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STILL IN THE LEAD!

WE ARE STILL SELLING THE GOODS AND THIS IS WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT.

The People All Know That when W. V. McConnell advertises an article at a certain price that they can go and get it at that price and they know also that W. V. McConnell will do what he says he will do if it takes the hide off and kills every cat on the island.



Have You Seen Loretto?

Loretto is an all wool red blanket ten quarter in size and extra heavy. Loretto is the brand; you can see a sample pair in our show window. Our price on this Loretto Blanket is \$1.45 a pair.

Read Our Guarantee.

And remember that we will sell you a genuine and reliable John. B. Stetson hat for \$3.00. With this guarantee. We guarantee every

John. B. Stetson hat sold by W. V. McConnell of Crockett to be new, perfect and reliable in every respect and if not as represented we will refund to the purchaser double the amount he pays us for the hat. Everybody look in our show window and you will see picture cuts of all the stamps used by John. B. Stetson in stamping his hats. At our request Stetson himself sent them to us.



WE HAVE THE LARGEST LINE OF MILLINERY EVER BROUGHT TO CROCKETT. Just Only See Our Boys' Clothing. Call and Get Prices.



Plush Capes!

This is our fifth order on Plush Capes and they have arrived. We have sold since the 13th. of Oct. 1896, 103 plush capes. Prices from \$4.00 to \$12.50; they are elegantly and handsomely trimmed, beaded and braided and trimmed around collar and down the front on both sides with long curly Thibet.

We are Here to Stay!

and when competition makes a cut we are going to meet the price and play them one better.

Looking Around.

In looking around for fine goods don't fail to call on W. V. McConnell, you can always find something good, something new, something reliable and something first class and all at as low figures as any man in East Texas can sell them.



YOURS VERR RESPECTFULLY,

W. V. McCONNELL

WORK FOR THE CONGRESS.

The Senate Calendar Loaded With Important Bills.

Washington, Dec. 26.—When the Senate meets a week from Monday, it will find a calendar loaded with bills that require careful attention, many of which were debated during the last session, and which are now awaiting final action. The interregnum of nine months so far as the legislative condition of bills is concerned, amounts to no more than an adjournment over night.

The unfinished business is House bill 7,864, to amend the immigration laws, as reported to the Senate by Mr. Lodge, with some material amendments.

The joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of Senators by popular vote, is the special order for Monday, Dec. 14, at 2 o'clock. Other special orders are Senate bill to prevent the desecration of the naval flag. House bill to prevent the extermination of the fur-bearing seals of Alaska, and House bill to reduce the cases in which the penalty of death may be inflicted.

The comprehensive Fortification bill of Senator Squire, appropriating \$100,000,000 for defenses, is still on the calendar; also Mr. Hale's bill authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to enlist additional men, which was amended and

passed, and since May 20 has been pending on a motion to reconsider: a bill for the establishment of a lighthouse on Swan Island, in the Carribean Sea, belonging to the United States, and the bill to construct a dry dock at Key West.

The stringent concurrent resolution of Senator Davis, relative to the enforcement and assertion of the Monroe doctrine, which was called out by the attitude of Great Britain toward Venezuela, still remains upon the calendar, and can be called up at any time for consideration. The resolution recites the conditions under which the doctrine was first asserted by President Monroe, and proceeds to reaffirm and confirm that doctrine and its principles.

The Dingley bill is still on the calendar, having been reported to the Senate with the tariff features eliminated, and a free-coinage rider attached on Feb. 4 last. It will be in order to move to take the bill up and put it on its passage or to recommit it to the committee, either with or without instructions. This bill, which has passed the House, was intended to make temporary provision for meeting the expenses of the Government, its provisions being limited to Aug. 11, 1897. The first two sections impose a duty on raw wool equivalent to 60 per cent of the duties of the McKinley act, and a similar duty on all manufactures of wool; also a duty

of 60 per cent on lumber and its manufactures. The last section provides for a horizontal advance of 15 per cent under the Wilson law in all its sections except wool and lumber, as indicated above, and on sugar, which was not touched. A proviso stipulates that these additional duties should in no case increase the rate of duty on any article beyond the rate of the McKinley act. In such case the McKinley rate is to prevail.

The proposition to refund the Pacific Railroad debt, reported by Mr. Gear on April 17 last after a protracted hearing, is an important measure that will be antagonized by Mr. Morgan and others under his lead.

Our relations with Hawaii will again assume importance when Mr. Frye calls up the bill to facilitate the construction of a cable between the United States and the Hawaiian Islands, a bill that is on the calendar, and which will probably be pushed during the short session.

The Railroad Pooling bill is still in committee, but a measure of importance to shippers now on the calendar is the bill directing the Inter-State Commerce Commission to prepare a uniform freight classification.

Taken altogether there is abundance of work upon which the Senate can labor while the House is getting the annual appropriation bills out of the way.

FINANCIAL STATISTICS.

In 1860 there was in circulation in the United States \$442,102,477; in 1872, the amount was \$738,309,549, and at the opening of July of this year it reached \$1,509,727,200.

On July 1, 1872, there were in circulation: State bank notes \$1,700,935; fractional currency \$36,402,929; United States notes, \$346,168,680; national bank notes, \$329,037,005; specie in circulation on the Pacific coast, \$25,000,000. Total, \$738,390,549.

July 1, of this year, the circulation consisted of: Gold coin, \$456,128,483; silver dollars, \$52,175,998; small silver, \$59,999,804; gold certificates, \$42,320,759; silver certificates, \$331,259,509; treasury notes of 1890, \$95,217,361; United States notes, \$225,451,358; currency certificates, \$31,840,000; national bank notes, \$215,331,927.

The above figures show that the money supply of the United States has increased 240 per cent, as compared with 1869, and 104 per cent, as compared with 1872. It also shows an increased per capita circulation. The per capita circulation in the United States on July 1, 1860, was \$14.06; on July 1, 1872, it was \$18.70, and on July 1, of this year, it was \$21.15.

The money supply of the world at large, too, has been increasing, as is shown by the statistics of new gold production. The reports of

the director of the mint show that from 1873 to 1894 the world's total new gold production was \$2,526,834,000. In 1873, the production was \$96,200,000; in 1880, it was \$118,849,000, and in 1885, it was \$203,000,000; while the mint estimate for 1896 is \$220,000,000, these figures showing that the gold added to the world's money supply in the last twenty years has more than doubled. In 1873, the world's gold production was \$96,200,000; its silver production, \$81,800,000. Total, 178,000,000. Last year the production of gold alone was \$203,090,000, an amount larger than at the time of the Australia and California gold discoveries. Between 1856 and 1869, the world's annual production of gold was \$134,083,000; of silver, \$37,618,000. Total \$171,701,090; or \$31,300,000 less than last year's production of gold alone. The argument that the money supply, since free silver coinage was abandoned, has been contracting is false, both as applies to the world at large and to the United States.—Exchange.

Another Failure.

J. Blaylock filed a trust deed on Tuesday, naming J. H. Nelson as trustee. The creditors preferred are as follows:

John I. Moore \$300, N. M. Rayburn, \$250; D. A. Richardson, \$750; J. W. Madden, \$10; J. E. Downes \$16.66

Notice hereby given that an election will be held at Parler's Springs, on Tuesday December 22 1896, to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the limits of voting precinct No. 11, of Houston county. A. B. Mulligan has been appointed manager of said election.

ALSO.
That on the 22nd day of December 1896 an election will be held at Enon Church to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described limits to wit: Beginning at a point 1 1/2 miles North of Enon church, Thence East 1 mile, thence South 2 1/2 miles, thence West 2 1/2 miles, thence North 2 1/2 miles, thence East 1 1/2 miles. J. F. Garrett is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO.
That an election will be held at Augusta on the 22nd day of December 1896 to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within Justice precinct No. 2 of Houston county. John Kennedy is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO
That an election will be held at J. R. McFar's ranch in Houston county on the 22nd day of December, 1896, to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following limits to wit: Beginning at the mouth of Kellison Creek where it empties into Trinity River. Thence up said creek to the Clapps Ferry and Lovelady road. Thence west with said road to where it intersects the east line of the J. A. Robinson survey Thence south with said east line to where it intersects the John Douglass survey. Thence with the Douglass survey to the north-east corner of same. Thence west to Lost Creek. Thence down said Lost Creek to where it empties into Big or Rackard's Creek. Thence up said Big or Rackard's Creek to the north-east corner of the John Durst survey. Thence west with said survey to the north-west corner of same. Thence south with the west line of said John Durst survey to the Trinity river. Thence down said Trinity river to the place of beginning. L. L. Hall is appointed manager of said election.

ALSO
That an election be held at Grapeland on the 22nd day of December 1896 to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described limits to wit: Beginning at the Navarro crossing on Trinity river. Thence with the Navarro road to Big Elkhart Creek. Thence down said Elkhart Creek to the Linwood and Crockett road. Thence east with said road to where the line of Justice precinct No. one crosses said road. Thence north with said line to where it connects with Justice's precincts No. 5 and No. 2. Thence with said Justice's precinct No. 5 and No. 2 line to the Houston and Anderson county line. Thence with said county line to the Trinity river. Thence with said river to the Navarro road. H. C. Leaverton is appointed manager of said election. No person shall vote at said elections unless he be a freeholder and qualified voter under the constitution and laws of this state. Voters desiring to prevent the animals named from running at large shall place upon their ballots the words "For the stock law" and those in favor of allowing such animals to run at large shall place upon their ballots the word, "Against the stock law." This November 17th 1896.

A. A. ALDRICH.
Co. Judge Houston Co.

Changes in real estate.
John Suits, b...
outery on Tuesday...
homestead of E. L. Simpson;
Moore, McKinney & Co. of Galveston bought on same day two lots adjoining the homestead of E. L. Simpson.

The place formerly occupied by Dr. W. H. Denny, including block of ground and all improvements sold on Tuesday for \$825.00. It was bought at public outsale by Jim Shivers. He sold the same place on Wednesday to A. M. Carlton for \$1100.00.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

John Smith to Annie B Thomas; J. R. Smith to Linnie Keen; W. H. Chandler to Lizzie Scurlock; R. E. Morris to Mary B. Wootters; Jim Jackson to Sallie Dow; J. J. Nelson to F. E. Powell; S. W. Johnson to Nellie Kyle; Seldon Murnison to Dosa Perry; J. L. Rush to Susie Johnston; B. F. Gardner to Emma Crowson; L. Taylor to Ada Pugh; G. C. McElvy to Mary M. McElvy; J. B. Keen to Cora Smith; W. A. Tyre to Lizzie Ferguson; Gus Holmes to Susie Moore; McSingulary to Mary Burden; Eli White to Laura Moss; James Jones to Willie Masters.

