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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 and 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 railways.

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 Runtels, 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 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 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 thereof 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 Tues-

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 Runtels, 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 railways 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 Runtels, 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 railways 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 last 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 31 day of said month.

Now, therefore, I, C. A. Culbertson, 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 31 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 21 day of April, A. D. 1897.

C. A. CULBERTSON,
Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:
J. W. MADDEN,
Secretary of State.

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Do you want employment as cook, mechanic, clerk, etc., write to Palestine Employment Bureau, P. O. Box 636, Palestine, Texas. Enclose stamp for reply.

Still in the lead. 8 lbs roasted coffee \$1; 7 lbs fine green coffee \$1. Every thing else in proportion. Any body's prices discounted for spot cash. Our motto: Big sales, small profits.

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456	J I "	60	.78
482	D Harrison	20	.31
483	Jno Hagan	174	1.56
485	A Hoya	368	3.12
495	P Hallmark	260	3.12
497	M D T "	121	2.34
514	R Hail	285	3.90
528	Jas Henley	80	1.56
540	M Hunt	100	.78
636	H B Jacques	69	.78
664	R Kitchins	160	1.56
676	S J W Long	100	1.72
718	J F Martin	51	2.34
722	J L Milford	320	3.28
710	B Morris	1370	17.43
724	J C Morrison	154	2.34
730	W A Murchison	176	2.80
769	McKinny & Williams	110	1.17
761	"	18	.10
784	A Menifee	60	.78
787	E Masters	111	1.56
841	L M Plummer	141	1.56
979	W B Stokes	160	1.56
1024	J A Thompson	70	.78
1043	W P Theobald	25	.39
1079	A G Wilkins	160	2.34
1168	T G Hallmark	40	.39
1199	W N Massengale	160	1.56
1203	A Walker	35	.39
00	Arch Heurie	2362	19.97
00	A Henrie	447	3.90

TOWN LOTS.

Mrs. Jno Howard, Crockett, Lot 93, 95 in Block 25, taxes \$1.56.
 John Tilford Taylor, Lots, Abstract 423, A E Gossitt Original Grantee, number of acres delinquent 884; number of lots delinquent in block 9, Crockett, Texas, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208—taxes \$10.33.
 J B Valentine, Crockett Depot, Crockett, Texas, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6—taxes \$6.43. Gif Williams, Crockett, Texas, in Block 25, lot 94—tax \$4.09
 H K McCoy, Grapeland, Texas, Block 25, lot 98—taxes .85. Heirs of James Hall, Crockett, Texas, Block 31, lot 305—taxes .78. E L Simpson, Crockett, Texas, Abst 423, Original Grantee, A E Gossitt, 11 acres, lots 178, 179, 180 in Block 17, lot 153 in Block 18, in Crockett, lot 1, block 1, Crockett, Depot—taxes \$14.88.

An Improvement Society.

We publish below a clipping which shows what the ladies of Madisonville, Texas, are doing on the line of local improvement. It will be recalled that the COURIER, on more occasions than one has suggested and urged the organization in Crockett by the ladies, of just such a society. Throughout the northern and eastern states there is hardly a village that hasn't its local organization of the towns in the way of laying out and embellishing parks, side-walks, setting out shade trees and in many other ways unnecessary to mention. The COURIER again calls the attention of the Crockett ladies to the importance of such a society and urges on them a consideration of the great good to be accomplished by such an association.

Madisonville, Tex., May 1.—The spacious district court room was well filled last night with enthusiastic citizens, who had met to discuss the formation of a village improvement society. The audience was entertained by earnest and instructive talks from Dr. J. D. Jordan, Hon. M. T. Randolph and Messrs. J. M. Brownlee, C. E. Gustavas and R. O. Allen. Another meeting will be held on May 6, when a permanent organization will be formed and definite plans of work commenced. The organization owes its origin to the efforts of the good ladies of Madisonville and promises to become one of the most important factors in the future development of the little city.

The public square is to be improved and ornamented, the streets are to be leveled, and ornamental shrubbery planted and cultivated. It is the object of the society to unite the whole town in a harmonious cooperative spirit of improvement and upbuilding, from the blacksmith shop to the city bank.

The strongest, most available and under the circumstances the logical candidate for president in 1900 from the stand-point of free-silver is Bland of Missouri. He would have been by odds the strongest candidate in 1896.

The Laundry is running new on full limit and is turning out most excellent work.

Stock Law Election.

The undersigned, county judge of Houston county, by virtue of an order passed by the commissioners' court of said county at the May term of said court hereby gives notice that on Monday, the 21st day of June, 1897 an election will be held at Grapeland, Houston county, Texas, for the purpose of enabling the free holders of the hereinafter described division of territory to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following division of territory—what is commonly known as the "Grapeland Independent School Corporation"—better described by metes and bounds as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point two miles north from the International and Great Northern depot building situated in the town of Grapeland, thence running east two miles, thence south four miles, thence west four miles, thence north four miles and thence east two miles to the place of beginning.

And it is further ordered by the court that the election aforesaid shall be held free of any expense to the county, and G. M. Hollingsworth is hereby appointed manager of said election.

E. WINFREE,
 County Judge, Houston Co., Tex.

ALL indications point to a good price for cotton for early fall deliveries.

For governor of Texas next year the entries will be John H. Reagan, M. M. Crane, J. W. Blake, Joe Sayers, W. T. Lanham, R. M. Wynne, et al.

Home institutions make towns out of villages and cities out of towns. Stick to and support home enterprises, we refer to such plants as the Laundry and the Electric Light plants.

THERE will likely be three or four candidates for United States Senator to succeed Senator Mills. We do not believe that Senator Mills will be a candidate for re-election. His declination would leave the field to James Stephen Hogg, Gov. Culberson and Congressman Joe Bailey. The contest will be a spirited one from the word "go."

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I will sell you today the following goods at prices named:

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- Best parlor matches 2 dozen boxes for .25.
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- Best Canned corn 4 cans for .35.
- " " tomatoes 3 cans for .25.
- Evaporated apples in one lb packages, something extra fine, 4 packages for .30.
- Jelly, assorted flavors, 15 lbs for .55.
- Nunsen's Preserves, assorted, in 1 lb tins, per can. 124.
- 15 lb Raisins for 1.00.
- 7 lbs Arbuckle or Apex roasted coffee for 1.00.
- 6 lbs Best Green Rio coffee for 1.00.
- Large can asparagus, each .20.
- Faultless starch, can use without boiling .10.
- Imported Sardines 10c per can or 3 cans for .25.
- 4 lbs good soda .25.
- A large bottle of liquid bluing for .5.
- 7 cakes best laundry soap for .25.
- 1 lb good smoking tobacco with pipe .20.
- American sardines per can .5.
- Columbia River Salmon per can 124.
- Pine apples, eyeless and coreless, per can .20.
- Condensed milk .10.
- Large jar prepared horse redish .30.
- One pound can extra good baking powder .10.
- White Swan, the best flour on the market, per sack 1.40.
- Second pat. flour, per sack 1.25.
- High pat. flour, per bbl 5.25.
- My stock of pickles, sauce, and relishes can not be surpassed in Crockett and would almost make a dead man hungry. When you want something extra nice in that line come and see me.
- Try some of my nice new mackerel. I have them in kits and bulk.
- Try my 8 lbs to the dollar green coffee. It is big value for the money.
- If goods not found as represented bring them back and get your money. Stock all new and clean and no shoddy goods.
- The prettiest and most tempting line of pickles, sauces and relishes to be had in Crockett. To see is to buy.
- Prices on all other goods in stock in proportion. These are SPOT CASH prices. No goods booked or "ticket in drawer," for any one, even for a day.
- No Book-keeper to pay. No bad accounts to lose. SPOT CASH and one price to everybody is my motto. I want your trade. Come and see me.

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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 215 to 219 So. Clinton St., Chicago, Ill.

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, 134 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,
 Cl. CLK. H. H. H. 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: \$1.50 tickets limited to 10 days, on Tue and Thursdays; \$21.35 tickets limited to 20 days; \$29.10 tickets limited until November 1897.
 J. B. Valentine, Agent.

A DARING ROBBERY.

THE WORK OF THREE MASKED MEN.

The Southern Pacific Was Held Up and the Sales of the Wells-Fargo Express Blown Open and \$10,000 is Supposed to Have Been Secured.

San Antonio, Texas, May 15.—The west-bound Southern Pacific train, No. 20, was held up and robbed by three masked men between 1 and 2 o'clock yesterday morning about one mile west of Lozier, a station about 250 miles west of San Antonio. The place selected for the robbery is an ideal one for a hold-up. The daring and skill of the robbers have not been excelled in the history of modern railroad robbery. The methods were bold and unique and, above all, successful.

That the robbers understood their business is shown by the fact that they succeeded in opening two iron safes of the Wells-Fargo Express company, one of them a through safe and the other a local safe. The contents of both safes were secured. The amount of money secured can not be positively stated, as the express company officials are reticent, but from reliable sources it is learned that the amount will not fall below \$10,000 and may be more.

As the west-bound train pulled out of Lozier yesterday morning at 1:50 the conductor saw three men run from behind the depot building and crawl upon the engine. When the train was about a mile west of the town the three men crawled over the tender and at the point of pistols compelled the engineer to bring the train to a stop at a wild and mountainous spot. The fireman and engineer were ordered to get down out of the engine, and with a coal pick were forced to help the robbers to open the door of the express car, while one of the robbers kept up a fusillade of shots along the sides of the passenger coaches to intimidate the passengers.

The door of the express car was finally opened and one of the robbers climbed into the car and dynamited the safes. The through safe was difficult to open and three attempts were necessary to effect entrance, but it finally gave way and the robbers secured all its contents, amounting to some \$7000 or \$8000 in money and valuables. The local safe was blown open with one charge of dynamite and about \$3000 in money secured. The explosion of the dynamite completely wrecked the express car, the top being blown off and the sides and floor shattered. The mail matter was not molested, but was considerably damaged by the explosion.

After dumping the contents of the two safes into their three bags the robbers ordered the engineer, fireman and express messenger to get onto the engine, and the engineer was given instructions to back the train out of bullet range of the robbers, who then mounted their horses, which had been tied near by, and rode away toward the north.

Three Negroes Lynched.

Rosebud, Tex., May 15.—Late Thursday evening there seemed to be some signs of mob violence to three negroes confined here in the calaboose. Deputy Sheriff Roe Wilson immediately deputized three or four men to guard the prisoners and later everything seemed quiet, but about 12 o'clock Thursday night a crowd went to the calaboose, and, taking advantage of the guards by covering them with guns, demanded the prisoners. The guards, however, talked them out of it, and immediately started to Marlin with the prisoners, Sabe Stewart, Berry Williams and Dave Cotton, but had only gone about three miles when the organized crowd, by this time 100 men or more, overtook and overpowered them and hung all three negroes on one limb of a small hackberry tree just inside of Mr. Will Atkin's pasture. On Tuesday night last Miss Lottie Coates, a young lady, about 17 years old, sleeping with a younger sister, daughters of Mr. W. D. Coates, living one mile below Wilderville, and about seven miles east of here, was awakened by some one laying his hands on her. By the light of the moon she saw a negro man standing by her bedside. She screamed with fright. Her mother and father heard her, and thinking she had a nightmare her mother started into the room to awake her and finding the door locked, went through the hall onto the gallery and to her astonishment a negro ran by, jumped the fence and ran off down the road and another jumped out of the window and ran off in another direction. Mrs. Coates thought she recognized one as Berry Williams and the young lady recognized the other as Sabe Stewart. Berry Williams acknowledged to everything, saying he held the widow while Stewart crawled into the room and that Cotton had planted the scheme and was standing in the road near by waiting, telling them when they got through to come back and he would go in.

