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Back Again.

OUR MR. J. A. McCONNELL has just returned from the market, and he, with the assistance of our Mrs. Alston, who has charge of our Millinery Department have purchased a line of Goods that must catch the eye of every lover of Style and Fashion.

This Seems to be Excelior Season, for the Goods are far prettier, more beautiful and attractive than ever before manufactured, and I feel satisfied that some of our older friends during this dazzling season will be kept busy wishing that they were young again.

Rejoice, O! young people in the days of thy youth when the evil days come not. While you are young and prettie in accordance with your means make yourselves prettie, attractive and admirable, for by and by the evil days will come, the juvenile pleasures pass away and that real unalloyed, unmolested stage of existance, that is free from care and strife will be no more.

Our Goods have begun to arrive and soon our store will put on an appearance so attractive that you will be treating yourselves abusively to stay away.

Our Mrs. Alston comes to us highly recommended both as a milliner and characteristically. Her mother, brothers and sisters live in Dallas. Her father L. M. Lewis was a man of considerable notoriety—was a noted devine, brigadier general in the confederate army, and public educator. After the close of the war he was president of a female seminary

at Merry Oaks, just a few miles from Shreveport, was called from there to take charge of the First Methodist Church in Galveston, and while there built a beautiful church, which stands to-day as a sacred monument to his memory. From Galveston he went to Arcadia, Mo., and while there was called to First Methodist Church in St. Louis, which pulpit he filled for two years, when he was induced to accept the presidency of the Arkansas Female College at Little Rock, where he remained seven years and went to Bryan, Texas, and filled the chair of Professor of English Literature in the State A. & M. College for a term of two years, when he was elected president of Marvin College at Waxahachie Texas, where he remained six years when he was sent to First M. E. Church at Dallas where he began the building of a very handsome church and had gotten as far as the auditorium when his health began to fail, acting upon the advise of friends and physicians he went to California, and was only there one week when he died very suddenly, he was brought back to Dallas for interment. The church he began in Dallas was completed and as you enter its doors the first thing that greets the eye is the large massive window of the good Shepard dedicated to his memory, and there is in the Sunday school room a life portrait of him.

He has considerable writings extant, one called the "Reminiscences of the War."

We simply give the above history that you may feel more acquainted on a short acquaintance with our Mrs. Alston.

Respectfully

W. V. McCONNELL.

Proceedings of District Court.

Hester vs. Hester, divorce, decree of divorce to Mrs. Hester and custody of children and proceeds of homestead during minority of children.

A. C. Baker vs. Mitchell Satterwhite et al suit on vendor's lien note; judgment for foreclosure of lien on half of 100 acres of land involved and for debt sued on.

Mainer & Munday vs. Atkinson et al; judgment for plaintiff for half the property in controversy, except two horses and partition decreed.

Virginia Collins vs. H. Wilson defendant's motion to set aside judgment by default and reopen case over ruled.

Joanna Chapman vs. Joe Chapman, divorce granted.

Robt Botts vs. Sallie Botts, divorce granted.

Jas Whitly for use of N. R. Royal vs. P. D. Clark, suit on vendors lien note; judgment for plaintiff and foreclosure of vendor's lien as prayed for.

State vs. Bud Polk, motion for new trial granted.

John Holland vs. D. C. Eastham, dismissed for want of pros.

B. Adoue vs. D. L. Key and M. Bromberg, continued by consent.

D. A. Nunn vs. W. O. Phipps same as above.

John Lunceford vs. Martha and Ella Lunceford; not yet finished.

First Nat'l Bank of Crockett vs.

Cook & Smith; judgment for bank for amount sued for and judgment as between intervenors and defendants as per agreement and award filed.

W. Totty vs. B. F. Chamberlain, mis'trial.

State vs. Jim McCoy, theft of horse; guilty and 5 years in pen.

Judge Gill appointed the following jury commissioners: A. J. McLeMore, W. J. Murchison and Frank Meriwether, who met Thursday to draw the grand and petit juries for the fall term of the court.

Cotton Buyers' Convention.

CORSICANA, Tex., April, 1 1897.

ED. COURIER—The Cotton Buyers' Association of Navarro county called a mass meeting here to be on March 31st to organize a similar association for all the cotton men in the state. Accordingly they assembled a goodly number of cotton buyers here yesterday.

Mr. Geo. F. Miller of this city called the meeting to order and stated its object. A temporary organization was effected by electing Mr. C. J. Sorrells, of Hillsboro, chairman and Joseph Schwartz, of Corsicana, secretary. The meeting which was in the opera house was addressed by Col. E. S. Peters, of Calvert, President Texas Cotton Growers' Association, on uniform bales, and also by Capt. George Anderson, of Galveston, Sec'y Galveston Maritime Ass'n. Capt. An-

derson advocated an uniform bale and county ware houses to protect cotton from damage. His talk was too long to reproduce here, but will be found in the dailies of this date. When he stated that "every bale of cotton leaving Galveston was loaded at her wharves and not a bale lightered across the bar," the audience cheered for Galveston Harbor.

Mayor Whiteselle welcomed the cotton men in a very pretty speech. Mr. Chas. L. Sanger, of Waco, responded for the cotton boys. There was a grand ball at the rooms of the Corsicana Commercial Club last night which was largely attended by visising cotton buyers. This morning we were all driven to the petroleum wells and shown how the rock oil is forced out of them by natural gas.

An exhibition was given at a mill, of the use of crude petroleum as a fuel. The furnace was fired by a jet of petroleum sprayed upon some open brick work, and ignited with a match. As a fuel two barrels of crude oil is equivalent to a ton of coal. The oil can be sold here for 50 cents per barrel. This will make it as cheap as the best bituminous coal at \$1 per ton. This means that if the supply of oil is sufficient, Corsicana will become, in the near future, a great manufacturing city. After visiting the oil fields we were driven back to the Commercial Club apartments

where reports of committees were heard and a permanent organization effected by electing Mr. Felix P. Bath, of Ft. Worth, President, P. R. Freeman, of Dallas, Sec'y and Jos. Schwartz, of Corsicana, Ass't Sec'y. The board of directors elected are: Wm. Axer, Chas. L. Sanger, Thos. Bell, Al Lemon, F. Lange, Bryan Heard, H. L. Edwards, J. D. McDade, D. T. Iglehart, Z. M. Lehman, Thos. Forbs, E. S. Peters, P. R. Freeman, W. F. Ladd, R. B. Templeman, Geo. F. Miller, C. G. Davis, W. A. Arthur, William Read, D. Boyd and A. Siesfield. Waco was chosen as the next place of meeting to be some time next August. Resolutions were adopted to correct abuses in having cotton weighed by irresponsible parties and a committee appointed to draw a bill on the subject to be presented to the legislature of Texas. The constitution and by-laws committee are to report to the directors. A resolution was adopted permitting all persons interested in shipping cotton to join this association whether they be planters, merchants or buyers. Five dollars was agreed upon as a membership fee. All persons elligible were requested to forward their names and five dollars to P. R. Freeman, Sec'y Cotton Mens Ass'n, Dallas, Tex.

After the convention adjourned all visitors were driven from the Commercial Hotel to a lake about

three miles out of the city, where the most elegant dinner was served. The spread consisted of fish, oysters in three styles, shrimp, barbecued veal, celery, potatoes, coffee, tea, pastry—well the writer's memory breaks down, but they had everything good to eat. If the reader can think of anything better, just add it to the bill of fare, for we had it for dinner today. The cuisine was perfect. While it was every man's privilege to drink out of the lake, he did not have to, and through fear some delegate would object to water, abundant liquid refreshments were furnished free.

Now before I leave on the train tonight, I want to say through the COURIER, that if any town in Texas can entertain in grander style than the Petroleum Queen of Texas, it has never been my privilege to partake of her hospitalities.

BAYLIS J. FLETCHER.

Take Up.

A runaway horse, roanish color, sorrel mane and tail, branded U L on right hip, and notify R. W. Haltom, Nacogdoches, Texas, and receive reward for trouble and expense.

Strayed.

One dark bay mare, 5 or 6 years old. Black mane and tail. Mane hangs on right side; no brand. Scars on face and fore legs. Take up and notify ZERR IVY, Pennington, Texas.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

Financial Statement of Houston County From Nov. 17, 1896 to March 27, 1897, Inclusive.

STOCK ACCOUNT, NOV. 16, 1896.
Received by M. M. Baker, Treasurer, from J. B. Ellis, Ex-Treasurer:
To County script, the deficiency paid out the available school fund..... \$291.19
To jury script, the deficiency paid out the available school fund..... 342.37
To cash the balance of the available school fund..... 7,039.08
To " " " " court house and jail fund on hand..... 66.68
To amount received as cash from J. B. Ellis Ex Treasurer, \$7,739.32

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND LOANED INDIVIDUALS.

1890
Apr. 14, 1 note Allen & Williams due Apr. 14, 1893, \$2,560.00
May 26 1 " N. Fant " May 26, 1892, 2,000.00
" 1 " " " " " 1893, 2,000.00
1895.
June 24, 1 " " " " June 24, 1896, 675.00
" 1 " " " " " 1897, 675.00-\$7,910.00

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND INVESTED IN OUTSIDE BONDS.

1890.
May 20, 7 Harrison county bonds, due 20 years 6 per cent. each \$500.00 (less coupon) \$440.00 each, \$ 3,080.00
1889.
Nov. 1, 15 Brown county bonds due 20 years 6 per cent. each \$1000.00 (less coupon) \$860.00..... 12,900.00
1894.
Aug. 17, 5 Kent county bonds due 40 years 6 per cent. with option 5 years \$1000.00..... 5,000-\$20,980.00

PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND LOANED HOUSTON COUNTY.

1893.
Sep. 15, 6 road and bridge bonds payable Apr. 10, 1903..... \$ 6,000.00
1894.
Aug. 18, 3 road and bridge bonds, payable Apr. 10, 1904..... 3,000.00
1895.
Aug. 14, 3 road and bridge bonds, payable Apr. 10, 1905..... 3,000.00
1896.
Aug. 14, 4 road and bridge bonds, payable Apr. 10, 1916..... 4,000.00
1893.
Sept. 15, 11 Court House bonds payable Apr. 10, 1903..... 11,000.00
1896.
Aug. 14, 7 funding bonds, payable Apr. 10, 1916. 7,000.00
1894.
Nov. 14, Loaned the county, per ord. com. court, 488.00-\$34,488.00
Available funds in hands of Treasurer..... \$ 7,739.32
Permanent school fund in hands of Treasurer.... 63,378.00
\$71,117.32 \$71,117.32

AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND.

1896
Nov. 17, To Co. script rec'd from J B Ellis, ex-treas \$ 291.19
" " " " " " " " " 342.37
" " " " " " " " " 7,039.08
" " " " " " " " " 1,441.20
Dec. 7 " " " " " " " " " 448.78
" " " " " " " " " 1.45
1897
Jan. 6, " " " " State Treasurer..... 720.60
" 11, " " " " J R Sheridan, collector... 1,799.62
" " " " " " Lovelady district 136.58
" 15, " " " " transferred from Trinity county... 61.88
Feb. 4, " " " " rec'd from J R Sheridan, collector... 1,526.89
" " " " " " Lovelady dist... 114.70
" " " " " " State Treasurer..... 6.60
" " " " " " " " " 3,242.70
Mch. 4, " " " " J R Sheridan, collector... 1,054.95
" " " " " " Lovelady dist... 56.80
" " " " " " State Treasurer..... 2,882.40-\$21,167.79
1897
Mch. 27, By am't paid white teachers since Nov. 17, 1896..... \$10,259.00
Mch. 27, By am't paid col. teachers since Nov. 17, 1896..... 6,631.66-\$16,890.66
To balance available school fund on hand... \$4,277.13

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND.

