

The Crockett Courier.

Entered as Second Class Matter at Crockett Post Office.

Subscription Price, \$1.00 Per Annum.

VOL. VIII.

CROCKETT, TEXAS, FEB. 19, 1897.

NO. 3.

Power Behind The Throne.

"The Hand That Rocks The Cradle,
Is The Hand That Moves The World."

Since Eve's Day

Woman has been an enigma to man. The quiet home life, the long hours spent in domestic affairs, the association with innocent childhood has brought her being nearer in tune with the divine harmony, the consciousness of right and wrong, that noble attribute that bids us all do right, be right. Occupying a higher sphere morally than man, with sensibility as keen as a two edged sword, is it to be wondered that her influence sways Kings and Princes, cheers defeated armies to victory, brings order out of chaos. Her love is stronger than man's, and her hatred knows no bounds—physically a weaker vessel but at all times ready and willing to lay down her life for those she loves. Logic, reason, argument, sway men, but influence women less. Their feelings, their sensibilities, their love for the beautiful are the chords to touch. We realize that women hold the purse strings of every family; what they say must be bought for the house, for the children and in many instances for the old man, GOES.

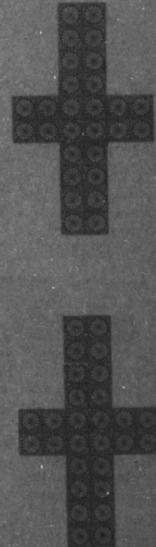
Woman is the Power Behind The Throne,

And it is to her that we extend a perpetual invitation to visit our store, assuring her that so long as she will admit of it she will be treated with the utmost courtesy, and we don't care if the old man does "drap" in now and then and select a hat, pair of shoes, suit of clothes &c., to carry home to see if the old lady will let him have them. It shall be our aim to keep a stock of goods continually before you, something so beautiful, stylish and new, that will hold you spell bound for hours almost unconcious as to where you are.

Dont Forget that for this Spring and Summer apparel we will be strictly apace with the times.

Yours Appreciatively,

W. V. MCGONNELL.



LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

The legislature is plodding along at the usual speed and while undoubtedly a large amount of work is being done in committee rooms, which will probably bear fruit in due season, the apparent results of the session thus far are remarkably small. An important measure in which our farmers here in Houston county feel a deep interest was acted on in the house last Friday. It was the bill to punish persons for willfully turning out or permitting to run at large within a county or subdivision of a county in which the stock law has been adopted, any stock prohibited by law from running at large. The bill makes the violation a misdemeanor punishable by fine not less than \$10 nor more than \$200. After vigorous discussion the bill finally passed the house with an amendment restricting the offense to turning out stock on land not belonging to the owner of the stock.

In an effort to cure a notorious and oppressive evil in this state, the senate has adopted a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee of both houses to devise means for lessening the cost of text books in the public schools of Texas.

The senate is also considering favorably a bill to establish an industrial school for girls in Texas.

The following measure, in which the citizens of every incorporated

town in Texas feel a lively interest, has passed the senate and seems to be regarded with favor:

Section 1. That any member of a city council, any city marshal, mayor or recorder of any city or town in this state, who shall agree to accept or receive a monthly or stipulated fine at any time for a given period, however long or short, in lieu of the penalties prescribed in the penal statutes, against gaming, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be subject to removal from office.

Sec. 2. Any member of the city council of any city or town in this state, or any mayor, city marshal, deputy or city policeman, in this state, accepting or authorizing the acceptance of a sum of money at a stipulated time or for a certain period of time, in lieu of the prosecution provided for in the penal code, for violations of the gaming and Sunday laws of this state, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, be subject to a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$250, and be subject to removal from office.

A new general election bill is under discussion in the house and is already loaded down with amendments. Its passage is doubtful.

The Wayland fee bill has been reported favorably to the senate. Its first section is as follows.

Section 1. That hereafter the maximum amount of fees that may

be retained by any officer mentioned in this section, as compensation for services, shall be as follows: county judge, an amount not exceeding \$2000 per annum; county clerk, an amount not exceeding \$2000 per annum; county attorney, an amount not exceeding \$2000 per annum; district clerk, an amount not exceeding \$2000 per annum; district attorney a sum not exceeding \$2000 per annum; sheriff, an amount not exceeding \$2250 per annum, and in addition thereto an amount not to exceed one fourth of the excess of fees collected by the said officers respectively.

The assignment bill is being debated in the house this week.

Of Interest to Texas Farmers.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 6.—Mr. Hector D. Lane, president of the American cotton growers' protective association, was here to-day in conference with Mr. W. A. Brockton, and as a result of their conference and of correspondence between Mr. Lane and other state presidents of the association, two important movements will be set on foot in a few days. One is a series of tri-state meetings of farmers at Waco, Memphis and Atlanta or Augusta, to take steps for an increase in the acreage in food crops and a proportionate decrease in the cotton acreage. The other is the organization of an information

bureau, with 25,000 correspondents located in the cotton states and selected from representative farmers who are to report monthly on the acreage, condition and progress of harvesting and marketing of the cotton crop.

Both of the movements are different from anything the cotton growers' protective association has undertaken heretofore, and the work will be on an elaborate scale.

Mr. Lane will meet the farmers in Indian Territory, Texas and Oklahoma at Waco about the 1st of March and submit an address which, with such modifications as the farmers suggest, will be published broadcast in those states. A week later, about the 8th of March, he will meet the farmers of Mississippi, Arkansas and west Tennessee at Memphis, and about the middle of March the farmers of Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina will meet at Atlanta or Augusta for the same purpose.

At these meetings Mr. Lane will complete arrangements for an immense information bureau, to be conducted by an executive committee of farmers under Mr. Lane's direction, for their protection against fictitious estimates sent out by alleged cotton experts. Mr. Lane says that Mr. Neill, the New Orleans cotton man, sent out last August an estimate of 3,430,000 to 9,800,000 bales for the crop of 1896

and now he is about to reduce, when everybody knows the crop is not over 8,250,000 bales.

A LARGE part of the Christianized world is peopled with savages but thinly veneered after all. For proof of it look at the daily metropolitan papers, the very engines of civilization, filled with columns of rubbish day after day—every line of it eagerly read by millions of people, about the approaching fight between Corbett and Fitzsimmons in Nevada, next month. A couple of muscular pugs will pummel each other with their fists until one is beaten into insensibility, and all mankind, wherever the telegraph reaches, holds its breath to hear the result.

We wish that every citizen of Texas could see the magnificent battle-ship named for this state, now at anchor in Galveston bay. It would not only stimulate state pride, but a broader and deeper patriotism as well that takes in the whole Union, and would make the boys who have grown up since the war, and their elders too, realize that sectionalism is a distorted and shriveled thing in comparison with a great and powerful nationalism like ours.

Houston County

ITS ADVANTAGES

And Attractions for the man of Capital AND THE HOME SEEKER.

A Statement of Facts.

HOUSTON COUNTY is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31 1/2 degrees north; longitude 95 1/2 degrees west; 100 miles north of Houston and 140 north of Galveston. The county is bounded on the east by the Neches and on the west by the Trinity river. The county is one of the oldest and largest in the state, embracing an area of 680,000 acres of land.

The population is 25,000. Of this number 17,000 are white and 8,000 colored; foreign born less than 1000.

RAILROADS.

The Great Northern branch of the International & Great Northern runs north and south through the center of the county; the Trinity & Sabine east and west near the south boundary line; the Tyler Southwestern (Cotton Belt) near the eastern boundary and the Trinity, Cameron & Western is now building through the southwestern part. Two other roads are chartered through the county, and are being partly constructed. The county is well supplied with transportation facilities and will be unsurpassed by any in the state when the new roads are built, as they will be before a great while.

SCHOOLS.

Houston County has the best system of public free schools in the state of Texas. The city free schools of Crockett run nine months and the county free school six months a year. The county has a school fund of \$70,000 in her own right, which draws an annual income of \$5,000. This, together with \$25,000 furnished by the state makes an available school fund for the county of \$30,000 a year. School houses are commodious and fitted with patent, first-class school furnishings.

CHURCHES.

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

Debt and tax rates are very small. The bonded debt of the county is being rapidly liquidated and the total state and county tax is only 67 1/2 cents on the \$100 valuation.

CLIMATE AND WATER.

The climate of this section is very mild and healthful. The temperature rarely goes above 90 degrees or below 25 degrees ABOVE ZERO.

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

LAND IN CULTIVATION.

Of the land in the county, about 100,000 acres are in cultivation; and the balance, 580,000 acres is virgin prairie and forest.

SOILS.

We have the greatest variety of soils, adapted to the cultivation of all farm products grown in the temperate zones. There are the black waxy, the black loam, the stiff black sandy, the gray sandy, the red, chocolate, alluvial and scores of others kinds. Nine tenths of the area of the county was originally timbered. Nearly one-tenth of it is prairie land of the best quality, and is easily cultivated with all the improved implements.

TIMBER.

The timber in Houston County is of all kinds and in almost unlimited supplies. There are magnificent forests of long-leaf and short-leaf pine, red oak, white oak, post oak, hick, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in the supply: holly, beech, maple, sassafras, cherry and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Place" in Ft. Worth, Houston County was awarded the first prize and named for the best timber in the state.

other using hard wood, would do well here. Pine lumber can be had at \$6 to \$8 per 1000 feet.

ORES AND CLAY.

We have in almost exhaustless supplies, rich iron ore of the brown hematite and laminated varieties, besides other kinds. There are an developed coal beds in different sections. Building stone in abundance. Clays for making brick, tiling, pottery, etc. Also there are beds of green marl, which have never been developed.

STOCK.

This county is especially adapted to the raising of fine stock. Jersey cattle, blooded horses and hogs are numerous and all do well.

FRUIT.

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

STAPLE PRODUCTS.

The yield of cotton in this county averages one-half a bale per acre, corn 20 to 30 bushels; sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes 200 to 400 bushels and ribbon cane produces from 250 to 400 gallons of the very best syrup. Melons of all kinds, peas, beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, squashes, onions, beets, radishes, cabbage and all other garden vegetables grow in the greatest abundance.

A CHANCE.

One branch of industry has been nearly overlooked here. We refer to the production of tobacco. The soil in portions of the county is particularly adapted to tobacco culture and there are thousands of acres that will produce the very best quality of tobacco grown. The people are not familiar with the business; but there are fortunes here awaiting the men who bring knowledge of tobacco raising and curing to Houston County. Thirty years ago tobacco was one of the money crops of this section. The people have lost sight of it for the cotton crop. This year many farmers are ordering the different varieties of tobacco seed, including the "Connecticut Leaf," "White Eurlay" and other kinds of plug leaf. We have recently tried the Genuine Havana tobacco and find that, where the farmer has the proper knowledge of curing same, the yield is from \$200 to \$400 per acre, our Havana tobacco bringing 40 to 50 cents per pound in the New York market. New York buyers all agree that it is impossible to grow such tobacco in Texas, and will only believe that we grow it upon affidavits of the best men in the state. Money, land and assistance will be furnished expert tobacco growers and warehousemen. We only need a good class of men, who understand this industry, to quadruple the value of all tobacco lands in the county. These are all facts, can be proven and are deserving of attention.

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

The oak forests produce mast in abundance to keep hogs in good condition the year round.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

Is the fact that the crops raised here are absolutely without fertilizers, the soil simply being broken and seed planted. There is not a country in the world that can make a better showing than this.

The county is in better condition than ever before, notwithstanding the hard times, and the merchants are more prosperous, while the farmers are better off, financially, than for years past, despite the low prices of staple products.

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weches, Tadmor, Ratcliff, Coltharp, Daly, Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Pennington, Belott and Daniel. Besides these there are over thirty cotton gins and lumber mills in the county, and at each of these are pleasant neighborhoods, usually having schools and churches.

Houston County has never suffered the evils of a boom and only desires a steady advance in population and prosperity. To those seeking pleasant homes and safe investments in a fine climate and country, we extend a hearty invitation to examine the resources and advantages of HOUSTON COUNTY, Texas.

The above is a careful and conservative statement of facts in regard to a fine country that has been too long overlooked.

We need progressive farmers, a canning and fruit-preserving factory, a furniture factory, and many other enterprises that can secure raw material without the expense of a long haul.

All letters of inquiry will be promptly answered and information will be given.

CROCKETT.

Crockett, the county seat, is located near the center of the county on the I. & G. N. R. R., the great artery of commerce between Galveston and St. Louis. It has a population of 3500 to 4000. Society is excellent. A splendid system of graded public schools is maintained by tax for nine months in the year. Nearly all christian denominations have church organizations and churches. There are fifty or more business houses of different kinds. The town is lighted by a system of electric lights. There is a cotton seed oil-mill with a capacity for crushing six to eight thousand tons of seed. An ice factory, laundry and other accessories of a live town have recently been put in. The town with a fair season will ship twenty thousand bales of cotton the season of 1897. The fruit industry is being developed on a large and lucrative scale and no town in Texas is supplied with greater and better adapted resources for raising and handling fruit and berries of all kinds. There is not a town in East Texas with as bright a future as Crockett, nor one that offers greater inducements to the man seeking a home for his family, in the way of superior educational advantages, refined society, excellent church privileges and all other influences that contribute to the full development of genuine manhood and womanhood.

The town has two weekly papers, the COURIER and ENTERPRISE.

Facilities for traveling are unsurpassed. The I. & G. N. railroad passes through the corporate limits of the city and furnishes a double daily passenger service both ways. South of the town a comparatively short distance, the T. & S. R. R. runs east and west, while on the northern and eastern borders the Gulf Short Line R. R. and the Houston East & West Texas R. R. run. A movement is on foot with every indication of being put through at once, to establish a large saw mill and planing plant with a tram road extending twenty to thirty miles to the eastern border of the county.

LOVELADY.

