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PROCLAMATION

By the Governor of the State of Texas.

Whereas, The Twenty-fifth Legislature, at its regular biennial session, which convened on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1897, passed the following Joint Resolutions, in the manner prescribed by the Constitution of this State, proposing certain amendments to the Constitution of this State, to-wit:

Joint Resolution to amend Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto section 20, as follows:

Section 20. In addition to the powers of taxation granted in the foregoing sections, it shall be lawful for the land owners of certain portions of Texas, as hereinafter provided, to organize within that section of Texas which lies west, northwest and southwest of the following counties, viz: Montague, Wise, Parker, Hood, Somervell, Bosque, Coryell, Bell, Williamson, Travis, Blanco, Gillespie, Comal, Caldwell, Gonzales, DeWitt, Goliad, Victoria and Calhoun, irrigation districts without regard to county lines. In making provision for the cost of construction of irrigation works within said territory it shall be lawful to create an indebtedness of not exceeding fifteen dollars per acre to rest as a charge on and be secured by a lien on the irrigable land for the use and benefit of which said irrigation works have been or may be constructed. Within the term, cost of construction, shall be included the cost of riparian rights, dam sites and reservoirs, rights of way for canal and laterals, and other appurtenant expenses of the construction of irrigation plants. In case of destruction of the works, or any part thereof, the repair or rebuilding of the same shall be construed to be within the meaning of construction. To cover the cost of construction as above defined, bonds may be issued by such irrigation districts to run in time for forty years or less, and to bear interest at the rate of not more than six per cent per annum, interest payable annually, which bonds shall be sold at not less than par. The bonds shall be liquidated by the levy and collection of a tax upon the irrigable lands within such irrigation districts susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed. Such land shall be taxed in proportion to acreage and not in proportion to its value. An annual tax shall be levied and collected on such irrigable lands sufficient to pay the interest of said bonds and to create a sinking fund sufficient to liquidate the bonds above authorized. In addition to the tax above provided for, there shall be annually levied and collected a sufficient tax from the lands actually receiving the water for irrigation of a sufficient amount to cover the ordinary cost of the maintenance of the irrigation works, the distribution of the water and appurtenant charges and the collection of said tax. This charge shall be upon a basis of the amount of water contracted for; provided, that this shall not interfere with the right of any land owner to demand his proportionate part of the water on the basis of acreage. The taxes above provided for shall, when assessed, be secured by lien on the land as now provided by general law for the security of State taxes, and when delinquent, shall be enforced as now provided by general law for the collection of delinquent State taxes, but the lien securing the same shall be subordinate to the lien securing the payment of State, county and municipal taxes.

None of the foregoing provisions of this amendment shall ever be construed to give authority to create a lien on or tax in any manner any lands so long as they shall belong to the State; nor after sale thereof shall any charge ever be created thereon which shall take

precedence over the liens securing the balance of the purchase money due the State.

The indebtedness for the construction of irrigation works authorized under the provisions of this amendment shall be created only upon a vote of a majority of the land owners resident in the district proposed to be organized and whose lands are susceptible of irrigation from and by the system of irrigation works proposed; only qualified voters under the existing laws of Texas, being such owners of rural lands, within such district, shall have the right to vote as aforesaid.

Any natural or artificial person having an interest in any of the irrigable lands in any such irrigation district shall have the right at any time within ninety days after the vote authorized has been declared, and not thereafter, to file a proceeding in any court having jurisdiction to test the validity of the formation of said district, the classification of the land as irrigable lands, or other details thereof. Such proceedings shall have precedence through all the courts as now provided by law in quo warranto suits.

Irrigation districts organized under the provisions of this amendment are hereby declared to be bodies corporate, and in the name of the districts they shall have the right to sue and be sued, and may acquire by purchase or condemnation proceedings as now authorized by law in the case of irrigation corporations all the property necessary for its organization, operation and existence, and may buy in under foreclosure of its taxes any property bought in at tax sale shall be held and disposed of as hereafter provided by law.

All bonds issued under the provisions of this amendment shall be passed upon and certified to by the Attorney General of the State of Texas, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds. When approved by the Attorney General said bonds shall be registered by the Comptroller of the State, as now required by law in the case of county and city bonds, and when so registered shall be entitled to all the faith and confidence now prescribed by law in the case of county and city bonds.

To the end that this amendment may be put into immediate operation upon its adoption by the people, it is provided that until otherwise provided by law the Governor of the State, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the Attorney General of the State, are hereby created a board and vested with complete power and authority to make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to put into immediate practical operation this amendment to the Constitution and that may be necessary to enable irrigation districts to organize and operate under the provisions of this amendment. And to that end, until otherwise provided by law, said board shall have the power and authority in making said rules as complete as the Legislature of the State of Texas now have to enact laws. The rules, when adopted by said board, shall be filed with the Secretary of State, and when so filed shall remain in full force and effect until changed or modified by some other rule made by the said board on file in the office of the Secretary of State, or until the same are changed by general law. Said rules shall be printed under the direction of the Secretary of State, and a certified copy thereof shall be furnished to any one demanding the same upon the payment of such fees as said board may prescribe.

The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on

their tickets, "For amending Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in West Texas," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amending Article 8, of the Constitution of Texas, so as to permit the formation of irrigation districts in West Texas." Approved March 3, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of railroads.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That Section 3, of Article XI, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be amended so that the same shall hereafter read as follows:

Section 3. No county, city, or other municipal corporation shall hereafter become a subscriber to the capital of any corporation or association, or make any appropriation or donation to the same, or in anywise loan its credit, except as hereinafter provided.

It shall be lawful for any county in this State lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines; also the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid, by and through its commissioners court, by the issue of bonds of such county, or other evidences of indebtedness, in the construction of standard gauge railway or railways into, through or across any such county, when, by a vote of a majority of the qualified voters of any such county voting at an election held for that purpose such aid is authorized; provided, however, that no such aid as is hereinbefore authorized and provided for shall ever be given or paid to any railroad company, or in aid of any such railway construction, except in proportion to and for such railway or part thereof as shall have been completely constructed and equipped within any such county. And special authority and power is hereby given the commissioners court of any county within the territory herein prescribed, wherein such aid may be authorized, to levy and collect an annual tax in addition to any other tax authorized by this Constitution upon all property in such county subject to taxation to pay interest on and to create a sinking fund to meet said bonds or other indebtedness created for such purpose; provided, that the aggregate of such tax, in any county, shall never in any one year exceed two per centum upon the assessed valuation of the property in such county.

Full power is hereby given to said commissioners' court of any such county, and it is hereby made its duty, at once, upon the petition thereto of not less than one hundred (100) qualified voters of any such county, to at any time order and in all things provide for and regulate such elections, and the holding, returns and determination of the same, and prescribe the form of the ballot to be used. All bonds or other evidences of indebtedness issued by any such county, under the provisions of this section, shall, before being delivered, negotiated or floated, be approved by the Attorney General of this state and thereupon the Comptroller of this state shall register the same and endorse the fact of such registry upon said bonds or evidences of indebtedness.

Section 2. The Governor is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For amending Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of railroads," and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against amending Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas, so as to authorize certain counties to give aid in the construction of railroads." Approved April 2, 1897.

day in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring the amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "For the amendment to section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas, authorizing all counties in this state lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke and Runnels, and south and west of the Colorado River, also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines; also, the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid in the construction of railroads by the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized thereto by a majority vote of any such county;" and those opposed to said amendment shall have written or printed on their tickets, "Against the amendment to Section 3, of Article 11, of the Constitution of Texas, authorizing all counties in this state lying south of the counties of Jeff Davis, Reeves, Ward, Ector, Midland, Glasscock, Sterling, Coke and Runnels, and south and west of the Colorado river; also, all those counties west of Hardeman, Knox and Haskell, and north of Fisher, Scurry, Borden, Dawson and Gaines; also the counties of Matagorda and Brazoria, to give aid in the construction of railroads by the issuance of bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, when authorized thereto by a majority vote of any such county." Passed April 2, 1897.

Joint Resolution to amend article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto section 11.

Whereas, the laws of the state of Texas authorize the several counties in this state, through their commissioners' court, to issue bonds for the erection of court houses and jails, and the construction and purchase of bridges, and

Whereas, the statutes of the state of Texas authorize the Board of Education of said state to invest the permanent school fund thereof in bonds issued for the purposes aforesaid by the said counties, and

Whereas, the Board of Education of this state, in pursuance of said statutory authority, has purchased as an investment for the permanent school fund of the state of Texas, bonds approximating three million dollars, and

Whereas, the Constitution of the state of Texas provides that no debt for any purpose shall ever be incurred in any manner for any city or county, unless provision is made at the time of its creation for the levying and collection of a sufficient tax to pay the interest thereon, and provide at least two per cent as a sinking fund, and

Whereas, it is believed that some of the bonds so purchased by the State Board of Education as an investment for the permanent school fund were not issued in conformity with that provision of the Constitution, and it is doubtful whether proper provision was made at the time of the attempted creation of said debt, evidenced by said bonds, for the levying of a tax to secure the payment of interest and the creation of a sinking fund, and that some of said bonds may therefore be held invalid by the courts;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That article XI of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto the following which shall be denominated "Section 11.":

Section 11. That all bonds heretofore issued by the several counties of Texas for the purpose of the erection of court houses and jails, and for the purchase or construction of bridges, and that have been purchased by the proper authorities of the State of Texas as an investment for the permanent school fund of said State, and that at the time of the creation of said debt, evidenced by said bonds, the provision for the levy of a tax for the payment of the interest and the creation of a sinking fund was not made, shall not be for that reason held to be invalid; but said bonds are hereby validated, and are hereby made valid debts against the several counties by which they were issued.

Be it further resolved, that this amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas on the first Tuesday in August, 1897, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendments shall write or have printed on their ballots the words, "For the amendment to Article XI of the Constitution, validating bonds held by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund," and all voters opposing said amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words "Against the amendment

to Article XI of the Constitution, validating bonds held by the State as an investment for the permanent school fund."

And that the Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election, and have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State. Approved April 22, 1897.

And whereas, the State Constitution requires the publication of any proposed amendments once a week for four weeks, commencing at least three months before an election,

And whereas, each of said Joint Resolutions requires the Governor to issue his proclamation ordering an election for the submission of said Joint Resolutions to the qualified electors of the State for their adoption or rejection on the first Tuesday in August, A. D. 1897, which will be the 3d day of said month.

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culberson, Governor of Texas, in accordance with the provisions of said Joint Resolutions, and by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State, do hereby issue this my proclamation, ordering that an election as required by said Joint Resolutions be held on the day designated therein, to-wit: on Tuesday, the 3d day of August, A. D. 1897, in the several counties of this State, for the adoption or rejection of said proposed amendments to the Constitution of the State of Texas. Said election shall be held at the several polling places of the precincts of the several counties of this State, and will be conducted by the officers holding the same in conformity with the laws of this State and in accordance with the provisions of this proclamation.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto sign my name and cause the Seal of State to be affixed, at the city of Austin, this 23d day of April, A. D. 1897.

C. A. CULBERSON,
Governor of Texas.

J. W. MADDEN,
Secretary of State.

COLTHARP.

Ed. Courier—It is with regret that I report the death of B. M. Petty on the morning of 27th. He died suddenly and very much to the amazement of all as he was very well in the morning, ate a hearty breakfast and went to the lot for his horse to go to ploughing. He then complained of a pain in his side and went to the house and died in ten minutes. We have lost a good neighbor, a good citizen and a staunch democrat.

Z. B. JOHN.

Its Dimensions.

I'm afraid I preached rather a long sermon, deacon," said the minister who was anxious for a word of commendation.

"Oh, no, parson," replied the honest man; "it averaged up well."

"How so?"
"It may have been a trifle long, but then it was neither very broad nor very deep."—Judge.

Oddest Monument in the World.

Perhaps one of the oddest monuments is the tablet in a Berkshire church in memory of a soldier who had his left leg taken off "by the above ball," the actual cannon ball being inserted at the top.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Taking Out the Curve.

"Well, doctor, what ails me?" asked Crockett, after the physician had made an examination.
"You have bicyclist's knee," replied the physician, "but I think I can straighten you out."—Pittsburg Dispatch-Telegraph.

THE HOUSEHOLD.

Never slice apples for making pies; quarter and core, and if an apple is large cut each quarter in two pieces.

Sift a tablespoonful of pulverized sugar over the top of two-crust pies before baking, and see how delicious it makes them.

If vegetables are boiled in soft water it is said that the freshness and greenness of their color will be thus best preserved.

Nothing will give such a polish to glass, even the finest, as slightly moist newspaper to wash it and dry newspaper to give the finishing touches.

Letting clothes hang after they are dry, or letting them hang through a storm, or in windy weather to slap about, is not conducive to long wearing or to help the good man's pocket-book.

County Court Proceedings.
JUDGE WINFREE.

The criminal section of the County Court opened Monday morning and in three days Judge Winfree had disposed of some fifteen or twenty cases. At this rate he will soon clean up the docket. From all accounts he is disposing of business with a dispatch that commands the approbation of law-abiding and tax-paying citizens.

State of Texas versus the following parties, to-wit:

Calvin Addison, carrying pistol, continued by state; Lizzie Hubbard theft, dismissed by Co. Atty; Wiley Cook, escaped convict, dismissed by Co. Atty; Dock Morton, carrying pistol, guilty, fine \$25; Ed. Winn, carrying pistol, continued by def; Green Burton, theft, bond forfeited; Tom Taylor, Jr. aggravated assault and battery, guilty, fine \$25; Reuben Jones, carrying pistol, continued; Ben Lively, assault, dis. by Co. Atty; Ben Lively, disturbance, guilty, fined \$1; Bill Lomax, carrying pistol, fined \$50; E. R. Mansell, aggravated assault and battery, guilty, fined \$25; Frank Jackson, carrying pistol, not guilty; Dener Wood, continued by consent; Tom White, theft, fined \$6 and 5 months in jail; Reuben Vance, malicious mischief, guilty, fine \$25.

Here is the New Law.

We referred in our last issue to the law the present legislature has enacted to apply to those counties or sub-divisions which have adopted the hog law.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the legislature of the state of Texas: That any person who shall wilfully turn out or cause to be turned out, on land not his own or under his control; or who shall wilfully fail or refuse to keep up any stock, prohibited by law from running at large in any county or sub-division of any county in this state, in which the stock law has been adopted; or who shall wilfully allow such stock to trespass upon the land of another, in such county or sub-division thereof; or who shall wilfully permit to run at large any stock of his own, or of which he is the agent, or of which he has the control, and not permitted to run at large in any county or sub-division of any county in this state, in which the stock law has been adopted, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished by fine in any sum not less than five dollars and not more than fifty dollars.

WELDON.

ED. COURIER—Some time has elapsed since writing to you.

Crops are fine and the seasons so far, could not have been better had they been made to order.

Prof. Kline, of Augusta, is spending his vacation here hunting, fishing, etc.

We have a saloon here now in full blast and perhaps some of us will indulge in spirits and be able to see the air-ship pass over here some night. So if you get notice of it passing over here you may know the cause of its being seen here.

In the Enterprise of the 28th, Mr. Tyer still advocates the iron bridge with the most unreasonable bosh that could be attached to such an object. Now leave the question of building the bridge to the voice of the people and see where it will be snowed to after an election. Our county is in no condition to enter into any visionary schemes to benefit a few at the expense of all. Yes, we have a fine commissioners' court, and we hope their heads are level on the bridge question and will not squander the people's money on such useless experiments. W. D. G.

CEDAR POINT.

ED. COURIER—As I have not seen any dots from Cedar Point lately, I thought a few would not be amiss.

Farmers have their corn all worked and are about done planting cotton.

Prof. J. N. Herbert has been on the sick list this week and also two of Mr. W. E. Meriwether's children, but I am glad to say they are all better.

Misses Estelle and Carry McHenry are at home, the former from her music school at Palestine and the latter from her literary school at Concord.

Mrs. W. C. Miller and her two charming daughters, Misses Mary Belle and Emma, paid your city a flying visit this week.

Mr. D. B. White, the historian, was in the neighborhood last week shaking hands with his many friends.

Dr. S. P. Cunningham, has returned from the Crescent City where he has been attending lectures for the past six months and has located again with Dr. W. C. Miller. So you see we have a firm of M. D's.

Quite a crowd of the young people went down to Coltharp to the picnic Saturday, May 1.

Our Sunday school is progressing finely. We have preaching once a month by Rev. J. W. McLeol.

What is the matter with Tobe, the Augusta correspondent? We would like to hear from that enterprising little city again.

We have not seen the air-ship yet but hope to soon, as we want to get a model as we are thinking of taking a trip to the north pole during the hot summer months. We are confident that we could take the blue ribbon from Dr. Nansen, in this flying machine in getting nearer the north pole. BERYL.

AUGUSTA.

ED. COURIER—In your issue of April 30, is an article, signed "Observer" that certainly demands an answer. I don't know who "Observer" is, but his letter, I suppose it is a "his" is a woeful misstatement of the facts in the case. Now it may be quite amusing to those who read the paper, to learn that the preacher was preaching a sermon on Christian Education. I enter an emphatic denial that the preacher said: "He had rather his children would grow up as ignorant as a wild mule rather than have them educated at the State Normal School at Huntsville, or the State University at Austin." What he did say was: "That he would rather his children be as ignorant as colts in the woods, than have them educated mentally at the expense of their moral nature."

I have no objection to going on record as preferring a church school, for higher education, to a state school, but I do, of all things, object to being misquoted. To look at the surface of the thing, there is a seeming respect and friendship, but it is only seeming. Read between the line and see a venom outrivalled and a treachery unparalleled. If he has even heard of the pun of a famous divine, he may say: "Hit dogs always holler," but every one knows Liberty Hill and most of the people who read your paper, know who the "beloved pastor" (?) is.

"If ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." Indeed! Well, brother, or whoever you are, if that is all you learned from a sermon on "Christian Education," it would be folly personified to try to enlighten you and I recommend that you study church history as well as incidents in U. S. history.

Yours for fairness,
C. B. SMITH.

TADMOR.

We ask a few lines in your paper for items from our quiet little village.

Health is good, farmers are very busy plowing corn and planting five cent cotton. Prospects for a crop seem to be excellent at present. We hear less talk of hard times than usual. I suppose they all think the other fellow knows it.

