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## BLACK MAIL ATTEMPTED.

### An Effort to Extort Money By Intimidation.

Thomas Self, Manager of the Oil Mill, to Have Been the Victim.

### A Bold But Blundering Plot in Which the Leader Was Led Into a Trap.

### Several Shots Fired at the Principal—Arrest of An Oil Mill Employee as the Guilty Party.

Those not in the secret who lived near or were passing the oil mill on Saturday night last about the midnight hour were greatly excited by a fusillade of shots which were fired close to the seed house of the oil mill. Those who happened to be within ear-shot of the firing supposed of course that a grand crap carnival had been on between the colored professionals, that they had fallen out over a division of the stakes and had concluded to settle their differences by an appeal to the six-shooter. Opinions vary as to the number of shots fired and we doubt if anything but the empty chambers themselves could tell the number. But it happened that the cause of the midnight disturbance was not due to the colored brother's infatuation for crap-shooting but was the final act in a blackmailing drama which had been pending between the principals thereof for several days and which with rare good luck to the principal in the plot came seriously near a tragic end.

A week or ten days previous to Saturday night's scene, Thomas Self, manager of the oil mill received a letter through the mail demanding in substance and effect the payment of two hundred dollars. The demand was direct, positive and unqualified and accompanied by threats for failure to comply with the scheme as outlined in the letter. The money was to be placed in a certain stump on Crockett and Lovelady road about one-half mile or more south of town and on a certain day. The letter was not signed but written in a fairly good hand, the spelling and the "capitalizing" of words being poorly done, as some seemed to think, for misleading purposes. The letter with fairly systematic effect detailed the place, the time, etc., for depositing the money in the place indicated. The letter with its plot was closely kept and guarded by Mr. Self and one or two others and it was decided on reflection to reply to it. This was done in the form of another letter written by Mr. Self and taken to and deposited in the stump mentioned. It was decided to coddle the would-be blackmailer and lead him on to a trap where he might be caught. In his reply Mr. Self induced the schemer to believe that he was will-

ing to comply with his demands if he would abate some somewhat and accept a more reasonable sum, something like a hundred dollars. In short time a rejoinder reached Mr. Self through the post office in which the writer stated that he saw him (Self) when he carried and deposited the letter in the stump and that the package contained no money. The letter renewed the writer's demands. Meanwhile the plans for apprehending the rascal were in preparation. Other communications passed and finally, as the rascal behind the scheme thought, a basis for doing business was reached and agreed on. A change of plans had been made and the package and its valuable contents as the plotter thought was to be placed not in a certain stump as formerly indicated by letter but in a certain corner of the cotton seed house at the oil mill, on the inside of the north-west corner of said house—the place being indicated by the villain himself, showing on his part an intimacy of knowledge with the house and its surroundings that were startling and suspicious. On Saturday last all plans for the final act were made ready. The sheriff and his deputies about night got ready. Later in the night they went over there. Self remained around until about 11 o'clock and left in as public a manner as possible so that the party in the plot might see that he was not staying behind for what seemed to him sinister purposes. The officers were on hand some time previous and were in hiding, some in the seed house and one or more on the west outside of seed house behind some railroad ties. Those inside the house supposed, erroneously so, that the actor in the plot would come inside to go to the corner where the package was to be placed. But in this they were mistaken. There was a hole through the seed house wall close to the place for the package, of which the officers or Mr. Self knew nothing, but the fellow in pursuit of his treasure knew of it, thereby betraying an intimate knowledge of the oil mill property and its surroundings. Time passed slowly to all interested, especially so to those on the watch. It was near the hour for closing down on Saturday night when an arm was thrust through the hole from the outside, reaching for the package. The noise attracted those on the inside and one of those on watch made an effort to grasp the hand, falling in which, the shooting began and the running began. Some eight or ten shots were fired at the fugitive who, according to one who saw him, was outdoing Eli's gate in an effort to escape. He ran down the oil mill siding to street crossing and then he crossed over to Huntsville road and down that until he came opposite LeGory's pasture through which he passed in the direction of Lovelady road. He was easily trailed next day by blood marks on wire fences and other places for quite a distance, all trace finally going out. On Sunday there were suspicions that the leading person in the plot was an oil mill employe. The mill works a day and a night crew. The shift for Monday all showed