Coke Laid to Rest.

Waco, Texas, May 17.—The remains of Senator Coke were consigned to rest yesterday at 12 o'clock, during one of the hardest rains and hail storms that has visited this city for years.

Lightning struck a large oak tree in the midst of the assembly at the grave, rending it and shocking several people. Ex-Governor R. B. Hubbard received a severe shock and fell to his knees, ex-Governor L. S. Ross and Mr. Brigrance of the committee from the legislature were also severely shocked and others slightly. The strangest thing is that it did not kill anyone.

The funeral procession was almost broken up by the storm's approach, only about 100 arriving at the cemetery.

Waco, Texas, May 17.—The funeral of Senator Coke yesterday was the largest ever witnessed in Waco. The remains were conveyed to the Tabernacle at 8 o'clock yesterday morning and at 8:30 the doors were opened to the public. For one hour and a half thereafter, despite the rain, which fell about 9 o'clock, a steady stream of men, women and children passed in, viewing the remains and taking their seats. The Tabernacle had been draped in mourning and everything betokened the pall of sorrow that has visited this community.

The remains lay directly in front of the center of the stage, and the casket was decorated with flowers. Upon the stage to the right were seated visiting friends of the dead statesman. Upon the floor to the left of the remains the Waco bar were seated and to the right members of Pat Cleburne camp, United Confederate Veterans.

In a row of chairs forming a half circle in front of the casket were seated the family and intimate friends. Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, the officiating minister, stood on the platform between the coffin and the stage, while the choir, under the direction of Mrs. R. O. Rousavall, occupied the center of the stage.

Just above the remains, a large crayon picture of Senator Coke was suspended, with the words, "Soldier, Jurist, Statesman."

Dr. Burleson, the veteran preacher of Texas, with an intimate acquaintance with deceased since his first arrival in the state, was peculiarly fitted for the place assigned him, and he stood, bent with age, over the casket in which lay the inanimate form of his old friend, he presented a picture striking in its suggestiveness and lending a solemnity to the occasion rarely ever felt.

Dr. Burleson's tribute to Senator Coke was grand. He pictured him as a struggling young lawyer, soldier, judge then in the political arena, where the fortunes of the ablest are fickle enough, Senator Coke won renown. His career was traced all along the walks of public life, and abundant reason was found for the confidence reposed in him, and the esteem in which he was held by the people.

Horstman Acquitted.

Buckholts, Texas, May 17.—At 11 o'clock Saturday night it was reported over the wires from Cameron that Theodore Horstman, who has been on trial for several days in the district court at that place charged with the killing of John Vickers in 1895, near this place, was declared not guilty by twelve good citizens. The verdict gives universal satisfaction and was heralded by his many friends with a salute of 100 guns at 12 o'clock at night. He has resided in Buckholts about twelve years and is one of our most enterprising and successful business men.

North Texas Storm.

Dallas, Texas, May 17.—Reports from all over North Texas bring news of heavy rains during the past few days. The Trinity river is on its second boom since March and tress fifty feet in length have been floating down at intervals all day. The river has reached the high water mark of 1895 and is still rising. Much damage to crops of all kinds is reported throughout this section.

To Equalize Wages.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 17.—The executive board of the Window Glass Workers' association has counted the votes on the resolution to equalize wages that was sent out to the trade two weeks ago. It was found that the resolution had been adopted by a good vote. President Simon Burns is confident that an advance will be secured by the workers for the next year.

Christian Moerlela of Cincinnati, one of the pioneer brewers of Cincinnati, died at his home in Clifton at 6:30 a. m., aged 84 years.

Given Five Years.

Buffalo, Texas, May 17.—District court is still in session at Centerville, but up to date only one conviction had been had. Late yesterday evening the jury in the case of the state vs. Sid Dunn, charged with murder, after being out fifteen hours, returned a verdict of guilty and gave him five years in the penitentiary.

Dunn's crime was the killing of a 14-year-old girl about two miles from Centerville, something over three years ago, while in a state of intoxication.

THE PRESLER BILL.

PASSED TO ITS THIRD READING IN THE HOUSE.

Stands Pat on Amendment—Sent Deficiency Bill Back to Conference, But Instructed Its Conference to Yield Nothing—Doings of the Senate.

Austin, Texas, May 18.—The house spent yesterday on the Presler uniform system of school text books and late in the afternoon passed it to third reading, after having amended it considerably, although not very materially, but its friends did not succeed in setting it for today for final action.

After the bill had been disposed of, there was a hot time for a few moments over the report of the free conference committee on the deficiency appropriation bill, which was adopted in spite of the senate's rejection thereof, and from the way the vote stood the house is emphatically determined to stand pat in its determination not to pay the stenographers of the Fort Worth, Austin and Dallas courts of civil appeals for work done during the past two years for which an appropriation was made by the Twenty-fourth legislature.

The discussion of the report gave an opening for retorts to the things which the senate has been indulging in toward the house for a week or more, but Speaker Dashiell pursued a different course in the matter from that adopted by the presiding officer of the senate and refused to allow any unparliamentary reference to any action of the body across the hall on the ground that the house could not afford to accept the senate as a criterion of legislative courtesy.

After trying until 4:30, the senate succeeded in marshaling a quorum and proceeded at once to grant the house's request for another free conference committee on the general appropriation bill. Then it decapitated the house bill regulating the expenditure of available school funds so as to restrict its use in districts where it is supplemented by local taxation and prevent its being spent in any other than the constitutional way where the community system prevails. Drew's occupation tax bill was taken up and amended and was still pending when the meeting dissolved for the day.

The fee bill and general appropriation bill free conference committee are expected to report today.

Doings of the Senate.

Austin, Texas, May 18.—In the absence of a quorum in the senate yesterday morning adjournment was taken until 3:25 p. m.

No quorum was present in the senate yesterday afternoon and a recess was taken until 4:30 p. m., at which hour a working number was present.

They refused to consider the \$10,000 per diem bill of the house, which had been tabled last Friday, subject to call and Mr. Goss called up house substitute bill amending the law relating to the use of school funds so as to permit the purchase of school furniture, etc., with school money raised by local taxation.

It was killed by an amendment by Mr. Colquitt, striking out the enacting clause.

On motion of Mr. Beall, the senate granted the request of the house for another free conference committee on the general appropriation bill and Messrs. Stone, Morris, Turley, Colquitt and Goss were appointed.

The substitute house bill amending the occupation tax law was called up by Mr. Colquitt and amended by him requiring vendors of fire sales, bankrupt sales, etc., moved from place to place to pay a tax of \$100 for the first month and \$10 for each succeeding month in the year. Amendment adopted. Also one by Greer taxing cigarette dealers \$10 per annum in addition to any tax now imposed.

An amendment by Mr. Dibrell confining the tax on physicians and specialists of the traveling kind of \$50 for the state instead of a tax in every county wherein they practice prevailed. Adjournment until 10 a. m. today.

The indebtedness of Chamberlain Bros. & Co., of Boston, the wool firm who assigned last week, is placed at over \$200,000.

The vitascope pictures of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will be barred from Canada.

Hon. Thomas F. Bayard arrived in Wilmington, Delaware, with the log of the Mayflower in his possession.

The Waco Carnival.

Waco, Texas, May 18.—The Waco Carnival management is working with might and main to complete everything by today and they will succeed. An extra lot of bands were put to work yesterday morning and although the weather is threatening there is no thought of let-up and the big queen carnival will begin on time, as announced in the programme. A telegram to the weather bureau brought the answer that the indications point to fair weather the 18th, 19th and 20th and the management will work on that theory.

In House and Senate.

Austin, Texas, May 14.—The senate tabled the fee bill conundrum yesterday and after tugging with it for a while, decided to ask the house for another free conference committee on the Wayland bill. In the house vigorous opposition to granting the request promises to develop. In case it is denied, the friends of the bill in the senate will endeavor to reconsider the vote by which that body refused to concur in the house amendments to said bill with a view of accepting said amendments and sending it back to the house just like that body passed it.

Of course there are several nice parliamentary questions involved in this, but the preponderance of opinion seems to be that it can be done, in which event the lower branch will once more find itself confronted with the alternative of fishing or cutting bait on a bill which it is asserted will meet with a veto, as those who claim to know confidently assert that the Wayland bill does not meet with executive approval.

While the senate was laboring with the fee bill problem, the house was grinding away on the appropriation bill. Shropshire, Randolph, Brigrance and Tracy attacked the free conference committee report in vigorous manner and in spite of Garrison's gallant defense thereof the report was rejected and a new committee called for.

The principal objection in the house to the report came from the opponents of the increased university appropriation, who had been reinforced by the friends of the Agricultural and Mechanical college and the Sam Houston Normal, both of which institutions have suffered at the hands of the committee. Imperfections have also been pointed out in the bill which are inexcusable and need elimination.

Just what the senate can or will do with the house's request for another committee is problematical, as it adopted the report which the house rejected and reconsidered and tabled the vote by which the adoption was had, thus trying itself up into a parliamentary knot, which may tax the ingenuity of its constitution expounders to unravel.

At all events, the house is determined to reject the free conference committee bill at all hazards if it takes all summer, and if the senate should decide to stand pat the probabilities are good for adjournment without the passage of any appropriation bill at all.

The backers of the Presler text book bill in the house, headed by Fisher, undertook to suspend the regular order to take it up yesterday evening, but failed. After that they started in to block the further progress of legislation and succeeded admirably. For three hours motion after motion to suspend the regular order was made and defeated, pandemonium reigning supreme in the meantime. In brief, the obstructors made a most edifying exhibition of themselves, trying the tempers of their colleagues and making business for the sergeant-at-arms to that extent that the chair felt called upon to give them a warning that they must not persist in attempting to make a farce of the session. Finally they forced a recess under the impression that the present legislative session will by that process be continued until today, in which event senate bills would still be in order. It is contended, however, the effect of a recess is simply to remove the necessity for a roll call on the next day and that it does not continue a legislative day. However, there is room for more parliamentary fencing and the fur is expected to fly as soon as the house comes to order this morning.

The free conference committee to which the deficiency appropriation bill was referred the second time concluded yesterday evening to recommend that the senate recede from its amendments to the bill which the house rejected. That it will do so without protest is improbable, as it is given out that an attempt will be made today to induce that body to follow the house's example in the first instance and in turn reject the report.

As might be expected, the best feeling does not prevail between the two houses as a result of the work of the last few days, and the breach is widening right along. The senate yesterday passed the bill authorizing the Houston and Texas Central to acquire the Austin and Northwestern and the Texas Central, which is now ready to go to the governor. The bill authorizing the Galveston, La Porte and Houston to acquire the Galveston and Western passed to the third reading and needs one more roll call to start it in the direction of the executive office.

Senator Coke is Dead.

Waco, Texas, May 14.—Ex-Senator Richard Coke died this morning at 1:45 o'clock. At his bedside were Mrs. Coke, his wife; Richard Coke, Jr., an only son; Dr. D. R. Wallace, the family physician for thirty-five years, and a few intimate friends. He became unconscious about 9 o'clock last night, gradually sinking, until at 11 o'clock the approach of death was plainly visible. He sank rapidly from that time, but apparently without pain, and finally passed away as peacefully as if sleeping.

TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

The Masons of Troupe, Smith county, will erect a two-story building real soon.

The clock for the new court house in Denton, Denton county, has arrived and is being put in place.

Thomas Dietz, a gunsmith who lived with his father-in-law, Newt Allen in Paris, Lamar county, died a few days ago from an overdose of morphine.

The custom house guards at Laredo, Webb county, arrested five Chinamen the other night in the act of smuggling themselves into this country from Mexico.

Postmaster Kelly of Texarkana, has received authority from the postoffice department to increase the wages of the Texarkana letter carriers from \$600 to \$850 per year.

Six new Monmouth engines have arrived at Texarkana for the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad, and will be assigned to business between this point and Kansas City.

A recapitulation in progress will show that the enrollment in the public schools of Sherman for 1896-97 will be at least 200 in excess of the enrollment of the preceding year.

The work at the city quarries at Sherman will begin at once and a foundation of eighteen inches of stone will be put in for the macadamized surface of the work of the court house square.

The other day on the Crosson ranch, thirty miles from Alpine, Brewster county, Paz Nica, a sheep herder, was mortally wounded, from the effects of which he died. Tom Crosson is suspected.

During the past three weeks there has been shipped from Crockett, Houston county, between 6000 and 8000 head of cattle, some going to north-west Texas and others to the Indian Territory.

Thomas Sarber, a railroad brakeman, died the other night from an overdose of opium at Fort Worth. Letters found on him show that his wife lived at Merkel, Taylor county, July last.

The commissioners court recently entered into a contract for the erection of an iron bridge 90 feet in length across Elm creek on the Abilene and Anson road near Abilene, Taylor county.

Grover Turner, a lad of 10 or 12 years, attempted to jump on a south-bound Cotton Belt freight train the other day. Missing his footing he fell under the wheels and his legs were crushed, causing his death.

A residence owned by Dr. Wm. St. John and occupied by Deputy County Clerk Sim Walton, in Cleburne, Johnson county, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. Insurance on building \$750, on furniture \$750.

The public schools in Cleburne, Johnson county, are in excellent shape. The monthly pay roll to teachers is \$1240. There will be left over after the last month's salary is paid, about \$2000 of school money.

Extra freight train No. 31 had a wreck near Meredith, Johnson county, recently. The Santa Fe management has assigned regular engines to local freight trains, thus making locals preferred runs for engine crews as well as train crews.

Johnnie Ashlock, a 15-year-old son of R. V. Ashlock, was drowned recently while playing in the Woman pool at Whitewright, Grayson county. He had swum across and half way back when he was strangled and sank in six feet of water.

The skeleton of a middle-aged man was found in the corner of the San Fernando cemetery in San Antonio by the sexton the other day. The bones were in a perfect stage of preservation and were perfectly bare, as though the flesh had been artificially removed from them. Three of the teeth were plugged with gold.

Mrs. Smith, a lady living in Denton, Denton county, in walking down the steps at her house the other day, slipped and falling, broke her right leg.

The stockholders of the Gainesville, McAlester and St. Louis railroad met the other day at Gainesville. Plans were formulated to begin on the road and the information was given out by them that all the steps necessary to insure the construction of the road through the Indian Territory were taken at this meeting.

A freight wreck occurred in the south end of the Houston and Texas Central yards at Calvert, Robertson county, a few nights ago, in which three box cars were broken into kindling, and engines No. 104 and 108 were badly damaged.

Cal Arnett, a helper in the round-house while tightening bolts under an engine the other night at Gainesville, Cooke county, was badly scalded. The boiler washer, not knowing that Arnett was under the engine, turned the hot water on him.

CRETE AND PEOPLE.

BEAUTIFUL ISLAND WITH A TROUBLOUS HISTORY.

The Turk Has Been Its Most Tyrannical Ruler — Its Inhabitants Have Struggled for Liberty Through Several Centuries.

(Special Letter.)
THE island of Crete lies at the entrance to the Grecian archipelago, being sixty miles distant from the mainland of Greece and 110 miles from Asia Minor. It thus lay directly in the path of western migration and was one of the first points in Europe settled by man. The Pelasgi, or primitive Greeks, when they entered Greece also took possession of the attractive and luxuriant island of Crete, and in the time of Homer it was a prosperous and thickly-settled country. Its early history is entirely mythical and legendary. It was the birthplace and burial place of Jupiter, and the wonderful and intricate labyrinth of the Minotaur, of which no eye who entered could ever find his way out, was situated in Crete. Cydonia, the ancient city that stood where Canea now is, was called, "the mother of cities." In ancient times Crete was a place of importance and is described thus by Homer: "There is a country, Crete, in the midst of the Black Sea, beautiful and fertile, wave-washed roundabout, with a population infinite in number, and ninety cities. The races are different; there are Achæans, the



VIEWS IN CRETE.

Cydonians, the crest-waving Dorians, and the divine Pelasgi. Theirs is Guossus, a great city, and theirs is King Minos, who talked nine years with great Jove."

The very conditions which tended to the independence and rapid development of Crete in ancient times, its in-



A GLIMPSE OF CANEA.

sular position and freedom from outside interference, have served to keep it in subjection ever since it was conquered by the Romans. The Cretans were the earliest seafaring Greeks, and in 87 B. C. nearly eighty years after Greece had passed under Roman rule, the sailors of Crete were still independent. They sailed from one end of the Mediterranean to the other, attacked the defenceless towns that lay near the coast and made it unsafe for any Roman galley to venture forth. In the days of Cleero, when Rome claimed dominion over all the known world, these daring pirates entered the Tiber and captured transports that were carrying grain to Rome. They had grown too powerful to be ignored, and Rome turned all her attention to making a "net" of them. Metellus, a Roman general, sent for Crete with a large army, and after a number of sharp battles on sea and land, succeeded in destroying the power of the pirates, and Crete was made a Roman province. Since then it has been constantly under the dominion of some foreign and op-

pressive ruler, Roman, Saracen, Byzantine, Venetian, and lastly, the "unspeakable Turk," robbing and misgoverning in turn.

When the Saracens wrested the island from the Byzantine, or Eastern Roman empire, in 823, all the inhabitants were converted to Islamism. It was either that or extermination. But in 960 Phocas won the island back, and the Cretans returned to Christianity. In 1204 the Crusaders, under Baldwin, Count of Flanders, invested Constantinople and overthrew for a time the Byzantine empire. The empire was divided among the victors and Crete was allotted to Boniface, Marquis of Montserrat, who sold it to Venice.

The Venetian rule was but a repetition of all that had gone before, the island being looked upon only as a place where taxes could be levied. They were levied to such an extent that the population is said to have been reduced from 1,600,000 to 160,000 in 450 years. At the end of this time the Turks, with the hearty co-operation of the Cretans themselves, drove out the Venetians and a rule even worse than theirs had been inaugurated. They had exchanged Venetian tax-gatherers for Turkish, and the miseries of religious persecution was added to their others. Rebellions without number have been fought, but always with the same result. The island would be overrun with soldiers of the sultan, the land devastated, villages burned and the Cretans starved into making terms — which the Turks never kept.

This state of affairs has continued down to our own day. Just previous to the last rebellion, in 1866, the Cretans addressed a petition to the sultan protesting.

The answer to the petition was that the Cretans, who had assembled to discuss their situation, disperse at once,

heavily laden donkeys, any kind of a road is good enough.

All the native inhabitants of Crete, Mohammedans and Christians, are of the Greek race and speak the Greek language. On account of their insular position they have suffered far less from foreign influences than the Greeks of the continent. Turkish and other foreign words are very rare in the Cretan dialect, while common enough in modern Greek. The Cretans of to-day, in language and person, are the purest representatives of the ancient Greeks to be found anywhere. They are tall and athletic, especially the mountaineers, and eager to advance themselves intellectually. Every petition to the sublime porte asks for school and teachers, but schools cost money and consequently are not looked upon favorably by the Turkish government. The women of the mountainous districts are noted for their great beauty, and the explanation given of this fact is significant. Whenever a girl of the lowlands gives promise of being exceptionally attractive she is sent by her friends into the mountains, where the danger of becoming an inmate of a Turkish harem is far less than in the neighborhood of the towns.

The climate of Crete is mild and salubrious, the close proximity of the mountains and the sea giving it a cool and even temperature the year round. The fertile soil of the lowlands produces olives, oranges and lemons in great profusion, and this island, which was once called, with Sicily, the granary of Rome, might again become a prosperous and productive land under a favorable government. Crete has been waiting over nineteen hundred years for such a blessing, and no one can say how much longer she will have to wait. After making a gallant fight in the last insurrection, but thirty years ago, she



Gen. VASSOS.

They were reluctant to do this, the governor attempted to force them, they resisted and the war was on. Perhaps it would have been just as well if this petition had received the fate of a former. When it was handed to the pasha to be forwarded to Constantinople, he substituted one of his own composition, in which his reign of misrule was praised without stint and the people represented as peaceful and happy. For this the pasha was loaded with presents by the sultan, and that was the last of the petition. The result of the petition of 1866 was a long and destructive war, in the end of which the Cretans, when the aid of Greece was suddenly withdrawn, had to accept the terms of peace offered by the Turks.

LIVED ON FAT OF THE LAND.

Ancient Romans Could Eat the Choicest Delicacies of the World.

When at its zenith the Roman empire laid all the barbarian countries of the world under contribution to supply the tables of its nobles and wealthy citizens with the fine luxuries of life, says Lippincott's Magazine, Asia and Africa poured in the rich spices and fruits of the tropics; Germany and the great north countries raised the grains and wild berries; Italy and the fertile land of the Franks cultivated the vineyards to make or express the wines; every strip of sea coast from the Mediterranean to the Baltic contributed its quota of fish, and the forests of Britany yielded the wild game of the woods—birds, beasts and fowls—for the banquets of the proud, dissolute rulers of the vast empire. With the choice products of a great world so easily obtained there were wanton waste, foolish extravagance and a strange disregard of the value of expensive luxuries, and the historian dwelling upon these times delights in recapitulating the various articles of diet arranged in tempting manner upon the groaning tables at the great feasts and banquets. But, excepting Nero's dish of peacock tongues and Cleopatra's cup of wine with the dissolved pearls in it, the menu of our modern banquets would compare favorably with those spread in the times when gluttony, licentiousness and greed for luxury were insidiously sapping the strength of Rome.

One result of the prosperous year enjoyed by Great Britain last year is the greatly decreased immigration.

TALL MEN ARE SHY.

Their Reticence Never Shared by the Little Men.

Two French physicians who have been making investigations have come forward with a general denunciation of tall men as no good, says the New York Herald. They instance the giants of the world, who have been proverbially dull and men of gloomy disposition, and say that the chances are against phenomically tall men or even very tall men being bright. There should, however, be a careful distinction drawn between tall men and giants. Giantism has been demonstrated to be a disease. The victims suffer from a malady which produces an enlargement of the joints and this, more than any other growth of the bones, produces their extraordinary height. But men within certain limits grow tall without suffering decreased or absorbed mentality. It will not do to denounce the tall man when the world has seen so many examples of his being able to hold his own. The real reason why the tall men do not come to the front of the stage is that they are as modest as they are extended. Little men usually bustle about to such an extent that people believe that they make up in width of views what they lack in stature. In their absorbing ambition not to be overlooked they simply overdo the thing and make these whose command of the horizon is larger believe that they must get out of the way or the little fellows will run over them. The tall man is always looking down on some one, but if any one believes that it is a comfortable situation he should get himself into it for once and discover how unpleasant it is to carry on conversation with the assistance of a telephone neck. It is this excruciating experience that makes the tall man, as a rule, reticent. His reticence is mistaken for pride, pride is believed to be the evidence of doubt of his own powers, doubt proves deficiency. Deficiency in the tall man can arise from only one thing—development of the body at the expense of the brain and nervous system. Hence the short man easily arrives at the conclusion that the tall man is a misfit and that he is the only perfect being going. Perfection being accorded him he might easily conquer the world, but he always spoils his chances by marrying a tall woman, who holds him back. This is the only reason why the men under five feet six have not already exterminated those over five feet nine.

BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO.

One of Them Was a Green Parrot, but It Knew How to Ride.

Pedestrians stared, horses reared up on their hind legs with fright and wheelmen turned their heads and risked their necks in an effort to see when the latest bicycle girl rode down Broad street yesterday, says the Philadelphia Record. She was a "girl" in the sense that she was single, but she had evidently been so for nearly fifty years. Her costume was a marvel of antiquity, but it was not her own personality nor her bloomers which attracted the most attention. On the handle-bar in front of her a green parrot was perched. The bird's feathers were ruffled by the wind and Polly seemed to be enjoying the ride immensely, for she chattered and squawked and flapped her wings at a great rate. There was a string tied to the frame of the wheel and at the other end of the line a small dog was securely tied. The little animal chased along as best he could, barking enthusiastically. The big reserve policeman at Broad and Chestnut streets motioned to the rider to stop.

"You're on the wrong side of the street," said he. "Don't do it again or you'll be fined."

The lady was inclined to be pugnacious. She complained that she would not have been molested if her husband had been with her.

"Well, why don't you bring him along?" said the reserve.

The lady blushed and replied, quite pathetically:

"I have none."

"Well, run along, little girl," said the good-hearted policeman. "Leap year will be here in seven years."

So she remounted her wheel and rode off.

Postoffice Nomenclature.

The postoffice department has turned West Ringe, N. H., into Westridge, which leads a contemporary to remark: "Why not also Westnewton? And Newtonlowerfalls? And why not Eastcambridge? And Southboston? The postoffice orthography is inconsistent. Elsewhere the desire to be consistent has led the department into worse combinations than either of these. There was a Fawcett Gap in Virginia, which was straightway corrected at Washington to Fawcettgap. Well and good; that looks distinguished. But it happened that in North Carolina there was a place called Roaring Gap; and Fawcett Gap having become one word, the department was at once forced to rechristen the other place 'Roaringgap,' though the change brought these two gaps into such absurd proximity."—Exchange.

THE WHITE TOPAZ.

Beautiful Stones to Be Seen at the Diamond Palace.

Every day in the week one can see crowds around the windows of the Diamond Palace, No. 235 State street, Chicago. The windows are full of these splendid stones which send out their myriad rays of scintillating light. White topaz or carbonated diamonds have come to be recognized as the nearest thing on earth to a genuine diamond; so near indeed is it that the proprietors of the Diamond Palace do not hesitate to place real diamonds in the window with the specimens of the topaz and allow the public to pick them out at one dollar each; the latter stones have all the lovely brilliancy of the diamonds, sparkling steadily and with wonderful fire, the thousands of these stones in the windows forming one of the most gorgeous displays and has proved an attraction which is one of the features of Chicago.

The Diamond Palace has many imitators who endeavor to sell cheap rhinestones and other pastes claiming they are the topaz. We caution the public to be careful as the Diamond Palace, No. 235 State street, Chicago, are the sole importers of the White Topaz. See the display advertisement of the company in another column. You can rely on its statements.

The collapse of a trust was signalized recently by a drop of more than thirty per cent in the quoted price of steel rails. The manufacturer who made the first cut, an owner of many blast-furnaces and rolling-mills, had just formed an alliance with the owner of numerous iron-mines. But the furnaces were in Pennsylvania, while the mines were in Minnesota. How, after the ore had been carried half-way across the continent, could the manufactured article be sold for less than the product of Pennsylvania mines, smelted and milled at home? Several factors enter into the explanation. In the first place, the ores mined in the "lake region"—Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin—are rich in iron, comparatively free from deleterious substances, such as phosphorus, and soft enough to be easily smelted.

The discretion of a judge in a naturalization case may wisely give the United States the benefit of the doubt as to the expediency of granting citizenship. A judge in a western state rejected twenty-one out of thirty-four applicants because they were ignorant of American institutions and principles, beside showing, in some instances, an inability to read, write or speak with a proper facility. These applicants for full citizenship were not able to stand the test of simple questions. Some of the answers were mere travesties on information. One said the highest officer of the state was "the czar," while another thought the chief official of the nation was "the White House." In former days, when an indiscriminate granting of the privileges of citizenship was regarded, in some communities at least, as a matter of course, it is possible that all of these applicants might have succeeded. Happily the country is now alert and protests against such folly.

Some of the leading jewelers are showing among their novelties beautiful bottles of cut glass which are used for burning incense. These bottles have a crown of open work which partly shields a substance which smolders slowly, being fed by a wick from a delicately perfumed liquid with which the bottle is filled. The odor is delicately fragrant, and the bottle is a charming addition to a handsomely fitted up cozy corner.

A Dangerous Lethargy.

The forerunner of a train of evils, which too often culminates fatally, is inactivity or lethargy of the kidneys. Not only is Bright's disease, diabetes, gravel, or some other dangerous integral disease of the organs themselves to be apprehended, but dropsical distensions from the blood, rheumatism and gout, are all traceable to the non-removal from the blood by the kidneys of certain impurities. Hostetter's Stomach Bitter depurates the blood, renders the kidneys active and prevents their disease.

A cow in Louisville has swallowed a clock. This ought to be a striking illustration for Dr. Lyman Abbott.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

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

SCOTCH ROLLED OATS.

Have you tried them for breakfast? Cooks in 10 minutes. One pound equal to two pounds of meat. Sold by all grocers. Insist on having them.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.

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

EVERYTHING IS OF USE TO A HOUSEKEEPER.

LIGOR HADIT POSITIVELY CURED. Home Treatment—Written guarantee given—no cure no pay. Send 2c. stamp for treatise. Neurotic Medicine Co., Haverhill, N. H. Mention this paper.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All druggists.

A young father with a new baby is usually impressed with the idea that his is the first case of the kind on record.

A SCIENTIST SAVED

President Barnaby, of Hartsville College, Survives a Serious Illness Through the Aid of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

From the Republican, Columbus, Ind.

The Hartsville College, situated at Hartsville, Indiana, was founded years ago in the interest of the United Brethren Church, when the state was mostly a wilderness, and colleges were scarce. The college is well known throughout the country, former students having gone into all parts of the world.



PROF. ALVIN P. BARNABY.

A reporter recently called at this famous seat of learning and was shown into the room of the President, Prof. Alvin P. Barnaby. When last seen by the reporter Prof. Barnaby was in delicate health. Today he was apparently in the best of health. In response to an inquiry the professor said: "Oh, yes, I am much better than for some time. I am now in perfect health; but my recovery was brought about in rather a peculiar way."

"Tell me about it," said the reporter.

"Well, to begin at the beginning," said the professor, "I studied too hard when at school, endeavoring to educate myself for the professions. After completing the common course I came here, and graduated from the theological course. I entered the ministry, and accepted the charge of a

United Brethren Church at a small place in Kent County, Mich. Being of an ambitious nature, I applied myself diligently to my work and studies. In time I noticed that my health was failing. My trouble was indigestion, and this with other troubles brought on nervousness.

"My physician prescribed for me for some time, and advised me to take a change of climate. I did as he requested and was some improved. Soon after, I came here as professor in physics and chemistry, and later was financial agent of this college. The change agreed with me, and for a while my health was better, but my duties were heavy, and again I found my trouble returning. This time it was more severe and in the winter I became completely prostrated. I tried various medicines and different physicians. Finally, I was able to return to my duties. Last spring I was elected president of the college. Again I had considerable work, and the trouble, which had not been entirely cured, began to affect me, and last fall I collapsed. I had different doctors, but none did me any good. Professor Bowman, who is professor of natural science, told me of his experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and urged me to give them a trial, because they had benefited him in a similar case, and I concluded to try them.

"The first box helped me, and the second gave great relief, such as I had never experienced from the treatment of any physician. After using six boxes of the medicine I was entirely cured. Today I am perfectly well. I feel better and stronger than for years. I certainly recommend this medicine."

To allay all doubt Prof. Barnaby cheerfully made an affidavit before

LESLIE J. SCUDDER, Notary Public.

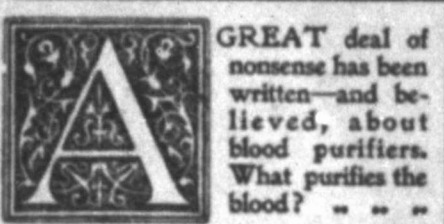
Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are sold by all dealers, or will be sent postpaid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk, or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

J. P. Atkinson and Ada Byrd of Atlanta, Ga., believe in "going it" while they are young. J. P. is 16 and Ada is 14, but they eloped just the same, and, strange to say, found some one to marry them before their parents overtook them. They were finally captured and taken back to school, where they are expected to be real good children.

Northern Ohio has a cave that is said to knock the spots out of Kentucky's vast cavern. Ohio seldom, if ever, gets left.

The editor of this paper advises his readers that a free package of Peruviana, the best kidney and liver cure on earth, will be delivered FREE to any sufferer, if written for promptly. PERUVIANA REMEDY CO., 256 5th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Never wear leather sole linings to stand upon. White cotton drilling or linen is much better and more healthful.



THE KIDNEYS PURIFY THE BLOOD AND THEY ALONE.

If diseased, however, they cannot, and the blood continually becomes more impure. Every drop of blood in the body goes through the kidneys, the sewers of the system, every three minutes, night and day, while life endures.



puts the kidneys in perfect health, and nature does the rest.

The heavy, dragged out feeling, the bilious attacks, headaches, nervous unrest, fickle appetite, all caused by poisoned blood, will disappear when the kidneys properly perform their functions.

There is no doubt about this. Thousands have so testified. The theory is right, the cure is right and health follows as a natural sequence. Be self-convinced through personal proof.

Don't Go West

But look into the Earth under your own feet. There are millions in it. The possibility of a mineral bed of Gold, Silver, Copper, Coal or Oil lies under every acre of land.

A Sure Guide

To this wealth is found in a new book copyrighted, which teaches in simple language just how and where to find all kinds of minerals.

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ELECTRICAL TRAVEL.

Wonders Are Being Accomplished in This Age.

