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THREE THINGS TO KNOW!

Read and you will be convinced that facts and figures coupled with quality make W. V. McConnell's the leading dry goods store of Crockett. The first on the list will be a genuine John B. Stetson hat for \$2.50 and the remainder of those silk plaid belts with large nickle plated harness buckle at 5c each.

Dress Goods.

We are now offering some wonderful bargains in dress goods.—36 inch all wool Fabrique Francaise, silk finish in brown, green, navy and gray—regular 65c goods now going at 33c per yd. 40 inch Henrietta and Cashmere, warp and filling all wool, silk finish; a very handsome goods in gray, brown green, old rose and purple now reduced to 33c per yard. Gracia Placendi is a novelty goods of the very latest—extra wide all wool double width—we only have two patterns left—former price 67c now reduced to 50c. Grande Paruse—this is an all wool novelty—goods extra good and nice reduced to 50c per yard. We have only two patterns of the above—no two alike. Bourrette—this is an all wool goods in black—very handsome and new—only one pattern left—reduced from \$1.25 to 82c a yard. Germania—this is an all wool, very fine, black bonele cloth, one pattern left; former price \$1.50, now reduced to 98c a yard. We have a lovely line of Novelty all wool goods in white and red, white and green, white and blue, white and black, white and gray, double width, reduced to 24c a yard.

Ladies' Cloth—all wool double width in several colors—former price 33c; now reduced to 21c a yard. Two toned Mohair Brocade in many colors—regular 20c goods now reduced to 12c a yard. Remember we carry woolen worsteds as low as 4c per yd. Knickerbocker Gingham, in novelty effects, our price 6c yd.

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Ladies' heavy ribbed combination suits—full value 50c. Ladies' heavy ribbed separate pants, extra good at 25c. Ladies' Heavy ribbed and well shaped Merino vests at 15, 20c, 25, 35 and 50c each.

Ladies' very fine non-shrinking wool vests, former price \$1.25 now reduced to 95c. Separate soft Merino pants and vests for children 15, 20 and 25c each.

Capes and Jackets.

Lot 1 consists of 18 capes, some for trimmed and some plain at 50cts each. Lot 2 a very heavy, double bl'k beaver cape going at \$1.00. Lot 3 is a very nice black double beaver cape—upper and lower cape trimmed with fur and braid at \$1.45. We have a lovely line of capes from \$2.00 to \$3.50. Lot 7 is a very fine

plush cape, beaver trimmed and silk lined at \$4.00. Our line of Plush Capes run from \$4.00 to \$12.50. Our line of Ladies' Walking Jackets run from \$1.00 to \$5.00—this is a very fine line of goods. Misses' very fine walking Jackets made in the latest style, from \$1.50 to \$3.50. Childrens' cloaks trimmed with long Angora fringe at 75c.

Millinery.

Now will be your chance to get a hat—Misses' and childrens felt hats in the newest and latest shapes trimmed with nice silk ribbon for 25c. You can't buy the shape for the money elsewhere. Ladies' smooth and rough straw sailors trimmed with silk ribbon, very neat for 25c. Ladies' shaggy felt sailor; the \$1.25 kind. We will now sell for 50c, we have only a few of the Ladies' wool felt walking hats—price to close out at 15c. Ladies, those very fine walking hats at \$1.20 and \$1.35 will now be sold for 75c and \$1.00. All of our Ladies' fine dress hats will be sold at a big reduction. Call and get prices.

Feather Boas.

We have just received a very fine line of these goods in black and black and whitened. Husband, get one for your wife for an Xmas Present; young men get one for your Sweet heart; they would certainly appreciate it and it would be a useful and ornamental present.

Clothing and Overcoats.

Mens' black clay worsted Suits—Every thread wool—worth \$12.50—Our price now \$6.40. Mens' Blue, Tan and Drab beaver over coats worth and sold for \$12.50—our price \$8.85. Mens' Blue black Beaver over coat worth \$7.50—our price \$5.00, we have a lot of cheap over coats; come and get prices.

We have a few little boys' overcoats that we will close out at \$1.00 \$1.25 and \$1.50.

Mens' Furnishing Goods.

Mens' very fine all wool Tivoli Undersuits in white regular \$3.50 goods now reduced to \$1.90 a suit. Mens' very heavy white wool undershirts for men price 75c now reduced to 55c. mens' heavy cotton under shirts for winter at 15, 20, 25, 35, and 50c. Over shirts from 15c to \$2. Mens' drawers from 12c to \$1.50 a pair. Mens' black hose, very good, at 5c. Mens' seamless black hose, guaranteed stainless, high spliced heel and toe 3 pairs for 25c. Mens' heavy homespun socks, 3, 4 and 5 pairs for 25c.

We Will See You Again.

We have many articles that we would like to make prices this week but our space is not large enough to receive it, so look for us; we will visit you again.

YOURS, VERY RESPECTFULLY,

W. V. McConnell.

Sol Bromberg as a Mind Reader.

Mr. Sol Bromberg, the young Galveston lawyer who was raised in Crockett and is well known here by most of our citizens, has developed into a mind reader of such marvellous proficiency that he might well aspire to the laurels of the famous Bishop who died some years ago and left the world wondering at his mysterious power to read the minds of others. Mr. Bromberg was in Crockett last week on legal business, and while here gave several exhibitions of the strange power that has come to him, the most notable and conclusive of which, was made in the COURIER office on Thursday morning. The files of the COURIER hang on a file rack in the editorial room of the office and Mr. Bromberg agreed that he would walk up to those files, blindfolded and pick out any particular phrase or sentence in any issue of the paper no matter how many months back, that had been selected by a committee appointed for the purpose, the only condition being that he was to hold the hand of one of the committee and the latter was to keep his mind steadily fixed on the phrase selected. Mr. Bromberg was not only to discover the phrase but was to read it before the handkerchief was removed from his eyes. Deputy Sheriff Hail, Gus LeGory and the editor of the COURIER came to the COURIER office on the morning sta-

ted and after a brief examination of the files selected the words "Culberson at Crockett" on the front page of the issue of Oct. 30th., which was covered by four other issues of the paper. They then brought Mr. Bromberg to the COURIER office, stopped in the outer room, and told him they had selected a phrase in the files, of course not telling him what phrase, nor in which issue. He was then tightly blindfolded with a white silk handkerchief so that it was quite impossible for him to see at all, and, seizing Mr. Hail by the hand, he walked at once into the editorial room, took a position in front of the files and called for a pencil. He manifested great nervous excitement and his whole body trembled—at times violently. Holding Mr. Hail firmly by one hand, his other hand wandered slowly over the surface of the paper, the trembling pencil at times poised over some particular spot, at which moments the agitation was greatest. In about five minutes he lifted the paper off the file, threw it down and commenced to search the next number in an apparently hopeless quest for a sentence looked in the mind of the gentleman whose hand he was holding. Going through this number without finding what he sought, it was cast aside and the trembling mind-reader repeated the same process with the page before him, with the same re-

sult. This number was also thrown aside and the next one likewise after a brief examination. When the issue of Oct. 30th. was reached the blinded operator betrayed extraordinary excitement and seemed to pounce on the page with his pencil like a hungry animal on its victim. The witnesses had been profoundly silent from the first but now the silence was almost painful. Up and down the columns scurried the nervous pencil, and in two or three moments, as though drawn by fate itself, it stopped at the words—"Culberson at Crockett." "That's it, isn't it?" said Bromberg. He had correctly located the sentence—now could he read it? He did a moment later, slowly and without hesitation, and the test was complete. Fraud or deception of any kind was absolutely impossible under the conditions of the test and Sol Bromberg had done a wonderful thing. He had clearly and unmistakably read the mind of Mr. Hail and saw therein not only the words quoted but in what number of the paper they could be found and the exact spot on the paper. By what mysterious power this knowledge was transmitted to him by the mere clasping of hands while Mr. Hail kept his mind fixed on the words and their location, science hasn't yet taught us, although there are glimmerings of light in that direction. Nevertheless "there are more things in heaven and earth, Horatio, than are dreamt of in thy philosophy."

An Alarm and Its Lesson.

Last Friday night just after supper at the residence of Mr. Charles Long in this city, all the members of that estimable family, including the boarders, suffered the agonies of a very robust fire fright which fortunately ended in nothing worse than nervous prostration for the ladies, although matters looked serious enough at one time. An unusually large fire in the parlor fireplace kindled the soot in the chimney, and up went a column of flame that shot high above the roof of the two story frame house and descended in a heavy shower of uncommonly fiery sparks upon the dry shingles beneath. The neighbors saw the blazing chimney; the members of the household were promptly notified and properly frightened; there was the proverbial "hurrying to and fro," along with the preliminary confusion of counsel and abortion of effort usual on such exciting occasions—and all the while the sparks, instead of diminishing, grew thicker and fell upon the roof like fiery rain, and it seemed certain that the shingles would ignite. There was no way to get on the housetop as no ladder would reach it and there was no trap door from the interior. Happily a gentleman present betought him of the kitchen roof and the possibility of bridging the space between it and eaves of the residence with a short ladder that had been

hastily procured. The scheme worked but not easily, and by this means a gallant and shoeless boarder climbed, coon fashion, to the comb of the endangered roof and soon shouted the joyous news that the deluge of fire had ceased and the sparks had all died out without doing any damage. The COURIER has elaborated these facts not to adorn a tale but to point a moral. Every house in Crockett, even the small cottage, should have as part of its equipment a ladder of ample strength and reach, and houses of more than one story should have a trap door in the roof quickly accessible from the interior. There are some people who will read this, admit its truth, procrastinate from day to day in fancied security and may find their homes in ashes some fine morning this winter for the want of two such cheap and simple devices as a convenient ladder and a hole in the roof. Then it will be our time to kindly say: "We told you so."

Important Arrest.

Sheriff Waller received a telegram from Groesbeck on Monday telling him of the arrest there on Monday of J. W. Howell, the man who killed Pink Kilpatrick in October last. Governor Culberson had offered a reward of \$200.00 for his arrest and conviction and this fact led to his prompt apprehension. The COURIER gave a circumstantial account of this killing at the time and readers of the paper will remember the wanton, brutal and unprovoked character of the murder.

Hog Law Elections

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Porter'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. McIver'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.

For Sale.

One cow, 4 years old, seven eighths Jersey, young calf five days old. Apply to W. B. Page.

It is generally understood that President elect McKinley will call a special session of congress as soon as he is inaugurated and that some radical tariff legislation will soon follow.

THERE is no excuse for partisan politics in the columns of the press now, and as for free silver, gold standard, bimetalism, and such like themes worn to a frazzle in the greatest cooption of the century, they should be given a long, long rest. The logic of events is unanswerable.

Maj. Wootters, Joe Adams and Dr. Lipscomb, delegates to the last session of the Masonic Grand Lodge in Houston, who returned home last week, say that the session was one of the most notable held for years past, in point of both attendance and interest. Mr. Adams was made a member of the committee on credentials and Maj. Wootters was made chairman of the finance committee. The new Grand Master, Judge A. B. Watkins of Athens, is well known in Crockett as he was formerly judge of this judicial district.

Coming.

John Dean, County Clerk of Blount Co., Ala., is on a visit to his brother here of the firm of Dean & Williams. While here, we are informed Mr. Dean bought 1200 acres of land on the Trinity. It is his purpose to locate his sons, four in number, on this land. Later Mr. Dean will probably come out himself. He also has a son-in-law who will come out. Mr. Dean says he will be able to induce fifty or more families to come out and that many are waiting to hear from him before starting. He is well pleased with this county.

Caught Him at Last.

