific avenue, and was rated as a well-to-do business man, one who knew his calling thoroughly and could be depended upon to attend strictly to his duties. He arose at his usual hour Wednesday morning and after breakfasting went to his mill, where he spent an hour or two attending to the routine work of the office. His associates and the employes about the mill noticed nothing unusual about his appearance. He was always a trifle melancholy, but this air did not seem exaggerated in the least. Before 11 o'clock he left the mill, and upon returning to his residence went immediately to his room. His housekeeper paid little attention to his actions and suspected nothing until she heard the muffled report of a revolver. He had gone into his room, closing the door. People in the immediate neighborhood heard the shot and in a very few minutes a crowd had collected. One of the first parties to reach the room said that Bessard was alive but unconscious when he arrived and died in a few minutes, the bullet having plowed its way through his brain.

A Pot of Gold.

CLARKSON, Tex., Feb. 6.—Quite a sensation was sprung upon this community a few days ago by a reported find of a pot of Mexican gold, amounting to a large sum. The place where it is claimed to have been dug up is a deep hollow on the W. B. Taylor farm. The secret seems to have been with the owner of the farm and two other men, who, with two negroes to dig for them, worked a part of two nights, but on the next night all of them did not appear, but it happened that somebody had been there, and from signs left took the gold. One of the three was at once suspected, and was called upon to give an account of it, but refused to do so. One of the negroes claims to have seen the vessel taken out, and afterward hid. Others are at work on it now and interesting results are looked for. The amount is believed to be \$20,000.

A Cold Plunge.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 8.—James Doherty, recently from Fort Worth, now employed in a dairy in Waco, started over the Brazos river last night on the Cotton Belt railway bridge, and finding that a switch engine was about to overtake him, he called through the parapet and stood on the end of a sleeper which was slippery with sleet. The jar of the locomotive caused him to slip and down he went into the swollen river, in which drift was floating in masses. It was forty feet fall and Doherty sank deep, but rose and swam out safely. When he felt he cut a gash in his head by striking against the sleeper. Otherwise he is all right and the gash is not serious. He made a remarkable swim in the dark, going a mile swiftly with the rushing current and crawled out by clinging to the willows on the steep and slippery shore.

Distressing Accident.

ORANGE, Tex., Feb. 6.—While Mr. George Hagy's little son was chopping sticks with a sharp hatchet his little daughter was pushing the sticks forward on a block, when by some unfortunate move the little girl passed her hand too far forward just as her brother came down with his hatchet and the blade went crashing through her hand, severing the first and second bones in the left hand at the palm, above the little finger and the one next to it. The cut extended entirely across her hand, but the other bones were not cut in two. The little girl suffered frightfully, but was patient before and while the wound was being dressed.

Attacked by Mexicans.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 8.—A telegram received here yesterday morning tells of an attack made Thursday by robbers on the house of Anastacio Cavazos, a wealthy ranchman at El Mesquite ranch, in this county, thirty miles from Brownsville. One of his sons was killed in the attack. No other features given. A force of twelve deputies was dispatched at once to scour the country and if possible prevent the robbers escaping to Mexico.

A Mystery Promised.

REAGAN, Tex., Feb. 6.—The death of young Crouch, promises just now to be something of a mystery, no facts of importance having been brought to light during the inquest. Justice of the Peace Higgins decided that the death of the deceased was caused by a blow on the head, inflicted by a person or persons unknown. As the district court is now in session at Marlin it is supposed that Judge Scott will reconvene the grand jury at once, and that the case will be thoroughly investigated by that body.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Strawberries in abundance all along the coast.

Kennedy, Karnes county, has a corn band.

The Salvation Army is very active at Sherman.

An abundance of rail in the Panhandle country.

Seguin, the city of live oaks, is steadily improving.

Austinites are worried by a class known as sneak thieves.

The Brazos river is "full," even running over the low lands.

Generally speaking the farmers are well advanced with their work.

The governor has appointed R. Carey branch pilot at Sabine Pass.

M. L. LaFrance has been jailed at Hillsboro on a charge of forgery.

The teachers of Dallas county recently held a very interesting institute.

A stranger was robbed of \$10 at the junction at Longview the other night.

T. S. Lilson, dealer in dry goods at Farmersville, Collin county, has failed.

Tom Jackson, colored, in jail at McKinney, attempted suicide by hanging.

Luling has a lyceum and a splendid program are rendered by local talent.