The town of Lovelady is about 12 miles to the south of Crockett and is situated immediately on the I. & G. N. R. R. The town has recently incorporated for school purposes and levied a tax which with the funds from the state and county, enables it to maintain a most excellent High School, free for about 3 months in the year. The school is well equipped and church

J. C. WOOTTERS. J. H. WOOTTERS.

J. C. Wootters & Co.,

Dealer in

General Merchandise, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, READY-MADE CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS, SADDLERY, HARNESS, STOVES, CROCKERY.

All Kinds of Agricultural Implements and Hardware.

Also constantly on hand a large ASSORTMENT OF GROCERIES. CALL AND SEE US.



RESTORED MANHOOD DR. MOTT'S KIDNEY PILLS
The great remedy for nervous prostration and all nervous diseases of the generative organs of either sex, such as Nervous Prostration, Failure of Testes, Impotency, Nightly Emissions, Youthful Errors, Mental Worry, excessive use of Tobacco or Opium, which lead to Consumption and Insanity. With every 25-cent box we give 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 FILL 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.

For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.

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.
- A Policy providing for Re-insurance within six months after lapse, if the insured is good health.
- 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.

THAT'S THE ACCUMULATION POLICY OF THE

New York Life Insurance Co.
JNO. MANGUM, Agent, Crockett, Tex.

Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

27 LEADING AMERICAN AND FOREIGN COMPANIES. 27

The wet season is over and we are sure to have our share of fires.

D. M. CRADDOCK, Agent,

CROCKETT, TEXAS.
Office in Chamberlain Building opposite First National Bank.

privileges unsurpassed. It has a score or more of business houses and a population distinguished for its enterprising spirit and refined social advantages.

GRAPELAND.

Grapeland is another town about 12 miles to the north on the I. & G. N. R. R. It, too, has recently incorporated for school purposes and by a local tax and such other help as it receives from the state and county funds, supports a splendid High School free for about 9 months in the year. The town is noted for its business enterprise and public spirit and no better society can be found anywhere. The people are wide-awake and extend the home-seeker a hospitable welcome.

GO TO J. A. BRICKER & CO.

—FOR FINE—

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

A. A. NUNN, S. A. NUNN, S. W. NUNN
Nunn, Nunn & Nunn
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW.

Practice in all courts, Civil, State and Federal in Texas.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

A. A. ALDRICH. A. D. LIPSCOMB.
Aldrich & Lipscomb,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW.
Will Practice in Houston and Adjoining Counties.
Office over Arledge & Kennedy's.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

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

J. E. AL CROOK. G. W. CROOK
CROOK & CROOK,
Attorneys-at-Law.
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

A STRANGE FREAK OF NATURE.

We hope to sell 1,000,000 packages Golden Rind Watermelon, the most wonderful freak of nature—smooth, shiny, yellow rind, crimson flesh, delicious! It's sensational. Took 500 first prizes in 1896. You must have it to be in the swim. Melons go like wild fire at \$1.90 apiece. We paid \$303 for one melon! \$100 prizes for earliest melon—ripened in 41 days. Lots of money made in earliest vegetables. Salzer's seeds produce them. Thirty-five earliest sorts, postpaid, \$1.00.

Send This Notice and 15 Cents for a Package of Golden Rind and wonderful seed book, 148 big pages, to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. w.n.

Both.

He—"Then you can never be mine?" She (impatient for him to go)—"Have I not refused you a sufficient number of times?" He—"But you will at least take an interest in my welfare?" She (losing her temper)—"Yes, and in your welfare, too."—Cleveland Leader.

INAUGURATION OF PRESIDENT-ELECT MCKINLEY AT WASHINGTON, D. C., MARCH 4, 1897.

For this occasion, the Santa Fe will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from all points on its line in Texas and the Indian Territory to Washington, D. C., and return. Tickets will be sold on February 28th and March 1st, only, good for continuous passage in each direction, with final limit for return March 10th, 1897. Tickets may be purchased via St. Louis or New Orleans and diverging routes.

Through Pullman Palace sleeping cars will be operated from Galveston and San Antonio via Paris and the Frisco line to St. Louis, connecting at Union depot with through trains to Washington.

The Vermont legislature has adopted a law requiring heavy wagons to have wide tires.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. We, the undersigned, have known J. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Welding, Kinnan & Marvin, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50¢ per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

An engaged girl is as worthless as a man with a toothache.

Another miser, who wore seedy clothes and a sad countenance for many years, died in New York recently leaving behind him a bank account credited with \$14,000 and several strong boxes containing \$1,520,000 more. No wonder the times have been hard.

Pilo's Cure for Consumption is the only cough medicine used in my house.—D. C. Albright, Hillsburg, Pa., Dec. 11, '95.

The distribution of water power in London is the biggest system in existence.

FIVE stopped free and permanently cured. No sin after five days' use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Free 50¢ trial bottle and treatise. Send to Dr. Kline, Hill Ave. B., Philadelphia, Pa.

There are 3100 women barbers and hair dressers in this country.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle.

Germany has issued 6516 new books in a year.

CASCARETS stimulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Never sicken, weaken or gripes. 10c.

When a man is young, he can feel rich on very little capital.

The papers are full of death from **Heart Failure**. Of course the heart fails to act when a man dies, but "Heart Failure," so called, nine times out of ten is caused by Uric Acid in the blood which the kidneys fail to remove, and which corrodes the heart until it becomes unable to perform its functions.

Health Officers in many cities very properly refuse to accept "Heart Failure" as a cause of death. It is frequently a sign of ignorance in the physician, or may be given to cover up the real cause.

Warranted Safe Cure A Medicine with 20 Years of Success behind it will remove the poisonous Uric Acid by putting the kidneys in a healthy condition so that they will naturally eliminate it.

Schoolmaster—Master Jasso, what wrong did the brothers of Joseph commit when they sold their brother's issue?—They sold him too cheap.—New York Tribune.

PLANETARY GOSSIP.

WHAT THE STARS SAY OF THE EARTH'S INHABITANTS.

It is a Good Idea to Consult the Astrologer When About to Enter Into Matrimony—Answers to Requests—Instructions for Applicants to Go By.

IF PEOPLE should consult an expert astrologer before falling in love, marriages would be more harmonious. The astrologer is often requested to compare the horoscopes of man and wife to find out the cause of the existing inharmonies and assist in patching up their differences, etc. He often sees that Saturn in one is afflicting the Venus of the other, denoting that love affairs do not invariably thrive well; yet improvement can be made from a better understanding of each, which can only be determined by the careful comparison of both horoscopes. It would be well to do this previous to marriage. Those wishing free character delineations from their zodiacal sign and ruling planet published under their initials, should send: Sex, date, month, year and place of birth, also the time a. m. or p. m. If you do not know the time of birth send two two-cent stamps for further instructions. If you prefer the delineation sent by mail send twelve two-cent stamps to cover expenses. Address Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 S. Clinton St., Chicago.

According to data furnished the zodiacal sign Virgo, which Mercury rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Mercury is your ruling planet or signifier. You are medium height or above; with slender figure; dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar brightness and quick restless movement. You are endowed by nature with a kind and obliging disposition; you are kind to animals and humane in all things. You are very industrious and energetic; you make up your mind quick and every move you make is quick. You are too impulsive and if you will be a little more conservative you will find it to your advantage. You are rather too modest and do not push yourself forward as you should, consequently you are not appreciated to the extent your ability should command. If you had been born twelve minutes earlier it would have changed those indications very materially, for the sign Leo would have been more or less considered.

L. S. Leroy, Ill.

According to data furnished the zodiacal sign Aquarius, which Uranus rules, was rising at your birth; therefore Uranus is your ruling planet or signifier. The sign Pisces, which Jupiter rules, was intercepted on the ascendant. You are naturally the possessor of two kinds of temperaments. At times you are very cheerful, happy, jolly and jovial; then again you will be subject to spells of the blues and will brood over an injury that is either real or imaginary. You are kind to animals, and especially fond of a fine horse; you are quite a leader in anything you may become interested in, yet it will be in a very modest way and without boasting. You are fond of water and enjoy a good glass of it at any time in preference to almost any other drink. You are very fond of the mystical and take delight in unravelling a mystery. Marriage is only average fortunate for you, however you will have more than average wealth and will always be provided for.

Mrs. M. B. Holton, Kan.

According to data furnished, the zodiacal sign Gemini, which Mercury rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Mercury is your ruling planet or signifier. You are medium height or above; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight. You are quick in all your actions and oftentimes change your mind too quick for your own best interests, and it would be better for you to deliberate more on important business matters. You are very fond of books and everything relating to literary attainments, and will always admire a person that has a fine mind. You do not think that wealth is the only thing to live for and will spend a fair portion of your money for books and papers. You will make more money through a salaried position than in any other way. You are somewhat lacking in confidence in your ability and should cultivate self-esteem.

Note.—Those who have sent in their stamps (25 cents) for readings by mail, will usually be promptly answered. In cases where there is an apparent delay the astrologer should be notified at once and the mistake will be rectified.

Schoolmaster—Master Jasso, what wrong did the brothers of Joseph commit when they sold their brother's issue?—They sold him too cheap.—New York Tribune.

Horrible.

"Electricity is driving horses out of employment."
"Yes."
"And women are crowding men out of all the good jobs."
"Yes."
"Well, after awhile there won't be anything left but women and trolley cars."—Buffalo News.

Credulous Man.

Razmore—You were out when I called at your office the other day. Gadsden—Was I? Why didn't you leave word? Razmore—I did; I told your office boy. Gadsden—Do you call that leaving word?—Rexbury Gazette.

Not to Be Cheated.

Dealer—"I'll sell you that wheel for \$50. It weighs twenty-two pounds." Rube Scudder (from Cearfoss Cross-roads)—"Why, my boy Ab bought one for \$25 t'other day that weighed ninety pounds. You can't soak me, by gum!"—Judge.

Not to Walk In.

An American in England, who had bought a pair of shoes of a fashionable dealer, carried them back soon with a protest.
"Look here!" he said, "I've had these shoes only two weeks and they are completely out of shape and the leather is giving away in two places."
The Englishman looked at the shoes an instant. "Dear me! dear me!" he said, "you have been walking in those shoes? That's it, sir! Our shoes are made only for carriage people, sir!"
And the dealer loftily mowed the American out of the shop.—Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

An Honest Girl.

"The butcher offered me his hand this morning," said the hired girl.
"Indeed?"
"Yes'm. He tried to sell it to me with the steak, but I made him take it off the scales."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

England has 84,818 available seamen.

RENO COUNTY RHEUMATISM.

NERVOUS DISORDERS IN CASTLETON, KAN.

Seven Years a Sufferer—No Relief From Physicians—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Work a Cure on Mrs. Ann T. Devenish in Six Weeks.

From the Gazette, Hutchinson, Kansas.

"If there is anything I have entire faith in, in the way of medicine," said Mrs. Ann T. Devenish, of Castleton, Reno County, Kansas, to a reporter, "it is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"Why? do you ask. Well for seven years I was a wretched sufferer from nervous debility and rheumatism. My wrists were so swollen and my fingers so stiff that I got no sleep at night. My hips, backbone and shoulder blades were so painful if I moved that I would awake screaming with agony, and a small lump of bone or calous grew on my spine, which was exquisitely painful. Of course my heart was badly affected, and the numerous physicians whom I consulted were all of one mind, viz., that my days were numbered, and they could do me no good.

"I could not leave my bed without help, and once lay for three weeks in one position. I would not have been sorry if death had ended my sufferings. One day about three months ago, some one read to me from the Hutchinson Gazette an account of a wonderful cure of a patient, whose ills were somewhat similar to mine, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

"I was struck by what I heard and procured a supply about six weeks ago. Dukane—Why did you give the barber 50 cents for himself? Gaswell—Because he did not tell me my hair was getting thin on top of my head.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

NO-TO-BAC FOR FIFTY CENTS.

Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or more your desire for tobacco. Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00 all druggists.

To Be Sure.

She—Young Spilkins appears to be a man of extensive views. He—To be sure. He's a kodak fiend.—Detroit Free Press.

Blood Poison.

Contagious Blood Poison has been appropriately called the curse of mankind. It is the one disease that physicians cannot cure; their mercurial and potash remedies only bottle up the poison in the system, to surely break forth in a more virulent form, resulting in a total wreck of the system.

Mr. Frank B. Martin, a prominent jeweler at 926 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C., says: "I was for a long time under treatment of two of the best physicians of this city, for a severe case of blood poison, but my condition grew worse all the while, notwithstanding the fact that they charged me three hundred dollars. My mouth was filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

Not to Walk In.

An American in England, who had bought a pair of shoes of a fashionable dealer, carried them back soon with a protest.
"Look here!" he said, "I've had these shoes only two weeks and they are completely out of shape and the leather is giving away in two places."
The Englishman looked at the shoes an instant. "Dear me! dear me!" he said, "you have been walking in those shoes? That's it, sir! Our shoes are made only for carriage people, sir!"
And the dealer loftily mowed the American out of the shop.—Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal.

An Honest Girl.

"The butcher offered me his hand this morning," said the hired girl.
"Indeed?"
"Yes'm. He tried to sell it to me with the steak, but I made him take it off the scales."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

England has 84,818 available seamen.

RENO COUNTY RHEUMATISM.

NERVOUS DISORDERS IN CASTLETON, KAN.

Seven Years a Sufferer—No Relief From Physicians—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Work a Cure on Mrs. Ann T. Devenish in Six Weeks.

From the Gazette, Hutchinson, Kansas.

"If there is anything I have entire faith in, in the way of medicine," said Mrs. Ann T. Devenish, of Castleton, Reno County, Kansas, to a reporter, "it is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People."

"Why? do you ask. Well for seven years I was a wretched sufferer from nervous debility and rheumatism. My wrists were so swollen and my fingers so stiff that I got no sleep at night. My hips, backbone and shoulder blades were so painful if I moved that I would awake screaming with agony, and a small lump of bone or calous grew on my spine, which was exquisitely painful. Of course my heart was badly affected, and the numerous physicians whom I consulted were all of one mind, viz., that my days were numbered, and they could do me no good.