It is only proper and natural that the greatest railroad-building nation should take the lead in electrical traction, and with conditions unrivaled for experiment and practical demonstration we would be unworthy the distinction conferred upon us by struggling ancestors if we did not sustain our reputation, says the Chautauquan. In converting our steam lines, cable and horse car roads into electric railways the question of obtaining the power from cheap and abundant sources is paramount. The success of the Niagara people opens up a field heretofore existing merely in speculation, and it has had the effect of stimulating others in original investigations and experiments to obtain power from similar sources. Vague rumors have been current to the effect that capitalists were on the point of organizing to convert the power of the Missouri, Mississippi and other rivers into electrical energy. It has been estimated that the tides of the North and East rivers exert a power many times greater than would be required to light the whole metropolitan district and to supply heat for the buildings and turn the wheels of all the railroads and factories. The question of collecting and storing the power seems to be the only debatable part of the subject, and this is being seriously considered by inventors and scientists. A tidal water plant has been established at Bower's Cove, near Providence, R. I., where experiments are now being made to convert the energy of the tides into electricity. It is anticipated by the promoters of the enterprise that power, light and heat can be supplied to all mills, traction companies and private houses in Rhode Island at less than one-half the present cost. It may be many years before we shall succeed in harnessing the tides along the two great oceans that wash our shores, but they are sources of such an endless amount of power that the world will not be satisfied until they are controlled or their utility proved futile. The conversion of the energy exerted by the currents of our great rivers into useful power is limited only by the question of initial expense in establishing the plant.

LOST CASE BUT WON HER.

A Carolina Lover Spoils His Girl's Damage Suit.

While some of the members of the local bar were entertaining an attorney from North Carolina he told me this among a good many other professional experiences, says the Detroit Free Press. "Though our mountain people are not educated, no Yankee can beat them in a dicker or go after a dollar with greater avidity. A rich young fellow from our place went up among them for a time to take on some health, and while there paid more attention than he really meant to one of the few beauties that live there. She was a creature of magnificent proportions, naturally brilliant, and as relentless of purpose as any moonshiner that ever went after a revenue officer. She sought to recover \$10,000 damages for breach of promise, and I had the young man's case. On trial the girl made a star witness. When I asked her point blank if he had ever proposed to her she replied that he had not, in so many words, but his every action, look, even his tones, was a proposal. She admitted that she had not gone into a decline because of his inconstancy, but graphically pictured months of agony, unrequited longing and wounded pride. It looked bad for us. At this stage of the case a lank six-footer from the mountains came to me and whispered that he wanted to be called as my first witness. He sternly declined to answer questions till on the stand, but reckoned that his word was good and that he would pull the young fellow through. All I ever asked him was his name and you couldn't have stopped him with a gun. He was the girl's husband. He had married her a week after the young man left the mountains. He had consented to her bringing the suit in her maiden name and saying nothing about her being a wife. 'But if it's so,' he roared, 'that she's been a-mournin' an' a-pinin' an' a-dyin' afteh this beah dice critter, I ask th' cove' foh a divorce.' The girl rushed into his arms. She sobbed that she never loved another. The case was won for me, but the young man never goes to the mountains or makes any miscellaneous bestowals of his affections."

Endless Capacity.

Moss—This paper says that 5,000 people can be crowded into La Scala in Milan.

Foss—We have something in this country that can beat that.

Moss—What is it?

Foss—A New York elevated train.—New York Tribune.

Just Like a Man.

"Oh, Clarence!" exclaimed Mrs. McBride, as her brother entered the house, "baby's cut a tooth."

"Why do you let her play with knives?" asked the unimpressed bachelor brother.—Judge.

Ex-Senator Sawyer and C. P. Huntington, two millionaires, state that they know of two ways to get rich, one being to go to Africa and buy ivory and the other to go south and buy pine lands. They seem to be under the impression that everybody has sufficient means to do this, an error that many rich men make. You can't buy ivory in Africa on wind.

A Parke county, Indiana, man actually sneezed his shoulder out of joint.

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.

A cheerful look makes a dish a genuine feast.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise by Dr. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sort out the little eggs and keep them for setting coffee, using the larger ones for cake.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 50c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Not a long day, but a good heart, rids work.

HALL'S Vegetable Sicilian HAIR RENEWER

Beautifies and restores Gray Hair to its original color and vitality; prevents baldness; cures itching and dandruff. A fine hair dressing.

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CURE YOURSELF!

Use Big G for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of mucous membranes. Painless, and not astrigent or poisonous.

Sold by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for 50c, or 2 bottles, \$1.00. Circular sent on request.

DROPSY NEW DISCOVERY

Quick relief and cures worst cases. Send for booklet. Treatment Free. Dr. H. H. GREEN'S SOBS, Atlanta, Ga.

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For tracing and locating Gold or Silver Ore, lost or buried treasures. 32, 25, POWELL, Box 77, Southington, Conn.

SPRAINS? You'll find out what they are when you... use crutches.

You'll find **ST. JACOBS OIL** is when you put the crutches away, completely cured.

The Electric Light of Mowerdom

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

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

MCCORMICK

New 4. It is not only the handsomest mower ever built, but it is, in every sense of the word, the best—and if your experience has taught you anything, it is that there's nothing cheaper than the best.

McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, Chicago.

The Light-Running McCormick Open Elevator Harvester, The Light-Running McCormick New 4 Steel Mower, The Light-Running McCormick Vertical Corn Binder and The Light-Running McCormick Daisy Resper for sale everywhere.

Genuine White Topaz HAS STARTLED THE WORLD.

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GREAT INTRODUCTORY SALE

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DO NOT CONFOUND

These stones with so-called Rhinestones, Buntings, Paste, Imitation, or any other imitation diamonds, regardless what the name may be.

White Topaz is the only stone that has ever been discovered that cannot be detected from a Diamond. All others are simply manufactured from chemicals.

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Royalty and the few hundred who own celebrated and costly diamonds set in necklaces, tiaras, brooches, bracelets and girthing keep them in regular proof tests, while they wear in public the exact duplicates of White Topaz and no one ever detects the difference.

OUR GUARANTEE—We warrant each and every stone to retain its brilliancy and the mountings to give perfect satisfaction. We will give \$1.00 to any customer who can show that we have failed to replace a stone that was returned to our factory.

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Silence seldom makes a mistake.
The shortest way to do many things is to do only one thing at a time.

The man pleasantly individual.

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lies agree to aid each other in case of attack, and the burghers of each state are given the franchise in either republic. The South African Republic has about twenty-five thousand men available for military service, and the Orange Free State has seventeen thousand. This alliance has been hastened by the disturbed relations between the South African Republic and England. The fact that more than one-third of the white population of Cape Colony is Dutch in origin, and to some extent in sympathies, has also a bearing upon the alliance between Dutch and English republics.

A CUBAN MEETING.

ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE OF MEN AND WOMEN.

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The Greek Situation.

London, May 17.—The preposterous terms proposed by the ports must be regarded as the natural and usual method of Oriental bargaining. They would not be serious did they not force a continuance of the fighting.

With the failure of the Greek dash in Epirus, is their failure to make a further stand unless at Thermopylae, which by virtue of its natural conditions is an immensely strong position, from which the Turks would have the

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McKinley's Message.

Washington, May 18.—The president sent the following message to congress: To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Official information from our consuls in Cuba establishes the fact that a large number of American citizens in the island are in a state of destitution, suffering for want of food and medicines. This applies particularly to the rural districts of the central and eastern parts.

The agricultural classes have been

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Barz Giles

Bayne Rich

Culberson G W

Carr Mariah

Dorsett Elijah

Epps Sol

Foster R M

Manning F M

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Impure Blood

"I have found Hood's Sarsaparilla an excellent medicine. My little girl was afflicted with eczema for seven years and took many kinds of medicine without relief. After taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla she was cured." Mrs. EMMA FRANKLIN, Honeyo, New York. Get only Hood's because

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STATE OF TEXAS, IN COMMISSIONERS COURT.

WE CERTIFY THAT WE HAVE EXAMINED THE COUNTY OF HOUSTON WITHIN REPORT OF LANDS AND TOWN LOTS ASSESSED ON THE TAX ROLLS OF HOUSTON COUNTY FOR THE YEAR 1893, WHICH ARE DELINQUENT FOR THE TAXES OF 1893, AND FIND THE SAME CORRECT.

GIVEN IN OPEN COURT THIS 13th DAY OF MAY 1893. A. A. ALDRICH, County Judge.

W. T. MURCHISON, PRE. NO. 1; W. E. HALL, PRE. NO. 2; W. J. DAVIS, PRE. NO. 3; C. B. LABEL, PRE. NO. 4, COMMISSIONERS.

ATTEST: N. E. ALLBRIGHT, County Clerk.

Name of owner

Ab. Cert. Sur. No. No. No.

Original Grantee

No Acres

Total Delinq. Taxes.

Bell, E J Mrs 90

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Bracken, B M 95

Brown, E Mrs 423

Blackshear A Mrs 1225

Brown, Rebecca 423

Burnett, Gus 84

Cannon, Hector 109

Davenport, B D 383

DuPree, Y M 4

Duncan, W M Rev 46

Duren, Chas Sr 1209

Epps, Sol 59

A SCIENTIST SAVED

President Barnaby, of Hartsville College, Survives a Serious Illness Through the Aid of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

From the Republican, Columbus, Ind.

The Hartsville College, situated at Hartsville, Indiana, was founded years ago in the interest of the United Brethren Church, when the state was mostly a wilderness, and colleges were scarce. The college is well known throughout the country, former students having gone into all parts of the world.



PROF. ALVIN P. BARNABY.

A reporter recently called at this famous seat of learning and was shown into the room of the President, Prof. Alvin P. Barnaby. When last seen by the reporter Prof. Barnaby was in delicate health. Today he was apparently in the best of health. In response to an inquiry the professor said: "Oh, yes, I am much better than for some time. I am now in perfect health; but my recovery was brought about in rather a peculiar way."

"Tell me about it," said the reporter.

"Well, to begin at the beginning," said the professor, "I studied too hard when at school, endeavoring to educate myself for the professions. After completing the common course I came here, and graduated from the theological course. I entered the ministry, and accepted the charge of a

United Brethren Church at a small place in Kent County, Mich. Being of an ambitious nature, I applied myself diligently to my work and studies. In time I noticed that my health was failing. My trouble was indigestion, and this with other troubles brought on nervousness.

"My physician prescribed for me for some time, and advised me to take a change of climate. I did as he requested and was some improved. Soon after, I came here as professor in physics and chemistry, and later was financial agent of this college. The change agreed with me, and for a while my health was better, but my duties were heavy, and again I found my trouble returning. This time it was more severe and in the winter I became completely prostrate. I tried various medicines and different physicians. Finally, I was able to return to my duties. Last spring I was elected president of the college. Again I had considerable work, and the trouble, which had not been entirely cured, began to affect me, and last fall I collapsed. I had different doctors, but none did me any good. Professor Bowman, who is professor of natural science, told me of his experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and urged me to give them a trial, because they had benefited him in a similar case, and I concluded to try them.

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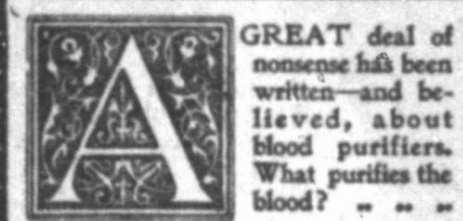
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J. P. Atkinson and Ada Byrd of Atlanta, Ga., believe in "going it" while they are young. J. P. is 16 and Ada is 14, but they eloped just the same, and, strange to say, found some one to marry them before their parents overtook them. They were finally captured and taken back to school, where they are expected to be real good children.

Northern Ohio has a cave that is said to knock the spots out of Kentucky's vast cavern. Ohio seldom, if ever, gets left.

The editor of this paper advises his readers that a free package of Peruvians, the best kidney and liver cure on earth, will be delivered FREE to any sufferer, if written for promptly. FRANKLIN RABBIT CO., 286 5th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Never wear leather sole linings to stand upon. White cotton drilling or linen is much better and more healthful.