There are many new farms being opened in Calhoun, Matagorda and Wharton counties.

The retrenchers of the Dallas city government propose to lop off \$37,000 of annual expenses.

A man at Hearne, less than 23 years of age, says he has read the Bible through eight times.

Jim Oakes, a negro, was shot in the head the other evening, at LaGrange, by Deputy Sheriff Will Loessin while resisting arrest. Loessin stated that he was compelled to do it. Oakes is not expected to live.

Something over 600 head of hogs have been shipped from Hutto, Williamson county, to Fort Worth this season. They averaged 300 pounds. Hog raising is receiving a great deal of attention in that county.

The following letter from Land Commissioner Baker to State Treasurer Wortham, explains itself: You are respectfully advised that all state school lands sold under the act of 1887 and acts amendatory thereof and reported by you to this department as delinquent in interest for the year ending August 1, 1894, have been forfeited as required by law, except such claims on which you have since accepted interest payments and filed receipts in this office.

A Sister of Charity connected with the Texas and Pacific hospital at the Marshall hospital, by the name of Sister St. John, forsook the order to become a wife. She was married a few days since in Palestine to H. A. Nunnely, who was the druggist at the hospital. Sister St. John quietly slipped away from the hospital at night. She was assisted in her escape by Mr. Nunnely's brother, who took her to Palestine, where she was followed the next day by Druggist Nunnely and the marriage ceremony followed.

The state treasurer reports land sales for the month of January: Lease public school lands, interest, \$14,104.31; sale public school lands, interest, \$23,226.92; sale public school lands, principal, 24,905.51; lease university lands, interest, \$211.20; sale university lands, interest, \$113.78; sale university lands, principal, 50c; sale deaf and dumb asylum lands, interest, \$596.08; sale deaf and dumb asylum lands, principal, \$504.35; sale lunatic asylum lands, interest, \$99.50; sale lunatic asylum lands, principal, \$321.75; sale orphan asylum lands, interest, \$91.73; sale orphan asylum lands, principal, \$24; sale blind asylum lands, interest, \$119.08; sale blind asylum lands, principal, \$47; sale public domain, act July 14, 1879, \$9.20; sale public domain, act March 29, 1887, \$691.98. Total, \$64,976.50.

At Dallas a few days since Will Peters and Albert Krugle, young wheelmen 18 and 20 years old, fatally stabbed an Italian. They were arrested.

At Nacogdoches the epidemic of measles continues to create great distress and no little consternation among the people. Several deaths in the country have occurred, but none in town.

Near Victoria, recently, E. L. Dunlap's hay meadow took fire and burned off 800 acres of uncut hay and about 300 bales of cured hay, two presses and all other implements on the premises.

Grandma Turner, 80 years of age, and for many years a resident of Gatesville, died at the breakfast table the other morning at the home of her son, Miles Turner.

Hrd, Maddox & Veath, dry goods at Gainesville, have failed. Liabilities \$19,385, assets not given.

Karnes county has recently received quite a number of immigrants, who have opened up new farms.

Freight Engineer J. Quill was killed in a wreck on the Houston and Texas Central road recently just east of Hempstead. The fireman was badly hurt also.

Chicago has discovered a musical prodigy in the person of a 7-year-old boy pianist who is destined to become a great artist. But the discoverers should go slow. They should remember that long hair is by no means uncommon among boys of 7 years.

An ingenious contemporary is moved to astonishment at the discovery that the Louisiana lottery is a swindle in which the ticket-holder stands no chance at all of winning. This speaks volumes of the contemporary's innocence of lotteries.

Thirty-six years ago James Sweeney, a miner, at Wilkesbarre, Pa., while carrying his monthly pay, amounting to \$45, home lost it. Last Friday Sweeney's daughter received a letter from a town in Nebraska, inclosing the \$45, with interest to date.

Miss Mabel Wright of New York married Ferdinand Yznaga, became an ex-wife by divorce, wedded Count Zichy and left him the same day. She seems to have learned the X Y Z of matrimony and can now begin at the top of the alphabet and be happy.

A Valuable Find. As a young lady was trying on a pair of shoes a few days ago she felt something hard in the shoe. On investigation it proved to be a diamond which another lady had lost a few days before. This was at Newark, New Jersey.