"I could not leave my bed without help, and once lay for three weeks in one position. I would not have been sorry if death had ended my sufferings. One day about three months ago, some one read to me from the Hutchinson Gazette an account of a wonderful cure of a patient, whose ills were somewhat similar to mine, by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

"I was struck by what I heard and procured a supply about six weeks ago. Dukane—Why did you give the barber 50 cents for himself? Gaswell—Because he did not tell me my hair was getting thin on top of my head.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

NO-TO-BAC FOR FIFTY CENTS.

Over 400,000 cured. Why not let No-To-Bac regulate or more your desire for tobacco. Saves money, makes health and manhood. Cure guaranteed, 50c and \$1.00 all druggists.

To Be Sure.

She—Young Spilkins appears to be a man of extensive views. He—To be sure. He's a kodak fiend.—Detroit Free Press.

Blood Poison.

Contagious Blood Poison has been appropriately called the curse of mankind. It is the one disease that physicians cannot cure; their mercurial and potash remedies only bottle up the poison in the system, to surely break forth in a more virulent form, resulting in a total wreck of the system.

Mr. Frank B. Martin, a prominent jeweler at 926 Pennsylvania Ave., Washington, D. C., says: "I was for a long time under treatment of two of the best physicians of this city, for a severe case of blood poison, but my condition grew worse all the while, notwithstanding the fact that they charged me three hundred dollars. My mouth was filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

filled with eating sores; my tongue was almost eaten away, so that for three months I was unable to taste any solid food. My hair was coming out rapidly, and I was in a horrible fix. I had tried various treatments, and was nearly discouraged, when a friend recommended S.S.S. After I had taken four bottles, I began to get better, and when I had finished eight bottles, I was cured sound and well. I, I, I this was without a bluish, and I have had no return of the disease. S.S.S. (guaranteed purely vegetable) will cure any case of blood poison. Bools on the disease and its track."

"It will go away after awhile."

That's what people say when advised to take something to cure that cough.

Have you ever noticed that the cough that goes away after awhile takes the cougher along? And he doesn't come back!

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Cures Coughs.

HOW TO GET A \$100 BICYCLE FREE.

NO mystery to solve. tedious word contest. orders to take.

Only some writing in your own home. For particulars send stamped addressed envelope. Household Pub. & Pr'tg Co., 56 Bleecker Street, New York.

Galveston, La Porte and Houston RAILWAY.

"The Bay Shore Line." Daily Trains—3 Time-Table in Effect January 31st, 1897

SOVEREIGN		STANDARD	
Read Down.	No 7, No 8 No 1	STATIONS.	No 2, No 3 No 4
P.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
7:28	1:30	7:40	1:30
7:42	1:50	8:00	1:50
7:49	1:54	8:04	1:54
7:55	1:58	8:08	1:58
7:57	1:59	8:10	1:59
7:59	2:00	8:12	2:00
8:01	2:01	8:14	2:01
8:03	2:02	8:16	2:02
8:05	2:03	8:18	2:03
8:07	2:04	8:20	2:04
8:09	2:05	8:22	2:05
8:11	2:06	8:24	2:06
8:13	2:07	8:26	2:07
8:15	2:08	8:28	2:08
8:17	2:09	8:30	2:09
8:19	2:10	8:32	2:10
8:21	2:11	8:34	2:11
8:23	2:12	8:36	2:12
8:25	2:13	8:38	2:13
8:27	2:14	8:40	2:14
8:29	2:15	8:42	2:15
8:31	2:16	8:44	2:16
8:33	2:17	8:46	2:17
8:35	2:18	8:48	2:18
8:37	2:19	8:50	2:19
8:39	2:20	8:52	2:20
8:41	2:21	8:54	2:21
8:43	2:22	8:56	2:22
8:45	2:23	8:58	2:23
8:47	2:24	9:00	2:24
8:49	2:25	9:02	2:25
8:51	2:26	9:04	2:26
8:53	2:27	9:06	2:27
8:55	2:28	9:08	2:28
8:57	2:29	9:10	2:29
8:59	2:30	9:12	2:30
9:01	2:31	9:14	2:31
9:03	2:32	9:16	2:32
9:05	2:33	9:18	2:33
9:07	2:34	9:20	2:34
9:09	2:35	9:22	2:35
9:11	2:36	9:24	2:36
9:13	2:37	9:26	2:37
9:15	2:38	9:28	2:38
9:17	2:39	9:30	2:39
9:19	2:40	9:32	2:40
9:21	2:41	9:34	2:41
9:23	2:42	9:36	2:42
9:25	2:43	9:38	2:43
9:27	2:44	9:40	2:44
9:29	2:45	9:42	2:45
9:31	2:46	9:44	2:46
9:33	2:47	9:46	2:47
9:35	2:48	9:48	2:48
9:37	2:49	9:50	2:49
9:39	2:50	9:52	2:50
9:41	2:51	9:54	2:51
9:43	2:52	9:56	2:52
9:45	2:53	9:58	2:53
9:47	2:54	10:00	2:54
9:49	2:55	10:02	2:55
9:51	2:56	10:04	2:56
9:53	2:57	10:06	2:57
9:55	2:58	10:08	2:58
9:57	2:59	10:10	2:59
9:59	3:00	10:12	3:00
10:01	3:01	10:14	3:01
10:03	3:02	10:16	3:02
10:05	3:03	10:18	3:03
10:07	3:04	10:20	3:04
10:09	3:05	10:22	3:05
10:11	3:06	10:24	3:06
10:13	3:07	10:26	3:07
10:15	3:08	10:28	3:08
10:17	3:09	10:30	3:09
10:19	3:10	10:32	3:10
10:21	3:11	10:34	3:11
10:23	3:12	10:36	3:12
10:25	3:13	10:38	3:13</

THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

The element of uncertainty is the main charm of life.

People are apt to imagine that a man who is good-natured does not work.

Of all ordinary things, the worst is a stingy pig that is long on crust and short on filling.

The right kind of a man gains strength from failure, and does not let success breed inertia.

It pays better to tell the truth and lose temporarily than to state falsehood and lose permanently.

The most hopeless bankrupts are those who have failed in trying to borrow brains enough to run their business.

A monkey farm has been established in Florida. This explains why the Cuban war news from that state has been so unreliable.

It is believed a good many suicide clubs will be formed when the minimum amount of capital required by a national bank is fixed at \$20,000.

Wild Hog, a Sioux brave, has left the reservation and gone to New York "to study civilization." He had likely heard the boys reading about the Seeley dinner.

The talk about putting inventors on the government's paper money has been had for inventor McCormick, in that it has brought out an assertion that he did not invent his paper. Many an inventor is in oblivion while some richer man is getting the game that belongs to him.

A New York man called on a magistrate the other day and asked for a writ to compel his wife to support him. When the request was refused he volunteered the statement that he "might just as well not be married at all if there is no way to compel a woman to do her duty." Is this the "new man?"

The freedmen of the Cherokee nation will soon be paid their share of the strip money. There are 4,476 of them. They are building a pay house at which they are to receive their portions. They are also building a hotel to entertain the visitors and sightseers. It will be one of the most notable gatherings ever held in the territory.

The sacred privilege of minister and magistrate who marry people to his bride was rudely interfered with at Shelbyville, Ind., last week. Charles Comlin and Daisy Johnson were made one by Squire Thomas Kenton and the justice ministered. Comlin in the good, old Hoosier fashion. Then Comlin gave the squire a bit in the eye and refused to pay for the services just rendered. So Squire Kenton is out a doctor bill and a \$5 note.

A clergyman speaking in his pulpit recently gave utterance to the oft-repeated declaration that no man ever honestly accumulated a million dollars. His mistake was in neglecting to specify employments. The statement would perhaps be true that no man ever honestly earned a million dollars laying bricks, but it is also true that a man could honestly earn a million dollars by his services in caring for great interests worth a hundred millions. There has been at least one instance in which a man was paid during a few years three times a million dollars for exceptional services in behalf of vast pecuniary interests, and not one of the wise business men most interested, found fault with this valuation of the honest and faithful work he had done. Bank robbers and highwaymen also often accumulate vast fortunes.

According to the recent annual report of Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, no less than 45,000,000 shad eggs were collected, and from these 33,000,000 fry were planted into streams emptying into the Atlantic ocean and the Gulf of Mexico. The increase in shad eggs collected was 20,000,000 over the previous year, and if a bill now before congress is enacted into law auxiliary stations will be established on most of the important rivers of the Atlantic coast, and result in an immense increase in the output of this species. The output of better fry was 37,000,000 against 22,000,000 for the previous year, and Commissioner Brice says that there is little doubt that the output in another year will be increased more than 100 per cent. While the attempt is being made to constantly decreasing supplies of shad, the New England coast was made up of two experimental stations, and the shad were very numerous.

CRETAN DISORDERS.

CANEA HAS BEEN SURROUNDED BY CHRISTIANS.

Firing Has Commenced and the City is Being Bombarded—The Turks from the Fortress are Returning the Fire—Gen. Shelby Dead.

Canea, Island of Crete, Feb. 15.—The Christians occupied the heights surrounding the town yesterday morning and began to bombard Canea. As soon as the firing commenced Prince George Berovitch, governor of Crete, which recently enrolled the Montenegro guerrillas, boarded the Russian man-of-war. The Greek consul embarked on board another vessel. The Turks from the fortress replied to the fire of the Christians.

It is reported that the fighting was attended with bloodshed.

The military governor has been removed from his post. The foreign consuls also embarked on board the various vessels lying off the town of Canea. The Greek consul at Heraklion went on board the Greek warship Naurouchos Miausia. The Christians at Heraklion are also hurrying on board the ships. Fighting occurred around Haleppa Saturday. After a brisk fusillade the Turks dislodged the Christians and occupied Akrothi Hills. The French consul was obliged to quit his country house at Haleppa and return to his official residence at Canea.

Constantinople, Feb. 15.—A Greek vessel conveying soldiers from Candia to Canea. As a result of Friday's scenes the ambassadors decided to recommend to their respective governments that the powers occupy Canea, Retimo and Candia for the purpose of affording protection to the Mussulmans.

Newspaper Office Burned.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—The office of the Post, on Fifth avenue, was almost totally destroyed by fire yesterday morning, causing a loss to the paper of about \$60,000, well insured. Loss on the building is not yet known. The only other occupant of the building was Gleason, the ticket broker, whose loss was small. The Commercial Gazette, next door to the Post, was in imminent danger, but good work by the firemen saved that plant, the only damage being caused by water, which flooded the cellar. The Commercial Gazette's press and engine are for the time being disabled. The paper's edition this morning will be printed at the Press office.

Both the Post and the Commercial were promptly tendered the use and services of machines, presses and offices of the other newspapers in the city. The Post will be issued from the office of the Leader until a new plant can be established. The temporary business office of the Post will be on the first floor of the Carnegie building. The fire which caused the trouble was a mysterious one, breaking out at about 8 o'clock, and had made a fine of the freight elevator shaft, getting under a big headway, before the watchman discovered it. It is supposed that electric light wire are responsible for the conflagration. The flames shot up the elevator shaft from the first floor, and in a very short time had communicated to the entire building, which was soon beyond hope of being saved. On the fourth floor was the composing room, where the linotype machines, ten in number, were all so badly damaged that they will have to be rebuilt. Type and other material were also a complete loss. In the editorial rooms on the third floor the complete files of the paper were destroyed and everything in the room drenched with water or consumed by the flames. The business office is a wreck. The large safe broke through the floor and crashed down upon one of the presses, which was immediately under it in the basement. What damage the safe and press have sustained can not be known before to-day.

Loss on the Post building, which belonged to the J. N. McCullough estate, will be \$25,000, well insured.

Mexico News.

City of Mexico, Feb. 15.—United States Minister Ransom is on his way back to North Carolina, having been summoned by telegram announcing the serious illness of his wife. It is feared here that the minister will not return before his successor is appointed. Minister Ransom has won the universal good will of the Americans and Mexicans. He has been efficient, careful and a most courteous minister, having the sincere respect of the Mexican government and his attitude on all matters that have arisen has been patriotic and thoroughly American. The legation is left in charge of Secretary Sepulveda.

Native capitalists have organized a fire insurance company, the first of its kind in this republic, taking accident, burglary, carriage and plate glass risks.

Hundreds of American infants are now in the country in want and distress.

Gen. Shelby Dead.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 14.—Gen. Jo Shelby died at his country home, eight miles from Audrain, Mo., at 4 o'clock Saturday morning.

The end came peacefully. The patient had been unconscious since early Monday morning, and had been slowly dying since that time. At a consultation of physicians last night it was given out that death must come before morning, and the family had been constant watchers at the bedside of the dying general.

Gen. Shelby was taken seriously ill ten days ago with pneumonia and gradually grew worse. His vitality was great, however, and his friends and family had hopes that he would overcome the disease, and, indeed, half a dozen times since then, when given up to die, the patient's remarkable recuperative powers asserted themselves, and each time he revived.

During all of last Sunday night and most of Monday the patient talked continually in an irrational way. At times he recognized those about him, but it was only for a moment, when he would again lapse into a comatose or delirious state. He began to sink rapidly Tuesday morning, and in a few moments his pulse was almost imperceptible. Until that moment Mrs. Shelby, who had been constantly at the general's bedside, believed that he would survive, and then gave way, prostrated with grief and physical and mental strain. Later Gen. Shelby revived somewhat, but remained unconscious until death, and practically took no medicine or nourishment.

Definite arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made, but it is believed that Gen. Shelby will be buried in Kansas City, where his family resides.

Supposed to be George Taylor.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 15.—A report reached here last night that George Taylor, the murderer of the Meeks family in jail at Salem, Fulton county, Arkansas, and that he is a raving maniac. This information was brought here by a traveling man named Hurt, who claims to have been acquainted with the Taylors when they were in business at Carrollton, Mo. He says that he saw the man now in jail at Salem and feels satisfied that he is none other than George Taylor, although he is so changed in his appearance from his former self as to hardly resemble the George Taylor of a few years ago.

For two or three weeks the people of Fulton county were alarmed over the peculiar actions of an insane man running at large in that county. The unfortunate man roamed through the woods in the day. At night he would venture out on the country roads. He was almost naked and wore no hat. All attempts of the officers to capture him were in vain, and he came to be spoken of as "the wild man of Fulton county."