1896
Nov. 17, To balance received from J B Ellis, ex-treas \$ 66.68
Dec. 7 " collections from J R Sheridan..... 91.45
1897
Jan. 11, " " " " " " " " " 454.51
Feb. 4, " " " " " " " " " 271.88
" " " " " " " " " 20.61
Mch. 4, " " " " " " " " " 210.04-\$1,115.17
1897
Feb. 27, By am't paid M M Baker treasurer..... \$ 16.77
" " " " " " " " " 450.36
" " " " " " " " " 150.00
" " " " " " " " " 148.00-\$765.13
Mch. 27 To balance court house and jail fund on hand \$350.04

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

1896
Dec. 10, To amount collected from fines..... \$ 5.15
" " " " " " " " " 182.90
1897
Jan. 11, " " " " " " " " " 17.45
" 30, " " " " " " " " " 909.03
" " " " " " " " " 11.05
Feb. 4, " " " " " " " " " 543.76
" " " " " " " " " 41.23
" " " " " " " " " 1.70
" 27, " " " " " " " " " 78.15
" " " " " " " " " 150.00
" " " " " " " " " 420.10
" " " " " " " " " 81.17-\$2,441.69
1897
Jan. 13, By am't paid for building bridges..... 929.00
" " " " " " M M Baker, Treasurer..... 52.88
Feb. 13, " " " " " " " " " 842.14
Mch. 27, " " " " " " " " " 59.77-\$1,874.74
To balance road and bridge fund on hand..... \$566.96

COUNTY FUND.

1896
Nov. 27, To amount received from Estrays..... \$ 8.90
" " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector... 535.38
" " " " " " Estray..... 2.30
1897
Jan. 11, " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector... 2,272.55
" " " " " " " " " 214.70
Feb. 1, " " " " " " Estray..... 2.15
" 4, " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector... 1,359.40
" " " " " " " " " 176.40
" " " " " " Comptroller,..... 103.06
Mch. 4, " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector... 1,050.23
" " " " " " " " " 101.53-\$5,826.80

1897
Jan. 1, By deficit J B Ellis ex treasurer paid..... \$ 291.19
Feb. 27 " amount transferred to jury fund..... 449.61
Mch. 27, " " pd 185 miscellaneous apprvd vouchers 4,086.70-\$4,827.50
To balance county fund on hand..... \$999.10

JURY FUND.

1896
Nov. 26, To am't collected from N E Allbright.... \$ 32.81
1897
Jan. 11, " " " " " " J R Sheridan..... 149.26
" " " " " " " " " 158.53
Feb. 16, " " " " " " N E Allbright..... 6.00
Feb. 27, " " " " " " transferred from county fund... 449.61
" " " " " " " " " c't house & jail fnd 450.36
" " " " " " " " " collected from J R Sheridan... 23.86
To Balance overpaid out of other funds..... 806.48
1897
Jan. 19, By am't paid the deficit J B Ellis ex-treas... \$ 342.37
Mch. 27, " " " " " " 244 approved jury script... 1,734.54
\$2,076.91 \$2,076.91

1897
Mch. 27, By balance due on jury fund \$ 806.48
By balance in hands Treasurer..... \$1,109.61
To " " " " county fund..... \$999.10
" " " " " " road and bridge fund... 566.95
" " " " " " court house and jail... 350.04
\$1,916.09 \$1,916.09

1897
Mch. 27, To bal. in hand of treasurer due the Co. \$1,109.61
" " " " " " av'ble school fund. 4277.13
Total cash on hand due by Treasurer \$5,886.74

1897
Mch. 27, Present indebtedness of the county due permanent school fund..... \$34,488.00
Respectfully Submitted,
E. WINFREE, County Judge, Houston County, Texas.
Crockett, Texas, March, 27, 1897.

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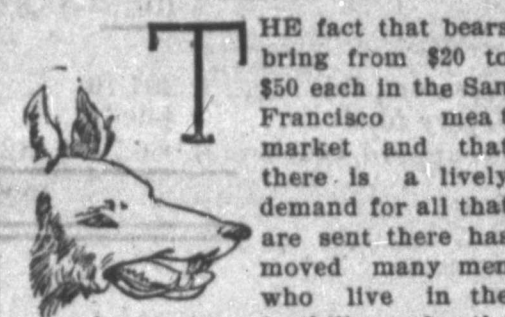
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HOW SAN FRANCISCO IS SUPPLIED FROM BRUIN'S HAUNTS.

Flesh Tastes Like Pork—Gamy Flavor—Bear-Fat Used by Perfumers and Boarding-House Keepers—The Hunting Season.



THE fact that bears bring from \$20 to \$50 each in the San Francisco meat market and that there is a lively demand for all that are sent there has moved many men who live in the foothills of the mountain ranges to scour the hills for them and ship them hence, says the San Francisco Chronicle. Cubs are taken alive, kept in pits and fed until they attain several hundred pounds in weight, when they are marketable. The carcasses usually displayed by butchers during the holiday season are of domesticated bears, as the wild bears at that season of the year are hibernating. A stall-fed bear designed for the market is treated in about the same way as a hog. He will eat the same food as a hog will eat and about the same quantity and his flesh tastes very much like pork, except for a gamy flavor which it possesses. Aside from this the bear's blubber makes the finest lard, his hindquarters furnish superior hams and his ribs yield the best of bacon. The best bear grounds in California are in Tulare county, in the region of Mineral King, Homer's Nose and Hospital Rock. Bear meat is sold in San Francisco at from 40 cents to \$1 per pound. It is, of course, a delicacy reserved for the rich. Some leading restaurants have bear steaks on the bills of fare when the meat is on sale in town and they serve a steak for from 40 to 50 cents. The region on the coast most infested by bears is believed to be southern Oregon, near the California border, and from twenty to fifty miles from the ocean. In this district run the Illinois and Rogue rivers, and there, too, are many fresh-water lakes, notably the three great Klamath lakes. Fish lake, Game lake, Crater lake, besides many small creeks and rivulets, all of which teem with fish and about which are the breeding grounds for ducks and geese. On the banks of these fresh-water bodies and stretching away over the flat country are thousands of acres of bushes bearing huckle and salmon berries, and the low mountains are thick with the scrub oak, which in the fall of the year yields abundance of mast, all comprising the most toothsome provender for bears, as they will not eat flesh when they can get vegetable food or fish. In this country, bears—grizzly, black or brown—abound. They are a nuisance to the farmers, on whose pigs and sheep they often raid, but to the hunters they are a source of profit and delight. There are two seasons in the year for bear killing—one a long, and the other a short one. The first is in the fall of the year, after the mast is well dropped and Bruin is fat from feeding on acorns and nuts; the second is in the spring, just as he is coming out of his winter's sleep. When the ground in the fall becomes covered with snow Bruin wallows in fat and cannot find more to eat. Then he proceeds to hibernate. In that state his hair is sometimes betrayed by the steam which rises through the snow from his body. In that condition he can be easily killed; for he will make no resistance. When his hibernation is over, in the early spring, he is still quite fat and game for the huntsman. But he does not long remain in that condition. There being no berries or mast when he comes out, he finds nothing to eat and in about a week he is run down and as poor as the proverbial turkey Job. In this low state of flesh it is wanton waste to kill him and he is not hunted. Then the breeding season follows, which gives his bearship immunity from molestation. Bears slaughtered on the Oregon ranges are packed out on mules to the stations where they are shipped to butchers in this city. It sometimes happens that the location where the bear is killed is such that the hunters cannot get the carcass out of the country in good condition. Then the pelt is taken off and the meat is cut into strips and dried on wire netting suspended over a fire built in a hole in the ground, a piece of canvas being thrown over all during the process. The grease also is tried out, a bear weighing 400 pounds yielding about twenty-five pounds of lard. This is eagerly bought by hotels and boarding houses in southern Oregon for cooking purposes. In this city bear fat is used by perfumers. Dried bear meat finds a market in Oregon. Occasionally a shipment of it is made to this city. Of all the bears which come annually to this market the black bear is the most common. The grizzly and the cinnamon come in very rarely but the great bald-faced bear of Alaska is seen frequently strung up in front of Market street butcher

shops, the dressed carcass always attracting much public attention.

DEAF-MUTES MARRIED.

Interesting Jewish Ceremony Which Made Two Persons One.

An interesting marriage ceremony was celebrated recently in Philadelphia, the contracting parties being Sundel Richmond and Miss Simes Spilkes, both being deaf and dumb, says the Philadelphia Inquirer. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi E. Steinhaus. The hall had been gayly decorated, and the bride, dressed becomingly in white satin, sat with the groom at one end, receiving their friends and watching the dancing which preceded the ceremony. The most impressive part of the Jewish marriage ceremony is where the bride accepts the husband by the utterance of the sentence: "You are married to me according to the laws of Moses and the Israelites." Until she has said this she is not considered as married. Great, then, was the expectant curiosity as to how this part would be bridged over. Promptly at 9 o'clock the happy couple moved to the center of the room, where a velvet canopy held by four young girls was stretched over them. All of the guests crowded around and, lighting small wax candles, held them high above their heads. This expresses a desire to light the couple into a life of happiness and prosperity. The attendants joined hands and formed a ring about the bride and groom, walking around them several times. Rabbi Steinhaus then chanted the marriage ceremony, which he supplanted by an explanation in pantomime. At the end of every sentence both the bride and groom nodded energetically, and so the ceremony proceeded. There was an intermission in the midst to allow the orchestra to play a weird Russian marriage air, after which the rabbi continued his chanting. At the close of this the marriage cup was held to the bride, who sipped from it and handed it back. Then the balance of the ceremony was conducted in the sign language, which the rabbi had learned for the occasion. The couple were given the certificate to read and then asked by signs if they accepted it and agreed to everything. This they assented to and both signed their names. At the signing of the last letter every one shouted and the bride was immediately overwhelmed by congratulations.

MOTHER-LOVE IN SNAKES.

A Marked Exhibition of It Seen by a Naturalist.

Even the cold-blooded and clammy snake evinces maternal affection, and I am fortunately able to produce evidence corroborative of this statement that is fresh in my memory, says the Home Magazine. On March 29, while seated on my front porch, I noticed one of my dogs, a yearling puppy, acting in a peculiar way on my lawn. He was circling around a small circumscribed spot, every now and then thrusting his nose toward the ground and then quickly jumping back. On approaching the animal I discovered that the object of his playful assaults was a bunch of ball of snakes, a 3 or 4 year old mother and her last year's brood of young. The day was very warm, the sun shining clear and bright and these creatures had emerged from their den or nest in the ground, a foot or so away from the spot where they were lying, and were sunning themselves. When they observed me they made an attempt to regain their nest; I killed two of them, however, before they could enter. I had read somewhere that if a snake's young were taken and their bodies dragged along the ground the mother snake would follow the trail and, if she found them alive, would conduct them back to the nest. I took the two which I had killed and, after dragging them along the turf, deposited them on the pavement some fifty feet from the den. I then resumed my seat on the porch and waited developments. In a short while the mother snake emerged from the nest and, after crawling about for a second or two, struck the trail and at once followed it to the pavement and her dead young. Fortunately I had a witness in the person of my iceman, who was delivering ice at the time and who was dumfounded at beholding such high intelligence in a creature so low in the scale of animal life. I killed the old snake (for these snakes—garden moccasins—become harmful after the third year, eating young birds, etc.) and ten of her progeny, leaving two pairs to carry on and perpetuate the race.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

A woman would rather have a man say more than he feels than to have him feel more than he says. When you see a girl that doesn't act ashamed to let you see she wears big shoes you may be sure she has pretty feet. There never was a married woman who sympathized with an old bachelor and there never was a married man who didn't.—New York Press.

Common Sense.

Too many Christians drop their common sense altogether when they read the Bible.—Rev. J. T. Dixby.

LOST APPETITE.

COULD NOT EAT THE MOST TEMPTING DISHES

Many Days Without any Food at All—Can Eat Four Square Meals a Day Now—The Cause of the Change.

From the Leader, Cleveland, Ohio.

For the restoration of an appetite which has been impaired or lost through sickness, no remedy can compare in effectiveness with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. This statement is substantiated by the experience and declarations of men and women with whom these pills have become a household medicine. Among the many who can offer testimony to this particular property of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills is George Marshall, Jr., who lives at No. 19 Norwich Street, Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Marshall is a news agent on the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad, and his territory extends from Cleveland to Toledo. Like thousands of others who owe their health and vigor to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, Mr. Marshall never hesitates to sing their praises. In his case it was necessary to use only a few boxes of the pills to restore him to the full possession of bodily health. His digestive organs had become almost useless through a long and serious illness, but in a surprisingly brief period, through the agency of this wonderful medicine, they were capable of again performing their functions in a regular and perfectly satisfactory manner. In narrating his experience with them Mr. Marshall said: "Last spring I was taken sick with inflammatory rheumatism, and my entire system was affected. To relieve the suffering it was necessary to paint me with iodine. After three months treatment I became convalescent, but the attack had sapped my strength and left me extremely weak and feeble. I

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The Electric Light of Mowerdom

NEW 4

The pine knot—the tallow candle—the oil lamp—gas—these are stages in the evolution of illumination, which today finds its highest exponent in the electric light.

