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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.

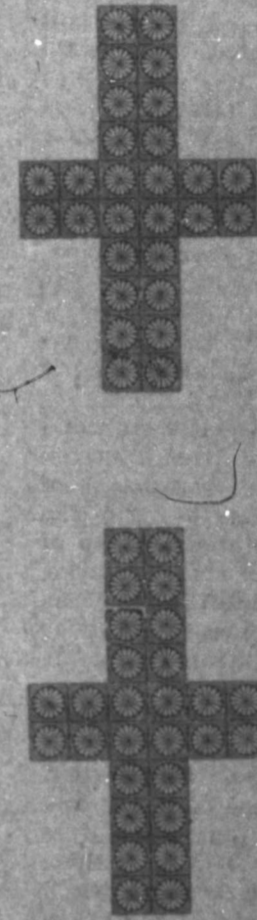
Woman is the Power Behind The Throne,

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.

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County Court Proceedings.
CIVIL DOCKET.
The Williams Richardson Co., vs. J. Blalock, judgment for plaintiff for \$235.53 damages.
A. Goldberger vs. J. Raitman, suit to sequester stock of goods from J. Raitman. Judgment for plaintiff, A. Goldberger.
Crook & Crook vs. Joe Ewing and Lewis Ewing, suit for horse of value of \$35. Judgment for plaintiff.
E. L. Parish vs. I. & G. N. R. R., suit for damages. Judgment for E. L. Parish for one hundred and fifty dollars.
Joe Bowling Co. vs. J. Blalock, suit against J. Blalock, J. L. Moore, J. H. Nelson and Dave Richardson. Judgment for Bowling Co., for three hundred and fifty-six dollars.
W. M. Ford vs. T. V. Goodrum, continued by Ford.
Central Trust Co., vs. H. F. Moore, claimant set for Wednesday of third week.
H. P. Hilliard vs. D. C. Moore, set for Wednesday of third week.
Collins & Douglas vs. B. F. Campbell, compromised and dismissed.
R. Barrett vs. Hall Wilson et al. Judgment by court for defendants and costs put on plaintiff.
J. J. Bynum vs. Fire Assoc'n, Philadelphia. Judgment for plaintiff to recover as damages, the sum of five hundred and thirty-three dollars.
I. P. Rosenthal Millinery Co., vs.

L. H. Haring, garnishee. Motion to dismiss overruled.
Crook & Crook vs. Joe Ewing et al, suit for value of horse. Judgment for plaintiff.
J. C. Wootters vs. J. E. Hassank, suit for two hundred and thirty dollars with interest. Judgment for Wootters.
PROBATE DOCKET.
In the estate of B. and Rebecca Bailey, deceased, Louis Atkinson appointed temporary administrator with bond of \$1200.
In the guardianship of Sydnor Murchison, a minor, the final account of J. L. Lipscomb, guardian, was approved.
In the estate of B. M. and Easter Bracken, the account of Andrew Shivers, temporary administrator, in the matter of collections and settlement of debts, was approved.
In the estate of S. F. and Martha Wall, the final report of J. C. Wall, administrator was approved. The exhibit shows the amount paid each full heir (seven in all) to be \$102.
In the estate of Kate Stuart, her will was admitted to probate and Misses Cecelia and Temie Breitling granted letters testamentary. The appraisers are C. Stokes, S. C. Arledge and John B. Smith.
In the guardianship of J. W. Henry, Jr., Mrs. C. E. Brazeale was appointed guardian, bond at \$600.
In the estate of Willis Rhodes, John I. Moore was appointed ad-

ministrator in bond of \$200.
In the estate of J. H. Stuart the final report of W. B. Page was received and approved.
In the estate of John Long, Sr., the petition of Charley Long, Mrs. Jonah Bayne, Mrs. Mollie DeBerry, Mrs. Tom Bayne, Mrs. Emma Taylor, Mrs. Edley Hail and Mrs. Lou Dunwoody, heirs of the Long estate, was filed requesting the administratrix, Mrs. J. C. Wootters, to file an exhibit showing what disposition she has made of the property belonging to said estate. There was a sharp contest in this matter of probate business and a strong and able array of lawyers on both sides. Adams & Adams, Nunn, Nunn & Nunn, represented the administratrix, Mrs. J. C. Wootters and Judge Gould, of Palestine, stood for the Long heirs. Judge Winfree ruled that the administratrix should make an exhibit. Notice of appeal was at once given to the district court before Judge Gill.
CRIMINAL DOCKET.
State of Tex. vs Nathan Johnson, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Tex. vs Eugene Lucas, continued.
State of Tex. vs Rube Corbell, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Tex. vs Henry Evans, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Tex. vs J. Estill, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Tex vs Andy Jones, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs. Andy Jones plea of guilty to carrying pistol and fined \$25.
State of Texas vs. Reedus Brown, dismissed by County Attorney.

State of Texas vs Berry McIver, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs Buck Shaw, charge of adultery and verdict of acquittal.
State of Tex. vs Ambrose Davis, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs A. Herman, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Tex. vs Indiana Mitchel, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs Cason Bush, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs Will Campbell, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs Wyley Cook, continued by consent.
State of Tex vs B. Lamar, continued by defendant.
State of Texas vs Hence Denceman, dismissed by County Att'y.
State of Tex. vs W. T. McQueen, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Tex. vs Scott Sykes, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs Ben Ackley, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Tex. vs Will Bloodgood, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs Sol Tillis dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs Buck Price, dismissed by County Attorney.
State of Texas vs Dave Rhodes, carrying pistol, not guilty.
State of Texas vs John H. Howard, carrying pistol, fined \$25.
State of Texas vs D. Wood, malicious mischief, continued, witnesses fined \$5 each.
State of Texas vs Claude Kennedy, theft of lumber, failed to appear and bond for \$150 forfeited with C. J. Hassell, J. W. Madden and J. E. Johnson as sureties.
State of Texas vs Will Brown, escaped convict, failed to appear and bond forfeited, J. B. Brown and

Romeo Wells sureties.
States of Texas vs Levi Morgan, aggravated assault and battery, verdict of guilty and fined \$40.
State of Texas vs John Futch, carrying pistol, continued for failure of witnesses to appear. Fine of \$5 against each.
State of Texas vs Dick Lee, theft. Failed to appear, bond forfeited, F. H. Hill, Jack Lee and C. W. Newberry, sureties.
State of Tex. vs Tom Taylor, aggravated assault, bond forfeited, Tom Taylor, F. H. Hill and Henry Kent, sureties.
State of Texas vs Las Thomas, theft, pleaded guilty and fined \$5.
State of Tex vs Jim Allen, carrying pistol, fined \$25.
JULIAN.
EDITOR COURIER: You have always been a friend to the farmer. I am sorely tried. I cannot get credit. I send butter and eggs to town, the butter I cannot sell at any price and can get only ten cents in trade for eggs. Can you not find us a market for our butter, or get the merchants to do so? Butter and eggs are the only things a farmer has for sale the year around. I understand you are a Virginian, so perhaps you can give us some ideas on the cultivation and curing of tobacco. We cannot make a cotton crop our dependence any longer. We will be late planting—save to wait for the grass to grow on account of having no credit and less corn.
LION SMITH.

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 630,000 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 6 1/4 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, 530,000 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 pines, red oak, white oak, post oak, linn, 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 Palace" in Ft. Worth, Houston County was awarded the first prize gold medal for the best timber exhibited. A further history, or any

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 un 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 with out 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, Ratchiff, 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 9 months in the year. The society is excellent and church

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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.

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IN THE LEGISLATURE

SUMMARY OF THE DOINGS OF OUR LAWMAKERS.

Both Branches of the Legislature Get Down to Business—Senators Busy With City Charter Mending—Opposition to Bill Giving Santa Fe Certain Privileges.

Austin, Texas, February 23.—Both branches of the legislature had a business move on themselves yesterday and went at the work before them as if determined to dispose of it in the least possible time. The senate especially manifested a desire to clean up its docket and devoted itself to that task with such energy that Lieutenant Governor Jester felt called upon to congratulate it on the way in which pending matters were disposed of.

The house, for the first time, held two sessions yesterday and passed Mr. Harris' bill providing for the incorporation of union depot companies, as well as a bill to enable municipal corporations to fund outstanding lawful obligations barred by the statute of limitations.

Mr. Freeman's bill providing for the repeal of the act putting in effect the Jester amendment, which authorizes the state board of education to annually transfer 1 per cent of the permanent school fund to the available school fund, went to engrossment after a hard fight.

City charter amendments continue to take up considerable time. The senate committee on towns and city corporations listened for three hours yesterday evening to protests against the passage of a house bill providing for the abolition of the office of city treasurer of Waco, after which it unanimously decided to report favorably thereupon. Today the same committee will hear from some Dallas people, who object to a bill by Senator Bowser to give that city a new charter. It seems that a charter for Dallas was prepared by a committee of aldermen and business men for introduction before the present legislature, but that Mr. Bowser has changed said charter in some respects and that those who framed the original measure oppose his amendments thereto and propose to have a say before final action is taken. In this connection, it is pertinent to note that there is rumor afloat that Mr. Bowser may become a candidate for mayor of Dallas at the next election, although he denies the soft impeachment.

The bill validating an ordinance of the city council of Galveston, giving the Santa Fe railway certain exclusive rack privileges on the Strand after passing the house has been reported on favorably by the senate committee which has the above mentioned measure in charge. The other lines terminating at Galveston are opposing it and will if possible defeat it on its way to engrossment. The LaPorte people especially object thereto and claim that if it becomes a law it practically denies them access to the business portion of the city.

The Houston charter amendments are here and will be introduced as soon as Senator Burns returns and the Harris county representatives can confer with him concerning them.