In Memoriam.

MISS KATE STUART.

The above named sister, after a long and very trying illness, passed very gently away, Nov. 23rd. She was blessed with a pious ancestry who were staunch Presbyterians, and was favored to have around her in her family relations many excellent influences that aided in forming her character. She possessed in a marked degree a gentle and quiet manner. More than twenty years ago she made a profession of her faith in Christ, and was received as a member of the Presbyterian Church. While having many friends in other churches, she was especially attached to her own denomination. For many years she was a regular attendant upon public preaching services, but for several years past, since her health failed, was seldom able to attend. Her sickness was prolonged through many months and was very trying in its nature, she often finding it difficult to breathe, and for many months being unable to lie in bed and reclining in an invalid's chair. Yet with great patience and without murmuring she bore her afflictions. She seemed to find much comfort through the reading of the Bible and prayer, when visited by her pastor.

Her ancestors were from Virginia and Tennessee where many of her relatives are now living. Her father, the late Dr. J. H. Stuart, was a citizen of this county for many years, and was highly esteemed for his intelligence and medical skill. She was the last of Dr. Stuart's large family.
Her quiet, blameless life and her patience in affliction, testify to the sincerity of her Christian profession and leave to her many friends the comforting hope that she has entered into that rest that remains to the people of God.—Pastor.

Moore, Bromberg & Richardson.

We understand that John I. Moore and Dave Richardson will in the near future move to Galveston and in company with Sol Bromberg who now lives there and is doing a fine legal business will constitute the legal firm of Moore, Bromberg & Richardson.

O. C. Hickey has bought out J. W. Williams' interest in the barber shop formerly run by them. He asks a continuation of their old customers trade and new customers invited. Every thing clean and neat. Clean towels and sharp razors.

My A. L. Armstrong, a...
druggist and prominent citizen of this enterprising town, says: "I sell some forty different kinds of cough medicines, but have never in my experience sold so much of any one as I have of Ballard's Horehour Syrup. All who use it say that it is the most perfect remedy for Coughs, Colds, Consumption, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs, they have ever tried." It is a specific for Croup and Whooping Cough. It will relieve a cough in one minute. Contains no opiates. 25c and 50c. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

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

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill. was told by her doctors she had consumption and that there was no hope for her. put two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St. San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples that prove the wonderful efficacy to this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

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I am selling out at and near cost my general stock of merchandise, consisting of Dry goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Dress-Goods, Hardware, everything carried in a general stock of goods. I am going out of business and mean what I say. come and try me.
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ESTRAY NOTICE.

Reported me by W. E. Hall, Commissioner Precinct No. 2 Houston county Texas, the following described animal: One bay horse mule about 4 years old, branded H T on left shoulder, 13 1/2 or 14 hands high, in care of Mose Cooper, 15 miles West of the town of Crockett, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 18th day of Nov. A. D. 1896.

N. E. Albright,
C. C. H. C. Texas.

Lost—a fine large case of the chills. Supposed to have been carried off by Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic. No reward offered, it is gone for good. Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cents.

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For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.

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THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Charity is a principle and general sentiment.

The I-told-you-so men are just as numerous as in former years.

Few people repent until they begin to pay penalties for what they have done.

Chicago polled about 42,000 more votes than New York city, and that's why Chicago grows.

Bronze is a very fashionable hue nowadays, but brass has not gone entirely out. Read the speeches of our congressmen.

Elmer Graydon, living near English, Ind., has named his infant son Abraham Lincoln Ulysses William McKinley; and a neighbor, John Vaughan, not to be outdone, has named his infant son Thomas Jefferson Andrew Jackson James Monroe William Jennings Bryan. At last accounts both infants were crowing over the results of the election.

Paris has a new fad. It is called the "phosphorescent 5 o'clock." Candles or lamps are not used for illumination. The walls and ceilings, as well as the floor of the room and furniture are all covered with a phosphorescent mixture which absorbs light during the day and becomes luminous at dusk. Even the flowers with which the room is decorated and the pictures which hang on the wall, and the cups and saucers and plates used at these entertainments are subjected to a phosphorescent treatment, so that everything is bathed in a mystic glow. Not to be out of harmony with their surroundings, the ladies bidden to these functions wear "phosphorescent gowns," which gleam with a strange, unearthly glow.

The Indians begin to appreciate the advantages of civilization and education. They are anxious to have their daughters attend school and become educated. They bring more money and the Indian parent is thrifty. The parental eagerness of the red man for the education of his daughter has become such a passion that the government has taken steps to prevent Indian parents from trading off their daughters. If the daughters are returned students from some of the Indian schools they bring a better price, for they know how to do better work. Little headway has been made, however, against the practice, for only last week Polly Clement, daughter of Little Crow of the Santee agency in Nebraska, was sold before she got home.

Several days ago one of the society ladies of Columbus, Ind., was taken with a severe sore throat and her sufferings were such that her friends became very much alarmed over her condition. She was engaged to a young man, and he was hurriedly sent for. When he arrived he kissed her several times. The disease developed into diphtheria of a malignant type, and since then the young man has been attacked by the same disease. Now the state board of health is talking about prohibiting kissing. The serene old gent who is its secretary says: "Although a most dangerous pastime, there seems to be an inherent tendency to indulge in it, and we have little hope of ever being able to do away with it. I may have to recommend a disinfectant. All that would be necessary would be to rinse the teeth well with it and rub it well on the lips. That would insure devotees against the dangers resulting from osculation." If he ever attempts to enforce a law requiring the participants to scrub mouths after each kiss the board of health will have to get a new secretary.

During the election excitement little attention was paid to an outrage that occurred in Brooklyn, but now in self-defense bachelor mankind will be called on to resent by public agitation and resolutions, and, if need be, by force of arms. Mrs. Lizzie Felton, a buxom widow, weighing 220 pounds, brutally beat, thrashed, and overlastingly tanned the hide of William Laiser, an importunate lover of 110 pounds weight, and a tailor to boot. William loved Lizzie. He was fond of fat meat; he sent her flowers and a testimonial of his love; she licked him. She made him feel like his goose, punched his nose, and then crowed over him. With malice and gloating over her tailor-made crime she told her neighbors and got them to pass resolutions like this: "We, your neighbors, congratulate you over your victory and triumph over the burgomaster of Locust street, and we assure you of our high regard, because you are a woman who knows how to take care of herself." It now becomes necessary for lovers to organize a political party with William Laiser for a leader, to overthrow the tyranny of the sex who refuse to submit peacefully to being made love to.

A DASTARDLY CRIME.

COUNTY TREASURER AT DALLAS SHOT AND ROBBED.

Between Ten and Twelve Thousand Dollars of the County's Funds Taken by two Men—Legislation to Be Cleared the Coming Session—Other News.

Dallas, Texas, November 30.—At 2 o'clock this morning William N. Coe, county treasurer of Dallas county, was found in his office seriously if not fatally shot, where he had been living for fully an hour, left to die by assassins who crept up behind him and assaulted him.

Mr. Coe has been treasurer of Dallas county for four years. He is to be succeeded within a few days and he was working in the office checking up his books preparatory to making a clear showing when he should retire, there being a great deal of clerical work necessary. His statement is that while he was thus busily engaged about 1 o'clock yesterday morning two men entered the office quietly and while his back was turned.

He was seized, and a struggle ensued, and to overpower him they shot him. He was unable to defend himself and while he was prostrate they took from the vault between \$10,000 and \$12,000 of county funds and made their escape. Mr. Coe was not found until about 2 o'clock, and an alarm was given. Sheriff Cabell was not in the city, being absent on his bridal tour, but all deputies in the city left with dogs to search for the highwaymen. The city police were called into requisition. Chief Arnold furnishing as many men as are needed and the entire country will be searched.

The court house is situated near the Trinity river, away from the business part of the city, in a locality little frequented at night, and there was nothing unusual going on to attract passers-by. It was an accident that Mr. Coe was found. Physicians were summoned to attend him, and when he had recovered from the shock of his wounds he gave an incoherent statement of the affair. He believes he will be able to identify the assassins if they are brought before him, and no stone will be unturned to find them.

The Dallas county bloodhounds are of the best, and if they can get the slightest trace of a secret they will follow it to the end. The city was thrown into great excitement when it was learned, and although lynch law is not possible in this county, there is a great deal of feeling in the matter.

At the late hour (2 a. m. this morning) it is impossible to get further particulars.

Short Session of Congress.

Washington, November 30.—It is probable that the house at the coming session of congress, which begins a week from today, can dispose of most of its proposed legislation, which encumbers its calendar. Little is usually accomplished at the short session beyond the passage of the regular supply bills. Still the house with its instrumentalities for the expedition of business can accomplish a great deal in a brief time. The question of legislation for additional revenues for the government will depend on the senate, to which the house sent the Dingley bill almost a year ago. Should it be impossible or be deemed inexpedient to press that measure through the senate there is of course a possibility that the proposal to increase the revenues by an additional tax on beer, coffee, etc., may take tangible force and if so such legislation must originate, under the constitution, in the lower branch of congress.

There are on the several calendars of the house 1465 bills reported from the various committees, the greater portion of which will pass at the coming session.

Froze to Death.

Eagle Pass, Texas, November 30.—Mrs. Mrs. Susan R. Davis, a widow who lived with her parents on Burke's ranch, about twenty-five miles from here, wandered from the house Friday morning last during a spell of insanity and was found yesterday evening frozen to death. The body was found about three miles from the house. For several years past she had been afflicted with recurrent insanity. When found the body was almost nude and still warm.

Assigned Stock Sold.

LaGrange, Texas, November 30.—Mr. John B. Holloway, assignee of Sentenberg Bros. & Co., advertised some time since that the remainder of the stock would be sold to the highest bidder and the bid to be closed at 5 p. m. Saturday, and accordingly the stock fell to Mr. J. F. Kaines as the highest bidder, for 30 cents on the dollar. This was quite a surprise to Joe's friends, as no one knew of him bidding until the time was over. The present stock is supposed to invoice between \$5000 and \$10,000.

Victims of the Blizzard.

St. Paul, Minn., December 1.—News from the great blizzard has been very meagre today. So far as learned only five lives have been lost. Of course, nothing has yet been heard from the remote districts beyond the reach of the telegraph and it will be another week before it can be positively stated that there has not been more serious loss of life. The streets of the snow bound Dakota towns are being cleared as rapidly as possible.

