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THE PRECINCT CONVENTIONS.

Crockett Precinct.

The precinct conventions of the democratic party in this county, called with special reference to the silver question, were organized Saturday in pursuance to the call of the County Executive Committee.

In precinct No. 1 W. B. Page took the chair by virtue of his office as head of the executive committee, leaving his bed of sickness to do so, and laid the object of the meeting before it by reading the call, after which the following business was transacted:

RESOLUTIONS.

By F. H. Bayne: Resolved, that the financial question be submitted to a primary election in the county of Houston.

By N. W. Barbee: A substitute fixing the time for same as June 6, 1896.

The substitute prevailed.

By A. A. Aldrich: Resolved, that it is the sense of this convention that the financial question be submitted to a ballot as follows:

"For the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen of silver to one of gold, independent of international agreement." "Against the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen of silver to one of gold, independent of international agreement."

This resolution prevailed unanimously.

By W. W. Davis: Resolved, that we reaffirm our adhesion and allegiance to the time-honored democratic principles and pledge ourselves to abide by the platform of the national convention and support its nominees. This resolution prevailed unanimously.

By F. H. Bayne: That we agree and bind ourselves to support the nominees of the state convention. This also prevailed unanimously.

It was moved by J. E. Downes that the chair appoint a committee of seven to select delegates to the county convention to be held on the 13th inst.

N. B. Barbee offered a substitute that the chair appoint Dr. S. T. Beasley, J. W. Hail and J. E. Downes as such committee. The substitute prevailed by a rising vote, and the three above named were appointed by the chair. The committee reported the following delegates:

Oscar Driskill, Charles Turner, J. B. Stanton, Joe Rice, T. J. Dawson, James Christian, Dick Hancock, John Goolsby, F. H. Bayne, John Murchison, W. W. Davis, D. A. Nunn, jr., W. H. Denny, N. B. Barbee, B. E. Hail, John Rains, J. M. Jordan, Duncan Blue, J. C. Wootters, A. A. Aldrich, J. B. Harkins, S. C. Arledge, W. A. Champion, R. M. Atkinson, Democrat Kelley. By amendment, the committee, the chair and the secretary were added, and Earle Adams, Sr., substituted for J. B. Stanton who was said to reside in another precinct, and as amended the report was adopted. On motion Dr. J. L. Lipscomb was added to the delegation.

On motion it was ordered that a primary election box be established at Percilla.

J. M. Crook was appointed manager of the primary election of June 6th for the Crockett box.

Lovelady Precinct.

W. J. Murchison was elected temporary chairman and D. J. Cater secretary, and on motion they were declared permanent chairman and secretary.

G. W. Allbright, R. V. Watts, B. F. Smith, D. C. F. Snell and W. J. Garner were elected delegates, and N. J. Mainer, D. M. Gantt, R. T. Christian, S. J. Collins and H. M. Barbee alternates, to attend the county convention at Crockett, April 13, 1896.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas, delegates should reflect the sentiments of a majority of those whom they attempt to represent, and as we believe a majority of the democrats of Houston county is in favor of free and unlimited coinage of silver by the United States independent of any foreign government, at the ratio of 16 to 1; and

Whereas, delegates to the state convention not chosen in accordance with the plan mapped out by the state executive committee may not be seated; be it resolved,

First, that the delegates from this convention be instructed to vote for and to use their influence in the convention at Crockett, April 13th, for delegates to the state convention who are in accord with the above views on silver.

2. That the financial issue be submitted to the democracy of Houston county June 6th.

3. That the delegates selected at Crockett April 13th, to be subject to ratification or rejection as the majority of the votes of the county cast June 6th may indicate. Adjourned.

W. J. MURCHISON,
Chairman.

D. J. CATER, Secretary.

Coltharp Precinct.

The democrats of Precinct No. 3 met in convention at Coltharp April 11, 1896. The house was called to order by Z. B. John, chairman. The object of the meeting being explained, the following resolutions, offered by A. J. McLemore, were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we instruct our delegates from this convention to the county convention, to meet on the 13th to favor one primary election for the nomination of county officers.

2. That we favor leaving the money question to a vote in the primary election.

3. That we endorse and congratulate our worthy chairman, W. B. Page, on his zealous and faithful work in behalf of the democracy of Houston county; also, that we return thanks to our much worthy chairman, Z. B. John, of Precinct No. 3, in discharge of his past duties.

The following delegates were appointed to the county convention: T. M. Sherman, B. M. Petty, M. C. Dupuy, S. G. Vaughn, T. W. Craddock, B. F. Dickerson.

Z. B. JOHN, Chairman,
J. E. MORGAN, Secretary.

A number of communications were unavoidably left out last week for want of space; they were very welcome, however, and appear in this issue.

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County Convention.

Pursuant to call of the Democratic Executive Committee of Houston county, Texas, the democratic convention of Houston county met in the town of Crockett for the purpose of submitting the silver question to the primary election, when W. B. Page took the chair as chairman of said executive committee and A. D. Lipscomb was elected secretary. The following delegates from precinct conventions reported:

LOVELADY.

R. V. Watts, D. C. F. Snell, R. T. Christian, D. J. Cater.

DALY.

George Whitley, Ed Keene, Dock Kyle, W. B. Smith, J. D. Sexton.

CREEK.

L. H. Morrow.

TADMOR.

A. D. Oliphant, J. R. Eridges, J. F. Creath.

BOGGS.

C. L. Vickers, J. B. Ash.

PLEASANT GROVE.

C. B. Isbell, W. E. Cannon, R. S. Willis.

DODSON.

R. B. English, J. T. Curry.

WELDON.

W. D. Gimon, B. Lynn, R. H. Hyde, J. L. Harelsen.

PORTER SPRINGS.

Ross Murchison, A. B. Mulligan, A. J. Bennett, T. J. Murray, J. M. Porter.

GRAPELAND.

J. A. Davis, Dr. Meriwether, Dr. Woodard, Charles Sheridan, Dave Walling, Dock Guice, Henry Music, D. W. Martin.

AUGUSTA.

John Kennedy, J. S. Newman, R. T. Lively, Sloan Cook, W. F. Murchison.

DANIEL.

W. T. Hale, E. E. Barlow.

CROCKETT.

Oscar Driskill, Charles Turner, Joe Rice, T. J. Dawson, James Christian, Dick Hancock, John Goosebee, F. H. Bayne, John Murchison, W. W. Davis, D. A. Nunn, jr., W. H. Denny, N. B. Barbee, B. E. Hail, John Rains, J. M. Jordan, Duncan Blue, J. C. Wootters, A. A. Aldrich, J. B. Harkins, S. C. Arledge, W. A. Champion, R. M. Atkinson, Democrat Kelly, J. E. Downes, Dr. S. T. Beasley, J. W. Hail, W. B. Page, J. L. Lipscomb, Earle Adams, sr., A. D. Lipscomb.

SHILOH.

W. F. Allright, delegate; E. A. Williams, alternate.

On motion of A. A. Aldrich, the above list was adopted as the list of delegates properly accredited to this convention.

The chairman read the call for the meeting.

On motion of F. H. Bayne it was decided by the convention to submit the silver question to a primary on June 6th.

After a protracted discussion over resolutions the chairman asked to be excused on account of illness, and F. H. Bayne took his place on a motion for that purpose.

The convention was then considering a resolution offered by Dr. S. T. Beasley with reference to the manner of selecting delegates to the state convention. Several substitutes were offered and the following, by J. A. Davis, was adopted:

Resolved, that we select twelve delegates to the state convention and that they act as a unit, and

let them be governed by the primary.

On motion it was resolved by the convention that no proxies be allowed.

On motion the following committee, consisting of one from each precinct, suggested by the various delegations, was appointed by the chair to select delegates to the state convention: W. T. Hale, W. F. Murchison, Dock Kyle, R. T. Christian, Dr. Bever, C. B. Isbell, W. D. Gimon, J. A. Davis, J. B. Ash, W. F. Allbright, S. T. Beasley, J. R. Bridges, J. M. Porter, R. B. English.

The committee selected the following as delegates to the state convention:

W. B. Wall, Phil Murchison, J. A. Davis, F. H. Bayne, N. B. Barbee, J. M. Porter, C. B. Isbell, S. T. Beasley, J. W. Hail, F. C. Woodard, J. E. Downes, R. T. Christian.

The following were appointed by the chair for the primary above provided for as election managers: Grapeland, J. E. Hollingsworth; Augusta, J. F. Butts; Daniel, Frank Daniel; Crockett, J. M. Crook; Shiloh, E. A. Williams; Lovelady, C. B. Moore; Daly, W. B. Smith; Creek, R. H. Furlow; Tadmor, R. R. Harvin; Boggs, J. K. Chandler; Pleasant Grove, E. M. Calcar; Dodson, Henry Threadgill; Weldon, B. Lynn; Porter Springs, Ross Murchison; Coltharp, A. J. McLemore; Weches, Jim Lovell; Percilla, Dr. Robinson; Freeman, Henry O'Neal; Holly, Dr. Skipper. Sunflower, Arch Porter.

On motion of A. A. Aldrich the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that any qualified voter who will pledge himself to support the democratic ticket at the next general election be authorized to vote in the primary.

On motion it was decided by the convention to submit the financial question as follows:

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"Against the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of sixteen of silver to one of gold, independent of international agreement."

The following unanimously adopted, showed that the convention was an earnest unit in its opposition to the combined republican and third party regime inaugurated by Judge Burnett:

Resolved, that we, the democrats of Houston county, condemn the course of Judge J. R. Burnett in organizing juries and jury commissions on partisan lines.

Resolved, that we heartily approve the course of the COURIER with reference to this matter.

Resolved, that we hereby affirm our belief in the charges brought by the COURIER against him and his jury commissioners.

At the request of the Grapeland delegation resolutions adopted at their precinct convention were read and adopted as the sense of the county convention, as follows:

Resolved, that the democrats of Grapeland precinct take this means of expressing their gratitude and appreciation for the work of our county chairman, Hon. W. B. Page, in his noble and manly effort in behalf of the democracy of Hous-

ton county, and also for his efforts in endeavoring to secure the enforcement of the laws on our statutes.

Resolved, second, that we hereby recommend him again as chairman for the next campaign and beg that, if possible, he will accept the same.

On motion of W. B. Page the date of the next county convention was changed from the 8th to the 15th of June, and it was announced that the executive committee of the county would meet on the 15th.

From Louisville, Ky.

Ed. Courier:

The COURIER in the abundance of news it has concerning the enterprise and prosperity of Crockett and Houston county, is evidently reaping what it has labored long and faithfully to sow, for it has labored hard to sow prosperity through the county. It should be greatly appreciated by every citizen of the county for the service it has rendered them, reaching to every one. It cannot fail in its present attempt to enlarge its subscription list if the people realize the good it has done for them.

As a personal remark to the editor, I would suggest that the COURIER has made, I think, one mistake in allowing what apparently tends toward sacrilegious remarks and allusions to come out through its type. I have noticed such remarks used, especially in finding expression for political party huris and jokes.