Mr. Ward's bill to prevent reversals on technicalities by requiring the court of criminal appeals to presume that the venue was proven; that the indictment was read, etc., in the lower court, unless the contrary is shown by bill of exceptions, became a law without the governor's signature.

On motion of Mr. Lind of Wharton, the senate paid Mr. Vanderhurst, a distinguished member of the press gang, the compliment of unanimously inviting him to a seat beside the president. Mr. Vanderhurst reported the senate at former sessions and has many friends in that body.

Senator George C. Greer of Beaumont, who has been absent to date on account of sickness, arrived yesterday evening and will today occupy his seat in the senate for the first time.

Lawrence Barrett's widow lives in London.

Daughters of American Revolution. Washington, February 23.—The sixth continental congress of the National society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was called to order yesterday. Nearly 1000 accredited representatives and others identified with the organization were present.

Mrs. Adlai Stevenson, the president general of the retiring vice president of the United States, presided.

Mrs. J. S. Muzzey of Bristol, Conn., was awarded first prize in the contest for biographies of revolutionary women.

Washington, February 23.—A Cumberland, Md., special says: The heavy rain of last night has swelled the Potomac and Willis creek so that there are grave fears of this city being flooded. The waters already have overflowed their banks and people living in the vicinity are compelled to move out. The Baltimore and Ohio track at Hindmann is covered by four feet of water and all trains are stopped. The trains on the West Virginia Central are delayed and telegraph communication is cut off. The waters are rising at the rate of two feet an hour.

Rural Free Delivery.

Washington, February 22.—The postmasters and patrons at every one of the forty-four postoffices where rural free delivery has been in operation declare in favor of the plan. The test has been going on only for a limited period, but the offices were so distributed as to make the experiment complete and it was developed at points in thirty-three or thirty-four states. The reports are all in and the important data gathered will be transmitted by Postmaster General Wilson is a special report to congress probably early next week.

The sentiment favorable to the adoption of the comprehensive scheme is unanimous, representing opinions given both by the head of each postoffice and the patrons. The obstacle, however, is the tremendous cost involved. When the experiment was first contemplated it was roughly estimated that rural free delivery to cover the whole country would involve an annual expenditure of over \$20,000,000, but the experience already has shown that \$40,000,000 is a conservative figure. The cost of the service is found, of course, to have varied with the character of the country where it was performed. Sparsely settled regions naturally require a heavier expense. Thus in one county in Massachusetts the difference of condition necessitated the establishment of the experiment at three points and the postmasters report a variance of the several cents between them as to the cost of delivery per letter. The maximum cost of delivering each piece of mail matter was between 6 and 7 cents at Hartsville, Ind., and less than 7 mills at Greenfield, Franklin county, Massachusetts. The average cost per letter is fixed as a little over 3 cents in the rural deliveries. There are many places, however, where delivery of mail is impossible and these aggregate a large portion of the country.

The least difficulty in the way of general adoption of the scheme is in the Eastern States, though a number of Western points like the country adjacent to Denver, Col., show comparatively small cost. Officials believe that the service can be advantageously established in a number of well settled regions. Postmaster General Wilson has not yet drafted his report, but it is believed he will demonstrate the value of continuance of the experiment for one year.

Hanna For Senate.

Columbus, Ohio, February 22.—Governor Bushnell tonight gave out the following statement to the press:

"It had been my intention to make no announcement in relation to the action I would take in the matter of an appointment to fill the prospective vacancy in the Ohio representation in the United States senate until the vacancy actually existed, but on account of the manifest interest of the people and their desire to know what would be done, I deem it best now to make the following statement:

"When Senator Sherman resigns to enter the cabinet of President McKinley I will appoint to succeed him Hon. Marcus A. Hanna of Cuyahoga county to serve until his successor is chosen by the Seventy-third general assembly of the State. I trust this action will meet the approval of the people."

Asa S. Bushnell."

Serenaded the Representatives.

Cold Springs, Texas, February 21.—A body of representative citizens, headed by the Cold Springs Spring band, serenaded Hon. Geo. W. McKellar, representative for this (the Thirtieth) district. Judge McKellar came to the door and heartily thanked the crowd for the interest they took in his welfare. Judge Geo. I. Turnley made a very pretty little talk, commending Judge McKellar for every action taken so far in the legislature. Judge McKellar is not a brilliant orator, but he has the trust and respect of the people of his district.

Modjeska has 600 bee hives on her California ranch.

Chickasaw Legislatures.

Ardmore, I. T., February 22.—Governor Harris has telegraphed National Secretary Burris, calling the Chickasaw legislature together in special session on February 24. The object of assembling the lawmakers at this time is to enable the commission sent to Washington to make its report and to take such action as the solons may deem wise and advisable. It is thought here by prominent Chickasaws that there will be some definite plan outlined on which the Chickasaws will be some definite plan outlined on which the Chickasaws will be willing to treat with the United States.

Old Telegraph Battery Jar.

Denton, Texas, February 22.—William McGough, a painter here, has in his possession a telegraph battery jar which he claims is the first battery jar used in the telegraph office at Memphis, Tenn., and consequently one of the first used in the South.

Instead of being glass, such as are used altogether in the telegraph offices now, this one is of clay. It came into Mr. McGough's possession through his father, now dead, who was the first telegraph operator stationed at Memphis.

THE SILVER SERVICE

PRESENTED TO THE TEXAS AT GALVESTON.

Ten Thousand People Witnessed the Ceremonies, Which Were Carried Out With Much Pomp and Splendor—Killed by Robbers.

Galveston, Tex., Feb. 20.—The silver service, Texas historical library, smaller silver service, Texas flag and two portraits of Austin and Houston are now in the possession of the battleship Texas.

With much pomp and ceremony the transfer was made from the people of Texas to the representatives of the government of the United States, owner of the battleship Texas. There was a parade of escort to Gov. Culberson and Capt. Glass, which went out to the Beach hotel. There was a stand erected for this purpose, and the presentation was made in the presence of 10,000 people.

The people were packed on the big lawn like the proverbial sardines. They could not hear much, but they saw and went away satisfied. They saw the governor and his staff, Capt. Glass and his officers, the marines and sailors, heard the band and watched the proceedings. Fortunately the exercises did not last long, for thousands were compelled to stand. They took this good-naturedly and seemed glad of the opportunity to be present on such an auspicious occasion.

Brass buttons and bright trappings mingled with the crowd. Every officer who had a uniform had it carefully brushed and furnished for the occasion.

The members of the legislature and state officers occupied the first floor balcony, the editors the balcony above and even upon the roof were people who had clambered to places of vantage to witness the proceedings.

At 10 o'clock yesterday morning there were at least 1500 persons awaiting transportation to the warship. Trips were made with all possible speed, but the facilities for conveying people out to the ship were wholly inadequate. It would have required twice the number of vessels to accommodate the crowd. It is estimated that 5000 people were turned away from the wharves unable to secure transportation to the battleship.

Killed By Robbers.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 20.—At an early hour yesterday morning officers Copp and Moore found James Dillon, a laboringman, some 50 years of age, lying in an unconscious condition at the intersection of the Santa Fe tracks and Fifteenth street. On the back of his head was a wound, evidently made with some blunt instrument, and which had resulted in his unconsciousness. A feature of the find which induces the public to believe that the deed was that of thugs, was the fact that the man had been stripped of all save his underclothing, and for a time the outer garments of the man could not be found, but later on much of the same was recovered near by.

Dillon was removed to the hospital, where he remained in an unconscious condition until yesterday afternoon, when death relieved him of his sufferings. No arrests have been made, and no clew exists as to the perpetrator of the deed. Dillon was not known to have any money, hence the supposition goes that the man was sand-bagged by chance rounders at that point, it being dark there. The police, late yesterday afternoon, were at work on a clew, which, they hope, will shed some light upon the matter.

Attempt at Escape.

Taylor, Tex., Feb. 20.—One of the city's convicts, a negro named Doc Lewis, who was at work on the sewers being put in at the foot of Main street, made a bold but futile dash for liberty Thursday afternoon. Just as the south-bound International and Great Northern passenger train was pulling out from the depot, Lewis escaped, caught on to the Pullman coach, climbed up and attempted to conceal himself on the rear of the coach. He was chased and detected, however, and officers at Round Rock notified. He was captured.

Stabbing Affray.

Rosebud, Tex., Feb. 20.—Yesterday morning about daylight George Brown, a colored section hand on the San Antonio and Aransas Pass railway, was killed just west of the depot at this place. Ezekiel Mills, who was arrested, has a gash on the head. He was locked up. Justice Flood held an inquest over the remains, and his verdict was that the deceased came to his death by a knife stab near the region of the heart, inflicted by the hand of Ezekiel Mills.

Almost True.

Milson (on Pleadings)—I tell you, London at this time of year is almost without a peer.
Kilson—Yes, the most of them are over in America hunting brasses.

Senate Executive Session.

Washington, February 19.—The senate adjourned at 6:30 last night, after spending six hours in an executive session devoted to the consideration and nomination of Hon. C. F. Amidon to be district judge of North Dakota and of the Anglo-American arbitration treaty. The greater part of this time was given up to the judgeship question and the treaty was not reached until about 5 o'clock, after Mr. Amidon's confirmation. It had been the intention of the friends of the treaty to make an extraordinary effort to secure its passage before adjournment yesterday, but their plans were frustrated by senators who were more anxious to secure action upon nominations.

There were two yeas and nay votes during the day bearing on the treaty. In the first, which was a contest between the treaty and the nominations as to which should have precedence, the treaty lost. In the second, on motion to adjourn, which was antagonized principally by the friends of the treaty, the treaty won, as adjournment at that time was prevented. Both votes were close and neither was specially significant, as in the first vote some friends of the treaty cast their ballots against it and in the second some of its opponents were averse to adjournment, saying they were as willing for the test then as at any other time.