The Sunday school at Center Hill celebrated Easter in such way as to reflect credit on the good people living there. The readings and essays of the young ladies and children were especially interesting, besides there were lots of things to eat on the ground and all present proclaimed the occasion one of great enjoyment.

The peace loving citizens of this community are shocked to hear that a gentleman from your city contemplates setting up a whiskey shop in our midst. We sincerely hope it will not be done, as we do not want our peace and quiet disturbed by such an institution.

Success to the COURIER. JEM.

L. F. Farlay conducts a large mercantile business at Liberty Hill Ga. He says: "One application of Chamberlain's Pain Balm relieved me of a severe pain in my back. I think it O. K." For lame back, rheumatism, neuralgia, swellings, sprains, bruises, burns and scald no other liniment can "preach Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is intended especially for these diseases and is famous for its cures. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by Coll Bennett, 7 miles west of Crockett, and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, J. P. Pres. No. 1, on March 25th 1897. One sorrel mare colt, flax mane and tail; white hind feet, about 3 years old, no brand. Appraised at \$5.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 12th day of April 1897. N. E. ALLBRIGHT, Co. Clk.

"I would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for its weight in gold," writes D. J. Jones, of Holland, Va. "My wife was troubled with a cough for nearly two years. I tried various patent remedies, besides numerous prescriptions from physicians, all of which did no good. I was at last persuaded to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which promptly relieved the cough. The second bottle effected a complete cure." The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Estray Notice.

Taken up by W. V. Berry, on his farm, in Houston county, and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, J. P. Pre. No. 1, on April 15th 1897, the following described animals: One bay horse, black mane and tail, 5 years old; no brand. One black horse with white tip on nose, and white spot in face and branded SIKS, 10 years old. Appraised at \$50.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 17th day of April, 1897. N. E. ALLBRIGHT, Co. Clk.

Mr. John Peterson, of Patoutville La, was very agreeably surprised not long ago. For eighteen months he had been troubled with dysentery and had tried three of the best doctors in New Orleans, besides a half dozen or more patent medicines, but received very little relief. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and diarrhoea remedy, having been recommended to him, he gave it a trial and to his great surprise, three doses of that remedy effected a permanent cure. Mr. Wm. McNamara, a well known merchant of the same place, is well acquainted with Mr Peterson and attests to the truth of this statement. This remedy is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

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. E. WINFREE, County Judge.

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Estray Notice.

Taken up by Nathan Smith and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, Houston county, Texas, the following described animal: one small bay mare about four years old, 13½ hands high, brand blotched; appraised at \$15. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1897. N. E. ALLBRIGHT, Co. Clk Houston Co., Tex.

Baptist Convention, Wilmington N. C.

Account various Baptist Conventions to be held at Wilmington, N. C., May 6 to 14, the I. & G. N. R. R. will have on sale round trip tickets at half rates. Dates of sale May 3 and 4, good to return 20 days from date of sale.

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THE ROBIN'S NEST.

(Catharine Young Glen in Leslie's Popular Monthly.)



HE apple tree, nestling against the old white house, had put on its new spring gown. Never before did the leaves come out so green, nor the shy buds blush so deep a pink; never before did the bees hum so loudly, or the wind carry the fragrance so far.

On one of the sweetest mornings in all the May came two birds to the tree—two robins, in their honeymoon, who were out in search of a house. They put their heads first on this side, then on that; wished, perhaps, it had been a cherry tree; calculated the probable number of small boys in the neighborhood who were making collections of eggs; the angle-worm crop in the fields below; in short, all those minor details of house-hunting less interesting to an outsider than to parties concerned.

Robin Red Breast bent his head very near his wife, and they talked it all over with a great deal of twittering and many a tender glance.

"So sweet a spot, dear love! Shall it be here?" Nobody heard what the little bride-bird said. If she spoke at all it was very low—there was need that but one should hear—perhaps it was only a look. Be that as it may, the mate stretched his brown wings twice, thrice for the joy of it, and darted off and away, down over the meadow, his red breast twinkling above the green. "Home! home! home!" he sang over and over; "home! home!" His heart was overflowing, and he could not keep it to himself.

All this while his wee wife was taking account of her surroundings. She hopped on one twig, then on another, twisted her head, and turned her bright eyes, until one might justly conclude she had viewed the matter from every side. She saw one thing, too, that neither had noticed before. Through the open window, framed in with apple boughs, some one was watching them—a child with great dark eyes and a halo of golden hair. So sweet a face—but, oh, so thin and white! If the little bird had been on the bough just above she might have seen that the child sat in a large wheel-chair—sat without moving, her hands clasped in her lap, and hardly daring to breathe for fear of frightening the robins away.

The little bride-bird stood still, too, looked her all over, and waited. By the time her mate had finished his tour of the fields, however, for reasons best known to herself, she was ready to begin.

Should it be the crotch at the corner, or the one right under the window between the two big boughs? The crotch at the corner was wider, a fine breezy locality, but the other was so sheltered, no one could possibly peep from without. Some foolish people, you know, always will take to "love in a cottage." They wasted very few words over the matter—there is little argument when both argue on one side—it was all taken out in hopping and chirping.



SO SWEET A FACE.

"Mamma, mamma!" whispered the little girl at the window; "come softly! I think they are building a nest!" She turned her head by inches in her fear of making a stir. There was a light step, a rustle of silken skirts, and a lady stood by the chair—a lady who had eyes like the child's, dear eyes! in which the love almost covered the pain—quite hiding it when the little girl raised hers to look into them! Her hands played as by habit with the curly hair. She, too, looked out, not at the birds, but way beyond through the apple-boughs. "They?" she asked, dreamily; "who, dear love?" and she used the very name, though she knew it not, that the little mate had just called his bride, for love is always the same.

"The robins," answered the child. "You are too high, mamma! Be soft! Right here, do you see? The dearest husband and wife, and he has the reddest breast, and they have been talking so! Listen, mamma, just near!"

In her excitement she spoke so fast that the mate-robin heard, and stopped short, with a long straw in his bill, which was to serve as a foundation for the house. He rolled his round eyes awhile, then turned and looked at his wife, but she was hopping about with the utmost unconcern; so after some reflection, he, too, went to work. "Oh!" breathed the little girl, with a long sigh of relief, "he is going to stay, after all. I thought I had scared him away."

The robins did not go, however, and in some mysterious way it came to be an understood thing that they should build their nest below the window, and that the little girl, and often the sweet lady, too, should watch. The shy wife might have told you that some of the shreds woven into the snug home had been found hanging conveniently on the twigs, as though they had fallen from the window, this, not to mention an ever-ready supply of crumbs, only waiting to be gathered when no one was at hand. In the bird-world, as in ours, fortune distributes her favors unevenly.

When the bright-eyed husband remembered how many of his friends had to support their families from the ash-barrels, there was a puffed feeling in his heart which he did not try to suppress.



THEY SHOULD WATCH.

So time went on, and by and by the bird's nest hung complete. The little girl had waited as patiently as the builders had worked, and their joy was one. "They also serve who only stand and wait," great Milton said—they, too, perhaps, who only love and wait.

"Mamma, mamma, there will be nestlings now, and the old birds will teach them to fly. I have longed to see it all my life, but I could not go to them, you know, and so they have come to me."

The mother noted the faint tinge on the cheek, the bright look in the eye, and blessed the robins in her heart.

"Yes, they have come to you, my bird—like to like—and you shall see them fly."

But birdlings do not grow in a day, and the child watched from the great wheel-chair with patience born of suffering, and a life of pain—watched until five round eggs lay in the nest, tinted with heaven's own blue.

At last—oh, the joy of it!—the blue shells broke, and five strange, soft things, with great eyes and yellow bills, nestled under the mother-wings—nestled and cuddled until the wings would hardly cover them, and the nest seemed all too small. The brown mother's heart was bursting with joy—so, for that matter, was the father's—but she kept her love to herself and it warmed the birdlings, while his ran over in one continual song from the top of the tree. The little girl looked like a guardian spirit from above.

"My birds, my birds!" she whispered, over her clasped hands; "my very, very own!"

The color that had come with the robins slowly faded from cheek and eye—as the birdlings in the nest grew stronger, the one in the old house grew weaker, and still the days went by. The father-robin sobered down with five wide mouths to feed, the mother had to stretch her wings a little further every night to keep the nestlings in. The apple buds had long since swelled into blossoms, the blossoms had flown off on the wind in scented showers, leaving the small, green balls that were to be apples in the far-off fall, and the leaves had turned to a darker hue. The little girl rested on pillows now, in the wheel-chair; her mother lifted her when she looked down into the nest.

"Mamma, how long will it be before the robins fly?" she asked.

The mother laid her head by the one on the pillow, and the child caught only the whisper that was not meant for her: "Oh, my love, my love!"

At last the wheel-chair stood alone by the window. The little girl lay very still within the curtained bed.

"I must not miss it," she whispered, morning and night. "You will watch, mamma, dear, will you not, and wake me—when the birdlings—fly?"

The answer was always the same; "I am watching, I am watching! Lie still for a while and rest!"

The times for resting grew longer and the times for waking shorter.

The sun, sending his last shafts of light through the leaves one late afternoon, touched the eyes so often closed, and they opened at his kiss.

"Is it sunset?" she asked. "Take me up, mamma. I have not said good-night to the robins in so very long." Tenderly the mother lifted her, while the sweet breath of the meadow came up on the breeze, and the leaves were quivering in the golden light. The red-breasted robin was winging his way home; the brown mother was crooning a slumber song to her nest. The child stretched out her hands, the radiance glorifying face and hair. "Good-night, good-night, my birdlings! Mamma, see how the sun goes down! 'Twill be so beautiful—to-morrow—I think they will not stay!" The head drooped wearily on the pillow that night. "You will wake me—so early—mamma, dear!"

The stars shone and paled, the gray light stole slowly back again, and the faint, faint blue to the sky. And in the early morning One, long-awaited came, and two went out into the sunrise, into the hush of the sweet young day—leaving a void in the old white house that nothing on earth could fill.

The one who was left stood very still at the window, and looked through the apple boughs with eyes that saw them not. There was no need now that love should hide the pain. As she turned away her glance fell on the robin's nest. Lo! it was empty—only a broken shell lay where five birdlings had nestled beneath the mother's wings. Then the tears came to eyes that had not wept, and a great thanksgiving to an aching heart—for her darling, who had "wakened early," and for the robins, who had waited to fly with her.

WOMEN SMOKERS.

A Writer Who Approves of the Fair Sex Using Tobacco.

A recent writer on the subject of "Women Smokers" has something to say that may prove interesting reading to dramatists, stage managers and theater-goers generally, says the New York Telegram. Here it is:

"When in a play a well-dressed woman produces a cigarette case and begins to light up you know at once she is the adventuress of the piece. The dramatist would never dare to endow her with any moral qualities after that. She may possibly be a divorcee; at the very least she has designs on the hero's purse and on his general happiness. Who ever saw a virtuous stage heroine smoking? The very idea would be revolting to all conventional notions of propriety and the men would fiercely discuss this horrifying lapse on the part of the dramatist over their own cigarettes between the acts. The supposed degrading effect of tobacco on women is purely a bourgeois notion. It affects middle-class women only. The highest and the lowest do as they please in the matter. Now and then there arises some strong and independent woman who follows her own course and is perfectly indifferent to outside opinion. Such a character was the late Miss Emily Faithful, a most noble, admirable and withal womanly minded woman, who soothed her nerves after her work was done by smoking full-flavored cigars. . . . The peasant women, especially in Ireland and Scotland, enjoy their whiffs from short pipes filled with strong tobacco. . . . No! I'm not advocating the use of short pipes among the wide class covered by the word 'ladies,' but for the life of me I cannot see what harm is done to these peasant women by the process of puffing off their cares in their own way. In the best houses nowadays when cigars are handed around to the gentlemen cigarettes are offered to the ladies. The hostess, as a rule, sets the necessary example to her lady guests. The ranks of the regular cigarette smokers include the dowager empress of Russia, the Princess of Wales, Princess Beatrice, Princess Charles of Denmark, the Queen of Italy, the Queen of Roumania and the Queen Regent of Spain. I have no space for a list of prominent members of the English aristocracy who indulge in the fragrant weed. . . . It is only the middle-class person of would-be intensely respectable manners who raises all this racket against the feminine consumption of cigarettes."

Had Lots of Them.

Nonte—"Oh, look at Count Makoroni and the number of orders he is wearing. They say he has a magnificent collection."

Laura—"He ought to, for before he got his patrimony he was a waiter in a cheap restaurant."—Pittsburg News.

When Contradiction Is Safety.

"Dah's only one time," said Uncle Eben, "when it's safe ter contradict a man, an' dat's when he puts on a melancholy look an' stahs in ter tell 'bout how old he's gettin' ter be."—Washington Star.

A 16-YEAR OLD GIRL HAS NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

The Revivifying Effects of a Proper Nerve Food Demonstrated.

From the Era, Bradford, Pa.

Several months ago, Miss Cora Watrous, the sixteen-year old daughter of Mr. I. C. Watrous, a locomotive fireman, of 61 Clarion Street, Bradford, Penna., was seized with a nervous disorder which threatened to end her life. The first symptom of the ailment was a loss of appetite. For some little time Miss Watrous had no desire to eat and complained of a feeling of extreme lassitude. This was followed by severe pains in the head. For three weeks the young lady was nearly crazed with a terrible headache and nothing could be procured to give her relief.

Finally, after trying numerous remedies, a physician was called and began treating the patient. He said the trouble was caused by impoverished blood, but after several weeks of his treatment the young lady's condition had not improved and the parents decided to procure the services of another physician. In the meantime Miss Watrous' nervousness had increased, the pains in her head had grown more severe and the sufferer's parents had almost given up hope of her recovery. It was at this time that Mr. Watrous heard of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. He found that the pills were highly recommended for nervous disorders and concluded to give them a trial. A box of the pills was purchased and before they had all been taken there was a marked improvement in the girl's condition. After a half dozen boxes had been used, the young lady's appetite had returned, the pain in her head had ceased and she was stronger than at any time previous to her illness.

And now it is reported that Rivers was betrayed. An expurgated brand of patriotism is what Cuba needs very badly.

Despondent creditors may find solace in the fact that if the sultan were out of debt the powers would throw him over in a minute.

T. D. Burns, of Park View, New Mexico, recently shipped eighteen car loads of fat cattle from his range to Kansas City, the shipment bringing him over \$10,000. Rustlers are so bad on his range that he feels the necessity of rail-roading his stock off to market.

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Miss Watrous concluded that the cure was complete and left home for a visit to relatives in the grape country near Dunkirk, N. Y. She stopped taking the medicine and by over-exertion brought the ailment back again. As soon as the returning symptoms were felt, Miss Watrous secured another box of pills and the illness was soon driven away. She is now in better physical condition than she has been for years and declares that she owes her life to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mr. and Mrs. Watrous were interviewed by a reporter at their home on Clarion Street. Both are loud in their praises of Pink Pills. "My daughter's life was saved by the medicine," said Mrs. Watrous. "Her condition was almost hopeless when she commenced taking them, but now she is as strong and healthy as anyone could be. I cannot recommend the medicine too highly." Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain, in a condensed form, all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are an unfailing specific for such diseases as locomotor ataxia, partial paralysis, St. Vitus' dance, sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism, nervous headache, the after effect of la grippe, palpitation of the heart, pale and sallow complexions, all forms of weakness either in male or female. Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent postpaid or receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk, or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Boston has named a chimpanzee in the zoological garden "Tess." This is hardly appropriate; the chimpanzee is not a Hardy animal at all.

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THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

You can't fool a lot of people, though it is easy to fool one.

If Gleason is elected mayor, Greater New York will have to stand Pat.

There is only one black man in congress, and, strange to say, his name is White.

There is at least one encouraging sign, loafers are less popular than they ever were before.

Cast your bread upon the waters and those who benefit by your generosity will grumble because you didn't cast cake.

Prof. McMasters' plan of writing American history will place the school children under the necessity of reading the truth when they are older.

The commercial invasion of the United States by Japan is imminent. Her manufacturers are indomitable, and it seems that the Japanese are not disposed to buy anything abroad which they can make at home. The balance of trade between Japan and the United States seems fixedly against us.

It is said that Queen Victoria, on her return from the south of France, will visit Mr. Astor—or Arstor, as his admiring English friends call him. This will be in recognition of Mr. Astor's generous contribution for her majesty's starving subjects in India. The queen may very well encourage Americans with so much wealth as Mr. Astor enjoys. This rich American exile has spent a great deal of money in her realm.

Any American bicycle maker who seeks information as to the best means of introducing his wares abroad and particularly in Italy cannot do better than consult a report on this subject made to the state department by United States Consul Johnson at Venice. The consul says that while the Italians make a fair bicycle, the people generally prefer foreign wheels, and if the American maker can supply three grades, about \$57.90, \$68.85 and \$115.80 each, there can be no question that a good market can be found. He adds: "As yet, in Italy, women have not taken very enthusiastically to bicycling, but the interest taken by them in this district is daily increasing, especially those who aspire to a position in the fashionable world, as it seems to be quite the proper thing and in excellent 'form' for a woman of a smart set to be an expert bicyclist."

A noble record is that of Trinity Church of Boston. It is the church over which that large-hearted, consecrated man, Phillips Brooks, was rector for so many years. Its present rector stated a few Sabbaths since that its work of charity during the last twenty years had reached in contributions an average of one thousand dollars a Sunday for every Sunday the church had been opened. These were voluntary offerings for all who have needed succor and the ministries of pecuniary help, quite apart from the costly maintenance of the services of the church itself. It shows the great influence for God and humanity an earnest, great-hearted preacher may have over the people who listen to his religious teachings, and are ennobled by the example of his unselfish life. It speaks, too, more emphatically than words can declare it, of the sympathy felt by men of wealth, and by men active and prosperous in business, for those for whom fortune has not shown favor, and whose lives are under the shadows of privation.