Finally a posse of citizens captured him and landed him in jail at Salem. An effort to have him confined in the state insane asylum was unsuccessful as no one would swear that he was a resident of the state. He has acted very peculiarly while in jail, evincing a mortal fear of the sheriff and begging the jailer not to allow the sheriff to take him back. When asked what he meant by "back" he would not say. The officers became convinced that the man has committed some terrible crime somewhere and that either fear of arrest or his crime preying on his mind has caused him to go crazy.

Mr. Hunt says the mad man is none other than George Taylor.

To Build a Canal.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 15.—Charles E. Osborne of Sault Ste Marie, state geologist and fish warden, has returned from Washington with the information that a company has been organized to complete the canal of the St. Mary's Falls Water Power company at an expense of nearly \$3,000,000. Mr. Osborne says that there are interested in the new enterprise the Cramps shipbuilding firm of Philadelphia, the Chicago Gas company and others which are to locate works on the new canal. The Cramps propose to establish a lake shipbuilding industry at the falls.

The St. Mary's Falls Water Power company secured control of the water power on the Canadian side and began operations in 1883, but the enterprise has never reached a successful status.

An Embezzlement Charge.

Westchester, Pa., Feb. 15.—Ex-Congressman Smedley Darlington has been arraigned on a charge of embezzlement arising from the financial troubles of the Westchester Guarantee and Safe Deposit company, of which he was president before the appointment of receivers. The charge is preferred by Mrs. A. Burnett, of Malvern, who alleges that on Dec. 5 last Darlington received from her on deposit \$1300, knowing at the time that the company was insolvent. Darlington was held on his own recognizance for a further hearing.

An unfortunary man was found dead near Trenton, Pa., last night.

RELIEF IS WANTED.

THE POOR PEOPLE OF NEWTON COUNTY NEED HELP.

A Mass Meeting of Citizens Was Held and a Committee Appointed to Provide Some Way to Relieve Their Needs, Shooting and Cutting Scrape.

Newton, Tex., Feb. 11.—About 125 citizens of Newton county, both white and colored, met here in mass meeting Wednesday to devise some means by which the poor people of the county might get bread. Hon. J. F. Syler was elected chairman and J. M. Horger secretary. A resolution was passed instructing the chairman to appoint a committee to prepare a suitable memorial to the legislature asking that an appropriation be made in a sufficient sum to purchase 20,000 bushels of corn, said corn to be bought by the state and furnished the people of Newton county at Kirbysville at actual cost, and that the legislature use its best endeavors to get the railroads to haul the corn free of charge. By this means it is hoped that corn can be laid down at Kirbysville for about 25 cents per bushel.

The corn crop was almost an entire failure in this county last year, and some people are actually suffering for bread. The cotton crop was also short, and money is very scarce, but if the people can get corn at 25 cents per bushel most of the people would be able probably to buy enough for bread.

A correspondent was reliably informed that in the five western parishes of Louisiana, just across the river from Newton county, the state has furnished the people corn at cost, and the roads have hauled it free of charge. If something is not done a great many people in this county will suffer, as there is no corn nor meat in the county, and very little money to buy it.

C. H. Howard, Sheriff Downs and J. M. Horger were appointed by the chairman as members of the committee to prepare the memorial. The commissioners' court will add its indorsement to the request.

Man Found Dead.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Feb. 12.—A man was found Thursday afternoon about 4 o'clock lying upon the ground about half a mile southwest of the courthouse. Near the dead body was a two-ounce vial with a laudanum label on it, and containing but a teaspoonful of the drug. A few papers were found near by, and upon one was written: "My wife is a widow." These papers revealed the dead man's identity. His name was F. Kirkpatrick. Several citizens knew him, but he did not live here. He had been working at saw mills, the last being at Teneha. It was learned that his wife is at Timpon with his children. He had been seeking employment, bought the laudanum about 11 o'clock and left town. The county will give him a burial.

Shooting and Cutting Scrape.

Waco, Tex., Feb. 13.—Near Speegleville, in this county, yesterday, Tom Tindall was shot through the brain and instantly killed, and Joe Alford was wounded with an ax, it is believed fatally.

Sheriff Baker procured a warrant for the arrest of Alford and went to the scene to serve it, but found he was too badly hurt to be moved.

Both Tindall and Alford are of well-to-do and influential families in the Speegleville neighborhood. Sheriff Baker returned from the scene of the Speegleville tragedy, leaving a deputy sheriff at Joe Alford's house. Alford, Sheriff Baker says, is very severely cut with the ax, and can not be brought to Waco.

Charged With Intent to Murder.

Ablene, Tex., Feb. 13.—Jake Garnett, section foreman on the Texas and Pacific railroad, was arrested here Thursday night on a charge of assault with intent to murder. It is claimed that the offense was committed in Hood county, Texas, ten years ago. Garnett has been continuously in the employ of the Texas and Pacific railroad for several years, in the capacity of brakeman and section foreman.

He was married a few months ago, since which time he and his wife have resided in this city.

Bonham, Tex., Feb. 13.—The com-

Hurt in a Saw Mill.

Orange, Tex., Feb. 13.—In gigging back the log carriage at the D. R. Wingate company's mill yesterday morning a piece of timber struck the sawyer's lever, letting the car shoot back against the bumpers with violent speed. The setters and two doggers were thrown several feet, and when picked up Charles Turner and Robert Love were unable to move. Hugh Fountain was injured slightly, but could walk. Turner and Love are confined to their beds.

A heavy storm prevailed all over Newton county.

New York ladies have been dismissing the frocks made on the home by club life, and bewailing modern innovations generally. One woman declared that "homes are broken up that the home-maker may obtain leisure for lectures and clubs, and even babies of 6 are smitten with the fever. Cupid has no privacy in which to shoot his darts and can only make his advance under the cover of a hundred eyes." But, worse than all this was the statement that the fin de siecle woman had no time to make mince pies.

Frisco has a Japanese physician.

Twins in Size, Shape and Activity. This is what those important little organs, the kidneys are when healthy. In disorders they may differ in all three particulars. Disease usually destroys them successively, not simultaneously, and one may be active while the other is semi-paralyzed. Give to both a healthful impulse, without exciting them, with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which fortifies such fearful maladies as Bright's disease and diabetes. Use the Bitters, also, for malaria, bilious, rheumatic, nervous, bowel and kidney trouble.

The longest artificial water course in the world is the Bengal canal in India, 900 miles; the next is Erie, 363. Each cost near \$10,000,000.

Santa Fe to San Antonio.

Beginning January 10 and every day thereafter a through Pullman sleeper will leave Paris at 5:20 p. m., Dallas at 8:50 p. m., Cleburne at 10:50 p. m., Fort Worth at 9:40 p. m.

Passengers from Fort Worth will connect with sleeper at Cleburne, arriving at San Antonio 8:45 a. m. via Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe to Cameron, San Antonio and Aransas Pass to Flatonia, Southern Pacific to San Antonio, one change only, with direct connections for coach passengers at Cameron. This is absolutely the quickest time between North Texas and San Antonio. W. S. KEENAN, G. P. A., G. C. & S. F. Ry.

No great man had time to play checkers in the middle of the day.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c

Glasgow boasts of 10,768 Sunday school teachers and 115,781 scholars.

Just try a box of Cascara, candy cathartic, the finest liver and bowel regulator made.

Mexico is to have a \$3,000,000 cotton mill.

Pure Hood's Sarsaparilla

Blood is what everyone should have at this season. Therefore purify and enrich your blood now with a thorough course of

Hood's Sarsaparilla

The best in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills easy to buy, easy to take, easy in effect. 25c

FERRY'S SEEDS

There has never been a time when green peas were so good against fatigue with corn. They have never been a time when green peas were more essential. They are always the best. For sale by leading grocers everywhere. Look out for having them.

FERRY'S SEED ANNUAL

Is full of information for gardeners and farmers. There will never be a better time than now to send for the 1911 edition. Price, 25c. D. M. Ferry & Co., Detroit, Mich.

SEEDS

MANUFACTURED BY THE HOOD FENCE CO. L.A. LARK CHARLES, L.A.

The best and cheapest fence on earth. Sold by all the principal lumber dealers in Texas. Write for circular and mention this paper.

QUARTER OF CENTURY OLD.

MANILLA ROOFING

CHEAP WATERPROOF. Not affected by heat. No RUST nor RATTLE. Durable in all climates. Superior quality for fireproof walls. Water Proof. Resisting all kinds of material. The best in the market. Write for circulars, etc. HOOD MANILLA ROOFING CO., CARROLL, TEX.

High Class Seeds

Plant, Bulb, Insecticides, Garden Hose, Spraying Outfit, Etc. F. G. LAVERGNE, 2018 Market Street, Galveston, Texas. WRITE FOR CATALOGUE.

MASONRY ARCADE, 210-212 Main St., Houston, Tex. Dry Goods, Millinery, Clothing, Boots and Shoes, etc. Robt. T. Breech, Prop.

OPIMUM AND WHISKY DRUNKENNESS

Good. DR. J. L. STEPHENS, LEECH, 1011 1/2

PLOWS

If afflicted with Thompson's Eye Water.

OPIMUM AND WHISKY DRUNKENNESS. Good. DR. J. L. STEPHENS, LEECH, 1011 1/2

W. N. U.—HOUSTON—No. 8—1897

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY OF THE DOINGS OF OUR LAWMAKERS.

Resolution Introduced to Authorize the Speaker to Give Preference to Platform Measures—Party Pledges Will be Quickly Reduced.

Austin, Texas, February 10.—In the house yesterday morning Mr. Wolters introduced a resolution that carries with it a great deal of significance. It reads:

Resolved, That after the pending business is disposed of the speaker is hereby authorized and instructed to take up out of their regular order and present to the house for consideration, all bills on his table that are based on the specific platform pledges made by the democracy at the last state convention held at Fort Worth.

There is a point in this that one would not notice at first glance. It is without precedent, and shows that the party in power proposes not to ignore the pledges that were made. The resolution was unanimously adopted by those present, which was more than two-thirds of the house. This resolution is broad in its intentions. It gives the speaker supreme authority in selecting platform demands as fast as they come from the committees and lay them before the house for consideration. A platform demand can take precedence over any measure. This indicates that the party pledges will receive every consideration at once and not be left in the closing days of the session to be hurriedly cast aside.

Speaker Dashiell did not take advantage of the excursion to San Antonio, but spent Sunday going over the calendar selecting platform measures and putting everything in good shape, anticipating the adoption of this resolution, which he knew would be introduced.

In the senate this morning, Mr. Woods' bill to prohibit Sunday base ball playing lasted just four minutes and a half. It was laid out without discussion.

The opponents of the Lewis bill to annul the doctrine of fellow-servants, met with something of a surprise in the senate yesterday morning, when they ran up against a tie vote on the proposition to table Mr. Dibrill's amendment thereto, which would rob it of its force. They had figured on being in a majority and although they succeeded in defeating the motion to table they were not sure enough of their ground to press the matter further, so they let the bill go over for another day.

A great display of oratorical fireworks was made in the house for about an hour yesterday morning over the Ward bill to extend the Australian ballot system to county districts and provide for pure elections, at the conclusion of which the favorable committee report thereon was adopted and it was made special order for February 23.

Mr. Wayland's fee bill is special order for today in the senate.

Hurt in a Runaway.

Calvert, Texas, February 10.—Professors E. M. Pace and D. A. McAskill started to Franklin through the country, when the team became frightened and ran away. Professor Pace was thrown from the buggy and sustained severe injuries to his shoulders and back.

Farmer's Suicide.

Ledbetter, Texas, February 10.—Mr. J. C. Moss, an old resident of this county, committed suicide this morning early. He arose at the usual time and went out to the barn. Later one of his sons going out there found him hanging in the barn.

Mormon Missionaries in England.

Two thousand Latter Day saints missionaries are said to be in England just now.

"Mamma," asked the little boy, "what does this story mean by talking about a great-grandmother? Ain't all grandmothers great?"—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Chess Tournament.

Fort Worth, Texas, February 10.—The chess tournament which has been in progress among Fort Worth enthusiasts for some time, is ended. O. E. Monnig being declared the champion, having won 12 and lost but 2 games. Otto Monnig was awarded the second prize with a score of 11 won and 3 lost. The third position is tied between S. M. Furman and Win. Monnig, who stand 8½ won and 5½ lost. A meeting has been called for the purpose of organizing a club of the lovers of the game.

Change to Chattanooga.

Chicago, February 10.—The annual convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America may not be held in Brooklyn next July, as originally decided. The refusal of the traffic associations to grant a rate of one fare for the round trip was the subject discussed by the executive committee of the union at its meeting today and arrangements were commenced whereby the place of holding the convention will be changed to Chattanooga. The matter will be decided tomorrow.

Senate Proceedings.

Austin, Texas, February 13.—In the senate yesterday morning Mr. Colquitt's concurrent resolution providing and was sent over to the house. The for an adjournment sine die on March 20 passed by a comfortable majority senate is getting restless, and the idea prevails there that thirty days more is all that is necessary for the disposition of such legislation as is expected of this session. If the house does not in that time act upon such measures as the senate sends it, or it does not send the senate something of importance to pass upon, the advocates of an early adjournment think the governor should call an extra session and specify what legislation shall be considered there. They say it is unfair to keep the senate here for four months waiting upon the house, while the latter is wasting time upon unimportant bills the exclusion of matters of prime interest and value.

On motion of Mr. Goss the senate yesterday, by a significant vote, adopted a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of both houses to investigate the school book question and prepare a bill to regulate the sale thereof, the object being to break up corners on this business. A hard but ineffectual fight was made on the resolution by an aggressive minority.

An attempt was made yesterday evening in house judiciary committee No. 2 to regualize one of the three so-called "influence bills" recently killed by that body, without success. The object of the authors of these bills is to provide severe penalties for the tender or acceptance of political influence to carry elections. The objectionable feature thereof is the making it possible to obtain a conviction on the unsupported testimony of an accomplice guaranteed immunity from prosecution. A majority of the committee became impressed with the magnificent possibilities for litigation such a law would create.