It was not long after this latter vote that Senator Sherman himself moved an adjournment.

In entering this motion Mr. Sherman said that he was actuated by a desire to consult the convenience of the senate and that recognizing the fact that much of the day had been given to another subject he conceded it was hardly fair to ask the senate to take up the treaty at that hour with a view to continuing its discussion until the bill should be disposed of. He gave notice that he would today, at 12:30, move an executive session for the purpose of considering the treaty alone and that he would ask that the session be held behind closed doors and be continued until the fate of the treaty should be known. Upon this being announced the senate adjourned without division.

There were no speeches made on the merits of the treaty during the day, but those devoted to a motion by Senator Nelson of Minnesota to postpone the treaty until the 5th of March. The speeches in favor of this motion were made by Senators Mason, Allison and Frye and those in opposition to it by Senators Sherman, Lodge, Hoar and Vest. The first three were without exception friendly to the treaty, but they urged the present character of the business and the apparent futility of trying to get a vote on the treaty at the present session.

Senators Sherman, Lodge, Hoar and Vest contended that a vote could be had if the friends of the treaty—who, Mr. Sherman said, embraced three-fourths of the senate—would only show their devotion by maintaining a quorum day and night until a vote could be reached.

It is conceded on all sides that today's session will be the final one on the treaty during this congress. The most probable result is the adoption of Mr. Nelson's motion to postpone.

National Alliance.

Washington, February 19.—The annual meeting of the National Farmers' Alliance and Industrial union supreme council ended today with a short session of the executive committee of the council. A number of routine matters were discussed and acted on and the work in the field reviewed. The following were elected lecturers, to travel about in the interests of the alliance: R. A. Southworth of Denver, for the Western district; Hamlin V. Poor, of Bird's Island, Minn., for the Northwestern district; F. H. Pensol, of Parkersburg, W. Va., for part of the Eastern field.

Young Lady Badly Injured.

Dallas, Texas, February 19.—Miss Myrtle Griffith of Henrietta, a passenger on the south-bound Katy train tonight, was struck just below the eyes by a rock thrown through the window of the train as it passed through Denton. She was brought to this city and is in a critical condition.

Diamond Robber Sentenced.

Fort Worth, Texas, February 19.—John Emerson was today convicted of the Hall diamond robbery and given two years in the penitentiary. It was the case in which a show window was broken with a stone and a tray of diamond rings taken.

Some people do not take their worthlessness to heart enough to do them any good.

Hopkins-Kendall Contest.

Washington, February 19.—The house today by a vote of 197 to 91 reversed the finding of a majority of the elections committee and decided the contested election case of N. T. Hopkins vs. J. M. Kendall, from the Tenth Kentucky district, in favor of the republican contestant. Eleven republicans and three populists voted with the democrats against unseating Kendall.

The conference reports on the bills to pension Major General Julius H. Stahl at \$75 and the widow of Major General Stoneman at \$50 were adopted.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

At Elgin, recently, Mrs. E. E. Davis, aged 67, was gored and trampled to death by a milk cow.

Near Keitys, Angelina county, Jesse Blackburn, a farmer, was recently run over and killed by a south-bound passenger train.

John Cartwright, a colored laborer, was shot and instantly killed at Texarkana, Bowie county, the other night at his residence.

Near Temple, Bell county, at a negro dance in the bottoms recently, Jim Chance was fatally shot in the abdomen. His assailant escaped.

The commissioners of Hill county have decided to build a new calaboose at the county convict farm, as the old one is inadequate to the present demands.

A freight wreck occurred a few miles south of Kaufman on the Texas Midland the other evening. Passenger trains were delayed four or five hours. No one hurt.

At Texarkana, Bowie county, George King, a negro preacher, severed his jugular vein with a razor the other night at 6 o'clock and died in a few minutes. He was insane.

William A. Clonch, trumpeter of company B, eighteenth United States infantry, at Fort Sam Houston, was killed the other night by falling from one of the upper windows of the guardhouse.

At Houston recently at a late hour, a one-armed white man named Powell was run over and killed by a Katy freight train near the Galveston, Houston and Henderson bridge over Buffalo bayou.

Joe Trumble, a farmer living some distance south of Italy, Ellis county, while putting down posts the other day, had his hand struck with a heavy maul, breaking it in the palm and mashing it very badly.

At Graham, J. A. Ledbetter died suddenly the other day. He was engaged in his ordinary business on his farm during the forenoon, ate his dinner, walked into an adjoining room and dropped dead.

Mr. Natt Cunningham, uncle of Dr. W. Cunningham, of Bastrop, Bastrop county, dropped dead on Main street the other evening. He was in good health apparently, and his death is ascribed to apoplexy.

Two negroes, Robert Simmons and Lou Sterns, working on a plantation near Daingerfield, Morris county, were both shot recently, Sterns getting a bullet in the arm and Simmons being wounded in both arms.

John Earl, a farmer who lives six miles west of Ennis, Ellis county, claims to have been robbed the other night of \$110. He reported to the officers, and Gus Brooks, a white man, was arrested on the charge.

Roby, Fisher county was aroused the other morning by the nose of a rifle about 7:30 o'clock. John Goggin was found shot through the right shoulder, the ball coming out at the shoulder. Goggin is badly, if not fatally wounded.

In a quarrel at Thompson station, near Richmond, Fort Bend county, the other evening, a white man named Collins and a negro named Will Jackson were shot in the leg. Jackson was arrested, but Collins could not be moved.

At Tyler the other evening a butcher named Jim Trilkil was arrested by Deputy Sheriff W. F. Smith on a charge of murder, said to have been committed at Bolivar, Tenn., several years ago. He will be held until the Tennessee officers come for him. Trilkil had lived there for the past year.

Will Lamb, a well known young man at Floyd, Denton county, while running his horse near that place a few days ago, was thrown against a tree and seriously injured. Besides being badly scared up and having his thigh broken, he suffered severe internal injuries, from which he may die.

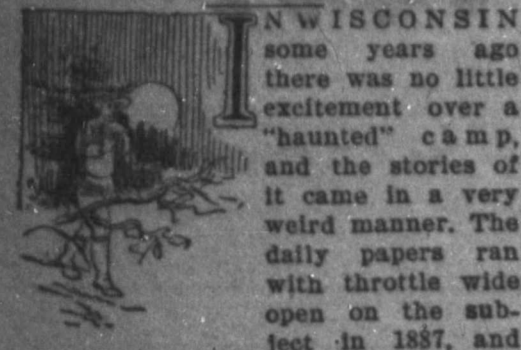
Near Brenham, Washington county, recently, Charlie Campbell, a small negro boy, whose home was six miles from town, had his clothing catch on fire and was burned to death.

The other day at Longview, Gregg county, Louis Griffin, a colored man, attempted to board train No. 1 while the train was pulling out. He missed his hand hold and fell and the wheels passed over and mashed off his right hand, necessitating amputation. He was trying to get on the blind baggage to ride to Camp's switch.

At Palestine, Anderson county, Arthur Broadbent was halted the other night by a negro just outside the city limits and a demand made for money, which Broadbent denied having. The negro then shot him in the hand and departed. Broadbent is not thought to be dangerously hurt.

Near Culvert, Robertson county, the body of old man Zwilch, who disappeared from home was found in the Brazos river by some fishermen the other day. Whether suicide or accident was not determined by the inquest.

IN A HAUNTED CAMP.



IN WISCONSIN some years ago there was no little excitement over a "haunted" camp, and the stories of it came in a very weird manner. The daily papers ran with the story wide open on the subject in 1887, and when children heard it they were afraid to go to bed alone. The camp was the property of a Wisconsin firm and the stories about it were hair raisers. Here is one related by the time-keeper in an adjoining camp:

We were sitting around a comfortable old round oak stove. Some of the boys were smoking their pipes, while others were reading.

"Say, boys," said old Fred Rogers, as he laid an evening paper on the table beside him; "did you see an account of this 'ere old, haunted cedar camp over near Menominee?"

"Oh! go on, you old loon, what you givin' us now? What new story have you made up?"

"Not any," answered Fred, and he knocked the ashes out of his pipe and scrutinized the boys in eager anticipation of being invited to read the article.

"All right, Fred, let 'er rip," exclaimed Bill McGivern, and "let 'er rip" he did.

The boys all paid close attention and Fred read the story of the haunted camp without pause for the marks of punctuation, and when he laid the paper down he looked at the group of listeners and waited for some remark.

"So she's truly haunted?" came the query, and the questioner looked over his shoulder as though afraid that some queer antics would be cut up there.

"I don't believe in ghosts nohow," continued the nervous man, "but I tell you fellows what I'll do. I'll bet that I can find out the cause of it all, and what's more, I'm willing to go over there to-morrow night and do a little Young Slueth work if one of you'll go with me. It's only twenty-five miles, and that's easy."

"I'll take you!" old Rogers almost shrieked, and then and there the bargain was sealed. To back out of it would mean a month's wages to either man and that's something a lumber jack can't afford to lose.

The above conversation took place in a little camp among the northern Badger pines, and the little group of men, eight in number, spent the rest of the evening very quietly, each man busied with his own thoughts. The next day's work was quietly done, and when the boss informed them that "stuff's off," they all drew to the shanty to see the two depart.

They each took a brace of revolvers and stepping into a boat shoved off. As they departed many a joke was thrown after them, and as the great silvery moon shone over the rippling waters the men were each busy with his own thoughts.

The man with Rogers bore the name of Ike Spindler, and man and name were well matched.