Frequently I have noticed this.

An instance is in the opening sentences of the piece "Got Out Just in Time," in the COURIER of March 13, 1896. I hope it has been on account of thoughtlessness, itself bad, rather than intentionally. If you will consider that many of the readers and patrons of the COURIER are professors of religion and cannot appreciate its abuse or anything that makes light of sacred things, I feel that you would guard the COURIER from intrusion on the convictions of its readers, and especially against what is dishonoring to God.

With best wishes for the COURIER, I am very respectfully,

W. C. TENNEY.

Notice.

To the Crockett gentlemen who like to wear nicely made and beautifully fitting clothes: Go to the new merchant tailor next to Rack-et Store. I make them myself, and as cheap as you get them by ordering from an eastern house. Give me a trial and your next order. Fit and satisfaction guaranteed.

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During the winter of 1893, F. M. Martin, of Long Reach, West Va., contracted a severe cold which left him with a cough. In speaking of how he cured it he says: "I used several kinds of cough syrup, but found no relief until I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved me almost instantly, and in a short time brought about a complete cure." When troubled with a cough or cold use this remedy and you will not find it necessary to try several kinds before you get relief. It has been in the market for over twenty years and constantly grown in favor and popularity. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

James Monroe Died in Poverty.

James Monroe, the immortal expounder of a doctrine that is to-day the arbiter of our national destinies, died in beggary and neglect in a little house that still stands in the city of New York. The house is old and crumbling. Like the grand personage who died destitute there in 1831, it is enduring a destitute and decaying old age, and no one pays any heed to it. The house stands at the northwest corner of Prince and Marion streets, in New York. The side walls are plastered with posters, and the pavements are littered with refuse. In the second story front room of this battered old residence James Monroe, fifth, and in many respects one of the greatest presidents, died on the fourth of July, 1831, so poor that his son-in-law borrowed some money to bury him with. James Monroe wanted for the necessities of his feeble condition during his last days. His death was hastened by the poverty that forced him to go hungry for want of medicinal food.

The entire neighborhood of this old house is rich in historic association of Monroe, who lived here with his son-in-law, Samuel L. Grosvenor. Mr. Grosvenor belonged to a fine old family, but he was not rich. He cheerfully gave the former president a home, for he had actually no other place to lay his head. He had given up his Virginia residence, and official life had completely drained his resources.

The most delightful and interesting accounts of the life led by James Monroe in his New York refuge are still extant. He was a country gentleman of the old school, and was, of course, deeply respected by all his neighbors as an ex-president of the United States. He daily walked down Marion street as a constitutional until his health gave out completely. Oddly enough, the neighborhood still retains the quaint, old-fashioned, almost colonial character it had during James Monroe's time. Marion street, as you leave the door of the immortal doctrine's expounder, is still occupied by the houses that stood there in 1831. These houses belong to old families, among whom Monroe's name is a personal tradition. The sons and daughters of the children who played about the door can tell you about Monroe in his stockings and stock, because he saluted their parents and they saluted him.

By a singular stroke of fortune this old house with its three stories and attic, is still strong and intact. The American people were very ready to contribute to the preservation of Carlyle's house in London, while today the house of the man whose name is on everyone's lips, and whose creed is our national religion, is utterly neglected. The jingoes of congress have not a word to say with reference to the preservation of this Monroe relic. New York has allowed it to rot away for years. Very soon, in the ordinary course of event, the edifice will be torn down. Perhaps it is better so. While it stands it will always be a reminder to the American people that they allowed one of the greatest of their presidents to die in destitution.—Ex.

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A fatal shooting affray took place at Chandler's, 17 miles southeast of Crockett, yesterday (Wednesday) morning, in which J. C. Crawford, white, shot and killed Robt. Lockett and badly wounded Green Polk, both negroes. It seems that the negroes had been working for Crawford and a dispute arose over a settlement for work done. Crawford claims that Lockett fired the first shot and he killed him in self defense. He was then assaulted by Polk who attempted to draw a pistol, when he was shot by Crawford with the result above stated. Crawford came in and surrendered to the officers, waived examination, and gave bond in the sum of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury.

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What a Prominent Insurance Man Says.

H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co. 217 N. 3d St., St. Louis, writes: I had been left with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve, until I took

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An Affidavit.

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New York, April 11.—The Herald today publishes the following correspondence under date of Puerto Cortez, Honduras:

The steamer Bermuda, which was detained in New York harbor on February 24 as she was preparing to leave for Cuba with a large and enthusiastic party of patriots and an ample supply of arms and ammunition, has arrived here. The story of her voyage ending in the safe disembarkation of the filibusters and their armament bristles with dramatic incident. The log was read by one of the officers of the ship, who told his story in a matter-of-fact way, which rather served to intensify than dull its interest.

"I'll tell you the story," said he, "beginning with our departure from New York harbor. You know that on Saturday, March 14, we lay at anchor off Bedloe's Island. We had some trouble in engaging a crew, owing to the previous difficulty with the United States authorities, but after we got our agents at work the whole thing went beautifully. Sunday morning following we weighed anchor and slipped through the narrows. During the night of Monday, March 16, we went up and down the coast at half-speed and when day dawned the Bermuda was a changed ship. Men had been sent to work in the night to change her red funnel to black. This was necessary to avoid immediate identification in case we should fall in with any Spanish man-of-war. Subsequent events proved that the caution was well taken.

"The sun rose brilliantly, as if in favor of our enterprise, and as the sea was brightening under his first rays our hearts sank like lead at the sight presented a few miles seaward.

"There in the half light lay a big Spanish man-of-war.

"She seemed not over two miles away, and I do not yet know how it was how she let us go by unchallenged. We did nothing but watch her apprehensively until she sank out of our view on the edge of the horizon.

"Tuesday morning the Bermuda cast anchor off Assateague Island, Va., and took on a quantity of lumber, eight boats and four seamen. The seamen were badly needed. In the afternoon she was heading northward again. Next day the Bermuda came to anchor early in the morning off Atlantic City. Here General Garcia came on board with seventy-two Cubans and among them was Senor Nenez. In half an hour she was heading southward with her band of Cubans, who were in good spirits.

"All went well until March 19, when a stiff southerly gale blew up. The following day the gale increased and the waves ran still higher; the ship labored considerably and then a marked change came over the landmen—they were dreadfully seasick. On Saturday the weather moderated, but the engine broke down twice that day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. This caused a delay of four hours. During the full time arms and ammunition were brought on deck and distributed to the Cubans.

"Fine weather and a smooth sea ushered in the Sabbath, and the Cubans busied themselves in making into small packages the munitions of war, for greater facility in landing.

"On Tuesday, the 24th, we have its three miles off shore, about seven miles west of Baracoa, in the southeastern end of Cuba.

"It was an anxious time for the Cubans. A reconnoitering party composed of volunteers from the ship's crew, including the New York pilot and five seamen, the whole commanded by one of the ship's officers, went ashore.

"A signal had been arranged with the ship. If the reconnoitering party found nothing suspicious the signal was to be given for lowering the boats and electing a landing. Fortune favored the expedition. The discipline was excellent, and in a remarkably short time the cargo and the men were safely ashore. It was 2 o'clock in the morning when the last boatload left the vessel.

"Up in the deep blue sky the moon was shining brightly and the stars shone gloriously. The hearts of those on shore beat gladly when they saw each boat come silently and swiftly from the ship. When the boat unloaded there was a disposition to cheer, but this disposition was checked by those who could not afford to let the enthusiasm of their comrades lead them into danger which it was not necessary to face just then.

"It was well for us that all our movements at this critical time were characterized by the utmost silence, and that no word was spoken as the men and arms were landed, for less than seven miles away in Baracoa harbor six Spanish cruisers were lying, and the slightest blunder would have imperiled all our lives."

The officer concluded his narrative by stating that 30 minutes after the Cubans marched inland and the Bermuda got under way again a Spanish man-of-war came out in the harbor and began swinging her search light across the sea.

Again fortune favored the Bermuda and she escaped unnoticed.

Attempted Outrage.

Houston, Texas, April 11.—

Yesterday evening an unknown negro man attempted an outrage upon the person of Josephine Williams, a respectable negro woman, who lives with her daughter, Lulu Banks, at No. 59 Marsh street.

The woman, who is nearly 50 years of age, was going from her daughter's home to the Fifth ward, and when near the power house on Commerce street she met a tall black negro man who accosted her and tried to talk to her. She attempted to pass on when he sprang in front of her and seized a basket which she carried. She tried to pull the basket from the young scoundrel when he suddenly grabbed her and threw her down a small embankment, hurting her side badly.

The plucky old lady made a bold fight and finally by screaming and scratching she succeeded in scaring off the would-be rapist.

He ran off down the bayou, and the poor old negress, badly hurt and frightened finally reached her home.

The son of the woman is a driver for George C. Davis in the Fifth ward, and vows vengeance against the black scoundrel who assaulted his mother.

The old woman says she can easily identify her assailant, and it is to be hoped the villain will be captured.

Washington, April 11.—I. I. Foster, formerly of the Texas railroad commission, is here. He has been on to Boston and New York, and says that he will go home today.

Mr. Foster is evidently here for the purpose of looking after the bill which provides that there shall be an investigation of the harbor work at Velasco with reference to the purchase of the same by the government.

The plan now is to have the conditions at Velasco examined, and if the report shows that deep water has been obtained, then the government shall buy out the parties and all their franchises.

Mr. Foster was here for some time before he went east, and his visit here and east was to look into the matter. It is supposed that he represents the people interested in selling the franchises and the work to the government.

Another Defeat.

Rome, April 11.—The defeat of the Italians at Tuscany, the real extent of which still remains concealed, seems likely to be the preface to the taking of Kassala. This place has been vigorously attacked.

The Enfula advocates the abandonment of Africa, anticipating other serious disasters.

The Capitale asserts that the Negus has cut off the legs of a thousand of his prisoners.

General Baldissera is preparing to send help to Adigrat to prevent the place from being taken.

The diplomacy of the English to obtain the co-operation of Italian troops in the Sudan has completely failed.

St. Petersburg, Apr. 11.—The official Journal de St. Petersburg, in the course of a strong article on Spain's determined effort to suppress the insurrection in Cuba says:

The insurrection is merely organized brigandage, hence the insurgents have no right to be considered belligerents. There are not even rebel provinces. The revolt has consisted merely of bands who have overrun the country, giving themselves over to depredations and retiring when the troops arrive.

It is sufficient, says the Journal, to state that the chiefs of the insurrections are negroes like Maceo, or strangers like Roloff and Maximo Gomez. They have in their possession neither a coast line nor any seaports placing them in connection with foreign countries.

Richmond, Texas, April 11.—Kane Neal, who has been on trial for several days, charged with killing Jim Mitchell, came clear this morning.

The jury was hung up for a while, but finally brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Jim Mitchell was a well known character, and at the time of his death was under indictment for killing three men and the wounding of a woman and child at the Central depot in Houston about two years ago.

The friends of Kane Neal are rejoicing over the verdict.