The cold weather has now frozen the snow until the immense drifts have reached the proportions of gigantic icebergs and dynamite is being used to blast these out of the way, ordinary picks and shovels being unable to make any impression on them. Stock on the ranges has undoubtedly suffered heavily and a fuel famine is threatened in many of the smaller towns in the Dakotas. This is by no means a trivial matter, where the mercury is ranging from 15 to 30 degrees below zero.

The railroads are beginning to get their trains running again. The Great Northern got its first train from the snow bound district this morning and the Northern Pacific reports its line is now open from Portland to St. Paul. Delayed westbound transcontinental trains on this road, which were being held at Tower City and Fargo, left those points at 5 o'clock this morning and will be due here tomorrow. The Northern Pacific does not anticipate further trouble and expects to have their trains running on schedule time.

From a Competitor Prisoner.

New York, December 1.—The World this morning prints a fac-simile letter from Ona Melton, one of the Competitor prisoners. The letter is dated "Fort Cabanas, Calabozo (dungeon) Havana, Cuba, November 18, 1896," and reads in part as follows:

"The Competitor case was continued in the Cuarte de Banderas (flag room) by ordinary court martial on November 14. The complete depositions of Dr. Elias Media, Jorje Ferran, Teodoro Maza and myself were taken. Fernando Lopez Saut, the naval judge inspector, said more cases would soon be settled. However, I have but little idea and in fact do not care much. I had rather be sent to Ceuta than be kept here indefinitely."

The letter was smuggled out of prison. When it was announced a week ago that the Competitor prisoners were being tried again by secret court martial in the Cabanas fortress and they were not allowed counsel, nor over an interpreter, General Weyler's subordinates made a vociferous denial.

Desires Annexation.

Washington, December 1.—Mr. John W. Foster, formerly secretary of state, has returned to Washington from a six weeks' visit to Hawaii, where he went as the representative of the Pacific Cable company. In speaking of his visit Mr. Foster said:

"The condition of business is flourishing. The present government in its administration is giving satisfaction. Yet this government is only temporary and the people want to be annexed to the United States. The members of the government are pledged to it and the present constitution of the republic expresses this expectation. So it is the general belief that the matters had been decided at an early date as possible."

Youth Frozen to Death.

Ada, Minn., December 1.—Elmer Holt, aged 14, was frozen to death in the blizzard of last week. On Thanksgiving he and his father started with a team for the poplar woods, fifteen miles distant, to get a load of wood. On returning they lost their bearings in the blinding snow and started afoot to look for shelter. They became separated, the elder Holt succeeding in finding a farm house after wandering all night. Searching parties started out early next morning, but it was not until Saturday that he was found frozen stiff.

Five Burned to Death.

Conway, Ark., December 1.—The two-story frame house of Sam Henderson, colored, who resides about three miles from town, was burned yesterday morning at 1 o'clock. Five of his children, two of whom were grown, perished in the flames. They were all sleeping and before they could escape received burns of such a serious nature that they died shortly afterwards. The structure was the property of Charles Howell and the cause of the burning is supposed to be of incendiary origin.

Georgia's Law Upheld.

Washington, December 1.—The supreme court, in an opinion by Justice Brown, yesterday affirmed the decision of the circuit court of the United States for the Southern district of Georgia, in the case of the Central railway and banking company vs. William Wright, comptroller general of the State. The case involved the question of liability of the railroad for certain municipal taxes along the line of the road. The court order decided that a tax on the property was not a tax on the capital stock of the company and upheld the constitutionality of the law.

A BLIZZARD RAGING.

THE TEMPERATURE AWAY BELOW ZERO.

Trains are Tied Up on Account of the Snow. 500 Sheep Perish—The Stockmen Expecting Great Loss of Cattle on the Prairies.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 30.—The weather in St. Paul continues cold. The lowest point reached Saturday was 11 degrees below zero. The Northern Pacific west of the Dakota division was open Saturday night and trains were running as usual.

Bismarck, N. D., Nov. 30.—The Northern Pacific is still sidetracked in this state, and no prospects that trains will move before to-day. The Pacific coast train, which should have reached St. Paul Thursday, is stuck in a snow drift at New Salem, forty miles west of here, and can not move until rotary snow plows clear the tracks. In some deep cuts the snow is drifted on the track to the depth of fifty feet. A coal famine prevails here and there will be much suffering unless relief is afforded at once. No services were held in the different churches yesterday and the fuel on hand was distributed among the poor.

Mandan, N. D., Nov. 30.—The passenger train due to reach Mandan from the coast line Thursday last, arrived last night. Railroad officials expect to start trains east Monday. At the present no casualties have been reported, but stockmen expect to hear of great losses of cattle, as the storm must have caught many ranches unprepared.

Devils Lake, N. D., Nov. 30.—The weather continues extremely cold, the thermometer indicating from 10 to 20 degrees below zero. The first train from the east since last Wednesday arrived yesterday evening. A train load of sheep, thirteen cars, was caught in the blizzard at Grand Harbor, six miles west of here, and the animals were on the track in open double-deck cars during the entire blizzard.

Out of 2300 sheep about 500 perished. The shipment was from Cascade, Mont.

Williston, N. D., Nov. 30.—East-bound passenger trains were snow-bound here two days. The road was opened to Minot Saturday night. West-bound passenger train due here Thursday will not arrive until to-day. No reports of loss of life or stock.

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 30.—The coldest weather of the season was experienced here yesterday morning when 15 degrees below zero was reported from the weather bureau.

New York, Nov. 30.—A slight snow fall occurred in this vicinity last night. The temperature is rising, however, and there are no indications of a severe storm.

A Strange Disease.

Glasgow, Ky., Nov. 30.—A singular and deadly malady, which has been baffling the skill of the physicians, has broken out in the Coral Hill neighborhood in this county, and the people residing within the infected region, which embraces an area of about three miles square, are greatly excited and alarmed. The disease made its appearance two weeks ago among the well to do people whose premises were in good sanitary condition. It is a highly contagious disease, and is pronounced by the physicians to be epidemic malignant erysipelas. The victims are first seized within the lower extremities, the ankle or knee, and in some cases the pain has first been felt in the wrist and this is followed by a chill. Inflammation sets in and manifests itself in some cases in the throat, in some in the chest and in others in the face.

The skin turns black and the tongue assumes the brownish hue. In one case the tongue turned perfectly black, and was terribly swollen. About 30 per cent of the cases have been fatal. None of the unfortunate people stricken have so far recovered, but it is believed that the other 70 per cent will get well. Some of the persons afflicted died within a few hours after being taken ill. No other cases like these are known to exist in any other section of the country.

Every possible caution is being taken to prevent the spread of the disease. For the safety and the health of the people in the adjoining communities the state board of health, in conjunction with the local board, by means of printed circulars liberally distributed, will warn all persons to keep away from those infected. All of the physicians in the county are constituted a board of safety, and they will advise with each other and do everything possible to check the progress of the disease and to confine it to its present limits.

Near Middlesboro, Ky., recently, Johhy Branham was shot and killed.

Six hundred horses were loaded on a steamer at New Orleans, recently, for Cuba.

Li Hung Chang in Trouble.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 30.—The steamship Doric arrived last night from Hong Kong and Yokohama bringing the following oriental news: Plague has made its appearance in Formosa and the Japanese there are dying in large numbers.

Yokohama society is torn up over a mysterious poisoning case. Mr. R. H. Carew, a gentleman occupying a good social position and secretary of the Yokohama United club, who was married to a lady of substantial income, was taken ill Oct. 15 and died Oct. 22. The coroner's inquest was held and it was discovered that he had been poisoned. The evidence showed that Mrs. Carew, just previous to his illness and after he was sick had purchased arsenic in such quantities as to alarm the druggist. She said she wanted it for malarial fever.

Mrs. Carew told a remarkable story of a mysterious veiled woman dressed in black who called on her husband Oct. 10. Mr. Carew was not at home, and the woman left, after making an appointment to meet him. Mr. Carew appeared to be greatly worried when the woman failed to keep the appointment and wrote her a letter addressed to Annie Luke. Mr. Carew was taken ill Oct. 15 and on Oct. 20 while Mrs. Carew was out the same mysterious woman called at the home. She asked where Mr. Carew's bed room was situated, and the servant after telling her, went to bed. That was the last seen of the mysterious woman, but Mrs. Carew received from her a letter written by Mr. Carew which had been thrown in a waste basket. After Mr. Carew had died and the inquest was in progress the woman wrote to Messrs. Lowder and Hall, saying that she had fooled the chemist, the doctor, and that "silly little wife." The police have been unable to find any trace of the woman in black.

The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that Mr. Carew died from the effects of arsenic poisoning but by whom the poison was administered there was no evidence to show. Mrs. Carew was then arrested and charged with the murder of her husband, but was later released on bail. Her trial was in progress when the steamer left.

Viceroy Li Hung Chang is again in disgrace. He entered the imperial park and hunting grounds without sanction. The punishment for this offense is to be deprived of all his ranks and decorations, but the emperor has decided to be lenient with him and has merely deprived him of a year's salary, amounting to 26,000 taels. The count, it is believed, will ask to be allowed to retire to his native province on the plea of ill health, and he has been disappointed in the hope of obtaining a position of influence in the Pekin government. Should the efforts of the empress dowager in his behalf succeed, it would be easy for him to become viceroy of Pe Ch Li.

It is stated the Chinese minister to London, Kung Chow Yuan, has petitioned the emperor to be recalled. He does not like London.

Cholera is prevalent in Tokio and appears to be on the increase.

Maniac's Work.

Marion, O., Nov. 30.—On Oct. 30 last Henry Powers, a farmer residing five miles north of here, escaped from the insane asylum at Columbus. The asylum was notified by Sheriff Shaw, and he was told to allow Powers his liberty and wait developments. This was found to have been a serious error, as yesterday morning about 6 o'clock while the family were at breakfast Powers went to the barn, secured an old musket and placing the barrel close to his wife's head, blew the top of her head off. Three of the three children fled to a neighboring house, leaving an infant in bed. After killing his wife Powers reloaded the musket, went into a potato patch 300 yards away and shot himself. Upon seeing her father leave the house the eldest child, a girl of 15, re-entered the house and carried off the baby. After shooting himself the maniac walked back to the house and fell beside his wife's body.

Froze to Death.

New Orleans, La., Nov. 30.—A result of the cold snap that struck here Saturday night was the death of John Barker, head bookkeeper of the rice firm of Christopher, Crowley & Co. Barker was an enthusiastic and expert hunter. Saturday night he went to the rigolets on a duck hunting expedition in company with his friends. He went out into the water, and accidentally overturning the boat, got wet to the skin. The weather was bitter cold but he continued to hunt instead of returning to camp to change his clothing. He did not appear for dinner and his friends instituting a search for him, found him dead in the marsh. Beside him in the boat lay a dozen ducks which he had killed. He had taken in his decoys and it is supposed had started to return, when he was seized with a congestive chill.