For three and one-half hours they worked forward, and then they turned the boat toward shore. It was two miles inland to the camp and the men pushed toward the camp with a feeling that borders on the awful. The distance was covered in forty minutes and as the camp loomed in sight Rogers noted the time. It was just ten minutes after 9 o'clock. The moon was in the zenith.

The camp had been deserted for many days, and the men used considerable caution in closing in upon it. A strange light met their eyes. The door of the camp slowly opened. A thin, misty mist seemed to wait outward. It hovered near the doorway for a few moments, and then the door closed as surely as it had opened. The vapory substance floated toward the woods. Spindler's back was chattering and he was deeply impressed with the all-showering thought that he'd better run, but Rogers' shouts drew him back.

The men walked up to the door of the camp. It was locked. They waited

around it and found one window partly opened. They entered. A large number of tin plates, such as often seen in woodland camps, were neatly arranged around the long table, as though all was in readiness for a meal. Suddenly the entire shanty shook, and the dishes and every article of furniture began to rise, and what was more, fly through the air. Both men made a mad rush for the door. A chair struck Spindler on the head, knocking him senseless. This continued for some time. In the meantime Rogers was making frantic efforts to get the door opened. At last, after one terrific tug, it gave way. The old man could not resist the opportunity of escaping. He drank in the cool autumn breeze that touched his cheeks. He turned and called to Spindler. Could he leave him to such a horrible fate? Never! He stooped and raised his unconscious companion to his feet. While doing so he received a terrible blow in the face. He dropped the unfortunate Ike and abandoned him to his fate.

He rushed out into the open air. He looked behind him, and there was that terrible smoky form. He ran, but it closed in upon him. His entire frame thrilled as though an electric battery had been applied to his flesh. His mind was under some horrid strain. He turned around, and still running, he emptied his revolver into the misty form. It did not turn it from its definite course. He then gave himself up to running, and never turned around until he reached the shore. As he did so his boat suddenly glided out into the river, and then as suddenly sank, deep down into the moon-lit waters. He looked back of him, and there a sight met his frenzied gaze which froze him to the spot. An aurora as bright as the perfect day filled the woods. Thrown in plain relief before the blinding light he read the word "Depart!" It was written in blood. The same frenzied feeling again seized him, and he ran through the woods like a madman.

It was a day and a half before he reached camp, bleeding and naked. In half articulated accents he told his story and also the fate of poor Ike.

A searching party was organized and the camp was reached in broad daylight. Everything was as undisturbed as things could be. The dishes were all neatly piled in one corner and—like? Why, he was still on the floor where he had fallen—dead. No scar was upon his body and the unfortunate man had undoubtedly died of fear.

The camp still stands alone and uninhabited. It cost one man his life; the other his mind. And as the tall cedars swing and sigh in the wintry winds they seem to mournfully say: "Depart and live; enter and die."



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PRODUCTS OF MEXICO.

"YUCA" ONE OF THE ARTICLES OF COMMERCE.

Good Returns from Its Cultivation—
Fine Wine and Vinegar Made from the Juice of the Pineapple—Sir Henry Deering on Yuca.



SIR HENRY DEERING has sent to the foreign office some practical notes on the cultivation in Mexico of the "yuca," or cassava plant; pineapple, ginger, "chicle," or chewing gum; sarsaparilla, jalap, licorice, canaigre and ramaie, says the London Standard. These, together with the plants dealt with in a previous report, form the principal products which may be profitably cultivated, together or singly, either on a large or small scale, by persons possessed of some small capital and desirous of obtaining satisfactory returns therefrom by investing in land in this republic. The fault generally committed by Mexican planters, says Sir Henry, "is the confining of their attention to one kind of cultivation on their land. If several different crops were taken off alternately, as in a system of rotation, or grown in different parts of the land where soil and climate prove suitable, the planter would find himself in even a better financial position than he generally does now. There is scarcely a spot on any estate, whether large or small, in Mexico, that is not capable of giving remunerative returns from some plant or another." In addition to government lands there are innumerable tracts held throughout the country by private individuals, which it is probable could be purchased at comparatively low prices, inasmuch as they can never be utilized by their present owners, and contracts might be made with the government by which immigrants settling on such lands might receive the same exceptional treatment accorded to those settling on government lands.

Sir Henry Deering states that yuca is to the peon in the tropical section of the republic what potatoes are to the poor and working people of Ireland. Yuca is a native of the country and its rice dates back before the conquest by Hernan Cortes, and it has always formed a great portion of the food of the ancient and present Mexicans, especially those living in Vera Cruz, Oaxaca, Chiapas, Tabasco and Yucatan. The returns of yuca cultivation are immense; the yield of an acre contains more nutritive matter than six times the same area under wheat. The writer planted last January inatlan, Puebla, two rows 150 feet long and was told by an old cultivator that there was enough food in that plot to feed more than 100 people for six months. The Toltecs and Aztecs knew how to cultivate the pineapple, and when the Spaniards conquered Mexico they found the fruit in the markets of the towns on their way from Vera Cruz to the great Tenochtitlan. From time immemorial, the pineapple has been cultivated in Amatlan, a town two leagues south of Cordoba, from where the ancient Mexicans used to get their main supply. Now it is grown in tropical Hidalgo, Puebla, Vera Cruz, Tabasco, Chiapas, Oaxaca, Morelos, Guerrero, Michoacan, Colima, Jalisco and Tepic. Besides the fruit being very delicious and wholesome, Sir Henry Deering says a fine wine and vinegar are made of the juice. The leaf furnishes a fiber of extraordinary strength and fineness, making it even more valuable than the fruit. The fiber is made into ropes, cables, binding twine, thread, mats, bagging, hammocks and paper.

A pineapple rope three and half inches thick can support nearly three tons. A textile fabric as fine and beautiful as silk is made of this fiber, too. It is believed that the fine cloth of various colors used by the upper classes among the Aztecs was made of the pineapple fiber. The modern Mexicans do not manufacture it much now, except in the isthmus, where the Zapotec Indians still make a cloth from it and from wild silk. One cause for its disuse is the slow and wasteful manner in which it is separated. Ginger is found growing wild in various parts of Mexico. The returns from an acre of land vary considerably, but when cultivated under favorable conditions the crops ought to be 4,000 pounds and upward. A man having a ten-acre patch would have an annual income of \$5,000 to \$7,000. Though for years canaigre has been used by the Mexicans, both for medical and tanning purposes, it has but recently attracted the attention of the outside commercial world as a valuable source of tannic acid. The result of investigations has been to create a great demand for canaigre in the tanning business of European countries, and more recently in the leathermaking centers of the United States. The only supply now to be obtained of this plant is from the wild growth along the rivers and

valleys of western Texas, New Mexico and this republic, and Sir H. Deering says a fear has been felt for some time that with the constantly increasing demand the present sources of supply must become exhausted.

TO KEEP HIS WORD.

An Oregon Embassador Risked His Life to Surrender to Justice.
"You need not send an officer for me. I will come when I am wanted."
Vincent Sutton, postmaster at Oretown, Tillamook county, was wanted for embezzlement by the United States authorities, says a Portland (Ore.) correspondent of the San Francisco Examiner. A plain tale, truly, and one which smacks of the vulgar commonplace, but mark the difference.
This Sutton is a man of simple mind and to him it seemed no harm would be done if he eked out the pittance of his office of postmaster by adding the sums paid in for purchase of money orders, a matter of some \$355 when all was counted. He would make it good in his own time and in truth he thought it no wrong. But the United States does not do business that way and in due time there came an indictment found by the Oregon grand jury, Sutton heard. He realized that he had done wrong. He was ready to meet his punishment. Nay he was ready to do it to meet it at the peril of his life. Nothing prevented if he chose to leave the state. None could find him in this bitter weather did he prefer to hide in the fastnesses of his own trackless mountains, but it came home to him what he had not realized when he took the money, that he had done wrong and he alone must bear the burden. Now, this was not a matter of walking downtown to give yourself up to the police or the marshal. It was not even a matter of boarding a comfortable railroad coach to be hauled into Portland. Oretown is a lonely camp buried deep in the Oregon wilds, a round forty miles and more from a railroad station, with raging rivers to be crossed between, and no road on which a horse may travel in this tempesting winter season, when the whole countryside is soaked and sodden like a full sponge, deep with treacherous, unfathomed seas of holding mud. Forty-three miles on foot, swimming and swirling, wild, unbridled rivers, staggering along through clinging mud, unable to lie down and sleep in his drenched clothes lest he perish of the cold, deprived of fire and light, because the matches he carried were soaked, snatching a hungry bite by the way at the little store of food he had in his pockets, all sodden and smeared with mud—this was the task that Vincent Sutton set himself because justice must be done and he must bear his part, though his life be forfeit in the doing. So it came that the simple-minded man of primitive mold sat down and wrote a letter to Marshal Gray, in Portland, that he would come himself to the nearest station on the railroad, Sheridan, and there surrender to an officer of the law—no need to send a man to bring him in from his distant home. Let the officer come to Sheridan by a certain day and he would be there. He kept his word, albeit more than once it nearly cost him his life. Sutton has a wife. He kissed her good-by and stuffed his pockets with the food which she, poor woman, had put up for him with loving care, enough to last him two days, it might be, on the way to Sheridan. The Three Rivers, triple thunder in sough, was booming with sullen, hungry roar, turbid with swirling mud, carrying on its angry breast sweeping logs and jagged roars, torn from their sockets by the searching flood. Five times it had to be crossed by Sutton on his way, swimming or wading, or chancing his life on a treacherous log. Once he was nearly smothered in a bottomless pit of mud as dangerous as the quiet, remorseless suck of a quicksand that never gives up its dead. It was bitter cold and he must keep afoot or perish. But there is iron in this man's blood. He had pledged his word and he got there. Now, when this strange tale was told to Judge Bellinger, sitting in Portland, he, being a man, was troubled in mind, for here was one who had set his life at the value of a pin fee that the law might have its way, and yet justice must be done and punishment meted as is set down in the books. Nevertheless there are degrees and Judge Bellinger resolved that this was a case where it would not strain the quality of justice were it softened with mercy. Therefore he imposed the lowest penalty, which is imprisonment for six months and a fine equal to the sum which Sutton appropriated.