The people of Tennessee have prepared to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the admission of the state into the Union, by holding a great centennial and international exposition at Nashville, Centennial Park, where the exposition will be held, is a two hundred acre tract of highly improved land, situated in the western suburbs of the city. It is easily reached by three electric street car lines and one steam railway line. Railroad passenger rates from every section of the country to Nashville, during the progress of the exposition, will be reduced to the minimum. The climate of Middle Tennessee is delightful, and the country surrounding Nashville is ideally beautiful. The main buildings of the exposition are: "The Parthenon," "The Erechtheon," "The Auditorium, Administration, Children's, Commerce, Transportation, Agriculture, Minerals and Forestry, Machinery, Negro, and Government. The dimensions of the buildings which are to contain commercial exhibits, exclusive of annexes, are as follows: Commerce, 500x315 feet; Transportation, 400x130 feet; Machinery, 375x132 feet; Minerals and Forestry, 400x125 feet; Agriculture, 325x175 feet.

LEEDY AND NEWSBOY.

TOPEKA LAD GAVE THE GOVERNOR A DINNER.

The Story of Little Tommy Martin—Only Person Who Is Able to Obtain Favors from the Kansas Executive—A Kind Hearted Man.



AST thy bread upon the waters," says the Bible, "for thou shalt find it after many days."

The governor of Kansas, Gov. Leedy, followed this advice, and his bread came back to him in thick slices, nicely buttered, and served with sundry other dishes which made up a frugal, but wholesome and appetizing meal, says the New York Herald. In other words, an act of kindness he performed to a certain individual resulted in his being invited to a unique dinner, which he himself declares that he will ever treasure up as one of the happiest occasions in his life.

And who do you suppose that individual was? Who do you suppose was the giver of this notable feast?

No less a person than Master Thomas Martin, a 7-year-old newsboy. And here is the story. Two years ago, or when Tommy was a 5-year-old toddler, he began the work of selling newspapers, in order to help support his mother, who is a widow.

Tommy lives in the city of Topeka, which, as you know, is the capital of Kansas. When the legislature was in session there the members were always eager to get the evening papers as soon as they came out. So all the newsboys congregated around the newspaper offices to get copies as soon as they were ready. The moment they were supplied there was a breakaway and a race for the state house. Now, all the newsboys were older and bigger and had longer stronger legs than little Tommy. So he always came in breathless at the end of the line, to find that nearly all the senators and congressmen had been supplied.

It happened one rainy afternoon that Mr. Leedy, who was then not governor, but a senator, was walking toward the state house, when he saw the gathering of boys, the sudden break and the unequal race in which Tommy came out a bad last. He followed and overtook the child, just as he had reached the state house. Thomas was out of breath and the other boys were out of sight.

"Where did the other boys go?" asked the senator.

"They beat me," said Thomas, with a smile, for though beaten he could keep up a stout heart. "Don't you want to buy a paper?"

"Yes, but what made you let the boys run away from you?"

"Well, I guess my legs weren't long enough," piped Thomas, still smiling.

"All right," replied the senator, "now if you won't make any noise I'll take you up in the senate chamber and we'll see if we can't sell the rest of your papers. That will make your legs as long as the big boys' legs. They can't get in there."

"Thank you, sir."

"Isn't this a pretty bad day for you to be out?"

"Oh, a business man can't stop for weather," cried Tiny Tim boldly.

Thomas readily disposed of his papers when he was ushered into the senate chamber. Then he came round to where Senator Leedy sat and thanked him again for his kindness.

"Now, see here," said the senator, "if you will be as quiet as you were today and move about with as little noise I will see if I can't get you in here every day."

In fact, Mr. Leedy made it his business to go around among his fellow-senators and ask their consent to the new arrangement. He explained that, as a rule, he would object to the admission of newsboys into the senate chamber. But as the other boys were all so much bigger than Thomas and all possessed legs of superior length the best way to stretch Thomas' legs to the right size was to let him in every day if he promised to go quietly about his business of selling papers.

He found no difficulty in winning over all the senators. So he left a pass for Thomas with the doorkeeper and every afternoon the little lad appeared, fresh and rosy and found no difficulty in disposing of his entire stock of newspapers. Meanwhile the older lads had to confine themselves, as formerly, to the halls and lobbies of the state house.

Last summer Senator Leedy was nominated for governor and in the fall he was elected. He took his seat on Jan. 1.

Both on the occasion of his nomination and election one of the first letters of congratulation to reach him was from little Tommy.

When, on the 20th of last December, Mr. Leedy came down to Topeka to make arrangements for his inauguration, he was naturally the most sought-

after man in the city. The outer room of his temporary office was crowded with people who wanted to see the governor "just for a minute." Some of them were seeking offices for themselves, others were seeking them for their friends.

A light rap on the door sounded above the confused din.

"Come in," said the governor's secretary. And in walked Master Thomas Martin.

"Is Gov. Leedy in?" he asked.

"Yes," replied the secretary, who recognized the lad at once. "Take a seat and wait a few minutes."

Just then it happened that the governor opened the inner door a few inches and peered cautiously through the crack, as though to decide whom to admit next. His eye fell on little Thomas. All uncertainty vanished. He boldly walked out, extended his hand, and cried heartily:

"Why, how are you, Tommy? I feel glad to see you. What can I do for you?"

And Tommy spoke up boldly and pleasantly.

"Gov. Leedy," he said, "I want you to come and take dinner with me on Tuesday."

The governor laughed a great, jolly laugh of pleased surprise, and said:

"Certainly, Tommy; I accept your invitation with the greatest pleasure."

"All right, sir," said Tommy; "I will come around for you at the office about 5:30."

"A good idea," replied the governor. "I will be on hand. And now, is there anything else I can do for you?"

"No, sir," said the boy, sturdily (an answer that not one of the grown men in that office would have dreamed of making to such a question). "Good morning."

"Good morning, Thomas," said the governor.

And that is how it happened that Gov. Leedy came to get the dinner which he has since described as one of the pleasantest episodes of his whole life.

THEY FEARED A MONARCHY.

Ceremonials Awakened Suspicion Among Early Republican Leaders.

The pageantry of the inauguration serves to recall the old days when the fear of the monarchy was heavy upon the Republican leaders in the new government, says the New York Mail and Express. Washington, the first president, in his own person and in his office, was not averse to the stately ceremonial and custom that to too excitable minds suggested the era of monarchy and oppression. Thus writes William McClay, senator from Pennsylvania, in his diary under date of June 5, 1789: "Leaves may be extremely useful in old countries where men of great fortunes are collected, as they may keep the idle from being worse employed, but here I think they are hurtful."

Indeed, from these small beginnings I fear we shall follow, nor cease till we shall reach the summit of court etiquette and all the frivolities, fopperies and expenses practiced in European governments. I grieve to think how many individuals are aiming at these objects with unceasing diligence." The senator did not like Washington's way of delivering his messages to Congress in person, instead of having them read. They reminded him of "speeches from the throne." For a kindred reason he had no use for the vice-president, John Adams. Witness an entry in his diary made the same year, just after the news of the fall of the Bastille had reached America:

"Royalty and nobility and the vile pageantry by which a few of the human race lord it over and tread on the necks of their fellow-mortals seem likely to be demolished with their kindred Bastille, which is said to be laid in ashes. Ye gods! with what indignation do I think of the late attempts of some creatures among us to revive the vile machinery! Oh, Adams, Adams, what a wretch art thou!"

DINNERS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Ex-President Harrison asserts that state dinners cannot be wholly divested of the repression and stiffness which are the accompaniments of all state affairs. "There is no opportunity for general conversation," he writes in the Ladies' Home Journal, "and the chef and your neighbor at table have your fate in their hands. But there are many other dinners and luncheons to which the elect and the congruous come; and twenty such, seated about the round table in the private dining-room, make a goodly and a heartsome company. These are the dinners that endure the supreme test—you think well of your host and of the company when you wake up."

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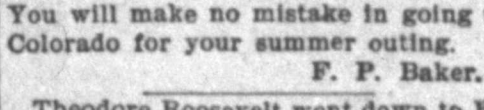
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HOUSE AND SENATE.

BILLS ACTED UPON BY LAW-MAKERS AT AUSTIN.

Wayland Fee Bill to be Sent to a Conference Caucus of Opponents—Prepared to Make a Fight—Purged of Contempt-Bills Yet Pending.

Austin, Texas, May 4.—The senate yesterday passed the deficiency appropriation bill and the house passed Smyth and Maxwell's bill authorizing the Houston and Texas Central to purchase the Waco and Northwestern and the Texas Central railway.

The balance of the day in the house was consumed in engrossing McFarland's bill requiring the publication in a newspaper of notices of sales of real and personal property execution.

The senate refused to concur in house amendments to the Wayland fee bill and the house granted the senate's request for a fee conference committee on said bill. It is conceded that Boyd of Johnson will be appointed a member of the committee on the part of the house, but further than that it is understood that no one else has been definitely settled upon.

About twenty-five of the opponents of fee legislation in the house held a caucus yesterday afternoon and decided to continue the fight, it being their impression that they will have another opportunity to assume a billigerent attitude when the free conference committee reports, as the general opinion is that said committee will report against concurring in the house amendment striking out the section placing sheriffs under the maximum salary rule, said opinion being based upon the knowledge that the governor is opposed to the bill in its present shape and the presumable willingness of the presiding officers of both houses to appoint a committee that will make a report in harmony with his views in the matter. He and Lieutenant Governor Jester discussed the matter yesterday and it is probable that some understanding as to the complexion of the committee insofar as the senate end of it is concerned was arrived at.

All sorts of rumors was afloat yesterday aent the tactics to be used by the opposition in defeating the adoption of the fee conference committee report in case it is antagonistic to the adoption of the house amendments, and predictions are made that extreme measures will be resorted to by the minority to ultimately defeat any kind of fee legislation at all, but the chances are that everybody will cool down before the thing comes up again and that although stout resistance will be made no one will make a fool of himself.

Mr. Blackburn appeared at the bar of the house yesterday evening and disclaimed having intended to treat that body with contempt by jumping the game while it was under call the other day and he was permitted to purge himself of the charge laid at his door and to resume his seat.

Mr. Barbee yesterday evening introduced a bill granting purchasers of the timber on school lands an extension of two years in which to remove said timber, and Mr. Robbins, chairman of the committee on public lands, stated last night that the bill will be reported favorably today.

Although the session is about to draw to a close, not a single bill relating to school matters has been passed by the house. On March 16 a very important bill defining the purposes for which the school can be expended was engrossed, but never taken up again. It is important that this measure find a place on the statute, as the law on the subject is very indefinite and necessitates continual appeals to the courts for interpretations thereof.

There are twenty-five undisposed of bills pending in the house, while there are but seven house bills pending in the senate, all of which except one are local bills.

Governor Coke Stricken.

Waco, Texas, May 4.—Ex-Senator Richard Coke is very ill. He was stricken with paralysis Sunday in the lower limbs, and it is extending today, threatening his entire body. There is yet hope that the attack may be arrested and that the disease may yield to treatment, but the senator is certainly in a very critical condition. Senator Coke has been falling in health and strength since his retirement from the United States senate two years ago. As a consequence he has remained quietly at home in this city, refusing every appeal of friends to enter public discussion.

Eight Hour Day.

San Antonio, May 4.—The general demand for an eight-hour labor day by the Building Trades unions was made in this city yesterday and was, with a few exceptions, granted. Nearly all of the employing contractors have acceded to the demand of the tinner bosses, Vordie & Co. and P. T. Walsh & Co. have refused, and their men, to the number of fifteen, walked out.

Negotiations are now in progress between the master plumbers and the journeymen plumbers looking towards an eight-hour day.

New Laws.

Austin, Texas, May 1.—The governor approved the following yesterday: Bailey's bill amending the franchise tax act and increasing taxes of insurance and sleeping car companies.

House concurrent resolution authorizing the superintendent of public buildings and grounds to lease the temporary capitol for five years.

The following became effective without executive approval:

Stone's concurrent resolution requesting the Texas congressional delegation to secure passage of bill granting indemnity to citizens of Brenham for property destroyed by Federal troops in 1836.

Linn's (of Victoria) concurrent resolution authorizing the Terry Rangers to erect a monument to the memory of their dead in the Capitol grounds.

Austin, Texas, May 1.—The senate had a quorum yesterday and after passing the Presler State uniform system of school text books bill took up the general appropriation bill and spent the day on it, finally passing it to engrossment. As completed this for it is about \$500,000 higher than the committee bill, \$100,000 having been added thereto for the purchase of convict farms, \$140,000 to the judiciary appropriation, \$149,000 to refund paid into the treasury by holders of the Bacon & Graves land certificates and \$12,000 for the asylums.

The house devoted the morning to passing to third reading Senator Burn's bill making an appropriation of \$10,000 for the purchase and beautification of the San Jacinto battlegrounds and the Neighbor's substitute fellow servant bill. The latter means that the law will remain about the same as it is if the substitute advances any further. In other words, no law looking to the abrogation of the doctrine of fellow servants in part or in whole will be passed at this season.

The two measures above referred to having been disposed of, the resolution providing for the suspension of Blackburn of Robertson for having, for the purpose of blocking legislation, absented himself without being excused while the house was under call, was taken up and adopted after several hours had been consumed in the delivery of a number of fervid talks on both sides of the question. When the show-down came, Mr. Blackburn was deprived of his privileges as legislator until he can purge himself to the charge of contempt.

The Governor's Veto.

Austin, Texas, May 1.—The following veto message was received by the house yesterday afternoon:

To the House of Representatives.

House bill No. 309 is herewith returned without approval. In substance it is an act for the sale of public lands in quantities of five acres or less situated on islands in the State to actual settlers who have settled and placed valuable improvements on the land prior to the 1st day of January, 1895, and authorizes the commissioner of the general land office to sell such land to said settlers at such price per acre as may be fixed by him; provided the same shall not be sold for less than its reasonable market value, to be determined by the commissioner.

Since the days of the Republic it has been the general policy of the people of Texas to reserve the islands of the State from sale of location, and without reference to whether its policy shall be further departed from, the bill can not be approved because it is in violation of the Constitution.

By section 2, article 7, of the Constitution one-half of the public domain is made a part of the free school fund of the State, and by section 4 of the same article it is expressly provided that the lands constituting that fund shall be sold "on such terms as may be prescribed by law," which is not complied with by leaving the price of the lands to the judgment and discretion of the commissioner of the general land office. The legislative duty may not be delegated to the commissioner.

The act is also objectionable because if the price of the land had been specified no provision has been made to give the school fund its share of the purchasing money (Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway company vs. State, 77 Texas, 368.)

C. A. Culbertson.

Birmingham, Ala.—The dead body of J. E. H. Baker, a miner, was found along side the Southern railway track near Brookside. As the man had been drinking the theory is that he fell asleep on the track and was killed by a passing train.

The Transvaal.

Cape Town, May 1.—In the Cape parliament yesterday Mr. Merriman, the anti-Rhodes leader, moved a resolution of non-confidence in the Cape ministry, which he supported by a vigorous attack upon the hostile attitude assumed by the Cape Colony administration toward the Transvaal. The chamber was crowded and the debate was of the most exciting character. But the resolution was rejected by the casting vote of the speaker of the house.

Legislature Resume.

Austin, Texas, April 3.—The adoption yesterday by the senate of the report of the free conference committee appointed to settle the differences existing between the houses over the bill validating the sales of school land made under the act of 1887 which were subsequently declared illegal by the higher courts on the ground that the requirement of isolation and detachment had been overlooked, removes the last serious obstacle in the way of the final passage of said bill. The report recommends that the senate concur in the house amendment, which struck out the senate amendment making actual settlement now or within six months from the date of going into effect of the bill a condition precedent to validation.

The bill itself was introduced by Mr. Robbins of Wilbarger, and pushed by him with characteristic energy and its passage will mean an abrogation of the necessity for an appropriation of \$150,000 or more to refund payments by purchasers under the act referred to.

Maccabees Convention.

Austin, Texas, May 3.—The second state convention of the Knights of the Maccabees will be held in Austin next Wednesday, for the purpose of electing representatives to the supreme convention as well as attending to various other matters that will come up. There will be in attendance, besides the delegates from the various subordinate tents, or lodges, throughout the state, and state officials, the supreme commander, D. P. Markey, and great commander, M. C. Daniels, of the state of New York. The local Maccabees have arranged to give a musicale and literary entertainment in honor of the delegates to the state convention at Miller's opera house on Tuesday, May 4, at 8 p. m. They have secured the assistance of some of the best local talent in the city for the occasion. There will be an address by the supreme commander, Markey, who has a splendid reputation as an orator of logical eloquence and pointed wit and humor. On Wednesday, May 5, at 10 o'clock a. m., the state convention convenes at Maccabee hall in Board of Trade building.

Thursday, May 6, the morning will be devoted to visiting various attractions, such as the great dam and lake, the state capitol, and other state institutions and points of interest. Thursday afternoon there will be an open meeting with the Ladies of the Maccabees. Addresses, social entertainment and refreshments.

Rio Grande Rising.

El Paso, Texas, May 3.—The Rio Grande is out of its banks, and a heavy flood is expected in a few days when the water from the melting snow comes down from the mountains. The city has a force of men throwing up a levee to protect the lower part of the city, where the flood waters played such havoc two years ago.

Head-End Collision.

Calvert, Texas, May 3.—About 11 o'clock Saturday night freight trains 12 and 11 had a head-end collision just inside the yards. Both engines, 104 and 108, were damaged badly. Three or four cars were completely demolished. No. 12 was trying to back into a siding to clear the track for No. 11 when it appeared on the hill, but No. 12 being heavily loaded, could not clear the track. Engineer Callahan, on No. 11, could not control his train, as the air would not work. Engineers on both trains reversed and turned on sand, and jumped.

A Serious Charge.

Cuero, Texas, May 3.—Deputy Sheriff Madison Granbury, from the Terryville neighborhood, brought Charlie and Albert Squyres here yesterday and put them in jail, charged with killing John Dowlearn. Both are boys, one about 14 or 15 years old, the other about 13. John Dowlearn was about 14 years old. The tragedy happened at Mount Hebron church, where the people were assembled to decorate the graveyard at their annual May decoration. All three of the boys are sons of highly respectable people.

After Fine Land.

Buffalo, Texas, May 3.—Mr. Emil Kohn, a German emigrant agent, has been in town a couple of days this week trying to secure fine land and pastures with a view of forming a German colony. It is a fine body of land, consisting of 3500 acres lying three to six miles from town, with plenty of pure freestone water and fine grass, and is one of the choicest tracts of land in Central Texas.

Will Offer Rewards.