Similar and no less striking has been the evolution of grain and grass cutting machinery. In 1831 the scythe and the cradle were superseded by the McCormick Reaper. The intervening years have seen many improvements, until now we have that model Harvester and Binder, the McCormick Right Hand Open Elevator, and that veritable electric light of mowerdom, the

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THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

The price of lima beans has "ris." Aren't you glad to know it?

Russia's consul at Janina has been insulted by the Turks. This may be made a casus belli.

The more we hear of the European concert the more certain it seems that one or two of the instruments are out of tune.

The cowboy evangelist is said to be throwing his lasso into all of the dark places in Omaha, and about twenty come forth for branding every night. Let the round up go on.

South America is to have another war. With so much fever of belligerency loose in the world for many months, it is a wonder South American countries have been peaceful so long.

The story that Mrs. Cleveland will seek a divorce from Mr. Cleveland is denied, as it ought to be, but after all this is not the punishment the large coarse liars who sent the story out deserve. They should be imprisoned.

The buildings of the Indian school at Flandreau, in South Dakota, are to be illuminated by electric lights. It was not very long ago that the papooses and young braves learned the legends and traditions of their tribes by the light of the camp-fire or of a birch-bark torch. "The world moves," and in this epoch almost everybody moves with it.

A lesson in honesty and self-sacrifice is given to the world by Miss Sarah Hudnut of Indianapolis, who for three years has enjoyed the large estate of her dead brother, believing herself the only heir till this week when she found a will directing the property to go to the brother's divorced wife. She promptly turned over the last cent, leaving herself absolutely penniless. Miss Hudnut certainly deserves a place in glory.

When the curriculum of any school is not calculated to send out its pupils sound in body and mind it should be revised. A course which cultivates the mind of the average bright and studious boy or girl at the expense of the body should be condemned and rejected. A movement in behalf of the bodies of the Brooklyn High School girls has been started by a medical society of that city. There is room in many other cities for similar movements.

In the State of New York two justices of the Supreme Court have had occasion to rebuke grand juries for refusal to do their duty. In one instance the jury would not indict a violator of the state excise law because of a local prejudice against that law. In the other case a defaulting county official was let go because of his high social connections. In its perfection our jury system is the best safeguard of justice. If permitted to fall into decadence it may become an outrageous instrument of injustice.

Every hearty laugh in which a man or woman indulges tends to prolong life, as it makes the blood move more rapidly and gives a new and different stimulus to all the organs of the body from what is in force of other times. Therefore, perhaps the saying, "Laugh and grow fat," is not an exaggerated one, but has a foundation in fact. No truer words were ever uttered than those which state so clearly, "Laugh, and the world laughs with you; weep, and you weep alone." The jolly, wholesome, happy-hearted people are those who have most friends and see the best that life holds out to them.

From a summary of the mineral production of Canada for 1896, just issued from the Geological Department at Ottawa, it is seen that the total value of the mineral product has nearly doubled. Increases are shown in the production of coal, copper, gold, lead and silver, while the output of iron ore, natural gas and nickel has fallen off to a considerable extent. The increase in coal is altogether due to Nova Scotia, which produced 296,153 net tons more than in 1895, but this increased output is offset in a large measure by a decrease of 104,623 tons in the production of British Columbia. Copper shows a large decrease in Ontario and a small increase in Quebec, while British Columbia's contribution is 3,515,556 pounds, which amount is 1,848,193 pounds more than in 1895. In gold, large increases are to be credited to Nova Scotia and Ontario, but British Columbia heads the list with an increase over the previous year of \$497,875. Owing to the dull state of the iron market during the year, the production of iron ore has fallen off to a considerable extent in all the provinces, with the exception of Ontario.

IS FOR ADJOURNMENT

MR. BLAIR WILL INSIST UPON SOME DEFINITE ACTION.

The Death of Mrs. Annie Ward—Both Houses Adjourned Out of Respect to Her Memory—Constitutional Amendment to Reform Higher Courts.

Austin, Texas, April 6.—Representative Blair at the opening of today's session will insist upon some definite action pertinent to the setting of a day for final adjournment, and intimates that he will be assisted in this matter by a number of other members. The \$2 per day compensation and arbitrary tactics of certain members to delay business has ceased to be a virtue in the legislative proceedings. There are kicks coming from the constituents about the time-killing system, and the members of both houses are becoming weary as well.

The appropriation bill has only gone to the fourth page. Twenty-four pages remain for disposition; the fee and redistricting bills will consume some time, as well as other pending measures which are regarded as being of considerable moment, but Mr. Blair asserts that if the work is properly attended to and the correct course pursued, an early adjournment may be had.

The same sentiment prevails in the senate, where some members are free to say that May 10 or 15 will see the Twenty-fifth legislature still a thing of life. Several have practically served notice that they will leave by May 1 not to return this session.

Court Reform.

Austin, Texas, April 6.—House committee on constitutional amendments has reported favorably on Mr. Dies' resolution providing for an amendment to the constitution to reform the higher courts.

Mr. Dies wants to abolish the courts of civil appeals and to increase the membership of the supreme court to nine. By his plan, five members of the court shall constitute a quorum and the concurrence of five justices shall be necessary to reach a decision.

And further the court is to be divided into three sections. Section A shall consider all cases affecting land titles; section B shall consider all cases to which corporations are parties, and section C shall consider all cases not otherwise assigned.

Provision is made for the creation of one court of civil appeals with three judges, which shall have jurisdiction of county court cases. The tenure of office of all judges of the courts created by the resolution is fixed at ten years with a salary of \$3000 per year.

Mrs. Annie Ward's Death.

Austin, Texas, April 6.—Immediately after roll call yesterday morning, the house by a rising vote adopted the following resolution, offered by Messrs. Robbins and Tracy:

Whereas, on the 4th day of April, 1897, Mrs. Annie Ward, wife of the Hon. R. H. Ward of Travis county, was called by the great Law Giver from her home and friends on earth to her everlasting home in heaven.

Therefore, be it resolved by the house of representatives of the Twenty-fifth legislature of the State of Texas, That we hereby tender to the bereaved husband, Hon. R. H. Ward, and his family, our heartfelt sympathies and condolence in this, their bereavement.

That this house do stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 a. m., and that we attend the funeral in a body from the late residence of the deceased, corner of Seventeenth and San Antonio streets, at 5 o'clock p. m. That this resolution be spread upon the journal and a copy furnished the family of the deceased.

Paris.—The senate has passed the sugar bounty bill.

Terry Ranger Movement.

Austin, Texas, April 6.—Today Senator Linn of Victoria will introduce a resolution granting privilege to the Eighth Texas cavalry, better known as the Terry Rangers' association, to erect a monument on the capitol grounds, commemorating the heroic deeds of those gallant riders. The association has \$10,000 which they propose to use in erecting a suitable monument, which the resolution provides must be done under the supervision of the superintendent of public building and grounds. There is no opposition to the resolution.

Greeks Propose Attack.

London, April 6.—A dispatch to the Times from Ellassona says it is reported that the Greeks propose to begin the attack today (Tuesday), but the Turkish position is almost impregnable, the heights being strongly fortified with artillery.

The Canea correspondent says the Turkish authorities there, replying to the question of the admirals, declare that 581 Mohammedans were armed to protect that town at the time the gendarmes disbanded, but none of these came from Selina.

Warning Given to Spain.

Washington, April 6.—The senate yesterday by unanimous vote adopted a resolution reciting the reports that General Ruiz Rivera, the Cuban commander is about to be tried by drum-head court-martial and shot and expressing the judgment of the senate that if these reports are true the president of the United States should protest to the Spanish government against such a violation of the rules of civilized warfare. This resolution does not go to the house of representatives and becomes effective as a measure of advice to the president by its adoption yesterday. Although opposition was withdrawn on the final vote, there was spirited opposition in the early stages of the debate and a test vote on the comparative strength of the Cuban and anti-Cuban sentiment in the senate. The test occurred on a motion to refer the resolution to the committee on foreign relations. Mr. Hale (rep. of Maine, who has been prominently identified with the opposition to the Cuban resolutions, made a motion to refer and it was supported by Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts, another prominent figure in the opposition to Cuban resolutions. The debate was very spirited and at time quite personal. Mr. Allen of Nebraska and Mr. Gallagher of New Hampshire, clashing with Mr. Hoar. The Hale motion to refer was defeated, 21 to 27, and the resolution adopted, 44 to 0. Mr. Hoar and Mr. Hale refrained from voting.

Another Cuban resolution comes up today, that of Mr. Morgan of Alabama, declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba and recognize both parties as belligerents.

Victory for Dr. Grant.

Washington, April 6.—If the appointments made yesterday are any criterion, it can be set down that Dr. Grant, the republican national committeeman from Texas, will control the patronage of the Lone Star State. Dr. Grant has been rather modest and has refrained from boasting of his standing with the powers that be and during the past few weeks he has been sawing wood and saying nothing, preferring to let the opposition do all the talking. The nominations of John W. Bell, to be postmaster at Beeville, and Patrick B. Gibbons, to be postmaster at Paris, which were sent to the senate yesterday, show that the doctor is in on the ground floor. Representative Hawley, the lone republican congressman from Texas, and State Chairman Green, backed by Senator Quay, made a test case of the Paris postoffice. They indorsed, it is said, a man by the name of Russell, and urgently pressed his appointment. Dr. Grant, however, had in his favor the moral support of Mr. Hanna, and the result was that the doctor's applicant, P. B. Gibbons secured the plum.

It was rumored last night in Texas circles that no appointments to Federal positions in Texas, save of course the postoffices in Congressman Hawley's district, will be made without Dr. Grant's indorsement. In other words, President McKinley and Mark Hanna will keep faith with the men in the Southern States who bore the brunt of battle in securing McKinley delegates to the St. Louis convention. It is learned on good authority that no changes will be made in the Federal office in Texas until the expiration of the terms of the present incumbents. Emmet Burke, son of Hon. A. E. Burke of Dallas, arrived here yesterday. He will be private secretary to his father.

Hallettsville Court House.

Hallettsville, Texas, April 6.—The county commissioners before adjourning reconsidered their action in deciding to build a new court house on a different site than that occupied by the old one, and it will be built on the old public square. The new building will be 100x100 feet, with a basement and three full stories, and will be one of the best arranged buildings in Texas.

London.—The voluntary schools bill passed its third reading in the house of commons.

Tariff Effecting Trade.

Eagle Pass, Texas, April 6.—The new tariff bill which passed the house on the 31st of March is coming in for a great deal of comment just now. Cattle buyers and owners who had intended to import cattle from Mexico during this month are now halting on account of the retroactive clause, and while the opinion is not strong that the bill will pass the senate in its present shape, the results would be too serious to justify action on a mere opinion. The bill is not approved even by the most enthusiastic border protectionist.

London, April 6.—An important meeting of the leaders of the liberal party was held yesterday at noon at the residence of Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, with the Earl of Kimberley, the Marquis of Ripon, Earl Spencer and John Morley present. They discussed for an hour the attitude they would assume in the event of warships of Great Britain taking part in the projected blockade of the Gulf of Athens.

Sir William Vernon-Harcourt is now restored to health, and was able to attend yesterday's session of the house of commons.

THE MEXICO TRADE.

AN INTERESTING MEETING WAS HELD AT GALVESTON

In Regard to the Trade Relations Between the United States and Mexico—Memorials Were Drafted and Sent to Presidents Diaz and McKinley.

Galveston, Tex., April 5.—At the last meeting of the directors of the chamber of commerce, Mexican Consul Cerna addressed the board on the general topic of trade relations between the United States and Mexico. While the most kindly feeling exists between the two nations and President Diaz is doing everything in his power to encourage American capital, yet the commerce of Mexico is done by European nations very largely, owing to a lack of reciprocity. This condition has been the result of a retaliatory spirit. Upon Dr. Cerna's presentation of the subject the board made Mr. Gus Reymerschoffer chairman of a committee he should select to draft a memorial to the two republics. As a result of their deliberations two brief memorials have been formulated—one to the president of the United States and the other to the president of Mexico. The memorials were forwarded.

Sunday School Convention.