Nervous

People wonder why their nerves are so weak; why they get tired so easily; why they do not sleep naturally; why they have frequent headaches, indigestion and

Nervous Dyspepsia. The explanation is simple. It is found in that impure blood feeding the nerves on refuse instead of the elements of strength and vigor. Opiate and nerve compounds simply deaden and do not cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla feeds the nerves pure, rich blood; gives natural sleep, perfect digestion, is the true remedy for all nervous troubles.

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Is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists, \$1.

cure liver ills; easy to take, easy to operate.

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The FISH BRAND SLICKER is guaranteed waterproof and will keep you dry in the heaviest storm. The new FISH BRAND SLICKER is a perfect riding coat, and offers the entire saddle. Beware of imitations. Don't buy a coat if the "Fish Brand" is not on it. Illustrated Catalogue free. A. J. TOWELL, Boston, Mass.

A Good Digestion follows the use of BROWN'S IRON BITTERS. Indigestion is caused by the stomach's lack of tone. BROWN'S IRON BITTERS supplies the tone. Not a beverage—an alterative tonic—simple, curative, certain, pure.

GUARANTEE. Purchase money refunded should Brown's Iron Bitters taken and directed fail to benefit any person suffering with Dyspepsia, Malaria, Chills and Fever, Kidney and Liver Troubles, Biliousness, Female Infirmities, Impure Blood, Weakness, Nervous Troubles, Chronic Headache, or Neurogia. BROWN CHEMICAL CO., Baltimore, Md.

THE OAT WONDER

\$200 FOR THE BIGGEST YIELD.

Last year we offered \$200 for a suitable name for our oat wonder. Kameleh Beauty. It was unanimously named Salzer's Silvermine Oats, and a regular business Silvermine. It will prove to be the farmer's growing. Why, the biggest yield in 1893 was 575 bush, per acre. Such yields make oat-growing profitable at ten cents a bushel! Silvermine is surely the Oat wonder of the century. Our catalogue gives 15 strong points of superiority over other oat sorts, and then gives a long list of farmers planting same in 1893, who grew from 150 to 300 per acre! The United States Department of Agriculture pronounces our Oats, for heavy yields, the best among 400 to 500 different kinds. That is everybody's verdict. One farmer writes: "It is 12 million ahead of each variety as Lincoln, Welcome, Scotch Superior, Schonen, etc." This oat is a sure cure for hard times, a sure mortgage lifter.

GRASS AND CLOVER MIXTURES FOR MEADOWS. Lustrant meadows, thrifty pastures, large hay crops, are the farmer's delight. Every body can have them, no matter how poor the soil, by sowing Salzer's Extra Clover-Grass Mixture. Our catalogue tells how, also about those wonderful fodder plants: Tevinta, Sandveth, Scaline, Lathras, and hundreds of others. All wide-awake farmers want them.

BARLEY, CORN AND POTATOES. This trio is indispensable to every farm! Our Silver King Barley and our Golden Triumph Corn will positively revolutionize barley and corn growing! Their big yields border on the incredulous! Our potatoes, why, bless you, the editor of the Rural New Yorker says Valour's Early Wisconsin yielded him 14 bushels per acre. Potatoes, \$1.50 a barrel! Large stocks of potatoes. We ship three train loads potatoes to Texas—one in January, one in February and one in March. Order early!

SPLENDID VEGETABLES. We make a great specialty of fine early vegetables, so if you want these for sale twenty days ahead of your neighbors and get fancy prices, ours are the goods to plant. 35 kinds. Earliest Vegetable Seeds, \$1.50 postpaid. Special Wholesale Market Gardener's List, 5c. postpaid.

PLEASE CUT THE FOLLOWING OUT AND SEND IT WITH 10c. stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get his great catalogue and 17 packages Oats, Barley, Corn and Grass Samples Free! Catalogue alone 5c. postage. W. N.

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Buy a bag of this Celebrated Smoking Tobacco and read the coupon which gives a list of other premiums and how to get them.

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LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.
Chas. Stokes has been quite sick, but is better.

W. B. Wall is confined to his bed from an attack of fever.

H. F. Craddock was in Galveston this week.

Farmers still continue to bring in cotton in small quantities.

Mrs. Bettie Smith has been very sick for several days.

This has been a very busy week with the commissioners' court.

J. M. Porter will leave in a few days on a visit to his son, Ike, in Mexico.

Collars any style, size, quality or price you want at
2-2t. J. T. DAWES.

Buy a fire insurance policy in one of the old line companies represented by D. M. Craddock.