Returned to Work.

Denver, April 10.—The striking Northern Colorado coal miners returned to work today.

The United and Marshall camps have made the concessions demanded.

A FEARFUL TRAGEDY

A MILLICAN MAN KILLS HIS DAUGHTER

And Then Blows Himself Up—The Terrible Deed of a Father Whose Child Was Trying to Run Away From Home—Getting Out of Spain.

Millican, Tex., Apr. 10.—A few minutes after 2 o'clock this morning John Brooks shot and killed his daughter, Miss Mollie Brooks, seriously wounded her sweetheart, A. C. Worrels, and then committed suicide.

Worrels and Miss Brooks were lovers, and had made up their minds to marry, in opposition to the wishes of the young lady's father. When the north bound Central train, due here at 2:02 a. m., stopped at the station the young people were there, ready to get aboard and run away.

Worrels helped Miss Brooks upon the first step of the platform, and just as she got up her father, who stepped down from the other side of the car, fired upon her, shooting her through the body. She fell back in the arms of her lover with the words, "Oh, Arthur, father has killed me," and immediately expired.

As Worrels bent down to lay her on the platform Brooks stooped down and fired upon him, under the car, the ball passing through his neck and making a serious, though not necessarily fatal wound.

After the shooting Brooks, who has been employed at the rock quarry of Green & Olive, went to the quarry and tried to borrow a pistol, but could not get one.

He then went to the powder house, secured a box of dynamite, and going away about 100 yards, sat down upon it and applied a match.

The terrific explosion which followed tore him to pieces.

Brooks was employed as powder man at the quarry.

At this time, 1:45 p. m., Worrels is resting well and there are strong hopes for his recovery.

The tragedy is the most awful that ever occurred here and this little community is horror stricken over it.

Getting Out of Spain.

Madrid, Apr. 10.—Affairs are so serious again that American tourists are hurrying away. Space on the Sud express which leaves for Paris today has already been taken.

The passage of the belligerency resolutions has caused excited talk. A guard is still maintained at the American legation, but it has not been increased. The feeling is prevalent that a crisis is near at hand and may break out at any moment. The captain general of Ferrol explains that the fleet which is being organized there is ready to go to sea. The ships composing it are the ironclads Pelayo, Infanta, Maria, Teresa, Vizcaya and Oquendo; the torpedo destroyer Destructor and various torpedo boats. They will for the present be supplied with the necessary war material and will probably start for the River Arosa on Friday week to go through a course of instruction until the government decides on their ultimate destination. The last three named ironclads are really second class cruisers.

The Archbishop of Madrid has sent a very patriotic letter to Senor Canovas, the premier, offering the support of the Catholic workmen's society. The Correspondencia prints a picture of Uncle Sam looking for a new star in the American shield while a puny soldier is trying to pull him away from the telescope.

A rumor is gaining that Marshal Campos is to be sent back to Cuba, but no confirmation of the story can be obtained in official circles and Marshal Campos declines to be interviewed. His position is a very delicate one. Contrary to general belief, he came back from Cuba a poor man.

Welcomed Home.

Mason, Ohio, Apr. 10.—Miss Maggie Greyer, the pretty organist of the Methodist church here, who eloped with Rev. John Shorten, the pastor of the church, last August, reached her home this afternoon from Philadelphia with a young babe in her arms. Her humble parents welcomed her home. Her boy baby was born on the 12th of last December. She says Shorten's salary as a canvasser failed to support both and that his employers threatened to discharge him if he continued to live with her. She says he was always kind to her and that they eloped to escape the shame of exposure.

Disaster Feared.

Egypt, Apr. 9.—It can not be denied that there exists in Cairo a strong apprehension that a disaster will soon overtake the heads of the Dongola expedition. Merchants here who have business relations with the Soudanese report that they have information of a great rising and rallying of the dervishes in and around Dongola. They confirm the report that the green flag is up and the holy war declared. Their opinion is that 50,000 men will soon be ready to intercept the march of the Anglo-Egyptian army, if the plan of pushing beyond Akaseh is persisted in.

General Kitchner is known to be yearning for fresh military glory. Aggressive and self-willed, it is feared he will fall into the error recently committed by General Baratieri in Abyssinia. He is carefully fortifying as he advances and in the event of an ordinary reverse he may be able to hold out until English succor arrives.

An American just down from Wady Halfa says he met several thousand Egyptian recruits and railway laborers going forward. Hundreds of women were moaning and sobbing like bereaved children. No dependence can be placed on these men.

The preliminary skirmishing so far has given some confidence to the Egyptian troops.

Many well informed people here express the belief that the fate of Hicks Pasha awaits the Scirders column. The dervishes are better armed and better prepared to fight than when they checked Lord Wolsley's advance. The English as a rule pool-pool the idea of defeat, but they are all extremely anxious.

It is feared that the troubles in Matabelleland may embarrass the English government and weaken the support of the Dongola expedition. The dervishes are very active in the rear of the Egyptian column and great difficulty is experienced in keeping up telegraphic communication.

The Galveston Cup.

Omaha, April 9.—When shown Adjutant General Mabry's telegram offering the Galveston cup to Savannah to be competed for in the interstate drill, the officers of the Thurston Rifles unhesitatingly declared that the order would be ignored.

"So far as General Mabry is concerned, he has no more authority to order the cup to Savannah than he would have to order the Nebraska state encampment," said the spokesman yesterday. "The Galveston cup is the property of the national guard, to be competed for only at national encampments. If it was carted around to state and interstate drills the Thurston Rifles would be compelled to follow it, competing in every drill, wherever the cup might go. It is in Omaha and will remain here until the next national drill."

Murder Charged.

Leavenworth, Kan., April 9.—Chas. Lamborn, his sister, Annie, and Thomas Davenport, Miss Lamborn's lover, was jailed last night by a detective on the charge of murdering John T. Lamborn, father of the Lamborns at Fall Leaf, this county, on the night of February 2.

The murdered man left a fortune of \$55,000. He had the reputation of dealing harshly with his son Charles and his daughter Annie, and had forbidden the latter to keep company with young Davenport. Davenport was arrested charged with the crime several weeks ago but was subsequently released.

The Next Plague.

San Francisco, Cal., April 9.—News has reached the health department that a case of black plague developed on board the steamer Gaelic after she left Yokohama for San Francisco. The victim, a Chinaman, died and the ship will be quarantined when she reaches this port.

Cubans Sanguine.

New York, April 9.—An informal meeting of the Cuban leaders was held at the Hotel America last night. The possibility of Cuban belligerency being actually recognized in the near future by President Cleveland was discussed. All seemed to be sanguine of the disposition of congress to pass a joint resolution which would insure action on the part of the president.

Leaving Italy.

New York, April 6.—News has reached here that 500 immigrants are about to leave Naples for the United States.

THE PAPERS PROTEST

THE SPANISH PRESS THREATENS THE GOVERNMENT.

Hotly Condemn the American Congress For Belligerency Resolutions—Object to Mediation—Budget of Egyptian News—Other Telegrams.

Madrid, April 9.—The papers hotly condemn the American congress for the belligerency resolutions, which they persist in considering an act of hostility and an insult to the Spanish people, which must be met by resolute, active preparations for resisting all kinds of intervention.

It is understood that the government will calmly await the decision of or advances from President Cleveland, but will in the meantime push the operations in Cuba and preparations in Spain to keep in touch with public opinion whilst firmly checking all exaggerations and demonstrations that might create international complications.

Spanish diplomacy has led the government to believe that Mr. Cleveland will try to gain time until the rainy season begins in Cuba in May to see if the military situation is modified, and meanwhile instructing the American minister at Madrid to negotiate direct with Canovas in a friendly way, with a view to making some compromise that could satisfy the autonomist aspirations of the majority of the Cubans and the Imperial interests of Spain, through American mediation.

The Spanish newspapers, especially the republican and the dissenting conservative, express mournful regret that the various Spanish governments have not understood the expediency of putting into force at the very beginning of the present insurrection the home rule bill and the tariff reforms voted by parliament last year and which they will now have to carry out awkwardly under pressure of circumstances and foreign mediation.

The government does not expect any fresh demonstrations against Americans, despite the agitation by the press. Great precautions are being taken in Madrid and in the provinces to quell any disturbances and protect American representatives. It is evident, however, that much suppressed excitement and irritation is prevalent among all classes.

The significant attitude of the ministerial press excites ironical and very angry protests and comments. Papers of the largest circulation and opposition, journals like Imparcial, Pias Globo, El Liberal, Correo and others, go so far as to threaten the government with serious consequences and in domestic politics in Spain if Canovas should assent to mediation on the part of President Cleveland and purchase the neutrality of the United States by commercial concessions.

Spaniards Are Angry.

Madrid, April 9.—An article in the Imparcial charges the Spanish government for laxity of spirit against the attitude of the American congress. It asserts that anger still exists, which is perhaps greater than before.

More than ever the efforts of the insurrection are felt in the farming districts where at the present time it is hard to engage laborers. Mr. Burnett, manager of the Peninsula company's big holdings at Maco, says he found it almost impossible to secure enough help to work his land, so many young men had gone to Cuba.

Another gentleman who owns a large tract near Toledo says that out of forty hands twelve had recently gone to the war.

Any one who takes a trip through the farming districts will be convinced beyond a doubt that the present strain on the country is terrible, and one which Spain can not stand, without serious injury, for any length of time.

Attempted Suicide.

Langton, N. D. April 9.—Frank Saunders, agent of the Great Northern railway, attempted to commit suicide here last night as a consequence of an examination of his books by the traveling auditor of the road. He is now lying in a precarious condition, but may live.

The trouble originated over an option deal managed by Saunders. The auditor arrived here yesterday with a relief agent. The examination had not progressed very far when it became evident that there would be a shortage, now estimated at \$6000, in Saunders' accounts. It is said that he has forged names and used all sorts of means to conceal his speculations.

APOLLO OF CONGRESS.

UNIQUE DISTINCTION OF REPRESENTATIVE FOOTE.

New York and Brooklyn Entered the Race with Two Handsome Candidates—The Honor Finally Acknowledged to the Metropolis.



Eight and despair of the gallery goddesses in Congressman Wallace T. Foote, Jr. of New York state. The contest between the champions of the rival beauties—Charles Bennett, of Brooklyn, and Wallace

of Port Henry, has at last been settled in favor of Foote's adherents, and henceforth he will be known as the handsomest man in congress, says the New York World.

Congress always has its handsomest man. It may not seem a great honor, but it gains for a man an amount of attention from the feminine half of Washington that can't be had in any easier way, while the masculine portion of the place usually is bitterly opposed to the man who wins the title.

In the house of representatives the galleries delight to watch the Apollo of the house, and he shares with the speaker himself the attention of the spectators.

With all his good looks, Mr. Foote happens to be unassuming and has shown such a disposition to mind his own affairs in the proper state of humility for a new member and a young man that he is more popular and more sincerely liked than the ordinary Apollo of congress is.

New York's rival beauties have made the decision of the congressional Apollo more than exciting.