Weatherford, Tex., April 5.—The Parker county Sunday school convention met the Presbyterian church Friday night. Ed L. Thomason delivered an address on "County and Precinct Organization."

The appointment of a committee on the organization of a county association was made, and visiting delegates were assigned homes. Saturday the following subjects were treated:

"Sunday School Efficiency," Rev. R. C. Armstrong; "Christian Fidelity the Best Cure for Infidelity," Rev. A. S. Bunting; "Sunday School Ruts and How to Pay Out of Them," Rev. J. D. Leslie; "Weak Points in Sunday Schools," Rev. G. Lyle Smith; "The State Association," R. W. Kendel; "What the Sunday School Can Do for the Home," H. L. Mosely; "The County Sunday School and How to Help It," Prof. S. W. Parsons.

Reports of committees were made and miscellaneous business was attended to. A large crowd of delegates were in attendance from all over the county and much interest is being manifested by the Sunday school workers.

The convention closed Sunday afternoon with a Sunday school mass meeting.

A New Railroad.

San Antonio, Tex., April 5.—George M. Edgerton of New York, promoter of the proposed railroad from Brenham to Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Tampico and the City of Mexico, passed through here Saturday on his return home from the City of Mexico. Mr. Edgerton has been in the Mexican capital two weeks, during which time he succeeded in obtaining a very favorable concession for his project. He was required to put up a \$50,000 forfeit for the concession, and the same will be officially promulgated in the course of the present week. It is understood that arrangements have been made with the Manhattan Construction company for the placing of the bonds.

A Serious Fall.

Bryan, Tex., April 5.—H. K. Eberly, a cattle man, fell from the window of his room in the third story of the Exchange hotel Saturday morning about 2 o'clock and sustained three fractures of the right leg, two above and one below the knee.

His fall was broken by the rear wall of a one-story building below his window. Mr. Eberly was asleep when he fell and does not know how the accident happened. He was awakened during the fall and the noise attracted the attention of the night clerk, who summoned medical aid and the injured man is resting as well as could be expected. Mr. Eberly has a family at his home in Wichita, Kas.

Confederate Veterans Met.

Greenville, Tex., April 5.—J. E. Johnston camp, Confederate Veterans, held a meeting Saturday afternoon to consider the matter of observing decoration day. The committee reported in favor of observing May 20. The following committee on arrangements was appointed.

J. M. McLeod, A. H. Hefner, N. B. Eliand, W. B. Horton, N. Klöth and C. H. Benucamp.

Gen. Gano, of Dallas, was present and being introduced by Capt. S. R. Etter made a short talk on the old days of the war. The camp adjourned to meet again on the 10th of April.

No Use to Him.

Black—Brown won a dozen hats on the result of the last election, but he can't wear them.

White—Why not?
Black—When he read the returns he lost his head.

Running Sore

"My daughter, 9 years old, had a running sore below her right ear for three months. I got a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. The first bottle made some improvement, and when the third bottle had been taken the sore was nicely healed. A year has passed since then and there has been no return of the sore."—W. E. MAGNUSON, Arnold, Nebraska. Get only Hood's.

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THE WATER RAGES

LEVEES REPORTED GIVING WAY IN MANY PLACES.

From Natchez Comes the Report that the River is Rising—The Water Will Sweep Over Thousands of Acres of Land—Cuban Expedition Prevented.

New Orleans, La., April 5.—All day yesterday the sun shone with almost midsummer brilliancy and the conditions have naturally, so far as the city is concerned, been exceptionally favorable for the levees. The river is slowly rising. Yesterday's gauge registered 17.7 feet, 0.1 above the figure of Saturday, but this was anticipated and no uneasiness is resultant. Along the entire river front of the Crescent city the vigilance of the authorities has not been, nor will it be relaxed in the most remote degree, and absolute local confidence prevails. All the levees are apparently in splendid condition and are able to stand considerable pressure yet. Reports from Greenville, Miss., state that the Sunday was gloriously fine, but the inhabitants of the town were very naturally in rather depressed state of mind. Skiffs and water crafts of all sorts are much in demand and some of the young, with the avidity that often comes with youth, are making merry with boating parties even in the presence of so general a disaster. The river at Greenville is falling slowly but the rise of back water is heavy.

The most serious crevasse that has yet occurred in the Yazoo delta levee district was reported yesterday morning in Tunica county, six miles below Austin, near Flower Lake. Austin is the county seat of Tunica county. Disastrous consequences will follow in its wake, affecting as it does a superbly fertile stretch of territory from Memphis Bluffs to the Yazoo river, and from the hill lands of Carroll county to the Mississippi river. Coahoma, Sunflower, Holmes and Tallahatchie counties will be affected by this break and the water will sweep over thousands of acres of land now planted in cotton and corn.

From Natchez, where Saturday night the river was stationary, comes the report that the water is on the rise, making an upward change of a tenth of a foot in twenty-four hours up to 4 o'clock yesterday evening. The gauge now stands at 47.10, three feet and a tenth above the danger line. The levees are holding out well, the weather is fine and the general outlook favorable.

At Bayou Sara, La., the river was rising and last night stood at 37.6, a rise of one-tenth in the past twenty-four hours. The same report comes from Plaquemine, La., and the gauge is 30.8.

The levees at Helena, Ark., are reported breaking and the following pathetic description of the break that occurred at Williamson's levee will be read with interest:

"After making a most magnificent fight to defend the properties the water has broken in and incalculable damage may result. The following is from Helena:

"The expected has happened after weary days and nights of watching, working and waiting. After fighting the flood from without, the winds and rains from above, and the seep water and back water from behind, our levees have gone to pieces. Yesterday morning at 7 o'clock the Williamson levee, two miles below this city, gave way at a point 1000 feet north of Long lake levee. This is the work which has been under the direct charge of Mr. Ed Pillow, the most superb waterfighter in all this country. Mr. Pillow had been given charge of this section of the levee because of its known weakness and because it was pivotable. He has held it against big odds to see it crumble away before his very eyes."

Wages Being Lowered.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 5.—Several mills and factories have made reductions in wages, which were not accepted by the men, and now it is expected the United Labor league, the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, the Pattern Makers' and Iron Molders' unions and several other organizations will be drawn into the labor troubles which will start to-day at Oliver Bros. Tenth street mill. The puddlers have refused to work at the reduction of 50 cents per ton, which goes into effect this morning, and the managers will attempt to start the mill with whatever men apply. It is feared trouble will follow.

A. M. Byers & Co., who made a similar reduction, have closed the mill, as they had signed with the Amalgamated to pay \$4.50. They will await the result at Oliver's before deciding on further action.

The men at Mackintosh & Hamphill's mill, who have been cut 10 per cent, with an increase in hours from nine to ten, have also decided not to accept the increase of hours.

Cuban Expedition Prevented.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 5.—The cruiser Vesuvius prevented a Cuban expedition from leaving Fernandina Friday night and captured the tug Alexander Jones of Wilmington, N. C. The cruiser left here suddenly Friday afternoon on information furnished by Spanish Vice Consul Potous that an expedition would leave Fernandina at 12 o'clock at night. The cruiser went down the river and anchored off Fernandina bar. About 12 o'clock a tug with only two lights burning at the bow was seen approaching and the flashlight of the Vesuvius was thrown upon her. The tug proved to be the Alexander Jones and the captain gave as an excuse for his presence that he was waiting for tow.

An officer from the Vesuvius was placed aboard and then the cruiser went out to sea in search of the Bermuda, which was expected. A steamer was finally seen coming from the south having the same signals displayed as those of the Jones. The flashlight was again used, at which the steamer turned and started in another direction. A signal from the Vesuvius brought the steamer to a standstill, however, and she was seen to be the Bermuda. The Bermuda was outside the three-mile limit, and under the British flag, so that the commander of the Vesuvius had no authority to detain her. The Bermuda apparently had no cargo on board, standing very high out of the water.

The Jones was escorted into the port of Fernandina and turned over to Collector of Customs Daitzell, who placed a deputy aboard. The tug probably will be fined for a violation of the navigation laws in having only two lights displayed. The plans of the Cubans were for Gen. Sanguilly to leave this city with a party of Cubans for Fernandina. A small tug was then to tow the two lighters loaded with arms and ammunition and the men out to the bar, where they were to be met by the tug Jones with coal and provisions aboard, and everything was to be transferred to the Bermuda. The quick action of the Vesuvius prevented their plans from being carried out.

A Fatal Shooting.

Birmingham, Ala., April 5.—Details of a fatal shooting affray which took place ten miles west of Cullman Saturday reached here yesterday.

For years a feud has existed between the families of Bud Harvill and Jack McCombs, prominent farmers, the result of a dispute over the location of the divisional line between their property. Hearing that McCombs has encroached upon the land in dispute, Harvill and one of his farm tenants named John Atwell, Saturday went to McCombs' house to obtain satisfaction. As they approached they saw McCombs and his 13-year-old son in the front yard. While at a distance of seventy-five yards from the place Harvill and Atwell opened fire, one with a shotgun and the other with a pistol. The McCombs, who appeared to have been ready and waiting, being armed with winchesters, responded, and for several minutes a hot battle was kept up. When it was over Atwell lay dead upon the ground with a bullet in his brain. The younger McCombs was fatally wounded. The elder McCombs was shot in the leg and body.

Harvill fled and is being pursued by enraged friends of McCombs. If overtaken more bloodshed may result. Jack McCombs is under arrest. It is thought his wounds are not mortal.

No More Leased Land.

Anadarko, Ok., April 5.—Indian Agent Baldwin has received orders from the department to withdraw the advertisements for proposals to lease the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache lands. The advertisements were inserted in the Texas papers several weeks ago in the Texas papers several weeks ago in this country. Mr. Pillow had been given charge of this section of the levee because of its known weakness and because it was pivotable. He has held it against big odds to see it crumble away before his very eyes.

Forest Fires Spreading.

Bellefontaine, Pa., April 5.—The forest fires in the surrounding mountains are spreading at an alarming rate. All efforts to check the flames have proven futile, and unless a heavy rain sets in many thousands of acres of valuable timber will go up in smoke. The approach of the fires to the lumber camps has caused great excitement and the woodmen have left their workings. The worst damage has been done in the timber lands several miles north of Millersburg.

Crushed to Death.

Texarkana, Ark., April 5.—Joe Gonzales, aged 65, was mashed to death Saturday night by a freight train in the Texas and Pacific yards here. He was crawling through the cars, not knowing that they were in readiness to start. Deceased was a Spaniard and formerly a shipbuilder. He came to Texarkana in 1880 from Dallas, Texas, where he had lived for several years. He has a daughter living in Corsicana.

SOME WARM LETTERS.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN MR. OLNEY

And German Ambassador—Concerned Government of Samoa—The Secretary Said the Treaty Was Unsatisfactory and Should be Abrogated.

Washington, April 3.—Samoa affairs were much discussed last year between Secretary Olney and Baron Thielmann, the German ambassador here. While this discussion did not result in any change in the status of Samoa there were traces of personal feeling in places in the correspondence somewhat out of the ordinary diplomatic correspondence. The volume on foreign relations just published shows that the baron was obliged a year ago to call upon Secretary Olney to pay \$1267 as the United States share of maintaining old ex-King Matafa and took occasion to speak of the deficiencies in Samoan revenues and to ask the intentions of the United States as to remedial measures.

Secretary Olney paid the money and declared that the existing treaty was unsatisfactory to the United States and should be modified or abrogated. In his next letter the secretary, however, warned the ambassador that it was a grave error to assume to proceed as if the administration of Samoa were virtually and exclusively German and expressed an anticipation that conciliatory and proper action would be enjoined upon the German consul at Apia. A little later on the ambassador in turn, wound up a note to Secretary Olney by a blunt refusal to transmit his views to Berlin as requested and remarked that the secretary must issue suitable instructions to the United States ambassador at Berlin if he wished his views, diametrically opposite to a former understanding brought to the notice of the imperial government.

Hanged at Lafayette La.

Lafayette, La., April 3.—Alexis and Ernest Blanc were executed here yesterday in the presence of 3000 spectators. There was much interest manifested, but no disorder. Ernest made a speech from the gallows, in which he cautioned all bad people to listen to the advice of their betters. He was sure of meeting his God and being adjudged for his sins on earth and it was all due to bad books that he was in the habit of reading. He was sure his sins would be forgiven.