Austin, Texas, May 3.—Sheriff L. J. Somb of Waller county and Sheriff Sparks of Lee county returned home yesterday with the assurance that the governor would, if necessary to secure their apprehension and conviction, offer rewards of \$500 for the apprehension and capture of each participant in the recent Sunnyside lynching. Mr. Lipscomb is of the opinion that white men did the work and that the alleged confession of the Thomas boys was a myth.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

The Sanger Mill and Elevator company has received its charter and began work for the plant the other day.

Seven carloads of cattle arrived in Greenville, Hunt county, for Y. O. McAdams, from Longview over the Cotton belt recently.

The residence of A. G. Reed in Alvin, Brazoria county, burned the other day. Cause, gasoline stove. Loss, \$1500, insurance \$800.

The teachers of the public schools in Cleburne, Johnson county, have prepared a petition to the city council asking for a curfew ordinance.

W. T. Nash and R. C. Boggess shipped 530 head of cattle from Kaufman, Kaufman county, by way of the Midland to Barlow, L. T., a few days ago.

The city council of Ennis, Ellis county, is considering the matter of rebuilding the city hall and a very strong sentiment prevails in favor of a brick structure.

Frazier & Farley shipped a train of 2-year-old steers to the Territory from Beeville, Bee county, several days ago. Several other trains were loaded by others.

The Galveston, Houston and Henderson railway company recently paid the comptroller at Austin \$96.90, tax on \$9690 of passenger earnings for the quarter ended March 31.

Mrs. John R. and George Lewis of Burleson county, shipped eighteen carloads of cattle from Caldwell to the Indian Territory the other day, where they will be put on a large ranch.

The Hamburg-American steamship Hispania, Captain Halen, from Hamburg, with seventy-seven immigrants, arrived at Galveston a few nights ago. They were inspected and permitted to land.

Allin Pittman, the 13-year-old son of J. N. Pittman at Italy, Ellis county, had his leg broken in two places and was badly bruised and lacerated by his horse running against a gate post with him.

A fire broke out in Ennis, Ellis county, several mornings ago and destroyed three buildings. Some goods saved. Loss and insurance not yet known. Fire said to have originated in top of building.

J. A. Menefee's lumber yard at Engle, five miles east of Flatonia, Fayette county, was burned a few mornings ago. Origin of the fire is a mystery. The yard was a total loss with \$2000 insurance.

In a shooting match in the colony at Floresville, Wilson county, several evenings ago, Eugene Samples, colored, was killed, Jesse Gundy, also colored, was jailed. The trouble was about money due.

Christian Bayer was run over and killed by a freight train at Yorktown, DeWitt county. He was walking on the railroad bridge in an easterly direction and was run over by a west-bound freight.

Al Brooks, a negro, charged with killing another negro named Stobe, fourteen years ago, was convicted recently at Luling, Caldwell county, and the verdict gave him twenty-nine years in the penitentiary.

Several days ago at Corpus Christi, George Alley was sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for stealing a cow, and the same afternoon was married in the jail to Laura Maxy. Alley's case will not be appealed.

Mrs. Margaret O'Donnell, who has resided in Palestine, Anderson county, for a number of years, fell dead at her home several mornings ago, supposed to have been caused by rupture of a blood vessel near the heart.

Edgar Roundtree, a negro, about 19 years old, while standing on the steps of his father's house in Troupe, Smith county, accidentally fell out, sticking the blade of a knife into his bowels, causing death in about ten minutes.

A section hand on the Fort Worth branch of the Houston and Texas Central was thrown from a handcar at Sardis, Ellis county, a few evenings ago and sustained severe injuries. He was taken to the hospital at Houston.

At Shelby, Austin, county a few nights ago the dead body of Mrs. Louis Haverla was found hanging in the barn at her home. She was about 35 years old and leaves a husband and five children. Her husband was not at home at the time. An inquest was held and the justice of the peace decided that it was a case of suicide.

J. Krause, a merchant of Marion, Guadalupe county, was shot and killed by burglars several mornings ago. He slept in the rear of his store and it is presumed that he was awakened by burglars and came out after them. He held his pistol with one chamber discharged. No clew.

A few nights ago fire broke in Brownwood, Brown county, in an old frame store house on the public square, used as a beer hall. The house and contents were destroyed. Loss on building about \$400, to stock and fixtures about \$200.

Three carloads of new machinery were received Saturday for the Merchants and Planters' gin, which will be put in place as soon as practicable.

About 400 people attended the picnic given at Dickinson Saturday by the Trinity church of Galveston. The park grounds have recently been cleaned, the buildings and seats painted, the pavilion floors scrubbed, new signs put up, boats repaired and many improvements made in the appearance of things.

Mr. J. T. White shipped 521 beeves from Winnie, on the Gulf and Interstate railroad, a few days ago. These beeves were put on the cars and ready to start on their journey to the Indian Territory in just 100 minutes from the time they went into the pen. The Gulf and Interstate will carry them to Galveston, and the Santa Fe will carry them through to the destination. The stockmen here are well pleased with the superior facilities the Gulf and Interstate offers for shipping cattle and expect to ship their stock over that road in the future.

A lot of Louisiana cattle were shipped through Cisco to Albany a few weeks ago destined for a ranch five miles from that place. They were forbidden to unload there and also at a small station to Cisco and unloaded and driven twenty-five miles through the country to the point of destination. Now native cattle are dying all along the route. A telegram signed by prominent stockmen and others was sent from Cisco to Austin requesting assistance in this instance, and an answer was received from Representative Maxwell that the governor had wired the quarantine officers and they were en route here now.

Governor Culbertson has issued the following proclamation: Be it known that I, C. A. Culbertson, governor of the state of Texas, by authority vested in me by the laws of this state, do hereby declare that quarantine shall be established on the gulf coast and Rio Grande border on and after May 1, 1897, and that it shall continue until closed by proclamation. Said quarantine shall apply to all vessels, persons of things coming from places infected by yellow fever, smallpox or cholera and all places south of 25 degrees north latitude, shall be considered infected unless proof to the contrary be submitted to the state health officer and special exemption be granted to said vessels and persons from such places are prohibited from entering this state within a period of ten days. I further declare quarantine against any person or persons infected or liable to be infected with yellow fever, smallpox or cholera either within or without the state, and direct the quarantine officers of the state and health officers of counties and towns to establish local quarantine around any and all such persons whenever discovered.

At a called meeting of the citizens of Alvin and vicinity Friday, A. W. Wilkinson was elected chairman and W. B. Bair secretary. The object of the meeting was explained to be the selection of a committee appointed at Angleton in working up a proper bonus and securing right of way, etc., for a proposed railroad running through the counties of Brazoria and Matagorda. The expression of the meeting was that if this road would be started from Alvin it would give the people of both east and west sides of Brazoria county a better access to their court house and require at least ten miles less road bed than to leave the Santa Fe main line in Galveston county. If this is done the people in the east side of this county would give the project their earnest, financial and moral support, and also petition that the county donate bonds for a reasonable amount to assist in building the road. The following committee was appointed: Messrs. Wolcott and Cook of Pearland; A. W. Wilkerson, W. B. Bair, G. W. Durant, F. J. Bush, A. S. Cummings, John Wilburn, J. C. McBride and S. N. Richardson, secretary.

Governor Holcomb and the first section of the excursionists arrived at Beaumont Friday night and went on to Port Arthur. The second section of the excursionists arrived later and went on to Port Arthur.

Wednesday was one of the biggest days in Cuero's history. Besides her population about 3000 visitors were present. The floats were magnificently decorated and would have done credit to any city. The Corpus Christi team won the race, making the distance, 600 feet, and getting water in forty-four seconds. The ball at night was also a grand success.

A telephone line to Iola and Pankey, in Grimes county, has just been completed, and Bryan is now connected with the following towns not included in the long-distance service: Kurten, Willow Hole, Madisonville, Benchley, Iola and Pankey.

A petition is being circulated at Velasco to have the government appropriate a sum sufficient to build a jetty wall on the east side of the mouth of the Bernard. It is estimated that 700 feet will be enough to secure five feet of water necessary to accommodate the schooner trade of the Bernard country.

MOVEMENT OF GOLD.

HEAVY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE NEW YORK SUB-TREASURY.

Over Four Million in Gold Coin and Bullion Will be Exported—To Take Advantage of the New Tariff Law—Out on Bond.

Washington, May 1.—Yesterday's withdrawal from the New York sub-treasury of \$4,000,000 in gold coin and bullion for export is not viewed with apprehension at the treasury department, old officials of the department calling attention to the fact that during the last twenty years and more there has been an annual movement of gold from this country to Europe, usually beginning in April or May and ending in midsummer, and a corresponding return movement during the winter months. The last three years, however, have been marked by abnormal gold movements based on abnormal conditions, which, it is said, no longer exist. The records of the treasury show that during the last eight years the heaviest monthly exports of gold in round numbers have occurred as follows: June, 1889, \$18,000,000; July 1890, \$12,000,000; May, 1891, \$31,000,000; June, 1892, \$17,000,000; May, 1893, \$19,000,000; May, 1894, \$27,000,000; February, 1895, \$25,000,000; May, 1896, \$19,000,000. Several reasons are given for the present gold export movement, of which reason the heavy importation to take advantage of the proposed new tariff law is regarded as the weightiest.

Out on Bond.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—Henry A. Cassin, the defaulting cashier of the Georgia Loan, Savings and Banking company, was indicted by the grand jury yesterday, embezzlement being the charge.

President George V. Gress was examined by the grand jury and questioned as to the conduct of the bank, other officers and directors of the bank also being before the grand jury, the session lasting more than five hours. Yesterday afternoon Cashier Cassin's bond was fixed at \$10,000 by Judge Lumpkin of the superior court. The bond was signed by Judge Henry H. Hillyer, Cassin's father-in-law. After Cassin was released upon the bond he was re-arrested at the suggestion of Solicitor General Hill, who took the position that Judge Hillyer was not a good bondsman, as he was an attorney-at-law and consequently an officer of the court. The bond was then signed by F. M. Coker, president of a private bank in the city.

Young Cassin refused to make any statement in regard to his shortage. As soon as his new bond was signed he was taken to the home of Judge Hillyer. The bond is returnable to the criminal superior court, which meets on the third Monday in May. President Gress, as soon as he was examined by the grand jury, left the city. At the bank it was stated that he was away on business connected with the bank but no one knew his address. The departure of President Gress at this critical period of the investigation has given rise to many rumors about the city.

Bodies Being Recovered.

Guthrie, Ok., May 1.—Two bodies of flood victims were found yesterday, George Owens, the heroic young butcher, who gave up his life while saving others, and Mrs. Fannie Ruffin, a colored woman. Both were almost completely buried with sand and Owens' body was very near where he went down. Relief parties are patrolling both the Cottonwood and Cimarron rivers, searching for other bodies in driftwood, sand deposits and wreckage and will continue for days. The relief committee are distributing food and clothing to all the destitute and suffering.

A hundred or more ladies are hard at work at relief headquarters making clothing and bedding. Money and supplies are given liberally and the city will be able care for all.

Reports from the western part of the country show almost every river bridge in the county gone and a large amount of damage to farmers. Great damage is also reported in northern Payne county.

Yesterday the large bottling works of N. F. Chesdale on the banks of the river collapsed and went into the still swollen stream. The walls having been undermined. This entails an additional loss of \$5000.

Tried to Escape Jail.

South McAlester, I. T., May 1.—On Thursday evening at the turnkey at the United States jail was coming out of the door that opens into the cage, after making his usual rounds, he was caught by two prisoners who attempted to take the jail keys away from him. The turnkey divined their purpose and threw the keys through the jail window during the tussle with the two prisoners four or five other prisoners made a dash for the center jail door, which they found locked.

Capt. Romeyn on Trial.

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—The trial of Capt. Henry Romeyn before the general court martial convened at Fort McPherson, was continued Thursday. The day was taken up in hearing evidence in rebuttal of that which had been introduced by the accused. Very little advance was made, however, as there were numerous objections to different questions, and in each instance the courtroom was necessarily cleared for consultation. Capts. Wales, Dalley, Forbes, Tillson, Randall, Borden and Lieut. Col. Russell, all of Fort McPherson, testified that they had seen no ostracism of Lieut. and Mrs. O'Brien, or any public disfavor. From present indications the trial will not end before next Monday. Thursday Capt. Romeyn was presented a magnificent solid silver loving cup by the members of his company, which is company G of the fifth infantry, U. S. A. On the cup was the following inscription: "Presented to Capt. Henry Romeyn by the members of company G, fifth infantry, in recognition of his worth as a soldier and a gentleman."

Charged with Embezzlement.

St. Louis, Mo., May 1.—David H. Hayes, for eighteen years cashier of the St. Louis postoffice, was arrested yesterday, charged with the embezzlement of \$15,000.

The information was sworn to by Inspector Joe Johnson of St. Louis, who has been examining the books for the past week. Mr. Hayes was arraigned before United States Commissioner James Craig. The accused waived examination and was held to the federal grand jury in the sum of \$3000. He at once left the commissioner's office and went to his home in Webster.

The shortage was made good by C. M. Hayes, general manager of the Grand Trunk railroad, who came here several days ago on receiving word of his brother's trouble. Despite this the Washington officials have sent word here to begin prosecution. The accused is afflicted with heart disease and may not live to stand trial.

Lavigne Won.

New York, May 1.—Kid Lavigne of Saginaw, Mich., is still the lightweight champion of the world. Last night in the Broadway Athletic club before 2000 people he met and defeated Eddie Connolly of St. Johns, N. B. Both men weighed yesterday afternoon below the stipulated weight of 133 pounds and they were matched to box for twenty-five rounds to decide the world's championship. The battle was fast and furious, but at the end of the eleventh round Lavigne had Connolly fought to a standstill after sending him down five times in succession with right swings on the head and jaw. Connolly gained a host of friends by his gameness in getting to his feet in a couple of seconds each time, but these efforts were unavailing and he staggered into his corner at the end of the eleventh round hopelessly beaten.

The Fair Will Case.

San Francisco, Cal., May 1.—In the suit of the heirs and administrators of James G. Fair's estate against Mrs. Nettie Craven to disprove the validity of certain deeds alleged to have been signed by Fair, several witnesses testified that Fair was in San Rafael from Sept. 19 to Sept. 24, 1894. After corroborative evidence on this point, the attorneys for Mrs. Craven admitted the fact of Mr. Fair's visit to San Rafael on the dates claimed. The alleged deeds are signed on Sept. 24 and Timothy Connolly, a hackman, testified that he had been engaged to drive Mr. Fair to the station on Sept. 24, but that when he called Fair sent word he was too sick to go to San Francisco that day, but would return to the city the following day, which latter plan was carried out.

Turkey's Terms of Peace.

New York, May 1.—A special from Washington says: The terms of peace which Turkey has offered Greece have reached the Washington legation. They are as follows: Restoration of the boundary fixed by the treaty of 1831, which gave to Turkey all of Thessaly, including its extensive sea coast; the evacuation by Greece of Prevesa and other points in the province of Epirus; the withdrawal of Greek troops from Crete and the acceptance of the plan of autonomy offered the island by the porte; the payment of a war indemnity large enough to cover the expense of the mobilizing of Turkish troops.

An Outlaw Killed.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 1.—United States Marshal Halle has received word that the outlaw, Black Jack, was killed Tuesday in Arizona, eighteen miles west of Clifton, by a posse of deputy marshals. It was at first thought the man killed was Sid Moore. The body has been identified as that of Black Jack. Big rewards offered for the arrest of Black Jack will be paid to the posse.

LOSS OVER \$3,000,000.

PITTSBURG BUSINESS HOUSES DESTROYED BY A FIRE.

A Number of Firemen Hurt and One of Them is Under a Fallen Wall—Veto on Arbitration Treaty to Be Taken Wednesday—Congressional Forecast.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 3.—The greatest fire that has ever visited this city since the memorable one of 1845 started shortly after midnight Sunday in the immense wholesale grocery establishment of Thomas C. Jenkins, on Penn avenue and Liberty street, and at 2:30 o'clock was still burning fiercely. Three large blocks extending from Liberty street to Penn avenue and from Fifth to Sixth streets have been reduced to smoldering ruins, and while the fire is now believed to have spent its fury it is not yet under control. The loss will exceed \$2,000,000 and is well covered by insurance.

Among the buildings destroyed are Jenkins' wholesale grocery establishment, Horne's office building, the Duquesne theater and the Methodist Episcopal book concern.

The fire started in the cellar of the Jenkins building in a pile of barrels filled with waste paper. The flames were discovered by Watchman William Hunter while making his rounds on the third floor. He had smelled smoke earlier in the evening, but believed that it came from the outside and had paid no attention to it. The flames leaped rapidly up the elevator shaft, and he made a vain attempt to extinguish the fire with buckets of water. An air shaft used to ventilate the great building fanned the flames and he found it impossible to do anything. He made his escape from the building with great difficulty because of the immense volume of smoke.

Congressional Forecast.

Washington, May 3.—The senate will resume business in earnest today, and the week bids fair to be one of the most important in results. According to agreement a vote will be taken on the arbitration treaty on Wednesday. It is also quite probable that the committee vacancies will be filled and that the tariff bill will be reported to the senate. For the rest, Senator Morgan probably will call up his Cuban resolution, the sundry civil appropriation bill may be passed and Senator Hear has given notice that he will have the committee on rules discharged from the further consideration of his amendments to the rule for the limitation of debate.

There is great uncertainty as to the fate of the treaty, and it now looks as if the margin would not exceed two or three votes, whatever the result may be. There are a few unascertained votes which will decide the result. A canvass which was made yesterday shows forty votes certain for the treaty and twenty-five votes against it. Twenty-nine votes in opposition are sufficient to defeat it, but the opposition do not know just where these four votes can be found. There will be considerable sparring over the treaty before the vote is taken, but no prolonged debate is expected. The consideration of the sundry civil appropriation bill has been postponed until Senator Allison, who will have charge of it in the senate, can be present. If Senator Hoar fulfills his promise to bring up the question of the amendment of the rules his motion will be stubbornly resisted by the democrats. Those of them who favor the changes proposed will not assent to them on the eve of the tariff fight. The new senator from Kentucky, Mr. Deboe, probably will be sworn in today.

War Regarded as Finished.