B. A. Eastham and J. B. Jones, of Huntsville, were in Crockett Saturday last.

Get you a pair of porpoise shoe strings, black or tan, at
2-2t. J. T. DAWES.

Hear the last prisoner of the war, Commander Brain, at the court-house to night, Friday.

I. J. Hart, Jim Douglas, W. O. Phipps, C. A. Brannan and N. M. Rayburn, all of Lovelady, were in the city this week.

Family orders solicited for oysters, bread etc., at New Restaurant.
J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Don't forget that J. T. Dawes is now making the best saddles for the least money. Satisfaction guaranteed.
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Mrs. Charles Rich returned to Crockett Tuesday, after an absence of several weeks in Houston.

Eat at New Restaurant. Best meals in city, 25c.
J. B. FIFER, Manager.

The Democratic Executive Committee of Houston county has been called to meet on Monday Feb. 24th, at 10 a. m.

All styles of Colorado stock saddles made to order at
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Board by day, week or month at New Restaurant, only first-class one in city.
J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Robert W. Nunn and bride have returned from Corsicana and have been the recipients of many congratulations.

Hill Adey, of the Creek neighborhood, who was recently stabbed by Jake Elenburg, and for which the latter is now under bond, has almost entirely recovered.

Mrs. Mable Neel, of Elkhart, spent Sunday in Crockett visiting at the home of her father Justice C. W. Ellis.

Mrs. Letitia Burch of Texarkana, sister of Mrs. C. W. Ellis of this city, is expected here soon on an extended visit to her relatives.

Some of the peach trees around town have been showing an alarming tendency to bloom ahead of time. Warm weather, except in very broken doses, is not desirable at this season of the year.

A buzzard with a copper bell attached to its neck, soared over the residence of John I. Moore one day last week. The tinkle of the bell could be distinctly heard and Mr. Moore took a shot at the bird, but failed to hit it.

Matrimony is still a popular institution in Houston county. Forty marriage licenses were issued from the county clerk's office in January, a majority of them to whites. The demand is not so heavy for February, but the good work still goes on at an encouraging rate.

Racket Store for cheap goods.
MISTROT BROS. & Co.

Mrs. Joe Long has been quite sick.

The money on all accounts due is wanted at Arledge Kennedy & Co's

County court is still open for business and will be in session next week.

R. S. Pridgen of Daly, and T. V. Goodrum of Weldon, were in town Monday.

The editor acknowledges the receipt of an invitation to attend a masquerade ball at Huntsville, on the 14th.

Board and lodging \$4 per week. Day board and lodging one dollar. Single meal 25c.

NEW RESTAURANT.

The pupils of Miss Minnie Bruner will give a "recital" at the school building Friday evening, Feb. 21 1896.

Miss Ellen Hare, of Belton, a student of Sam Houston Normal, at Huntsville, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city, guest of Miss Adele Bruner.

If you wish to keep posted on all events of the county this year, come round and subscribe for the COURIER at ONE DOLLAR, CASH.

This will be a year of great interest to all citizens of the county. It is the year for an election. Keep posted by subscribing for and reading the COURIER.

We buy for spot cash. One of our firm stays in the market all the time, so we can and will undersell.

MISTROT BROS. & Co.

The number of polls in the county subject to the poll tax is 4816. There are about two hundred over age, so that the number of voters in the county is fully five thousand.

Call on Craddock & Co. for the best and cheapest barb wire and staples. Keep on hand good supply of nails, farming implements, groceries, dry goods, etc., at bed rock prices. Give us a trial.

All parties who have cotton seed to sell please bring them in to the mill by March 15, as we will close the season by that time.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Announcements for office are in order. The COURIER will be pleased to announce any one for any office, provided the fee is forthcoming, which in every instance must be forthcoming. Five dollars for every county office; \$2.50 for every precinct office; \$3.00 for every commissioner and ten dollars for every district office.

A number of men from the Creek neighborhood, who were arrested on the charge of unlawful assemblage, were brought in last week for examination before Justice Ellis, but the matter has been deferred to await action of the grand jury. They are the parties who were supposed to be organized to drive Jake Elenburg out of the neighborhood in which he lives.

The following six negroes who live in and around Daly were arrested on the charge of breaking into and robbing the store of Hill & Daly in the town of Daly: Damon Gilford, June McGilly, Lucius Walker, Sam Gibson, Andrew Wilson and Will Walker. The first four are in jail here; the case will probably be dismissed as to Andrew Wilson, and Will Walker waived examination and gave bond. More than one hundred dollars worth of property, including nearly twenty dollars in money, was secured by the burglars, and none of it has been recovered.