Alexis, the younger, did not speak as he agreed that his brother was to talk for both.

The black caps were adjusted and at 2:11 the lever was sprung by Sheriff Broussard himself. The fall was six feet and the necks of both men were broken. Their bodies were buried this afternoon in the Catholic cemetery.

Alexis and Ernest Blanc murdered Simon Begnaud, a merchant at Scott, La., about a year ago. The boys were both under 20 years of age. They were born and reared in France, near Paris, were well educated, but very much spoiled as a consequence, and when their mother died several years ago they had neither money nor occupation. They emigrated to America and tramped from New York to New Orleans without securing work. They reached the latter city with 5 cents in their purse, sought work for two weeks and then set out to beg their way to Texas. They met a planter at Scott, who gave them a home and work. They educated themselves in English and read all the books they could find. The life of Jesse James decided them to win fortune in one bold stroke and return to Paris.

The robbery at Begnaud was decided upon and they bought revolvers and sharpened two planards and then awaited their chance. After lying concealed for three nights they were able to get into Begnaud's store when he was alone before retiring. They diverted his attention and as he rose they put pistols to his head. They forced him to open his safe, bound and gagged him, got the key of his money drawer from him and obtained about \$3000. Then they forced him to sit on his bed, and while helplessly pinioned, stabbed him to death to prevent his securing their arrest. He was wounded fifty-six times.

They were convicted and sentenced to death, the governor refusing a respite, although the French colony made a hard fight, and yesterday the first hanging since the war took place in the parish.

Will Hold Samples.

Washington, April 3.—Secretary Gage yesterday announced that he has decided to comply with the requirements of section 27 of the pending tariff bill providing for the retention of samples of merchandise imported under orders given subsequently to April 1, and which were not purchased and directed by the owners to be shipped for import to the United States prior to April 1.

It is the opinion of Secretary Gage and the new assistant secretary, Mr. Howell, that no insurmountable difficulties will be encountered in the administration of this feature of the tariff bill.

Voted by the Governor.

Austin, Texas, April 3.—The following veto message was received by the legislature from the governor yesterday morning:

Executive Office, April 2, to the Senate: Senate bill No. 55 is herewith returned without approval. The bill seeks to amend articles 641 and 642 of the Revised Statutes, providing for the creation of private corporations. In the main it is a re-enactment of these articles, adding only a few purposes of corporation, yet in other respects it materially amends the present law. Several provisions of the bill impress me as of questionable expediency and wisdom, but only one will be considered.

Under the existing statute regulating the formation of private corporations (Section 37, article 642, Revised Statutes), they may be formed to act as trustees, assignees or receivers when appointed by any firm, corporation or court and to do a general fiduciary and depository business; to act as sureties and guarantors of the fidelity of employees, trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, public officials, and others appointed, to or assuming the performance of any duty or trust, public or private, under appointment by any court or tribunal or under contracts between private individuals or corporations; on any bond required in judicial proceedings, and to act as executors or testamentary guardians; provided, that when any bond of an executor, administrator or guardian, or any bond required to be filed by any public official is signed by a corporation organized under the statute, deemed good security, such bond may be accepted by the proper officer without other security.

It is provided in the same section, for obvious reasons, that fidelity and guaranty companies organized under it shall at all times keep on deposit with the secretary of state not less than \$50,000 in available cash assets, and that this amount be kept intact at all times.

Quaranty and fidelity corporations are regulated by chapter 16 of title 21 of the Revised Statutes. By article 753 of that chapter it is provided that "Hereafter any corporation organized or created under the laws of this State, or of any other State or Territory, or of any municipality of such State or Territory, or of any foreign government, sovereignty or municipality, for the purpose of issuing surety, guaranty or indemnity bonds, guaranteeing the fidelity of persons in private offices, employments, or positions of trusts and contracts, or for acting as security in any such bonds, shall file with the commissioner of agriculture, insurance, statistics and history a certified copy of its articles of incorporation and all amendments thereto."

By succeeding articles it is provided that such companies shall, before transacting business, file with the commissioner of insurance a statement of their assets and liabilities, their net capital stock and of what it consists, that they shall not transact business in this State unless possessed of at least \$100,000 actual capital stock, and that they shall deposit with the State treasurer money or bonds or other securities, to be approved by the commissioner of insurance, to the amount of \$25,000, or shall produce satisfactory proof that such corporations own real estate in this State of the value of \$25,000.

A comparison of section 37 of article 642, with chapter 16, shows that while the former permits the organization of corporations guaranteeing official bonds, the latter has no application whatever to such companies. The latter applies only to foreign and domestic corporations created "for the purpose of issuing surety, guaranty or indemnity bonds guaranteeing the fidelity of persons in private offices, employments of trust and contracts or for acting as security on such bonds." The requirement of chapter 16 that fidelity and guaranty corporations shall have an actual capital stock of at least \$100,000 and keep with the State treasurer money or approved security amounting to \$25,000 does not govern corporate sureties, whether foreign or domestic, on official bonds. There is no law of this State which expressly authorizes such companies, organized elsewhere, to transact business here, and such companies created by the laws of this State are not required to procure a certificate of authority from the commissioner of insurance. The only protection against the default of corporations that became sureties on official bonds organized under the laws of this State is the deposit of \$50,000, required by section 37 or article 642, and this is repealed by the bill under consideration.

Official bonds aggregating probably a million dollars are required to be given in this State biennially, and if the policy of allowing corporations to become sureties on them shall prevail existing safeguards should be preserved and others devised and adopted.

C. A. Culberson.

Baton Rouge, La.—The young men of the city have formed an organization with the object of improving the city and adding to its resources. The same selected was the Young Men's Improvement club.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Gatesville, Coryell county, is to have court house and jail built of the Coryell county stone except the trimmings.

A new bank for Tyler, Smith county, is now assured. At present Tyler has only one bank, and it is impossible for any one bank to do the business for a town the size of Tyler.

The Pacific and Well Fargo Express companies were consolidated at Corsicana recently and the agent of the Pacific, R. M. Bradford, was placed in charge.

Orlistobal Enderle, a river guard on the Mexican side at Eagle Pass, Maverick county, committed suicide recently by shooting himself through the head with a pistol. No motive known.

The team of Moezgambo, one of the most industrious Polish citizens at Karnes City, Karnes county, ran away while he was returning home from Floresville a few days ago and he was injured so badly that he died.

At a depth of about 1060 feet petroleum was struck a few evenings ago at Corsicana in well No. 6, work on which has been in progress about two months. The derrick is up and will commence on well No. 7 immediately.

The decomposed body of a new born, full grown infant, was found in Pecan Branch, near Glory, Lamar county, a few days ago. Justice of the Peace Hopkins held an inquest, but found no evidence to show whether the child was white or black, or whose it was. A doctor testified that it was born alive.

The sheriff and deputy arrested one T. R. Randall, living on E. A. Jacobs place, seven miles southeast from Rockwall, and lodged him in jail a few nights ago. He is charged with having committed murder in Alabama. The requisition papers are in the hands of the sheriff, who will start at once with the prisoner.

Several evenings ago seventy-five of the employes in the roving frame department of the bagging mill at Galveston demanded higher wages and upon refusal walked out. A new system of payment based on the amount of the product of the machines has been inaugurated and the operatives are dissatisfied with it.

Henry Stapp, who was fixing some lights in L. B. Moore's jewelry house in Denison several nights ago, fell while carrying a can of oil, and in falling in some way ignited a match and set fire to the oil which he spilled on the floor. He was burned about the arms and body, but not seriously so. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

As the southbound Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe passenger train came into Ladonia, Fannin county, the other day it ran into the local freight, which was switching in the yard and was on the main track, causing a head-end collision, disabling both engines. No one was injured. The pilots of both engines were demolished and the passenger engine derailed.

At Knickerbocker, Tom Green county, the other night Tom Harding was shot and killed. It occurred at the opening of a new saloon. Some unknown party had been riding through the town. The crowd present was discussing the recklessness of this act when offense was taken at some remark Harding had made. In a few minutes Harding was shot twice and instantly killed. No one has been arrested.

J. S. Thatcher, a civil engineer employed by the city council of Plano, Collin county, has just completed a survey of the water course near the town in order to obtain the most desirable place to build a dam for the purpose of storing the water for water works. Spring creek, about three-fourths of a mile west of the city was selected. Engineer Thatcher will submit in a few days plans, specifications and cost of stand pipe, water mains, dam, etc., to the council.

Fred Davis, a young man living five miles north of Cleburne, Johnson county, reported to the sheriff that he had been waylaid and shot several mornings ago while on his way to school. There was a bullet wound in his arm.

At a special meeting of the city council at Hallettsville, Lavaca county, a few days ago, it was decided to close the schools temporarily on account of a well developed case of scarlet fever in one of the pupils. Another case is reported in the county and every precaution is being taken to prevent its spread.

Frank Pinkard, sentenced to the penitentiary for life for murder, and Nelson Hardy, sentenced for three years, made an attempt to break jail recently at Bryan, Brazos county. They had cut the cell bars and were prying a hole in the corridor when discovered and placed back in jail.

The rear end of a southbound freight train on the International and Great Northern road went through a bridge the other day two miles east of Milano Junction, Milam county. One car of coal and the caboose were wrecked. No one hurt.

FATTY'S FAVORITE.



HOSE of us who go racing (either for a living or to be lively) hear a large number of good stories during our travels, and laugh at them in proportion to their merit and piquancy. Few can be retold indiscriminately. As a rule, they are libelous or demoralizing—or both. It is not prudent to retell them in the family circle before visitors of more or less strong religious convictions.

Happily, the story of "Fatty's" favorite may be told without fear of bringing a blush to the cheek of the youngest or most foolish person.

"Who is he?" was the question people asked in wonder, as they and he went on the course probably with a common purpose (to "get a bit," as the mission is called by those who follow it); and the reply was invariably the same, "Fatty."

That was all. "Fatty," pure and simple; this seemed to satisfy public curiosity. Further interrogation was considered adventurous, in view of the startling facts it might reveal. To look at him was enough, especially when he was backing losers.

Truly, "Fatty" was a remarkable character, unconventional in his life and customs, also in his ideas as to the rights of individuals, so far as personal property was concerned. What he wished to have he thought he was entitled to take, if the owner's attention was diverted; and no man was cleverer than he in diverting owners' attention when there was anything to be taken by doing so.

Not a person of high principle, he could afford to purchase the luxuries of the season in sufficient abundance to gratify his appetite, which was immense. To many persons of the highest principle such luxuries are unknown.

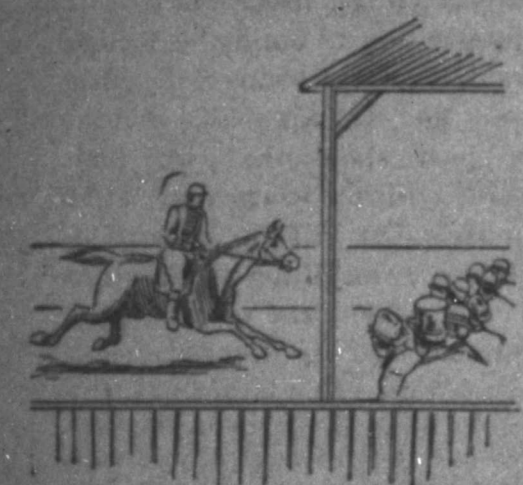
When in his best form "Fatty" accomplished notable feats. His favorite maneuvers were executed on the race course. He was quite at home there, and moved about, both in the ring and paddock, with immunity from assault. A friend told me this story about "Fatty" in confidence—hence I pass it on in the same spirit. We were returning from Camptown steeplechases after a bad day, and were bemoaning our anemic condition.

"This is no game," I remarked, "for honest, well-meaning men;" and I vainly hunted for the remnants of a cheap cigar which I hoped had not been thrown away in better times.

"Yes, it's a poor game," said my companion, "when one loses one's money in order to maintain one's rectitude of purpose. Now look at 'Fatty,'" he added, after a pause, rather inconsequentially: "you never hear him complain of his bad luck. It is those who have been playing with him who lift up their voices. He knows very well that luck wouldn't keep him in grease for his moustache and boots."

"But some of us are afraid of prison," I murmured regretfully.

"Well, just listen to a short account of what 'Fatty' did the other day, and then talk about prisons if you like. Of course, you know that at one time he kept a small coffee shop in the east end of London, and now bets in thousands. That denotes the master mind. He is called 'Fatty' because of his stomachic protuberance, not in reference to any other personal distinction.