London, May 3.—The Times will publish today a dispatch from Larissa dated Wednesday which says: The Christians who are returning here all say that during the battle of Milouna Crown Prince Constantine was at Karadoc, at the foot of the pass. The Greek army is described as being on that occasion like a disorderly mob. All discipline was flung to the winds, and the soldiers fired even on their officers, so terrible was the panic. "It is impossible to believe the army at Pharsala can withstand the Turks in a pitched battle. That the war is now practically over is plainly apparent."

Trinity church, New York, began the celebration of the bi-centennial of its foundation.

William's Latest Move.

Berlin, May 3.—A great sensation has been caused by a circular issued at Emperor William's instigation, to the magistrates of the principal towns, comparing the state of the German fleet in 1880 with its condition now declaring that unless new ships are put on the docks in large numbers Germany will be compelled, and perhaps suddenly, to reconstruct her cruiser flotilla and to devote very large amounts for that purpose. The opposition papers criticize the circular severely.

Should Have Advanced.

London, May 4.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Arta will say today:

One of the worst of the mistakes of the Greeks has been the intermittent character of the attack on Prevesa. Its capture was essential if the Greeks meant business in Epirus. To capture so strong a place by the means adopted was quite impossible, and now the opportunity is lost altogether. Instead of desultory firing, which enabled the Turks to repair damage about as fast as it was done, the town should have been attacked with determination by the combined naval and military forces.

Arta is now deserted, its wretched inhabitants living in the fields behind the town, many of them on the verge of starvation. Nothing is procurable in the way of food except a scanty and uncertain supply of bread. Women and children are suffering pitifully with cold and hunger and to those tortures is added the dread of a Turkish attack at any moment.

London, May 4.—A special from Jamaica says: After traveling 200 miles across the country I found the greatest loyalty to the sultan and hatred of the Greeks everywhere. The Greek prisoners are bitter at the conduct of their officers. They are well treated by the Turks.

Seventy wounded Turks and twenty-two Greeks are in the hospitals here. The sanitation of the infirmary is excellent. There are only 411 sick men.

Could Have Been Crashed.

Athens, May 4.—It appears that Turns asked an armistice in order to bury their dead. The request was referred to the commander in chief, from whom no definite reply is forthcoming, but the armistice is tacitly observed. The Greeks speak with emotion of the enemy's gallantry.

The Turks had evidently planned to surprise the Greek military authorities before they could recover from the bewilderment of the retreat from Larissa and to intercept the railway at Velesino, thus cutting off Pharsala from the nearest base of supplies, and pushing in a strong wedge of troops in order to threaten Volo and Pharsala. They could have been captured or annihilated if there had been sufficient rolling stock to transport Greek reinforcements from Pharsala, or if General Smolentz's troops had not been too tired to attempt a flank movement.

Fate of a Traitor.

New York, May 4.—A special to the Journal from Havana says: Dr. Maximo Zertucha, Antonio Maceo's physician, who is alleged to have betrayed the Cuban general to the Spaniards, was arrested at his home near Guines yesterday and brought to Havana under close guard. He is now in the military prison in the fortress of La Cabanas, opposite this city. He is held incommunicado. It is understood at the palace that Weyler has ordered his deportation to Chafarinas island, the Spanish penal station.

Dr. Zertucha was formerly chief surgeon of the insurgent forces in Pinar del Rio province, and personal physician to General Antonio Maceo until the latter's death at Punta Brava. He surrendered to the Spanish outpost after Maceo was killed. He was branded a traitor by Cubans. They declared that he betrayed Maceo into the Spaniard's hands, and was to get \$50,000 reward.

Austin, Texas, May 3.—W. P. Blackburn, the member from Robertson county who was suspended by the house last week for absconding himself during a call without being excused, showed up yesterday evening and stated that he had not intended to place himself in contempt, but that he felt that he was physically unable to undergo such another ordeal as the one incidental to the assignment bill tie-up and that noticing the door of the sergeant-at-arms' room open he took advantage of the opportunity to escape. He denies that he was prevailed upon or assisted by any one to leave the house.

Mayor's in Dispute.

Cincinnati, May 4.—Last month Gustav Tafel was elected mayor to succeed Hon. J. A. Caldwell. The latter claims his term does not expire until July 7. Tafel qualified last month, and claims to be mayor now. Pending a decision from the supreme court, both are making appointments of members of the boards. As Caldwell occupies the executive office, his appointees also hold forth at the city hall.

Southern Pacific Report.

New York, May 4.—The annual report of the Southern Pacific for 1895, just issued, shows gross earnings for the year to have been: Gross \$44,000,000; decrease \$1,100,357; operating expenses \$31,502,200; decrease \$1,280,228; net earnings \$12,497,799; decrease \$510,128; surplus after charges \$1,780,523; decrease \$395,608. The sum of \$509,819 was expended for betterments of proprietary lines, of which \$66,611 was charged to capital account. Steel rails were laid over 153 miles and these, together with ties renewed, were charged to operating expenses.

By direction of Congress and the President the Secretary of the Navy has placed a warship at the command of the Christian Herald Bible House, New York, for the purpose of transporting any corn that generous farmers of this country may donate to their starving heathen brothers in India. Ten thousand people are dying there every day of starvation. It is likely that their cries for bread will be liberally responded to by the farmers of the west and south. Every community should be able to send a carload of the corn that is now going to waste for want of a market. Committees proposing to contribute should write to the Christian Herald. Wheat and other unperishable products will be taken.

An Atchison girl on her way to the altar has stopped long enough to recall that her married sister has had four babies, two buggy rides, one theatrical treat and two parties in ten years and the recollection is affecting her so seriously that it is doubtful if she will resume her interrupted journey.

An English woman who is expert in palmistry says American women are among her best customers, and she attributes this fact to their vanity. A better reason, however, may be that they have handsome hands.

The intemperate use of adjectives is a form of literary disease. Total abstinence from adjectives is not practical, but a moderate use of that part of speech is essential to the best style. One who heard Nansen address the Royal Geographical society says that in the whole discourse, lasting more than an hour, there was not a superfluous adjective.

Two men have been sentenced to the penitentiary in St. Louis for going to church. They went after midnight and stole the communion service.

A package of PERUVIANA, the best kidney cure on earth, sent FREE to any sufferer if written for promptly. Peruviana Remedy Co., 286 Fifth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Teddy Roosevelt's successor in New York is named Moss, but it is said there isn't any on him.

I never used so quick a cure as Pico's Cure for Consumption.—J. B. Palmer, Box 1171, Seattle, Wash., Nov. 25, 1895.

Sin has many tools; but a lie is a handle which fits them all.—Holmes.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or New York.

When an Arab enters a house he takes off his shoes, and not his hat.

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

There are 810 creameries and skim stations in Iowa, with \$300 patrons.

LIQUOR HABIT POSITIVELY CURED. Home Treatment—Written guarantee given—no cure no pay. Send 25c stamp for "Positive" Newland's Medicine, Hornetville, N. Y. Mention this paper.

Every man desires to live long, but no man would be old.—Swift.

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

A true patriot is known by his interest in education.—James Ellis.

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

Mark Hanna has the Brice habit. He wears a red carnation every day.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggist refunds money.

Nothing can work me damage but myself.—Saint Bernard.



The papers are full of deaths from

Heart Failure

Of course

the heart fails to act when a man dies, but "Heart Failure," so called, nine times out of ten is caused by Uric Acid in the blood which the Kidneys fail to remove, and which corrodes the heart until it becomes unable to perform its functions.

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

Warrant's Safe Cure

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

LOCAL NEWS.

ARLEDGE & KENNEDY

DEALER IN

Groceries & Hardware,

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

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

Judge Winfree's court drew a large crowd Monday.

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

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

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

Highest price paid for cattle and hogs at the

HATCHELL MARKET.

Arledge & Kennedy for RED ONE flour, best on earth \$1.35 per sack.

A. H. Wootters and wife left Monday for San Antonio on a trip for the benefit of his wife's health.

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

A great big schooner of ice cold keg beer and free lunch, for only one nickel, at Hyman's Saloon.

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

A picnic at Coltharp last week. As usual it was well attended and all in attendance supplied with an abundance of good things.

Down they go. By special request from headquarters prices have been cut nearly in two at MISTROT'S.

W. R. Stubblefield, of Centralia, was on our streets Monday. He made some large purchases in the dry goods and grocery line.

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

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

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

Arledge & Kennedy's, the OLD RELIABLE are never under sold. Get prices from others and then go to them; they will discount any prices made you.

Go to Arledge & Kennedy for your SPOT CASH bargains after you get prices. We are holding something good, for WE KEEP OUR OWN BOOKS.

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.

A Few Words From The Boys

It is with renewed confidence and vigor that we again present our card to the people of Houston and adjoining counties. We have hoped to even double our business during this year (1897), and so far we are proud to say, success is ours. In order to do his full share toward promoting this revival, our buyer Mr. W. B. Wilson spent a month in the market battling with measles and high prices. He believes he got the better of them both, especially prices, as we have many things in our store to offer you for almost half the money you have been paying for them. We have special bargains in every line we carry. Ladies if you care to see the most up to date, stylish line of Dress Goods, in all the new colors, and the very latest fad in novelties, call at our store and let us show you. Your time will be profitable, should you buy elsewhere. Here is a bargain that has caused men to talk all day, and the women all night, an all wool one way Challie worth 18 to 20c per yard, bought at such a price as to sell at 10c per yard, consisting of twenty-five bolts in nice bright flowers of the latest designs. These goods will make a nice Spring and Summer dress and nothing nicer for wrappers.

ask to see them when you call. We have a line of shirt waist, also a very handsome line of shirt waist goods, collars and cuffs of the very latest. Our line of vests for ladies will please any one in quality or price. We believe we have the best 10 and 25c hose for ladies and the best 10c hose for children in Crockett, call and see them. Remember the John Kelly tie and slipper has no equal in wear, style and finish and sold only by **McLean & Wilson.**

Young men call and see our line of Wilson Bros., shirts in negligee, colored fronts and whites. Do you need a suit of clothes, if so we have one in color and price to suit you. Do you need a nice cool coat we have a nice Summer linen coat worth \$1.25 for 75c, call and see them. You will find the best line of Straw Hats in our store that ever came to Crockett. Gentlemen our line of underwear is very complete in white and all the colors, any size drawers in Pepperell or Scrivens, also knit. Just received a new line of Crossett's shoes in Tan, Pat., Calf, Cordavan and Kangaroo, we believe we can fit any foot in town as we have any last from A to G.

F. C. Co.'s Corsets, MAKE American Beauties



CORRECT SHAPES. ARTISTIC EFFECTS.



All Lengths.

NEWEST MODELS.



FANCY AND PLAIN.

FEATHERBONE CORSET CO., SOLE MANUFACTURERS. SOLD BY

Just received a new line of Featherbone Corsets, they are new styles never out before, we have all styles, high and low bust, short, long and medium waist. The best 50c Summer corset ever offered also a better one. After wearing this corset four weeks if not perfectly satisfactory return it and get your money, every one are sold this way.

RESPECTFULLY,

MCLEAN & WILSON.

Mr. J. C. Thompson, of Mistrot's went down to Galveston Monday.

Go to Mistrot's if you want bargains such as are no where else to be found.

B. F. Pridgen and H. C. Leaverton, of Grapeland were in town Monday.

Rev. Mr. Strain, a universalist minister, preached at the court house last Sunday at 3 p. m.

All shirtwaists sent to the Crockett Steam Laundry will not be faded any more than your wash worn will.

John Edwards, brother of Wilese Edwards, died at Houston last week and his remains were interred here Sunday.

Miss Daisy King, of Pilot Point, who has been visiting her brother, R. D. King, of this city, returned to her home Tuesday evening, accompanied by Master Otis King.

The hog law went into effect 30 days from 31st of March—that is to say, it is in effect now. We make note of this that the public may be on the guard.

Dr. Albert Dupuy, of Tennessee Colony, is expected in a few days on a visit to relatives; also Dr. Alton Dupuy, of San Antonio is expected in a short while.

There has been a change in the management of the Capitol Hotel. Louis Berry, formerly connected with the Pickwick has gone in with Mr. Frazier and they are running it jointly.

W. V. McConnell was called to Augusta suddenly on Monday, his little boy having been seriously hurt as he thought from a revolving well-windlass. Fortunately the misadventure didn't prove to be as serious as was apprehended and the young gentleman is all right.

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness." Take a bath at the Crockett Steam Laundry.

Mrs. Hattie Collins who has been dangerously ill for some weeks is convalescent.

Ike Daniel, Tony Gossett and others spent last Sunday on Hickory Creek.

Some very fine grades of liquors, fresh keg beer and free lunch to go with it at Hyman's Saloon.

Miss Hattie Belle Arledge is going to give a Progressive Heart Party in about two weeks. This entertainment promises to be unique and original and dead sure to marry off any fellow that can't get off otherwise.

Peremptory Slaughter Sale.

Of the finest selected stock of spring and summer dry goods ever brought to Crockett to make room for more salvage goods now in transit, now on at

MISTROT BROS & Co.

The Sunday Schools united in a picnic on the bayou last Saturday. A large crowd was on hand and bushels of fun and good things to eat. An attractive feature of the procession was a large wagon drawn by two yoke of oxen and filled with boys till they were spilling over the sides.

You miss a good opportunity to help home enterprise when you fail to give John and Jess your laundry work and send it to Houston. The Crockett Steam Laundry has up-to-date machinery and workmen and the quality of work turned out is guaranteed to please all.

An Explosion.

The boiler of Rowden's saw mill located in Trinity county burst last week, killing one man and, it is thought, fatally wounding two or three others.

We are Authorized to Announce. Galveston, Tex. 5-5, '97.

COURIER:

You may announce the fact that Mistrot Bros have secured first choice of the Ely-Walker stock, sold yesterday.

The great dry goods sale of the Ely-Walker stock sold Tuesday, all the large buyers were there from the east, north, south and west. This was the biggest auction sale ever known in the United States, consisting of over \$800,000 worth of dry goods. We are proud to know that the well known firm of Mistrot Bros & Co, secured first choice and were the largest buyers.

The Christians occupied the court house in the morning last Sunday. This denomination is growing in and around Crockett and it will not be a great while before they will erect a handsome house of worship. We hope to see them begin soon. They are abundantly able to do so with the help they can get from others.

The entertainment at the Opera House on Friday evening last, given by the elocution class of Mrs. R. M. Atkinson furnished enjoyment of a high order. The students acquitted themselves with skill and ability reflecting great credit on them selves and their instructor. The proceeds were for Glenwood and reached fifty dollars. W. E. Mayes generously donated the use of the Opera House for the occasion.

Look Out.

The hog law provisions went into force May the first. It would be well for all persons who have hogs running out to bear in mind the law just passed by the legislature—making it a misdemeanor for the owners of any hog, sheep or goats thus trespassing and finable in any sum not less than five nor more than fifty dollars.

Post Master Edmiston! A Word.

You couldn't do a thing that would prove a greater convenience to the public than to put up in two or three places of the city, letter boxes. True it is, that the law doesn't allow any compensation, but there would be ample compensation in the grateful appreciation of your friends and besides the salary of your office is large enough to justify such a convenience, especially since the expense would be nominal.

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.

The Coffee War.

Every school boy knows that coffee is now cheaper than ever before and that every one can now afford to use the best brand. Java Blend Coffee in 1, 2 and 5 pound tin pails is the best brand on the market. One pound is equal in strength and flavor to two pounds of any other brand. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded. Try it. The best is always the cheapest. Put up only by the American Coffee Co. For sale by C. W. Ellis, Dean & Williams and Jno. Mangum Crockett, Tex.

Tennessee Centennial, Nashville, Tenn.

May 1st to November 1st 1897. Rates via International and Great Northern. R. R., from Crockett are as follows: \$15.50 tickets limited to 10 days, on sale Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$21.35 tickets limited to 20 days; \$29.10 tickets limited until November 1897.

J. B. Valentine, Agent.

May 7

THE COURIER,

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

LITTLE Grece is receiving a hide-raising spanking at the hands of the Turks.

F. B. ROBINSON, the genius who directs the fortunes and destinies of the Huntsville Item, dropped in to see us Wednesday on his way to Austin.

Just how much of all this talk about the air-ship is to be credited to a spirit of mendacity, it is hard to tell. There seems to be a few grains of truth, however, in some of it.

THE close of the Nineteenth Century, the most enlightened and the most humane, it is alleged, witnesses the shameful spectacle of all the Christian powers of Europe standing by and conniving at the drubbing which Turkey is administering to Greece.

News from Cuba is about as unreliable as all these reports about the air-ship. In one dispatch we are told that Spain has given up the fight and is sending troops to Spain. In another we learn that Spain claims to have pacified Cuba and that the troops are not needed. And so it goes.

We are indebted to Hon. J. W. Madden, Secretary of State, for the recent law, passed by the legislature in April, applying to the owners of hogs, sheep and goats, running at large in districts that have adopted the hog law. The new law will not go into effect for 90 days after adjournment of legislature and until it does the old law will apply.

If Samuel Bronson Cooper, congressman from this district, has ever done anything for any part of the district, except Sabine Pass and Beaumont, it is not a matter of record. And what he did for Beaumont was a piece of extravagance and a plundering of the public treasury—not demanded by any public necessity.

THE war in Greece is one of creed and not conquest and finds its origin or primal cause in the brutal, murderous treatment of the Armenians and other Christians by the Turks. It is a pity that some explosive, big enough and powerful enough, couldn't be placed under Turkey and touched off with the result of sending these Moslem fanatics to "Kingdom Come."

We published last week the constitutional amendments to be voted on in August next. Readers of the COURIER will notice that the two amendments, one proposing to authorize certain counties to levy a tax and issue bonds for the purpose of constructing irrigation dams and ditches and the other proposing to authorize certain counties to levy a tax to raise a subsidy as an inducement for railroads to build through certain counties, do not apply to nor affect any county in East or Central Texas but apply exclusively as will be seen from reading the amendments to a limited number of counties in northwest, west and southwest Tex. The only interest which we in Houston county feel in these amendments is to see the counties in the west to which the amendments apply prosper and become rich in productive capacity. We hope to see a large vote on these two propositions and trust that every vote will be cast for their adoption. Our friends in these western counties have been sorely afflicted for several years past on account of drought and they

are thoroughly persuaded that, if they can be empowered to levy a tax for the purposes expressed in these amendments, their section will flourish and grow in wealth and population as no other section can do or has done. They ask to be given this privilege to tax themselves. That is all they ask. It will not affect other parts of the state. It will not apply to east Texas. It will not apply in any sense, immediately or remotely, directly or indirectly, to any of us and there is no reason why these two amendments shouldn't receive a unanimous vote in their favor on the second of August next. We hope to see a unanimous vote for them in Houston county.