Mr. Ward's bill providing for extension of the Australian ballot system to rural precincts, and throwing safeguards around elections, was laid before the house yesterday morning. Opposition developed therefrom from several populous sections of the state, those who did not favor its passage making the frank, though singular admission that they did not like it because it would prevent the manipulation of voters. Further argument will be heard next week and the friends of the bill promise some strong speeches. The general opinion is that it will not pass, there being some fear of it among the representatives of rural precincts who, while they admit that it is a good measure, are reluctant to adopt such a radical change in the election laws as it proposes without giving their constituents an opportunity to study and digest it.

Mr. Burns' resolution providing for the submission of a constitutional amendment to permit residents of incorporated cities to tax themselves for street paving, etc., and levy said tax upon abutting property, has been favorably reported to the senate.

A petition indorsing Representative Edwards of Duval county and asking President McKinley to appoint him collector of the port of Brownsville is being circulated among and signed by members of both houses.

House finance committee this evening killed the bill prohibiting the making of gold contracts in this state.

An Appeal For Aid.

Newton, Texas, February 12.—There was a mass meeting of citizens here yesterday to see what could be done to help the suffering poor of the county which was largely attended. The meeting decided to ask the state to furnish the people corn at Kirbyville at cost, and use its best endeavors to get the railroads to haul the corn free.

A committee, consisting of C. H. Howard, E. D. Downs and J. M. Horgan, was appointed to prepare a memorial to the legislature.

This is the first time in the history of Newton county that her citizens have been compelled to call for help of any kind, but the failure of the corn crop last year has left the farmers in an impoverished condition, and many are suffering for bread.

Deed of Trust.

Mexia, Texas, February 13.—R. H. Rawling of this place, fancy grocer, filed a deed of trust, with Jack Womack as trustee. Liabilities, \$4000; assets, \$600; preferred, \$2500.

Glass Eyes in Switzerland.

Two million glass eyes are manufactured yearly in Germany and Switzerland.

Preferred Wedlock to Imprisonment.

Dallas, Texas, February 13.—Tilden Crosby and Miss Laura Dale were married in the county attorney's office yesterday. Crosby was indicted by the grand jury last week for outraging Miss Dale, who is under the age of consent, and who lived with her parents near Orphan's home. Crosby was arrested in Milan county and brought to Dallas three days ago. In such cases Judge Clint always gives the defendant the privilege of marrying or going to the penitentiary. Crosby chose the former course.

WACO CITY CHARTER.

THE VOTE ON THE PASSAGE OF THE BILL WAS 64 TO 27.

A Bill to Create a More Efficient Road System for Travis County Was Laid Before the House on Its Third Reading and Passed.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 14.—In the senate yesterday the president signed the following bills:

House bill No. 272, being an act amending the Austin city charter, for the purpose of establishing or creating a water and light commission.

House bill No. 25, being an act creating a new judicial court in Harris county.

Mr. Rogers' bill, defining the purpose for which corporations may be created, was read the third time and passed.

The journal falling to show the committee on roads, bridges and fences, the president announced the following as composing that committee: Wayland, chairman; Woods, Kerr, Harrison, Darwin, Linn of Wharton, Rogers, Yantis, Terrell.

Mr. Woods' bill, relating to theft from the person, was read the third time and passed.

Senate bill No. 127, amending the law relating to subornation of perjury, was passed.

Austin, Tex., Feb. 14.—The bill to create a new judicial district in Harris county was laid before the house yesterday on its third reading.

The vote on the final passage of the bill was 79 yeas and 14 nays.

The bill to create a more efficient road system for Travis county was next laid before the house on its third reading.

The bill was passed finally.

The senate amendment to the house bill extending the time in which certain railroads have to fulfill charter requirements was adopted. The amendment simply requires that all franchise fees shall have been paid as a prerequisite. The bill had already been passed finally by the house.

The house bill, with senate amendments, providing for the election of special county judges when the regular judge fails or refuses to serve was laid before the house. The house concurred in the amendment, and the bill was passed.

The bill to amend the charter of the city of Waco was then laid before the house as the regular order.

Mr. Sluder offered an amendment to strike out the words "firm or corporation," where the words the "treasurer shall be any firm, corporation or person."

The amendment was adopted.

Mr. Sluder offered another amendment to strike out the word "trustee" wherever it appears and insert the word "treasurer."

The amendment was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wolters called attention to changes that had been made in the bill. The amendments that had been adopted yesterday morning, he said, sought to meet some of the objections raised last Saturday. They failed of their purpose, though, he thought. By the amendment inserting "treasurer" for "trustee" it was sought to make him an officer of the city, but it deprived the citizens of all voice in his selection.

The vote on the final passage of the bill was 64 yeas, 27 nays.

The bill to exempt Red River county from the operation of the law relating to the inspection of hides and animals was passed to engrossment, after an amendment by Mr. Hensley exempting Matagorda and Brazoria counties, and by Mr. Porter exempting Burleson county, had been adopted.

Got His Girl.

Lancaster, Tex., Feb. 15.—Yesterday morning E. A. Miles, with license in his pockets, went out to H. W. Houston's and expected to marry Miss Emma Houston, but the old gentleman stopped him at his gate and would not let Miles enter the premises, so he came back to town and appeared before Judge H. H. England, a justice of the peace, who issued his most gracious writ of habeas corpus for the body of Miss Emma Houston, and Constable J. H. Peacock, armed as aforesaid with said writ, proceeded in a buggy after Miss Emma, and about 5 o'clock yesterday evening he appeared before Judge England with Miss Emma. Miles was in waiting, and the judge soon made them man and wife. Constable Peacock says he did not serve the writ, as there was no objection to her coming.

Generosity With Thrifts.

He—They say she is very generous to the poor.

She—Yes; and always trying to do something to amuse them.

He—Indeed?

She—Yes; she gets up dances and all that sort of thing for them. This winter, I understand, she is going to give them a snow ball.

Exempt From Johnson Grass Law.

Austin, Texas, February 12.—The following counties have been exempted from the operations of the Johnson grass act:

Armstrong, Bailey, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Dickens, Donley, Floyd, Foard, Gray, Hale, Hansford, Hardeman, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, King, Lamb, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Permer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Wheeler, Caldwell, Webb, Ector, Nueces, Duval, Aransas, San Patricio, Andrews, Dorden, Cochran, Crane, Crosby, Dawson, Ector, Fisher, Gaines, Garza, Glasscock, Haskell, Heckley, Howard, Kent, Loving, Lubbock, Lynn, Martin, Midland, Mitche I, Nolan, Reeves, Scurry, Stonewall, Terry, Upton, Ward, Winkler, Yoakum, El Paso, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Brewster, Buehel, Foley, Pecos, Val Verde, Kinney, Maverick, Guadalupe, Medina, Uvalde, Dimmitt, Zavala, Frio, McMullen, La Salle, Irion, Sterling, Schleicher, Crockett, Sutton, Edwards, Concho, Jack, Clay, Rains, Burleson, Wood, Harris, Brazoria, Matagorda, Franklin, Kerr, Kendall, Bandera, Upshur, Camp, Anderson, Parker, Rusk, Wilbarger, Wichita, Fort Bend, Walker, Montgomery, Trinity, Archer, Knox, Baylor, Stephens, Young, Throckmorton, McCulloch, Hardin, Liberty, Jefferson, Orange, Chambers, Tyler, Bexar, Cass, Hopkins, Taylor, Jones, Shackelford, Callahan, Galveston, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, Zapata, Smith, Atascosa, Live Oak, Wilson, Karnes, Lee, San Saba, Mills, Tom Green, Kimble, Coke and Henderson.

The Blockading Fleet.

Charleston, S. C., February 12.—The weather yesterday was not propitious for the blockade fleet, though it suited admirably the purposes of a blockade runner. No fugitive craft, however, attempted to run the gauntlet of the fleet guarding the entrance to the harbor and the big ships lay at anchor in the rain, unable to engage in target or evading practice, as has been the daily custom of the men on board the ships. The arrival of the other vessels which have been ordered to join the fleet has been looked forward to with eagerness. Particularly so the dynamite cruiser, Yevatus, which is to run the blockade.

The monitor Amphitrite came to the city at noon and took a position in the stream off the custom house. Last night's work on board the fleet consisted of search light drills and target practice. The battleship Maine and the cruisers New York, Columbia and Marblehead took part in the drills. The search light was flashed across the sea and every corner and cranny of the surrounding shore was explored by their rays.

Arrangements were concluded yesterday for a grand ball to be tendered the officers of the navy on the 19th. The ball will be one of the most brilliant social affairs ever held in the state.

Woman Mysteriously Stabbed.

Bryan, Texas, February 11.—Nancy Cooper, a colored woman, was mysteriously cut about the head and face at an early hour here yesterday morning. Her husband had gone to town and she had not gotten out of bed when someone entered the room and slashed her several times with a knife. She does not know who her assailant was. She will recover.

Cotton Shippers Protest.

Austin, Texas, February 12.—Messrs. William M. Read and G. W. Neville were here yesterday to appear before house committee on Internal Improvements to protest against conferring jurisdiction upon the railroad commission over the compressage of cotton for interstate shipment, but the matter was postponed until next Tuesday, at which time all compress people desiring to say something with regard thereto will be heard.

Has Sixteen Mothers-in-Law.

Dallas, Texas, February 12.—Tom Rowe, who is noted for having married sixteen women in seven years, spent last night in Dallas, on his way to the pen at Huntsville, where he has been sent for four years from Grayson county. He joked with those around him at the depot this morning and said he would marry again if a suitable opportunity presented itself.

Why should a preacher, any more than any one else, be permitted to speak slightly of women without securing the contempt of all manly men?

Claims of Sugar Growers.

Washington, February 12.—The members of the house appropriations committee had a warm debate today over the proposition to put in the sundry civil bill, the claims of the sugar growers for more than a million more of bounty money. The subcommittee which framed the bill was in favor of the appropriation, but the full committee, by a vote of 9 to 7, refused to put it in the bill.

Chairman Cannon of the committee made a strong speech today against putting the claim in the sundry civil bill.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

At Gilmer, Upshur county, Ben Davis, colored, was shot through the heart the other evening in a broil.

Mrs. Lee Tucker was thrown from a runaway buggy the other afternoon at Hillsboro. She escaped injury, but the buggy was torn to pieces.

The other night the dead body of a negro was found in an old cabin in Chaneyville, Harris county. The cause of death could not be ascertained.

At Grapevine, Tarrant county, W. H. Stewart fell the other morning and broke his leg. Mr. Stewart was thrown off a runaway reaper last summer and his leg was broken.

The dead body of Dan Goodson, for fourteen years an employe of Call Camp, was found at Navasota the other morning. An inquest developed that death ensued from natural causes.

In the district court at Greenville, recently, the case against Louis Luttrell and Joe English, charged with killing Daggett three years ago, was set for hearing.

The other morning Bud Morris, Charlie Miles and Jim Miles were arrested at Greenville, charged with burglarizing Money schoolhouse. They are in jail awaiting action of the grand jury.

Henry Robinson, colored, was arrested recently, charged with the killing of Tom Neville, near the Mark Young farm, at Bastrop, Bastrop county. He awaits examining trial in the county jail.

At Marshall, Harrison county, the house of William Price was burglarized the other night. A suit of tailor-made clothing, fine overcoat and a pearl-handled pistol were stolen. No clew to the thief.

W. L. Wooley, a brakeman on an extra northbound freight on the Central, had the ends of two fingers on the right hand cut off while coupling cars at Plano the other night. He left for the hospital at Houston.

At Marble Falls, Burnet county, Edwin Lacy died the other day from injuries received by a fall some weeks ago. He came there in 1848, and was one of the first settlers. He was a large shipper of hogs.

At Aledo, Parker county, Quade Fain, the 14-year-old son of W. H. Fain, slipped and fell the other evening, striking his head with such force that a blood vessel was ruptured, from the effect of which he died in a few hours.

The other morning Briscoe Johnson was shot in the head at Palestine. Johnson is all right and Felix Smith is in jail, as well as a youth who is charged with furnishing the weapon with which the shooting was done. All are colored.

The other afternoon Mrs. Herring of Freestone county, was in Corsicana with her son looking for a madstone to apply to a wound caused by a watch dog biting the young man on the foot a few days previously. They were referred to Dr. W. J. W. Kerr, who has a madstone. On application the stone adhered to the wound for three hours.

Lee Stephenson was dangerously cut at Rockwall, recently, the knife being plunged into his hip bone and drawn across the small of the back. The doctor thinks his kidney is cut in two. The trouble originated from some remarks supposed to have been made by Stephenson about a woman, Stephenson being charged also with conjuring the woman. All parties to the transaction are colored.

The other afternoon at Houston, Ed Heffernan, a conductor for fifteen years on the Southern Pacific railway, had a needle extracted from his foot. It lay in the ball of the foot between the bones of the first and second toes. The X-ray was used and located it plainly. An operation of a year ago in Galveston failed to remove it, and the foot was almost useless. He was under the operation nearly two hours.

A stranger, supposed to have been a tramp, led to death in the Frisco yards at Paris the other night. The stranger was sitting on the cinder pit in front of the roundhouse warming his feet, when an engine backed into a stall in the roundhouse, severing both legs of the sleeping man. As soon as the man was discovered a carriage was called and the wounded man taken to the hospital, but despite medical attention he bled to death. Justice Dickson held an inquest over the body. Papers on the man's person showed him to be Fred S. Nelson.

B. N. Greenup of Pottsville, was in Deason the other evening. He brought news that J. N. Harrison, Katy section boss at Pottsville, had been cut with a knife in the back, quite seriously, but not fatally. A man named Thomas, who was formerly section boss, was arrested.

Mr. J. H. Anderson dropped dead on the street at Martin, Falls county, the other day while apparently in good health. Mr. Anderson was 33 years old and came to Falls county in 1842. He was one of the most influential and highly respected citizens of the county.