Governor Culberson is not now at Austin, but when he returns he will receive what is perhaps the most unique present ever made to a governor of Texas. Some days ago little Jimmie Hall, son of Mr. Horace Hall, a well known farmer and sturdy democrat living near this city, captured a magnificent owl, a solemn and ponderous hooter with vast, unblinking eyes that seemed as large as silver dollars. When certain prominent democrats in Crockett had inspected Jimmy's capture and heard it hoot, they at once recognized the bird as the convoker of the numerous "owl meetings" stealthily held by the populists throughout this county during the late campaign after the shades of night had fallen and good democrats were at home in bed. There was no mistaking the bird. He refused to confess but circumstantial evidence was against him. His sinister and uncanny hoot had called pops into midnight assemblage in many a dark corner in Houston county to conspire against the democrats, and it was determined that he should be chained a captive to the chariot wheel of triumphant democracy, so to speak, and sent to Governor Culberson as a trophy of the great victory in this county for the cause of the democratic party and good government. Accordingly on last Saturday this patron saint of Houston county populism was comfortably caged and shipped by express to the governor at Austin and attached to the cage was a card with these words written on it: "This is the last 'Boss' of the Owl meetings. The democracy of Houston county beg leave to present him to Governor Culberson with congratulations."

Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

We guarantee this to be the best cough syrup manufactured in the whole wide world. This is saying a great deal, but it is true. For consumption, coughs, colds, sore throat, sore chest, pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, croup, whooping cough, and all diseases of the throat and lungs, we positively guarantee Ballard's Horehound Syrup to be without an equal on the whole face of the globe. In support of this statement we refer to every individual who has ever used it, and to every druggist who has ever sold it. Such evidence is indisputable. Price 25c and 50c Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

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

Marvelous Results.

From a letter written by Rev. J. Gunderman, of Dimondale, Mich., we are permitted to make this extract: I have no hesitation in recommending Dr. King's New Discovery, as the results were almost marvelous in the case of my wife. While I was pastor of the Baptist Church at Rives Junction she was brought down with Pneumonia succeeded LaGrippe. Terrible paroxysms of coughing would last hours with little intermission and it seemed as if she could not survive them. A friend recommended Dr. King's New Discovery; it was quick in its work and highly satisfactory in results. Trial bottles free at B. F. Chamberlains Drug Store. Regular size 50c and \$1.00.

Closing Out at and Near Cost.

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. aome and try me.

J. R. B. BARBEE,
Lovelady, Texas.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

Are you bilious, constipated or troubled with jaundice, sick headache, bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in back and between the shoulders, chills and fever, etc. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order, and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75cts. Free trial bottle at L. H. Haring & Co.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Reported me by W. E. Hail, 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.

Cheatham's Chill Tonic is peculiarly adapted to persons in enfeebled health and invalids. It assists digestion, and is a perfect strengthener and appetizer. Satisfaction or money refunded. Put up in both the Tasteless and bitter styles. The Tasteless in 50 cent size.

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The great remedy for nervous prostration and all nervous diseases of the sensitive organs of either sex, such as Nervous Prostration, Falling or Lost Manhood, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Youthful Errors, Mental Worry, excessive use of Tobacco or Opium, which lead to Consumption and Insanity. Write every \$5.00 order receive a written guarantee to cure or refund the money. Sold at \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes for \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.



DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS

The only safe, sure and reliable Female PILL ever offered to Ladies, especially recommended to married Ladies. Ask for DR. MOTT'S PENNYROYAL PILLS and take no other. Send for circular. Price \$1.00 per box, 6 boxes for \$5.00. DR. MOTT'S CHEMICAL CO., Cleveland, Ohio.

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INSURANCE THAT INSURES.

- A Policy absolutely without restrictions.
- A Policy with but One Condition, namely, the payment of premiums.
- A Policy with a Month's Grace in premiums, and paid in full in case of death during the month of grace, less only the overdue premium with interest.
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- A Policy automatically non-forfeiting after three annual premiums have been paid.
- A Policy with privilege of Cash Loans at 5 per cent interest five years after issue.
- A Policy with Six Options in settlement at the end of 10, 15, or 20 years.
- A Policy incontestable from any cause one year after issue.

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D.M. CRADDOCK,

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CROCKETT,

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Physician & Surgeon.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.
Office at Haring's drug store.

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Will practice in all courts, both State and Federal.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

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Ballard's Snow Liniment

Mrs. Hamilton, Cambridge, Ills., says: I had the rheumatism so bad I could not raise my hand to my head. Ballard's Snow Liniment has entirely cured me. I take pleasure in informing my neighbors and friends what it has done for me. Chas. Handy, clerk for Lay & Lyman, Kewanee, Ill., advises us Snow Liniment cured him of Rheumatism. Why not try it? It will surely do you good. It cures all Inflammation, Wounds, Sores, Cuts, Sprains, etc. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

I will give a 3 mo. subscription free to the Texas Farm & Ranch, The Christian Advocate or Christian Courier and The Baptist Herald with every bottle of Cheatham's Chill Tonic bought from me B. F. Chamberlain.

Russell Sage has the reputation of being a hard-hearted and cold-blooded money lender, but he seems to have a bit of sympathy after all. Last week he sued the Erie railroad company for allowing its employes to kill one of his horses which had fallen through a trestle and broken its leg. The railroad men had killed the animal to put it out of its misery. Mr. Sage employed a veterinary surgeon to examine the dead animal and he reported that its life could have been saved by keeping the leg in splints. The breaking of an animal's leg is death. A broken leg of a man is not regarded as serious and he uses it after proper treatment with as much effect as before. Horses' legs are little different and their legs may be set and healed as are men's. Mr. Sage will find he has struck a chord of sympathy that thousands of good people will feel with him.

Fortune Seeking Emigrants.

Many a poor family that seeks the western wilds in the hope of winning a fortune, is preserved from that inauspicious fate of the emigrant and frontiersman—chills and fever—by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. So effectually does that incomparable medicinal defense fortify the system against the combined influence of a malarious atmosphere and miasma-tainted water, that protected by it the pioneer, the miner or the tourist provided with it, may safely encounter the danger.

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The Modern Mother

Has found that her little ones are improved more by the pleasant Syrup of Figs, when in need of the laxative effect of a gentle remedy than by any other, and that it is more acceptable to them. Children enjoy it and it benefits them. The true remedy, Syrup of Figs, is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Company only.

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The sin that will stick to you is the one you expect to give up without any help from Christ.

I knew that my life was saved by Pilo's Cure for consumption.—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Michigan, April 21, 1895.

Character building is bigger work than building railroads.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup (which is the only one) cures colic, inflammation, diarrhea, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Man is successful when he can combine in himself the enthusiasm of an amateur with the skill of a professional.

Om Paul now wants \$1,000,000 damages for his republic, and the old man has a quiet way of usually getting what he wants.

Loud conversation is hardly necessary and frequently annoying to others.

AN EPISODE.

It has been a remarkable summer. In May it was as hot as August and in August it was as cold as March. It rained most of the time. Almost anything seemed an excuse for the heavens to drip, or pour, or swash down bucketfuls of water, as the fancy of Jupiter Pluvius was at the moment. Then it cleared off hot enough to cook you or so cold you had to drag out your winter clothes. This peculiar state of affairs seemed to agree with the insect and reptile tribe. They flourished on other people's poison to a wonderful degree.

There is an old German myth that says by some chance or other a descendant of the same wily serpent in the garden that played havoc with Mother Eve entered into the ark. When Noah, well protected by his mackintosh and goloshes, took a hasty inventory of stocks he failed to discover this cunning gentleman, who evidently inherited the craft of his ancestor who lived several centuries before. There were all the innocent tribes of snakes, those who had never committed any considerable crime; but Monsieur le Serpent lay in a dark corner till they got well under way.

Then he came cautiously forth and began to make himself so agreeable, after the manner of his worthy great-grandfather, and like that venerable person proved such a charming conversationalist that the rest of the household of the ark agreed it would be a great pity to throw him overboard.

So they sailed on and on; and it rained and rained, after the manner of the summer of '96, till Noah became perturbed in spirit and the passengers discontented. All the good stories had been told over and over; the supply was limited; all the old songs sung over and over again; and quarrels and disputes were the order of the day. The qualities of the dove as an advance agent were still unknown, and Noah worried not a little as to the direction and final destination of the ship.

At last a council was held, and my Lord Snake, in a most modest and becoming manner, intimated he had some experience in sailing and would be pleased to see Noah at the close of the meeting.

The interview took place. The Serpent occupied that matters looked bad for the occupants of the ark, but assured Noah he could extricate them from their difficulties and bring them safely to land—on one condition only. This offer at first appalled Noah, but after some hours of thought and very rough weather he called his immediate family together and laid the case before them.

The Snake had consented to act as pilot-captain-mascot, all in one—a regular Pooh-Bah—for the trifling reward of a wife.

He had taken a violent fancy to one of Noah's daughters, the youngest, a beautiful girl, and demanded her hand as the price of his efforts; the reward not to be given till they were all on land, high and dry.

To cut the story short, this was agreed to. The family were all somewhat under the influence of the wily charmer, and perhaps even then there



"I'VE GOT IT."

lurked in the bottom of their hearts an intention to break the contract when the danger was over. The Serpent took the helm. The dove was sent out, and in a little while they reached land, saw the sun once more, and hung out their rusty clothes to dry.

Once in the promised land the Snake demanded his bride. Family councils were again held. He was enticed into their midst and cruelly betrayed to his ruin. Instead of a wife he received death at their hands. Not content with merely killing their preserver, and contending that he was an old fraud and stowaway—that they would have touched shore just as well without him—they decided to refuse him even a Christian burial and burn his body, while they danced round his pyre.

But as the flames rose to heaven the victim had his revenge. Each column of blue smoke turned to vicious, stinging insects—gnats, mosquitoes, flies, and the thousand crawling, creeping things, whose descendants afflict our poor humanity to-day. Noah had too much foresight to perpetuate them by putting them in the ark, but his act of treachery put his caution all to naught.

This damp summer has been again prolific in all these pests, and chief among them is the fitting, tricky, tormenting moth-miller. Its whole life is given up to the one idea of making that of man a burden; its gleeful flight through the house in search of something to destroy rouses the inmates thereof to insane speech and action. Nothing is sacred to this leonoclast. The richer the prey the greater its joy. The little woolen garment that you

fondly imagine still holds the imprint of the dear dead baby's form; grandma's work basket, that used for so many years to stand by the bed, and which, when you looked at it, seemed to bring before your eyes again the patient, suffering form, the bent and trembling fingers that lined the basket with soft wools were not too precious for its deadly work, but fall to dust in your hand. The overcoat that you thought would last one more winter does not escape, but shows great holes on every side and vanishes a thought you had indulged in of a ticket to the opera once or twice, for it must be replaced. These things and many more haunt you as the miller flies by.

John had been particularly active in this warfare. Often as he sat reading some abstruse volume his book would fall to the ground, his glasses follow, as with a tremendous lurch forward he would exclaim with extended hands: "I have it!" generally adding a moment later: "No! there it goes!"

The tricky insect would disappear and in a moment be visible in another corner, or, if perchance, it was caught and lay in dusty nothingness, a dozen sisters came loyally to the rescue. So the strife went on. Conversations of great interest, chiefly to the participants thereof, and generally upon the financial question, were punctuated, emphasized, broken up by these winged messengers of anarchy. At last the great night arrived in which John was to make the speech of his life. He had studied and thought but on one subject for many weeks and hours and hours; he had written and erased and written again till every sentence showed like a jewel in his eloquent address on "Our Only Safety Lies in Gold." The hall was packed. People of both parties sat or stood. Some, the majority, came to be strengthened in their faith; a small minority to be convinced of error. John sat on the platform, dignified as ever, surrounded by his fellow-townsmen. On one side a Presbyterian divine, on another a Congregational clergyman, and a learned judge or two. He was introduced and began his remarks.