RODE A FINISH.

He looks at you, as it were, from behind a flour-bag, especially when wearing a white waistcoat, and he talks to you as though he would fall backwards if you pushed against it. O, yes! he's very hot, is 'Fatty.' He's had his ups and downs, and has always faced the music bravely, whether he'd a shirt on his back or a scarf round his neck. He's made money, too, by backing 'em on the course."

From personal experience I knew that was true, and I could not help reflecting that a man must be clever to make money at a sport by which most of us lose our little all and what we are able to borrow. Yet such a man is, no doubt, more than clever; he does not mind what he does.

My idea is that the wealthy punters are those who, if they cannot find winners, find something else of value, and do not necessarily wait until it is lost. But the last paragraph may be treated as a philosophical digression, having no relation to the story, which was continued by my friend as follows:

"Then 'Fatty,' after a brilliant coup, got some racehorses of his own. He was tired of backing other people's gee-gees, and wished to try how he could work them under his own proprietorship and supervision. He had no desire to own high-class horses. He knew that money could be made out of little races as well as out of big, only with greater certainty. He had not a soul above platers; his argument was that you can win as much with a bad horse as with a good one if you can back him with confidence to beat worse."

"Incontrovertible," I remarked, interrupting the story for a moment; "but I never could find worse than mine. Nobody ever had such bad ones as those which I collected with great care at a small expense."

"No one ever accused you of knowing the game," said my friend, severely. "You should only go out with a barrel organ and a monkey, being tied to its tail. You might be clever enough to take the pennies if the donors placed them in your hand, closed it over them tenderly, and swore you to secrecy. But 'Fatty' was a perfect tradesman. He was after the nimble ninetence every time. He used to back his platers when it was good enough to do so; when not, he used to let other people back them, and invest his money on something else. It is a beautiful game so long as you can play it without danger from the mob or from the stewards."

"Who was 'Fatty's' trainer?" I asked, feeling confident that position was not a sinecure.

"Why, surely you know," retorted the historian. "'Fatty' would, of course, only have one sort of trainer—a man who would do as he was told without asking questions. Old Jerry Smiggins, of Ripston, realized his ideal of that character. You remember Jerry—he always seemed to be trying to 'best' somebody, and was generally in debt. Talk about the very 'warm' members, he could give most of them a start over what is called 'a rogue's course,' and make hacks of 'em when it came to pure thieving. I should not like to be a dying man engaged in cuddling my money-bags for the last time if Jerry were in the sick chamber watching my struggles. He would accelerate my doom to obtain the treasure."

"And how did his employer trust him?" I inquired, for I had a little knowledge of the Ripston trainer, and recognized that the elegant smile as to the peril of the moribund person toying with his cash deposits was not an exaggeration. Indeed, Jerry would no doubt have also removed any false teeth that might have been in the unfortunate person's jaws, so as to get the gold to bet with.

"Trust him," replied my informant; "well, you know how far such men trust each other. Like one hungry dog trusts a hungrier one in sight of an odorless bone. So long as both could get a bite they do not worry each other as to which secured the most pestiferous portion. They went on well for a time, and 'Fatty's' name reflected his prosperity to a marked extent; it beamed upon us in the paddock and assumed more colossal proportions and brighter tints as its owner put on flesh and added to his balance at the bank. Then came the picturesque incident at Camptown Park previously hinted at."

Here the orator took breath and expanded his chest before embarking on the more exciting part of his recital. Refreshed by the rest, he continued:

"'Fatty' had one of his platers in a selling race at Camptown, and on the book it had a great chance. Accordingly, the public made his horse favorite, and backed it down to even money in a large field of runners. 'Fatty' could not stand that; he did not care for even money chances. So, after conferring with his trainer, he gave him instructions to the effect that the favorite need not exert himself unduly in the race, and that precautionary measures might wisely be adopted with that end (the wrong end) in view. Having arranged matters to his satisfaction, the astute owner of the favorite went into the ring and backed a horse which he believed was a certainty while his candidate enacted the part of spectator. A jockey who would listen to reason when it took the form of ready money was riding the favorite. Therefore it was that when the horse cantered to the post 'Fatty' felt slightly above himself—his usual sensation when he considered that he was backing one certainly in a race, and laying against another certain not to win.

"The result of the race, however, was not what he desired. The favorite had more in hand than his owner or trainer thought. His jockey could not quite hold him; thus he found himself near home in view of the public before he was able to get a pull. It was then too late, pull as hard as he could. People would see him; he might be warned off. Naturally fearing that disaster, he sat down and rode a finish of considerable merit, making a dead heat of it. You may imagine his employer's awful sensations. He had backed one of the dead-beaters to win a large stake; he had laid against the other to lose a lot of money!

"Then Jerry Smiggins appeared in the paddock, and held conference with his patron. The result seemed satisfactory to the latter; he whispered a few words to his trainer, and Jerry hurried away again as though on a mission of importance. It was so, for that dead heat was never run off!"

"They agreed to divide?" I asked, innocently, having no idea at that time what bad men will do to get money.

"Agreed to divide!" repeated my friend, with scornful emphasis. "Fancy 'Fatty' dividing anything with anybody when he had a chance of collaring the lot! When the time arrived for running off the dead heat the favorite could not be found. Jerry had been to the stables surreptitiously and lost him!"

This, like other things, is, I am informed, easily done when you know how to do it. "Fatty" still goes racing, and is far farther than ever, especially underneath his white waistcoat. But the public do not rush after his hot favorites now; and some of the punters—those who bet for a living and live well at times—declare that they can afford to lose when "Fatty" wins.—In Town.

JAPANESE MOTHERS.

They Thoroughly Understand the Care of Children.

It sometimes happens that one sees a young American mother so utterly unfit for the training of children and for the duties of motherhood that one cannot but wonder why it pleased Providence ever to give her the care of little ones, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. This happens sometimes in the case of really estimable women, and I have heard a young mother say sadly that she never quite knew what to do with the baby, it was such a queer little thing, and she was half afraid to touch it. Other young things in the shape of puppies, kittens or even colts she knew all about and was quite at home with, but her own child remained a sort of curious and uncanny little being to her till his baby days were over and he began to share in his mother's hobbies in a boyish sort of way. Now in Japan a mother like this is an impossibility. She is not interested in politics, or in social reforms, neither is she bent on being a social success nor devoted to any scientific philanthropic work, as are so many of her western sisters. She is par excellence a mother, and one who cannot be rivaled in any other country. No children are so well and carefully tended as hers, and she is patient and gentle with them, never threatening them if they are unruly with corporal punishment nor raising her voice and scolding them in the unpleasant way one so often hears in other countries. The Japanese mother is a born kindergarten, and enters into the lives of her little ones just as easily as the western kindergarten teacher who has undergone a long period of study and training. To her the duties of motherhood come naturally, for among her nation women who will make good mothers are chosen as wives, and thus in the course of nature the quality of motherliness is intensified as time goes on and the race of mothers becomes very superior.

Nowhere is motherhood as respected as in Japan, and nowhere does the mother receive more attention from both her husband and her children. She is regarded as the maker of the race, and her maternal duties are considered to be exceeding honorable and to entitle her to the utmost consideration and affection.

"Praying John."

Out in Ellis, Kan., is an old man who, for many years, has enjoyed the sobriquet of "Praying John." His name is John Horrigan, and every day, rain or shine, winter and summer, in sickness and in health, he has, at the rising of the sun and the going down thereof, knelt on the open prairie and prayed. The place where he prays has been worn hard and smooth by his knees. It is not within the memory of the oldest inhabitant that "Praying John" ever missed his devotion. He is held in great respect by his neighbors because of his sincerity and his consistent piety. Observant travelers, passing through Ellis on the trains, have seen the old man kneeling in the snow with his gray head bared, and wondered at it.—Chicago paper.

80-Year-Old Bigamist.

Joseph Bishopp, aged 80 years, has been arrested in Anderson, Ind., for bigamy, the charges being preferred by his fourth wife, who is now residing in the state of Ohio. Last week Bishopp married Rebecca Shaw. In some manner the Ohio woman found that he had entered the matrimonial state again, and she proceeded to immediately bring action against him. He will fight the case. It is somewhat complicated and he claims that he thought he had a divorce from the woman.

An Old Type.

Sixty-five years ago Hiram Lukens entered the Intelligencer office at Doylestown, Pa., to learn printing, and he is there yet, setting type as fast as anybody around the place. His record of continuous service with one establishment is probably unequalled in the business.

A COUNTERFEITER CAUGHT.

The Police of Syracuse Make an Important Capture.

On Monday the 15th, Harold Marquise, of Utica, N. Y., was arrested in Syracuse, N. Y., on a warrant sworn out by the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., charging him with forgery. On the 15th of December Marquise visited a photo-engraver in Syracuse, saying he was the representative of the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., and arranged for the making of a full set of plates for the direction sheets, labels, etc., of the famous Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. News of this reached the home office, and no time was lost in arranging for his arrest when he should return for the plates. He returned on the 15th and was accordingly arrested and is now in jail in Syracuse awaiting examination.

This arrest proves to be an important one. In addition to various plunder, such as medical books, typewriters, rugs, etc., found in Marquise's trunk when arrested, the police also found counterfeit coin both in the trunk and on his person; and in a search of his apartments at Utica found a complete outfit for counterfeiting consisting of engravings, bellows, nickel, lead, bluish, antimony, a small blacksmith forge, a charcoal furnace, and several plaster-of-paris molds. The United States marshals want him just as soon as the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. are through with him, and, no doubt, he will be sentenced for a long period.

In selecting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for his counterfeiting operations, he showed his knowledge of the proprietary medical business; for these pills are in such great demand that they are easily sold at any drug store in the United States. His scheme was to work the country druggists and sell his imitations at a discount of from 3 per cent to 5 per cent, explaining the reduced price by the fact that he had picked them up in small lots and at a discount from dealers who had overstocked. By working fast and making long jumps, he would have secured many hundreds of dollars in a short time. The proprietors of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are most fortunate to have caught the rogue, before he had fairly started to get to have thus kept these spurious goods out of the market.

Close observers declare that the horse really sheds tears when grieved.

Special Rates.

The H. & T. C. has made the following rates for the meeting of the Travelers' Protective Association of Texas at Houston April 16th to the 17th. Tickets will be on sale April 15th and 16th and limited to April 19th.

- Cypress 1.00, Hockley 1.40, Waller 1.70, Hempstead 2.10, Courtney 2.50, Navasota 2.80, Millican 3.00, Wellborn 3.00, College 3.00, Bryan 3.00, Benchley 3.25, Sutton 3.45, Hearne 3.60, Calvert 3.85, Hammond 4.15, Wootan 4.20, Bremond 4.30, Kosse 4.60, Thornton 4.85, Grotsbeck 5.00, Mexia 5.25, Wortham 5.40, Richland 5.60, Corsicana 5.80, Lancaster 6.80, Rice 6.05, Alma 6.16, Ennis 6.25, Garrett 6.30, Palmer 6.40, Ferris 6.55, Wilmer 6.60, Hutchins 6.70, Dallas 6.90, Richardson 7.15, Plano 7.25, Allen 7.40, McKinney 7.55, Melissa 7.65, Anna 7.75, Van Alstyne 7.85, Howe 8.90, Sherman 8.70, Denison 8.85, Chappell Hill 2.50, Brenham 2.90, Burton 3.00, Cormine 3.00, Ledbetter 3.00, Giddings 3.20, Paige 3.55, McDade 3.85, Elgin 4.15, Manor 4.55, Austin 5.00, McNeil 5.55, Cedar Park 5.50, Leader 5.65, Liberty Hill 5.80, Bertram 6.00, Burnet 6.20, Fairland 6.40, Klugland 6.60, Llano 7.00, Granite Mt. 6.50, Marble Falls 6.55, Jeffries 6.40, Waxahachie 6.55, Sardis 6.60, Midlothian 6.75, Britton 6.90, Mansfield 7.00, Kennedale 7.15, Fort Worth 7.35.

The year 1897 is predicted to be one of great note as a big crop year.

Smoking Meat Without Fire.