A DARING HOLD UP.

BOLD ATTEMPT TO ROB A STREET CAR.

Four Men Attempt to Rob the Passengers and Motorman, but are Scared Off—One of the Robbers Was Captured After a Hard Tussle.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 28.—At midnight Thursday night four men, led by Oscar Bridges, said to be a bridge and parachute jumper of more or less notoriety, made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up and rob a street car filled with passengers bound for Independence. Bridges was arrested after a desperate tussle with the motorman and was brought here. The other men escaped, but their names are known, and it is believed they also will soon be lodged in jail.

The gang are said to be the same that so boldly held up a west-bound Chicago and Alton passenger train just outside of Independence a month ago.

The car was the regular theater car, returning to Independence from here, and contained seventy passengers. When it reached a lonely spot midway between the two cities Bridges, unmasked, jumped on the rear platform, and going through the car to the front end boldly thrust a revolver to the breast of the motorman. Another of the gang, who had quickly followed Bridges and who wore a mask, had just entered the rear door and was in the act of ordering the passengers to hold up their hands when the conductor threw him from the car, which the motorman in some manner had been able to start.

The two remaining robbers, who, it appears, were to have covered the conductor, became frightened at the quick action displayed by him, and when the second robber alighted on the ground the three made off to the woods. In the meantime Bridges was tussling with the motorman, to whose aid some of the male passengers had come. Many of the women became paralyzed with fright and screamed or cried, refusing to be quieted by the conductor or their male escorts. Bridges was finally overpowered without having fired his revolver, and the car proceeded on its return to Independence.

Yesterday morning Bridges was brought here, and after several hours in the sweat-box admitted his identity, and gave the names of his pals. These the police refuse to divulge at present, but it is known that one of them is also a bridge jumper.

In addition a saloon keeper, whose name is also withheld, gave information to the police, which makes it almost positive that the quartette were the same who robbed the Chicago and Alton train, and who have committed other depredations in and around Kansas City within the past two months.

Yesterday afternoon the police gave out the men's names as Oscar Bridges, Eugene Ridgeway, Ernest Ridgeway and James Repline. All are under 22 years of age. The Ridgeway boys live at Sheffield, a small suburb near the scene of the hold-up. Eugene is a barber and Ernest is a professional high diver. Repline, who is 21 years old, comes of respectable parents, and lives at Centropolis, a suburb of Kansas City.

Severe Storms.

Paducah, Ky., Nov. 28.—A severe storm swept over western Kentucky Thursday night. As wires are down and all roads are choked by fallen trees only meager details of the storm's wreck have reached here. One house was destroyed by the storm at Fulton and considerable damage was done there. A man and a child are missing at Kuttawa, in this state. It is believed that they were blown into the Cumberland river and drowned. The railroad station at Eddyville was wrecked. A factory was blown down there and the courthouse was partly unroofed. Along the line of the Illinois Central, some damage is reported. All trains are late.

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 28.—Storm still continues with greater intensity. All wires west and north down. Northern Pacific train due here Thursday morning still stuck at Jamestown and train is stuck in a drift four miles east of Valley City. The coast train arrived from St. Paul yesterday morning, but not to be sent west. All Great Northern trains are abandoned. The snow drifts in the streets here are ten feet high. The storm is the worst for years.

Blue and Gray Society.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 28.—The society of the Blue and Gray, a fraternal mingling of veterans of the union and confederate forces, opposed to each other in the civil war, celebrated Thanksgiving by holding a meeting for permanent organization, electing officers, arranging for incorporation under the state laws. The meeting was presided over by Col. Wells H. Blodgett, general solicitor of the Wabash railway, with Capt. Joseph Boyce as secretary.

Charged With Forgery.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 28.—Charles H. Bailey, son of the late probate judge, O. P. W. Bailey, of Independence, was arrested here, charged with forging a letter of credit for \$1,000 on the National Live Stock bank of Fort Worth, Tex. Bailey cashed the letter of credit, securing \$900 from the Metropolitan National bank of this city and \$100 from the Chrisman-Sawyer bank of Independence, Mo. When Bailey was arrested all the money except \$150 was recovered. Bailey says he is not guilty. The letter, he claims, was sent to him by his uncle.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 28.—The first intimation that the National Live Stock bank of this city had of the matter was a letter received Thursday from the Chrisman-Sawyer Banking company, of Independence, stating that it had a letter of credit purporting to be from the National Live Stock bank, signed by President Hurley, and dated Nov. 12, and stating that it was represented that J. P. Edwards had deposited \$1,000 in the (National Live Stock) bank subject to the draft of C. H. Bailey. In the letter it was stated that Mr. Bailey would likely buy more cattle at Independence, and the bank desired the National Live Stock bank to confirm the letter of credit, as they had indorsed \$100 on the letter, the intention being to draw against the same. The letter was dated Nov. 23 of this year.

The letter of credit itself was examined by President M. C. Hurley and Cashier J. M. Logan, of the National Live Stock bank, and both declared in emphatic terms that it was a forgery. As to how the author of the letter ever secured one of the bank's letter heads neither President Hurley nor Cashier Logan were able to understand. It was one of the bank's old letter heads they said, but were being used, although but few of them remained. In the letter of credit it is represented that Bailey is to buy cattle for his uncle, J. P. Edwards, who the letter represents had deposited the \$1,000 in the National Live Stock bank.

Ross Still Missing.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 28.—It was reported that George Ross, missing money clerk for the Pacific and United States Express companies, has been located in St. Louis by the surety company that furnished his bond, and is now under surveillance by them. Last Sunday there was handled through the office over which Ross presided money packages containing \$110,000. Already \$2,300 of this amount is known to be missing, and the books are still being gone over. Shortage checks have been coming in so regularly that it is said the officials fear the whole \$110,000 may have never reached its destination. The system of checking is necessarily slow, the packages having been destined for various points.

Later in the day Superintendent Conklin, of the Pinkerton agency, denied that Ross had been located, and City Agent Lewis, of the Pacific Express company, substantiated his statement.

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 28.—President Morsman, of the Pacific Express company, was notified yesterday morning that Ross' whereabouts had not been discovered. He placed no faith in the story that the express company had been robbed of large sums of money by Ross and others who were working in collusion.

Small Cyclone.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 27.—A cyclone passed through the northwest corner of this town about 11 p. m. yesterday, traveling in a northwesterly direction. One end of a box car on a siding was blown off. A negro church was destroyed and an old mill shed blown down. Three houses on R. C. Erwin's place were blown down, and one on the Fulmer place was also demolished. Sarah Clay, colored, was killed and Sam Clay seriously injured. Their three children were wounded. The woods north of here are strewn with household plunder and bedding. The south-bound passenger train stopped one mile north of here, taking on a woman and a child, victims of the disaster. Correct news of the damage and loss of life not definitely known. A heavy rain has been falling for ten hours.

College Movement.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 28.—Representatives of seven of the leading universities of the west met at the Chicago Beach hotel yesterday to consider rules for the government of athletics. They were in session all day, and had a stormy time of it. The principal business transacted was the lengthening of the six months' rule in regard to students entering one school from another to one year. The eligibility of a player on an athletic team was prolonged from four years to six years, for the last two providing for a post graduate or professional course.

At Fredonia, N. Y., Mrs. Reynolds was killed by escaping coal gas the other day.

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

BURT FOUND GUILTY BY THE JURY.

The Prisoner, Who was Sitting in Front of the Jury, Received the Verdict Without Moving a Muscle—An Appeal Will be Asked For.

Austin, Tex., Nov. 28.—Yesterday the jury in the Burt case came in at 11:50 o'clock and returned a verdict, finding the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree and fixing his punishment at death.

The prisoner, who was sitting directly in front of the jury at the time, never quivered nor moved a muscle of the face. His eyelids even did not quiver. His nerve was something astonishing.

As soon as the verdict was rendered he was taken back to jail, where several newspaper men called to see him and asked him what he had to say about the result. He replied he had nothing to say until after the result of an appeal of his case could be had. His nerve is immaculate, and he seemed as cheerful after returning to jail as if no death sentence had been provided for by the jury.

His principal defense in this trial has been lunacy, but yesterday after the verdict he recognized several parties and talked with them and while he has heretofore been more morose, refusing to talk, his tongue has been flying since the verdict.

The crime with which he is charged is the murdering on July 24 of his wife and two small children and the throwing of their dead bodies into a cistern under the house. He was captured after his flight in Chicago on August 13.

John Dove Hanged.

Palo Pinto, Tex., Nov. 28.—John Dove was hanged in the jail here yesterday at 3 o'clock p. m. The crime for which he paid the death penalty was criminal assault committed near Thurber mines in August, 1896.

Upon the commission of the offense he fled the country and was at large for some time. The governor offered a reward of \$250 for him and he was captured by the sheriff of Franklin county and brought here and lodged in jail. At the March term of the district court he was convicted upon identification by the lady alleged to have been assaulted and other circumstantial testimony and the death penalty assessed against him.

A broken pane in the window that faced him gave him a glimpse of the crowd collected to see the hanging and he screamed out to them, "Get away from there, you ————," and a moment later, "Go away from there, you ———— you."

His hands were tied behind him and his ankles secured. When Sheriff York asked him if he desired to make any statement, he said, "No, I haven't got a word to say."

The sheriff then adjusted the black cap over his head and face and at 3:05 p. m. the rope was severed. The trap fell and John Dove was launched into eternity. He was pronounced dead by the attending physicians in seventeen minutes and was placed in his coffin.

Examination showed his neck had been broken in the fall. Thus perished by the law the first man who was ever legally executed in Palo Pinto county. The evidence showed beyond question that he committed the crime upon a respectable white lady of this county, rendered helpless by sickness.

Dove was 24 years of age and was reared in Jack county.

Young Man Stabbed.

Denison, Tex., Nov. 28.—Yesterday morning at 3:30 o'clock Ed Stegall, living near Sherman, was brought to this city in a dangerous condition. He had been stabbed once in the head and face, once under the shoulderblade and once over the heart, the wound penetrating the cavity. He was taken to Dr. W. T. Booth's office, where it took twenty stitches to sew up the cuts. Dr. Booth pronounces his condition as very serious and the wounds likely fatal. A warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Tom Lambert.

Come Clear.