His calm, earnest manner commanded attention and respect. He spoke on and on, gradually going from one well-argued premise to another, and growing every moment more eloquent. One near and dear to him thought she detected occasionally a moment's hesitation, a spasmodic tightening of the hands, but it passed away. The audience was enthusiastic. The climax, that should sweep all before it and carry conviction, seemed near, when suddenly he paused, made a convulsive leap forward, brought both hands together with a resounding smack, and cried in a loud voice:

"I've got it! No, there it is!" Consternation spread though the room. The poor victim of the serpent's last revenge grew pale and tottered to his seat. Water was brought. The learned judge made a few remarks to an unheeding audience, but all in vain. The spell was broken. The men that were almost persuaded went gladly out clinging to their old belief, and the Snake once more had conquered.

AME SYLVESTER.

Fighting a Bob-Cat.

The ugliest appearing animal that ever walked a log, killed a rabbit or fought a trap is the lynx, which is just as ugly as it looks ten months in the year, and somewhat uglier during the other two. Not only will the lynx fight anything that walks in the woods, but it will also tackle a visitor from the clearings, be he man or dog, or half-grown calf, if the occasion offers, says a writer in Shooting and Fishing.

Jim Berry was hunting up in Maine about forty miles north of Greenville, when he and his friend came suddenly upon the carcass of a caribou which a bear was eating. The bear made itself scarce, much to Jim's regret, as he wanted to kill a bear. Without saying anything to his friend, he left camp the next day and started for the carcass, intending to watch it in the hope that the bear would return. He waited and watched till about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when he began to think of returning to the camp. A soft footfall back in the woods, the crafty step of some wild animal, just then sounded in his ears. Pretty soon the bear was chewing the caribou meat, and Jim could see it plainly. He leveled his buckshot gun and pulled the trigger when the wabbling muzzle was pointed in what he thought was the right direction. The beast went down, and Jim started for it. Then he stopped with his mouth open.

The beast had leaped to its feet and jumped sideways with its back up. Jim knew the yell, and he also recognized the humped back. It was a wounded lynx spooling for a fight. Not having time to level his gun to shoot, the man clubbed it, and the blow stunned the cat a little, but the beast got in a rake on the man's leg that tore his trousers and hide, too. Another frantic sweep of the gun barrel laid the beast flat, and then a revolver bullet killed the animal. The buckshot had torn the top of the lynx's head—enough to make it angry.

There are probably more thieves in China than any other country in the world.

Gustav Erickson of Sloux City is a very obliging man. Mrs. Erickson claimed he had another living in Omaha, and had him arrested. At the trial he pleaded guilty, with the remark that he really never had been married but once, "but my wife is determined to send me to prison and I'd do anything to please her." A meek man, indeed, is poor Gustav.

A curious incident of the election is reported from Salt Lake City where a man and his wife both ran for the state senate and the woman handily defeated her husband and was elected by an immense plurality. He might well feel angry at the event, but as he had six wives, the one who beat him out can only claim a one-sixth interest in him and that may milder the circumstances a trifle.

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Prisons will never lack tenants so long as the general public pays homage to successful rascals.

Now that a bear has been shot in Lake View, Chicago has certainly established a reputation for being the most cosmopolitan city on the continent.

By a recent order Boston policemen are prohibited from leaning against any upright object during working hours. It is intended that they shall keep straight.

Probably no man ever took a hold-up more coolly than did the Chicago bartender who was forced to retire to the ice-box while the thieves secured their plunder.

The bottle manufacturers announce that the price of bar bottles will probably go up, but the contents will continue to follow their good old course in conformance with the law of gravity.

The next great advance in anaesthesia will be along the line of producing an agent which will insure insensibility to pain without loss of consciousness. Sir Benjamin Richardson has been experimenting, and while he has not entirely satisfied himself he thinks a method may be adopted which will be far superior to any now in use. The most promising agent is methyl ether. It destroys sensibility before consciousness, and recovery from it is rapid.

Did you ever hear of such remarkable bets as the late campaign produced? Here is one that takes the entire bakery. William Corbus of La Grange, Ind., wagered his wife against property worth \$5,000 with George Barnell that McKinley would win. Mr. Corbus was also to pay the necessary expenses for the divorce if Bryan won. He is a very lucky man, for he now has Mrs. Corbus and the property, Barnell having given him a deed of it this week. Wonder how Mrs. Corbus wanted the election to go?

A New York police magistrate imposed a peculiar punishment upon a young Italian boy who was convicted of starting bonfires in the streets on election night. The youngster seemed to have no very clear idea of having done wrong, but was evidently horribly sensitive at the idea of being brought up in court. The magistrate noticing his sensitiveness and thinking he could best punish him by means of it, sentenced him to stand up in the corner of the courtroom for half an hour with a placard on his back giving his name and recounting the extent of his "crime."

It has been commented upon as somewhat strange that in the year of massacre in Armenia no man of that country has risen to the stature of a hero, gathered around him a band of his countrymen and, if nothing better, died fighting. There is much to account for the submissiveness of the Armenians; and if their men have given no conspicuous evidence of valor, the Armenian women have afforded ample proof of heroism. On several occasions, when resistance was hopeless and when confronted by the alternative of Islam and worse or death, they have welcomed the latter by throwing themselves from lofty rocks or into the rivers. There have been and there are heroines among the Armenian women.

The good roads committee of Massachusetts have struck upon a very novel but effective manner of promoting their plans. Instead of using the money at their disposal to make continuous stretches of good road as far as the money held out, they have alternated good roads with bad, each being one mile in extent. Thus the farmer hauling a heavy load to market spins merrily along for a mile over an admirable road and then strikes a mile of muck and mire. This makes him swear, of course, and when he finally gets through it to the next mile of good road he appreciates it all the more and is all the more miserable when he strikes the second mile of bad road. The committee figure that by this means they can easiest and quickest arouse a general interest in the improvement of the country highways.

INSURGENTS ROUTED

MANY PLANTATIONS WERE DESTROYED.

Five Hundred Country Houses Inhabited by Insurgents Burned—The Insurgents Made an Attack on the Trocha, but are Repulsed.

Key West, Fla., Dec. 6.—The following reports have been received from Pinar del Rio:

The column of Col. Pantos, while reconnoitering in the vicinity of the Sabana Maize, succeeding in routing a number of groups of insurgents, destroyed plantations of importance and burned 500 country houses inhabited by insurgents, who fled. These groups of insurgents were pursued into the forests and hills of Pinar del Rio province and utterly defeated, many of the positions captured by the Spanish forces having been regarded heretofore by the Cuban insurgents as impregnable. The losses of the troops are given as four killed and twelve wounded. The losses of the insurgents are reported to have been considerable.

Gen. Hernandez reports another engagement, lasting four hours, in the Pena Blanca hills. Artillery was used during this engagement with considerable effect. The insurgents left nine dead in the field. The Cubans used dynamite, but without successful results. The troops lost two killed and thirteen wounded.

The insurgents at 3 o'clock Friday night attacked the trocha in the vicinity of Fort Cayajobas, near the town of Artemisa. They were quickly repulsed without confusion resulting. The Spanish commander had the artillery plying on the insurgent forces and the firing quickly ceased. One officer and four soldiers at the fort were wounded. The attacking party is estimated to have numbered about 300 insurgents.

A most important and terrible battle is reported in a private letter to have occurred at Pallasos, province of Pinar del Rio. It is said that most of the forces, insurgents strongly fortified in the Torro heights, were attacked by a Spanish column. Fierce fighting, cannonading and musketry continued all day, the insurgents bravely defending the strongholds. The troops were unable to capture the fortifications that day, and besides sustained a great loss. The next day the Spaniards were reinforced by Gen. Inclan, who renewed the attack. The Spanish troops were determined to take the stronghold, and simultaneously advanced upon the fortifications. The insurgents were finally dislodged from their position. Their loss was fully 200. It is said the Spanish troops lost 600. The mortality was very great on both sides. So fierce has been the fighting in this vicinity that the living have been unable to make adequate provisions for the burial of the dead, and consequently the stench which arises from the field of carnage is said to be terrible in the extreme.

The recent report of the attack of the insurgents upon Guanabacoa is said to have been a false alarm.

Shipwrecked Sailors.
New York, Dec. 7.—Two of the sailors rescued from the full-rigged barkentine Mary T. Kimball have just reached this city. A third survivor is still in a hospital at Liverpool, Eng. All the other members of the crew perished, as the result of a storm and the wreck of the ship in September.

The Mary T. Kimball left Mobile, Ala., on Aug. 28, bound for Guantanamo, Cuba, with a cargo of railroad ties. Her captain was James Bowers. Sept. 22, while 500 miles off the southern coast of Cuba, a heavy gale was encountered. After suffering hardships almost indescribable, only three men, named Jeffers, Cosh and Madison, remained out of the original crew. Twelve days after the wreck of the Mary T. Kimball these three men were rescued by the Norwegian schooner S. N. Hanse, Capt. Rasmussen, bound from Apalachicola, Fla., to Liverpool, with a cargo of rosin. The shipwrecked sailors were taken to the hospital at Liverpool on Nov. 28. Jeffers and Madison quickly recovered, but Cosh is still very ill. Jeffers and Madison applied to the American consul for assistance, and were returned to this country on the steamer Umbria, which arrived yesterday. Cosh will be sent back as soon as he recovers from his illness.

The rescued seamen are unable to give a complete list of the crew of the Mary T. Kimball. So far as they are able to describe the officers and crew they say that James Bowers was captain; that a man known only as Flood was first mate; that a man known only as Charley was second mate. The cook and the steward were both white. Both were about 35 years old. The sailors were all from Mobile. Their names were given as Peter Mitchell, Peter Madison, James Jeffers, and Elijah Cosh. All four of the sailors were colored.

New Telephone System.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 7.—A gigantic deal, involving a revolution in the telephone and electric lighting business of St. Louis, has been consummated. Three big companies, which aggregate paid-up stock of nearly \$3,000,000, have been organized by about twenty of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of St. Louis.

One of the companies will introduce a new telephone system in St. Louis at much lower rates than those prevailing at present. It will establish a home telephone plant which will in time extend to neighboring points. The second company, owned by the same persons, will operate an immense electric plant, supplying power of all kinds for public and private uses. The third company will construct telephone and electric plants for the two other companies, manufacture the equipments, and will construct a complete system of underground conduits. A fourth company is also in the deal, but it will not figure in the proceedings at present.

The Kinloch Telephone company is the name of a \$1,500,000 company with a paid-up capital stock taken by St. Louis parties.

Articles of incorporation of the St. Louis Electric and Construction company, with a full paid capital of \$600,000, were filed in the recorder's office of this city. The papers contain the same list of incorporators as the Kinloch Telephone company.

Late Saturday afternoon the same gentlemen held a meeting and closed a deal which put them in possession of the Citizens' Electric Lighting and Power company and the Telephone and Telegraph Service company, both of which had built a nominal business for many years. The Citizens' Electric Lighting and Power company was then practically organized, with a full paid capital stock of \$750,000 and officers were elected.

The deal is one of the largest ever accomplished in St. Louis, and its effects are far-reaching.

The local capitalists concerned filed their applications for conduct space with the board of public improvements Saturday afternoon, and also filed four bonds, aggregating \$140,000, with the mayor of the city.