GREAT deal of nonsense has been written and believed, about blood purifiers. What purifies the blood? ...

THE KIDNEYS PURIFY THE BLOOD AND THEY ALONE.

If diseased, however, they cannot, and the blood continually becomes more impure. Every drop of blood in the body goes through the kidneys, the sewers of the system, every three minutes, night and day, while life endures.



puts the kidneys in perfect health, and nature does the rest.

The heavy, dragged out feeling, the bilious attacks, headaches, nervous unrest, fickle appetite, all caused by poisoned blood, will disappear when the kidneys properly perform their functions.

There is no doubt about this. Thousands have so testified. The theory is right, the cure is right and health follows as a natural sequence. Be self-convinced through personal proof.

Don't Go West

But look into the Earth under your own feet. There may be millions in it. The possibility of a mineral bed of Gold, Silver, Copper, Coal or Oil lies under every acre of land.

A Sure Guide

To this wealth is found in a new book copyrighted, which teaches in simple language just how and where to find all kinds of minerals. This "Prospector's Guide" is sent, postage paid, on receipt of price, \$1.00, by

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ELECTRICAL TRAVEL.

Wonders Are Being Accomplished in This Age.

It is only proper and natural that the greatest railroad-building nation should take the lead in electrical traction, and with conditions unrivaled for experiment and practical demonstration we would be unworthy the distinction conferred upon us by struggling ancestors if we did not sustain our reputation, says the Chautauquan. In converting our steam lines, cable and horse car roads into electric railways the question of obtaining the power from cheap and abundant sources is paramount. The success of the Niagara people opens up a field heretofore existing merely in speculation, and it has had the effect of stimulating others in original investigations and experiments to obtain power from similar sources. Vague rumors have been current to the effect that capitalists were on the point of organizing to convert the power of the Missouri, Mississippi and other rivers into electrical energy. It has been estimated that the tides of the North and East rivers exert a power many times greater than would be required to light the whole metropolitan district and to supply heat for the buildings and turn the wheels of all the railroads and factories. The question of collecting and storing the power seems to be the only debatable part of the subject, and this is being seriously considered by inventors and scientists. A tidal water plant has been established at Bower's Cove, near Providence, R. I., where experiments are now being made to convert the energy of the tides into electricity. It is anticipated by the promoters of the enterprise that power, light and heat can be supplied to all mills, traction companies and private houses in Rhode Island at less than one-half the present cost. It may be many years before we shall succeed in harnessing the tides along the two great oceans that wash our shores, but they are sources of such an endless amount of power that the world will not be satisfied until they are controlled or their utility proved futile. The conversion of the energy exerted by the currents of our great rivers into useful power is limited only by the question of initial expense in establishing the plant.

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Young people, especially in the Missouri valley, are now sitting up nights watching for airships. At least that's their excuse.

The year has been a very sickly one, but as the colleges are turning out large spring reinforcements for the doctors, we shall now have more assistance in the fight against disease.

When cream can not be procured for coffee, the yolk of a soft-boiled egg is a very good substitute.

DRUNK FOR TWENTY YEARS.

A correspondent writes: "I was drunk on and off for over twenty years, drunk when I had money, sober when I had none. Many dear friends I lost, and numbers gave me good advice to no purpose; but, thank God, an angel hand came at last in the form of my poor wife, who administered your marvelous remedy, 'Anti-Jag,' to me without my knowledge or consent. I am now saved and completely transformed from a worthless fellow to a sober and respected citizen."

If "Anti-Jag" cannot be had at your druggist, it will be mailed in plain wrapper with full directions how to give secretly, on receipt of One Dollar, by the Renova Chemical Co., 66 Broadway, New York, or they will gladly mail full particulars free.

There is one thing about a crop of wild oats—it harvests itself.

My doctor said I would die, but Piso's Cure for Consumption cured me.—Amos Kelter, Cherry Valley, Ill., Nov. 23, '95.

Light burdens, long borne, grow heavy.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is a constitutional cure. Price, 75c.

Building and marrying of children are great wastes.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, sure constipation forever. 10c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Benefits please like flowers while they are fresh.

Schrader, the "divine healer," is in a dime museum in Alleghany, Penn.

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

Never wear a shoe or boot tight anywhere.

Galveston, La Porte and Houston

RAILWAY.

"The Bay Shore Line."

6--Daily Trains--6

Time-Table in Effect May 10th, 1897.

SOUTH		STATIONS		NORTH	
Read Down				Read Up	
No 7	No 5	No 1	No 3	No 2	No 6
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All Bay Shore Line trains use Grand Central Station at Houston, and the Union Depot at Galveston.

Through tickets or sale at Galveston for all points north, east and west.

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Ex-Senator Sawyer and C. P. Huntington, two millionaires, state that they know of two ways to get rich, one being to go to Africa and buy ivory and the other to go south and buy pine lands. They seem to be under the impression that everybody has sufficient means to do this, an error that many rich men make. You can't buy ivory in Africa on wind.

A Parke county, Indiana, man actually sneezed his shoulder out of joint.

Don't Tobacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, 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.

A cheerful look makes a dish a genuine feast.

FITS Permanently Cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$3.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, Ltd., 931 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Sort out the little eggs and keep them for settling coffee, using the larger ones for cake.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 50c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Not a long day, but a good bear; rids work.

HALL'S Vegetable Sicilian HAIR RENEWER

Beautifies and restores Gray Hair to its original color and vitality; prevents baldness; cures itching and dandruff. A fine hair dressing.

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Use Big 65 for unnatural discharges, inflammations, irritations or ulcerations of the urethra, membranous, Painless, and not irritating. Scaled by Druggists, or sent in plain wrapper, by express, prepaid, for \$1.00, or 2 bottles, \$1.75. Circular sent on request.

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quick relief and cures worst cases. Send for book of testimonials and 10 days' treatment Free. Dr. H. L. GREEN'S 5035, Atlanta, Ga.

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SPRAINS?

You'll find out what they are when you... use crutches.

You'll find ST. JACOBS OIL

is when you put the crutches away, completely cured.

The Electric Light of Mowerdom

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

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

McCormick

New 4. It is not only the handsomest mower ever built, but it is, in every sense of the word, the best—and if your experience has taught you anything, it is that there's nothing cheaper than the best.

McCormick Harvesting Machine Company, Chicago.

The Light-Running McCormick Open Elevator Harvester,
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The Light-Running McCormick Vertical Corn Blender and
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Genuine White Topaz

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We have demonstrated, experts admit, that these stones cannot be detected from Real Diamonds and in order to convince you of this fact we have decided to inaugurate a

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Just Like a Man.

"Oh, Clarence!" exclaimed Mrs. McBride, as her brother entered the house, "baby's out a tooth."

"Why do you let her play with knives?" asked the unimpressed banister brother.—Judge.

THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Silence seldom makes a mistake.
The shortest way to do many things is to do only one thing at a time.

The man who goes out of office as pleasantly as he does in is a very rare individual.

"Give us this day our daily Moody" should be the prayer of all cities. With so much backsliding, evangelist work should be continuous.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican rebukes Mr. Roosevelt for using the word "cops." Now that he is in the navy he will drop "cops" and say "tars" and "salts," and use other important marine expressions.

Bishop Seymour of the diocese of Illinois has placed repentant dancers on their feet again, so to speak, by saying that God has not cursed dancing; that it is the poetry of motion, and not inherently evil. The bishop also has liberal views as to the drama, which he considers not in itself evil. The young people will doubtless hasten to agree with the bishop, whatever hesitancy their elders may exhibit in adopting the bishop's views.

The jail in Barnstable, Mass., is an easy going place, according to a local paper. It says that E. C. Knapp, who is supposed to be serving a five years' sentence for stealing national bank funds, was recently seen in the streets in prison garb, giving the wife of the jailer bicycle lessons. Another convict, named Lewis Rogers, was recently allowed to take a cow to Yarmouth and back while the sun was bright and the air invigorating for a pleasant walk.

A dispatch from Constantinople says: The Greek government issues an official report that 700 persons were killed, including a number of Greeks, in the recent massacre at Tokat. The reports, fearing an outbreak here, has arrested eighty Armenian suspects. It is stated that the sultan is soliciting an explanation through the Turkish ambassador at St. Petersburg of the concentration of Russian troops upon the Turkish frontier. On the other hand, the rumor is revived of the existence of a secret treaty, by the terms of which Russia undertakes to uphold the integrity of Turkey, who thereby becomes her vassal. It is alleged that there can be no other reason for Russia's unexpected attitude toward Greece.

Destructive spring freshets have occurred this season over a wider area than ever before in the history of the North American continent. There is but one cause—the destruction of the forests. The immediate results, loss of human life and loss of valuable property, are lamentable enough; but the more remote consequences are matters of even greater public moment. The final consequence is barrenness, uninhabitability. The general awakening to the necessity of a united movement for the preservation of the forests that remain and the restoration of wooded areas where they are needed has been delayed too long. This is one of the most important questions before the people of this continent.

So far as the government of Manitoba is concerned, the long-voiced parochial school question has been settled by the enactment by the legislature of a bill carrying into effect the provisions of the compromise recently agreed upon between the Dominion and Manitoba ministries. Under this settlement provision is made for religious teaching in the schools at the close of the day's sessions, the teaching to be Catholic or Protestant, according to the wishes of the parents, and attendance thereon to be voluntary. The arrangement also provides for the employment of Catholic or non-Catholic teachers, according to the religious preferences of a certain proportion of the parents, and for the use of French in schools where a certain number of pupils speak French as their native language.

Treaties have been negotiated between President Kruger of the South African Republic and President Steyn of the Orange Free State which amount almost to a federation of the two little Dutch republics. Under the terms of the treaties, which await the ratification of the Volksrads, the two republics agree to aid each other in case of attack, and the burghers of each state are given the franchise in either republic. The South African Republic has about twenty-five thousand men available for military service, and the Orange Free State has seventeen thousand. This alliance has been hastened by the disturbed relations between the South African Republic and England. The fact that more than one-third of the white population of Cape Colony is Dutch in origin, and to some extent in sympathy, has also a bearing upon the present situation.

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Brown—So he was, but I never like to owe any one doctor more than \$100.

A CUBAN MEETING.

ENTHUSIASTIC AUDIENCE OF MEN AND WOMEN.

Gen. William Henry Browne, President of the Cuban League, Called the Meeting to Order—Senator Gallinger Made an Address.

Washington, May 17.—An enthusiastic audience of men and women, many of them well known in Washington, packed the Columbia theater to its doors yesterday afternoon at a monster mass meeting held in behalf of the Cuban insurgents. The theater was appropriately decorated. Seated on the platform and participating in the exercises were Senators Gallinger and Allen, ex-Senator Butler of South Carolina, Rev. Hugh Johnson, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist church, Rev. Howard Wilbur Ennis and a number of others identified with the interest of the insurgents. Gen. William Henry Browne, president of the Cuban league, called the meeting to order and introduced Senator Gallinger as the presiding officer. The latter made a brief address and read a number of letters and telegrams of regret, among them being those from Senators Frye and Burrows and Commander Clarkson of the G. A. R. Senator Chandler sent a letter of regret.

Base Ball Players Arrested.

Cleveland, O., May 17.—The police made good their promise to prevent Sunday baseball in Cleveland yesterday. At the end of the first inning between the Cleveland and Washington teams all players on both sides and Umpire Hurst was arrested, taken to the police station, where President Robinson gave bond for the prisoners and they were released. There were present in the party about 10,000 people.