CAUSERIE.

FAIR WOMEN—THE CONCERT—DECORATION DAY.

"In every land I saw, whereon light illumined eth, Beauty—walking."—From Tennyson's "Dream of Fair Women."

Home Industry Clubs are being organized all over the state—all hail to the inventor of the idea! The Five Pointed Star can never take its true place as Queen of the firmament on the Star Spangled Banner until her sons and daughters stand up for their own. I now rise to suggest a similar, though smaller organization—a club for the appreciation of home talent.

Crockett has ever been famed for its beautiful, refined women—but the day is past when beauty alone claims its due guerdon of praise. Right here in our little city, we have culture and accomplishments which put our fair women on a plane with the modern advance of the great world outside.

There is Mrs. R. M. Atkinson, a master of the beautiful art of elocution. Mrs. Corrine Corry, a most accomplished musician. Miss Hatue Belle Arledge, "Queen Titania," equally gifted in painting and music, playing with skill on five or six musical instruments. Miss Ethel Wootters, whose rich, clear voice, like Jenny Lind's, has a touching, melting quality which stirs the very soul. Miss Grace Smith has a clear, perfect soprano voice which executes with ease and charm, the most difficult classical selections. Miss Minnie Bruner, a successful musician, who is also becoming accomplished in elocution. Mrs. H. A. Wynne, in painting, has no equal in the county, and successfully teaches all branches of the Art of the Brush. Mrs. R. W. Nunn, whose china painting would be admired in any metropolis.

Where can be found more conscientious, intelligent women than the teachers in our schools?

In many fields of business industry and enterprise, the women of Crockett have proved their ability—some of them having large property interests of their own.

We have several fine linguists, who, if their husbands should suddenly be appointed ambassadors to a foreign court, could hold their own in every particular, with the crowned and uncrowned Queens of the Old World. Perhaps we shall live to see ambassadors!

Crockett has sent out to other places some of the best prepared teachers in the state. Wherever a Crockett girl goes, her ability passes unquestioned. Our women do noble work in the churches and for charity.

The Cemetery Association, composed entirely of women, led by the noble and untiring efforts of Mrs. D. A. Nunn and Mrs. Corinne Corry, has rescued our City of the Dead from a wilderness of weeds, briars and decay and caused it to "blossom as a rose."

But it is by the quiet fire-side that woman is supreme. Her realm there is as "Boundless as the tidal wave's measureless motion."

The poet soars to Heavens with his lofty strains, the sculptor moulds a perfect statue, but their work is for a few years or a few centuries, while the mother's influence on the mind and soul is for all time. In short, you see it would be somewhat difficult to run the town without its women.

"The world was sad, the garden was a wild, And man the hermit sighed till woman smiled."

At the concert last Friday night, 31st of May, we had a successful demonstration of our home talent. The music and recitations were all of a high order of merit. The drills were animated poems, and the tableaux beautiful and artistic.

Why not have Decoration Day in Crockett? Our flower yards can compare with the rose gardens of Persia. We have every variety of rare and radiant flowers, but especially in roses does the climate give its sweetest benediction; "Love is stronger than death" and in putting flowers over our dead, do we show our assurance of immortality. And we love our living better for the knowledge that we shall not always be together. So it is that love is conqueror, and our dead "live again in lives made better by their presence." Our loved and lost! Who knows but they look over the golden battlements of Heaven and see our loving remembrance?

"When with the dawn those Angel faces smile, Whom we have loved long since, and lost awhile."

Some days since, we read in the News, a dispatch from Lovelady detailing with the utmost exactness and verisimilitude the observations by Howard Johnson on the air ship, as it cleft the empyrean over Lovelady. We wrote Mr. Johnson for an account of his observations for publication. He wrote us that he was very busy—too much so to give the matter attention but if we insisted on it, he would do so, "though the whole thing was a lie." We didn't insist. Howard's dog, Tip, noted, it is said, for a penchant for strangers and strange things, first gave the alarm.

Lake and Fishing Club.

Some time since, the COURIER suggested the joint organization and co-operation by Crockett and Lovelady in a common enterprise, the purposes of which were the construction of a lake and the stocking of same with all the food fishes. The enterprise to be successful, contemplated, also, the building of a club house, boat houses, boats and other appointments of a comfortable and well ordered resort. The Lovelady people expressed themselves as ready to join as did quite a number in Crockett. The place suggested for this undertaking is midway between the two towns, where ever-flowing springs can be had and where the owners of the land have cheerfully agreed to donate all the land necessary without cost but to go as so much stock. With the land thus thrown in and costing nothing, it would still, to make the scheme successful, require some five or six thousand dollars. The dam for any body of water to be used for such purposes would cost, built on scientific principles and with a view to permanency, some three or four thousand dollars. We believe that, notwithstanding the cost of the enterprise, that the funds can be raised. We regret to see that there are those who are disposed to go off on another line assuming that one thousand dollars, as we are told, would be ample for all purposes. The Palestine club which organized and put through a similar project put something like ten thousand dollars on it and, if we mistake not, put five thousand dollars in the dam. We mention this to show that those who think that a dam to cost a thousand dollars would answer, will find that such a structure will not withstand a spring freshet. We feel confident that the scheme first exploited by us is entirely practicable and as between the two, in respect of comfort, pleasure and other accessories usually contributing to the happiness of an outing, that there is no comparison.

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Stray Notice. Reported to me by W. E. Hall, Com. Pre. No. 2, Houston county, Texas, April 12th 1897, the following described animal. One dun mare, about 12 or 13 years old, branded O on right jaw and Spanish brand on right shoulder; about 14 hands high; all four legs white half way to knees, blaze face. In care of W. D. Morehead, 10 miles west of Crockett, on Mustang Prairie. Filed April 12th 1897. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 12th day of April 1897. N. E. ALBRIGHT, Co. Clk.

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 I. MOORE, Adm'r Est. Willis Rhodes. AGENTS WANTED—For War in Cuba by Senor Quesada, Cuban representative at Washington, Endorsed by Cuban patriots. In tremendous demand. A bonanza for agents Only \$1.50. Big book, big commissions. Everybody wants the only endorsed, reliable book. Outfit free. Credit given. Freight paid. Drop all trash, and make \$500 a month with War in Cuba. Address today, THE NATIONAL BOOK CONCERN, 352-356 Eastern St., Chicago.

County Court Proceedings.
JUDGE WINFREE.

The Commissioners' Court being in session this week, Judge Winfree was not able to hold court but a day or two since our last issue. Notwithstanding, quite a number of cases were disposed of.

State vs H. Masters, pistol, not guilty.

State vs Joe Matlock, a. a. and b. not guilty.

State vs Green Burton, theft, fine \$100 and 12 hours in jail.

State vs Smith Johnson, adultery, fine \$100.

State vs Larry Bradley, adultery, fine \$100.

State vs J. Stanley, pistol, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs Dick Rich, gaming, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs R. Hutto, a. a. and b, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs Frank Evans, pistol, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs Andy Jones, dis. relig. worship dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs Ab Allen, theft, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs R. K. Belden, unlawful practice medicine, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs Frank Long, malicious mis. dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs Jim Jones, escaped, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs R. E. Brashear, theft, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs Amy Howard, resisting an officer, hung jury.

State vs Will Dow, theft, dis. by Co. Atty.

State vs Bill Weaver et al, adultery, continued.

State vs Clarke Evans, theft, continued.

State vs Pleas Monroe a. and b., fine \$5.

State vs Hamp Wilson, a and b, continued.

State vs Tump Prince, adultery, continued.

State vs Sam Arledge (col) a. a. and b. continued.

CREEK.

As it has been some time since this famous town has been heard from, we will try to give a few dots in a general way.

Corn looks well and a fine prospect for a good crop; some are laying by. Cotton is doing well in spite of the cold mornings, some are chopping cotton and there is a good deal to plant yet.

Ribbon cane looks well; oats is a failure.

Gardens are fine and now is the time for the Editor to come out, we think we can give him a variety of garden truck.

We will lose one of our society men soon and we do not see how we can spare him. We think there are others in the same notion.

Mr Frank Alford is able to be about after a long spell of sickness.

Fish seem to be in demand.

Our Sunday school has opened up and there is plenty of material here. How much better to go to Sunday school than to be playing marbles, pitching dollars and such.

Our school closes this week and Prof. Lansford leaves us. It has been one of the best schools that has been at this place for a long time. Every one has been well pleased with the Professor, and we lose him with regrets, and may his future be as pleasant as it has been here.

I see something about the bridge. I believe nearly every one is opposed to being taxed to build it. It would be a good thing no doubt but it seems that if our roads could be put in a good condition we could haul to Crockett.

Charity begins at home. I wonder if the commissioners ever rides over the road. Let us have good roads to haul cotton over and then build bridges for others to haul to Crockett.

As for the hog law the way it is now, it is for the benefit of a few. Let's have it all over the county or not at all.

Look out for the hog-law. The COURIER gives the warning to its friends and the public that they may not get in trouble. There are those who are resolved to enforce the law. The provisions of the old law apply until after the expiration of 90 days from the adjournment of the legislature.

Sin-killer Griffin, the noted colored divine, preached in the court-house on Friday night last. The court-room was packed, by an immense audience. All who came couldn't get in. Quite a large number of white people were present. He had to return to Palestine to close a revival meeting there and expects to open a series of services at Crockett the last of this week.

We regret to think that our county and community will in the near future, we hear, lose the family of W. A. Champion. While he and his estimable lady will carry with them the golden good wishes of all of our people without exception, their going will, nevertheless, cause sincere sorrow on the part of all. Mr. Champion will likely locate in Corsicana, where he will go into business. The main reason that actuates them in the move is the health of the family.

We note with pleasure the item of news that Mr. J. Pinkney Hail will be married on the 26th inst. to Miss Mabel Durst of Leona. Mr. Hail is well known to our people among whom he was reared and Miss Mabel Durst has visited here not infrequently where she is remembered as a young lady of rare accomplishments and charming manners. She is the sister of Miss Muggie Durst, it was who taught in our school here for a term or two. Mr. Hail and bride will make Crockett their home.

The article in last week's COURIER with the caption of CAUSE-RIE appeared without a name and he inference might have been drawn that it was written by the editor of this paper. The article in question was from the pen of a regular contributor to the COURIER—one of Crockett's brightest and most accomplished ladies. We have been trying to induce the lady referred to to undertake a serial, running through a number of issues. As the English would say, she is a lady of clever parts and could invest a romance with all the graces and charms of sentiment characterizing the serials running through some of the magazines of the day.

The vote of the several counties composing this senatorial district will be as follows in the next convention: Anderson county 10 votes; Angelina, 4 votes; Cherokee 6 votes; Houston 8 votes; Trinity 3 votes. Total 30 votes.

The counties in the second congressional district will be represented as follows in conventions: Anderson 10, Angelina 4, Cherokee 6, Hardin 2, Houston 8, Harrison 15, Jasper 2, Jefferson 3, Liberty 3, Nacogdoches 6, Newton 2, Orange 3, Panola 7, Polk 4, Sabine 1, San Augustine 2, San Jacinto 2, Shelby 7, Tyler 5. Total votes in convention 92. Necessary to a choice under two thirds rule 61 1-3. The votes of Harrison, Anderson, Houston, Cherokee, Shelby foot up 46 votes—one half of the entire vote. It will be seen from the above that the chances for W. M. Imboden't receiving the nomination are more than a possibility.

"Warwick" has a legion of friends in the counties in the north and northeastern part of the district, in such counties as Angelina, Nacogdoches, Shelby, Panola, San Augustine, Sabine, Cherokee, Harrison and Houston. Without further complications it will be a walk over for this ever successful politician.

OBITUARY.

Jimmie Dickey, born May 9, 1884 and departed this life April 27, 1897. He was the youngest child of M. A. and J. D. Dickey. He was sick but a short while and all that medical skill, devoted nursing by the family and kind attentions from friends could do to stay the hand of death was done. But alas! God, who rules among the inhabitants of the earth, called him home. The summon was obeyed. He was a dutiful son and a devoted brother and gentle and kind to all whom he met. He had never made a public confession of religion, but from expressions on his dying bed and in his last moments he left sufficient evidence of his soul's salvation. Let us bend with humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things after the counsel of his own will. Such is our prayer for Christ's sake.

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For Sale.

The old John McCelvey homestead place, twenty miles east from Crockett, on Crockett and Centralia road, 240 acres of fine bottom and second bottom, on Cachino bayou and tributaries. 75 acres bottom land in good state of cultivation. Gin in operating condition with good gin house. Three tenant houses. Apply to H. W. McCelvey, administrator estate Jno. McCelvey, deed. Mail letter or leave message at COURIER office. Will go with parties desiring to look at land.

H. W. McCELVEY.

Admr. Est. of John McCelvey.

WELDON.

ED. COURIER. Being a citizen of this county and believing in all enterprises that will advance our county bring in more immigrants—more business enterprise and prosperity, therefore I advocate the iron bridge. Our friend W. D. G., is mistaken by saying that it would benefit a few at the expense of all, for it would benefit him as much as any other citizen. But we find this the only thing on which he can oppose the bridge. And such an argument does not prove anything worthy of the public attention. We want the bridge and if it is left to the voice of the people, we will have the bridge built. It looks like to us that our Hon. Commissioners court would take some steps to have this noble enterprise passed through. I will say in conclusion that this is the main issue of today and it will only be a short time before we will have the bridge.

IVY MYRTLE.

"I would not be without Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for its weight in gold," writes D. J. Jones, of Holland, Va. "My wife was troubled with a cough for nearly two years. I tried various patent remedies, besides numerous prescriptions from physicians, all of which did no good. I was at last persuaded to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which promptly relieved the cough. The second bottle effected a complete cure." The 25 and 50 cent bottles are for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

Estray Notices.

Taken up by W. V. Berry, on his farm, in Houston county, and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, J. P. Pre. No. 1, on April 15th 1897, the following described animals: One bay horse, black mane and tail, 5 years old; no brand. One black horse with white tip on nose, and white spot in face and branded SIKS, 10 years old. Appraised at \$50.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 17th day of April, 1897.

N. E. ALBRIGHT, Co. Cl'k.

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.

E. WINFREE, County Judge.

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Estray Notice.

Taken up by Nathan Smith and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, Houston county, Texas, the following described animal: one small bay mare about four years old, 13 1/2 hands high, brand blotched; appraised at \$15. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1897.

N. E. ALBRIGHT, Co. Cl'k Houston Co., Tex.

Tennessee Centennial, Nashville, Tenn.

May 1st to November 1st 1897. Rates via International and Great Northern, R. R., from Crockett are as follows: \$15.50 tickets limited to 10 days, on sale Tuesdays and Thursdays; \$21.35 tickets limited to 20 days; \$29.50 tickets limited until November 1897.

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A STROKE OF PARALYSIS.

Patient an Old Man, But Recovers.

From the Sun, Schaghticoke, N. Y.

John is the foreman of the Schaghticoke company, Schaghticoke, upon recently had a stroke, which at his advanced age very well have been what he says: seven years old, and as the foreman of the Schaghticoke for many years. In going home from church, the paralysis of the right side of the body, and shortly afterward he was unable to get up. This latter affliction all objects appeared to a certain extent to be paralyzed.

Persons attending me, as a doctor, one from Albany, thought me, but of course a great deal of time was not earning any money, a great source of comfort to me, for

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The eccentricities with which the German Emperor is charged are mild compared with some other kings of Prussia. For instance, the father of Frederick the Great had a habit of using his cane freely over the shoulders both of the female members of his family and of the nobles of his court.

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FABULOUS SNAKE OF CHINA.

Marco Polo's Report Concerning the Province of Yunnan.

In this country gold dust is found in great quantities; that is to say, in the rivers and lakes, while in the mountains gold is also found in pieces of larger size. Gold is indeed so abundant that they give one saggio of gold for only six of the same weight in small change they use the porcelain shells, as I mentioned before. These are not found in the country, however, but are brought from India. In this province are found snakes and great serpents of such vast size as to strike fear into those who see them and so hideous that the very account of them must excite the wonder of those who hear it. I will tell you how long and big they are. You may be assured that some of them are ten paces in length; some are more and some less. And in bulk they are equal to a great cask, for the bigger ones are about ten palms in girth. The head is very big. The mouth is large enough to swallow a man whole and is garnished with great pointed teeth. And, in short, they are so fierce-looking and so hideously ugly that every man and beast must stand in fear and trembling of them. There are also smaller ones, such as of eight paces long, and of five, and of one pace only. The way in which they are caught is this: You must know that by day they live underground because of the great heat and in the night they go out to feed and devour every animal they can catch. They go also to drink at the rivers and lakes and springs. And their weight is so great that when they travel in search of food or drink, as they do by night, the tail makes a great furrow in the soil, as if a full ton of liquor had been dragged along. Now, the hunters who go after them take them by a certain gin (trap) which they set in the track over which the serpent has passed, knowing that the beast will come back in the same way. They plant a stake deep in the ground and fix on the head of this a sharp blade of steel made like a razor or a lance point and then they cover the whole with sand so that the serpent cannot see it. Indeed, the huntsman plants several such stakes and blades on the track. On coming to the spot the beast strikes against the iron blade with such force that it enters his breast and rives (cuts) him so that he dies on the spot, and the crows, on seeing the brute dead, begin to caw, and then the huntsmen know that the serpent is dead and come in search of him. This, then, is the way these beasts are taken. Those who take them proceed to extract the gall from the inside, and this sells at a great price; for you must know it furnishes the material for a most precious medicine. Thus, if a person is bitten by a mad dog and they give him but a small pennyweight of this medicine to drink he is cured in a moment. Again, if one has any disease of the skin and applies a small quantity of this gall he shall speedily be cured. So you see why it sells at such a high price. They also sell the flesh of this serpent, for it is excellent eating and the people are very fond of it. And when these serpents are very hungry sometimes they will seek out the lairs of lions or bears or other large wild beasts and devour their cubs, without the sire or dam being able to prevent it. Indeed, if they catch the big ones themselves they devour them, too; they can make no resistance.