DECEIVERS EVER.

AREY CHURCHILL CARTER CHANNING, first lieutenant, 11th cavalry, died so long ago that most of his story is forgotten, although it was a very great wonder at the time. Everybody connected with it is dead also—his mother and the other two women—and so many first lieutenants have filled his place since then that no one's heart is likely to be wounded by repeating it.

He was a superb great fellow—as all the men in his regiment were said to be in those days—of the big, blonde, and brave type, knowing neither fear nor failure, and his fascination was something that has become a tradition in the service. So many girls—aye, and married women, too—had loved him that the shores upon which he had touched were strewn with wrecks.

The hearts of all those women had been broken, actually broken, not just dented a little, as is usually the case in such affairs; their lives were openly ruined, yet Channing kept himself free of blame. No one could say "he should not have done thus or so," he never committed himself, he never acted in a compromising fashion in the presence of a third person. But the women who ran insanely on into the desert of disillusion, following the elusive pillars of the smoke of his words and the fire of his looks, never again passed beyond into the land of content sorrow—the wilderness. They despised themselves in that pitiful fashion that women have; but they loved him always—for such is the way of their kind.

It had been his good fortune to have dealings only with women who either thought of him alone, forgetting themselves, or with those too gentle to denounce him. Then, too, he had managed well; there was never any definite proof. But in the early summer of '85, the pitcher that had been carried ninety-nine times to the well narrowly escaped being broken.

The bride of Capt. Morton, having seen fit, with due encouragement, to tell in love with him, threatened to become unmanageable. She was a most wonderfully attractive feminine little thing, but she was neither of the self-insulating nor of the concealing sort. Having lost her heart, she lost her head, and Channing was in much danger of having his methods exposed.

His captain advised him. "Channing, you'd better take a leave and get out for a bit."

"Why?"

"Well, it's a delicate subject, but Morton's an old friend of mine, and I don't want to see his wife disgraced."

"But what have I done? I am as innocent as a baby; and besides, I think you are mistaken."

"We all exonerate you. It's not your fault; but I'm not mistaken. It's evident to the whole post. Take my advice and go see your mother, like a dutiful son."

Channing was flattered, but he was also frightened; nevertheless, he was undecided.

There was a hop the same night.



SCREAMED FOR HER HUSBAND.

Mrs. Morton was there, and it was her actions that determined Channing to take Capt. Lytton's counsel. She was already in the hop-room talking to the latter when Channing appeared, and the moment she saw him, standing tall and graceful and indifferent in the doorway, she grew so white that the whole room noticed it, and she trembled visibly. She realized her position and knew that Capt. Lytton's quick movement to put himself between her and the watching eyes had been unavailing.

Her own soft eyes filled as she raised them pitifully. "You see what a spectacle I am making of myself. I can't help it. I've tried hard. There's nothing for it but to go away or break down."

"Your little girl! Come away, then." "If you will just take me home, and let me go!" she stopped, losing the thread of her words, for Channing was approaching.

Capt. Lytton offered her his arm. "Come quickly," he said.

"Just wait a minute, please—just let me tell Mr. Channing I can't stay any longer."

She had looked up and her eyes

were brilliant. She put out her hand to Channing, drew it back, and again stretched it forth, confusedly.

He took it and pressed it—yes, she was sure he pressed it, almost. "The third you promised me, wasn't it?"

"Yes, I think so," she answered.

Capt. Lytton turned on his heel and walked away.

At the end of the third dance, while they strolled together up and down the line, Channing experimented to see how far she would go. To his consternation he found that she would stop at nothing short of blazoning her infatuation from the house tops. A scandal was not what Channing wanted. He was very gentle with her, but she wept and said all manner of foolish things, until Capt. Lytton came upon them and took her home.

Very soon after this the lieutenant went on to visit his mother. She was a Virginian, of the conventional poor but proud order; and she lived on what had once been the kitchen garden of the family estate. Quite as often as not she was on the point of hunger, when there was no demand for the needlework of her quivering old fingers. Her son did not contribute to her support. "All of my beggarly pay, and more, too, goes to keep up appearances. My regiment is great on esprit de corps. I'd like awfully well to help you, mother, but I must hold up my end of the row. I am a Channing." And she loved him all the better.

While he was with her in the summer of '85, through sheer lack of excitement he became enamored of a certain Anna Trafford. He asked her to marry him—quite the last thing he would have expected himself to do—and she, being completely fascinated, consented without even a decent amount of hesitation. It was arranged that in the late fall she should join Channing at the town nearest his post, and there be married.

In September the unhappy Mrs. Morton, having gone hopelessly away to another garrison, the lieutenant rejoined his regiment.

In November, giving way ungraciously enough to Anna Trafford's pleadings, Channing granted her permission to join him at the railroad town. She was very poor. Generally she was considered a self-sacrificing. Now she clamored, and would not be quieted until a mortgage was raised on the wretched little house that was all in the world her mother and crippled sister owned. She bought her ticket with the money, and ten days after the receipt of Channing's letter she was at the meeting place—alone.

She spent a day and two nights in the mean little depot hotel, very nearly out of her mind with loneliness, fright, and at last an acknowledged distrust. Then Channing's mother arrived, and an officer met them with an ambulance.

A fever, the mother told her. The doctor had telegraphed for her, without her son's knowledge, the day after the girl had left the village. Then Anna reproached herself for her suspicious and unreasoning bitterness.

The drive to the post took two days. It was a horrible experience for the officer. The road stretched on, on and on, across desert and bad lands, where even the greasewood and mesquite were burned by the terrible sun. The beautiful daughter of Col. Ross was standing by Channing's bed, alone when the doctor led the mother and her young companion in. The lieutenant had been dead twenty minutes. The dark-eyed woman did not turn; she had forgotten everything in all the world save only Channing's face. When the southern girl dropped down at the bedside and screamed for her husband, she started.

"Is the poor thing crazy?" she asked dully of Mrs. Channing.

"No. But she was not married to him. Only she was to have been married at Santa Maria two or three days ago; I forget when. He sent for her."

"That can't be true, because I am his wife."

Mrs. Channing caught at the bedpost with her shriveled old hand. "Nonsense!" she said.

"Indeed, it is true. Aren't you his mother?" She put her arm tenderly about the bent shoulders. "I thought you were. You look like him. He and I were married last night at midnight, when they told us he was going to die."

"Anna! Come away, Anna! You've no right there. Get up. This girl's his wife. He didn't love you. He married her. He married her—last night."

It was cruel, but Mrs. Channing had gone mad.

For five years afterward Col. Ross cared for the insane mother of his daughter's husband—even when his daughter was dead.

But until Channing was buried in the graveyard on the hill, where the coyotes dug up the mounds at night, and the prairie-dogs barked shrilly, and the snakes glided along the dry, baked earth into their holes—until he was buried there, the two women staid by her. Their trust in the dead man never faltered. The girl believed he had been ensnared on his death-bed; the wife that he had never loved the childish, pretty Virginian. Yet neither—out of pity—spoke her convictions.

Watching over his mother, they sat in the room where he had died, and listened to the throes of the soldiers'

feet as they marched by outside, following the young officer's flag-covered coffin. Then there was a long, long silence. They were wide apart—the wife, with her beautiful head in her hands; the girl, looking straight at the wall; the old woman, muttering and scratching at her gown with her crooked fingers.

At last came the sound of a far-off volley of musketry. The girl jumped up. "What's that?"

"The firing over his grave." In a moment it came again. The girl stood swaying, the wife sat with her head still bowed. It was no new sound to her.

A pause—then the last volley. The girl fell, and the woman, lifting her head, stared stupidly at the pretty, dead face, at the fixed, childish eyes, that still looked hurt; while the mother muttered in the corner and taps shrilled from the bugle over the grave of the man they had loved.—San Francisco Argonaut.

A FREAK AMONG FLOWERS.

Venus' Fly Trap and Its Almost Human Action.

Now and again, in exploring American woods and swamps, botanists have come across floral curiosities that almost bridge over the great gulf that divides the animal and vegetable kingdoms, says the Designer. One of these, to be met with nowhere in the world save in North Carolina, is scientifically classified as *Dionaea muscipula*, but is colloquially known as "Venus' fly trap."

In appearance the extraordinary plant is prettily but unassumingly the leafless flower stem, running from six to eight inches in height and surmounted by a cluster of five petalled blossoms, rising erect like a rosette-like bed of leaves. It is in the edge of the leaves that the death dealing apparatus is set—for this modest little plant, which is so delicate that it dies of the slightest injury to root or stem, sustains its life by feeding upon the unwary insects that chance to alight upon its leaves, enticing them to their destruction by exuding from the edges of its fatal traps a viscous fluid, somewhat resembling honey. The traps consist of two soft, velvety leaves, fringed with delicate bristles and hinged together on one side. The unsuspecting fly, lured by the honey, alights on these bristles in anticipation of a feast, but at the first touch of its feet the hinges close, the two leaves come together, the bristles interlock and the hapless insect is imprisoned in a cell from which escape is impossible. Under the stimulus of the victim's struggles the tiny glands with which the inner walls of the trap are furnished pour forth a secretion which Darwin analyzed as a vegetable gastric juice, resembling that which insures digestion in animal life. Under the influence of this curious fluid the fly is actually digested alive, and its juices being extracted the trap doors are reopened and the skeleton is flung out. The scientists declare that the plant unquestionably lives upon the juices of its victims, but one or two expert florists take exception to this statement. It is worthy of note that, although the habit of the plant is carnivorous, experiments have proved that it lives longer and thrives better when so inclosed that no insects can reach it—a super-abundance of its favorite diet apparently rendering it even more delicate than it is by nature. The set of muscles controlling its leaves are said to resemble those of the human eyelids.

DID THE CHINESE DO IT?

French Try to Prove That a Celestial Discovered America.

The French have always been jealous of Spain because of the fact that Columbus obtained royal aid and fitted out and manned his vessel in that country, says the St. Louis Republic. This being true, it is not at all strange that we find French scholars at the head of all schemes which disreputable geographers have brought forward in their attempts to disprove Spain's claims to the honor of discovery of the great western continent. As early as the first decade of the sixteenth century a Frenchman—Raun—attempted to prove that the Welsh had visited the coast of America several centuries before Columbus was born. Again, in 1791, another Frenchman—M. de Guignes—translated what purported to be an old Buddhist manuscript of the fifth century. According to this manuscript, a Buddhist priest sailed eastward from China 20,000 li and discovered a continent. It is the general opinion that the priest reached one of the small islands in the Pacific.

English as She Is Spoke.

"Gosh," said a man who was trying to read a newspaper in the trolley car. "The English language is spoken by 125,000,000 persons."

"It's mighty funny it can't be spoken in my family, then," said the man with a lapful of bundles. "My wife talks baby talk, my 10-year-old boy runs to hog Latin and my 15-year-old daughter is devoted to Chimmis Padsen."

That's the man with the bundles signed and looked saddy.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

HAS COURTED DEATH.

TRIED SUICIDE IN MANY WAYS BUT STILL LIVES.

Methods of His Lethal Experiments—The Cause Was Unrequited Affection—But He Afterwards Married the Girl.



FRANK H. CHEESMAN, living at 2227 Ohio street, South Berkeley, breaks the local record for suicidal effort, says the San Francisco Examiner. Eight times has he attempted to ferry the Styx and only

his last call to the grim boatman seems likely to attract old Charon's sullen attention. Cheesman's persistence in seeking a ready exit from the stage of life is consistent with the varied methods of his lethal experiments. Some of his failures were unique, notably when he interrupted the circuit of a live electric wire and survived the deadly voltage of an alternating circuit of innumerable ohms. He has also swallowed poison and jumped from the promenade deck of a Southern Pacific ferryboat. Last Saturday he shot himself through the lungs, narrowly missing his heart, and the doctors diagnose his symptoms as fatal.

Cheesman's first attempt on his life was sensational. He threw himself from an upper-story window in this city, involving himself in two possibilities of successful suicide. He hoped in the first instance to perish on the wires of an electric light intercepting his descent to the pavement, which he imagined would mangle him sufficiently if the wire should break. It happened that the wire was tenacious and Cheesman was rescued.

His next adventure was a plunge from a ferryboat, reckoning on the chronic lethargy of the Southern Pacific to achieve his purpose. But Cheesman could not sink. It is the custom of the Southern Pacific officials to arrest people who jump from their ferryboats and turn them over to the police. This was the procedure on this occasion, but Cheesman, while on his way to the station, drew a knife from his pocket and stabbed himself three or four times in the neck. This time his lack of precision as an anatomist saved him.

After his wounds were dressed they locked Cheesman in a cell, and half an hour later he was found hanging by his suspenders to the grating in the ceiling.

When he recovered his breath sufficiently to explain Cheesman said he wanted to die because Effie Lambert would not marry him.

A few months later the old craving came upon him again and he poisoned himself in the basement of his parents' home in Lorin. Again the doctors interfered, this time with the pump, and Cheesman came up smiling once more out of the valley of the shadow.

But Cheesman was still unsatisfied. His desire for death may even be regarded as insatiate. A little while after the poisoning episode he climbed upon a windmill loftier than those at which his prototype of La Mancha tilted, and, probably imagining himself an albatross or a thunderbird, leaped head foremost into space. Death at this time was inevitable, but a big dog passed opportunely and Cheesman landed safely on the animal's back.

The object of these evidences of an insane regard, thus emphatically impertuned, concluded about this time that Cheesman was in deadly earnest and that he meant what he said when he averred that he would not live without her. Consequently, on Sept. 25, 1892, Frank H. Cheesman and Effie Lambert were married.

In books the romance of life usually ends at the altar, but in real life it is different, and the Cheesman tragedy was no exception to the rule of realism. He began a new series of tragic episodes by trying to shoot his wife. Falling to do so he knotted a handkerchief about his neck and in the presence of his wife tried to choke himself to death. Mrs. Cheesman summoned assistance and her husband made record of his seventh failure.