At a conference yesterday morning a programme had been arranged by the police and President Robinson of the Cleveland club. Accordingly when the inning of the game had been played Police Captain English and President Robinson of the Cleveland club walked on the field. The captains of the two teams called their men. Robinson told them to get into their own omnibuses and go to the station.

At the first sight of the police some of the members of the audience hissed and yelled, "Put him out," but very few understood what was happening. Most of the spectators remained in their seats, thinking the players would return and the game be resumed. At last it became apparent that the game had been declared off and about half of those present availed themselves of the opportunity to get their money back, others being content to retain their coupons entitling them to see the game to-day or the one of next day. It is probable that the cases against the players will be called in the police court this morning. They may be continued, in which event another attempt may be made to play next Sunday, although President Robinson has no definite plans. It is announced that the players will be arrested again next Sunday or as many times as they try to play.

Yachts Ashore.

St. John, N. F., May 17.—The French brigantine Crolagne, from Bayonne for St. Pierre, with a general cargo, went ashore Saturday morning near La Maline, N. F. A heavy sea was running and the crew succeeded only with the greatest difficulty in launching the boats. They rowed all day and night, but were unable to find a landing. They had no provisions and suffered greatly from the cold and drenching sea. At noon they heard the foghorn at the entrance of the harbor of St. Pierre, and making their way toward the port, were picked up by a pilot boat.

The crew numbered twenty-eight. Most of them were greatly exhausted from hunger and rowing.

The German steamer Arcadia, laden with grain and bound from Montreal for Liverpool, went ashore yesterday morning near Cape Ray, on the southern side of the Gulf of St. Lawrence in a dense fog. Her passengers, numbering twenty-five, and a crew of fifty-four had a desperate experience in trying to reach land. Three men attempted to swim through the surf with the life line, but failed. The fourth, however, succeeded and attached the hawser to the rocks in a favorable position, so that all were safely landed after a hard struggle.

Neither passengers or crew saved anything. The vessel is likely to become a total wreck, as she lies on jagged rocks, with a big hole in her bottom. A steamer will be sent for the passengers.

Financial Reasons.

Whyte—What made you change doctors? I thought Dr. Fellet was your family physician.
Brown—So he was, but I never like to owe any one doctor more than \$100.

The Greek Situation.

London, May 17.—The preposterous terms proposed by the porte must be regarded as the natural and usual method of Oriental bargaining. They would not be serious had they not forced a continuance of the fighting.

With the failure of the Greek dash in Epirus, is their failure to make a further stand unless at Thermopylae, which by virtue of its natural conditions is an immensely strong position, from which the Turks would have the greatest difficulty in dislodging the Greeks.

At Domokos the Greek troops must be suffering severely from the heavy rains, as they have no tents. The capture or evacuation of the town is only a question of a few days. The Turks have been seen at the passes east and west of Domokos and Gen. Smolenski has warned the crown prince to expect an attack.

The weakness in the Greek position is in the great extent of the line. The news of the retreat in Epirus serves to still further demoralize the troops in Thessaly. As to the terms on which peace will finally be declared, the general belief in official circles is that they will be settled by European conference.

Mexico News.

Mexico City, May 17.—Spaniards here having adopted the device of placing special stamps on their letters in addition to the regular stamps, the former being sold to provide money in aid of the Spanish cause in Cuba, it has been ordered by the postoffice department that such extra stamps be placed inside the letters and not on envelopes.

The opening meet of the newly organized Bicycle Union of Mexico came off yesterday and was in every way successful. The weather was bright and the attendance large. The principal event, the half-mile, was won by J. F. Mohler; W. W. Hatton second. Time—1:16 1/4.

The two-mile lap race fell to W. W. Hatton, with Maupons second. Time—5:19 1/4.

The one-mile handicap, eighteen entries, was won by Mohler, 35 yards; Andre Boulligny, 35 yards, second; Leubens, scratch, third. Time—2:14 1/4.

The tandem, two miles, between Mohler and Hatton and Loubens and Boulligny, was won by the former team. Time—6:07 1/4.

The new dies for coining dollars are to be provided for all mints, and the coining of 20-cent pieces instead of quarter dollars is to be commenced.

The Sugar Beet Seed.

Washington, May 17.—The sugar beet seed which the agricultural department has been distributing is practically exhausted, about 10,000 pounds having been sent out to the farmers in about four-fifths of the states. The seed has been distributed in packages of from an ounce to half a pound purely for experimental purposes. The beets grown from the seed will be analyzed and the saccharine matter determined to ascertain where beets can be profitably grown. These experiments, it is believed, will be of immense value, as the beet undoubtedly can be produced with profit in many states.

Wherever it can be produced it will give the farmer a new crop. All the surplus vegetable seed in the possession of the agricultural department is being distributed through the congressmen or government agency to the people in the flooded districts along the Mississippi for planting as soon as the water subsides.

Must Have Fat Bulls.

City of Mexico, May 17.—The city government forbade any bull fights to be given yesterday. The authorities claim that the bulls provided for the fights are so poor they do not justify the price of admission. Enrique Meriro, a Spanish bull fighter, has visited the famous bull breeding farms of Atenco and other places, and his judgment is that none of the bullshorn him were worthy of trying. The pooriness of the animals is getting to be a serious matter, and it begins to look as if bull fighting would stop for lack of animals to fight.

Indians as Soldiers.

El Reno, Ok., May 17.—At Fort Sill in the Kiowa and Comanche reservation on the 31st of this month the last company of Indian soldiers in the regular army will be mustered out of service, the experiment of making soldiers of the red man which was begun six years ago, being abandoned as a failure. The infantry companies were a failure from the start, but there was some hope for the success of the cavalry for a time, but the red man did not take kindly to discipline and he would not work enough to keep his horse sleek and his saber bright.

L. N. Boyle & Co. of Boyle, Miss., made an assignment the other day.

A Bold Conclusion.

Messervant—There's a penny for you, Tramp—Last time I was round it was twopenny. Strikes me your master has taken to gambling on the Stock Exchange.—L. Intransigent.

McKinley's Message.

Washington, May 18.—The president sent the following message to congress: To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Official information from our consuls in Cuba establishes the fact that a large number of American citizens in the island are in a state of destitution, suffering for want of food and medicine. This applies particularly to the rural districts of the central and eastern parts.

The agricultural classes have been forced from their farms into the nearest towns, where they are without work or money.

The local authorities of the several towns, however kindly disposed, are unable to relieve the needs of their own people and are altogether powerless to help our citizens. The latest report of Consul General Lee estimates that 600 or 800 Americans are without means of support. I have assured him that provision would be made at once to relieve them. To that end I recommend that congress make an appropriation of not less than \$50,000 to be immediately available for use under the direction of the secretary of state.

It is desirable that a part of the sum which may be appropriated by congress should, in the discretion of the secretary of state, also be used for the transportation of American citizens to return to the United States and are without means to do so.

William McKinley.
Executive Mansion, May 17, 1907.

Senate Unanimous.

Washington, May 18.—Cuba engaged the attention of the senate yesterday. The public interest in the subject was shown by the great crowds that besieged the galleries throughout the day. Among the occupants of the diplomatic galleries were Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British ambassador, and Mr. Hatch of Hawaii, and in the reserved gallery was General Dan Sickles, ex-United States minister to Spain. Neither the Spanish legation nor the Cuban bureau in Washington were represented.

Two phases of the subject were presented. First came the question of relief to destitute and starving Americans in Cuba and at 2 o'clock Mr. Morgan's Cuban resolution caused spirited debate.

The first question was presented in the president's message as soon as the session opened.

Immediately following its reading Mr. Davis, chairman of the committee on foreign relations, presented a favorable report on a joint resolution originally introduced by Mr. Gallinger, appropriating \$50,000 for the destitute American citizens in Cuba.

The resolution was then put on its passage and without division it passed unanimously, there being no response to the call for the yeas. It had taken exactly eighteen minutes for the reading of the message, the presentation of the committee report and a brief speech and the final passing of the resolution.

Party Issue in the House.

Washington, May 18.—Representative Bailey yesterday put the republicans on the run. He exposed that "strong, vigorous American policy" which the friends of the administration have been prating about so much since the last election. The leader of the minority made it clear to everybody that the republicans are playing a grand game of bluff on the Cuban question.

Just after the president's message had been read Mr. Hitt asked unanimous consent for the consideration of a resolution, appropriating \$50,000 for the suffering Americans in Cuba. As the clerk finished the reading of the resolution Mr. Bailey was on his feet in an instant, and addressing the chair, said he would have no objection to the consideration of the resolution provided he could get unanimous consent for the consideration of an amendment to the resolution.

Mr. Dingley, the republican leader, at once smelt a mouse. He would not agree to Mr. Bailey's proposition, whereupon the leader of the minority objected. None of the republicans knew what Bailey's amendment was, but they suspected it was to grant belligerent rights to the Cubans.

London, May 15.—The correspondent of the Times at Constantinople says: The sultan is sorely perplexed and embarrassed by the Islamic influences, military and theological, which are united in vehement protests against leniency to Greeks as defrauding Turkey of legitimate fruits of victory.

Attack on Civil Service.

Washington, May 18.—Representative Grosvenor of Ohio, who is trying to have the civil service law amended so that more of the faithful may be provided for, will speak in opposition to the civil service on Thursday when the general deficiency bill will come up for consideration by the house. The sentiment in both houses is strongly against civil service, but the friends of the service are confident that the president will stand by his pledges "to take no step backward."

Impure Blood

"I have found Hood's Sarsaparilla an excellent medicine. My little girl was afflicted with eczema for seven years and took many kinds of medicine without relief. After taking a few bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla she was cured." MRS. EMMA FRANKLIN, Honesoye, New York. Get only Hood's because

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Is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

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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.

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The Hatchell Market handles the best meats, fish and poultry. Just received at Daniel & Burton's, car of celebrated S. & P. flour.

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

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.

The grand picnic at Grapeland on 29th will be held at Totey's lake. Free transportation from Grapeland to the lake. Round trip from Crockett 40 cents.

Jim Hart is handling and is agent for a very fine line of peaches, apples, grapes and other fruits. Those wanting same will do well to place their orders with him.

F. G. Edmiston informs the COURIER that he is going to put in several letter boxes in different parts of the city, if he can get the government to let have the locks. He has written for the locks.

One sorrel filly seven years old, brand resembling an F on left shoulder, about 15 hands high; had a small hog bell on when she left. Will pay reasonable reward for her delivered to Ed Davis at Grapeland. T. J. WARE.

TURKEY whipped Greece in about three weeks. Excepting the war between Germany and Austria in which the former defeated and conquered the latter in about fourteen days, there is not another case on record of such fighting and such results. They were not matched to start on. And then Greece confidently expected the moral, if not the material support of all Christian Europe. This she failed to get. It is a pity that Turkey couldn't go in now and clean up what the six European nations are pleased to call the "Powers."

**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.

B. M. ATKINSON.

THE - MANY - WAYS.



The many people who are trying to do business represent the many ways in which it is done. Some try it by boasting, talking and advertising many things which they haven't got. Others by buying old styles and damaged goods at auction which cannot be disposed of otherwise, and try to make the customers believe there is value in them. In selling we take no damaged money, in buying we take no damaged goods.

We have just received all the newest dress goods bought in a closing sale and at such a price as to enable us to reduce all dress goods in our house and sell these goods at almost half value.