Surrendered to the Sheriff.

Leadville, Col., Dec. 7.—Yesterday morning John R. Ambura, who was president of the Cloud City Miners' union when the Coronado and Emmet miners were attacked; George B. Handlick, former secretary of the union, and now a member of the executive committee, and Edward J. Dewar, present secretary of the union, walked into the sheriff's office, and stating that they understood they had been indicted by the grand jury, said they were ready to be taken into custody. The sheriff thereupon took charge of them. The three men are said to have been indicted for murder, though this will not be officially announced until an application for bail is made for them.

Yesterday John Walsh was arrested and jailed, having been indicted for arson at the Coronado mine.

Intense excitement prevails, and the air is full of rumors that several of the indicted men have fled from the city.

Dropped Dead.

Jamestown, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Judge William Henderson of Randolph, Cataugaus county, dropped dead at his home late Saturday night. Heart failure was the cause assigned by the physicians. Judge Henderson was born Dec. 4, 1826, at Tully, Onondaga county. He studied law, was admitted to the bar and in 1875 was appointed by Gov. Tilden to the county court judgeship and later to the supreme court of the eighth judicial district. Since his retirement from the bench in 1877 he has practiced law at Randolph.

Maceo to Meet Gomez.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 6.—A special from Key West says: A Spanish officer who passed through on the Olivette last night reports that Gen. Maceo, with a band of 600 men, succeeded in breaking through the trocha, and will meet Gen. Gomez in the Havana province. Maceo left Gen. Rio Riverto in charge of his forces in Pinar del Rio province. Maceo goes to get the assistance of Gomez to help the insurgent army in Pinar del Rio.

\$60,000 Fire.

Shaws, Mass., Dec. 7.—About 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning fire was discovered in the rear of W. H. Smith's store, and in less than an hour twenty-one store buildings and five dwellings were burned to the ground, entailing a loss of about \$60,000 or \$75,000, with partial insurance for nearly all sufferers. The fire was evidently the work of incendiaries. There are some suspicions, but no positive clew.

Nathan Mear, a Chicago Pioneer,

died the other day.

At Montreal, Homer Howell killed himself the other day.

AN AWFUL SMASH-UP.

TWO TRAINS MEET IN A FOG NEAR WAELDER.

Both Engineers and Fireman and Brake-man Killed—Collision Occurs on a Curve with Both Trains Going at Full Speed—Signals Were Read Wrong.

San Antonio, Texas, December 7.—A frightful wreck occurred on the Southern Pacific railroad near Sandy Fork, a station about seventy miles east of San Antonio, yesterday morning at 7:34, in which five men lost their lives. Two fast through freight trains came together while going at full speed in a fog and at the foot of a steep grade in both directions.

The eastbound train had orders to wait on a blind siding at Sandy Fork for three sections of a westbound train. The crew of the eastbound train went to sleep, and when the second section of the westbound train passed they read the signals wrong and thought it was the third section and backed out of the siding and started east at full speed.

A dense fog enveloped the two approaching trains, which met in a sag in the road, each train going at a rapid speed to make the opposite grade. Each train carried a crew of five men, half of whom were killed instantly and two others severely though not seriously injured.

The dead are: T. P. Cody and W. H. Brown, engineers; Will Holt and Geo. Akins, firemen, and Will Heard, brakeman.

A relief train was made up in this city and with a corps of physicians and officials hurried to the scene of the wreck and brought the dead and injured here. News of the accident spread rapidly throughout the city and when the relief train came in bearing the dead, all of whom were residents of San Antonio, a large crowd gathered at the depot and the scene of grief as the bodies were removed from the car was very affecting.

The two engines are a complete wreck and the track was badly torn up.

Big Poultry Show.

Fort Worth, Texas, December 7.—Carpenters are hard at work fitting up the quarters of the North Texas Poultry association at the corner of Third and Throckmorton streets with coops for their display, which opens next Tuesday. Preparations will be made to handle 1800 birds. Present indications point to a collection of from 1000 to 1200, but Secretary W. P. Hawkins says that experience shows that the actual entries always overrun the expectation by about 33-1-3 per cent. Last year but few people knew of the poultry show prior to December 1, when the premium list was issued, and the show opened on the 10th. Coops had been provided for 500 birds, but 654 chickens alone were entered, besides turkeys, geese, etc. Besides there was not a single one outside of the State. This time birds are coming from Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Indiana, Arkansas, Illinois, Michigan, New York and perhaps from Tennessee. Mr. Hawkins is in daily receipt of letters making applications for pens, and the coops now being arranged in the hall, if placed in a single string would make a line over 1700 feet long. Prospects are bright for a large display and an interesting meeting for the association.

Two Important Law Cases.

Beaumont, Texas, December 7.—The case of Singletary & Partis vs. H. C. Lindsley, suit for damages for alleged breach of contract, went to the jury at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and at 6 o'clock the jury returned a verdict awarding the plaintiffs damages in the sum of \$3407. Trial of this case began Wednesday morning.

The Gulf and Interstate's application for a writ of mandamus against the Texas and New Orleans railway is being heard by Judge West at night, the court sitting in chambers. The hearing began Wednesday night and is not yet finished.

Murdered Two Boys.

Pine Bluff Ark., December 7.—A double murder occurred about twelve miles southeast of this city Saturday night. A negro named Davis, while out hunting with the two sons of his employer, Joe Williams, attacked the boys with a knife, cutting the throats of both and crushing the skull of the oldest. The older boy is dead and it is thought the other can not live. The negro escaped and up to last night had eluded capture, notwithstanding bands of men are out scouring the woods.

A Judge Drops Dead.

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Congressional News.

Washington, D. C., December 8.—The United States senate began its session with crowded galleries and with that accompaniment of activity and of greeting that usually attends the reassembling of congress, but the upper branch of congress never puts aside its dignity and the meeting developed no demonstrations or dramatic incidents. The reading of the president's message was the feature of the proceedings and beyond this no attempt was made to stir up business for the session.

Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and the new Turkish minister were not in attendance during the day, but two of the secretaries of the Spanish legation, carefully noted the reference to the Cuban conflict. Minister Hatch of Hawaii and Mr. Cooper were present, although the message contained no reference to the Hawaiian Islands.

The diplomatic gallery was vacated as soon as the foreign questions referred to in the message had been read.

On the floor of the senate, printed copies of the message were distributed and they gave the senators opportunity to read the salient features instead of listening to them. The result was scant attention after the first half hour. The reading of the message covered one hour and fifty minutes and at its conclusion the senate adjourned.

The House.

Washington, December 8.—While the scenes attending the opening of the house yesterday were both brilliant and interesting in the crowds that thronged the galleries and the conspicuous personages present, the proceedings were dull and spiritless, being distinctly routine. The house met, the chaplain invoked the Divine blessing on the work of the session, the roll was called, a committee was appointed to wait on the president and the latter's annual communication was read. The reading consumed about two hours. It was Mr. Cleveland's farewell message and there was much curiosity as to his views on Cuba especially, but there were no demonstrations either of approval or dissent throughout the reading. The holiday nature of the day was saddened by the announcement of the death of ex-Speaker Crisp, which Mr. Turner of Georgia formally made to his associates. Out of respect to the memory of the distinguished Georgian, the house, after adopting appropriate resolutions, immediately adjourned.

The Capital Was Gay.

Washington, December 8.—The reassembling of congress yesterday for the closing session of the Fifty-fourth congress was an occasion of unusual brilliancy and interest. The opening day is always a gala affair, marking as it does the official inauguration of the social as well as the political season in Washington, but yesterday it was all the more interesting because of the long and hard-fought political battles that has been waged during the recess. The weather was perfect, clear and fairly warm.

Hanna is Muzz.

Washington, December 8.—Chairman Mark Hanna of the National republican committee was asked last night for an interview on the president's message. Mr. Hanna excused himself, saying that while he expected to read the message, he had not yet done so.

Burglars made a water haul in Moscow one night last week.

Arrested For Forgery.

Hearne, Texas, December 8.—On last Saturday a strange man presented and collected a forged order for \$5 on H. B. Easterwood & Co. The order had the name of J. H. Wilson, a brick work contractor, signed to it. Mr. Easterwood, supposing the man to be a workman in Wilson's employ, paid the order without question.

As soon as the fraud was discovered, City Marshal Griffin was notified and immediately went on the trail of the forger, overtaking him about seven miles out of town.

Killed Her Husband.

Lake Charles, La., December 8.—Alexander Earnest, colored, was killed Sunday night by a blow from his wife's fist. Some time ago Alex and his wife quarreled, which resulted in a separation, she going to a neighbor's to live. Last night Alex determined to make necessary apology to his wife and went to where she was staying. After much entreating she decided to return with him, but after leaving the house she declined to go further, when he tried to force her to go. She in turn struck him on the neck, which resulted in breaking it.

Head End Collision.

Cincinnati, Ohio, December 8.—A head end collision occurred near Storr's station yesterday morning, between a special containing general officers of the Baltimore and Ohio Southwestern and an incoming accommodation train. Two were killed and several injured. Engineer John Price and Fireman Homer Dixon of the special were instantly killed. L. Zeppernich of Delhi, clerk in the office of the engineer of the special, died from his injuries. General Traffic Manager Randolph had his shoulder dislocated.

SPANIARDS ARE SHOT.

GUANABOCCA ATTACKED AND THE GARRISON PERISH.

They Were Ambuscaded Between Stone-walls by the Insurgents and Were Killed. The Insurgents Dared Seventy Houses. River Falling.

Havana, Dec. 4.—The insurgent's attack on Guanabacca, on the outskirts of this city on Tuesday last, was a much more serious affair than at first stated. According to insurgent accounts Guanabacca was attacked simultaneously at several points, while another insurgent force fired upon the Spanish outposts at Bucaranas on the coast. The garrison of the fort, it is added, left that place to resist the attack on the town, but was ambuscaded between stone walls and farm fences by about 300 in surgents, and in spite of the gallant defense made all the Spaniards were killed. The exact number of soldiers slain is not known. It is admitted that a number of insurgents were also killed, but here again the number is not stated.

On the other hand, the insurgents are said to have burned seventy houses in Guanabacca instead of 100, as the official report of the affair stated.

Further details state that the attack on Guanabacca began at 10:30 Tuesday night. The insurgents first fired upon the Spanish outposts of the city and suburbs and in spite of the fact that the local garrisons were almost immediately placed under arms to repel the invaders, the latter, after an hours' skirmish, broke through the Spanish picket lines, entered the city and set fire to a large number of houses in Aguacate and Palo Blanco streets. These thoroughfares, as a rule, contained private residences or cheap buildings for refugees. Only one storehouse of importance was burned, it is said, although the insurgents made many efforts to set fire to other stores.

The local authorities are doing everything possible to conceal the real facts in the case, but there is no doubt that they have received a bad scare and that the insurgents have demonstrated that it would not be a very difficult matter in spite of the reports of the military commanders to create just such another "scare," to say the least, in the city of Havana itself.

River Falling.

Chippewa Falls, Wis., Dec. 4.—"The river is falling at the rate of a foot per day and there is no reason whatever for apprehension," said Col. W. A. Jones, U. S. A., yesterday after he had put in a busy day investigating the situation along Chippewa river. Col. Jones, who is in charge of the government engineering works in the northwest, had been called here by the local authorities, who sought expert advice in what seemed like an extremely and critical situation.