His wife then left him and Cheesman came to San Francisco, where he found a woman whose throat he tried to cut. He was arrested and sent to the Ukiah insane asylum. He was discharged six months later and shipped on a man-of-war, but deserted at San Diego and returned home.

He had a lucid interval for seven months, during which he worked at the trade of house painter in Oakland. He was paid off last Saturday night and went to his home in South Berkeley. He carried his suicidal tendency with him, and with a revolver for the night time, attempted his life. Dr. Rowell was called and located the bullet in Cheesman's lung. The doctor says the wound is serious.

GEM OF AMERICAN SCENERY.

In the Cascade Mountains of Oregon—Little Known to Tourists.

Crater lake, in the Cascade mountains of Oregon, is easily the jewel of the northwest, says Science. It is hoped that means of reaching it will be perfected in the near future, so that it may be visited by the thousands of tourists and others who now content themselves with the Grand canyon of the Colorado, the Yellowstone park and the Yosemite. It can now be reached by good wagon roads from Ashland, Medford and Klamath Falls, but there are no regular conveyances or stopping places. Crater lake is a beautiful sheet of indigo-blue water, about six miles in length by four and one-half in breadth. It occupies the crater or caldera of an extinct volcano and is completely surrounded by a precipitous wall varying from 1,000 to something over 2,000 feet in height. A remarkably perfect and symmetrical cinder cone, with a crater at its summit, forms an island—Wizard island—which rises 340 feet above the surface of the lake. The lake was sounded by Maj. C. E. Dutton in 1886 and found to be 2,000 feet in greatest depth. Its surface temperature is 59 or 60 degrees F. The altitude of the rim of the crater varies from about 7,000 to 8,200 feet. Crater Lake mountain is covered with a magnificent forest of conifers, arranged in well-marked belts or zones, from base to summit. The monstrous cones of the red bark fir with their bright red seed wings and exserted bracts are among the wonders of the vegetable kingdom, while the dark hemlocks with their drooping branches draped in the long hanging beards of a blackfish lichen rank among the giants, some of their trunks measuring seventeen and one-half feet around. The Columbia blacktail deer is common on the mountains and furnished our camp with fresh meat. Large trout abound in Klamath lake, at the south foot of the mountain, and afford excellent fishing. Klamath lake is also the resort of thousands of ducks and other game. Hence the sportsman, as well as the tourist, naturalist and lover of the grand and beautiful in nature, is sure to find the Crater lake region a place of unusual interest. For scenic beauty and grandeur Crater lake with its deep blue waters, walled in by towering cliffs and rugged crags, ranks among the gems of American scenery.

BEATING FATHER TIME.

The Mormon Bishop Was Frightened at the Speed.

From the Chicago Record: Speed was once demonstrated on a western road in a fashion to curl the hair of at least one old Mormon bishop. The churchman considered it a phenomenon, and got off the train as quickly as he could. He had bull-whacked across the plains in the early days, and, strange to say, had never ridden on a railroad train until the time when he entered upon his trip from Green River to San Francisco. The speed was, therefore, a revelation to him. He had never before seen anything so swift, and he was scared. About twelve miles from Ogden he asked the conductor for the time of day, and was told that it was 7:35. He impressed this time forcibly on his mind. Now, for a wonder, the western connection at Ogden was quickly made, and after the lapse of but a few minutes the San Francisco-bound travelers were on their way Californiward. Ogden had been left behind only a few miles, and the train was whooping along at a behind-time rate of speed, when the old bishop, frightened and trembling, dared to ask the conductor what was the time of day. If you have traveled westward you know that at Ogden the time changes, and San Francisco time, one hour earlier, is adopted. The conductor had San Francisco time and he said:

"It is 7:10—ten minutes after seven."

The old bishop, previously haunted by a dread of impending destruction because of the horrible rate of speed at which he was being whirled through space, rose with a wild cry and made for the door.

"Lemme off!" he cried. "It was 25 minutes after 7 an hour ago, an' we're goin' so fast we are goin' faster than time can count itself. Lemme off!"

Had he really been going as fast as the old man had believed, he would surely have been beaten to bits as he jumped from the train. As it was, he was only rolled something like a half-mile, and was carried back to Ogden on a handcar.

Wasn't So Much of a Joke.

A man at Litchfield, Maine, caught what he supposed was a muskrat, and by way of a joke presented the animal to a neighbor. His sense of humor was somewhat blunted next day when he learned it was a mink, with a valuable skin.

Dog Detective.

A St. Bernard dog caught a thief at work in the parlor of a residence in New York and firmly held on until his mistress sent for a policeman. The St. Bernard should be made an honorary member of the police force.

LOCAL NEWS.

ARLEDGE & KENNEDY

DEALER IN

Groceries & Hardware,

Keep a good Fresh Stock and you will do well to call on them before buying, they are never under sold. A good stock of Farming tools on hand.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

Look at the gingham dress patterns at Mistrot Bros.

D. C. F. Snell of Lovelady, gave this office a call Tuesday.

The largest dry goods stock is at Mistrot Bros.

C. W. Hart of Groveton, gave the COURIER a call on Thursday.

Look at our new Oxfords in show window. MISTROT BROS.

Arledge & Kennedy's is the place to buy your farming tools.

R. D. Ball, section foreman, called and renewed his subscription last week.

Ninety day corn at ARLEDGE, KENNEDY & CO.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledge, Kennedy & Co's Grocer Store.

Prof. Dewees, in charge of the Enon high school, was in town last Saturday.

Everything in winter goods are being slaughtered at Mistrot Bros.

Crockett has shipped and has on hand to date 10,000 bales of cotton.

Arledge & Kennedy's is the place to get prices on corn, bacon, meal and on groceries generally.

When you have job work to be done, remember that there is a job office in Crockett.

With a fair season Crockett will ship the next cotton season close on to 20,000 bales of cotton.

Come round and send the COURIER to some one in another state and thereby help settle the country.

Quite a number have come in and subscribed for the COURIER to be sent to friends and relatives in other states.

Judge G. H. Gould of Palestine, was in town this week representing the I. & G. N. R. R. Co. in litigation in the county court.

It will be a week or more before the oil mill begins running again, and when it does a run of a week or ten days will wind up the business for the season.

We learn that Rev. Sam Tenney is to be married this, Thursday, at Longview, to Miss Mary McWhorter of that city, and that they are expected in Crockett soon after the marriage, on a visit to relatives here.

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.

B. M. ATKINSON.

Send off your job work, and then when you want a nice personal notice of some friend, all at once recollect that this town has a paper.

Rev. Sid Williams closed his revival services in Crockett on last Monday afternoon. There were 45 conversions, 18 joining the Baptist church.

The jury commissioners at the last term of court were J. H. McDougald, R. D. King and Tom Fox. Not one colored "brother" got on the juries.

Be kind enough to ask yourself if you have paid for your subscription. And if you have not, be considerate enough to think about the printers who have to have some money to meet their demands as other people do.

We have several hundred subscribers at the Crockett postoffice. Of this number very few have paid their subscriptions. And yet, next fall, when their bill is presented, not a few of them will vow that they paid it last fall.

Dr. Lawrence Corley has located in the center of Nevil's Prairie and is doing a good business. Lawrence is a bright young man and a competent physician and we feel confident he will do well, as he deserves to do, in the new field he has chosen.

John Mangum is doing a heavy business in corn, flour, hay, oats and all other kinds of feed stuff and he has decided advantages to offer all who desire to purchase in his line. He will not be undersold by anyone, and will make it to your interest to call on him.

The commissioners' court was in session all of last week and were very busy. It was the regular session and the court dispatched a great mass of business. They never reached the matter of public roads at all and a special session will be necessary for the court to dispose of that matter.

District Clerk Tony Gossett has everything up in ship-shape for the approaching term of the district court. There are ninety civil cases on the docket and of these twenty are divorce suits, most of the latter brought by colored people. There are forty three felony cases on the docket in which service has been perfected.

C. W. Ellis, the popular grocer, has just received a supply of evaporated fruit, the very finest put up, in oiled paper. Housewives will do well to take a note of this. Mr. Ellis also received Thursday night a consignment of fresh olives and bottled pickles. This enterprising merchant always leads. Watch his advertisements.

The COURIER has been an advocate of two election boxes at Crockett and didn't favor altogether the plan which the court adopted of making four boxes at the county seat. The probabilities are, however, that there will be at the next election close on to 1400 votes at the Crockett box, and this will give to each polling place nearly or quite 350 votes.

The little daughter of Mr. Fred Webber, Holland, Mass., had a very bad cold and cough which he had not been able to cure with any thing. I gave him a 25 cent bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, says W. P. Holden, merchant and postmaster at West Brimfield, and the next time I saw him he said it worked like a charm. This remedy is intended especially for acute throat and lung diseases such as colds, croup and whooping cough and it is famous for its cures. There is no danger in giving it to children for it contains nothing injurious. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Miss Lillie Webb left for San Antonio, Wednesday night, on a visit to relatives.

Miss Buena Saxton of Coltharp, who has a school at Mount Pisgah, was in the city Sunday, visiting friends.

There have been 1340 crop mortgages filed to date, among them one for fifteen thousand dollars on one crop.

Miss Clara Rice who has been quite ill with measles at the residence of Mr. I. B. Lanceford in this city, is convalescent.

The little daughter of Mr. J. L. Rushing living near Percilla, was so severely burned one day last week that she died from the effects on Sunday.

The full synopsis of the proceedings of the last commissioners court published in this issue of the COURIER, will be found of unusual interest to every reader of the paper.

Miss Ludie Petty, daughter of Mr. B. M. Petty of this county, was in the city last Saturday to collect her voucher for services as teacher at Mount Olive, thirteen miles east of here.

On Thursday night of last week, at the residence of J. M. Coatney seven miles northwest of Crockett, Mr. Rufus Gallant and Mrs. Mary Fredenridge were united in marriage by Rev. James DeDane. After the marriage a fine supper was served which was enjoyed by about sixty guests.

A social entertainment at the residence of Mrs. John McConnell on the evening of the 26th inst under the auspices of the W. P. & H. M. society, is to be given by the ladies of the Methodist church. Admission free but every one requested to bring a free will offering of a few cents or dollars to be used locally by the society.

Our people are growing more and more in the habit of looking to B. F. Chamberlain for the latest and best of everything in the drug line. He sells Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds, croup and whooping cough. When in need of such a medicine give this remedy a trial and you will be more than pleased with the result.

The following people from Crockett have gone to Galveston to enjoy the festivities of the silver service presentation to the battle ship, Texas: N. J. Nagle and wife, H. F. Moore and wife, I. A. Daniel, W. E. Mayes, J. C. Thompson, A. M. Carlton, B. B. Arrington, G. B. Lundy, M. Bromberg, J. F. Downes. Several from Grapeland and interior points in the county also went down.

The ladies of Glenwood Association and all others who feel interested in the cemetery work, are requested to meet at the home of Mr. John McConnell, Jr., Friday afternoon, Feb. 19, at 4 p. m. The work for another year must be planned, election of officers and other business will come before the Association, and it is earnestly desired that all who can will be in attendance and help in the work.

Last Sunday morning before daylight there was a disastrous fire in Lovelady which resulted in the complete destruction of the store and its contents belonging to J. R. B. Barbee, and the warehouse and contents just in rear. The first fire broke out about 3 o'clock a. m. and was confined to the goods in the store. About two hours later the fire broke out afresh and both buildings and contents were consumed. The origin of the fire is not known. There was some insurance, but the amount was not learned.

Farmers throughout Houston county are of varying opinion as to how much cotton they will plant this year, but they are all agreed to increase the acreage in corn so that a possible drouth will not again catch them in the plight that they are now in. Drouth or no drouth, it is not creditable to our farmers that they must spend the money they get for six cent cotton to buy Kansas corn.

The public will be surprised to know the extent of the fur business at Crockett. The books of one firm, (Bloch & Romansky) show the following shipments from November 1st. to February 16th: coon skins, 1587; opossum, 194; fox, 52; skunk 24; minks 30; deer 84; otter 4; wild cat 1; alligator 1. The same firm shipped 8000 lbs of wool in 1896, and 2303 lbs of beeswax. This is a good showing for one firm. There are other firms here that pursue the same business.

The county court this week has been devoted to civil business. On Monday the case of E. L. Paris vs the I. & G. N. R. R. Co., suit for damages for injury to stock in transit, was tried. Verdict for plaintiff for \$150. On Tuesday and Wednesday the time of the court was occupied in the trial of the case of the Joseph Bowling Company of New Orleans, vs J. Blalock, J. H. Nelson, John I. Moore and Dave Richardson. The jury brought in a verdict for plaintiff for \$356.84.

Corn Planting.

Mode Barbee, who is in charge of the farm of Mrs. Della Eastham, worked by free labor in the black lands, was in town Monday. The two forces, the free and the convict, will work about 4000 acres this season, of which 3200 will be in cotton and 800 in corn. They began to plant corn last Monday on the farms worked by convicts.

Mardi-Gras-New Orleans, La.

Account the above, the I. & G. N. R. R., will have on sale round trip excursion tickets at half rate. Call on ticket agent for particulars. D. J. PRICE, A. G. P. A. Palestine, Texas

Inauguration of McKinley.

Account inauguration of President elect, Wm. McKinley at Washington, D. C. on March 4th, 1897. The I. & G. N. R. R., (International Route) will sell round trip excursion tickets from all points to Washington, D. C. at half rates, viz: One fare for the round trip. Tickets will be on sale February 28th and March 1st, and will be limited good for return until March 10th 1897. For further particulars call on Ticket Agent or address D. J. PRICE, A. G. P. A. Palestine, Texas.

For Sale.

All my property in the eastern part of the county, including several hundred acres of land, sawmill, and gin, all appointments, equipments and improvements. Terms easy and figures surprisingly low to any one in earnest.

J. H. RATLIFF, Ratliff, Texas.

A 50 cent Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron concentrated and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Chamberlain'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.

Threw Away His Cane.