Sherman, Tex., Nov. 28.—The argument in the case of Tom Shumate, charged with the killing of Hugh Fuller in July last at a dance at Choctaw Bayou pavilion, was concluded Thursday night, but the jury retired for the night. They did not reach a conclusion until 3 p. m., when they found a verdict of not guilty. The trial has attracted considerable attention. The companion case against Jim Shumate was called and dismissed upon a nolle prosequi filed by the state's counsel.

Shot Into a House.

Terrell, Tex., Nov. 28.—Thursday night some one fired twenty shots from a Winchester at a house on J. W. Bowler's farm, five miles from this place. The house was occupied at the time and a negro received a flesh wound in the back.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

The dead body of an infant was found several days ago, buried near Georgetown, Williamson county. Anna Callar, colored, was arrested.

The saloon of J. L. Settle at Surry, Kaufman county, was burglarized the other night and several cases of beer and whiskey stolen. No arrests so far.

R. R. Ridley & Co., at Beaumont, Jefferson county, recently made an assignment naming Geo. O. B. Millard assignee. The liabilities \$3300, assets \$4200.

Mr. Charles J. Wilborn, a young farmer living near Ananac, Chambers county, died a few days ago from bruises received by his horse falling on him.

In the district court several days ago at Houston, Dillwyn Parish filed suit against the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railway for \$24,000 damages on contract.

The other day an attachment was run on the mercantile stock and fixtures of W. E. Kliven at Mexia, Limestone county, by Prendergrast, Smith & Co., for about \$2500.

B. F. Hill, dealer in general merchandise at Grapeland, Houston county, made an assignment a short time ago, to James Owens. Assets about \$2200. Preferred creditors.

M. Gans, general merchant, at Kyle, Hays county, filed a deed of trust a short time ago, naming H. Hellman, Jr., trustee. Home creditors preferred. Amount of same about \$23,000.

Billy Maxwell was accidentally shot in the calf of the leg the other morning while in a shooting gallery at Italy, Ellis county. The ball grazed the bone but did not break it.

Miss Alice Oliver, daughter of J. H. Oliver, living in Buffalo, Leon county, was thrown from her horse a few days ago and never regained consciousness. She died a short while afterwards.

A son of J. M. Alsobrook residing near Roxton, Lamar county, was bitten by a mad dog a few days ago. A madstone was applied which adhered for six hours. The dog was killed.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the petroleum output from the artesian wells at Corsicana, Navarro county, and several establishments are preparing to use it as fuel.

A few nights ago burglars visited the town of Lancaster, Dallas county, entering several houses, removing pants from under the heads of sleeping owners. Some \$30 or \$40 was taken. No clew.

Mrs. T. J. Jordan, while pouring boiling water into a jug, was badly scalded about the face a few days ago, by the steam blowing the water out of the vessel. She lives in Denton, Denton county.

Several days ago Burrell Williams, living at Tanglewood, Lee county, while engaged in a friendly wrestling match with a negro, was thrown by the latter and when released fell over and expired.

At the examining trial recently of Elijah Hays, at Victoria, Victoria county, charged with the murder of Sheppard Colbath, Judge Fenner decided to remand the accused to jail without bail.

J. D. Morton & Co., grocery merchants at Cameron, Milam county, filed a deed of trust recently, naming T. E. Cramer, trustee. Liabilities with nineteen preferred creditors, aggregate \$2400. Assets are about \$1500.

After two days deliberation the jury in the case of the state vs. W. A. Tippens, in the Fort Worth courts, charged with slander, a few evenings ago brought in a verdict of guilty, assessing his punishment at a fine of \$100.

Ernest Mitchell was run over and killed by a train near the wharf front at Galveston several mornings ago. His head was severed from the body and the right leg ground to a pulp. It is not known how the accident happened.

Several nights ago in Marshall, Harrison county, a stranger loaned a man \$40.00, taking a check for \$700 on a bank in the town as security. The check was not honored. The stranger sent his wife on by train, while he remained to try and recover his money.

R. J. Milner, formerly a Dallas policeman, who has occasional spells of somnambulism, arose a few nights ago and walked out of a second story window in Waco. He fell a distance of twenty-five feet, breaking his leg and sustaining painful bruises.

Frank Danek, a Bohemian, was killed near Oldenburg, Fayette county a few days ago. He drove the horses of a negro boy off his sugar cane and told him to keep them off or his father would have to pay damages. The youth became enraged. The slayer is not yet 15 years old.

There was quite a large sale of cotton as Sachse, Dallas county, several days ago, the amount being about 250 bales, bought of the merchants, ginners and farmers. It was bought by Wylie buyers, Collin county and will be compressed at Dallas.

A CYCLONE'S WORK.

A CHILD IS KILLED BY A CHIMNEY FALLING ON IT.

It Passes Through Falls County, Doing Considerable Damage—A House Blows Down on a Woman and Her Child, but They are Not Fatally Hurt.

Marlin, Tex., Nov. 27.—Wednesday afternoon about 4 o'clock a cyclone passed Mart postoffice, about nineteen miles northeast of here, doing considerable damage. W. L. Little saw it coming and hastened to his house and got his family out just as the storm struck and completely demolished the structure. A. B. Douglass also saw the cyclone coming and got into his house, when it was struck and blown to atoms. He was stunned for a time, and on recovering his senses he found his wife with her baby in her arms fastened to the ground under the roof. After getting her out, he found a larger child, which the chimney had fallen on and instantly killed. No other fatalities were reported.

Waco, Tex., Nov. 27.—A cyclone visited a section twenty miles southeast of Waco Wednesday and demolished several farm houses. The damage occurred near the town of Mart, McLennan county, with which there is no telegraphic communication. Information comes from Riesel, six miles from Mart, that the residence of Buck Douglass was totally destroyed, his wife severely hurt and one of his children killed outright. Five persons were more or less injured, as far as heard from. The temperature ranged nearly at summer heat prior to the storm. The cloud was black on the edges. In passing over the prairie the cyclone took away everything it touched, leaving the earth bare of grass. It was a mile wide and eight miles in length.

John Leslie Disappeared.

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 27.—No tidings or trace of John Leslie, the alleged forger, has been obtained by the officers. He left Dallas last Saturday night, and had until Monday at 4 p. m. to secure a hiding place. Leslie came to Dallas on Jan. 1, 1896, and registered at the Victoria hotel, giving his place of residence as Tacoma, Wash. He married here on April 19, 1896. His wife is a native of Texas, and has been a resident of Dallas for the last eight years. She said to a reporter yesterday: "I never visited Washington in my life. I was born in Texas, educated in Kentucky and have lived in this city since 1889. Of course Mr. Leslie's conduct has almost broken my heart, and I am as much in the dark as any one. He never said a word to me about leaving Dallas. On Saturday evening he informed me that he was going to attend his lodge, and that perhaps it would be near the midnight hour before he returned. This was our last meeting."

Made an Assignment.

Sulphur Springs, Tex., Nov. 27.—E. R. Brinker, dry goods merchant, made an assignment Wednesday night, naming Mat Connor trustee, and preferring the following creditors, who are to be paid in full and in the order named: Crosby, Dinsmore & Perkins, \$450; First National bank, \$3,600; Mrs. M. L. Foscoe, \$2,200; Hargadine, McKittick & Co., \$1,450; Mrs. P. T. Lewis, \$550; Mrs. Mary McGlamery, \$450; J. T. Brinker, \$500; Swofford Bros., \$600; Martin Brown, \$500; Dallas cotton mills, \$217; Sanger Bros., \$70. The stock is a new one, and will invoice about \$12,000.

Shot in a Fight.

Cleburne, Tex., Nov. 27.—Wednesday night about 10 o'clock, near the Santa Fe depot, Jack Sharky and W. H. Hisker engaged in a fight, and during its progress Sharky was shot in the neck. The ball ranged downward, lodging against or injuring the spinal cord, from the effects of which he has been paralyzed since it occurred, and it is feared he will not recover. Hisker is in jail. Both are brakemen on the Santa Fe.

Going Back to Work.

Ennis, Tex., Nov. 27.—It has not been officially announced, but the opinion prevails here that all the Houston and Texas Central passenger conductors who were laid off some time ago will soon go to work again. Conductor John Lochman, of Houston, who laid off with the others, has gone back on his run, and brought the regular train in from Houston yesterday morning. Division Superintendent Daffan said yesterday that he had not been informed whether the men on this end of the line would resume work or not.

Safe Robbed.

Cleburne, Tex., Nov. 27.—While the employees of C. Reynolds & Co. were eating Thanksgiving turkey yesterday some one entered their grocery store and burglarized their safe, obtaining about \$85 in money. The combination was off, the safe only being fastened by the day lock. No arrests have been made, but the officers think they have a clew.

WHAT CAME OF IT.

(By DRANOEL.)

There was no doubt that they were very much in love with each other; otherwise they would not have dreamed of marrying.

Sadie Fremont was a pretty, fair-haired, inconsequential morsel of humanity. The least said about her parents the better; they still made their home in the wandering, tumble down cottage, which had been a trim, cozy enough little box when they went into it as bride and groom. The acre of land was now devoted principally to weeds, and old Fremont was devoted especially to nothing—which accounted for many things. Mrs. Fremont was in a placid state of contentment so long as she was not bothered. Sadie made fitful pin money during busy times in the little millinery store on the main street.

Gus Bradley was unattached as far as family went and intermittently so in the business line. Principally he drove fine horses which belonged to other men who paid him for risking his neck behind their fractious colts; at other times he admired Sadie. Their united capital was too small to be considered save as a fund for an ice cream festival or a Fourth of July celebration.

Therefore there was not the slightest excuse for their marrying and several forcible reasons for an opposite state of affairs. In the face of all this they chose the, in the eyes of the community, path to ruin and returned from one of their drives, Gus with a marriage certificate in his pocket, Sadie with a brand new gold band on her left hand. Her father growled petulantly for a day, her mother after a helpless shrug of her shoulders went on rocking, and Sadie and Gus set to housekeeping.

The house was a one story white affair, which had numerous broken window panes and a duplicate array of the Fremont weeds in the front yard. Gus explained that he was going to clear them out, but time slipped by without the accomplishment of the act. Not that Sadie was conscious of minding—it dimly reminded her of home.

In all her careless life Sadie had never been troubled with introspective musings, unexplainable things were cast aside indignantly, and this life long practice added to her bewilderment the first time a rift appeared. She had been married six months.

"I wish I might buy those curtains," she said one morning at breakfast. Her glaring windows were a constant



THRUST THEM APART.

horror to her, not from their ugly effect, but because her soul longed to outrival the lace before the windows of an old school friend.

"Can't. No money," her husband answered, laconically reaching for more bacon.