Rocked on the Crest of the Waves. The landsman, tourist or commercial traveler, speedily begins, and not only begins but continues, to feel the extreme of human misery during the transit across the tempestuous Atlantic. But if with wise prescience, he has provided himself with a supply of Hosteter's Stomach Bitters, his pangs are promptly mitigated, and then cease, ere the good ship drops her anchor. This is worth knowing, and thousands of our yachtsmen, summer voyagers, tourists and business men do know it.

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ORIGIN OF SPECIES. To Doubt Evolution To-Day Is to Doubt Science. Not all the strange beasts which have left their remains in our "bad lands" are represented by living descendants, says Harper's. The titanotheres, or brontotheridae, for example, a gigantic tribe, offshoots of the same stock which produced the horse and rhinoceros, represented the culmination of a line of descent. They developed rapidly in a geological sense and flourished about the middle of the tertiary period; then, to use Agassiz's phrase, "time fought against them." The story of their evolution has been worked out by Prof. Ledy, Marsh, Cope and H. F. Osborne. The very latest bit of paleontological evidence bearing on the question of the introduction of species is that presented by Dr. J. L. Wortman in connection with the fossil lineage of the edentates. It was suggested by Marsh, in 1877, that these creatures, whose modern representatives are all South American, originated in North America long before the two continents had any land connection. The stages of degeneration by which these animals gradually lost the enamel from their teeth, coming finally to the unique condition of their modern descendants of the sloth tribe, are illustrated by strikingly graded specimens now preserved in the American museum of natural history, as shown by Dr. Wortman. All these and a multitude of other recent observations that can not be even outlined here tell the same story. With one accord paleontologists of our time regard the question of the introduction of new species as solved. As Prof. Marsh has said, "to doubt evolution to-day is to doubt science and science is only another name for truth."

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No one ever thinks that a boy is tired.

The water color painters have a great opportunity this year.

About the first lie a liar or a lover tells is that he isn't sickle.

The poet's "Into all lives some rain must fall" might well have been written in 1897.

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THE PROBABLE TIME.

GENERAL IDEA THAT ADJOURNMENT WILL BE HAD MONDAY.

Some Hard Fights are Still in Prospect—Redistricting Bill Likely to Go Dead, Fee Bill May Be Passed—Conference Committee is Now Ready to Report.

Austin, Texas, May 11.—The general idea here is that the legislature will adjourn about Monday or Tuesday next, unless, indeed, the session is prolonged by a fight on one or more of the few would be content to let most of the smaller bills go in order to adjourn and get home.

But there is the fee bill, the redistricting bill and the text book bill, either or all of which may precipitate a prolonged row.

The redistricting bill is liable to—and will in all probability—fall dead after a red-hot skirmish. The only thing that keeps it alive now is that it was included in the platform demands and has behind it the influence of the governor.

The fee bill is much stronger and it will take a hard fight to defeat it.

The text book bill will come up Wednesday, and the result will be a "rough house." There is a possibility for the bill, but many votes in the affirmative will be almost perfunctory, for the reason that certain members are favoring the measure on what they understand to be a popular demand and against their mature judgment. The argument is being used against the bill—and very effectually—that the claim set up that the people are demanding this law is by no means conclusive; and in substantiation of this denial the fact is intimated that while the moderate platform contained some twenty popular demands, this proposed measure was not among the number. The conservative members refer to these facts as against the contention that the people are clamoring for the passage of the bill, and urge that it is too important a matter, too radical a move, for the legislature to make without the expression of the people having in some form been secured in advance.

Ready to Report.

Austin, Texas, May 11.—The free conference committee on the general appropriation bill completed its work last night and the printed bill will be placed before the members either this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

The appropriations have been reduced about \$125,000 under the senate bill, leaving the amounts in a shape to meet the ideas of the majority.

The San Jacinto asylum was given \$100,000, the amount asked for, while the Austin and Terrell institutions come in for about \$30,000 each.

The \$100,000 appropriation for the purchase of convict farms was reduced to \$50,000 for the second year only.

A provision of \$45,000, to come out of the general revenue fund each year, was made for the university. The medical branch appropriation was allowed to remain at \$38,500 per year.

The \$20,000 allowance for the support of summer normals was knocked out and only \$5000 annually was allotted the Volunteer Guard.

The governor's attitude on the appropriations is not known, but it is believed he will bring the amounts lower than the committee did, if it passes.

The convict farm appropriation, it is said, stands in danger of being eliminated by him if it remains in the bill.

McKinney, Texas, May 10.—Several carloads of hogs and beef cattle have been shipped from McKinney during the past six days to the markets. The movement is becoming unusually brisk among the local dealers.

The Parthenon, the hanging of the pictures being nearly completed, will be formally opened today.

Cleburne Gets the Shops.

Waco, Texas, May 11.—S. E. Moss of Cleburne, who arrived in this city yesterday, received a telegram last night from L. J. Polk, general manager of the Santa Fe, who wired from Chicago stating that everything has been arranged for the location of the Santa Fe machine shops at Cleburne. Mr. Moss is very much elated over the good news. He declared last night that it was the best thing Cleburne had ever got and would bring thousands of people and meant a pay roll of \$75,000 a month.

Methodist Board of Education.

Nashville, Tenn., May 11.—The board of education of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, met in this city yesterday, Bishop Galloway presiding. The report of the secretary was read and adopted. The committee appointed at the last meeting of the board to formulate a system for improving the condition of Methodist schools reported. The recommendations refer chiefly to raising the standard of preparatory of schools and colleges. With slight amendments the report was adopted.

A Rhyming Resolution.

Austin, Texas, May 8.—Senator Tillett, the laureate of the upper house, wants to set the final breakaway for May 17, and before leaving for Taylor county yesterday embodied his reasons in a concurrent resolution, which Senator Beall introduced yesterday morning, perfecting it with the following remarks:

"Mr. President: I have a solemn duty to perform—to shatter, I fear, another idol. Like you, I have cherished the belief that this body represented the dignity of the state. Little did I suspect that any member of the body would attempt to vie with the fledglings of the other side. But the proof is convincing. A member of this body has dropped into poetry. The senator from Taylor (Tillett) is the offending party. He comes, too, from the West, where I thought the 'actual settler' never felt the poetic fires and where the poetic muse never tried her wings—

"From the wind-swept and sun-baked plain,
Where the prairie dog kneels,
On the back of his heels,
And prays fervently for rain.

"But, senators, I will not harrow your feelings further. In sadness and sorrow I present the proof. Visit your wrath upon the offender with the dignity becoming this body, but let it serve as an example to deter others in the future."

The resolution was read as follows: Be it resolved by the senate of the State of Texas, the house of representatives concurring, that:

Whereas, These legislative halls,
With eloquence galore,
Have now been ringing vigorously
One hundred days or more;

And whereas, Members all agree
That when their board they pay,
Except for transportation free,
They could not get away;

And whereas, Every member knows
The cost of simple living
Amounts to more than twice the pay,
This glorious job is giving;

And whereas, the people seem to think,
According to the papers,
We spend our time in "jamming wind,"
And cutting foolish capers;

Now, therefore, let it be resolved,
By this, the legislature
Of this, the greatest State which lies
Upon the lap of Nature,

That noon, the 17th day of May,
Eighteen and ninety-seven,
We sine die do adjourn,
To meet, we hope, in heaven.

No other action was taken by the senate.

Conference Committee Report.

Austin, Texas, May 8.—The free conference committee on the free bill made no progress with their work yesterday and it appears could arrive at nothing definite. A long consultation was had with the governor, but it is not known what his attitude was. They meet again today.

The appropriation committee came together again, completing the bill up to the asylum. They assert that these departments will not cause material delay and think that a report will be ready Monday morning.

The following house bills became laws yesterday without the governor's signature:

Meade's bill amending the criminal code by making offenses for perjury punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary from two to ten years.

Shropshire's bill giving persons who so desire authority to use abstracts of title as prima facie evidence in substituting deeds.

Executive approval was given the house bill providing for a survey of lands to be set apart as a permanent endowment fund for the branch university for colored people.

The Southern Baptists.

Wilmington, N. C., May 8.—The Southern Baptist convention began its annual session in this city yesterday, the president, Hon. Jonathan Haralson of Alabama, presiding. Seven hundred and twenty-one delegates were present. At the afternoon session the Whitsett controversy, which has excited so much interest among the Baptists of the country, came up. Rev. Dr. Whitsett retracted his former statement that prior to 1841 the rite of baptism among the Baptists was performed by sprinkling, and the question was peaceably settled.

Austin, Texas, May 8.—The members of the Twenty-fifth legislature who claim Tennessee as their native state met in the capitol building yesterday afternoon and perfected a permanent organization. Hon. F. J. Barrett was elected chairman and Hon. W. H. Freeman secretary. Judge John M. Logan, Captain T. H. C. Perry, Hon. J. T. Sluder and Senators J. D. Woods and W. J. Bailey were appointed a committee to report at the meeting today on the advisability of visiting their native state and the capitol city thereof in June or July.

AN OLD CORNER STONE

IN THE PRESENCE OF A LARGE CROWD IT IS OPENED.

Many Different Articles Were Deposited There in 1872. Where the Stone Was Laid—Many Interesting Relics Found. Serious Runaway.

Gatesville, Tex., May 10.—T. D. Bone, the contractor who built the old courthouse, in the presence of a large crowd Saturday morning excavated the wall under the cornerstone to look after different articles deposited there when the stone was laid July, 1872. The articles were put in a cigar box and there was deposited in it a bottle of brandy by T. D. Bone, a gold 25 cents piece by J. R. Saunders, a \$20 Confederate bill by W. W. Hammack, a silver quarter, a 10 cents piece and a 5 cents piece, a copy of the first paper, the Frontiersman, published here, and a short history of the settlement of the county by Col. J. H. Chrisman.

The box and all the paper articles were rotten, the bottle of brandy was broken while digging around it to the great disappointment of many who wanted simply to taste some brandy that had been in the county twenty-five years. The gold and the three silver pieces were found all right, and Mr. Saunders was on the ground to get his 25 cents gold piece. The gold piece was dated 1871, the silver quarter 1845. It was the intention of Mr. Bone to put the bottle of brandy under the cornerstone of the new courthouse soon to be erected.

A Successful Session.

San Antonio, Tex., May 10.—After one of the most successful sessions in its history the Episcopal convocation of western Texas has adjourned. The attendance was unexpectedly large, every parish in the district being well represented and the work accomplished was of an important and valuable nature. Religious services were held in St. Mark's and St. Paul's churches yesterday morning and a missionary mass meeting was held at the former Saturday night. Stirring addresses were delivered in the interest of the missionary work and liberal pledges were secured from both parishes and individuals. Following the missionary meetings the closing exercises of the convocation were held. An impressive benediction was pronounced by Bishop Johnson.

Serious Runaway.

Weimar, Tex., May 10.—Yesterday evening as Mr. Frank Kuchalek, son and another gentleman had just passed the oil mill the horses attached to the wagon became frightened and jumped to one side, throwing the wagon into a ditch. The horses in plunging broke the wagon in two, running off with the front wheels. They kicked themselves loose and ran three or four blocks held by the breaststoke, running into Mr. Frank Andres' wagon, who was driving along the road with his wife. One of the runaway horses jumped into the wagon, causing Mr. and Mrs. Andres to be thrown forward between their own horses, which took fright, kicking Mr. Andres in the breast. Mrs. Andres was badly hurt about the head and a severe gash in her left leg. The couple are severely but not fatally hurt.

San Jacinto Battle Ground.

Austin, Tex., May 10.—When the act for the purchase of the battle-ground of San Jacinto goes into effect Gov. Culberson will appoint the following commissioners: James M. Hill, Austin; W. T. Burns, Houston; S. J. Hendricks, Henderson.

Mr. Hill participated in the battle of San Jacinto, is one of the presiding officers of the Texas Veteran association, and is active mentally and physically.

Senator Burns is the author of the bill which the commissioners are to carry into effect.

Judge Hendricks is a grandson of Allen Vince, who was in the battle, and was the owner and builder of Vince's bridge, spoken of in the history of the battle.

Railroad Talked Of.

Breckinridge, Tex., May 10.—Mention was made sometime ago of the Chicago, St. Louis and Texas Air Line railway having secured its charter. Since then the company has written here, asking what the county would do in the way of a bonus to secure the road. Quite a liberal sum has been contributed toward the enterprise. The charter of the road calls through Stephens county.

The telephone line from this place to Crystal Falls has been completed. Breckinridge now has telephonic connection with Crystal Falls, Caddo, Gun-sight, Eastland, Ranger, Brownwood, Comanche and other points south.

Mayor Henry McNamara killed himself at Kansas City recently.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Up to a very recent date Kemp, Kaufman county, has shipped more cattle than all points in Kaufman county combined.

John C. O'Dwyer, aged 6 years, while playing in his father's yard a few days ago in Texarkana, fell and broke his arm near the elbow.

The Nolan County Cattle company at Abilene, Taylor county, have just received ten carloads of cattle from Waskom, Harrison county.

A young man named Lee committed suicide a few days ago on the Medina river in Bexar county by taking strychnine. No cause assigned.

Gatesville, Coryell county, is to have a new court house. The plans and specifications of W. C. Dodson, the Waco architect, have been adopted.

The contract for building a new cotton seed oil mill at Wortham, Freestone county, was awarded to the Cardwell Machine company of Richmond, Va.

The dry goods store of O. P. Moss of Corley, Bowie county, was entered by robbers a few nights ago and relieved of \$300 worth of goods and \$15 in cash.

Smith and Kirkpatrick of Crockett, Trinity county, shipped twenty-two carloads of cattle the other day to the Indian Territory. Mr. Dupree also shipped sixteen carloads.

Several evenings ago Henry Busch was shot in the right hip at Corpus Christi, Nueces county. The wound is serious though not fatal. John Uhlinger has given bond.

Twelve cars of cattle from Tom Dewes' ranch at Floresville, Wilson county, were shipped to Kiowa, I. T., a few days ago. More cattle are to be shipped from this place to St. Louis.

Thomas D. Sharrett, an engineer on the railroad of the Gate City Lumber yard at Texarkana, was caught by a rolling log from a flat car several days ago and seriously injured about the chest.

Molly Dean, a colored woman living near Monday, Smith county, was severely beaten over the head the other night with a sharp instrument. Ben Dean, her husband, is accused of the assault.

W. L. Hawkins shipped into Weatherford, Parker county, ten cars of cattle recently over the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwestern en route to Midlothian, Ellis county, for feeding purposes.

Two hundred and sixty head of cattle have just left Waxahachie, Ellis county, for Liverpool via New Orleans. Perhaps this bunch of cattle was the fattest all around that ever left Texas for a foreign port.

Capt. John Bacon and Street Commissioner Massey are at work surveying the square in Denton, Denton county, in computing the cost of grading and graveling the city's part, that is from the sidewalk to where the county has graded.

Johnson and Campbell of Minco, I. T., bought and shipped two trainloads of steers from Gordon, Palo Pinto county, to their pastures near Minco, I. T. The prices paid were: Yearlings \$12.50, tyros \$16.00, eastern threes \$18.00, natives \$20.00.

Lightning struck a telegraph pole near the Missouri, Kansas and Texas depot in Belcherville, Montague county, the other night, running along the wire and igniting the depot, which was burned. The building and contents were a complete loss.

McSweeney Bros' railway grading outfit which has just finished a contract for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway between Waco and Fort Worth, has unloaded at Taylor, Williamson county, and gone into camp, presumably to begin work on the grading and tracks leading to the site selected for the location of the new 100-ton oil mill to be built by the National Oil company at Taylor.

The silver service at the Methodist church in Terrell, Kaufman county, valued at \$60 was stolen by some one entering the church a few nights ago.

H. B. Moore accidentally shot Harry Deeves in a wagon yard building the other day in Cameron, Milam county. The ball entered the chest about six inches below the neck, passing to the right side where it is now lodged. Both parties are from Navarro county and were partners in selling a combination planter. Deeves is seriously and probably fatally wounded.

The contractor is having the old Christian church in McKinney torn down preparatory to the erection of the \$20,000 brick church house which will be built at once. Work has also been commenced on the new Johnson block. Three brick business houses are to be built.

Several evenings ago near Greenwood, Wise county, J. R. Milligan became involved in a difficulty with Drew Pennington, one of his farm hands. The latter was struck on the head and killed. Both men were single. Milligan is in the custody of the sheriff.

ENDEAVORERS MEET.

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION AT HOUSTON.

Officers Were Elected for the Ensuing Year—Dallas Selected as the Place of Meeting Next Year—A Good Attendance.

Houston, Tex., May 7.—The third days' session of the eighth annual convention of the Christian Endeavorers of Texas was called to order by Vice President R. B. Bishop of Fort Worth. Rev. Ira D. Landrith of Nashville, was introduced.

Rev. Phillip F. King of Belton delivered an address entitled "More Grit; Less Quit." The San Francisco '97 meeting was then discussed. Questions were then taken up and answered.

Officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: President, H. H. Grotthouse of Dallas; secretary, Miss Tyler Wilkinson of Temple; treasurer, Luther A. Johnson of Corsicana; vice presidents, Miss Shirley R. Green of Palestine; Dr. Milton J. Bleim of San Antonio, Rev. P. F. King of Belton, Rev. E. E. Hendricks of Brownwood, E. B. Rood of Houston, A. A. Low of Vernon, Rev. J. S. Moors of Sherman. The auditing committee reported accounts in shape. Greetings were read from the woman's board of missions in session at Fort Worth and from J. H. Banton, ex-state treasurer of the society.

In the afternoon the junior rally was held.

After the exercises by the children, Rev. Ira D. Landrith made a short address.

The convention was called to order for the night session at 9 o'clock with President-elect Grotthouse presiding, and Miss Tyler Wilkinson, secretary-elect, at her table. The largest crowd of the session was in attendance and when all joined in the choruses during the song service, the big hall was literally filled to overflowing with melody. A fervent prayer was offered by Rev. James I. Vance of Nashville and was followed by a solo by Miss Bessie Hughes of Houston.

Rev. W. B. Rackin, state superintendent of the American Bible company, addressed the convention, after which John A. Green of San Antonio, chairman of the committee on awards, reported that the medal awarded to L. T. Sloan, superintendent of the Galveston district at the San Antonio convention for the best work during the year, went this year to Plummer Harris, superintendent of the Dallas district. The medal is engraved with the words, "Texas Union Christian Endeavor, presented by W. G. Bell, 1896," and "Fidelis" on the reverse side. It is given each year to the superintendent of the district having the best record for the past year.