Bennett, of Brooklyn, has a fine figure, on which he puts good clothes in a correct fashion. This happened to be just where Foote was lacking. He was at least three inches under Bennett in height and of heavier build. He dresses quite as well as Bennett and with an eye to artistic effects that was dangerous for Bennett's chances of winning the championship. Bennett, too, is a bachelor, while Foote is married. That, of course, had its effect, because eligible men are not to be frowned on in Washington. Bennett's mustache was curly and blonde. Foote's was dark



WALLACE T. FOOTE, JR.

and graceful. Both had strong china. Bennett's eyes were steel blue; Foote's dark and expressive. He was clearly ahead on eyes. It was a matter of hair coloring and expression that finally settled the question. Foote's head is finely shaped, covered with masses of wavy, tumbling, prematurely gray hair. It tosses picturesquely around his forehead and was altogether irresistible. To make it more pronounced Foote frequently wears a dark gray morning suit. Always a deep red carnation is stuck in the buttonhole and the tie is apt to be touched with red.

It is a fetching combination in color. It simply proved too much for the blond Apollo from Brooklyn, especially as his adherents had to admit that the crown of their candidate's head was not so heavily covered as it formerly was.

Foote has the last sort of a face one would expect to find on a politician. And that is precisely what Apollo is not. Mr. Burleigh, the boss of his district, named him for congress because he wouldn't get into trouble. He hasn't.

If a woman had his brow and eyes, she ought to be royally beautiful. The entire face belongs to a man who appreciates comfort and beautiful things. He ought to care for those things which appeal to the eye rather than the ear. Fighting probably is not so much to his taste as are the joys of peaceful existence. He is a lawyer by profession, but he made his biggest hit a few years ago when he married Miss Mary Witherbee, a daughter of the family that controls the iron industry about Port Henry. The family is popularly supposed to be unable to inventory its earthly possessions. And Mr. Foote's bride had her share. With money and good looks, the young couple's happiness was apparently well filled. Five years ago Port Henry was shocked when on their return from a European trip Mrs. Foote was perfectly helpless and a confirmed invalid. So Mrs. Foote is not in Washington. The handsomest man and his rival from Brooklyn live at Gov. Morton's hotel,

the Shoreham. Foote unfortunately doesn't spend much time in Washington. When he is there he appears very seldom in society and in spite of the fact that he has been crowned for his good looks Washington gets very little satisfaction out of him. Foote's pet amusement is horseback riding, and when he is mounted on a spirited black animal he appears an even more perfect specimen of man than on foot.

MRS. VAN RENSSELAER.

A New York Society Woman Who Is Engaged in School Reform.

Prominent New York society women seldom take active part in public affairs. There is now and then an exception to the rule, and one of these exceptions at present is Mrs. Schuyler Van Rensselaer. This lady is quite as good, from a family point of view, as anybody in Gotham, for both her own family and that of her husband are derived from the very best, bluest and most aristocratic Dutch blood in Gotham. Mrs. Van Rensselaer recently went to Albany to make an address before the New York state senate committee on cities. Her speech was for the promotion of the bill pending in the legislature for the reform of schools in cities. Mrs. Van Rensselaer is deeply interested in the affairs of the public schools. She declared to the committee that the schools in New York were inefficient, and for that reason their clientele was drawn entirely from the poor people. She said that nowadays in New York, so poor was the system of public education that no one who could afford to send their children to a private school would even think of permitting them to be enrolled in the public schools. Several of the commi-



MRS. VAN RENSSELAER.

tee did not like the tone of the lady's remarks. They claimed that her words cast a reflection upon the poor people, whom the public schools were intended to benefit. Mrs. Van Rensselaer pointedly objected to this wrong interpretation of her address. She will continue the work for the raising of the grade of the public education in her town.

A Remarkable Indian Woman.

Washee Block, the noted Indian woman, lately died at her mother's home in Watonga, Oklahoma. She was a woman of remarkable diplomatic skill and a picturesque orator. One of her sons is finishing his education in a Cincinnati college, and three others are attending the Haskell Institute, in Lawrence, Kas. Her daughter, Muskogee, is an educated woman. Washee Block's mother, now over 100 years old, is the great medicine woman of the Cheyennes, and until a few years ago made annual pilgrimages to Dakota and Manitoba for roots and herbs.

Patriotism with the Love of Peace.

One of the good things already rising out of the threatening of war is the growth of patriotic feeling and love of country. Yet another and a larger good is the love of peace, the prayer for peace and the careful studying of the things that make for peace. Perhaps a yet larger good will be the discovery of the great and precious interests the two countries have in common and the drawing nearer together of the two great English-speaking peoples into acknowledged sympathies and aims for the good of the whole world.—Richmond (Va.) Presbyterian.

Mrs. Leland Stanford.



Above is a portrait of Mrs. Leland Stanford, who recently won her suit with the United States government involving \$15,000,000. Mrs. Stanford is the widow of the late Senator from California. Since his death she has been expending large sums of money in philanthropic work.

ON NAVAL WARFARE.

MANY OF OUR WARSHIPS INCAPABLE OF GOOD SERVICE.

Too Much Woodwork—The Late War Between China and Japan Illustrated the Uselessness of Wood Finish—Always on Fire When in Action.



IT WILL BE REMEMBERED that in the battles with the Japanese the Chinese ships were on fire almost continuously from the effect of bursting shells. The men were called from the guns to extinguish the flames,

thus diminishing the efficiency of the battery and causing demoralization generally. This fact has led to the movement to reduce the woodwork in men-of-war to a minimum. It is a matter of vital importance. All ships in our navy need a thorough overhauling in this respect. Before war comes they should all be sent to the navy yards and the woodwork should be removed. A process of treating wood chemically to make it fireproof has been successfully tried in this country, and this wood will be used in ships now building. But even this wood will furnish splinters, and ought not to be used in parts of the ship where men are exposed. In all such places the bulkheads should be of light corrugated iron, as in the Texas, covered with asbestos and painted. This would prevent splinters as well as fire.

Many of the pretty mahogany skylights, ornamental brass hatch canopies and pieces of bright work that now add to the beauty of our men-of-war must be sent ashore in time of war.

The preparations in the engineer department should be as thorough as on deck. Ships designed for great speed must be ready to make this speed in case it is needed in battle, and the machinery must not be exposed to shot or shell or to the debris falling from above. The battle hatches in the protective deck over the boiler and engines should therefore be closed down, all fires should be started, the blowers put in operation, and it should be determined whether the ventilation is such that the men can live and perform the duties that would fall to them during an engagement.

It is safe to say that few ships in the "new navy" of the United States have ever been subjected to a full-speed trial under battle conditions. It would seem that the "inspection report" should include such a test—it is one of the most important of all practical requirements in a man-of-war.

A squadron routine is incomplete in the most vital of all points if it does not provide for maneuvering occasionally under the conditions that would probably obtain in battle. It should be ascertained whether or not the armored conning towers are to be used, and the stations of the captain, the executive and the navigator should be definitely decided upon.

A great deal of arbitrariness, a commendable thoroughness and zeal, are displayed in many of the comparatively trivial matters in naval routine. It would be well if the same arbitrariness of the same thoroughness and zeal were always shown in the vitally important matters that affect the efficiency of a ship for battle. And this rule applies not only to the material, but to the personnel of a man-of-war—to its composition, organization and disposition for battle. It is in this latter respect more than in all other points combined that there is crying need for reform in the "new navy."

A close inspection of the personnel of our ships, when all are at their stations for battle, will uncover many glaring and absurd defects. Individuals will be found at important posts who are totally unfit for the work, and whose failure in action would cripple the battery. There are too few men at many important stations, while at other points men are uselessly employed. There are men and officers whose training and habitual duty in time of peace render them quite unavailable for general duties in battle, and who could be replaced by others whose training would contribute greatly to fighting efficiency. Conservatism and a singular and inexplicable tendency, developed during a period of naval impotency, to promote the personal comfort of certain individuals who, in the nature of things, can contribute little to ship efficiency, have resulted in an astonishing neglect regarding the men and methods that are absolutely essential to the fighting strength of our fleets.

If Congress, now engaged in considering the subject of naval reorganization, will adopt a policy regarding the

personnel that takes intelligent account of the conditions existing afloat when our ships are "cleared for action," the navy will be properly prepared for war. But, if weighed in the balance, it will be found that some of the measures now being urged in Congress will have the inevitable effect to diminish rather than increase the fighting efficiency of our ships. The emergency is a serious one. There is need of care and patriotism in considering the subject. The gun, and the man behind it, will always win at sea. Here is the only true basis of "naval reorganization."

WONDERS OF NASSAU.

A Phosphorescent Lake That Is Luminous at Night.

Having in remembrance the old Sampson Stamp of Key West, the discoverer of the sea gardens at Nassau, we took a pilot and sailboat the following morning and sailed some four miles up the channel, says Forest and Stream. There we embarked in a rowboat with a glass bottom, made by inserting therein plates of thick glass, through which the bottom of the sea spread out before us like dry land. A strange feeling crept over me and in imagination I fancied myself with Jules Verne on the voyage of "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea." We could see all the little fishes, minnows one inch long and larger kinds one foot, two feet and three feet in length, some white and black and blue, beside many angelfish, all yellow like a canary, with bright blue fins and tail, swam beneath us. Like the ripe wheat fields in summer away to the breeze so there in the submarine currents waved great bunches of fan-leaf coral, purple, yellow and white. The water was clear as air, and, pointing to some especially beautiful specimens of rock and fans, our little darky dove over, and, like the fish, we could see him swimming down until at last, clutching the growth with two hands and feet firmly braced against the coral, he gave a tug and away he came to the top, fan in hand. Indeed, God hath wrought marvelous things in this world of His, but nothing of greater bewitching fancy than the sea gardens of Nassau.

When night came and before the moon was up a drive of two miles back on New Providence island brought us to a most interesting work of nature. A lake some 1,000 feet long and 300 feet wide lay quiet and black as any other sheet of water at night might do. But once in a rowboat and shoved off from shore what a mighty change was wrought! Two small out-swimmers, the hue of the surrounding darkness, accompanied our boat of fire, for such it seemed. Like two human torches our darkies swam by our side as in a cloud of phosphorescent fire. At the slightest disturbance the whole surrounding water lit up like molten silver. Each boy's toes and fingers were as though the sun shone on them, and fish darted through the quiet water like sky-rockets, leaving a glittering trail behind. The light was so vivid I could see the time by my watch, and when a wave was sent upward with the oar the falling drops were like blue-tinted pearls. The movements of our boat made enough light to plainly show the bottom, for the water is from the ocean and as clear as all that which nature makes to flow about those lovely Bahamas. Enticed by the water's warmth and the hot night, my friend and I went in swimming, but only for a few minutes. From this swim comes a story hard to believe, but as true as gospel. That night, as was my custom before turning in, I went to the bathroom, which I could easily darken, to change some photo plates in my holders. When about to pull the slides I noticed the phosphorescence, which I had brought from the lake, shining from my bare feet and giving so much white light I had to cover them with a towel before I dared expose the plates to what a moment before had been intense darkness.