Bankrupt stock of groceries at Arledge, Kennedy & Co's. Bought 'em cheap—sell 'em cheap.

Hear Commander Brain at the court house tonight (Friday.) The proceeds of his lecture go to the Jefferson Davis monument fund.

We are told Dr. Webb is doing all classes of as fine dental work as can be done in the state and at greatly reduced prices, with a guarantee of satisfaction.

Clerks, mechanics, teachers, and all who have a spare dollar can't do better than take stock in the Improvement and Loan company organizing. It will beat a savings bank for safety and a national bank for investment.

Two hundred dollars have been raised by private subscription for the court house clock which is to cost \$500.00. This is a splendid showing and demonstrates the fact that our people are united in all matters pertaining to the improvement of the town.

Why suffer with Coughs, Colds and LaGrippe when LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will cure you in one day. Does not produce the ringing in the head like Sulphate of Quinine. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price 25 cts. For sale by Smith & French.

Grapeland and Daly are joined together by a telephone system, a real live one which works admirably. How is it that we can't have such a system with our neighbors, Grapeland and Lovelady? What say Lovelady and Grapeland? It would save the citizens of those towns many a trip and many a dollar.

A distinguished visitor to Crockett this week is John C. Brain, commander in the Confederate navy during the war, and who lectures at the court-house in this city to night (Friday) for the benefit of the Jefferson Davis monument fund. His story of great historic, naval achievements in which he took part, is one of profound and exciting interest, and all Crockett should come out to hear him.

S. S. Elliott, a substantial and enterprising farmer from the Percilla neighborhood, gave the COURIER a pleasant call Tuesday. He says that this year he will plant two acres in Jerusalem artichokes for hog feed, and if the season is favorable he expects to gather a thousand bushels from each acre. A neighbor who tried the experiment on a small scale, gathered a five gallon can full of artichokes from a single hill.

Ex-commander Brain of the Confederate navy, was unable to get here last week to lecture, as advertised, but he arrived Wednesday, and will deliver his famous lecture at the court-house to night (Friday) for the benefit of the Jefferson Davis monument fund. It is a thrilling story he tells of naval exploits during the war, in which he took part, and he should be greeted with a crowded house. The commander is a fine old sailor of the Confederacy and he knows how to spin a yarn.

The enterprise for putting up a clock in the court-house tower is moving on smoothly and successfully. Much depends on what the public will do in the way of private subscription. Many of our citizens are subscribing liberally, and only a few have so far declined to help. We feel almost authorized to say that the enterprise will succeed. Quite a good sum is yet to be raised, but we think it will be forthcoming. Don't wait for a few to do all. The clock will be a fine one, and when put up, will be heard for several miles. There will be four dials four feet in diameter each.

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THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the democratic party: For County Judge,
J. F. DUREN.

CONGRESSMAN CRAIN of Texas died at Washington Monday last from acute pneumonia.

THERE are ominous signs of revolt all over the state among democrats at the action of the Democratic Executive Committee on the question of primaries.

THE Executive Committee of the gold standard wing of the democracy will meet in Galveston on Saturday. The indications are that they will also adopt extreme and radical policies for the coming campaign and the result will be that there will be two democratic tickets in the field in Texas.

Judge Burnett, in a card to be seen elsewhere in the COURIER, denies taking any active part in the primaries of this district. Does the judge deny taking any part in such primaries? Does he deny talking and making suggestions to certain parties here when on a recent visit to Crockett, touching the republican primaries of this district?

It is to be hoped that there will be a full committee at the meeting on the 24th inst. of the Democratic Executive Committee for Houston county. All true democrats hope to see a spirit of conservatism and harmony animating every member on the occasion. There is too much at stake in Houston county for the party here to split and we are confident that there will be no dissension on local matters if the members of both wings will cultivate and exercise a spirit of tolerance and forbearance toward each other. Let us have peace and harmony in Houston county, though the party split wide open in the rest of the state.

Tax Collections.

Tax-collector Sheridan's reports show taxes collected for state and county as follows to February 1st.: May, \$30.44 state, \$12.55 county; June, 76.25 state, 39.15 county; July, 12.83 state, 4.88 county; Aug., 305.52 state, 144.62 county; Sep., 76.12 state, 26.10 county; Oct., 1860.07 state, 979.76 county; Nov., 1788.47 state, 1110.30 county; Dec., 3571.08 state, 2234.77 county; Jan., 7254.08 state, 5150.33 county; Total state, \$14,974.86, total county, \$9702.46.