Dr. M. J. Bleim of San Antonio, of the committee on resolutions, reported, thanking the Houston local union, the Galveston districts, the Epworth Leagues, the Shearn church choir, the churches of the city, the daily papers, the railroads, the retiring officers, especially ex-President Bell, ex-Secretary Grotthouse, ex-Treasurer Banton and ex-Junior Superintendent Mrs. Leonard for work done to make the convention a success.

Other resolutions were in regard to the withdrawal of some of the societies on account of the action of the ecclesiastical authorities and the firm belief of the committee in the worldwide adaptability and principles of Christian endeavor.

President Grotthouse announced that the next convention would be held in Dallas, in June, 1898.

After a song, Rev. Ira D. Landrith of Nashville, editor of the Cumberland Presbyterian, was introduced, and delivered an address.

A Small Riot.

Brenham, Tex., May 7.—There was an incipient labor riot at Hempstead yesterday. The hands who have been employed putting in the new water-works and electric light system, demanded higher wages. Contractor Ellis refused their request, discharged the men and employed others in their places. Yesterday morning the discharged hands requested that they be re-employed, but their request was refused. Several rocks and bricks were thrown at the newly employed men, but nobody was hurt. The officers quickly quelled the disturbance.

Severely Burned.

Denison, Tex., May 7.—T. N. Skeen, one of the city police officers, was severely burned on both hands yesterday morning while extinguishing a fire at his home. Some time back he purchased a fire igniter which had to be primed with coal oil and set on fire, when it was used to start a fire in the kitchen stove. Mr. Skeen's son poured gasoline into the igniter yesterday morning by mistake, when he struck a match the flames spread from the igniter to the oil can, and when Mrs. Skeen poured water on the oil it made the blaze worse.

THE ACTOR'S STORY.

A TRAVELING theatrical company sat about the stove in the depot of a western town, awaiting a two hours late train, to make their next stand. Their weekly repertory had been presented, and they were leaving with the comfortable remembrance of six nights of S. R. O.

The conversation had turned on the sameness of the stage plot, where virtue is invariably rewarded and crime punished.

"It is not so in real life," remarked one. "I believe many a murder goes unavenged, so far as earthly vengeance is concerned. 'Old saws are mostly old lies, as witness, 'Murder will out.'"

"I used to believe that myself," said Warren, who played 'heavies.' "But I have known of several instances where it would seem as if the finger of Providence had directly interfered, that the guilty might be betrayed. Did I ever tell you about the strangest event of my life, which uncovered the commission of a crime to me, a total stranger?"

"Ugh-h-h! Now Mr. Warren is going to tell another ghost story," shivered the soubrette, huddling up close to the leading lady, in anticipation of delightful horror.

"Yes, Warren brought a bundle of them over from his native Isle, where superstition is thicker than the average bog trotter's head," sneered the juvenile, who owed Warren a grudge for criticizing his work as "missy-ish."

"I wasn't always an actor," began Warren, in answer to the various cries of "go on," from all but the juvenile, who muttered: "Were you ever one?"

"I was for four years sub-editor on The Daily Lark, in London. "One hot August, when I had been unusually overworked, and one is always overworked on a London daily, my manager gave me two weeks off, with ten pounds above my wages, to go for a holiday.

"Now, I might mention that holidays were so unfrequent that I didn't know what to do with mine when I got it. But I just packed a bag and took a train bound toward the north, and steered straight for the sea. I wanted to get into the quiet somewhere, and completely forget the noise and hurry of the town.

"Just by the merest drifting I fetched up in York, at Churchstille-by-the-sea. "Here, hidden from the rest of the world by the hills behind it and the sea in front, seemed the place of all the little village looked as if it might have lain there, in the massive mounds of earth, for ages. Yet there was pain, and sorrow, and sin there, as elsewhere.

"The inn where I got lodgings was at the lower end of the town, and commanded a full view of the water. For a few days I did nothing but lounge about on the rocks and watch the different phases and expressions that a large body of water can take on. You



A CURDLING SHRIEK.

see, I had never seen more than enough water to bathe in, except in the dirty Thames, and I could lie for hours at a time and watch the waves roll in and break up on the sand.

"The principal street of the village extended all the way through, from the inn at one end to the old church on the hill at the other, and from there went on and lost itself in the many inns and out of the high lands. In one of my rambles I had examined the old church which had given the village its name, and spent hours in its grass grown baring ground, studying its quaint old gravestones. It was a massive structure of stone, and had been built, so I learned from a Latin inscription set into the main part of the building, in 1579, when there was a rising in the north against Elizabeth, and in favor of the old, the Catholic, religion.

"This probably accounted for its being fortified on three sides by a moat, but since fallen into disuse.

"Crossed by a stone bridge across

the old moat was the estate called 'Hetherglade,' with the old manor house several hundred feet back, and hidden by many trees. This house was built some years after the church, but they were of the same estate.

"My landlord informed me that the present lord and owner was Jasper Sayman, a crusty old miser, who lived in the great house all alone, save for his housekeeper, and one old man, who was gardener, butler, footman, and coachman all in one. I had seen the lord, driving through the long village street in a high old cabriolet, of the French Empire days, with the many functioned servant on the box. As he peered out of the windows I thought him as disagreeable a looking old villain as ever I laid my eyes on, with his high crooked nose and the strangest, most piercing eyes, that searched you out from a pair of bushy eyebrows.

"With my usual nose for scenting a story, I immediately set this man down as one who could furnish 'material,' and meant some time to 'work' him.

"One evening I sat in my little room at the inn, smoking and watching the piled up clouds that hung over the horizon, betokening a coming storm. The night was warm and sultry, and the sea perfectly calm, and as the storm would probably be hours coming up, I stopped out of the window, and set out up the hill for a stroll.

"I walked on, not thinking of any definite place, and presently found myself at the old church, and at the same moment smelt the odor of a pipe. Then I saw, sitting in the shadow of one of the pillars, a figure, which the light of the moon in the first quarter scarcely revealed.

"'It's just mee, sor, Old Roger, from the 'Glades, cross the way,' said a cordial voice.

"I often come here to smoke and think. There is so much work over yonder that a man has no time to think, as I'm gettin' a bit old, now, sir.

"You'll be the gentleman that is stoppin' at Sawyer's, in the village. I knowed yo' by your smokin' a segyar, sor. Churchstille smokes a pipe. Thank'ye, I'll try it, though I'm some afraid of 'em; but to be social, sor, I'll try it."

A few adroit questions set him to talking about himself, his master, and the old days at Hetherglade.

"Master is a strange man, and a bit set, but I speak my mind to 'um often, an' he tells me to leave, but I've served too long as man and boy to turn out at my age. I got as good a right to stay as he, an' I tell him so. I'm none afraid o' him, for all his glowerin' at me with his strange eyes.

"Ever since the demon of death carried away the souls of the two young masters he's been lord o' the place hisself, an' that were thirty years ago. Aye, a black and sad day, and here in this very church it were, and not a man, woman nor child but me, sor, and now and then a visitor, has put foot into it since. The simple folk are afraid of the 'hants,' but I know that there would be no ghosts but of my dear young masters, an' I'd be none afraid o' them."

The old man, flattered apparently by an appreciative listener, puffed laboriously at his cigar, and continued:

"There were two masters o' Hetherglade, and o' the church, for it was never owned by the village, but were built over three hundred year ago by a Sayman o' them times, and held by their heirs ever since. Two kinder nor better hearted lads never lived than them, twins they were, an' as near alike as two peas. Tall, with flaxen curls that always marked the Saymans, until this one. Their father, who had ministered at this church for two score of years, were that proud of them it were sinful. One were a preacher and one were a player, and such music as come out o' that old organ! It was like the heavenly choir.

"Well, the old minister died, leavin' everything to his two sons, an' if both o' them died without heirs, to his brother in India, this same Jasper Sayman. An' it were down in the will that the one should preach and the other play so long as they lived, in the old church here.

"Well, looked like the old man knowed somethin' were up, for he turned up at the readin' o' the will an' were sore angry at the conditions, for he said he were fifty then, an' liable to be an old man, an' poor. He's nigh onto a hundred now, sor, though you mightn't think it. But the two bairns made him bide with them, an' told him he should be their care so long as they lived.

"It were two years after the old lord's death, I was sexton o' this church always, that were before I were gardener, cook and footman, all rolled into one," he added in parenthetical disgust.

"An' I went up one morning to tidy up a bit. The two lads spent much o' their time here, one writin' of his sermons, in the library o' the church, an' the other makin' music that took your senses away, for the wonder of it.

"When I opened the door that morn it seemed to me that the air was wrong. It were black with the shadow sin, I found in a minute, an' filled with the very smell of hell.

"Just in front of the altar, to the

right of the organ, was the young preacher, lyin' dead, wi' a knife in his heart, his hand graspin' the hilt o' it, as if he had put it there hisself. The other was sittin' at the organ, leanin' forward, his head sunk down, an' the music crumpled up in his arms, which were lyin' on the keys. He were dead, too, dead, as he were a playin' the 'Lost Chord,' they said. There were an ugly knife wound in his neck, to the heart.

"I did not know whether I was dead or alive, but I screamed so that the uncle, an' soon the whole village came.

"In the inquest it was allowed that one had killed the other, then himself; but there were always some who doubted, though there was nothing to prove contrary.

"The uncle came in for the estate, an' has lived close and stingy the years since.

"I'm an old man, sor, an' I'll not have to wait long to find out the truth. No, I never 'spicledone nobody, but I think they never done so black a deed, neither one of them."

"I had listened to the old man's story so intently that I forgot the lateness of the hour and the storm that had threatened, until a loud thunder clap, right over our head, recalled me. We looked up to find that the dense clouds had gathered thick, and already big drops were beating down on us. We both stepped inside the church door for shelter, as the storm burst in real fury and lashed itself in an uproar that deafened our ears.

"Presently there was a full, and we were terrified to hear a sound of wailing music come from the organ in the rear of the church. We strained our ears in the darkness, then from out the shadow the music changed into the strains of the 'Lost Chord,' as played by a master hand. It was soft and low at first, rising gradually until it seemed as if it would burst the walls with power. Then there came another thunder burst, that appeared an after thought of the storm, and rent the heavens apart and sent the pale rays of the young moon through the window, and at the same instant a supernatural glow lit up the chancel, altar and organ.

"Sitting at the organ was the figure of a young man, tall, with flaxen hair that shone like a halo. At the table we saw another figure, the counterpart of the one at the organ.

"The old man and I held each other tightly by the hand, speechless with awe. Suddenly from out of the shadow there crept a third figure, with a hawk like face and terrible eyes—the figure of Jasper Sayman.

"He advanced stealthily toward the table, and, crouching, stretched out his long arms over the halo like head of the figure sitting there. His face was terrible to see; hate and passion blended in his look. He drew his hand back again, and shot it forward again and again. The figure at the table started as with an electric shock, and rose to its feet, as Sayman, or his wrath, whispered in its ear, and put a knife in the phantom hand. The change in the peaceful face was awful; the deadliest hate was expressed, as the shadow of one brother crept to the other at the organ, and seemed to bury the knife in his back. The stricken one appeared to droop over, and a broken wall came from the organ. Then the figure of Jasper Sayman, which had followed close behind the shadowy fratricide, bent, and seemed to whisper again. With a look of horror, the spectral tragedy was finished. The knife was buried in the other brother's breast, by his own hand.

"Darkness followed, and a curdling shriek, at our very ear, intensified the horror. We turned to see the real Jasper Sayman fall dying at our feet. He must have been attracted by the sound of music, or maybe the haunting remorse of his own crime, and came only to see the rehearsal of his own devilish deed of treachery, played at the command of the God of retribution."

"That beats 'Svengali,'" gurgled the soubrette, shivering with the delightful awe which a ghost story always inspires in the young, but the juvenile shrugged his shoulders in scornful doubt, as the whole company bundled on to the puffing train.

Changed the Subject.

Adolphus Softleigh—"Ah, my dear Miss Edith, you do not dream how many sordid men would seek to marry such an innocent, trusting girl as you are, just for her money. But I hope the man who wins you will love you for your own sweet sake alone."

Miss Edith—"Indeed, he will have to. It's my cousin—whose name is the same as mine—who is rich. I haven't a dollar of my own."

A. S. (after an awkward pause)—"What strange weather we are having lately."—New York Tribune.

Old Mosaic Pavement.

A mosaic pavement of Palestine, 30 feet long by 15 broad, has been discovered at a village between Salt and Kerak, east of the Jordan. The pavement is believed to belong to the fifth century after Christ.—San Francisco Call.

HOTELS IN GREECE.

Single Rooms Are Rare and the Furnishings Are Painfully Scant.

In Greece the hotels of the interior follow one general type—the Italian. There is no common sitting room, says the Atlantic. Why should there be? There is no office, but that does not seem to interfere with the presentation of bills. The ground floor is given up to a cafe or restaurant, if the innkeeper goes into that line of business. Very often, however, the master of the Apollo has only rooms to let. The sleeping apartments on the floor above are often approached by an outside stairway, and, as is to be expected in a southern climate, they are scantily furnished. Over-furnishing is a vice anywhere. Under a southern sky it is a crime, of which the Greeks are not guilty. There is usually a mirror, though that tribute to human vanity is sometimes lacking, and, like the Turk the solitary Turkish towel bears no brother near his throne. The bedstead is invariably of iron and does not offer the same vantage ground to the assailants of sleep as a wooden framework would do, but the cushions are there and the walls are there, so that small comfort is to be derived from that slight reduction of possibilities. As in primitive United States within my memory, single rooms are rare. Two, three, four, five beds are put in one room or strung along the corridors. A fastidious person who desires to occupy a room alone has to pay for all the beds therein. In some places special charges are made for sleeping in the daytime, and there is a fixed rate for sleeping on the floor. That a man should wish to be private when he is asleep seems absurd. But in this whole domain we Americans, who submit to the abomination of the Pullman sleepers, have no right to find fault with any other nationality—we have no right to be fastidious about undressing in the eyes of the world, and a large charity ought to cover the diversities of different religions and different periods in this respect. In the good old times people used to go to bed utterly devoid of raiment, and the bedclothes, as we call them still, were the only clothes.

BUDAPEST.

The Picturesque and Lively Yankee City of the Old World.

Budapest, as everybody knows, is formed of two cities, separated by the Danube and joined together like New York and Brooklyn by great bridges, says Scribner's. Buda is a city hundreds of years old and rises on a great hill covered with yellow houses with red-tiled roofs and surmounted by fortresses and ancient German looking castles and the palace of the king, with terraces of marble and green gardens running down to meet the river. It still is a picturesque fortified city of the middle ages. Pesth, just across the way, is the most modern city in Europe—more modern than Paris, better paved and better lighted, with better facilities for rapid transit than New York, and with houses of parliament as massive and impressive as those on the banks of the Thames and not unlike them in appearance. Pesth is the Yankee city of the old world, just as the Hungarians are called the Americans of Europe. It has grown rapidly in forty years, and it has sacrificed neither beauty of space nor line in growing. It has magnificent public gardens, as well as a complete fire department; it has the best club in the world, the Park club, and it has found time to put electric tramways under ground and to rear monuments to poets, orators and patriots above ground. People in Berlin and Vienna tell you that some day all of these things will disappear and go to pieces; that Pesth is enjoying a "boom" and that the boom will pass and leave only the buildings and the electric plants and the car tracks, with no money in the treasury to make the wheels go round. I do not know whether this is or is not to be, but let us hope it is of the mind that sees nothing in progress but disaster and makes advancement spell ruin. People who live in a city where one is asked to show a passport, a certificate of good health, a police permit and a residence card in order to be allowed to mount a bicycle, as I was asked to do in Berlin, can hardly be expected to look with favor on their restless, ambitious neighbors of the Balkans.

Very Sensational.

Speaking of trapeze acts, what's the matter with this, performed by the Monroe family, two young men and two young women. Four trapezes are used. The girls climb to two high up and the young men hang by their heels from two others between and about thirty feet below, over a net. At the proper instant the two girls leap toward each other, meet in the air, clasp hands, perform a half revolution, and are caught safely by the young men below. The act is very startling.

Numerous experiments to determine the best fire-resisting materials for the construction of doors, have proved that wood covered with tin resists fire better than an iron door.

There are some men who experience so greater enjoyment than sharpening a dull knife.

When a man starts down hill people seem to take an interest in letting him go, out of curiosity, to see where he will land.

Delightful as women are, they are all too extravagant when it comes to building a new house, or rebuilding an old one.

The Curse of Mankind!

The most horrible disease to which the human family is subject is contagious blood poison. It has always baffled the doctors, for notwithstanding the progress made in some branches of medicine, they have failed absolutely to discover a cure for it. Whether in the form of powder, pill or liquid, the doctor's prescription is always the same—potash or mercury.

Mr. Otto H. Elbert, who resides at the corner of 22d Street, and Avenue N., Galveston, Texas, had a severe experience with this dreadful disease, and under date of April 5th, 1896, writes:

"Several years ago I was so unfortunate as to contract contagious blood poison, and was under treatment of the best physicians continuously for four years. As soon as I discovered that I had the disease, I hastened to place myself under the care of one of the foremost doctors in my State, and took his treatment faithfully for several months. It was a very short time after he pronounced me well, that the disease broke out afresh, and I was in a far worse condition than at first. Large lumps formed



MR. OTTO H. ELBERT.

on my neck, my throat was filled with sores, and a horrible ulcer broke out on my jaw. After being treated again with no success, I became disgusted and changed doctors. I was again given the usual treatment of mercury, and took enough to kill an ordinary man. Of course, I was pronounced cured half a dozen times, the disease returning each time, until my physician finally admitted that he could do me no good. I am sure that so one was ever in a worse fix than I—my hair had fallen by the handful, my feet were so swollen that I could scarcely work, and I was in a sad plight.

"I had seen S. S. S. advertised as a cure for this disease, and determined to try it, and before I had taken one bottle I felt much better. I continued to take the remedy, and a dozen bottles cured me completely, so that for five years I have had no sign of the terrible disease. S. S. S. is the greatest blood remedy of the age, and is truly a God-send to those afflicted with contagious blood poison."

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