President Hayes and the Farmer.

President Hayes had for one of his Ohio neighbors a testy old fellow who kept a small truck farm. During Mr. Hayes' four years in the white house, on one of his visits home, he passed this old man's farm and found him planting potatoes. The president, being somewhat of a farmer himself, noticed some eccentricity in his neighbor's style of planting, and after a little chat called attention to it. The old man defended his method and finally Mr. Hayes said as he started along: "Well, I don't think you will get the best kind of a crop if you plant in that manner." The farmer rested his elbows on the fence. "They ain't neither one of us above havin' fault found with us," he said, "but if you jest go on presidentin' the United States your way and I go on plantin' potatoes my way I guess we won't be no wuss off in the end."—Exchange.

The Gift of Love.

The gift of tongues, including eloquence, literature and everything pertaining to human speech, without love is only so much noise, compared to brass instruments and cymbals. So with prophecy, knowledge, faith—all with love eliminated, are worthless.—Rev. D. C. Garrett.

It's semi-Colon now. Half the isthmian city was burned.

Perhaps the glare of the X ray can stare the bicycle face out of countenance.

"Adieu, poke bonnets!" says the Salvation Army. "All hail! poke bonnets!" says society.

Mrs. Vanderbilt seems to have given her son the marble house and her husband the marble heart.

It is a wonder that no football team has been called "The Dunraven." They ought to be the biggest kickers on two continents.

Mr. Rauschenberger is a candidate for mayor of Milwaukee, but Congressman Sauerhager has decided to retire from public life.

It having been discovered that Congressman Cousins wrote his own speech a revival of the Shakespeare-Bacon controversy is due.

If Prince Henry of Orleans ever becomes president of France we look for an experiment in a hereditary republican form of government.

The rumor that Turkey will change its ministry is not one-half so encouraging as would be a report that the ministry would change its Turkey.

Japan will this year spend \$80,000,000 for warships and guns. The trouble with an ambitious people that owns a great navy is that they will be over-anxious to use it.

The idea of electing a President without having plenty of "buttons" is not to be thought of. It is a pity that some of the fellows peddling them do not stop better buttoned up.

A RAILROAD MAN

Was Rendered Speechless—Stricken With Paralysis While Standing at His Post of Duty.

Specialists in Louisville and Nashville Could Not Cure Him.

VENO'S REMEDIES

Brought Back His Speech and Cured Him—They Are the Coming Remedial Agents of the World.

A. H. Crawford, engineer on the L. & N. R. R., sends Veno the following sworn affidavit: State of Indiana, I am Co. of Vanderburg, Ind. On the 25th day of December, 1901, I was running from Nashville, when I was stricken with Hemiplegic Cerebral paralysis of my left arm and limb, being made helpless instantly. I was at that time one of the oldest engineers on the L. & N. R. R. Since that time I have been stagnant at Howell Station. On Tuesday, May 15, 1904, I commenced using Veno's Electric Fluid and Curative Syrup. The first treatment gave me relief. Before I commenced I could not hold a knife or fork in my hand, and could not lift my arm. Had no use of it whatever. Now I can use my arm, can feed myself and think that within a few weeks I will go back to work on the road. I had written with all I could hear of before Veno's remedies were applied, and had even gone to different cities to doctor. Spent all the money I had with no success. Veno's remedies have been a great blessing to me and I now freely sign this and make oath to the above as a true statement. A. H. CRAWFORD. (Signed.)

Before me, Geo. Nash, a notary public, in aforesaid County and State, personally came A. H. Crawford, and made oath to the above statement. Subscribed by him. Witness my hand and notarial seal, this 25th day of June, 1904. (Seal.) GEO. C. NASH, Notary Public. VENO'S CURATIVE SYRUP is the best and only scientific cure. It permanently cures malaria (chills and fever) and thoroughly cures catarrh, constipation and liver trouble. It strengthens the nerves, clears the brain, invigorates the stomach and purifies the blood, leaving no ill effects. This medicine has for its base the famous Llandrinod water, the great germ destroyer and blood purifier, and when used with VENO'S ELECTRIC FLUID will cure the worst and most desperate cases of rheumatism, paralysis, sciatica, neuralgia and all aches and pains. No home should be without these medicines. They are sold at 25 cents each, twelve for \$2. Ask your druggist to get Veno's Curative Syrup and Veno's Electric Fluid for you. S. M. MACKENZIE'S CATARRH CURE relieves in 5 minutes. 10c. At drug stores.

Mr. Balfour closed the week's debate in parliament with one foot in a slipper and one arm in a sling. He was not exactly a handsome figure, but he is learning something about bicycles as he goes along. It seems that his mishap of a few days ago was not his first. One before he took a header over a baker's cart, that he still remembers vividly. On the whole, he is a better statesman than he is a cyclist, though he rides for a fall frequently in both spheres.

There is as much society during Lent as any other time, but the women will not admit it.

It takes three seconds for a cable message to cross the Atlantic.

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Everyone makes the fatal blunder of telling their secrets to those who tell their secrets.

There are Dictionaries and Dictionaries, but the noblest Roman of them all seems to be Webster. It is still in the lead in the great race for popularity.

Cast iron pennies are in circulation in Birmingham.

QUEER NAMES.

Indians Fond of Tackling English Cognomens to Their Own.

There isn't a great deal of funny reading in the Blue Book, which tells all about what everybody gets who works for Uncle Sam, be his or her station what it may, but there is a little. Perhaps it seems funnier than it really is on account of its environments, but it does seem a trifle ridiculous to read in a dry-as-dust chronicle of "Where born, where appointed from, where employed, salary," the name of Grover Yellow Boy."

This distinguished namesake of the president is drawing wages from Uncle Sam and has to sign the pay roll—or did last year at any rate—along with another Indian policeman named Grover Mountain Sheep.

Political names are not common, but they do get on the rolls. Witness, Hoke Red Thunder. This is a direct bid for sympathy from the great and good secretary of the interior.

Most of the first names are Anglo-Saxon, and they are to the true names of the Indians as a plug hat upon a clove Belvidere. Dismounts Thrice is one man's name. That tells a story of how when a little boy came into the world, and with the first thin, sharp squall he uttered getting the new-found air out of his lungs to get more in, and so keep up this process by day and night until the world ended for him, the father stepped out of the tepee and he saw a man get off his horse three times. One wonders what was up. Was he thrown off? What was he about, anyhow? That was what went into the mind of this man's father. He wondered at it and so named the child for the first thing he saw.

But how it cheapens all to tack on before the name the handle "William." Henry Look for Horses is another such name. So is Ivan Star Comes Out. Where got he that Ivan? So is James Clinches and John Crazy Dog. But what is William Walks Under Ground? A mole? How came Geoffrey Chips by his first name? And what eastern man will think of chips as anything else than what an ax would cut from a piece of wood. Plainmen will smile a little at that notion.

Brian Poor Thunder! That tells of a storm muttering in the west when this boy was born, and the father thought the rumble a tame affair. There are plenty of men named Lightfoot, and one man calls himself James C. Lightning.

Some day if they don't all die off these names once fixed will be as honorable as that of the man who once kept hogs and whose descendants now are rather proud that their name is Howard, or Hog-Ward, to get down to the bones of the thing.—New York Press.

ABYSSINIA.

Facts About the Country in Which the Italians Fell.

The chief exports are gold, ivory, slaves, coffee, butter, honey and wax. Abyssinia is a very mountainous country. Many of the peaks are always covered with snow.

The literature of Abyssinia amounts to little. What there is deals with religious matter.

The country is so situated that the climate is one of the most salubrious on the face of the globe.

The area of the country is about 200,000 square miles. Its inhabitants number a little over 4,000,000.

Adowa, where the Italians met defeat, is the second city in Abyssinia, having about 7,000 inhabitants.

The people are mostly agriculturists. Cotton, cloth, leather, parchment, iron and brass are manufactured.

The majority of the inhabitants of Abyssinia are of the Caucasian race and are well formed and handsome.

The language of the religion and literature of the country is the Gees, which belongs to the Ethiopic class of languages.

According to the Abyssinians the queen of Sheba was their ruler and from her son Menelek their kings are descended.

The Galla race, which came from the south, constitutes a large part of the soldiery. They are fierce and turbulent.

The word Abyssinia is derived from the Arabic word Habesch, meaning mixture, and refers to the mixed character of the people.

Abyssinia is one of the most ancient monarchies in the world. Until recently, however, the king was generally afraid of his chiefs.

The prevailing religion of Abyssinia is a very corrupted form of Christianity. It is professed by the majority of the people and by the reigning princes.

Never Touched Him.

The stomach of an ostrich that died a few days ago in the menagerie in Central Park, New York, was found to contain a wooden clothespin, two pieces of glass, a mouth harmonica, a piece of umbrella handle four inches long, a metal slate key, a brass door key, a silk handkerchief, a horn comb, two pieces of coal, and three pebbles and a hatchet. Yet the ostrich did not die of indigestion, but tuberculosis.—Daily Lyre.

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Large quantities of fish are being shipped from Maine to Cuba.

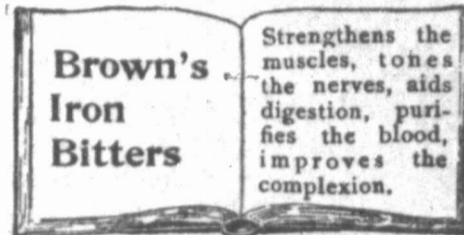
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Why is it that war is always breaking out in countries that are full of unpronounceable names?

As Kruger will not go to England it is possible England will come to Kruger. Neither move would be because of love.

An exchange asks: "Will the new woman knit her own stockings?" Hardly. The indications are that the new woman will wear socks.

Wizards Edison and Tesla will pardon the suggestion that if they work a little more and talk about it a little less they would get there sooner.

The report came from Virginia that four barrels of whisky were found in the house of one of its legislators, but an investigation proved that it was all "moonshine."

If the Gould boys are New Jersey farmers, as they proved themselves to be in order to avoid New York taxation, they should at once grant themselves reasonable freight rates.

Chancellor Snow of the Kansas university has bought a bicycle and is learning to ride it. The snow fall in Douglass county is expected to be quite heavy for the next few weeks.

The new cable line between France and the United States will be welcome. Who knows that we may not be missing other war scares because of a lack of facilities to transmit the news.

Postmaster Heising has been chosen captain of a baseball team, but the mangled hand will be barred in the game. If he is made pitcher of his nine he will probably use the postal delivery.

Washington spiritualists want to investigate the haunted houses of the capital. No doubt the landlords would be happy to rent these structures to any embodied spirits applying for them.

A St. Paul woman has filed a claim against a late affianced's estate for the expenses of her trousseau and \$2,000 more for the marriage that did not come. He seems to have escaped just in time.

A confidential clerk in New York robbed his employer to get money with which to feed his dog. If he be sent to prison, every dog fancier in the state will promptly petition the governor to pardon him.