"I thought Wilderman wanted you to break his bay colt," she objected, a trifle indignantly. "Aren't you going to do it?"

Her husband frowned. "I don't know as I am and I don't know as it makes any difference. I s'pose you think it's nothing for me to risk my neck behind those kicking brutes? Women have no souls—it's money, money, money, all the time and the devil they care for a man without it!" His knife and fork fell with a bang and he left the room.

Presently Sadie heard his heavy shoes clattering over the bare little hallway and he slouched past the window carrying his fishpole. He was most evidently not going to break horses. She sat stricken for a few minutes with a remorseful feeling superinduced by his accusation, then an indefinable reaction crept in which sent a bitter sparkle to her eyes and set her mouth a bit shrewdly. It was the first time in her remembrance she had paused to think and the process was so painfully new it left her at sea.

Next morning she closed the green shutters on the front windows. "The light is too strong, it fades the carpet," she said gravely to Gus, who looked first at the bare floor, then tentatively at her and then frowned when he perceived she did not smile at her own evident joke.

When the inevitable baby came Gus made spasmodic attempts at working and Sadie relaxed into a wan cheer-

fulness, though never again did their brief honeymoon happiness descend on them. The shabby little house showed no improvement and betrayed the rush of time. Mechanically the round of work was done; the baby cried or laughed in its soiled little garments as it chose, and more and more there rose in Sadie's mind a dark image as her eyes would fall on Gus lying on the steps half asleep or shuffling past the kitchen window in a purposeless way, and the image was her father, of whom she had never thought but with contempt. Sometimes there was enough in the house to eat, and quite as often there was not. At these later moments Gus swore in a tense fashion with an air of considering Sadie and the child to blame and behaved as an injured and abused man. He was so righteously unapproachable on these occasions that Sadie against her will was invested with apologetic atmosphere.

Life had begun to bruiser off in strange pathways that bruised her unwilling feet, wrinkled her forehead and dragged down the corners of her once curving mouth. When her boy was 4 and the twins came, her eyes had in them the sullen, hopeless look which comes to pretty, flighty creatures untried for the buffeting they invariably receive. Her gowns were of calico long faded; her hair straggled; she was 25 and looked a bent 40. Existence was but endurance, uncomplaining because unavailing. The dark image which had disturbed her mind became a reality; at times, when she looked at her husband, stripped of romance, churlish, lazy, rough, animal, lounging, and thought of herself broken and spirited, mechanical, old, there was a bewildered feeling in her heart that her life and her husband's were but the continuance of her life in her shiftless childhood's home. Her girlhood, which had been bright in its thoughtless way, appealed to her now as a story long ago dead and nearly forgotten.

Then there dawned a day when Gus came home with a darkly flushed face and sodden eyes. In spite of his worthless life, drunkenness had never been numbered among his sins, and today he was not drunk. He stumbled up the steps where sat the oldest boy.

"Clear out!" he growled, pushing the child aside with his foot. He sunk moodily into a chair and stared into a corner, glaring if Sadie or the children crossed the room.

"What is it Gus?" his wife finally asked, roused from her absorption by his unusual manner. He did not answer, for at the moment there came into his eyes a gleam of fear; he bent forward, ready to spring, and listened; on the gravel walk could be heard advancing steps, and with an inarticulate cry he gathered his forces and sprang for the back door.

On the sill sat the twins at play, babbling in meaningless baby fashion, but the man, mad with terror, was instinct only with self-preservation, and with heavy feet he thrust them violently apart against the unyielding door.

A half-hour later he was led back across the green meadows and between the rustling stalks of green corn, past his house by the three men who had startled him into flight. He was white now and his lip was bitten between his teeth. He did not once glance at his home. In the door stood Sadie, with drawn face and piteous, staring eyes, with arms, tight against her breast, she clasped the cold, stiffening form of one of the twins—the one that had been nearest the hard door. Her white lips moved dryly; she could not speak, for these moments of terror and suspense had paralyzed her throat.

The sheriff paused a moment in distress. "He—he hit a man, Mrs. Bradley," he explained, uncomfortably. "And the man—is dead. It was about some horses."

Then the grim little procession moved on.

Months afterward Sadie Bradley stole up to the cemetery in the dusk to lay a few poor flowers on the tiny grave of the dead twin.

It was very quiet and peaceful there, with the sun setting behind the dense trees and the crickets chirping in the short, soft grass. The woman stood upright on a little ridge looking down the valley; her thin figure showed pathetic against the crimson sky and her flower laden hands hung listlessly. There was a wordless, sad bitterness in her soul, the rebellion of an untutored nature—that sole emotion was all of which she was conscious.

Up the winding road outside the cemetery fence sped a light buggy, and the two persons seated therein were smiling at each other, the man was a reckless young fellow and the girl a pretty harem-scuram who worked in the same shop that had been Sadie Bradley's stay in the old days. Their marriage license had been issued the day before.

As the woman by the grave looked after them her lips formed into a slow line of anguish. "Poor girl!" she breathed, "poor girl!" and then she suddenly dropped down in the grass and tore her heart out in sobs such as had never before shaken her frame, for these were mingled with pity for another.

And in the birth of that new emotion the old one of blind bitterness was

crowded somewhat aside and life was made possible for her.

WILLING TO COMPROMISE.

She Refused to Give Up Her Dear Doggie.

"Mrs. Blump," began her husband, after he had done growling about the coffee at breakfast, quotes the Detroit Free Press, "I have mentioned the necessity of our retrenching."

"Every day since the crisis of '93, The subject has grown a very familiar one."

"I am forced to infer by your tone that this same familiarity has produced contempt. You have apparently concluded that there is no good and sufficient reason for the economical reforms I have urged."

"Not at all. I have been faithfully trying to meet your wishes. The household expenses have been reduced to a minimum, unless we are to purchase pork by the barrel, lay in potatoes on the same plan and live as men do who earn but \$1 a day."

"There you go, talking about a diet of pork and potatoes. You have not done your best. There is a big item of expense that is in the nature of a luxury that must be cut off at once. That pet dog of yours must be sacrificed to avert the menace of a financial collapse."

"Never, Mr. Blump. I have worked over my old party-dresses. I have cut down my allowance of hats. I have reduced the pay of the servants. I have lessened the variety at the table and I have consented to take parquet seats instead of a box at the theater. But I will not part with that dog."

"We'll discuss the matter calmly, Mrs. Blump. Your pet is a demon of destruction. Two of those rare books I secured after so much trouble he chewed into pulp. A sofa pillow a week is a low average in the estimate of his vandalism. He ruined a box of my finest cigars and even made away with that last box of assorted gloves that I got cheap from a friend."

"Now, just look at the list. That last hat was the result of winning one election bet out of twenty-four. It cost you several hundred dollars. You waste time and money collecting looks that you never read. You stint the table to buy the finest brand of cigars and you buy gloves by the wholesale when you would be far more sensible to go without any until you can afford them. Either that dog stays or goes under my arm to my old home. Now, what do you say?"

"What is there to say, dear? But I would like to compromise on having the dog's teeth pulled."

BUILT HIS OWN CHURCH.

A Clergyman Who Developed Into a Carpenter.

On the slant of the unfinished roof, with his toes on the beam, his knees on another, a hammer in his hand and a six-penny nail in his mouth, is an odd situation in which to find a clergyman, says the San Francisco Enquirer. Yet that is how I found the Rev. Henry Victor Morgan, pastor of the First Christian church of Alameda. He was wearing a carpenter's apron with the pockets full of nails; his shirt sleeves were rolled up and his coat was carefully folded across a sawbuck under a tree. The roof he was clinging to is the roof of a church at the corner of San Jose and Park avenues, Alameda. It is a church to house his flock, and he is spending his vacation building it. An uncommon way of spending vacation—but it is the way of an uncommon man. "We had to have a church," he explained with deprecating modesty, as he backed down the ladder to have a chat with me, "and as I am pretty handy with tools and fond of manual labor I thought it would do me just as much good to put in my vacation building a church as it would to go mountain climbing or something of that sort. When money is as scarce as it is now it is easier to labor than it is to raise the funds to pay the laborers. The members of the congregation are taking a lively interest in the building, and here are some of them working with me," and he pointed out Elder Boyver in a pair of overalls and a populist straw hat hoisting boards to the ridge of the roof, and Brothers Brown and Thompson sawing and hammering away eagerly as boys with a brand new chest of tools.

"We expect to have it ready to hold services in early this fall. When the building is finished there will be no debt hanging over it. Everything is paid for as we go along. To be sure we had to raise the money to buy building materials as we needed them, but we have not bought a foot of lumber unless the money was in sight to pay for it. This building—it is a large, airy redwood structure over fifty feet long and thirty wide—"will serve as a church until we can put up a better one, then it will be moved to the back of the lot and used as a Sunday school room."

Oysters in Liverpool.

It is estimated that 130,000,000 oysters are yearly received at Liverpool from abroad.

The New York World, twice-a-week edition; 18 pages a week; 156 papers a year, stands first among "weekly" papers in size, frequency of publication and freshness, variety and reliability of contents. It is practically a daily paper at the low price of a weekly; and its vast list of subscribers, extending to every state and territory of the Union and foreign countries, will vouch for the accuracy and fairness of its news columns.

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Missouri weather prophets base their prognostications of the heavy winter ahead on the height of the ragweed growing all about. The weeds are from two to three feet high and an old adage is recalled which says that snow will fall deep as the ragweeds are tall.

People who make puns are like wagon boys that put coppers on the railroad tracks. They amuse themselves and other children, but their little trick may upset a freight train of conversation for the sake of a battered witticism.

The one fact in which all unavoidably agree is that we come into the world alone and we go out of the world alone and though we travel in company and make a great show of our fellowship and of bearing one another's burdens we carry our deepest burdens alone.

If a man was all he imagines himself to be he would be a dangerous character.

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in the last year without a single failure by "5 Drops."

As a positive cure for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Backache, Asthma, Hay Fever, Catarrh, Nervelessness, Nervousness, Nervous and Neuralgic Headaches, Heart Weakness, Toothache, Earache, Croup, Sore Throat, La Grippe, Malaria, Creeping Numbness, etc., etc. "5 Drops" has never been equaled or surpassed, and is a pleasant, prompt and permanent cure. Though free from opiates and perfectly harmless, "5 Drops" is the most concentrated and powerful specific known. "5 Drops" can fall in no way short of what we claim, for no disease is too deeply rooted or painful to yield to this wonderful medicine, and relief is usually felt the very first night. What it has already done to relieve suffering humanity is told in letters of grateful praise from thousands of hearts once sickened and heavy with pain, now painless and happy.