It may sound absurd to make a statement about "smoking meat without a fire," for it is a well known saying that "where there is smoke there must be fire." The advance of science, however, has made this idea obsolete, and today with the use of Krauser's Liquid Extract of Smoke it is possible to quickly, economically and successfully smoke meat without a fire. This liquid extract is made by distilling the smoke from hickory wood and is absolutely harmless. In fact, meat smoked by this method has a genuine smoke flavor, remains moist and soft, and is not infested with insects. Every objection of the old method is overcome, every trouble ended and the unsightly and dangerous smoke house is a thing of the past. Krauser's Liquid Extract of Smoke long ago passed the test of experiment, and thousands are using it today with profit and satisfaction. By writing K. Krauser & Bro., Milton, Pa., those who are interested can secure free of charge instructive printed matter about methods of curing and smoking all kinds of meats.

In Christian art the horse symbolizes goodness and generosity.

Severe of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten-fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, Manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, O., by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free. Sold by druggists, price 35c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Many fine driving horses can be seen on the streets of Kansas City, Mo.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

The first English riding academy was founded by William III.

GET STRENGTH AND APPETITE. Use Dr. Hart's Iron Tonic. Your druggist will refund money if not satisfactory.

An aged Chicago spinster, with the usual fondness of her kind for cats, has recently had an unpleasant experience on account of her pets. She had an unusual number of feline companions; in fact, about thirty pussies were domiciled in her apartments, and the neighbors have made a complaint to the health officers that cats are not desired in that neighborhood in such numbers. The woman has occupied the same rooms for eight years, and the landlady says that her door was always kept locked to keep out intruders. The health officer has ordered the cats removed, and great is the grief of their fond mistress.

A negro who died the other day in a St. Louis hospital was probably the fattest woman ever known. She weighed 600 pounds, and when she was taken to the hospital it was almost impossible to get her through the door of the ambulance. She broke the stretcher on which they carried her up stairs, and it took six strong negroes to move her. When she departed this life it took over half an hour to ascertain that she was really dead. The layers of fat between the epidermis and the arteries were so thick that it was impossible to discern the ebbing and flowing of the blood.

And now Dr. Lyman Abbott of Brooklyn tells us that out of the 130 Psalms David wrote but fifteen. David, therefore, is not the poet many supposed him to have been. Then comes Rev. William Lloyd, a congregational minister in New York, who solemnly avers that the story of Balaam and his ass is not literally true. In other words, Mr. Lloyd does not believe the ass speaks with the voice of a man.

A preacher at Normal, Ill., says he uses beer because he is suffering from nervous prostration, resulting from being held up by a footpad. We have often wondered at the enormous consumption of the amber beverage.

WHAT A STUPENDOUS LIE!

We hear a farmer say when he reads that John Breider, Mishkott, Wis., grew 173 bushels of Salzer's Silver King Barley per acre in 1896. Don't you believe it! Just write him! You see Salzer's seeds are bred up to big yields. And oats 230 bushels, corn 260, wheat 60 bushels, potatoes 1,500 bushels, Grasses 9 tons per acre, etc., etc. \$10.00 FOR 10 CENTS.

Just Send This Notice With 10 Cents stamps to John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and get 12 farm seed samples, worth \$10, to get a start. w.n.

By the way, who is it that is trying to recover the American flag captured by the Mexicans during the war with that country? There has certainly been no governmental action taken in that direction.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

Chicago is one of the greatest bicycle cities on the globe.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

It is a general known fact that all trees leave in the spring.

LIQUOR HARM POSITIVELY CURED.

Home Treatment—Written guarantee given—no cure no pay. Send 5c stamp for treatise. Neurotic Medicine Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Mention this paper.

Virgil says that "the first driver of a four-in-hand was Erichthonius."

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FOR 14 YEARS this shoe, by merit alone, has distanced all competitors.

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The Big 60 for unsanitary discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of the nose, throat, tonsils, and all catarrhs, acute or chronic. Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for 60c, or 75c bottles, 25c. Circular sent on request.

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Examination and Advice as to Patentability of Invention. Send for "Inventor's Guide, or How to Get a Patent." O'NEILL & SON, Washington, D. C.

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LOCAL NEWS.

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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.

R. H. Janes went to Houston Tuesday.

Ice cold beer always on hand at the City Saloon.

Mr. S. T. Ailee, of Ash, was a caller at this office last week.

Mr. H. C. Sessions, of Creek, was in to see us last week.

For the best liquors, wines, etc., go to the City Saloon.

Mr. W. T. Curry, of Creek, remembered the printers this week.

The Hatchell Market handles the best meats, fish and poultry.

The City Saloon is the place to get the best drinks in the city.

Mr. Thos. Crow, of Henderson, and who formerly bought cotton here is in the city.

Go to Joe Matlock, residence six miles east of Crockett, for cotton seed for planting.

J. F. Martin, postmaster at Grapeland, visited our city Tuesday.

N. J. Mainer and J. O. Monday of Lovelady, were in the city Monday, attending court.

Fresh bread and cakes at the Crockett Bakery, N. W. Cor. square.

Highest price paid for cattle and hogs at the

HATCHELL MARKET.

You can get a meal or lunch at all hours at Crockett Bakery Restaurant, N. W. Cor. square.

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

A. W. Collins, formerly of Crockett, now of Beeville, is on a visit to his mother who has been quite sick recently.

Ladies if you want the best, buy only White Swan Flour. It has few equals and no superiors. Absolute satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded by MANGUM, Spot Cash Grocer.

Monday, April 12, we will show another new and elegant line (no two alike) of Black Silk Grenadines and Skirt Patterns and Colored Linen and Silk Grenadine Patterns. (Who gets first choice?) MISTROT BROS.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Call at the CASH STORE for all kinds of GRAIN and FEED. Good mixed CORN at 38c per bushel. WHITE PEARL MEAL, 35c per bushel. BEST PATENT FLOUR, \$5 per barrel. TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 32c per bushel. Car bright FORNEY Hay, cheap, syrup, the best grade, 33 1-3c per gallon; by the barrel 30c.

The above prices are no fiction. Money saved is money made, so be sure to drop in and price before buying.

R. M. ATKINSON.

For quality, quantity, style and close prices go to MISTROT BROS.

Just received at Daniel & Burton's, car of celebrated S. & P. flour,

Do you want the best flour that money can buy? If so, use S. & P. at Daniel & Burton's.

S. & P. flour, the acme of perfection. If you are not using it, you should not delay longer. Buy a sack of Daniel & Burton.

Get your meats from the Hatchell Market. They keep everything that can be had in the fresh meat line.

Account of Battle of Flowers at San Antonio, April 21, round trip tickets from Crockett to San Antonio for \$4, limited to 22d to return.

The commissioners' court is in session this week considering applications to sell the county a poor farm—there being eighteen offers made.

Mr. Turner, formerly of the Madisonville Meteor, but now in the real estate business in that city, was a caller at this office Wednesday.

There will be a mass meeting at the court house to night (Thursday) to protest against the proposed new judicial district. All come out at 8:30 p. m.

N. W. Levi, the magnetic healer will be at the Aldrich House for 1 week. Cancers and rheumatism and all aches and pains removed. Call and see. Old sores a specialty.

Buy it! Try it! White Swan Flour. If not absolutely satisfactory in every particular return and get your money back. For sale in Crockett only at MANGUM'S The Spot Cash Grocer.

J. S. Walcott, Jr., of Dover Del., left Sunday for Houston and other Texas points, before returning east. Mr. Walcott had been visiting our Mr. Carroll Downes the past few days.

The Crockett Ice plant began the delivery of ice Monday for the summer of 1897. This institution is a home enterprise, operated by home capital, and merits the entire patronage of our city and surrounding country.

Jno. F. Baker and Jack Craddock, two of Crockett's handsome and progressive business men have gone to Smithville, to engage in business. There is probably an aching void in more than one fair heart of our city.

The Styles in Spring and Summer Dress Goods shown at Mistrot's during their opening evidently caught the ladies of Crockett who showed their appreciation by sailing right in and buying instead of sending off for their nice dress as heretofore.

Rev. O. B. Wilson of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is in the city holding a protracted meeting with the colored Presbyterian church. He is a white minister who comes highly recommended, and is sent out by the Southern Presbyterian Assembly's Committee to visit the colored Presbyterian churches throughout the South for the purpose of encouraging and aiding them.

The case of the Long heirs vs. the administratrix which was appealed by J. C. Wootters from the ruling of Judge Winfree of the Probate Court came on to be heard this week. Judge Gill being disqualified, parties to the suit agreed on Col. Hill of Livingston, to try the case. The case came before Judge Hill Wednesday on the records. Attorneys for Wootters and the Long heirs argued the case at length and then Judge Hill announced that he would take the matter under advisement and render an opinion Thursday.

Until May 1st \$600, half cash, will buy five two acre lots adjoining Dr. Smith on east. Good well of pure water. Fine shade trees. Four room house on back end of lot, leaving good building site on front. A. D. LIPSCOMB.

At the colored Methodist church last Sunday night, after the evening services, the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lewis was standing near the pulpit waiting for the exit of the audience; he was approached by Jeff Thompson and assaulted, by being slapped in the face. The pastor, a man of muscle as well as morality, forgetting the divine injunction to turn the other cheek, assumed the offensive and in one or two well directed blows, quieted his assailant. No bones broken.

We have just bought a car of the celebrated SWEET and PURE FLOUR and solicit your orders. We guarantee it pure, soft wheat and nothing finer can be had. The whiteness, rising qualities and sweetness it is at the top. While such high grade flour costs a good deal more than CHEAP stuff, it will pay you to buy only the best. Inferior flour is not cheap at any price. If you are using S. and P. you know that what we say is a fact—if not try a barrel or sack and you will then take no other. DANIEL & BURTON.

To the people of Crockett and surrounding country:—I hereby extend my sincere thanks for the liberal patronage you gave me in the Feed and Grain business and in this connection wish to inform you that I am adding a line of Fancy and Family Groceries to my stock and earnestly solicit a continuance of your trade. My terms are absolutely Spot Cash. No goods booked, even for a day. If you wish to save money, my prices will interest you. Watch the COURIER every week; I will have something of interest to tell you all along. Respectfully, JNO. MANGUM.

A few days ago a charming young lady of this city who had been visiting friends in a neighboring city, entered a passenger coach to return home. For some reason the train was detained a few moments longer than usual, and when the young lady had taken her seat, looking out on the platform, she noticed a well dressed, up to date young man who seemed unable to turn his eyes in any direction but hers. This was a compliment to his judgment for she is a beautiful girl and as sparklingly bright as she is beautiful. The young man was infatuated. He couldn't resist the influence of those arch magnetic eyes. He walked back and forth and stared. He was evidently "dead gone," but most respectful in the tender tribute of admiration. The young lady was highly amused. She had made conquests before, but none so sudden and unexpected as this. Meanwhile he kept his eyes glued on the object of his adoration, unmindful of all the claims of modesty and as the train moved off the laughing eyed girl somewhat annoyed at the circumstance, flipped him a card which he jumped at with almost ferocious eagerness. Imagine his chagrin when he found written in a fine feminine hand, "Just tell them that you saw me."

WEDDING.

On the 21st, inst. at the Presbyterian church this city, Dr. J. Smith Wootters and Miss Sue Craddock will be joined in wedlock. No cards have been issued except to a few friends out of Crockett. We are requested to so state and to say that those who would like to extend their congratulations to the couple are invited to the home of the bride's mother where they will be hospitably entertained from 9 p. m. to 12.

No farmer in Houston county can complain of the season thus far. Nature has done her best. Now let him plough deep and work early and late so his conscience will be clear and his returns large.

The bill for redistricting the state, which has been finally completed and submitted to the legislature, groups Houston in a district with the following counties: Grimes, Walker, Leon, Madison and Brazos.

Why is it that we can't have a telegraph office in the city? Is the town content to jog along always at the same old pace and never make an effort to improve matters? We want that telegraph office up in town and we are in favor of making an effort to get it, let it hurt whomsoever it may. Start the petition and send it up.

We are very tired of paying newspaper bills out of our own pockets when there are those who are owing us and will not pay. Please call round and settle for subscriptions, job and advertising bills. We cannot wait longer on these little matters when there are those who are crowding us.

Too many elections, too much political excitement and turbulence, too much political discussion and strife! And all because of the frequency of elections. The people hardly have time to get their breath from the turmoil and tumult caused by one campaign before they are plunged into the swirling vortex of another. Give the people a chance to rest.