Before the days of Lucifer matches and railroads it would have gone hard with Prof. Roentgen if he had discovered his cathode rays. He would have been branded and hanged as a witch in short order.

Spain wants \$24,000,000, and asks Spanish bankers to hand out the money. It is a case of stand and deliver. The banks will have to do it, although they are fully aware that it is "a permanent investment."

The Ameer of Afghanistan has ordered a number of men's bicycles from an English firm. A large order for women's bicycles, one for each of the members of the Ameer's harem, is, it is announced, to follow.

The establishment of a penny savings bank in Chicago is again being discussed. The penny banks are already in successful operation in several cities. In Detroit such a bank made it a profitable branch of its business. It issued stamps that were sold at drug stores, distributed a lot of literature to interest the people in the subject, and not only increased its business legitimately, but stimulated thrift among the children. In some cities penny banks are run in connection with the schools, and the children show their interest by patronizing them freely. They are just the thing for every town.

The large woman has at last been recognized. A year or more ago while Mrs. Anna M. Gray of Edwardsville, Ill., was getting off the cars with some bundles the train started, causing her to fall. The lower court decided that she was injured to the amount of \$950, and the court of appeals last week affirmed the decision and said: "A fleshy woman has the right to ride on a train and to have a valise and parcels, and she is entitled to more time for alighting than might be required for a foot-wear or a greyhound." It may be that little women are classed with the racer and the greyhound; so if we were you we wouldn't take any chances, but would alight as soon as possible—or else get fleshy.

JOHN WALLER BACK.

EX-CONSUL TO MADAGASCAR IN NEW YORK.

His Treatment in France—Thinks His Action Was Justifiable—A Murder Mystery Develops at Denver, Colo.—Two Found Dead.

New York, April 15.—John Waller, late United States consul to Amative, Madagascar, was a second-class passenger on the steamer New York which arrived today from Southampton.

He stated to a reporter at quarantine that he was released from prison in France on February 20, exactly eleven months from the time he was sentenced at Madagascar. He declined to discuss his case at length, but said he felt confident of the ultimate justification of his actions. He inquired anxiously as to the health of his wife and family, who have been in Baltimore the past two months.

Waller said that while on the guardship at Madagascar, and during his passage to France his treatment was simply inhuman, but that at the prisons in France his lot was no worse than an ordinary prisoner. The food served lacked nutriment and he was compelled to purchase supplies outside.

Governor Jones' Death.

Carson, Nev., April 13.—Governor John E. Jones who died at San Francisco last night was born in Wales December 5, 1840. He came to the United States with his parents and settled in Iowa in 1856. He was educated in the public schools, finishing with a four year course in the Iowa University. He was a school teacher in his early manhood and afterwards, like most western men followed mining and such vocations as came to his hand in Colorado, Wyoming and Nevada. In 1863 he held the office of United States deputy internal revenue collector, residing at Eureka, Nevada. In 1886 he was elected surveyor general of the state by the republican party. He was re-elected in 1890, serving until he took the office of governor in 1895. He was elected governor by the silver party.

He will be succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Reinhold Sadler, now acting governor.

News of his death caused much sorrow in this city and state.

Two Not Present.

Washington, April 13.—It now appears that on the vote by which Congressman Abbott was adjudged entitled to the seat in the case of Kearby vs. Abbott, two republicans were absent. The vote stood, therefore, two for Kearby and five for Abbott.

There are nine members of the committee, and the absence of the two republicans at the time the vote was taken creates some doubt as to the future of the case. No one knows what these two will do. If they should refuse to sign the majority report, which gives Abbott the seat, then there will be four republicans on the minority report. If they agree with the majority then it is highly probable that there will not be a minority report.

If there is a minority report signed by four republicans it is safe to say that the case will be fought further in the house. So far the two absent members have not given out what they intend to do. Should four republicans sign a minority report, then there will be the majority report with three democrats and two republicans on it. This would make the case very interesting.

Greer County Bill.

Washington, Apr. 13.—The sub-committee of the judiciary committee of the house to which was referred the bill in regard to the validation of the acts of the officers and courts in Greer county, considered it yesterday and agreed to favorably report it back to the main committee.

This is the bill which was prepared by the attorney general and Judge Brown of Greer county. There is no doubt but that it will be approved by the main committee and that it will pass the house. The same bill has been introduced in the senate, by Senator Chilton.

Another Victim.

Helena, Mont., April 13.—Another victim has been added to the Hope mine disaster. Last evening a rescuing party succeeded in descending to the one hundred foot level. Bad air made them come up soon. All returned but one. An attempt was made to go back after him but the gas had been increased so that it was impossible. The man is dead beyond doubt. There are no signs of life yet from the seven men entombed.

Sensational Story.

Washington, April 13.—President Cleveland has made to Spain a formal proposition that the good offices of the United States be accepted in mediation between that country and her rebellious colonies in the West Indies.

This proposition was made in a cablegram of instructions to our minister at Madrid, Mr. Taylor, which was dispatched yesterday.

No diplomatic dispatch of equal importance has left this capital since Secretary Olney's note to the British government on the Venezuelan boundary question was sent to London. It brings to a crisis the relations between the United States and Spain, which have been unsettled since the outbreak of the Cuban rebellion. The note thoroughly explains the attitude of the United States and reasons which led to this action.

The note recalls the correspondence between this government and Spain at the time of the ten years' war when President Grant and Secretary Fish proposed mediation and the Spanish government, although declining to accept it, promised certain reforms in Cuba. The fact that the United States was in part instrumental in bringing about that settlement and the charge that the Spanish government has not kept its promises is given as a reason why the United States now has a right to be heard in the case.

Spain is assured of the fact that the United States is actuated only by disinterested motives and by a desire through friendship to bring about a more pacific and satisfactory settlement of affairs in the island. Spain is urged to accept our good offices in the spirit in which they are tendered and the hope is expressed that the Spanish government will see its way clear to granting reforms in Cuba.

The president does not ask Spain to grant the independence of Cuba, nor does he suggest that home rule be accorded that island. He leaves all these questions of methods to be discussed after Spain shall have expressed a willingness to accept mediation.

A Big Deal.

La Porte, Ind., April 13.—Last December the L. A. Bell company of this place and the Munising company of Cleveland, Ohio, owning 184,000 acres of timber land in Michigan tributary to Munising and Lake Superior, sold the bark from both tracts to Boston and Salem, Mass., parties and stipulated for the erection of one of the largest tanneries in the United States at Munising. Today the same two companies sold to John C. French of Olean, N. Y., and Milo Lyman of Potter county, Pa., all of the lock timber on both premises, after the bark had been peeled therefrom, estimated at more than four hundred million feet. One of the conditions of the transaction required the purchasers at once to erect a mill at Munising with a capacity for manufacturing not less than 20,000,000 feet of the lumber purchased in the ordinary sawing season of each year.

Fighting the Boss.

San Francisco, Apr. 13.—The annual election of officers by the directors of the Southern Pacific showed a division of opinion as to the fitness of C. P. Huntington for president of the company, which is looked upon as the beginning of a fight against that magnate.

At the direction of Mrs. Leland Stanford the two directors who represent the Stanford estate voted for General Thomas H. Hubbard of New York for president, and William Crocker also refused to vote for Huntington.

General Hubbard admits that he was urged by Mrs. Stanford to become a candidate for the presidency, but says he refused.

Mrs. Stanford is said to have expressed the belief that if the Stanford, Crocker and Searle interests could have united on General Hubbard he would have been elected.

Cairo Short Line.

St. Louis, Mo., April 13.—Illinois Central officials have completed the plans for the re-organization of the old Cairo short line.

As a result of a conference Mr. Geo. E. Lary, formerly of the Cairo Short line, is appointed assistant general agent of the Illinois Central with headquarters at St. Louis.

Diversified Crop.

Nashville, Tenn., April 13.—The Southern Trade Review has answers from correspondents in all the cotton states giving estimates of acreage for 1896.

The planting is fully under way in the far South and will be very soon in full operation over the entire South.

On the whole the increase is not much larger than can be accounted for on the ground of natural development and there is a marked tendency toward diversified crops.

TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Withers & McGehee of Kyle shipped four cars of fine beef cattle to East St. Louis market recently. This firm will soon close their shipment of 1000 head of bees.

A party of hunters who have been spending a few weeks in the Indian Territory returned to Denison recently, reporting a fine catch of fish, plenty of turkey and small game.

Harry Johnson, a 6-year-old Denison boy, jumped in a milk wagon standing in front of his home, whipped up the horses. The team ran away, throwing the boy out and seriously injuring him.

As the passenger train drew into Byron switch, below Grapeland, the other night, some unknown person fired a pistol, the ball striking William Biggs in the thigh, inflicting a serious wound.

Miss N. Downes, the young lady who was charged with cowhiding a young gentleman of Fort Worth recently, pleaded guilty to disturbing the peace in the city court and was given a fine of \$10 and costs.

In the case of Charles Gallagher, charged with the murder of R. W. Laird, at Texarkana last August, in the district court at Boston, Tex., the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, after deliberating seventy hours.

The following anonymous letter was received at Wichita Falls by the postmaster and it caused a great deal of talk and excitement: "To the postmaster: We are going through that same bank the boys was in and the postoffice the same day and we are going to have twenty-five of your best men in place of the boys you hung, my brother. '32 in it."

Unusual interest is being developed in the revival services at the Methodist church at Lone Oak. After a sermon by Rev. E. G. Kligore one evening recently about forty arose and requested the prayers of the church. Uncle Jim Anderson, formerly a noted saloon keeper of Greenville, and Rev. E. G. Phillips of Nevada are present as workers. The pastor, Rev. I. S. Smith, has also the co-operation of the other pastors of the town.

The remains of Charley Craig, a young white man 17 years old, were interred in the Hutchins cemetery recently. While felling a tree three miles southeast from that place, he sustained injuries from which he died three hours afterward. In felling the tree he was cutting it knocked a limb from an adjoining tree and this limb struck young Craig and fractured his skull. He was unconscious from the moment the limb struck him.

Israel M. King, a wealthy cattleman of Silver City, N. M., and a member of the legislature of that territory, was arrested recently in Ciudad Juarez, Mex., charged with cattle theft. He was arrested without a warrant and without any specific charge. King, while driving a herd from Palmoras, Mex., to Deming, N. M., found in the bunch several calves belonging to a Mexican and returned to Palmoras and paid and obtained a receipt for them. There is great indignation expressed at the action of the Mexican officials.

During the last session of the Williamson county grand jury a number of bills of indictment were returned against citizens of Taylor, among them a dozen or more of the leading men of the city, charging them "with playing cards in a public house." These cases will come up for trial at the next term of the county court, and as the parties interested propose to fight the cases upon the grounds that the cards were played at their private residences, the decision of the court of criminal appeals at Dallas recently in the case of J. Z. Miller vs. the state, from Navarro county, which was reversed and dismissed, proves interesting reading matter to the dozen or more parties interested.