G. P. DELINGER, Prop. of Clinton House, Clinton, N. Y., writes: "I have been using '5 Drops' for Rheumatism for three weeks, having been troubled five years. Today I am as well as ever in my life, and gladly recommend it to all sufferers from that terrible disease, for it is a positive cure."

J. J. JONES, of Douglas, Kansas, says: "You have the best nerve remedy on the face of God's green earth. I want the agency without fail."

ELIJAH DAVIS, of Butlerville, Ind., writes: "My wife was in bed six months with acute neuralgia. She tried every kind of medicine and several doctors, but all to no effect. Thank God your wonderful '5 Drops' cured her, for in three weeks after she commenced using it, she was out of bed and going about."

PETER LOFORSO, of Lindstrom, Minn., writes: "Within two months I have sold over 400 bottles, which were used in every kind of disease, but have received no complaints. It is the greatest household remedy at the world, and gives wonderful satisfaction."

If you have not confidence enough after reading the above letters to send for a \$1.00 bottle, send for a sample, which contains ample medicine to convince you of its merit.

"5 Drops" taken but once a day is the dose of this great remedy, and to more quickly introduce it, we will send, for 30 days, prepaid by mail, our 2-cent sample bottle for 10 cents. If suffering, don't delay, but write today. Large bottle 50c; 100c, 50c; 50c, 25c; 25c, 12c. Not sold by druggists, only by us and our agents. Agents wanted.

SWANSON RHEUMATIC CURE CO., 167-169 Dearborn-st., Chicago, Ill.

FREE BUTTONS
An Elegant Button Given Away With Each Package of



DUKE CIGARETTES

An Opportunity to make A COLLECTION OF BUTTONS WITHOUT COST.

LOCAL NEWS

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

We hear of several weddings to come off in the near future.

There were two big failures in Tyler this week—one a bank and the other a coffin factory.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledg, Kennedy & Co. grocery store.

We have just received a car of best lime and cement.

Houston County Lumber Co.

Houston county will finally all go under the hog law. Those in favor of such a law are pushing it by sections.

The effort to raise funds to buy a silk banner for the box giving the largest per-centage of gain for the democratic ticket failed.

We presume those who subscribed for the city clock were in earnest when they did so. If so, we would like very much to get the amounts subscribed. So come up and settle.

Under the system of letting out bridges by contract and a guarantee for a certain number of years the county is getting a lot of bridges that will stand and be decidedly cheaper in the long run.

Did it ever occur to you that it requires money to get out a newspaper as much so as it does to do any other business. This being the case, why dont those who owe for subscriptions come round and helps.

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.

The COURIER regrets to hear of the death of Mrs J. J. Frazier, wife of John Frazier, living a short distance south of Crockett. She died last week from consumption. The writer knew her and esteemed her for her true womanly worth.

Frank Bodenhamer keeps the choicest fruits, nuts, fresh grapes, and all kinds of confectioneries. He also keeps the leading brands of cigars, cigarettes and chewing tobacco. Stand in Mangum's feed store. Call on him.

The cold snap of Sunday and Monday is unprecedented in this section. Up in Montana the blizzard is the coldest on record. Snow is banked up ten and twenty feet deep, travel is stopped and great loss of life is reported.

The game supper at Lovelady was a great success. An abundance of game was on hand. They had four deer, twenty or more turkeys, three hundred quail and squirrels, coons and possums without limit.

We carry in stock everything usually sold in a first-class lumber yard at prices to suit the times, and if you appreciate good goods and promptness in filling orders don't fail to place your orders with us.

Houston County Lumber Co.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Just recieved at the CASH STORE 2 CARS TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 2 CARS SACKED CORN, 2 CARS Hay Forney and alfalfa, 1 CAR RICH WHEAT BRAN, 1 CAR BOLTED MEAL, 2 cars salt one coarse and one fine, 200 lb. COARSE AT 85c 200 lb FINE AT 90c. Will keep on hand cotton seed meal. You will find the CASH STORE headquarters for all kinds of feed.

R. M. ATKINSON.

Bought Bargains Still Selling!

Those who have eyes do not believe all they hear when they see different. So it is not necessary for us to say through ignorance that the great commercial wheel is pending in our store. The world is too large for one man or one State to either start or stop this wheel and the little man whose heart has swoolen for his competitors whether through sympathy or sarcasm can make no impression and would reach the shore quicker to row his own boat. We handle first class goods and make no misrepresentation. The following goods can be found in our store just as described.

Staples.

Good weight full yard wide L L brown domestic not a few yards for a few cents but come and get a bolt at 3 1/2 cts per yard. Full width wire twist round thread cotton stripes 35 yards for \$1. extra heavy and wide cotton stripes worth 6 cts. our price 4 cts yd. or 25 yards for \$1.00 Extra heavy shirting worth 7 1/2 cents going for 5 cents yard or 20 yards for \$1.00 Irish Frize for skirts in colors gray and pink worth and sold for 15 cts our price 10 cents yard. Here is a bargain in Lincy never known in Crockett before all in beautiful colors strictly every thread wool filled, worth and never known to sell for less than 18c, the price of these goods are 12 1/2 pr yd or 8 yds for \$1.00. Extra heavy all wool each way twilled red flannel, worth and is sold for 16 1/2c, our price 12 1/2c per yd or 8 yds for \$1.

Listen here—We have bought an unequalled bargain and here we are selling a bargain—best guaranteed all wool filled jeans worth and always sold for 33 1/2c, our bargain price 25c per yd in any quantity. Don't pay 6 and 7c per yd for calico when you can come to our store and buy all the best brands in oil colors Solid or Figur-

ed Hamilton, Simpson's and all of the best brands for 5 cents a yard or 20 yds for \$1.00. If you want cheap calico call for it. Yard wide Bleach Domestic, but rather starchy, 3c a yd in any quantity—better grade yd wide bleach, free from starch 4 1/2.

Hamilton Alpaca Worsted in colors black, navy blue, tan, light and dark gray brown blue and red worth 9 and 10c now going in any quantity at 5c pr yd.

Call and see our \$1.35 dress pattern it will match any \$2.00 dress you ever bought in color, quality and style.

First grade of imported silk Henrietta, full 45 inches wide, never sold for less than \$1.00, now to be sold at 65c per yd, in gray, drab, maroon, and red. Same in black and navy blue, 38 in wide 65c pr yd.

Hats.

Just arrived a most complete line of hats in all the newest shapes and quality first class only. We do not carry seconds or old hats worked over in John P. Stetson's goods we only handle them direct from his factory. It is a well known fact that he has one price only on these goods. It is supposed that any man who knows

what a John B. Stetson hat is does not care to buy an old hat worked over. Therefore we only handle his goods direct from his factory. Call and see our new line just received in all the new colors and shapes at the lowest possible prices.

Underwear.

A full line of cotton and wool underwear medium heavy weight in all colors, heavy wool over shirts light weight wool over shirts heavy work shirts all at prices that will induce you to buy.

Blankets.

Ten quarter blankets, cotton 45c each, extra heavy all wool ten quarter red blankets (Loretto brand) worth \$2.50 our price \$1.50.

School Children.

We have plenty of slate pencils 35 for 5 cents.

Also, Tablets for ink or pencil. Two 2 oz bottles of Daniel's black ink for 5 cents.

Plenty of the bone collar buttons 36 for 5 cents.

Shoes.

Ladies Glove grain button or lace all sold worth 95c, our price 65c pr., better grades 75, 95 to \$1.25 full line of childrens school shoes

heavy oil grain, no seam in back well sewed and rivited in front at prices.

Ladies remember the John Kelly shoe is only sold by McLean & Wilson.

Clothing.

For the want of room we cannot describe our clothing as we would like: Boys knee suits 4 to 14 from 30c to \$4.50. Mens suits good weight well made, any size 34 to 42, coats pants and vest going from \$1.50 per suit up to the finest in Crockett. Over coat for men 35 to 42, \$1.35 each up to the best.



The featherbone is the only corset made that the stays will neither rust or break and is sold on four weeks trial if not perfectly satisfactory return it and get your money it is the most perfect fitting and most comfortable corset made, and is worth \$1.25 but having bought them in 25 doz. lots we can sell them at 90c each. Try one—you will have no other.

McLean & Wilson.

John Monk is talking of putting up a hotel at his wells.

There is some talk of Judge Burnett's making Houston his home in the future.

Dr. J. L. Lipscomb Joe Adams and J. C. Wooters are attending masouic grand lodge in Houston.

Tony Gossett looks after the business of the district clerk's office as if he had been specially out out and fitted for the job.

Snow fell at several places in Texas on Monday—a four inch fall being reported from Eagle Pass and a light fall at Galeston and all throughout South Texas.

We have in stock the best prepared paints to be had in any market and we are selling at catching prices. Come quick.

Houston County Lumber Co.

Glenn Faubion had a very painful accident to befall him a few days since. He was splitting up pine and a piece flew up and struck him in the eye and put it out.

We would rather have property in Crockett today than in Houston or other large Texas cities. The county is filling and settling rapidly and the population of the county will support a town three times the size of this.

We are receiving car loads of lumber and shingles every day and our stock will soon be the best in any town in East Texas. We defy competition in point of good goods and low prices.

Houston County Lumber Co.

We would like to see the ladies of the town organise and take charge of street improvement. If the council will turn over to an organization of this kind all the street money we will have vastly better results, better streets and better sidewalks.

Dock Kyle of Daly was in to see us Monday.

It is now "Judge" Winfree and he seems to be as much at home as if "to the manner born."

Willie Wilson, son of Hampden Wilson, suffered the painful misfortune of breaking his arm one day last week.

W. M. Nichols who has been in Dallas for some time attending court trying to recover some fire insurance, returned home Friday. He got judgment for \$2,650.

Time was when the great stream of immigration to Texas swept by our very doors and took no heed of East Texas. This is all changed now. The eyes of the homeseeker are upon this section of the state and East Texas has the pleasure of seeing things coming her way at last.

There are those who have been reading the COURIER for four years or more and have never paid a cent for it—not even a load of wood, a peck of potatoes or a dozen of over ripe eggs. To all such and to others who are in debt to us for the paper or for job work or for advertising we appeal to come round and settle.

When most needed it is not usual for your family physician to be away from home. Such was the experience of Mr. J. Y. Schenck, editor of the Caddo, Ind. Ter., Banner, when his little girl, two years of age was threatened with a severe attack of croup. He says: "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor but as our family physician was out of town I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which relieved her immediately. I will not be without it in the future." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

J. E. Hollingsworth of Grape-land was in Crockett Monday.

J. T. Dawes who has been on the road for some time collecting for a St. Louis firm returned home Friday.

J. D. Dupuy and wife of Elkhart were on a visit to relatives in Crockett Sunday. They were met here by M. C. Dupuy and wife.