Advertisers should bear in mind that the COURIER goes into the homes of the most substantial and prosperous people of this and adjoining counties. Its subscription lists are now larger than they have been for years and carry the names of nearly every man who ever makes or has money. Those who have goods, wares or other things to sell can find no medium so effective and certain to reach those who have the means to buy.

There is always a market, a cash market at good prices for everything that Houston county farmers can produce. Anything on four legs is salable now for good money. Cattle are in constant demand, and the Iowa farmers who are long on corn and short on hogs this year, are invading Houston county hunting for hogs, any sort of hogs, so they are healthy. A Texas razor back hog might feel lonely up in Iowa for a little while, but he can make the trip free of charge if he will show up now.

The term of Postmaster Edmiston of this city, does not expire until some time in February, 1899. The new administration at Washington has just declared that postmasters now in office can serve until their full term expires unless removed for cause. This announcement has brought dismay to the camp of the faithful in Crockett—it was so different from what they expected. There is still a chance for the McKinley administration to bring prosperity to this country, but the postoffice applicants may have their doubts about this, under the late ruling.

We were talking with a prominent gentleman from Lovelady, Tuesday, on the subject of organizing a stock company for the purpose of putting in an artificial lake at some point half way between the towns—a lake with all appointments and equipments essential to make the place one of enjoyment and pleasure. The lake will be supplied with all the food and game fishes, boats, boat-houses, club-rooms and everything that goes to make time spent there enjoyable. The scheme will be canvassed in detail later on and the plan of organization matured. There is not a town in Texas, hardly, of the population of Crockett that hasn't at accessible command, facilities for enjoyment of this kind.

AUGUSTA.
(DELAYED.)

ED. COURIER—Again we are the recipients of a heavy rain and crop prospects seem somewhat gloomy in this section. The creeks are reported to have been higher than for several years and the land is terribly washed and torn up where it has been plowed.

Corn was somewhat injured by the frost last week, but old farmers say that the damage is not material. No cotton planted yet; several spoke of planting this week, though the late rains have deterred them.

The young folks' intended ball for Friday night, did not materialize from some cause, though we have not learned the reason. We understand that they will try and eclipse their first effort, sometime in the near future.

Dr. Wilson of this place is absent this week, for a few days, on a business trip to Kaufman.

Mrs. Tims and Mrs. Lansford spent a few days in our city this week visiting Mrs. Dr. Elliott, who has been quite sick, though is now convalescent.

Rev. Mr. Hamilton, of Lovelady, preached for us Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m. He is now pastor of the Christian church at this place and will preach each fourth Sunday during the year.

Mr. John Frizzell, formerly of this place, now living in Galveston is in the city for a few days on business.

Measles have been scattered in and around our little city for over a month though there have been no fatal cases so far.

We have been hearing "on the sly" of several of our most prominent young people who will soon quit the single state and join the band of martyrs. Don't be afraid of us, boys and girls, as we shall take particular pains to keep the whole thing a secret.

The political pot is already assuming a slight bubble and we expect it to be in nice trim by next year. We are in favor of the proposed amendment to the constitution extending the term of office to four years, then the people would have time enough to settle on a new man by the time the old one went out and there would not be half so much squabbling.

Success to the COURIER.

"SIMON SIMPSON."

Our neighbor, the Enterprise, desires to know if our purpose for suggesting that the bridge across the Trinity could be built by Crockett capital in the main was to kill the proposition to build the bridge by issuing county bonds. To this we say no. COURIER files several years past show that we took the same position years ago. It is not possible to kill the enterprise mentioned by anything the COURIER may say when the court stands unanimous against the issuance of bonds. With some help from interested sections in Leon county we believe that there is ample capital in Crockett to build the bridge. Capital is not wanting, though the enterprising spirit may be.

Wealth is supposed to give ease, but what if the possessor happens to have chills? Why, he should simply exchange 50c of his wealth for a bottle of Chestnut's Tasteless Chill Tonic and his case would be restored. It always cures chills. Guaranteed. Tasteless in 50c size.

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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. RATTIFF,
Ballinger, Texas.

THE COURIER,

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AN OUTRAGE.

The bill as formulated redistricting the state into judicial districts places Houston county into a district with Walker, Grimes, Brazos, Madison and Leon counties. The counties of Walker, Grimes and Brazos are overwhelmingly republican and the counties of Leon and Madison are close. The district as organized by the committee is an outrageous disregard of the proprieties and rights of counties and especially is this so of Houston county. Aside from the consideration of making a district, as constituted, republican it is utterly out of the question for a judge to do the work of these six counties. The counties of Walker, Grimes and Brazos alone with their heavy colored population would keep a judge busy for the period of forty-odd weeks. This being so, it should be obvious to any reasonable man that the district as proposed is one that no one judge can do the business of in one year. Houston county alone with its growing population demands sixteen weeks and a similar period for each of the counties of Walker, Grimes and Brazos would call for sixty-four weeks of court each year—a manifest absurdity. This leaves the counties of Leon and Madison out of this consideration altogether. Now, the question is, are our people and our representatives going to sit still and permit this outrage to be perpetrated?

We feel confident that our representatives are opposed to the district. What have they been doing, however, to permit this outrage to be consummated as far as it has been? The people of this county are practically unanimous in their opposition to this district and every effort should be put forth to defeat this scheme. We do not want it and everything that can be done to smash this crudely conceived and executed job should be done. It matters not what the democratic platform demands or what Governor Culbertson may demand, there are rights involved in this matter which the people of this county can not ignore even though to conserve same we have to defy the state platform of the party.

A committee should be sent to Austin to protest against the consummation of this shameful gerrymander the purpose of which seems to be nothing in particular except to organize districts to please the members of the joint committee which have had this most important matter under advisement. Mr. Barbee and Judge Wall should spare no efforts to defeat this gross outrage on the rights of this county.

Final Report Of Grand Jury.

Hon. W. H. Gill, Judge of 3d Judicial District of Texas. The Grand Jury respectfully submits the following report: We have returned 32 true bills for felony and 29 true bills for misdemeanors, a total of 61 true bills of indictment. We have made diligent inquiry into all violations of the criminal laws of this state that have come to our knowledge, have examined 696 witnesses and investigated 132 different and distinct alleged violations of the criminal law. We have as far as was possible, allowed both the state and defendants to submit evidence to us in our investigations so that we could act intelligently. We have investigated, to a limited extent, at least, the conduct of the several county officers and believe that they are all performing their duties reasonably. We have examined the convict bonds of the coun-

ty, a large number of which are out of date and marked "no good," and which, we did not examine. We find that there are about 146 convict bonds that are past due and unpaid, and on which there is a large amount due the county, and while we appreciate the fact that times are hard and a great many people are unable to meet their obligations, yet we think that every one ought to be collected where it is possible, and where not, they ought to be secured. We think that this course is the more necessary in view of the fact that the financial statement of the county, published in last week's paper by the county judge, shows the county to be badly in debt. In reference to the occupation taxes paid by the merchants of Houston county, we find things inexplicable to us, and we recommend that the tax collector publish in the several county papers a complete list of all the merchants of Houston county, together with the estimate of each as to his purchases for the year 1897, and his statement of purchases for the preceding year. We have examined the jail, find same in good condition and kept as clean and comfortable as is reasonably possible, and that the prisoners are supplied with good wholesome food and look to be in good health. We have briefly examined the financial condition of the city of Crockett, and suggest that all money collected for the use of the city be turned over to the city treasurer and disbursed by him only in payment of warrants issued under the seal of the City of Crockett and attested by the Mayor thereof. We have found that some of the roads in the county are not in as good condition as they ought to be and we recommend that the county overseers use their effort to put same in good condition or work the hands the full ten days allowed by law. We have been in session for seventeen days, and desire to extend to the different officers our thanks for their courtesy and assistance. We thank the court for its kindness and courtesy to us, and having concluded our labors, respectfully ask that we be discharged.

Respectfully submitted, F. F. Bayne, foreman; T. S. Kent, J. W. Goodwin, J. T. Skidmore, R. B. Womack, D. C. Webb, J. E. Hendrix, Geo. E. Darsey, J. M. Russell, D. J. Kennedy.

Some Surprising Facts.

Recently the COURIER had an item noting the incorporation of the Crockett Ice and Light Company, one of whose purposes is to supply the people of this city with water. A COURIER reporter making some inquiries on the subject, learned that nothing had as yet been done in the matter beyond procuring the charter and there was no further definite information to give out at this time. In conversation with one of the best informed business men in the city, the surprising fact was told to the reporter that if we had a system of waterworks here the money saved by our merchants in insurance on their business houses each year would pay the interest on a sum of money sufficient to build such a system. To be more exact, if we had waterworks there would be a reduction of one per cent in insurance, and as the business part of this city is insured for about \$250,000, there would be an annual cash saving to our property owners of \$2500. This would pay the yearly interest on a sum sufficient to put in an adequate system of waterworks. This estimate takes no account of the large saving in insurance in the residence parts of the city. And thus without any increase of expense to our citizens beyond that which they now pay

for insurance, we could have water works with all the immense resulting advantages and conveniences, and every house and lot in Crockett would be appreciably enhanced in value. There is surely food for serious thought and cause for prompt, intelligent action in these simple and indisputable facts. The enterprise is so obviously feasible on such easy terms and of such great advantage to every property owner in the city that it is difficult to see how our business men can hold back from it. Cities and towns no larger than Crockett in every state in the Union, in possession of waterworks, couldn't be induced to part with them. They are regarded as simply indispensable, a part of the necessary equipment of modern communities, and our people should hesitate no longer to align Crockett with the other up-to-date cities of the country

DIED.

The subject of this narrative—Bro. James Kyle Hallmark, was the son of Stephen and Betty Hallmark, born in Houston county, May 19, 1873, married to Miss Daisy Taylor Jan. 22nd., 1893, united with the Georgia Camp Baptist Church in the summer of the same year, of which he was a consistent member when the Lord called him to that rest that remains for the people of God, which sad event occurred Jan. 3rd., 1897. He leaves a wife, two children, a father and mother, one sister and two brothers and many friends to mourn his untimely death.

Be it resolved 1st that the Georgia Camp Church has lost a loved member, the wife a kind husband, the children an affectionate father, and the community a loyal citizen.

Resolved 2d that we humbly bow to the will of Him that never errs and that we say from our very heart they will be done.

Resolved 3d that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the church book and a copy be sent to the Texas Baptist and Herald for publication.

Though we asunder part it gives us inward pain, But we shall still be joined in heart And hope to meet again.

His pastor, J. E. LEE.

Summer Normal School.

All those interested in a Summer Normal School to be had at Crockett this summer will please correspond, or send in their names at once, that I may know the number interested in such a move since all necessary arrangements have been perfected looking thereto. Prof. Walker King, of the Crockett Academy, assisted by Prof. F. M. Martin, of the Lovelady Academy have both consented to teach the White Normal School, while Prof. J. W. Williams assisted by Prof. T. G. W. Tarver will teach the Colored Normal School, provided the attendance will be large enough to justify their doing so.

Lumbermen's Excursion to Mexico City.

Account the above, the I. & G. N. R. R., International Route, will have on sale round trip tickets to Mexico City at extremely low rates. Tickets on sale April 16 and 17, good 30 days for return. Call on nearest ticket agent for full particulars, or write the undersigned.

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

Stock Hogs Wanted.

I will be in Crockett from the 6th to 10th of April to buy and receive stock hogs for which I will pay, cash, the best market price. For further particulars inquire of R. L. Warren, F. F. Fifer or First National Bank. F. A. SEARS.

City Election.

The election for three aldermen and city marshal Tuesday passed off quietly. No disturbance of any kind. The election resulted as follows:

FOR ALDERMEN. (NO OPPOSITION.) G. B. Lunday, 343; Chas. Long, 348; D. J. Kennedy, 344. J. C. Lacy was elected Marshal.

A Card of Thanks.

ED. COURIER—Through the medium of your paper the people of Porter's Springs beg to tender their sincere thanks to Col. W. E. Maves for the organ so generously donated by him for the use of the Baptist and Methodist churches in this community.

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

Notice in Probate.

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of February 1897, the undersigned, whose postoffice address is Crockett, Tex. was appointed and subsequently qualified administrator of the estate of Willis Rhodes, deceased. All persons holding claims against said estate are notified to present same to the undersigned for his approval within twelve months, as the law requires.

JOHN L. MOORE, Adm'r Est. Willis Rhodes.

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