The assessor's rolls show the amount of taxes assessed against Houston county to be: state *ad valorem* for revenue purposes, \$8140; for school purposes, \$6502.86; state and school *poll tax*, \$7224. County *ad valorem*, \$13,036.07, county *poll*, \$1204.00. Total state, \$21,866.86; total county, \$14,240.07. Total state uncollected, \$6892.06; total county, \$4537.61.

From the above showing it looks like the state needs the Colquit law or some other agency to force men to come up and settle their taxes. Think of there being over eleven thousand dollars due the state and county in this county for taxes, and not paid! Those who pay their taxes will certainly approve of all laws and agencies to compel others to pay who try to dodge.

Another Enterprise.

Steps are being taken to organize a local Improvement and Loan company for Crockett. It will be an incorporated concern and the capital stock fixed at one hundred

thousand dollars. Stock will be issued in shares of twenty dollars each, payable in monthly installments of fifty cents a share. The funds of the concern will be loaned on Crockett and Houston county improvements of real estate nature, such as buying and building homesteads and houses and other improvements of a kindred nature. Stock will be open for subscription by any and especially those of the more limited means will have the opportunity of making an investment as safe as that of a national bank. This scheme is being organized by local men and capital, and has for its chief ends a field for safe investment by those who wish to make such investment, as well as the improvement and building up of the town and county. If men or women wish to invest in such way as to save up, for instance, twenty dollars, all they have to do is to take stock to the amount of twenty dollars or more and pay same in installments of fifty cents a month on each share. It will be seen at a glance this is a great scheme for all who wish to save up a little money, better than a saving bank, in fact.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Houston.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded, to summon Minerva Evans, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3d judicial district, but if there be no newspaper published in the 3d judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to the 3d judicial district to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Houston county, to be holden at the court house thereof in Crockett on the 1st Monday in March 1896, the same being the 2d day of March 1896, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 22d day of Jan. A. D. 1896 in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 3967, wherein York Evans is plaintiff and Minerva Evans is defendant, said petition alleging that Minerva Evans was duly married to plaintiff in March 1889, that about two years thereafter Minerva Evans used cruel and outrageous treatment towards plaintiff in this to-wit: Firing a pistol at said plaintiff; and further alleging an abandonment of the said plaintiff's bed and board by said defendant for the space of three years before the filing of said petition, wherefore plaintiff prays for divorce, and such other relief as may be equitable.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court at its aforesaid next regular term this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed it the same.

Witness W. A. Champion, Clerk of the District Court, Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Crockett, this 22nd day of January, 1896.
W. A. CHAMPION,
Clerk District Court Houston County.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Willie Squires by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3rd judicial district of the state of Texas; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 3rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of said Houston county, to be holden at the court house thereof in the town of Crockett, on the 1st Monday in March, A. D. 1896, the same being the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1896, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1896, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 3968, wherein Willie Squires is plaintiff and Will Squires is defendant, said petition alleging as a cause of action, as follows: Suit for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, claiming that on or about June 1st, 1895, defendant became enraged and without just cause struck plaintiff with his fist and again on or about August 1st, 1895, without provocation, defendant struck plaintiff a severe blow with a gun barrel and at divers other times treated plaintiff in the most cruel manner.

Herein fail not but have you before said court at its aforesaid next regular term this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness W. A. Champion, Clerk of the District Court, Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Crockett, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1896.

W. A. CHAMPION,
Clerk District Court, Houston County.

HOUSTON COUNTY

AND ITS

INDUCEMENTS

HOUSTON COUNTY is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31½ Degrees North; Longitude 95½ 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 6800,000 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.

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 \$30,000 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 waxy, the black loam, the stiff black sandy, the gray sandy, red, chocolate, alluvial and scores of other kinds. Nine-tenths of the area of the county was originally timbered. Nearly one-tenth 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 cents 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.

The Capitol Hotel changed hands Monday, Mr. I Cone retiring. Messrs Hardy & Frasier of Houston, have leased the hotel and will run it in the future. They come highly recommended as men of first-class qualifications and long experience in the hotel business. They will move here, and in the future make Crockett their home. Mr. Hardy has a mother and brother, and Mr. Frasier a family, all of whom will become citizens of our town in the future.