Rattled.
"How much do these scales weigh?" he asked of the new clerk. "I—I don't know, sir," answered the clerk, "but if you will wait one minute I'll weigh them and tell you."—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

Multilingual Ability.
"How many foreign languages can your wife speak?" "Three—German, French and the one she talks to the baby."—New York Tribune.

Gage county, Nebraska, claims a woman who can husk 75 bushels of corn a day.
Michigan has a state-mining school.

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"I suffered for all those long years with intense pain in the back, nervousness and from the passing of large quantities of water. This was undoubtedly a form of diabetes, and so described by my physicians of whom I had many. Strychnine and nitre and many other remedies were tried, as well as change of climate, but nothing did me any good. I was so horribly nervous that I could not lift a drinking vessel to my mouth if there was not a handle attached to it. A great part of the time I was confined to bed. The commencement of the disease was in 1846, when I had a bad attack of 'Southern fever' in North Carolina."

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Longevity of Birds. An eagle died at Vienna at the age of 103 years. According to Buffon the life of the crow is 108 years, and no observation authorizes us to attribute to it, with Hesiod, 1,000 years. A parrot, brought to Florence in 1633 by the Princess Provera d'Urbino, when she went there to espouse the Grand Duke Ferdinand, was then at least twenty years old, and lived nearly 100 more. A naturalist whose testimony cannot be doubted, Willoughby, had certain proof that a goose lived a century, and Buffon did not hesitate to conclude that the swan's life is longer yet; some authors give it two and even three centuries. Mallerton possessed the skeleton of a swan that had lived 207 years.

A Correction. "This," said the professor of anatomy, "as he exhibited a human jawbone, 'is the inferior maxillary.'"

"I beg your pardon, professor," said one of the married students, "but didn't I understand you to say the skeleton you have before us belonged to a female?"

"I did."

"In that case, then, there is no inferior maxillary."—Washington Times.

The value of the grounds and buildings devoted to education in the United States is \$95,545,651.

The Sultan of Morocco is about to take for his second wife the daughter of one of his most powerful vassals. The people of Morocco are much discontented, as every one of them is obliged to send a wedding present to the monarch.

The postal receipts of St. Louis show a falling off during the last quarter greater in percentage than any other city in the country. Probably most of the inhabitants are trying to conceal from their out-of-town friends where they are.

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THE ASTROLOGER'S CORNER. Some slight changes necessitated by less space for this department. Prof. Cunningham is daily receiving flattering testimonials of his genius and marvelous power in reading the language of the signs and planets. His horoscope life readings with chart are daily convincing people of the great and VALUABLE INFORMATION to be had through his wonderful knowledge of astrology. He receives letters from every state and territory and his fame has extended into foreign lands.

Under no circumstances will names of correspondents be published, but the following are extracts from recent letters: "I received my horoscope, am much pleased with it. It is as near right as it is possible to make it." Another writes: "I am surprised at its correctness."

Prof. Cunningham now proposes to tell your ruling planet and send a test reading ABSOLUTELY FREE to the applicants whose letters happen to be the First, Third, Sixth and Tenth, typed from each day's mail. All applicants for these FREE READINGS must send: sex, race or nationality, place, year, month, date, hour and minute of birth, A. M. or P. M., as near as possible. Applicants entitled to FREE READINGS will receive them by return mail with their 2c cents enclosed least. All applicants must send 5c cents to pay for their reading in case they do not win FREE reading. DO NOT DELAY, send at once; you are just as apt to win as anybody, and if you do not, you will receive a valuable test by astrology for the small sum of 5c cents. Those not knowing their time of birth should send 4 cents for further instructions.

Address: PROF. G. W. CUNNINGHAM, Dept. 4, 194 S. Clinton Street, Chicago, Ill.

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Miss E. B. Kokomo, Ind. According to the data furnished the Zodiacal Sign Gemini, which Mercury rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Mercury is your ruling planet or signification.

You are above medium height, straight, slender figure; dark complexion, hair and eyes, the eyes have a peculiar sparkle, sharp sight and quick, restless movement. You belong to that class of people from which comes our most brilliant scholars, teachers, lawyers, writers, etc.; your horoscope is of a kind that shows a life of considerable struggle and anxiety. You are ambitious, industrious and a leader in anything you become interested in. The last half of life will be more successful than the first. You did not get the finished education such as you were capable of taking, there was always something to prevent it. You will soon be under an evil treatment of herbs, a few months later a fortunate brand of Japen.

Fanny D. Morrow. According to the data furnished the Zodiacal Sign Virgo, which Mercury rules, was rising at your birth, therefore Mercury is your ruling planet or signification.

You are above medium height, slender figure, but well proportioned, medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes are quite expressive and have a quick, restless movement and appearance. You are much inclined to intellectual pursuits and prefer those kind of topics in your usual conversation. You are very skeptical, yet take delight in investigating the occult and mysterious in order to know the truth. You are ambitious, industrious and a leader in anything you become interested in. The last half of life will be more successful than the first. You did not get the finished education such as you were capable of taking, there was always something to prevent it. You will soon be under an evil treatment of herbs, a few months later a fortunate brand of Japen.

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THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

People who have no malice in their makeup, are seldom amusing.

Wisdom is in the main a correct appreciation of the follies of other people.

It was a Central American shot that knocked the hole in the Nicaragua Canal bill.

Most of us would last longer if we possessed the power of keeping still occasionally.

There is really slight consolation about advancing theories to account for your defeat.

Crooked bankers who do not commit suicide are dropping into the habit of falling dead.

People who are not able to take care of their private conduct are hardly fit to prescribe rules for others.

There is as much difference between information and gossip as there is between walnut and basswood.

Don't blame the devil with everything crooked in the world. Mankind has done a good deal in that line.

When a girl is saying goodbye to a man in the hall, why does she stand up so close and put her hands behind her?

It is well to remember when in or out of society that purple and fine linen never made a porcine character a fine gentleman.

Now that another United States Venezuelan Commission has been appointed the people will be less restless. It has been difficult trying to worry along between commissions.

Jake Schaefer, the former champion billiardist, fell off a Chicago street car and permanently injured the wrist of his cue arm, and is now suing for \$100,000 damages. It's a stiff price, but it is also a stiff wrist.

Maguire Hines, a railroad builder, has just returned from a visit to England. He went there to raise \$3,000,000 for a new line in the South. "The people I met believe that the late war over here was between North and South America," he said, recently, "and their notion about Venezuela is that the confederacy has started the war again." England is in need of free schools.

Whatever our senators and representatives do or fail to do about other matters, the present session of congress ought not to close without a suitable appropriation for the repair of the frigate Constitution. "Old Ironsides." Immediate action is necessary for the preservation of a vessel whose decks have been "red with heroes' blood," and whose glorious record is an imperishable part of our national renown.

The special agent recently dispatched to Japan by the San Francisco Bureau of Foreign Commerce for the purpose of collecting data with reference to matters affecting the interests of American manufacturers has submitted a report, in which he states that during the past two months there has been almost a panic in Japanese financial circles, but the worst is now considered over. After the war with China speculation was rampant. Thousands of stock companies were floated, and their shares boomed. Everybody invested, but collapse soon came. The native banks have shut down indiscriminately of late and merchants allowed no accommodations. Heavy stocks of merchandise were thus thrown back upon the market, and warehouses are crowded.

A minister in the far west during the past few years has made a collection of curious and worthless money given at the services of his church. His exhibit includes Peruvian, Hawaiian and Swedish coins, also quarters and dimes, punched, battered, defaced, which he would not attempt to pass for their face value, and could not pass them if he made the attempt. He has given notice that the defaced coin will be sent to the mint and sold as bullion, or melted and made into some article of church ware. Such a matter-of-fact statement is worth more than a hundred jests to show that the collector indicates the possible character of a contributor. If conscientiously used in this way the defaced coin represents a deception. The giver knows that his tradesman would hesitate to accept the coin in trade. To drop it into the contribution-box is an easy disposition of the obnoxious piece of metal, and apparently shows generous obedience to a religious duty. It is a small, misleading act. Its pitiful innocence could not be tolerated by a thoroughly honest man.

MURDERED HERSELF.

TOOK CARBOLIC ACID AND ENDED HER TROUBLES.

A Man Has Been Arrested and Jailed in Connection With the Deed—She Was Found Dying in an Unoccupied Room of a Hotel.

New York, Feb. 22.—Mrs. May Skelton or Shelton, aged 43, who is said to be the divorced wife of a wealthy Chicago dealer in railway supplies, committed suicide last night at the Hotel Menlo, by taking a dose of carbolic acid.

John Turner, aged 29, who is said to be in the grocery business in Nashville, Tenn., is a prisoner, having been arrested on suspicion of knowing more than he is willing to admit about the woman's death.

According to the clerk of the hotel, the dead woman and Turner have been living together at the hotel for some time and have had frequent quarrels. Yesterday he was away until late in the afternoon, and they quarreled when he returned. The woman left the hotel, bought the acid and was found dying in an unoccupied room in the hotel later.

Mrs. Skelton is said to have returned to Chicago recently, but came back on Saturday to rejoin Turner. It is said she obtained a divorce three months ago.