He continued: "The flood here is simply caused by the back water. Most of the water is able to get away under the ice and back water represents the amount of water that is unable to get away. As the stage of the river goes down more of this water will flow under the ice and the flood here will soon be over. The gorge extends about eighteen miles and is made up largely of anchor ice, which is a sort of slush packed closely, but not so hard as ordinary ice. Under this the river is running in somewhat cramped quarters and as the water falls more the ice will drop down into the river bed, where it is likely to stay until spring, the water still running along under the mass of ice."

The water has been just about twenty-five feet all afternoon, but since, in general, it is falling and less fear is felt in regard to changes in the stage of the water here. It was snowing last night, the ground being covered, but the cold weather continues with little change.

Battleship Texas Floated.

New York, Dec. 4.—The battleship Texas, which has been undergoing repairs for two weeks, was floated out of the timber dry dock early Wednesday morning and with assistance of two government tugs was moored at the cob dock. The ship is unfit for service and will in all probability be put out of commission in the near future, and undergo extensive alterations.

Besides the weakness of the bulkheads, the water-tight compartments and the apparatus which works the twelve-inch guns, the turrets are found to have been so faultily constructed that the guns can only be loaded from two positions. Should the turrets become jammed the guns would be useless.

Many other defects have also been discovered. The piping to the hoisting and rammer gear is unprotected when it traverses the space between the protective deck and the floor of the redoubt. This means that the main battery can be disabled by a shot from a small gun.

Report of Commissioner Stump.

Washington, Dec. 4.—Commissioner General Stump, of the Immigration Bureau, has made his report to the secretary of the treasury on the result of his recent mission to Rome in the interest of the proper observance of our American laws. On his arrival in Rome the Italian ministry expressed to Mr. Stump its earnest desire that persons who would not be permitted to land in the United States should be restrained from embarkation, and that such regulations as the ministry had authority to enforce should be promulgated, with a view to preventing further undesirable immigration, and at the same time save persons who intended to migrate a fruitless voyage.

The result of Mr. Stump's several conferences with the Italian authorities were the issuance by Minister Rudini of a proclamation giving in detail the provisions of our immigration laws and a comprehensive explanation of each. The minister requires each emigrant to provide himself before his departure with his own penal certificate, setting forth in detail his criminal record, if he has ever been under arrest, which must be delivered to the immigration officials at the United States port of entry. The proclamation also instructs all local immigration agents to refuse passports to persons not clearly entitled to land in the United States. Mr. Stump regards his mission as highly successful and anticipates very satisfactory results from the proclamation by Minister Rudini.

Spanish Soldiers Joined the Insurgents.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 4.—A special from Key West says: News has been received here that the troops of the Spanish garrison at San Jose de Las Lajas, twenty miles southwest of Havana, abandoned their post and joined the insurgents. Many of the citizens accompanied the troops and carried ammunition with them. The news caused great excitement at the palace, and fresh troops were immediately sent to the post and order was restored. Before the troops arrived anarchy reigned, and when the troops reached the city many residents were shot down in the streets.

News from Santiago de Cuba reports that the insurgents captured an important convoy of ammunition and supplies between Baycito and Manillo, with nearly 1,000,000 rounds of Mansur & Remington cartridges.

No more social or family gatherings will be held in Havana unless special order shall be secured from the authorities. All of the homes of leading Cuban families are watched, as well as the movements of foreign correspondents, and are reported to the police. The postoffice officials open letters indiscriminately, and send them to owners without excuse. Out-going passengers, when suspected, are searched aboard the ships and steamship officials are closely watched.

The Laurada to be Seized.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 4.—Rumors were going the rounds in shipping circles yesterday, based upon a cable message that was said to have been received from Capt. Samuel Hughes, of the Philadelphia filibustering steamship Laurada, dated Messina, that it is the intention of the Spanish government to seize and confiscate the ship upon her arrival in Spanish territory. The fact that she is bound by charter to run out of some of the Spanish fruit ports in the Mediterranean gives color to the rumors. The probabilities are that Capt. Hughes, rather than risk his life and the lives of his crew, will violate the terms of his charter and proceed direct to this port from Messina.

The Elsa Guarded.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 4.—The tug Elsa is in the hands of the government officials at the Memphis wharf. The captain says he is bound for some port in South America (he does not know which one) and the owners of the tug state that they are taking her to New Orleans. The Elsa arrived here yesterday afternoon, apparently from Sandusky, O. A dispatch from Cairo says the tug is bound for Cuba with arms and ammunition in her hold, and that she has no regularly licensed pilot. It is on the latter charge that the Elsa is being held.

Cashier Robbed.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 4.—Two highwaymen with drawn revolvers entered the office of the Home Brewing company at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and held up the cashier, Robert Haverkamp, forced him to hand over \$400, and then went behind the counter, looted the money drawers, and secured probably \$500 additional. The robbery was the most daring that has occurred in St. Louis for years. When the hold-up occurred there were present in the office the cashier, a half dozen clerks and several customers.

Pleasant.

She—It is very pleasant to live in the suburbs, but we find it almost impossible to keep a girl. He—Why, they are not so expensive. We keep three.—Omaha Bee.

HAVE HYDROPHOBIA.

LIVE STOCK DYING WITH THE DISEASE.

Mules and Horses Around Overton Are Affected With It—Farmers Have Lost Several Animals With the Disease—Unveiling Postponed.

Overton, Tex., Dec. 3.—C. A. Still lost a fine mule Wednesday which is supposed to have died from hydrophobia. Before it died it would bite itself, tearing our great pieces of flesh. About three weeks ago he lost a fine dog which had hydrophobia. A dog passed his house and was seen to snap at the dog, and it is supposed that it also bit the mule. George Eaton lost a fine horse, which was affected like the mule. Another gentleman lost a fine mule in the same way a few days ago.

An Old Negro.

Brenham, Tex., Dec. 4.—At the poor farm yesterday morning old Aunt Mary Marks, colored, died at the extreme age of 119. For many years Aunt Mary was a picturesque figure at her home in Independence, but for about four or five months she has been helpless, and was taken to the farm, where she could receive better care than at the little cottage where she lived alone. Aunt Mary was a native of Hispanolia, of the West India group, and was born in 1776. She, with others of her race, was stolen by the slave traders, and after a long sea voyage with Thomas Parker, a sea captain, who took a fancy to the then 6-year-old child, was brought to this country. When Capt. Parker died, at Baltimore, Mary was sold into slavery. She passed through many hands, and when a woman of 45 was brought to Texas in 1821 by James Whitesides and his wife, Betty, one of the first three families to cross the Brazos, J. E. Groce and John P. Cole having preceded him. The Whitesides located at San Felipe, the first capital of the colony, where they established a tavern. Aunt Mary knew Gen. Sam Houston well, Henry Smith, the first governor, and R. M. Williamson, known as "Three-legged Willie." She was cared for a long time by the kind people of Independence, but it was finally deemed best to send her to the poor farm, where she spent in comfort the last few months of a long life.

Poultry and Stock Show.

Taylor, Tex., Dec. 3.—The third annual exhibition of the Williamson County Poultry and Stock association opened Wednesday morning with a most flattering exhibit of the feathered tribe. Many coops of birds from the different cities of Texas augmented the handsome display which had already been placed in position by local fanciers. Every incoming traing brings additional pens, and the third annual exhibit of the association, which will last three days, promises to prove a cackling, crowing success, the best display of the different strains or breeds ever shown in Williamson county.

Residence Burned.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 4.—A fire caused a stampede in East Mulberry street last night. It was discovered in the residence of John Bray, which is in close proximity to the warehouse and reserve tanks of the Waters-Pierce Oil company and the cotton yards of the Sherman Compress company. The fire department, however, by dint of very rapid and efficient work, checked the flames just in the nick of time. No one was in the burned residence, which was totally destroyed with all contents. The loss will reach \$1,000. Insurance unknown. No explanation of the cause of fire.

Unveiling Postponed.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 4.—At a joint meeting of the local camps United Confederate Veterans and Sons of Confederate Veterans and Society of the Daughters of the Confederacy, it was decided that the possibility of inclement weather made it advisable to abandon the December date for the unveiling ceremonies, and a postponement until spring is the result. Southern memorial day may be the time selected. The occasion will lose nothing in imposing grandeur and impressiveness by the delay, and the programme and arrangement committees will hold their conferences regularly.

Recovered Damages.

Kaufman, Tex., Dec. 4.—L. P. Harris, in the county court here Wednesday, recovered judgment against the Fidelity Casualty and Insurance company, of New York, for \$72 for personal injuries received while a passenger on the Midland train last January. The same plaintiff recovered yesterday in the county court a judgment for \$450 and 12 per cent damages against the Travelers' Insurance company, of Hartford, Conn., for injuries received at the same time as above mentioned.

John Carter, colored, was found dead at Shreveport, La., recently.

COAST NEWS ITEMS.

Interesting Notes of Improvements and Casual Happenings.

Victoria has a new National bank. Victoria is to have a fire alarm system.

Cuero is to have a new three-story brick hotel.

Cold Springs is to have a telephone line to Shepherd.

Calvert is agitating the adoption of a surfew ordinance.

Next week promises to be a good one for cattle shipments.

Beeville has a new Mexican paper called El Amigo de los Hombres.

Coriscana's flour mill has arranged for the use hereafter of petroleum as fuel.

T. J. Stevens has an editorial salutory in the last issue of the Frost Enterprise.

A large number of children are attending the free schools of Victoria, which are as good as any in the state. The free term will last about six months.

Ex-County Judge Edward Koenig is putting up the machinery for his new brick and tile works at Cuero and expects to be turning out his products during the winter.

One hundred and eighty-six bales of cotton were ginned at Victoria. One hundred and seventy of them have been shipped and sold. There are five more bales to be ginned.

The clothing of the little 5-year-old girl of B. J. McGee caught fire from the fireplace and before her mother and others could put the fire out she was so badly burned that she died.

Within the past four weeks some eleven new families of settlers have moved to Alief, Harris county. New houses are springing up as if by magic and the older settlers are adding to their improvements.

A. J. Radford of Burleson county has just returned from Southern Kansas, where he perfected arrangements to fatten 1000 or more hogs, most of which are on his ranch at the junction of the Yegua and Davidson creek. Shipments will begin in a few days.

The Gulf and Interstate has applied for a writ of mandamus to compel the Sabine and East Texas and Texas and New Orleans to receive its freight from the Kaysee and other lines. The amount of damages in the suits now on the docket has been raised to \$50,000.

Mrs. Angelika Hohman, wife of William Hohman of San Antonio, an official of the Lone Star brewery, was found dead in her chair recently. The coroner made an investigation, but withholds his verdict pending an examination by physicians, which has been ordered to ascertain the cause of death.

Mr. W. M. Denny, a merchant of San Marcos, while out driving one day last week was thrown violently from his buggy and sustained severe internal injuries. His arm was also broken. His horse became frightened and ran away. Mr. Denny is some six miles out in the country, being too badly injured to move.

T. F. Spotswood, the lumber broker of Beaumont, has organized a company to construct and operate a telephone line connecting Orange, Beaumont, Port Arthur and Sabine Pass. Nearly all the right of way has been secured, and work will begin at an early date and be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. The line is intended especially for the benefit of lumbermen.

The grand jury of Beaumont has adjourned, after having returned twenty-four true bills. In their report to the district judge they commend Sheriff Langham for keeping the jail in good condition and also say: "We have reason to believe that the city peace officers have neglected their duty during the past six months in the way of keeping the peace and the suppression of gambling and disorderly houses."

Silas Moorehead, an old settler of Bremond, died from an overdose of chloral, taken Thursday night on retiring, being accustomed to taking it regularly. About 10 o'clock his family observed his condition, he then being unconscious, and summoned a doctor, who worked on him all night and until yesterday evening without success. It is the opinion of the family that he accidentally took an overdose. That night he was very cheerful.