In a recent editorial the Salem, Oregon, Independent says: "Time and again have we seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy tried and never without the most satisfactory results. Whenever we see a person afflicted with hoarseness, with a cough or cold, we invariably advise them to get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy; and when they do, they never regret it. It always does the work, and does it well."—For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

A complete line of coffins and metallic caskets at The Furniture Store at moderate prices.

Crockett has fifty business houses divided as follows: General merchandise 20, hardware 2, family groceries 5, furniture 1, liquors 5, saddlery 2, jewelry 2, restaurant 2, hotels 4, wood and smith shops 7. Besides there are two lumber yards, two dealers in sash, doors, blinds and finishing supplies, one brick yard, 2 planing mills, 2 gins, 3 grist mills, one oil mill, one electric plant, one steam laundry, ice factory to be built. There are twelve or more mechanics, carpenters and contractors, five painters, eight physicians and some dozen or more lawyers.

The Furniture store will receive a beautiful selection of picture mouldings next week of every pattern and piece.

We will also receive the prettiest line of window shades ever seen in Crockett—call quick before they are gone.

Our spring stock of furniture is expected to arrive in a short time and we cordially invite you to inspect it. THE FURNITURE STORE.

The exposure to all sorts and conditions of weather that a lumberman is called upon to endure in the camps often produces severe colds which, if not promptly checked, result in congestion or pneumonia. Mr. J. O. Davenport, ex-manager of the Fort Bragg Redwood Co., an immense institution at Fort Bragg, Cal., says they sell large quantities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the company's store and that he has himself used this remedy for a severe cold and obtain immediate relief. This medicine prevents any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia and insure a prompt recovery. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

The pops are beginning to let down the bars at the back of the field and slip up to some house and hold a caucus. Several of them gathered together at a house in town one night last week. They wigwagged and splavagated till midnight or later and then adjourned. Among other things they discussed the "negro-on-the-jury" feature of the situation. We have a great deal of respect for some of these men as citizens but when it comes to leading political movements we haven't a bit. They couldn't win in this county if they had twice as many voters as they have. The trouble with them is that they haven't got sense enough to lead a party to success.

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That in these hard times it stands every one in hand to be economical, but in order to do so it is not wise to buy the cheapest as the lowest priced goods are not the cheapest in the long run. He says that he buys from first hands and buys good goods at bottom prices for cash; that he does not keep Cheap John, Jim Crow or shoddy goods, but every article is of the best and as low as any one can sell who sells good goods. He asks a share of your trade.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by J. T. Bridges, at his residence near Grapeland, Texas and estrayed before J. A. Davis, Justice Peace Pre. No 5, on Feby. 7th 1896. The following described animal: One sorrel pony mare about 2 years old, 14 hands high, Spanish brand on jaw, left hip and shoulder and appraised at \$15.

Given under my hand and seal of office 13th day of Feb. 1896.

N. E. ALLBRIGHT,
Co. Cl'k H. Co. Tex.

Program of Teacher's Institute.
March, 14, 1896.

Roll Call. Quotations.
Address of Welcome, Col. Jere M. Crook.

Response, Mr. Gaylord Kline.
Corporal Punishment; is it Necessary? Is it Degradation? Mr. W. R. McCarty.

Methods in History, Mr. F. M. Martin.

How Can I Become a Better Teacher? Mr. R. T. C. Jacobs.

Where Does a Teacher's Authority Begin and End? Mr. Walker King

School Examinations; Daily and Monthly. Miss Hattie Sturgis.

General discussions, limited to five minutes.

Business meeting.

Election Notice.

It is ordered by the city council of the city of Crockett, Texas, that an election be held within the corporate limits of the city of Crockett on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1896, for the election of a mayor, two aldermen and a city attorney of said city to serve for two years.

Passed February 11, A. D. 1896.

J. C. WOOTTERS,
Mayor of Crockett, Texas.

Attest:
JOHN SPENCE,
Sec. City of Crockett, Texas

Democratic Call.
To the Members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Houston county:

Gentlemen:—By virtue of authority vested in me as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Houston county, I hereby call a meeting of said committee for Monday, February 24th, at 10 a. m. The committee will assemble in Crockett at the time designated. Business of the gravest concern to the party will come before the committee, and it is hoped that every member will be on hand.

W. B. PAGE,
Chairman Dem. Ex. H. Co.

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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.

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.

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