It is learned that the woman's maiden name was Mae Temple, and that her father is a newspaper man, living in Peoria, Ill.

A Big Demonstration.

Athens, Feb. 22.—Over 40,000 persons participated in a demonstration yesterday afternoon on University square in favor of the union of Crete with Greece. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed. An address was adopted, declaring that the king and the people were ready for any sacrifice of blood and treasure to bring the present Cretan policy to a successful issue. The crowd then marched to the palace and a deputation presented the address to the king. Tremendous cheering followed. His majesty, King George, Crown Prince Constantine, the duke of Sparta and other members of the royal family occupied places on the balcony. The king addressed the crowd as follows:

"You are executing the true mandate of the Hellenic people. I thank you for this imposing display of your feelings. May God protect our beloved country and strengthen our common efforts. Long live the Hellenic nation!"

The address of King George was followed by a vociferous cheering.

Prince Nicholas has arrived at Larissa, a town of Thessaly, on the Turkish border, twenty miles from the Gulf of Salonica. Seven hundred Greek soldiers, with artillery, have landed near Kasselio.

A Turkish transport, accompanied by a British torpedo boat, is aiding in conveying 1500 troops from Candia to Crete.

An Alleged Murderer Dies in Jail.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 22.—Jacob Neance, charged with the murder of Deputy United States Marshal Byrd, near Jackson, Ky., last January, died in the Louisville jail yesterday of pneumonia. Although he knew he was dying, Neance would not discuss the murder.

Dan Farlar, the alleged accessory of Neance in the murder, told of the killing yesterday. His story is to the effect that Neance fired the shot which killed Byrd, and that he was merely unfortunate enough to be present when Byrd was shot.

The crime for which Neance and Farlar were being held was committed on Jan. 14, last, at a point ten miles from Jackson, Ky. Deputy United States Marshal Byrd had a warrant in his possession for the arrest of Sam Neance, a nephew of Jake Neance, who lived at the latter's house. Going to the Neance home, he at once placed Sam under arrest and placed the prisoner on the horse behind him and started for Jackson. When he reached the Kentucky river he forded it, and a few moments later two men rode up behind him. A short quarrel followed and the next day the lead body of Marshal Byrd was found riddled with bullets on the roadside.

The search for the remains had been instituted by friends, who saw Byrd's horse coming into Jackson without a rider and with blood on the pommel of his saddle. An investigation was immediately started, and finally enough evidence was secured to warrant the arrest of Jacob Neance.

Conscientious.

"Wait one moment," said the eminent statesman to the reporter who had come for the manuscript of his speech. "I want to make a little correction."

And he made a hasty erasure where he had written the bracketed word "appliance" and the appliances had failed to come in.

Trouble Expected.

New York, Feb. 22.—A dispatch from Havana says: Dr. Ricardo Ruiz, a naturalized American citizen arrested on suspicion by the Spanish authorities a week ago, was found dead in his cell in the Guanabacoa jail last Tuesday. The body bore marks of violence. The jailer, Fondeviel, said that he had died by suicide.

Consul Gen. Lee sought the privilege of viewing the body and asked for a full statement of the circumstances of his death. The Spaniards at first ignored both requests. Gen. Lee telegraphed to Washington. No reply was received. On Friday Gen. Lee imperatively demanded that the body of Dr. Ruiz be turned over to him and that an autopsy be made by two physicians, one of whom shall be designated by Gen. Lee.

The Marquis of Anumada, acting captain general in place of Gen. Weyler, who is in the field, issued the necessary order, but so long was the delay that, although Guanabacoa is less than three miles from Havana, Gen. Lee was not admitted to the prison there until late Friday afternoon, thirty hours after Dr. Ruiz's death, and barely in time to stop the burial of the American physician in a plain pine coffin by a squad of negro Spanish servants. When the coffin was opened it was found that Dr. Ruiz's face had been so battered with blows and so cut with wounds as to be almost unrecognizable. The other prisoners said that piercing cries were heard from his cell on the night of his death. Gen. Lee could reach no other conclusion than that Dr. Ruiz had been murdered. He immediately ordered an autopsy to be made, the result of which was not known until late yesterday.

He cabled the results of his investigation to the state department, but again no response came. In the meantime Scott, another American, has been kept eleven days in solitary confinement at Regla, just across the bay from Havana.

Gen. Lee has been refused permission even to see him. This is a plain violation of the treaty rights. It is feared he, too has been slain.

Steamer Reported Lost.

Boston, Feb. 22.—The German tank steamer Diamant, Capt. Wischhausen, and thirty-five men were probably lost with all hands, 230 miles southeast of Halifax, Feb. 17, or else she has been drifting at the mercy of the elements ever since. Such is the opinion of Capt. Forth of the Furness line steamer Galilee, which reached this port yesterday from London. Capt. Forth attempted to tow the Diamant and to save her crew, but the hawser parted and the tank steamer disappeared from view so quickly that it is believed she went down. Capt. Forth says he sighted the tank steamer Feb. 16, showing signals of distress, having lost her propeller. The steamer was taken in tow, but the next day she broke away. This was repeated until the 17th, when she disappeared altogether. The Galilee towed the Diamant 600 miles. Capt. Forth cruised around nearly a day, but saw no trace of the steamer and so resumed his course. While he believes the Diamant has foundered, Capt. Forth thinks that the empty tanks may have kept her afloat and she is somewhere in the track of the European liners.

Carey W. Nelson Missing.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22.—A special from Birmingham, Ala., says: The friends and relatives of Carey W. Nelson, special agent for the Pratt mines penitentiary, are exceedingly anxious for his safety, and W. H. Burnett, a relative, has gone to Texas to search for him. On the 2d instant Nelson went to Austin, Tex., where he arrested Ben Smith, a life sentence murderer, who escaped from the Pratt mines a year ago. Smith nine years ago shot and killed William Grant in this city while the latter was visiting a beautiful young woman, of whom both men were enamored. Nelson captured Smith at Austin, where the latter was conducting a barber shop. En route back to Alabama two weeks ago Smith escaped at Houston, Tex., swam a river and disappeared. Nelson went in pursuit of him, and since then all trace of him has been lost. It is known that Smith went back to Austin after his escape. Smith sold out his property and fled. It is said that Nelson overtook him, and it is feared was killed.

A Dismal Flood.

Middlesboro, Ky., Feb. 22.—A most disastrous flood visited this valley yesterday morning, flooding two-thirds of the town. Sixty families were forced from their homes. Cumberland avenue the principal street, is under water. Most of the stores are flooded. Several hundred people have to be fed by citizens. At West Pineville the Cumberland river broke over its banks, doing immense damage. Fifty families were forced from their homes. All the mines on the creek are flooded. All the trestles and bridges on the Middlesboro railway are washed away.

There have been disastrous floods along the north fork of the Kentucky river recently.

A BRAKEMAN KILLED.

HE WAS FOUND ON A BOX CAR SHOT IN THE NECK.

The Train Was Running When His Body Was Discovered—Two Suspects Have Been Arrested and Jailed for the Crime. Chinese Dens Raided.

Marshall, Tex., Feb. 21.—Jim Ashton, a brakeman, on the fast through freight from Marshall to Fort Worth, was killed Friday night between Big Sandy and Hawkins. On approaching Hawkins the rear brakeman was given a break in two signals. He left the caboose, and going forward on the cars discovered the body of Ashton lying across a box car dead and his lighted lamp beside him. Examining the body it was seen that he was shot in the neck. The neck was powder burned, which evidenced that the shot was fired at close range. The crew think the shot was fired and the party firing picked up Ashton's lantern and gave the break in two signals in order that the train would stop so he could get off. Ashton's mother resides in Fort Worth, where the body was taken for burial. No clew to the slayer.

Mineola, Tex., Feb. 22.—Deputy Sheriff Hiram Apel has sent numerous telegrams to officers to look out for the parties suspected of killing the Texas and Pacific brakeman, Jim Ashton.

The white boy, Jim Blackman, and the negro, Will Noble, arrested Saturday by Deputy Apel, are still held in jail as suspects of either committing the crime or knowing who did the killing.

Deputy Apel thinks when the parties are caught one of them will be found to have been badly hurt by getting off the train. He says when getting off one man must have held on to the train for some distance, as the ground showed where his feet had struck the earth about twenty feet apart, and when he finally let go he was thrown against the embankment with terrific force, as the prints of a man's body, feet and hands are left deep in the clay and mud. The place where he fell is covered with rocks and gravel and is also wet and marshy. Small streams trickle down the embankment and keep the ground soft.

The Texas and Pacific railway offers a reward of \$100, the citizens of Willis Point \$125, and Sheriff Carter and Deputy Apel \$25, making a total of \$250, for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who did the killing.

Fight in a Restaurant.

Waco, Tex., Feb. 22.—A war between natives and Chinese took place early yesterday morning in a Chinese restaurant. The dispute arose between customers and waiters. The celestials converted the crockery, cruets, catsup and sauce bottles, knives, forks and spoons into missiles, and the waiters struck with fists, pulled pigstails and made use of chairs and table legs, in one of the fiercest battles ever seen in Waco. The fight lasted until the police charged into the midst of the combatants and scattered them. When peace had been restored the floor was bloody and thick with trampled edibles. One shot was fired in the course of the fight by some person unknown to the officers, the bullet striking William Wallace, a colored man, in the arm. Wallace was not in the fight. He was a spectator. The bullet pierced his forearm, making a painful wound. Several of the fighters on both sides received severe contusions. The fight will be investigated to-day in the mayor's court.

Business Houses Burned.