Galveston will be the point of export for a great quantity of corn during January. In order to meet this anticipated rush the Galveston Wharf company is putting up additional spouts to its elevator. The spouts on the west side are being overhauled and may be raised to accommodate vessels that stand high out of the water. Six spouts are being put up on the east side of the elevator, so grain can be loaded into vessels from both sides at once.

The Tennessee Colony Free Silver club in Anderson county has voted to continue its organization for the next two years.

J. L. Brownlee, government engineer, assistant to Major Quinn, is at Sabine Pass engaged in making preliminary surveys, an appropriation having been made and now available for that purpose. The surveys are intended especially to discover the exact conditions to be met in establishing a channel across the lake from the pass to the Sabine river, and to determine the approximate cost of such an improvement.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Burglars entered the store of C. R. Spencer several nights ago at Marlin, Falls county, and stole \$75 worth of pistols.

The citizens of Houston are after a county court of civil district. They will go before the next legislature with a petition to that effect.

The little son of W. Y. Ballew fell from the front gallery, a distance of six feet, and fractured his arm, in Tyler, Smith county, a few days ago.

Jeff Sharp, the son of Mayor J. M. Sharp, while playing in the yard at his home in Tyler, Smith county, the other day, fell and broke his arm.

Sam Jackson, a negro, was shot and fatally wounded the other day at Caldwell, Burleson county. Ed Hefley, a negro, surrendered to the officers.

A. W. Mills, saloonist at Mexia, in Limestone county, made an assignment the other night, naming Frank Mills as trustee. Assets and liabilities unknown.

The heavy rain in Denison a few nights ago caused about twenty feet of the Katy track at the north approach to the Katy crossing to settle several feet.

R. H. Peters, a fireman on the Katy, while shaking the grates in his fire-box at Waco the other day, wrenched his back and was carried to Denison in a helpless state.

At a festival on Will Fuqua's place near Navasota, Grimes county, which a large crowd of negroes attended, C. Harris was shot in the back and killed. Essex is in jail.

The governor has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of the unknown murderer of Lucius Butterip, who was assassinated in Brazos county about two months ago.

Mary Ann Jordan, colored, was shot and killed at Jacksonville, Cherokee county, the other night. The weapon used was a shotgun and the top of her head was torn off.

A negro named Banks, an employe at the oil mills in Denton, Denton county, had his hand badly mashed several evenings ago, necessitating the removal of four of his fingers.

Arthur Steadman, an Irishman, who works on the section at Cleburne, Johnson county, was held up and robbed of \$5 or \$6 as he was going home several nights ago. Two men did the deed.

J. D. Epps, a colored man, was arrested in Denison recently on the charge of burglarizing the residence of Ed Hudson, another darkey. He was lodged in jail pending an examination.

J. B. Turner, city jailer at Denison, opened his heart Thanksgiving and prepared an excellent turkey dinner for all the city prisoners. The best in the market was given them with the turkey.

Reiter & Co., wholesale and retail dealers in liquor at Taylor and Bartlett, Williamson county, made an assignment recently, J. Boers trustee. Creditors are preferred to the amount of \$2839.

Charlie Prigmore, about 30 years old, was shot four times and instantly killed a few days ago about six miles south of Ennis, Ellis county. Two balls took effect in the head and two near the heart.

B. F. Avery & Sons, of Louisville, Ky., served a writ of sequestration on the trustees of the Leeper hardware stock at Denison, the other day, claiming a lot of plows and implements in the stock.

Several evenings ago at Denison, two negroes became involved in a difficulty and Frank Collins was cut across the head with a pocketknife, inflicting an ugly wound. Both parties were placed under arrest.

The examining trial of J. B. Lawrence, charged with killing Charlie Prigmore at Alma recently, has been concluded at Ennis, Ellis county, and defendant admitted to bail in the sum of \$1000. He readily made the bond.

The barn and contents of Jacob Huld, a farmer living two miles and a half east of Milford, Ellis county, was burned the other morning by an incendiary. Total loss of barn and feed-stuffs, amounting to about \$700, with no insurance. No clew has been found.

Several evenings ago Jim Willeford was sitting on the end of a crosstie at a curve a short distance south from Gilmer, Upshur county, when a freight train running at a rapid speed struck him in the back, but did not seriously injure him.

Burglars broke into the grocery store of D. W. Wristen & Co., at Baird, Limestone county, several nights ago, taking about \$300 in money from the safe, together with one or two small checks on the First National bank of Baird. A few boxes of cigars were also missing.

The sheriff and two of his deputies at Marshall arrested John Goodlaw and Bill Neal near the city a few days ago. They are charged with implication in the killing of Robert Lee, for which Joe Caviness is now serving a life sentence in the penitentiary.

IS A FAIR AMERICAN.

MRS. PAGET, IS A LONDON SOCIETY LEADER.

Her Home One of the Finest in the Town—Fine Jewels, Exquisite Gowns, Liberal Charities, Favorite Sports and Interesting Family.



RS. ARTHUR PAGET is undoubtedly one of the most brilliant and original leaders of society; her magnificent house in Belgrave square is frequented by all who are celebrated in the world of fashion, literature and art, says the London Madam. She is a great patron of all who are clever; genius especially appeals to her artistic temperament and she delights to surround herself with cultured people. "I like to talk to clever men or women; they are so large minded and view life from such a different standpoint to people who never think for themselves but let their friends form their opinions for them. Narrow mindedness is akin to snobbishness and I have no sympathy for either. Yes, I am a great reader; it is one thing I always manage to find time for. One must refresh one's self with the bright thoughts of great thinkers. Dull books are not my favorites; I like brilliancy and wit. True, the combination is not always to be met with. French literature is more fascinating on this account," she said, as we sat in her luxurious room, in which were all the best editions of celebrated writers, she looking like a beautiful picture, her wondrous eyes responding to her thoughts. Mrs. Paget is the only child of the late Mrs. Parsa Stevens, who was remarkable for being the only American who had a salon. It is from her that she inherits her keen sense of humor, splendid vivacity and appreciation of talent. Her conversation sparkles with epigrams; she surprises with her rapid flights from grave to gay; she is always original and at times daring in her outspoken frankness against pretense of any kind. "I am very fond of society and enjoy all the pleasures of life. The opera is one of my most cherished amusements; music I delight in. Oh, yes! I am fond of dancing," she added, gayly, as I referred to the surprise party she and Lord Charles Montagu organized at the duchess of Devonshire's ball. Mrs. Paget's box at the opera is the rendezvous of the elite of London. She holds quite a little court and few can compare with her in looks or dress. Her gowns come from Paris. She is chic, without exaggeration. Her collection of gems is quite unique; her pearls are extremely fine, both as to shape and color. A string three yards long forms three ropes wound around her neck; but she also has three separate ropes of very large pearls. Her jewelry is so renowned that it has on several occasions tempted the cupid of burglars. Once a man was discovered concealed in her bedroom in the middle of the night. Col. Paget went for him, but he escaped over roofs of houses. Her fine suite of reception rooms is admirably suited for entertaining. The furniture is chiefly of Louis XV. and XVI. periods, upholstered in costly brocade. Scattered on beautiful cabinets and tables are rare specimens of china, antique silver and old ivories; and each piece has some historical interest to enhance its value. In one drawing-room the chairs are in tapestry and the decorations are more severe in style, though not less handsome. On an Angelica Kauffmann writing table is a beautiful portrait of the Princess of Wales and the duke and duchess of Connaught are close by it. Among the paintings I noticed a group of sheep by Rosa Bonheur, a Meissonier and a head by Rubens; a large painting of Mrs. Paget, which scarcely Jerome; several by Culverhouse, does her justice; an Albanian chief by chiefly domestic scenes; a wonderful painting of the Last Judgment, by Isabey, etc.; caskets in capo di Monti; miniatures. Everything that is choice and dainty is to be found in this luxurious home. Mrs. Paget's bedroom is like the palace of a fairy princess. All the toilet accessories are in beaten gold. The beautifully carved white enameled furniture, upholstered in pale-pink satin, looks too delicate for use. This scheme of coloring is carried out in all the details, the bedspread of white satin being exquisitely embroidered in bouquets and festoons of flowers, pink being the prevailing color. Two rugs have been thrown into one, so that there is ample space for the display of these pretty things. A well-filled workaday-looking writing table attracted my attention, for it was in such serious contrast to the other surroundings. She said: "I do all my hard work here, for I am certain to be undisturbed. There is so much to be thought of. I have a great amount of correspondence to keep up in France and other countries, where I have many friends, and I have my properties in America to manage." Success-

ful as Mrs. Paget is socially, she also excels in her business capacities. She is very practical, as well as very learned; and, having a great share of shrewdness, a person must be very sharp to impose on her. One of her most generous enterprises is the system she has organized for looking after the wives of the non-commissioned officers in her husband's regiment, who marry without permission. These poor women have no accommodation in the barracks, and when the regiment is sent away there is no provision made for them by the military authorities. Mrs. Paget sees that they want for nothing; her large-hearted sympathy is greatly appreciated, not only by reason of the help she gives, but the way in which she gives it. A liberal supporter of the charities in the land of her adoption, Mrs. Paget does not forget those in the land of her birth, her interest in which is both practical and generous. You want to know my favorite pursuits? Golf and fishing I care most for, but I love all outdoor sports, and have, as you suggest, become a victim to the cycle. You know that I skate and swim and ride, and that is all. I really do not think there is anything left to tell you," she said quietly.

THE USEFUL PEANUT.

Once Plebeian. It Is Now Exalted by Dietists and Cooks. The humble plebeian peanut is in a fair way to be wrested from its obscure sphere and to be placed in the front ranks of popular and pleasing eatables. Physicians have declared that the nut is "rich in albumen, containing 50 per cent of it, and that it also contains 20 per cent of fat and non-nitrogenous extractive matters." All kinds of dishes are now being prepared of peanuts, soup being especially recommended. It is made as split pea soup is made, soaking the peanuts over night. Peanut sandwiches are said to be excellent, made by pounding the skinned nuts and spreading thickly on slices of buttered bread. Mayonnaise dressing may be mixed with the nuts or grated cheese. Boiled in salted water, roasted and salted, pounded, or grated, the peanut is becoming a staple food.

Bonnets of Glass.

Science is ever adapting materials from the vast laboratories of nature to practical use. We have almost arrived at a rediscovery of malleable glass. At all events, glass is now ranked among our textile fabrics. In Venice a manufacturer is turning out bonnets by the thousand from glass cloth. They have the shimmer and brilliancy of silk and are of nearly any color. They are impervious to water. For a long time in Russia had existed a tissue manufacture from the fiber of a peculiar filamentous stone from Siberia. By some process it is shredded and spun into a fabric, soft to the touch and of exquisite pliability, durable in the extreme. When soiled, as it is indestructible by fire, it is simply subjected to heat sufficient to drive out all the dirt. In the case of the glass silk, however, it will not stand such extreme heat. It may be made clean again by simply brushing with a hard brush and soap and water, when it is none the worse for being either stained or soiled. The material is now to be had in white, green, lilac, pink, and yellow. It bids fair to become fashionable for evening dresses. The new fabric is rather costly. It is also made for use as table-cloths, napkins, and window curtains. It is even claimed that glass is capable of being made into fabric which may be worn next to the skin without the slightest discomfort. An Austrian is the inventor of this new textile.—London Inventor.

A Postal Card Magnet.