United States Marshal J. M. Chancellor passed through Denison recently, having in charge J. W. DeArmond, who was arrested in 1890 on the charge of murdering Ed Howell in the Chickasaw nation in that year, and who with five others escaped from the Sherman jail in 1891 while awaiting trial in the federal court. DeArmond was caught in Brooklyn, N. Y., about a month ago, after having been at liberty nearly six years. When asked how he got away so easily and what caused his recapture, he politely refused to talk, but said it was a very easy matter to travel a long distance if a man is in a hurry and not particular as to the accommodations he has.

The remains of M. Lewis, who died at Hillsboro, were interred at Fort Worth. Up to a recent date he was a leading merchant of Hillsboro, Waxsachie, Ennis, Mexia and Bryan. Failing health recently forced his retirement from business.

A forty-pound catfish caught in Red river a few days ago attracted popular attention at Denison.

George Money and Andrew Woodfolk of Kendleton became involved in a dispute over a horse. The former was shot and badly wounded, but will likely recover.

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LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.
A. H. Wootters will begin work soon on his residence.
A complete line of furniture, coffins and caskets always on hand at
SHIVERS BROS.

John Shivers is in Galveston this week at a meeting of the creditors of L. & H. Blum.

C.addock & Co. have just opened their Spring Stock of Goods of all kinds Give us a call.

J. C. Wootters is putting in another brick building on the west side of the square.

Craddock & Co. have the best line of Hosiery in town.

Chew Ham Bone Tobacco. Best on Earth for the money. Manufactured by J. H. Cosby & Bro., Danville, Va.

W. D. Gimon, postmaster at Weldon, was in Crockett several days this week, and stopped with J. B. Fifer at the New restaurant.

"The Wonder" ice cream freezer at McConnell's Hardware Store. All sizes.

Mrs. J. C. Wootters and Mrs. Bettie Smith will return from Galveston soon, the latter very much improved in health.

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

NEW RESTAURANT.

The primary on the money question will come off on Saturday, June 6th. The proposition is in such shape that all can go to the polls and vote on it. Let no one stay away. Come out and roll up a big vote.

I am representing the well-known and high class tailoring houses, Mills & Averill of St. Louis, and Lamm & Co. of Chicago. Having had several years' actual experience in the business, I can safely guarantee satisfaction in every respect. J. F. DOWNES.

If you are anxious to get a perfect fitting suit and one cut in the latest style, call on J. F. Downes. Among his regular customers are a large number of the best dressers of Crockett and vicinity.

John Mangum, the popular cotton buyer and insurance agent, has purchased a lot in East Crockett and will build in the near future. Readers of the COURIER will be pleased to know this gentleman and his estimable family have decided to locate with us permanently.

All sizes of pretty water coolers at McConnell's Hardware Store.

Eggs from Black Langshan and Indian game, price \$1.50 per 13.
EDGAR ARLEDGE.

Mesdames Bricker & Smith will sell millinery at reduced prices Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Goods all new and stylish. Ladies call and see our stock before buying.

If you want the best ice cream freezer made buy the "Wonder." Guaranteed to freeze cream in 5 minutes. At McConnell's Hardware Store.

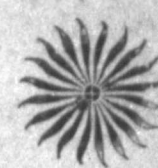
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CAR TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS bright and of the very best quality 30 cent per bushel. CAR FLOUR received before the big advance, sell at old PRICES. Car salt 200 lbs 90c, 100 lbs 50 cents. SHOES, SHOES, you will save money if you will price before buying. CLOTHING and spring goods coming in daily. The PROOF is calling and seeing for yourself.
R. M. ATKINSON.



FAILED!



But it's the people who have failed to understand how we can give such bargains as have been and are continually leaving our store. Who know the value of a dollar, it is those who have learned to handle it. With this almighty coin and our new advanced ideas crowding out the old, pluck instead of luck, cash instead of credit, brain in the place of cheek, and our science and ability we are fast crushing into oblivion all moonshine prices and are now bringing them down to actual value of 100 cents on every American dollar. We only ask the good people to stand by us and we will keep prices right.

We have a full yard wide medium weight L. L. Brown Domestic worth 5cts. now going for 4cts yard. A full yard wide Bleach Domestic free from starch worth 6cts now 4cts. 35 yards of cotton checks for \$1.00. 30 yards Challie \$1.00. 30 yards Lawn \$1.00, just the thing for wrappers. Our dark colors in calico worth 6cts now 4cts yard. Just received a new line of nice light weight wollen dress goods navy blue duck, all wool serge for skirts in black and navy blue. A nice new line of Organdies and all the new styles of fine wash dress goods.

New Shirt Waists, new styles and new colors; come before sizes are broken.



Our line of vests for ladies are fast going from 5cts each or 6 for 25cts, up to 50cts each.

Ladies who wear the John Kelly Oxford ties are all willing to admit that they have no equal in Crockett and since we have reduced them even below the cost of more inferior grades they are now going very fast, come while you can get any size and on any last. Our button or lace shoes for ladies any size from 3 to 8 are still going for 70cts a pair. Don't

pay high prices for these goods but come and see our line of slippers from 35cts per pair up to the finest made. We have the best \$1.00 shoe ever sold in Crockett.

Gentlemen, remember all of our finest shoes are now going at a reduced price, get a bargain while they last. We have a few pair of mens' heavy all solid oil tan buckle shoes sizes from 6 to 11, such as you pay \$1.25 we will close at 95cts a pair.

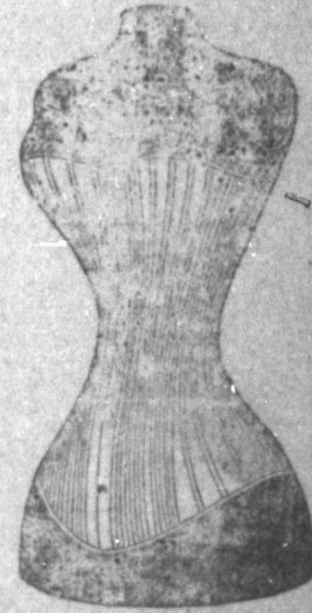
Gentlemen, don't buy a straw hat or umbrella until you see our line we can save you money.

A new line of Manarch shirts, Cluett & Coon collars and cuffs, all the new styles in standing and turn down. If you want a tailor made suit or pair of pants we represent two of the best tailoring houses in Chicago, having sent six orders in last evening's mail we suppose is the best indication that we always give a perfect fit and make prices lower than any one on these goods; it will cost you nothing to come in and see our samples.

Our ready made clothing is rapidly going for less money than other merchants pay for it. Don't buy old moth-eaten, dusty, dirty suits at cost when we can sell a brand new suit just from the factory for less money. We never fail to sell any one when they see our goods and hear the prices, remember these suits coat, pants and vest any size from 35 to 42 well worth from \$3.50 to \$20.00 now going from \$1.50 to \$11.00 per suit.

A Few Bargains in Notions.

Celluloid collars with a nice collar button 5cts, celluloid cuffs 10cts pair, linen collars 5cts, in either standing or turn-down, nice rolled gold lever patent collar buttons worth 10cts each 2 for 5cts, bone or agate like you pay 5cts for 6 we sell 24 for 5cts, 24 lead pencils for 5cts. 35 slate pencils for 5cts. 2 2oz bottles of Davids best black ink such as you pay 5cts for we sell 2 bottles for 5cts.



Those who have worn the F. P. Corset say they will have no other.

Respectfully Submitted to the Cash Trade by
McLEAN & WILSON, Crockett, Texas.

Orange Blossoms.

It becomes the pleasant duty of the COURIER to chronicle the marriage of Dr. Lawrence Corley, to Miss Sallie Woodson, which occurred on Wednesday evening of last week, at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Dr. Matthews officiating. Our handsome young M. D. prepared quite a surprise for his friends when he led this fair daughter of Crockett to Hymen's altar, as not even those with whom he was most intimate were aware that he contemplated so soon entering the ranks of the benedictines. Such was the case, however, and the COURIER joins the many friends of the young couple in extending congratulations.

Laurence and his young bride are both well known in this community, having been born and reared in Crockett. He is just entering upon his professional career as a popular young physician, and she is a most charming and accomplished young lady.

Another bark was quietly launched upon the matrimonial sea by the marriage of Mr. J. C. Miller to Miss Bessie Beasley, which took place at the residence of the bride's father, Dr. S. T. Beasley, on Saturday evening last, Rev. Dr. Matthews officiating, only the family being present. These young people have lived in Crockett since earliest childhood, and have many friends here who are pleased to learn that their hopes have been thus happily consummated, and who will join the COURIER in a wish for them of a bright and happy future.

After the ceremony and the congratulations of those present the bride and groom were driven to the depot and boarded the southbound International train for Houston, from whence they will make an extended bridal tour, going to San

Antonio and from there to the City of Mexico, and after visiting many places of interest in the historic land of the Aztec, they will return to Crockett, their future home.

Rev. W. M. Gaddy and family left for Beeville last Friday night where he will take charge of the Baptist pastorate and make that place his future home. Mr. Gaddy has lived and labored among our people as minister of the Baptist church here for five years and we are thankful that his labors have borne good fruit. We regret to lose the reverend gentleman from amongst us and wish him and his much success and happiness in their new field of labor.

Lost.

One horse, about 7 or 8 years old, dark drap or slate color, 2 white spots on one side of back and 1 white spot on the other; tail a little bobbed, no brand. One 1 year old mare colt, blue roan (dark) white in face, no brand. Anyone who will take them up, or knowing of their whereabouts, notify me at Lovelady, Texas, and I will pay them for their trouble. J. P. GANTT.

Given Away.

A second-hand piano and organ, both for \$25. Call at this office. W. B. PAGE.

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

We have received most substantial evidence that Mr. A. F. Boehrens, the genial soda water man, has opened up and is about ready for business, in the shape of a case of that most delicious beverage in cream, lemon and strawberry flavoring, which was highly appreciated and for which thanks are returned.

Try Ham Bone Tobacco. Each Plug Warranted.

Miss Minnie Bruner's music class will give their closing 'recital' on next Thursday evening, April 23rd. The friends and patrons of the class are invited to attend and are promised a most pleasant evening.

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

The ladies and others are making ready to give the public a unique and highly interesting entertainment on the 2nd of May. It is for the purpose of raising funds for the ex-Confederate Battle Abbey. There will be full particulars in our issue next week.

Buy your water coolers and ice cream freezers from McConnell's Hardware Store. They have the best.

Let all the colored teachers of the county meet at the colored Academy April 25 and say if we shall have a summer normal.

J. W. WILLIAMS.

J. E. Downes makes a speciality of high grade gents' furnishing goods. A full and complete line of Cluett collars and cuffs always on hand. 11 3t

4 boxes axle grease, 25c. 7 bars N. K. Fairbanks soap, 25c. Ask for "Eddy's New Process" Starch.

Water Coolers and Ice Cream Freezers. ARLEDGE, KENNEDY & Co.

J. E. Downes is selling an elegant gents' patent leather shoe for \$4.50. 113t

We will show you some great eye openers next Saturday. We are the cheapest buyers and sellers in the State of Texas.

MISTROT BROS. & Co.