Mr. D. Wiley, ex-postmaster, Black Creek, N. Y., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism that he was only able to hobble around with canes, and even then it caused him great pain. After using Chamberlain's Pain Balm he was so much improved that he threw away his canes. He says this liniment did him more good than all other medicines and treatment put together. For sale at 50 cents per bottle by B. F. Chamberlain.

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

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

Mrs. Hamilton, Cambridge, Ill., 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.

Chatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic, the best ever made. It's been in the battle and through it stayed, it hoisted the banner, "No Cure, No Pay," and that's the motto it works under to-day.

Stands at The Head.

Aug. J. Bogel, the leading druggist of Shreveport, La., says: "Dr. King's New Discovery is the only thing that cures my cough, and it is the best seller I have." J. F. Campbell, merchant of Safford, Ariz., writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery is all that is claimed for it; it never fails and is a sure cure for Consumption, Coughs, and Colds. I cannot say enough for its merits." Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs, colds is not an experiment. It has been tried for a quarter of a century, and to-day it stands at the head. It never disappoints. Free trial bottles at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

If you ask what is the quickest, best, and most reliable remedy for the most common ailments, my friend Dr. Chamberlain's Tasteless Chill Tonic is the answer. Put up in both the tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cents.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

Are you bilious, constipated or troubled with jaundice, sick headaches, 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 75c. Free trial bottle at L. H. Haring & Co.

"Little spells of fever, little chills so bland, Makes the mighty graveyard on the sand. A little of Chamberlain's Chill Tonic taken now and then Makes the handsome women and the healthy men."

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.

The richest and purest, the oldest and youngest, the proudest and humblest, the largest and smallest, all use Chamberlain's Chill Tonic. Guard against all the cheap imitations and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cents.

Electric Bitters.

Electric Bitters is a medicine suited for any season, but perhaps more generally needed when the languid, exhausted feeling prevails, when the liver is torpid and sluggish and the need of a tonic and alterative is felt. A prompt use of this medicine has often averted long and perhaps fatal biliousness. No medicine will act more surely in counteracting and freeing the system from the material poison. Headache, indigestion, constipation, dizziness yields to Electric Bitters. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

Feb 19

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor. J. T. DIXON, Editor.

Two of Grapeland's citizens have received letters from Hon. Joseph Sayers in which he advised them of his purpose to be a candidate for governor next year.

Spain's offer of reforms for Cuba comes too late. Gomez contemptuously rejects all such proposals and says it shall be absolute independence or war to annihilation.

The electoral vote for president and vice president was counted by congress last week and McKinley and Hobart formally declared elected to those offices respectively. The vote for McKinley was 271; for Bryan 176. Tom Watson got 27 votes for vice president.

When John Randolph Tucker died in Lexington, Virginia, last week, one of the ablest, truest and purest men in the public life of this country since the war passed away. He honored Virginia, the South and the Union by his eminent character and services and his death makes a less hard to repair.

The senate at Austin has passed a resolution to adjourn sine die, March 20th. At the present rate of progress a large part of the desirable legislation will not have been completed by that time, and without such legislation the present session will be regarded as an inglorious failure by the people of Texas. The 25th legislature has not distinguished itself thus far, but there is still a chance.

In North Louisiana, a few hours ride from Crockett, one hundred thousand people are on the verge of starvation, and thirty thousand of them are living on a scant allowance of corn bread alone furnished by charity. A drought of eight months duration utterly destroyed all crops in that section last year and even seed corn must be shipped in.

The democratic party of Texas has no direct interest in the patronage to be disposed of in this state by the incoming national administration, and for that reason we can view with non-partisan philosophy the war to the knife now on between the rival republican factions in Texas. Dr. Grant heads one clan and E. H. R. Green the other. Green has the republican organization and assumes the role of dictator by virtue of his position as state chairman, but Grant is a fighter "from away back" and being a personal friend of McKinley and ambitious as Lucifer withal, he has stripped for the combat and after the 4th. of March the fur will fly in a way to delight the democratic heart. Grant, it is said, will try for the place of 4th. assistant postmaster-general and if he gets it it will put over 2000 post-offices in Texas at his disposal. This will give him a large advantage in his fight for the leadership, plus being a prime factor in such a contest. Meanwhile Cuney, McDonald and other colored statesmen with an habitual, and we might say, professional appetite for pique, are waiting to see which way the cat jumps, to say nothing of an army of office workers of less degree; and out of it all we democrats will get lots of fun, if nothing else, during the next six months. What a privilege anomaly it is that this empire of Texas, democratic in blood, bone and instinct, should thus be the prey of a party alien to its soil and sympathies and which can never hope to strike its roots deep and fast in our interests and destinies. How without the routine operation of Federal patronage!

Synopsis of Proceedings of Commissioners' Court.

A full court was in session last week, it being the regular term of the court. The Grapeland and Daly road was changed, leaving the road at the 8 mile post and running by Hamp Huff's place to west line of Dick Pennington's place, and thence along said line to old road at 7 mile post. The road from Grapeland to Navarro Crossing was changed, leaving the present road at east edge of Green Evans' field two miles from Grapeland.

The following were put on pauper list: Mrs. Luce, Margaret Moore, Lucy Daly, Jim Norman, O. Bailey, Mary Johnson, Mrs. Cribbs, L. A. Sheridan, Susan Duckworth, Mrs. Stephens, Nancy Wyth, Nicey Jackson, Millie Sloan, F. M. Tyer, Frank Butler, Fannie Hannah, Chas. Wittner, Henry Hall, Thos. Crenshaw, Patav Lacy, W. C. Walker, Ann Harper, John Jago, Henry Hall, Dick Keel and wife, Mary E. Miller, Phyllis Jones Emely Sykes.

The following officers filed reports: T. W. Oliver, Tony Gossett, M. W. Satterwhite, L. D. Sheprine, W. T. Harrison, A. N. Edens, Joe Adams, W. D. Pritchard, T. S. Cook, M. B. Newton, C. W. Ellis.

The court acted on the petition of citizens for hog law elections in Crockett, Weches and Daly districts. The elections were ordered and the judge's proclamation showing the boundaries of the districts will be found elsewhere in the COURIER.

The jury of view in charge of road from John T. Collier's place to Dupuy's lane, reported favorably and report adopted. The jury of view in charge of road running down Cook's mountain reported in favor of road remaining as it is.

The court established the boundaries of the different justices' precincts. The court levied an ad valorem tax of 25 cents on the \$100 for general revenue purposes; also a poll tax of 25 cents; an ad valorem tax of 5 cents to create a sinking fund for court house debt; an ad valorem tax of ten cents to create sinking fund to pay road and bridge bonds.

The court rejected petition of citizens of Grapeland school district for an election to determine whether or not the incorporation of Grapeland for school purposes shall be continued. The petition did not have the requisite number of names of qualified voters.

The court passed an order dividing Crockett into four voting boxes—that is, an election box for each commissioner's precinct was established in Crockett. The voting box in the Coltharp precinct or ward can't come west of street in front of Methodist church; the box in Lovelady ward can't come north of ravine; the box in Porter Springs ward can't come east of street in front of old livery stable, and the box in Augusta ward can't come south of street in front of Enos Simpson's residence.

The court appointed the following election managers for next two years: For the four Crockett wards: S. C. Arledge, James Langston, I. A. Daniel, Tom Craddock. Pleasant Grove, E. M. Callier; Grapeland, Ben Harrison; Augusta, John Kennedy; Coltharp, J. H. Ratcliff; Dodson, James Best Sr.; Freeman, John Webb; Lovelady, J. M. Worthington; Weidon, E. H. Calloway; Boggs, J. K. Chandler; Porter Springs, M. C. Tibbs; Daly, W. P. Kyle; Sliloh, Frank Harvey; Weches, Jim Lovell; Creek, A. P. Hester; Holly, R. W. Skipper; Daniel, Ed Barlow; Tatum, Press Collins.

Hog Law Elections.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Crockett, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to wit: Beginning at the N. W. corner of the John Box league, thence E. with line of same to N. E. corner thence with E. line of said league to S. E. corner of same, thence with S. line of same W. to N. E. corner of N. C. Hodges league, thence with E. line of same passing S. E. corner to San Antonio road, thence with said road N. E. to W. line of J. Masters Jr. league, thence with W. line of same to N. W. corner, thence with N. W. line of same to J. Strode league, thence with W. line of same to S. W. corner, continues same course to E. line of Joseph Teague league, thence with said line to passing S. E. corner and continuing same course to Coltharp road, thence W. to Jarrett Allen's labor and S. with E. line of same to S. E. corner, thence W. with S. line of same and S. line of J. W. McLean's labor, continues same course to Coltharp road and with said road to S. E. corner of William Stanton's land, thence Southwesterly and down Dickey's Creek to S. E. corner of Joseph Hodges' league, thence with S. E. line of same to S. W. corner of same and continues same course to S. E. corner of John Moore league, thence with N. E. line of same to N. E. corner, thence with N. W. line of same to the N. W. corner and continues same course to E. line of Porter Springs' beat, thence up said line to Hurricane Bayou, thence up said Bayou for line to mouth of Black Run creek, thence up said creek to N. line of B. B. Ellis' survey, thence E. with line of same to N. E. corner and continues same course with N. line of Charles Frazier's land to N. W. corner of William White's league, and with N. line of same to S. E. corner of A. W. Beckham's league, thence with line of same to Elkhart Creek, thence up said creek to place of beginning—the said election to be held free of cost to the county. B. F. Duren is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE, County Judge, Houston County.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Weches, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to wit: Beginning at the mouth of San Pedro Creek, running up said creek to the McLean creek, up McLean creek to the San Antonio road, thence with said road to the 15 mile post from Crockett, thence Southward to the Burnt Bridge road at the Moffet old field, thence Eastward with said road to the old Burnt Bridge on the Neches river, thence up the river with its meanderings to the place of beginning—the said election to be held free of any expense to the county. R. P. Robbins is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE, County Judge, Houston County.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at Daly, in Houston county, Texas, on March 20th, 1897, to enable the freeholders of such division to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following described territory, to wit: Beginning at the Navarro crossing on Trinity river, thence with the Houston and Anderson counties' line to the Horn School House, thence with the Grapeland road to the North Elkhart creek, thence up said creek to the old Magnolia and Crockett road, thence with said road to the Big Elkhart creek, thence down said creek to the Gordiana Bodilla league line, thence with the East boundary line of said league to the Joseph Walling headright, thence with said Walling headright line to the Grapeland and Trinity road, thence with said road to the Southeast corner of the Garrison Greenwood survey, thence with the boundary line of said survey to the old Crockett and Navarro road, thence with said road to the place of beginning. The said election to be held free of expense to the county. W. P. Kyle is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE, County Judge, Houston County.

R. C. Stokes, WATCHMAKER & ADJUSTER, HAS A COMPLETE LINE OF Watches, Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, Ect. BUYS OLD GOLD AND SILVER. OUR MOTTO, RELIABLE GOODS AT BOTTOM CASH PRICES. CROCKETT, TEXAS.

J. T. LAWES, MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN Saddlery and Harness. I make a specialty of hand made saddles, Texas and Colorado styles, guaranteed to be the best, prices from \$7.50 up. Ladies Saddles from \$3.50 up. Good harness complete \$6.00. Don't forget that I sell Collars, Bridles, Blankets, Halters, Robes and Strap Goods CHEAPER THAN ANYBODY.

INTERNATIONAL ROUTE. SHORTEST, QUICKEST AND BEST ROUTE I & G. N. R. R. CO. TO THE NORTH EAST. THE DIRECT ROUTE TO MEXICO VIA LAREDO. International & Great Northern Railroad. IS THE SHORTEST, QUICKEST AND BEST ROUTE BETWEEN POINTS IN TEXAS AND MEXICO and St. Louis, Chicago, New York and principal points East, North and Southeast. The direct route to Mexico via Laredo. New through Pullman sleepers run DAILY between Laredo, San Antonio, Austin and St. Louis; San Antonio, Austin, Ft. Worth and Kansas City; Galveston, Houston and St. Louis. Call on nearest Ticket Agent for full information. J. E. GALBRAITH, Gen'l. Fr't. & Pass. Agt., T. M. CAMPBELL, General Manager, PALESTINE, TEXAS. D. J. PRICE, Ass't. Gen'l. Pass. Agt., PALESTINE, TEXAS.

Citation By Publication.

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

You are hereby commanded to summon Mollie Stephens, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3d Judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 3d Judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District court of Houston county, to be holden at the Court House thereof in Crockett, on the 1st Monday in March A. D. 1897, the same being the 1st day of March A. D. 1897, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 10th day of Sept., A. D. 1896 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court, No. 4010, wherein W. T. Stephens is plaintiff and Mollie Stephens is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant were legally married to each other on or about September 25th 1890, and that they continued to live together as husband and wife until about September 15th 1895, when defendant left the bed and board of plaintiff and went away to live in adultery with sundry persons, is now leading the life of a prostitute, that prior to said 15th day of September 1895, defendant committed adultery with sundry persons without the knowledge of plaintiff and that plaintiff has never condoned the said offences of defendant. Herein fail not, but have you before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, Tony Gossett, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County. Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Crockett, this 3d day of February, A. D. 1897.

TONY GOSSETT, Clerk District Court, Houston County.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Favus Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, PALESTINE, TEXAS, Feb. 6, 1897.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 5th, 1897, at 11 o'clock, A. M. pursuant to the By-laws of the Company, for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

Notice is also hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 5th 1897, at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to the By-Laws of the Company, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

A. K. HOWARD, Secretary.

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

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.

41 LBS. Best Granulated SUGAR \$1.00

We are selling 41 lbs. of the best Granulated Sugar for \$1.00 and everything in the grocery line at "rock bottom" prices. We are the Only Supply House that sell to Consumers Directly Wholesale Prices, which is clearly proven when we sell 41 lbs. best granulated sugar \$1.00. We ship these goods anywhere in our territory and guarantee satisfaction. Send No Money, unless you want and send the full purchase enclosed. They come in packages of 41 LBS. and 25 LBS. UNBLENDED PURE SUGAR ONLY. 312 to 318 No. Clinton St., Chicago, Ill.