No doubt you've all made a rubber comb pick up bits of paper by first rubbing it briskly on a rough coat-sleeve, but did you ever hear of a postal card that could be turned into a magnet? Balance a walking-stick on the back of a chair and tell the spectators that you are going to make it fall without touching it or the chair. Having thoroughly dried a postal card, preferably before an open fire, rub it briskly on your sleeve and then hold it near one end of the stick. The stick will at once be attracted to the card and will follow it as if it were a magnet. As it moves it will soon lose its equilibrium and fall from the chair. Of course you understand the principle of the experiment. By rubbing the card you waken electricity in it, and it thus becomes a sort of magnet, with the power to attract light bodies. Do not try the experiment in damp weather.—Exchange.

When Women Play Whist.

Each: "Did you know there were over 753,013,600 different whist hands in a pack of cards?" Egbert: "Yes; my wife tells me about each one every time we play."—Yonkers Statesman.

KNOWLEDGE OF A MOTORMAN.

Railway Companies Trying to Determine How Much He Should Know. Street railway companies are trying to determine just how much it is advisable for a motorman to know, and under what conditions he can be regarded as minding his own business. Superintendents differ on what constitutes in the motorman the ability to properly handle his car. One man wants his employes taught the theory of electricity and the working of the motor, and gives each man a kit of tools, expecting him to be familiar with their use, and to make small repairs. Another man forbids them to open a motor, and expects a more narrow but rigid adherence to rules of operation. This man holds that more harm arises from tinkering with motors than is recouped by any good that may be effected, and he is right. He says the motorman is hired to run the car, and the repairs should be done in the shops. Another official prescribes a middle course and would be disposed to allow that the motorman should be competent to the extent of remedying such troubles as arise from blowing of fuses or breaking of ground circuit by the car running into a dirty track; and even loose brushes might be included in the category of remedial faults. Beyond these points he would merely ask an honest attention to work and care of the rolling stock. It is suggested that proper records should be kept of the efficiency of motormen, as is done with locomotive engineers on the steam roads. The most useful man is not he who can turn his hand to all kinds of little repairs on the road, so much as the careful operator whose handling of the car renders such little repairs unnecessary. Some men are forever tinkering with machinery, and varying things to suit some fancy notion of their own when they have not intelligence enough to perceive the object of certain details of construction. For example, a whole machine was recently wrecked in consequence of a workman having omitted a single screw because he did not think it was necessary. Many accidents are due to subordinates acting on similar lines. The shop alters things to show its contempt for the drawing office, but the drawing office has to shoulder the blame when an accident happens. In regard to the motorman's situation the general feeling seems to be that an organized business is best conducted on fairly rigid lines as to separate duties, and that the car shop is the best place for repairs.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

SUBSTITUTE FOR GLASS.

New Translucent Fabric for Use as Skylights and Vault Covers. The translucent fabric recently brought out by a New England firm to take the place of glass skylights has, after a continuous experimental service of seven years been pronounced to be in as good condition as when first put in place. The material has many advantages claimed for it, chief of which is that by its employment in train sheds, freighthouses and similar buildings having skylights of large areas, the light weight of the material permits of a simple, inexpensive and light form of skylight construction. The joints are made water-tight by a special form of construction employed with this material. The fabric is said to have marked advantages over glass in being practically unbreakable, and for this reason leaks on account of breakage or cracking are not experienced. The translucent fabric consists of a transparent material spread over steel wire cloth, with twelve meshes per inch, which gives the panels a flexible and elastic property, permitting adjustment to any shape that the roof structure may take owing to the expansion and contraction of the framework. The manufacturers state the skylights mentioned as having been in use for over seven years have never leaked during that time, nor have they cost anything for repairs. Several large industrial establishments have been fitted up with this material, among others the General Electric Co.'s new shops at Schenectady, N. Y., and the new forge shops of the Berlin Iron Bridge Co., of Connecticut. The fabric is strong and in panels 18x26 inches in size, has carried a weight of over 400 pounds per square foot. The amount of light transmitted is equal to that of ribbed glass one-quarter of an inch in thickness. The material will not burn unless set fire to at the edges, when it will burn very slowly. Brands or coals dropped upon it will not set fire to it. Its cost is much less—20 to 30 per cent—than that of ordinary glass skylights.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Rainfalls That Never Reach the Earth.

In the Colorado desert they have rainstorms during which not a single drop of water touches the earth. The rain can be seen falling from the clouds high above the desert, but when the water reaches the strata of hot, dry air beneath the clouds it is entirely absorbed before falling half the distance to the ground. It is a singular sight to witness a heavy downpour of rain, not a drop of which touches the ground. These strange rainstorms occur in regions where the shade temperature often ranges as high as 128 degrees Fahrenheit.

We never really appreciate what an easy time we have been having until we are promoted.

Uncle Sam is long-suffering, but when his "dander is up" even England comes to time.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Will You Go This Year?

Excursion tickets will be on sale December 21st and 22nd from H. & T. C. stations to points in Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia and Florida at one fare for the round trip. Tickets good to 30 days. Purchase your tickets via Houston and New Orleans. C. W. BEIN, M. L. ROBBINS, Traffic Manager. G. P. & T. A.

On December 23rd, 24th, 25th 30th and 31st and January 1st the H. & T. C. R'y. will sell round trip tickets to any point on H. & T. C. T. & N. W., F. W. & N. O., and A. & N. W. R. R.'s, and to Galveston, at rate of double the child's fare. Tickets limited to January 4th, 1897. M. L. Robbins, G. P. & T. A.

A Mr. Kwak of Korea has been locked up in jail for telling his countrymen they had a right to criticize the government. His countrymen probably think he's a sad quack now.

Fred L. Wood broke the law and got into prison for life. Then he broke his father's will and got \$20,000. If things continue in this course his next step will be to break prison and get out.

Eczema All Her Life.

Mr. E. D. Jenkins, of Lithonia, Ga., says that his daughter, Ida, inherited a severe case of Eczema, which the usual mercury and potash remedies failed to relieve. Year by year she was treated with various medicines, external applications and internal remedies, without result. Her sufferings were intense, and her condition grew steadily worse. All the so-called blood remedies did not seem to reach the disease at all until S. S. S. was given, when an improvement was at once noticed. The medicine was continued with favorable results, and now she is cured sound and well, her skin is perfectly clear and pure and she has been saved from what threatened to blight her life forever. S. S. S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) cures Eczema, Scrofula, Cancer, Rheumatism, or any other blood trouble. It is a real blood remedy and always cures even after all else fails.

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Nobody seems to know whether Lord Salisbury meant what he said about Venezuela, and nobody seems to know just what he did say.

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"The Bay Shore Line."

3-Daily Trains—6

Time-Table in Effect September 24th, 1896

SOUTH Read Down.		STATIONS.		NORTH Read Up.		
No 7	No 5	No 1		No 2	No 6	No 8
7:30 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	7:30 P.M.	LA PORTE	7:30 P.M.	7:30 A.M.	7:30 P.M.
7:40 P.M.	7:40 A.M.	7:40 P.M.	HOUSTON	7:40 P.M.	7:40 A.M.	7:40 P.M.
7:44 P.M.	7:44 A.M.	7:44 P.M.	HARRISBURG	7:44 P.M.	7:44 A.M.	7:44 P.M.
7:47 P.M.	7:47 A.M.	7:47 P.M.	ALLEN	7:47 P.M.	7:47 A.M.	7:47 P.M.
7:47 P.M.	7:47 A.M.	7:47 P.M.	PASADENA	7:47 P.M.	7:47 A.M.	7:47 P.M.
7:47 P.M.	7:47 A.M.	7:47 P.M.	JEEP WATER	7:47 P.M.	7:47 A.M.	7:47 P.M.
7:54 P.M.	7:54 A.M.	7:54 P.M.	DEER PARK	7:54 P.M.	7:54 A.M.	7:54 P.M.
7:58 P.M.	7:58 A.M.	7:58 P.M.	THAYER	7:58 P.M.	7:58 A.M.	7:58 P.M.
8:04 P.M.	8:04 A.M.	8:04 P.M.	W. LA PORTE	8:04 P.M.	8:04 A.M.	8:04 P.M.
8:17 P.M.	8:17 A.M.	8:17 P.M.	SEABROOK	8:17 P.M.	8:17 A.M.	8:17 P.M.
8:23 P.M.	8:23 A.M.	8:23 P.M.	HEFFRON	8:23 P.M.	8:23 A.M.	8:23 P.M.
8:46 P.M.	8:46 A.M.	8:46 P.M.	NADLER	8:46 P.M.	8:46 A.M.	8:46 P.M.
8:54 P.M.	8:54 A.M.	8:54 P.M.	TEXAS CITY Jc.	8:54 P.M.	8:54 A.M.	8:54 P.M.
9:18 P.M.	9:18 A.M.	9:18 P.M.	VIOLINA Pt.	9:18 P.M.	9:18 A.M.	9:18 P.M.
9:18 P.M.	9:18 A.M.	9:18 P.M.	Galveston	9:18 P.M.	9:18 A.M.	9:18 P.M.

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LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

Sheriff Waller's infant son is seriously ill.

Mr. R. Douglass, Sr. who lives near town, is dangerously ill.

Mr. W. H. Brock of Hagarville was a caller at the COURIER office this week.

Jess Duren has returned from Indian Territory where he went on a business trip.

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

Sheriff Waller left last night for Groesbeck to bring back Howell, the murderer of Kilpatrick, who has been caught and jailed in that town.

Several gentlemen in Crockett are investigating the subject of coffee culture in Mexico with a view of investing in that direction.

At the Capitol Hotel last Saturday night there was a pleasant little entertainment at which a score of the young ladies and gentlemen of Crockett were present.

The Oil Mill closed down last Saturday night for a week. There is a very large amount of cotton seed meal and hulls on hand and no room for more at present.

Friday night at the public school Miss Minnie Bruner and her music class will give a musicale to which the public is invited. An attractive program has been prepared.

He shook and he shook, till his shaking was chronic. He then bought a bottle of Cheatham's Chili Tonic. He said to his friends, though a shaker of yore Thanks to the Cheatham's I am a shaker no more.

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.

A hog census of Houston county taken right now would show a heavy falling off in numbers since the beginning of last week. Hundreds of fat porkers were killed for the good of their country during the cold snap of that week.

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.

Mr. J. H. Beasley of Daly, is one of the old citizens of Houston county who never allows a difference in political sentiment to interfere with his appreciation of the COURIER as a good county paper. He gave this office a call last Friday.

Rev. J. M. Gaddy of Lockhart, brother of Rev. W. M. Gaddy formerly pastor of the Baptist church in Crockett, preached at that church here Sunday and at the conclusion of the services Mrs. R. E. Morris, wife of the resident pastor, was formally received into the church. She had been baptized a few days previously at Jacksonville.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Just received 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.

Information received from Palestine is to the effect that Judge Burnett will soon remove to Galveston and commence the practice of law.

Mr. R. L. Dewees, principal of the flourishing school at Enon, near Grapeland, was in the city Saturday, and gave the COURIER office a pleasant call.

Those who are due city taxes are hereby notified that unless such are paid by January 1st, 1897, I shall proceed to take the legal steps necessary in such cases.

J. C. LACY
City Marshall.

Dr. B. Lynn of Weldon, who in addition to his other practice is physician and surgeon for the county convict farm near there, will leave in a few days for Louisville, Kentucky to complete his course of medical lectures. He will be succeeded as physician to the convict farm by Dr. Lawrence Corley of this city.

County Judge Winfree says that it is the proverbial and traditional duty of a new broom to sweep clean, and with that end in view he has been giving to the flames such part of the accumulated documents of twenty years in his office as it was not necessary to preserve, thereby furnishing more room and diminishing the chances of fire. He has in this way destroyed an immense mass of papers.