Jesse Duren will return from Indian Territory in a few days and will locate permanently in Crockett. He reports it too cold up there for him.

Commissioners' Court will meet in special session next Monday for the purpose of passing on and approving bonds of officers who have not qualified.

Cotton continues to come in and every one wonders where the stuff comes from and how much more of it is behind. The crop in this county is larger than last year beyond question. The receipts at the ports are larger, nearly double of what they were a year ago. The prospect for an advance seems remote and doubtful.

Major C. T. Tipton is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling man say is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy Major Picton says: "I have used it myself and in my family for several years, and take pleasure in saying that I consider it an infallible cure for diarrhoea and dysentery. I always recommend it, and have frequently administered it to my guests in the hotel, and in every case it has proven itself worthy of unqualified endorsement. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Snow over all South Texas Monday.

Pork is selling on the streets for 3 1/2 and 4 cents.

Collector Sheridan reports taxes slow coming in.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ratcliff died this week of cholera infantum.

Dorce Lacy, one of our prosperous colored subscribers called by and paid for his paper Friday.

F. W. Warfield (col) of Daly called in Wednesday and paid for the COURIER for one year.

Just received a car load of bed room suits at prices that cant be touched anywhere. As these goods were bought before the advance in prices we can sell them lower than we will be able to sell the next lot. It is to your interest to buy now as we cant tell how much advance will be made in the next thirty days. Come early because they wont last long.

ALDRICH & NEWTON.

The wife of Mr. D. Robinson, a prominent lumberman of Hartwick N. Y., was sick with rheumatism for five months. In speaking of it, Mr. Robinson says: Chamberlains Pain Balm is the only thing that gave her any rest from pain. For the relief of pain it cannot be beat." Many very bad cases of rheumatism have been cured by it. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

The Royal Tailors.

The largest tailoring establishment in the world now has a representative in Crockett. Call and see their line of samples at Mistrot Bros. & Co.

They not only guarantee a fit but have prices that will please you.

G. Q. KING, Ag't.

COOPER's majority in the district will reach nine thousand nearly.

McKINLEY carried Kentucky by something over two hundred majority.

BURT, the Austin wife murderer, has been found guilty and the death penalty assessed.

THE Arkansas governor could not see very much to be thankful for since the defeat of Bryan.

BRYAN's majority in Texas over McKinley is nearly 200,000. Culberson's over Kearby will reach 50,000.

THE free-coinage, sixteen to one policy reached high-tide in 1896. Never again will the issue poll such a vote and never again will there be as many democrats supporting such a platform as the one adopted at Chicago.

BAILEY, Culberson, Hogg and Mills will all be in the race for the Senate next year as successor to Mills. If Mills will introduce his bill for the free-coinage of pewter at 16 to 1 the others will not be in it with him at all.

THE people generally seem bent on penning the hogs in this county. They are going at it by sections and in that way it will be but a short time till the whole county will be under the operation of the hog law. A year like this, there is very little for a hog to get on the outside of a pen and very little more on the inside.

FOR the information of many who are making inquiry about the counting of the vote for state and district officials we will say: That the vote for governor and lieutenant governor is counted by the senate and House of Representatives in January. The vote for presidential electors, congressman, appellate and district judges and district attorneys is counted by the state canvassing board forty to fifty days after the day of election.

THOSE who favor the hog-law advance some strong and irrefutable arguments. They say that the counties which have such law have more hogs and better ones, bigger ones, healthier ones. And a yet more potent reason advanced for it is that the criminal docket of those counties which have such a law is a light docket. Those who advance the latter argument make a strong showing for the hog law. There is no doubt that if Houston county had a hog law, the criminal docket would be light, the grand juries in session much less time and the petit juries would have much less to do.

A real live real-estate and immigration agent could do a land-office business in Crockett from now on. There is not a county in the state that is attracting the attention of the homeseeker like Houston. Its great and varied assortment of soils from the black-waxy to the light sandy offers inducements to the immigrant that no other county offers. Its schools are first-class in every respect and their doors are open for six months in the year. No county in the state is blessed in respect of good water and an abundance of it. And as for variety of its products it can't be excelled. Fruits of all kinds are grown with ease and in almost wanton profusion. The seasons are nearly as certain as in the old states and an absolute failure of all crops is unknown.

The next census will show Houston county to have not less than thirty thousand people.

CULBERSON's majority in Houston county is nearly 500.

THE Commissioners' Court should establish two or three voting boxes for Crockett.

ONE of the most gratifying results of the recent campaign is the heroic manner in which "Blarney" Gibbs was done up, Blarney quit democracy when he found he coul'nt again get office and went hunting for the flesh pots in some other party. He is banished to outer darkness now and we hope he will be kept there. He deserves such fate as any man does who, honored by his own party, deliberately betrays it for the shadowy chance of getting to the pie counter under the auspices of some other organization.

W. L. Moody & Co. have opened up a fight against the Galveston Wharf Company. They are going to petition the next legislature to give the railroad commission power to fix the rates of charges by the Wharf Company. There has been complaint for years against this company and we haven't a doubt but that the corporation needs attention of the kind contemplated. There is doubt, however, whether the legislature has the power to vest the railroad commission with authority to revise and correct the charges of a private corporation as this claims to be.

Now is the Time To Buy Meal & Hulls!

For the next 20 days we will sell hulls at \$3.50 per ton or \$1.75 per thousand. We make this offer because we expect to shut the mill down soon on account of the scarcity of seed, and all who want the meal and hulls had better get them at once. Houston Co. Oil Mill, By J. W. Hail, Sec'y.

Watchmaker & Jeweler

R. C. Stokes On or about December the first will have a complete line of Up to Date Watches, Jewelry, Novelties, Clocks, together with the the best, prettiest, latest and most complete silver ware that has ever been in Crockett.

We Buy and Sell for cash; No Other way. Complicated watch repairing a specialty. Adjusted from 2, 4 to 6 positions. Our Motto: Reliable Goods, Fair Dealing and Bottom Prices.

GO TO J. A. BRICKER & CO.



Gold and Silver Spectacles. Gold and Silver Watches Plain Gold and Fancy Set Rings Silverware and Novelties. Fine Watch and Jewelry Repairing a Specialty. Castleburg Old Stand.

J. L. & W. C. LIPSCOMB, Physicians and Surgeons, CROCKETT, TEXAS

The Unprecedented Values

Being offered in our house are attracting large numbers of buyers, notwithstanding the unseasonable weather. Useful goods for household use and personal wear have never before been found so much in your interest, although Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots and Shoes have advanced from 15 to 25 per cent our prices are 20 per cent lower than ever before as we have bought heavily before the advance and we are giving the public the benefit of the same.

Advertisement for dress goods, silks, and clothing. Includes items like Black Brocaded, Navy Blue Crepon, and various suits. Price ranges from 40c to \$15.00.

The New York Store, Bloch & Romansky.

A. A. ALDRICH, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Will Practice in Houston and Adjoining Counties. Office over Arledge, Kennedy & Co's. CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Bargains, Bargains. J. E. Downes is selling some wonderful bargains in all wool clothing. Mens' suits for \$3.25. Boys suits from 75c. up to \$4.00, all WOOL goods.

Boys and young men, remember: he keeps the "Manhattan" shirts and the genuine "Cluet" collars, no imitations. Downes says he is determined to give some of the best bargains in the next 30 days ever offered in Crockett or any where else in Houston county.

To Men and Boys Who Wish to Dress Well this Fall. I have the most complete line of samples in the town. They are in patterns one yard and a quarter square, thus enabling the buyer to judge of the effect of a piece of goods, which is impossible when selecting from the small card and book samples.

"Little spells of fever, little chills so bland, Makes the mighty graveyard and the angel band A little of Cheatham's Chill Tonic taken now and then Makes the handsome women and the healthy men." Put up in both the tasteless and bitter styles.

To the People of Houston and Adjoining Counties: When you need anything in the way of corn, oats, bran, corn chops, wheat, rye, barley or anything in the feed and grain line it will pay you to see me before you buy. I carry a large stock and am prepared to meet all legitimate competition. My motto is spot cash and honest weight and measure. Store under Opera House Crockett, Tex. Respectfully, JNO. MANGUM.

To the Lovers of Fine Flour: I have the agency of three of the best flouring mills in the South West and solicit your trade. My leading brands are, White Swan, Bell of Mexico and Peerless. There is nothing better made of wheat than the above and to purchasers, I guarantee the fullest satisfaction or will cheerfully refund money. Respectfully, JNO. MANGUM.

ESTRAY NOTICE. Taken up by Sip Lewis on his premises, 7 miles S. E. from the town of Crockett, and estrayed before, C. W. Ellis J. P. Pre. No. 1, on November 9th 1896. The following described animals, one black horse about 5 years old branded C. D. Marked under bit in the right ear. One sorrell horse with three white feet, bald faced, marked and branded same as above. Appraised at \$12.00, filed for record November 19th 1896. Given under my hand and seal of office this the 8th day of November, A. D. 1896. N. E. Albright. C. C. C. H. C.

Cheatham's Chill Tonic is acknowledged to be the best. Physicians use and prescribe it. Cure guaranteed. Put up in both the Tasteless and bitter styles, tasteless in 50 cent bottles;

Lumber! Lumber! I am now ready to furnish Any and All Kinds of Lumber, of any Grade and of any Dimension. Will supply in any quantities at mill or delivered, the very Best Heart Lumber or mixed as the log runs. Any one wanting lumber for any purpose Will Find it To His Interest to Call and See me before buying. I can make it to his interest to buy from me. Mill two and a half miles South of Crockett right on Lovelady road. All bills Filled Promptly and at Prices that Defy Competition. Try me. A M Langston.

MADDEN & LIPSCOMB, Attorneys-at-Law, Will practice in all the State Courts. Preparing deeds and like instruments, and making abstracts to land titles a specialty. Collections solicited, prompt attention guaranteed. Office in Wootters building. CROCKETT, TEXAS.

J. S. WOOTTERS, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledge & Kennedy's store.

J. S. CROOK, GEO. W. CROOK, CROOK & CROOK, Attorneys-at-Law. CROCKETT, TEXAS. Chronic grumblers never grumble about Cheatham's Chill Tonic. It is even better than recommended, and guaranteed to cure. Put up in both tasteless and bitter styles. Guaranteed. The Tasteless in 50 cent bottles.