J. A. Bricker & Co. have a nice line of black silk watch guards. See them.

Eat and Sleep At COLL'S.

I'm in my New House and ready to serve you at any time. Call and see me. Board \$1 per day, Meals 25c, Bed 25c. COLLIN ALDRICH.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Callouette, Druggist, Beaversville Ill., says: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We won't keep store or house either without it." Get a free trial at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

Raisins, layers and seedless, 10cts per lb. Cheese 10cts per lb. 3lb peaches \$1.25 per doz. 2lb " 80cts " " Try Royal (Red "I") flour it is the best.

ARLEDGE, KENNEDY & Co. Do you ever travel? If you do you should take out an accident policy first. D. M. Craddock represents the old Aetna Life and Accident company of Hartford and sells 'em cheap. See him before you start.

8 bot. snuff for \$1.00. 5lb good coffee \$1.00. 25lb rice \$1.00. 5lb of 25ct tobacco for \$1.00.

ARLEDGE, KENNEDY & Co. I have just received my new line of spring and summer samples of clothing. They comprise the latest styles and effects. Call to see them. J. F. DOWNES.

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the democratic party: For Judge of the Third Judicial District:

- W. H. GILL,
of Anderson County.
For Representative,
W. B. WALL.
For District Attorney of Third Judicial District:
J. M. CROOK,
of Houston County.
A. G. GREENWOOD,
of Anderson County.
For District Clerk,
JOHN H. ELLIS.
COL. ALDRICH, JR.
TONY GOSSETT.
J. S. FLUKER.
For County Judge,
J. F. DUREN.
A. D. LIPSCOMB.
For County Clerk,
N. E. ALLBRIGHT.
For County Treasurer,
J. B. ELLIS.
HARDIN BAYNE.
M. M. BAKER.
For Assessor of Taxes:
D. J. CATER.
GAIL CLINTON.
For Tax Collector,
JOHN R. FOSTER.
S. E. HOWARD,
J. R. SHERIDAN.
For Sheriff,
G. M. WALLER.
DICK STUBBLEFIELD.
For Commissioner Precinct No. 1,
T. C. LIVEY.
R. T. MURCHISON,
R. W. VINCE.
For Justice Peace, Precinct No. 1,
C. W. ELLIS.
W. D. PRICHARD.
For Constable Prec. No. 1,
C. R. BAGGETT,
C. C. MORTIMER.
M. W. SATERWHITE.

Col. THOMAS BOWERS will begin the publication in Crockett in a week or so of a paper to be known as the *Crockett Enterprise*. We are thoroughly sincere and honest in our sentiments when we say that we welcome this veteran newspaper gentleman to our midst and bespeak for him a generous share of the patronage of Crockett and Houston county. We have known him for years as a newspaper man and have a high appreciation of his worth and works as such. The field here is ample to support two local papers, and we have no desire to monopolize it, but gladly welcome him as a valuable co-worker in the labor of advertising and developing the great resources and advantages of Houston county. He is a newspaper man of forty years or more experience and wields a bold, incisive pen. His first venture in the newspaper line was at Carthage, Texas, as editor of the *Panola Watchman*; thence he went to Paris, Texas, where he published the *Paris Free Tongue*; thence to Austin, Texas, where he edited the *Capitolian*, and from there he went to Houston, where for several years past he has issued the *Houston Free For All*. He is a staunch democrat, and the politics of his paper, the *Enterprise*, will be democratic. To say that his paper will be worthy of public confidence and support will be but to express our honest convictions. We have yet to see a paper published and edited by him that was not marked for ability in its editorial columns and neatness in its mechanical and typographical make-up.

We will take pleasure in extending to him and his enterprise every courtesy and wish for both a full measure of success.

JUDGE BURNETT SETS ASIDE THE LAW AGAIN.

Readers of the COURIER are fully advised of what the laws are about allowing jurors to separate in felony cases. The statutes are as plain and positive as language can make them. Before jurors can separate the consent of attorneys representing both the State and the defendant must be obtained. Where either objects, jurors can not be permitted to separate. In the trial of Chris. Majors this week for murder there were two negro jurors on the jury. Attorneys representing the defendant consented for the jury to separate. District Attorney D. A. Nunn, jr., representing the State, objected openly in court. In the face of this objection, Judge Burnett separated the jury. Such a proceeding has never been witnessed in this county before, nor in any other county in Texas, so far as the records show. If the law is invalid and worthless, there is no occasion for repealing it, as Judge Burnett expresses the wish to see done. It is difficult to understand how the law can be valid in its application to the defendant in requiring his consent, which Judge Burnett always requires, and invalid in its application to the State in not requiring the consent of the attorney for the State. The language of the statute is the same in both references.

GRAPELAND.

Editor Courier: We beg pardon for failure to keep the COURIER posted, as to the doings of our little town for the last few weeks, and promise to do better in the future. A combination of circumstances and a familiar idiosyncrasy known as "laziness" are somewhat responsible for the neglect.

Business seems to be in a healthy state now. Our merchants and business men generally are seemingly prosperous.

Farming is moving along briskly and crop prospects, though a little late, are very good up to date.

Politics seem to be a little quiet at present, but the humming will soon begin. Well, just turn her loose and let her hum. Everything seems to be for the best, anyway, and there must a hidden hand that controls our destinies, for just as the British started up the Nile to the Soudan the Kentucky legislature adjourned, Ben Harrison declared himself out of politics.

B. F. Hill has begun the erection of his new residence just above the Methodist church.

B. R. Guice will shortly begin the erection of a residence near Mr. Hill's.

Dr. L. Meriwether has just completed a new building on his corner lot near his residence for office purposes.

Jackson Baker has completed his new residence in West Grapeland and moved into it.

Mr. W. Owens has bought a lot adjoining the livery stable and will shortly build a house for market purposes thereon.

Mr. Will Totty has bought the lot adjoining his hotel and will at once proceed to erect a building to be used as a sample room and barber shop.

George E. Dorsey bought the J. E. Pennington residence and sold it to the Methodist church for a parsonage. He is also erecting a new residence just above the parsonage, and has also bought the Jacobs residence in North Grapeland. Therefore you can see that George believes there is a future for Grapeland and is backing it by his money.

The services at the Christian church on Easter Sunday were very impressive. Too much praise cannot be accorded Mrs. Aldrich, who

arranged and supervised the entire programme.

Mrs. Rosie McLean, a most estimable lady and an old citizen of this section, died at the residence of B. F. Pridgen the 31st day of March last. Thus set the bright star that had cheered and comforted that family for so many years. They have the sympathy of the whole community in this their first bereavement.

Miss Florence Wright of Palestine came down to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. McLean.

Miss Claudie Ward, after spending several days in our town visiting friends, has returned to her home in Houston.

Mr. Muzon of Palestine, a photographer, has been a frequent visitor of late. Wonder what the attraction is. Could guess, but won't.

Rev. W. T. Hardy, pastor of the Methodist church, has moved into the new parsonage and is quite proud of the change.

Dr. Paxton, lady and two children have just returned from Louisville, Ky., where the doctor has been completing his course in medicine. He returned a full-fledged M. D. and has the papers to shew for it. "Somebody get sick now quick."

Mr. J. E. Stowe has opened a barber shop in Nat Campbell's house, for whites.

W. A. Tubbs has opened a barber shop for colored folks.

Miss Ethel Meriwether will leave for Austin in a few days.

Our school, under the management of Professor Jacobs and Miss Mollie E. Moore closed on Friday, March 27th. Judge Aldrich was present and expressed himself as well pleased with the management.

The health of the community is very good. KEYSTONE.

AUGUSTA.

Editor Courier: Believing yours to be a progressive paper, I thought you would entertain a communication from "our side of the creek."

Farmers are making good use of the dry weather to push agricultural operations. Most of them have their corn planted and some have a good stand up.

The health of the community is good, comparatively. Mrs. Davenport, who has been quite sick, is able to sit up.

The young people had quite an enjoyable time at the parsonage a few Sunday nights ago. They discoursed sweet music until 10 o'clock at night.

Mr. Editor, when we catch up with our work you ought to come out and help us hunt and fish. We are all poor, but we don't mean a bit of harm by it, and will give you a welcome. We have some good people here, among whom are James Cook, DeWitt, Sloan, Glover, Coleman, Hardcastle, Gundy, Stallcup, Zimmerman, Joe Holcomb and others. We have a church, school and weekly prayer meeting. We are more interested in the question of "hog and hominy" than in the "financial problem." We don't know what is the term "sound money," but if it means lots of it, and the kind that will stay, we are in for it. Yours truly,

SEEB SNIDER.

Augusta, April 13.—Pursuant to a call from the chairman of the Democratic Executive committee, about forty democrats assembled in convention Saturday, April 11, at 3 o'clock, and agreed that the financial question be submitted to the people and that the form of the tickets should be for or against the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, and that the delegates from this precinct be instructed to vote for and use every honorable means to have

the question submitted to the people in a fair and impartial way. The whole proceedings of the convention were quite agreeable, and everything passed off with nothing to mar the good will of the most skeptical, and once more Augusta shows its loyalty to the greatest of parties.

Prof. Gaylord Kline has gone on a visit to his home in Virginia and will return to Texas in September. He is an able instructor and gave general satisfaction as a teacher.

Farmers will be busy now for awhile, as the rains seem to have been general in this section and everybody will be busy getting cotton planted.

Miss Claudie Ward of Houston returned home Thursday. She has been visiting relatives and friends for the past two weeks.

Farming of all kinds is late and prospects are somewhat gloomy for even an average yield. TOBE.

CREEK.

We had a nice rain Sunday which was needed by some as the land had gotten hard. All are nearly done planting corn. Some have planted cotton. There will be a good crop planted of cotton from which we will realize 4 or 5 cents next fall. Crab grass is coming and the time will soon be here to fulfil the Scripture, earn your bread by the sweat of your brow.

Mrs. Hugh Hackney is very sick and has been for some time.

Mr. Moore, who lives in the Bend, was buried here Sunday. His wife was buried here one week ago.

Mr. W. L. Curry is the proud possessor of a new arrival at his house and he now wears a smile.

Dr. Wm. Beavers is putting up a house at this place.

John Reeves is putting up a saw mill here, and will refit his gin.

Creek is on a boom!

You are mistaken about not having any precinct meeting held here. We had one and a very good turnout. They elected R. H. Furlow, chairman, J. A. Strozzi, secretary; sent L. Morrow as delegate and J. A. Strozzi as alternate; they instructed for free silver, 16 to 1, to be voted on in the primary.

We think the democrats are not dead at Creek. We are stronger than we were two years ago, and hope to put good men in office.

Men who will not override the law, or take on themselves to discharge the duties of other officers, regardless of the law, and use the power of office to further their aim to be re-elected by bringing politics in the selection of juries. A nice ob- O'LEARY.

Our Sewing Machines Must Go.

We are overstocked on them and will sacrifice them to close them out. If you can't pay cash we will sell you on time. This offer is good only while our present stock lasts. If you need a good warranted sewing machine you had better come at once and get this bargain.

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