One of the largest transfers of real estate in Houston county for years past was made on Dec. 1st, when L. D. Rogers sold to J. R. McIver 5,200 acres of fine Trinity river bottom land west of Crockett in McKenzie's Bend. On the same day Mr. McIver sold to Mr. Rogers 2,800 acres in the same locality. Much of the land sold is settled and in cultivation.

Mr. J. F. Hendrickson, his sons J. F. and R. R. Hendrickson and his nephew, William Crossman, have moved here from Kansas City, and have rented the Harvey Bayne place near town where they intend to engage in farming.

Mr. William Arledge a young man raised in this city, but who has been living in the Indian Territory for some time past, has returned to Crockett and may make his home here.

A rumor got abroad Monday morning that the prisoners in the county jail, only two in number, attempted to break out Sunday night by sawing the iron bars of their cells. Sheriff Waller made a thorough examination, searched the prisoners and their cells, and could find no evidence to support the rumor.

Mr. Frank Rainey of Austin, late superintendent of the State asylum for the blind, and who was years ago a newspaper man in this city and representative in the legislature from this county, still feels a lively interest in affairs here, and in a letter just received by the editor of the COURIER from him, he says: "You made a grand fight in the recent canvass and I say success to you, to old Houston county and to the COURIER."

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.

Just received a car load of bed room suits at prices that can't 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 can't tell how much advance will be made in the next thirty days. Come early because they won't last long.

ALDRICH & NEWTON.

Major C. T. Tipton is manager of the State Hotel, at Denison, Texas, which the traveling man says is one of the best hotels in that section. In speaking of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy Major Tipton 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.

Next Sunday Rev. J. S. Mathis will preach what may be his last sermon in this city as he leaves on the Tuesday following for Marshall to attend the session of the East Texas conference of the M. E. Church, South. Mr. Mathis has been stationed in Crockett for three years this month, and in the re-assignment of ministers by the approaching conference he may be called to some other post of duty. It is his earnest desire that all the members of his church will be out next Sunday to hear him as they may never have another opportunity. It is the earnest desire of all Crockett that the conference will send Mr. Mathis back to us.

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: Chamberlain's 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.

Last Thursday night at the K. of P. hall in this city, the following officers of Crockett lodge, No. 193 K. of P. were elected to serve for the ensuing year: John F. Baker C. C.; J. S. Wootters, V. C.; Walker King, Prelate; Jno. Ellis, M. A.; Jno. Sheridan, M. E.; Geo. Crook, M. F.; Arch Baker, K. R. & S.; Bob James, O. G.; A. M. Carlton, I. G.; R. Cassidy, M. W.; A. A. Aldrich and J. T. Dawes trustees. On the night of Dec. 23, the lodge will give an entertainment including a great banquet at the Capitol Hotel. Only members with ladies accompanying them and visiting brethren from other lodges will be present.

Last Sunday morning at Pleasant Grove church about ten miles east of Crockett, Mr. Jasper A. Brannen of this city was united in marriage to Miss Della Rhoden, daughter of Mr. J. H. Rhoden, a well known farmer living near the church. Rev. J. T. Kirkpatrick performed the marriage ceremony which immediately preceded the regular church services. Quite a number of gentlemen from this city, friends of Mr. Brannen, were present on the occasion and after services the entire party returned to the home of the bride's father where an elegant dinner was served. In the afternoon the bride and groom came to the city and have been the recipients of many congratulations.

Wait For Our Big Christmas Clearing Sale Ad.

We have prices that can't be touched.

McLean & Wilson.

The second session of the 54th Congress met in Washington Monday. It is believed that the session will be a short one and that little will be done beyond the passage of the usual appropriation bills. President Cleveland's message was read and there were no sensational features in it. He was expected to take advanced ground on the Cuban question but counseled a waiting policy until Spain had clearly demonstrated her inability to crush the rebellion, in which contingency he thought this government ought to interfere in behalf of Cuba.

An Opportunity For Crockett.

At the recent session of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas in Houston, a committee was appointed to locate a site for the Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home, an institution to be established and supported by the Masonic order in Texas. A number of cities actively contested for the site, but no selection was made and no one will be made until the meeting of the Grand Lodge in December of the next year. There are good reasons for believing that Crockett can secure this institution if reasonable inducements are offered, and no thinking man need be told that if such an institution were located here, it would be both a large and permanent factor in the prosperity of our city—a veritable prize worth a hard struggle to secure. The Masonic order is very strong in Texas and the various lodges throughout the state are, in accordance with the obligations of Masonry, supporting a great many destitute widows and orphans of deceased members of the order. It is the purpose of the Grand Lodge to concentrate this work by means of a Home established at some desirable point in the State and next December the choice between competing sites will be made. Crockett should by all means promptly enter this competition, for it will mean to our city almost if not quite as much as the location of one of the great State asylums at Austin does to that city. Handsome buildings and grounds and a large annual local trade with our merchants are advantages worth working for, and those of our citizens who take the time to look beyond their immediate personal interests to the larger view of things which comprehends the general advance of the community, should take hold of this matter at once. The Grand Lodge would doubtless want a site donated and perhaps a reasonable sum of money, and the permanent advantage gained to Crockett would be cheap at that price.

One of the prettiest social events of the season was the entertainment given by Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore last Friday evening to a small circle of friends. It was decidedly a most enjoyable affair and notable for the happy manner in which the guests were entertained. The air of hospitality pervaded every nook and corner of the cozy home and the house was indeed lovely with its decorations of holly, plants and flowers. Those invited were bidden to appear wearing something as a representation of a favorite book. Shakespeare, Blackstone, Chaucer, George Elliot, Mark Twain, Ouida and many of the lesser lights were represented, in some mysterious way. The inspection as well as thorough testing of book-love consumed the first part of evening. Then the merry, exciting game of Progressive "Anagram" was introduced. There were five tables and five minutes allowed to each game. Mrs. Geo.

...the greatest number of marks, was tendered the prize. After the game, covers were spread and elegant refreshments were prettily served in courses. From chocolate to cigars is a natural step when there are married men present on this occasion, and the gentlemen needed no second invitation from the host to repair to the dining room. At the same time the young ladies cheerfully responded to calls for music and the lovely songs that followed, rendered by some of Crockett's fairest and sweetest singers, gave a happy and fitting close to a very delightful evening. Those present were: Col. D. A. Nunn, Mr. and Mrs. Haring, Mr. and Mrs. Newton; Mr. and Mrs. Nagle, M. and Mrs. Wootters, Mr. and Mrs. Crook, Mrs. Corry, Misses Minnie Wall, Ethel Wootters, H. B. Arledge and D. Walker of Bryan, Messrs J. C. Thompson, Louis Haring, Harry Castleburg and Arch Baker.

The Commissioners' Court met in special session last Monday. The bonds of the following county officers were approved: T. W. Oliver, justice precinct 6, T. A. Leatherwood, constable same precinct; John R. Sheridan, tax collector; G. W. Compton, constable precinct 7; T. S. Cook, justice of the peace precinct 2; R. P. Robbins was appointed to succeed Frank Boykin as justice of the peace in the Weches precinct, the latter, who was elected on the populist ticket in the late election, refusing to qualify as he didn't want the office. The county attorney was ordered to bring suit on all convict bonds that are unpaid.

Now is the Time To Buy Meal & Hulls!
For the next 20 days we will sell hulls at \$3.00 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 best, prettiest, latest and most complete silver ware that has ever been in Crockett.

We Buy and Sell for cash; No Other way.
"The Spirit of Times Shall Ever Teach us Progress."
Complicated watch repairing a specialty. Adjusted from 2, 4 to 6 positions.

Our Motto: Reliable goods, Fair Dealing and Bottom Prices.

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Gold and Silver Spectacles. Gold and Silver Watches Plain Gold and Fancy Set Rings Silverware and Novelties. Fine Watch and Jewelry Repairing a Specialty.
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J. L. & W. C. LIPSCOMB, Physicians and Surgeons, CROCKETT, TEXAS.

The New York Store.

A few words about jackets, capes, dress goods, clothing, Shoes, blankets and winter wear. The season has opened with a severe cold spell—be prepared for the coming weather. Visit our store and see the magnificent bargains that the people are securing.

Capes and Jackets!

We have received three consignments of capes within the last two weeks and two more on the way. We have sold more capes and jackets than all other concerns in Crockett. Our plush capes can not be excelled in quality and style, and as to the price they cannot be duplicated.

Ladies' plush capes elaborately trimmed in jet and braid; fur trimmed collar, full sweep, all sizes, a jaunty garment, worth \$12.50, our price... **\$9.00**

Ladies' plush cape, Tibbet fur trimmed collar, a beauty, worth \$10, our price... **\$7.50**

Ladies' plush capes, full sweep, fur trimmed collar, worth \$8, our price... **\$5.00**

Our \$4 plush capes have no equal; our \$1.50 cloth capes fur trimmed, full sweep, double ruffle, are fully worth \$2.50; our \$2.75 fur trimmed, double ruffle, extra long cloth cape is cheap at \$4.

Dress goods and silks have sold well since cold weather has come, and we are still selling at our cut prices. Do not pay extravagant prices for dress goods when you can buy from us the same at 25 per cent. less.

Storm Serge all wool 50 inches wide in navy blue, worth 75c, per yd our price... **40c**

Mixed Cheviot Suitings, all wool 36 inches wide, at 40c per yd.

All wool cashmere in all colors at 20c per yd.

Black Brocaded all wool double width French mohair 40c per yd.

Navy blue crepon 42 inches wide worth 65c per yd our price... **40c**

Black Serge all wool 42 inches wide, worth 75c per yd., our price... **60c**

Blankets and Comforts!

Ten quarter double white wool finish blanket sold at \$1.25, our price... **50c**

Ten quarter double white wool blanket extra heavy well worth \$2.50 our price... **\$1.50**

Ten quarter white all wool blanket extra heavy well worth \$4.00, our price... **\$2.50**

Ten quarter double all wool white California blankets worth \$8.00, our price... **\$4.80**

Clothing and Overcoats are in great demand, and the way they are selling people would think that we have bought them for less than actual cost of the cloths. WELL, we have bought them at a bargain and we are selling them that way. WE still have a few of those fine overcoats left, and if you are in need of one, now is your opportunity to get one at one half its actual value.

Hats and Caps.

We have just received a large line of childrens' caps, ladies' Sailors and Tam'O'Shanter's in all colors.

Our line of mens' neckwear, gloves, hosery and gents' furnishing goods is complete, in the latest style and at the lowest price.

YOURS FOR BUSINESS,

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 "Cluel" 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.

Remember we have all of the latest styles in hats, the genuine "Laufer" hat, one of the best makes in the world, and the most nobby shapes. Be sure and call for bargains. Respectfully, J. E. DOWNES.

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. These pattern samples are not to be found elsewhere in Crockett. Please get my prices before placing orders.

Very Respt. J. F. DOWNES.

A 50 cent Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron concentrated and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Cheatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic, making it the most desirable Iron Tonic on the market: It is a true tonic, strengthener, appetizer, toner up of the system, and blood-purifier. Only 50 cents.

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, J. N. 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, J. N. 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.

"Time and tide waits for no man." An occasional dose of Cheatham's Chill Tonic often saves you from a long spell of sickness. "No cure no pay." Put up in both Tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cent size.

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.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

The last rose of summer is in bloom on the hill! And 'till time to the whip-poor-will "Cheatham's Chill Tonic has cured the last chill." You can shatter the bottle now if you will."