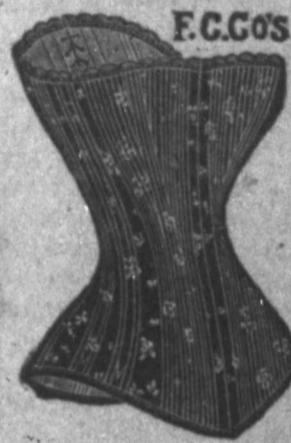
Read Prices and Description. Canton cloth worth 8 and 10 cts. going in this sale at 5c per yard. M. C. cords worth 8c going for 5c. Organdie in fancy stripes and dots well worth 10c going for 5c a yard. Organdie in all the newest shades in solids and flowers. We have a few patterns of French silk stripe organdie no two alike. They are so handsome in color and style that we guarantee a wedding with each pattern. Grenadine. Brodeeworth and sold for 33c, going in this sale at 25c per yard.

Famis cloth a very new and late goods and will certainly make the most stylish dress that can be bought for any thing near the price. These goods are worth from 20 to 25c but will be sold at 15c per yd. Manhattan organdie worth 15c now 10c a yard. Sunbeam dimity worth 15c for 10c. Linon Brode, worth 10c going at 8c. All wool one way Challie, silk stripe and plain flowered, worth 20c per yard in any store, our price 10c per yard.

Ladies we do not ask you to buy, but in justice to yourself, call, see and price our new line just received.

Good width and good size, very fancy bleached counterpane bed spread worth 75c to 90c each going for 65c each. They are all very fancy patterns and always make the bed look clean and nice. 38 in. screen window curtains worth 8c. now 5c a yrd. Good size bleach cotton towel worth 20c, at 5c each, or 10c per pair. Turkish bath towels 45 inches long 21 inches wide and extra heavy, worth 40c, going at 12c each or 25c per pair. Here is the best bargain ever offered in Crockett. Genuine all linen brocade and fringed border in red, blue and white towels, 51 inches long and 25 inches wide, never sold for less than 75c. In this sale they are going at 50c per pair or 25c each.

Always read our prices.



RESPECTFULLY,

MCLEAN & WILSON.

We hear that another ginning plant will be put in at Crockett this fall.

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

Arledge & Kennedy have just received the finest line of cutlery ever brought to Crockett.

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

Special train for grand picnic at Grapeland on the 29th will leave Crockett at 8:15 A. M., and return leaving Grapeland at 4:45 P. M. Round trip 40 cents.

THE LATEST FALL—Ladies fine white chip sailors \$1.50 quality we now sell for \$1.10 and have made a big reduction on all trimmed hats at W. V. McConnell's.

Col. James H. Beasley, a prominent farmer of Daly, is the inventor of a successful cotton chopper. He attaches it to a cultivator and the chopping is done in a first class manner. Strange to say he hasn't had any patent taken out on it, or any of the other valuable inventions which he is the author of.

Don't send your Laundry off to Houston when you can get as good work here as there.

The Ely-Walker Fire Stock

And Underwriters Salvage sale the largest ever made in the U. S. Tex. gets the big slice, Mistrot Bros & Co, Galveston, being the second largest buyers. This is undoubtedly the most interesting news the people of Texas has had since their purchase of the Leon & H. Blum stock just one year ago. We congratulate Mistrot Bros & Co., and the readers of the Courier who we understand are to share its benefits.

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adoring pose. Perhaps she already has such a collection of interesting pictures. If so, she should have an exhibition. Say, charge an admittance fee, and use the proceeds for charity. Now, who says there is "nothing new under the sun"?

Why not organize a branch of the Daughters of the Republic in Crockett? We owe it to our grand state to preserve the glorious record of her valor. It is woman's duty to inculcate lofty principles of patriotism and honor—especially in the minds of the growing generation. Patriotism and the true history of our country—not the distorted facts as presented in histories written by the Union side should receive special attention in our public schools. We have the wives and daughters of several veterans in our midst, among them the niece of Gen. Sam Houston, who was as truly the father of Texas as George Washington was of his country.

I see that the first woman Physician ever graduated in Texas has just received her diploma from the Medical College in Galveston. Medicine, rightly viewed, is a noble profession for women. What could offer a grander field for human endeavor than the alleviation of human suffering? Right here in our own land, there is broad scope for the science and tender care of woman. From far India comes the cry of sick women and children for women physicians—custom forbidding their calling in the skill of a man. Many noble women have gone to their relief, but still thousands die every year for lack of proper medical attention. I consider the training of husband and children a woman's sublimest work, but all are not so happy as to have such "hostages to fortune." Now every avenue of human thought and effort is open to the earnest women of the time.

All Should Go

"Go where?" Did you say? To the grand union picnic to be given at Grapeland on Saturday, May 29. It will be an immense affair, nothing equal to or like it having occurred within the memory of those living.

Palestine and Crockett are going to join hands in a May festival. There will be amusements without limit of number or variety. May-pole dancing and in the evening of the event there may be other kinds of dancing. The festival will be at a lake, a splendid body of water near Grapeland. There will be boat races and boat riding, fishing with hook and line and in other ways. Many novel features and methods of entertaining will be introduced for the first time. Old people, middle-aged young people and children will find means of enjoyment such as never before have been seen on occasions of this kind. All Palestine will be there and are going to bring baskets and boxes and bundles of good things to eat and to drink. All Crockett is going and the surrounding country will present a spectacle of homes without occupants and farms without tenants. All are going and are going to have a jubilee time of it.

A special train of fifteen coaches will bring down Palestine and Anderson county, while a special of some ten or more coaches will start from Trinity at 8:15 in the morning and pick up the crowds as it goes north. This special will leave Crockett for Grapeland at 9:15 in the morning. For the round trip from Crockett to Grapeland the fare will be only 40 cents. Take a day off and go.

The New Division. "Beggarmen are getting so that they handle trucks very carefully." "Yes, they say they have more fun changing bicycles around."—Chicago Record.

Grand Pic-Nic.

Grapeland, May 29th (Saturday) given by Palestine Sunday Schools. Crockett Sunday Schools invited to join. Everybody invited. Come and bring your children, give them a ride on the train, and a pleasant day's outing. Round trip from Crockett 40 cents.

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 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 only notice which we care to take of the remarks of Representative W. B. Wall in this week's Enterprise wherein he seeks to disparage the labors of the committee which went to Austin to work against the passage of the Judicial Redistricting Bill is that the remarks in question are prompted by a petty jealousy. The committee, and the public which sent them, know what they did and the public are also fully advised as to what Judge Wall did. Sheriff Walker went Austin on other business and was not a member of the committee. The committee is in a frame of mind denoting serene satisfaction over their labors and the spiteful wailings of Representative Wall do not disturb them.

Hjornsen's Handwriting.

It is said that Hjornsen, the great Norwegian novelist, writes so fleetly that only his wife can decipher his manuscript. She copies all he writes, and after he has corrected it she copies it again till she sometimes writes the whole book over three or four times.

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THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

CAUSERIE.

All who are going to attend the union pic-nic at Grapeland on Saturday May 29th, will list their names with their Sunday School Superintendent in Crockett, so ample accommodation can be made for all. Round trip from Crockett 40 cents.

Wanted.—400 children to go to Grapeland to the union pic-nic, Saturday, May 29th.

All eyes are now turned to Waco. She has earned by business enterprise and social gifts, the distinction of being Queen City of Texas. Last week the Waco Woman's Club royally entertained the other Woman's Clubs of the State—and formed a Federation of clubs for mutual improvement and encouragement. Brilliant women from almost every town in the state, participated in the festivities. Music, Art and Literature will now have a new inspiration in Texas. All the finer arts and sentiments of life depend on "Women, lovely women," for their development and life. The modern woman is the most perfect flower of an advanced civilization. In fact the enlightenment and civilization of every country can be judged by the status of its women. I suggest right here that she must never forget, in the brilliancy of her present lofty position, that nothing so adorns a woman as gentleness and modesty. Sometimes we incline to despotism, which breaks the magic charms of our sway.

Rule, sisters, but rule tenderly. Emerson has said somewhere that gracious manners produce a profounder impression than great personal beauty. We have two flourishing Women's Clubs in our little city. Why did they not send representatives of our beauty and culture to Waco? We can not sit quietly with folded hands and keep up with the modern procession. There will be a pageant of unrivalled youth and beauty in Waco May 18 to 20—the carnival of Texas Queens. All nations will be appropriately represented. The costumers, flags, float decorations, &c., will be typical of each country, its arts and industries.

And we've got Greehan's trace. A nymph, a naiad or a grace, Of near form or lovelier face than our fair maidens of Crockett. I venture to say that we have a larger number of beautiful girls than any town between the Sabine and Rio Grande. We really do ourselves an injustice in failing to have a Queen at Waco to make good our claim. Next year, let's elect her majesty and send her in state to eclipse the other Royal Highnesses.

Miss Hattie Belle Arledge in addition to her many other accomplishments has, lately developed creative talent in the world of music. Goggan of Galveston will soon publish a charming "love-song, the words and music both composed by Miss Arledge. This is no surprise to her many friends, who ever knew that her life was music, timed to gentle harmonies of word and deed. "Sweetheart Dolores" is the name of the song, which is as sweet and melodious as rippling waters.

Amateur Photography is one of the most popular, most interesting of the latter day fads. It is charming indeed for the traveller to carry home—not the usual stereotyped view—but the pictures bits that strikes her own particular fancy. One of our most popular young ladies is becoming an adept in this line. Now, Swains, beware when you show to your knees in your usual demure attitude, her eyes may be turned to catch your

List of Lands and Lots Delinquent on March 31st 1897.

For the Taxes of 1896, in Houston County.

Reported under the provisions of Section 10, Chapter 42, Laws of 1895. STATE OF TEXAS. J. R. Sheridan, Tax Collector of Houston County, do hereby certify that the within lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of said County for the year 1896, are delinquent for the taxes of 1896, and find the same correct, as shown thereon.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of May 1897. N. E. ALLEBRIGHT, Co. Clerk, Houston Co. Tex. Certificate of Commissioners' Court. STATE OF TEXAS. IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT. We certify that we have examined the County of Houston within report of lands and town lots assessed on the tax rolls of said County for the year 1896, which are delinquent for the taxes of 1896, and find the same correct, as given in open court this 17th day of May 1897. E. WINFREY, County Judge. T. C. Lively, pre No. 1; W. E. Hall, pre No. 2; G. M. Thompson, pre No. 3; C. B. Isbel, Pre No. 4, Commissioners.

ATTEST: N. E. ALLEBRIGHT, County Clerk.

Table with columns: OWNERS NAME, AD. NO., ORIGINAL GRANTEE, NO ACRES, TOTAL DELINQ TAXES. Lists various landowners and their delinquent taxes.

Table with columns: Name, Geo, Acres, Name, Acres, Amount. Lists landowners like Wiley A W, Jim, Williams Joe, Wood Tom.

Supplemental Roll.

Table with columns: Name, Geo, Acres, Name, Acres, Amount. Lists additional landowners like Baily Al, Folsom A J, Gipson W M, etc.

Non Resident Roll.

Table with columns: Name, Geo, Acres, Name, Acres, Amount. Lists non-resident landowners like Burke Du Puy & Watkins, Jewell A W, etc.

Unwrendered Roll.

Table with columns: Name, Geo, Acres, Name, Acres, Amount. Lists landowners whose rolls are unwrendered, like Bell Sallie, Allen Geo, etc.