Celeste, Tex., Feb. 22.—Fire was discovered in the rear end of J. C. Short's meat market yesterday morning at 2 o'clock. Three buildings were destroyed, as follows: I. R. Nelson's house, \$2000, no insurance; S. L. Green's livery stable, \$2000, insurance \$1400; G. W. Henslee's house, \$2000, insured, amount not known; Hertzog, \$2300, insured; J. C. Short's meat market, all destroyed, covered by insurance. Hartzog & Whately, hardware and buggies, hardware all saved, but buggies all lost, partly insured. The goods in Williams & ... and J. W. Mickle's drug stores were all taken out, but the fire was put out before it reached the houses. The goods were damaged in moving.

Chinese Dens Raided.

Houston, Tex., Feb. 22.—Chinatown was stirred from center to circumference yesterday, the cause being a wholesale raid by United States deputy marshals for the purpose of discovering if any of the Celestials were residents of the United States without being in possession of certificates giving this right. Out of over sixty arrested only one man, R. Lun, was found without the necessary papers. He was locked up at the police station, and will be given a hearing to-day. If found guilty he will be deported.

AN INNOVATION.

A Church Fair in Oklahoma—Everything "Perfectly Square."

"Brethren and sisters," said the Rev. Jack Jonks, the well-known Oklahoma divine, relates the New York World, "I am requested to announce that the ladies of the church will give a fair and festival at Tilligan's hall next Thursday evening, to which everybody is invited. I will further say that everything will be square and above-board on that occasion. I have been moved to insist upon this innovation because of the numerous kicks which have been registered since the last event of this character. Certain of the brethren, especially those who have but recently become members of the church and have not yet forgotten their worldly wisdom, have been complaining that there was no proclivity in the various catch-penny devices and games of chance at the last festival, and they are emphatic in their proclamation that, while they do not object to running up against any legitimate hazard for the good of the cause, they decline to participate in any more lead-pipe clinches. I will therefore add that at the coming festival the grab-bag, fish-pond, weighing-machine and kindred devices for replenishing the treasury will be under the direct supervision of Curly Conroy, the gentlemanly and accomplished dealer of faro at the Blue Ruin fortune parlors. In kindly agreeing to superintend these devices, Mr. Conroy pledges his professional honor that every visitor who puts down his scads will at least have some show for his money, and that his part of the evening's entertainment will be conducted in the same unprejudiced and impartial way that characterizes his work at the Blue Ruin. The usual collection will now be taken."

THE NEW THAMES TUNNEL.

English people are congratulating themselves over the approaching completion of the new tunnel under the Thames at Blackwall, and crowing over the fact that "the biggest city in the world will hold proud possession of the biggest tunnel."

The largest tunnel on this side of the Atlantic is the one under the St. Clair river, which is twenty-one feet in diameter. That building under the Hudson has an external diameter of nineteen feet, while the Blackwall tunnel is not less than twenty-seven feet across.

The length of the new tunnel is 6,200 feet, though the breadth of the river at Blackwall is only 1,212 feet, an apparent extravagance accounted for by the fact that in order to get beneath the bed of the river the engineers had to go down a depth of eighty feet below the Thames high water. That the approaches might not be too steep, therefore, the tunnel had to be made about five times the actual breadth of the river crossed.

Our American tunnels have been bored through clay, but the Blackwall tunnel had to be bored through gravel, an undertaking infinitely more difficult—so difficult, indeed, that many of the most experienced engineers, when consulted, doubted whether the enterprise could be carried through all right.

The undertaking was, however, an imperative necessity. Nearly 2,000,000 Londoners live east of London bridge, and until two years ago, when the Tower bridge was opened, they had only three ways of crossing the river—by the foot-passenger subway at the Tower, by the Wapping tunnel and by the Woolwich free ferry. There was not a single bridge east of London bridge.

The Blackwall tunnel was begun in April, 1892. Extraordinary precautions were taken on behalf of the workmen engaged. As a sample, to avoid the danger of chill in passing out of compressed air into ordinary atmosphere, a covered passage to the bank was built for the men and hot baths and dry clothes awaited them at the close of each day's work. It is hoped that the queen will open the tunnel in person, by way of celebrating the 60th year of her reign.

Statistics of the Franco-German War.

According to recent French statistics, France lost 136,000 men by death through wounds, sickness, or accidents in her war with Germany, while 139,421 men were disabled on the field of battle. Germany's losses were 79,155 dead and 18,543 wounded. The monetary loss is more evenly divided that for France being 12,666,487,522 francs, while for Germany it was 8,000,000,000 francs.

As to the Police.

Artless One—Isn't it strange that they should choose for members of the police force men who are so heavy that they are unable to run with any approach of speed? Sophisticated One—Not at all; if they were sprinters they would be able to get away from a disturbance much quicker than they now can.—Boston Transcript.

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LOCAL NEWS.

ARLEDGE & KENNEDY

DEALERS 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.

District court opens in this city next Monday.

Corn planting is almost general in this county this week.

Sweet picking for Crockett birds at MISTROT BROS & Co.

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

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

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

Col. W. M. Cunningham of San Pedro, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. John F. Mank, in this city.

Spring time is coming, so are the very latest novelties the New York market can afford in ladies' dress goods. MISTROT BROS & Co.

The reduction in insurance rates would pay the interest on double the amount of bonds necessary to put in a first-class system of water-works.

Miss Grace Smith of this city, sang by special request in the sacred concert at the Methodist church in Palestine last Friday night.

Ladies, you are cordially invited to call between the hours of 7 and 7 and examine the faintest line of SHIRT WAISTS and foot wear ever opened in Crockett at MISTROT BROS & Co.

The COURIER is in favor of issuing bonds to put in a system of water-works. What says the Council? Will some member thereof correspond and learn for a certainty the cost of a system to other towns?

The COURIER received a half score or more of new subscribers last week. New ones come in every day, which proves that the public are appreciating what we are doing to advertise the resources of the county.

We believe in patronizing home industry. Do you? If so, then there is no excuse for sending off for anything in the line of First-class Clothing Ready to Wear, or made to order, when you can see what you are getting and save money by calling at MISTROT BROS & Co. N. B.—No special inducements to anyone for starting the ball rolling, as it is already in motion. M B & Co.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

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

Last Saturday morning in the Henry Payne neighborhood, a few miles from Colharp, a Mr. Byrd died after a long illness of measles. He was an unmarried man and a farmer.

Boys, have you seen our new spring line of negligee shirts and neck wear, up-to-date styles and catch prices at MISTROT BROS & Co.

Howell Featherstone, Esq., a prominent lawyer, of Lynchburg, Va., stopped off on his way to Galveston and spent a day or two with the family of S. C. Arledge. Those who met him speak of him as a very accomplished gentleman.

Extensive improvements are being made in the interior arrangements of the Stokes block on the northwest corner of the square, and about March 1st, Mr. R. C. Stokes will move his jewelry establishment to that building.

The COURIER regrets to hear that R. H. Furlow, an old and respected citizen of Creek, died at his residence in that place, very suddenly on Tuesday afternoon, from a congestive chill. Mr. Furlow was the postmaster at Creek at the time of his death. He leaves a large family.

Capitalists are expected here in a few days to buy the lands of the Crockett Tram & Lumber Company, and when this is done the work of building the tram, saw-mills, etc., will at once begin. The COURIER is informed that the sale of the lands is nearly consummated.

The colored brass band of this city celebrated the anniversary of Washington's birthday last Monday by parading the streets and giving serenades at various points. The band made a very good appearance and with proper practice will develop into a good musical organization.

J. R. B. Barbee says he had two safes in his store house that burnt recently at Lovelady. The Mosler-Baumer safe had been bored into by burglars. This safe, with a hole in it, preserved the papers perfectly, while another of a different make, sound every way, had every paper in it burnt to a crisp.

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.

On last Friday morning, at his residence, a few miles east of Grapeland, Rev. J. P. Faris, a venerable minister of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, was prostrated with a stroke of apoplexy, and for a time his recovery was doubtful. He rallied, however, and at last account was considerably improved. Mr. Faris is the stepfather of Mrs. M. M. Baker, wife of the county treasurer.

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.

Jim Hutchinson, the battle-scarred negro tough who has been in jail for several weeks, was fined \$5 and costs in two cases of theft in each of which he pleaded guilty in the county court, last Tuesday.

Last Sunday morning while the family were absent at church, the residence of Mr. J. J. Taylor, ten miles east of Crockett, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire. The sum of \$150 in money was also burned, and the loss falls very heavily on Mr. Taylor.

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.

That was a charming entertainment given at the residence of Mrs. J. N. Goolsbee, under the auspices of the S. H. H. Society, last Friday night, and it is well worth a column of description, but the COURIER, unfortunately, hasn't the necessary space. Miss Fannie Goolsbee was the charming hostess of the occasion and her delightful hospitality will always be remembered by her guests.

T. F. Smith was on a trip to Beaumont last week and left for Fort Worth this week. He says there will be shipped from seven to eight thousand head of cattle from this county this spring—a thing that will do much to relieve the stringency of the corn situation. Smith is a hustler and between his cattle interests in the Territory and his several farms in this and Archer counties, he is on the move all the time.

County Judge Winfree, acting on the suggestion of State Commissioner of Agriculture, whose address to the farmers of Texas, is published elsewhere in this issue, has called a convention of the farmers of Houston county, to meet at his office in the court house tomorrow, Saturday, 27th, to elect delegates to the State convention of farmers which meets at Waco on the 8th of March. This convention will handle matters of vital importance to the cotton growers of Texas.

The commissioners' court is in special session this week, looking after the roads. The present court seems determined to sit down on extravagance and are adopting restrictions and prescribing rules that will save the county a great deal, if adhered to. George Thompson is the only populist on the court and he is not populist to hurt. He does not permit politics to warp his judgment and feelings when the interests of the county are involved. The rest of the court are democrats and are making excellent records as clearheaded business men.

We had a brief notice in our last issue of the marriage of Rev. Sam Tenny in Longview. We have no more data now than we had then but feel that we should bear testimony to the high character of the groom. This young man was reared, if not born, in Crockett, and our people regardless of denomination, are proud of him and predict for him a life of great usefulness. We can't recall any young man who has gone out into the great struggle for noble endeavor and high achievement who is better equipped in all the spiritual, moral and intellectual guides and aids for success than he. We wish him an overflowing measure of all the good things that make life worth living, and with them, too, will be intermingled the bitter which never fails to follow the sweet as the shadow the substance.

Crockett needs water works and better streets and sidewalks.

The court-house people were well represented in Galveston last week. Sheriff Waller, Collector Sberidan and District Clerk Tony Gossett all went down to see the battle-ship, Texas. Mr. Gossett remarked in a critical way, when he returned, that he was "inclined to think the Texas was the biggest and best battle-ship he ever saw."

Last Monday morning Sheriff Waller and Deputy Hale, acting on a dispatch received from General Manager Campbell of the I. & G. N. at Palestine, got on the trail of two tramps charged with shooting at a freight brakeman who had compelled them to leave the train at Paso, six miles below Crockett, Sunday afternoon. The two men were arrested a few miles north of this city, on the side of the road, and the first one approached at once admitted that he was the man wanted and cheerfully remarked that he "took a crack at the braky" and had the pistol on him then. He gave his name as Claud Jackson and said his occupation was that of a bum. The other man, arrested near by, gave his name as John Hollee, and said he was a farm laborer from Iowa on the tramp. He seemed distressed over his arrest but the man with the gun was defiant and untroubled. Their arrival at the court house brought immense relief to two other men who had been detained there on suspicion and who were turned loose as soon as Jackson and Hollee were brought in. The two latter now in jail, will have a preliminary examination before Justice Pritchard to day if the brakeman who was shot at, is here to testify.

Cattlemen's Convention-San Antonio

The International & Great Northern R. R., (International Route) will have on sale round trip tickets to San Antonio, March 7th, and for trains arriving morning of March 8th, at reduced rates. Maximum rate from any point on the line, \$5.00.

D. J. PRICE, A. G. P. A. Palestine, Texas

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, saw-mill, 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 balm 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 \$1.00 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.

This invaluable remedy is one that ought to be in every household. It will cure any rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, frosted feet and ears, sore throat and sore chest. If you have lame back it will cure it. It penetrates to the seat of the disease. It will cure stiff joints and contracted muscles after all other remedies have failed. Those who have been crippled for many years have used Ballard's Snow Liniment and thrown away their crutches and been able to walk as well as ever. It will cure you. Price 50c.—Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

Cheatham'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 today.

Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the used out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the liver and kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it. Sold for 50c or \$1 per bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's.

If you ask what is the quickest, best, and safest Chill Tonic, the answer will invariably be, my friend use Cheatham's, it is pleasant and guaranteed. 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 headache, bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in back and between the shoulders, chills and fever, etc. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order, and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75cts. Free trial bottle at L. H. Haring & Co.

Little spells of fever, little chills no brand. Makes the mighty graveyard and the angel land. A little of Cheatham's Chill Tonic taken now and then makes the handsome women and the healthy men.

What is a Guarantee?

It is this. If you have a Cough or Cold, a tickling in the Throat, which keeps you constantly coughing, or if you are afflicted with any Chest, Throat or Lung Trouble, Whooping Cough, etc., and you use Ballard's Horehound Syrup as directed, giving it a fair trial, and no benefit is experienced, we will authorize our advertised agent to refund your money on return of bottle. It never fails to give satisfaction. It promptly relieves bronchitis. Price 25 and 50cts.—Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

The richest and poorest, the oldest and youngest, the proudest and humblest, the largest and smallest, all use Chamberlain's Chill Tonic. Guaranteed. Put up in both tasteless and bitter styles. Tasteless 50 cents.

The Grandest Remedy.

Mr. R. B. Greeve, merchant of Chilhowie, Va., certifies that he had consumption, was given up to die, sought all medical treatment that money could procure, tried all cough remedies he could hear of, but got no relief; spent many nights sitting up in a chair; was induced to try Dr. King's New Discovery and was cured by use of two bottles. For past three years has been attending to business, and says Dr. King's New Discovery is the grandest remedy ever made, as it has done so much for him and also for others in his community. Dr. King's New Discovery is guaranteed for Coughs, Colds and consumption. It don't fail. Trial bottles free at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store.

THE COURIER.

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

Hog law elections on March 20th. Don't fail to vote your sentiments.

WHEN the COURIER next appears McKinley will be president of the United States and his fun will be over.

WE hope to see the grand jury and the officers enforce the laws for the protection of game and fish. Spare no one, it matters not where he may live.

WHAT a godsend to the people of Texas it would be if they could get a rest from politics and politicians for a period of four years! As it is, they hardly escape from the jaws of one set of political agitators before they are gobbled up by another.

In this day of over-legislation, perhaps the legislative body that does least is the one especially entitled to the thanks of the people. If a people on this earth ever were legislated to death, those of America in general and of Texas in particular come nearest to the fateful juncture.

Those interested in penning the hogs, sheep and goats of the Crockett, Daly and Weches precincts should read Judge Winfree's proclamations ordering these elections. Read them and find out whether you live in the proposed districts and if so, make up your mind how you will vote.

NEXT week Grover Cleveland retires from office. He leaves a record which just now is not admired and applauded by many. But the time is coming when the events and facts of his administration, surveyed in the light of truth and soberness, will be accorded a place in history alongside that of the greatest statesmen of this century.

THE presence of the battle-ship, Texas, in Galveston bay, last week, was of even more practical than sentimental interest in the eyes of the country at large. This huge fighting machine of steel and iron, drawing twenty three feet, passed over the bar safely with plenty of room to spare, and thereby gave the final and conclusive proof that Galveston is in fact a deep water port. The largest obstacle in the way of our gulf coast metropolis having been removed, that city, with proper energy behind it, should become within a generation the chief commercial center of the Trans-Mississippi country south of St. Louis.

If the legislature would pass necessary appropriation bills, re-district the state into judicial districts, amend the school laws so as to provide the pupils with cheaper text books and a uniform series by counties, and submit a constitutional amendment providing for elections every four years and then adjourn, the people would applaud the acts of the Twenty-fifth Legislature as the wisest for the past quarter of a century. The people are sore and tired to the degree of disgust over the frequent and ever recurring agitation incident to bi-annual elections. We are not out of the storm and heat of one campaign before designing politicians and demagogues are scheming and intriguing for another. Already there are indications to show that some are already looking out for office next year. The people are not rested from the harassments of the last campaign before they are the victims of the designing office-seeker. They need a rest from such and they will never get it as long as elections occur every two years.

Collector Sheridan says that all who don't want to pay costs had better settle their taxes at once. His good-nature is exhausted. He means business.

Stir up, push and make the water-works an issue in the coming election of aldermen. Twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars will be ample to pay the interest and create a sinking fund on a bond issue sufficient to put in water-works.

J. B. Smith is putting in two new and complete ice making outfits—one of four tons capacity per day and the other of two tons, in place of the old machinery. It is a pleasure to publish such items as this and we only regret that Crockett didn't have a score or more men like Mr. Smith with his enterprise. The public should second, encourage and support such men and measures. In fact, the public can't do too much to help along such movements. This will apply not only to the ice business, but to the electric, also. These are very valuable enterprises to a town and the public should do more to encourage and support them.

THE COURIER's good friend, J. R. B. Barbee of Lovelady, was in town Monday. He gave us quite an interesting history of the disastrous burns he has had in his lifetime. He has had two store-houses, one hotel, two gin-houses and three tenant houses burnt down, and \$3,600 will cover all insurance on all of it. We are glad to know that he has rented a store-house and is going ahead selling goods as if nothing had happened. The COURIER has had and has no better friend in the county than Mr. Barbee and we are glad to note the pluck and determination to come again after his recent misfortune.

It was thought and predicted that Judge Winfree, being a plain citizen, though a sensible and good one and not a lawyer, would make a brilliant failure as a county judge. It is very gratifying to those who supported, as well as to those who didn't support him, to know that he is disappointing all who had such apprehensions. He is discharging the duties—and many of them are very perplexing—devolving on him in the various capacities in which he is called on to act, in a way that pleases his friends and gives satisfaction to the great mass of the people. His conduct has been watched with a scrutinizing and critical eye, and while he may make errors, as all are prone to do, they are errors which are born of no purpose to do any one injustice.

Obituary. Died in Houston county, Texas, on the 16th of February, 1897, Mrs. Josephine L. Newberry. Sister Newberry was born in 1840, in Monroe county, Alabama; was married November 2, 1855, to Mr. D. F. Newberry of said county. She embraced the Christian religion in early life and was until recent years a member of the M. E. Church, South, when having removed to a neighborhood where there was no church of that order, she attached herself to the Presbyterian Church. Her husband, children and friends bear testimony to her loving, pure, devoted life. She suffered greatly, having been prostrated for the two years previous to her death upon a bed of affliction. Her sufferings which were severe, were borne with remarkable patience and fortitude. She died in peace with God, her last words an earnest exhortation to husband, children and friends to meet her in heaven. Her remains were interred with the usual ceremonies at Concord Presbyterian Church, Houston county, Texas. Rev. Jas. DeDaines.

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 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.

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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 continue 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 the seal of said court, at office in Crockett, this the 3d day of February, A. D. 1897. TONY GOSSETT, Clerk District Court, Houston County.

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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. N. HOWARD, Secretary.

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