up but one hand which furnished a direct clew. The missing hand was Lacy Harris (col.) son of Gabriel Harris, living two miles south of town on Lovelady road. The officers went to his home, two or three hundred yards from oil mill where his wife said he was in the country. They went then to his father's and found him. His hand showed a wound as also his arm above wrist joint. When asked about it he said he had hurt it on a nail or knife. He was arrested, brought to Crockett and the wound in his hand probed by a surgeon. The probe passed through the hand and out of hole in wrist showing that the wound had been made by a bullet. There seems to be no doubt that the officers have the chief criminal in the plot.

Harris had been working for oil mill for long time and had been getting a \$1.50 per day at the former press.

## Austin.

January 29, 1901.

ED. COURIER:—At the beginning of the fourth week, the legislature is just beginning to transact business. So much time was consumed in the farce of whitewashing Mr. Bailey, that practically a whole week was lost. After it is all over I agree with Farmer Shaw, who stated on the floor of the house that there had been no investigation. The extreme tone of the committee report shows that the members of the committee were, in their zeal to befriend Mr. Bailey, incapable of treating those who differed with them with just consideration. I trust that Mr. Bailey will reflect credit upon Texas in the U. S. senate, but I regret to say that he has impressed me as a man who only needs the power to be a despot and a tyrant. It would be woe to his enemies if he had it in his power to crush them. He even stated privately that he desired an opportunity to go over to Houston county and pay his respects to the editor of the COURIER, and I can not recall any instance in which the COURIER has spoken unkindly of Mr. Bailey.

I am glad to be able to report that my bill requiring saloons to be closed on days when primary elections are held not only received a favorable report by the committee, but the vote was unanimous, which indicates that it will go through the house without serious opposition. The action of the house on the bill to amend the gambling law, so as to punish betting on cards even in private places, is a good index to the sentiment of the members on moral questions. The bill went before the house on a minority report, of which minority I was one, but it passed the house by a large majority.

McMeans of Anderson county and the representatives of Cherokee and Henderson counties have a bill to amend the game law, so as to open the hunting season on August 1. This bill is making fine progress and will probably become the law. In the event it passes I am inclined to accept it in lieu of a law entirely exempting Houston county from the deer law. The

situation is about this: If Houston county is exempted, and the game law continues in Cherokee and Anderson counties, it will invite the hunters of those counties to come over into Houston county and kill our game prior to August 1 while reserving their own game for the hunting season. This would be palpably unjust to our people, and would arouse much ill will between the people of our county and the other counties.

The Hogg amendments will be taken up by the senate committee to-morrow and are attracting much attention. The railroad people are fighting them hard.

My anti-lobby bill failed before the committee. I find that nearly every member of the house is using a free pass over the railroads. Although I am informed that passes are to be had for the asking, I have refused to use one and will continue to pay my railroad fare. I explained my reasons for this in my campaign, and my observations here have confirmed the wisdom of such reasons. As long as members of the legislature choose to use free passes no anti-lobby legislation can be expected. Many of these members take strange positions on this question. They will admit that free passes are wrong and ought to be prohibited, but say that so long as the railroads offer them they will accept and use them. They claim that they need not be influenced, and will not be influenced, in their official conduct by the use of such passes. My contention is that the passes are offered for improper purposes, and the railroads hope to influence legislation by the aid of these passes, and I deem it highly indelicate and improper to accept them. We should not encourage any one in proposing a wrong even if we flatter ourselves that we need not be drawn into the wrong. A. A. ALDRICH.

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### Tadmer.

ED. COURIER:—Our little town is still thriving and we think ere long when our new railroad comes through we will have quite a little city.

We are sorry to learn of the illness of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Benson and hope to hear soon of their recovery.

Mr. Rob McHenry and sister, Miss Cornelia, of Cedar Point, visited in our little city last Thursday.

One of our good, substantial citizens, Mr. J. W. Boatright, has sold his homestead and farm to Mr. J. S. Mills and intends leaving our community. We are sorry indeed to lose him.

Although the farmers are preparing land for a new crop and some have planted oats, we notice our friend, Mr. J. C. Ratcliff, is still ginning lots of cotton.

We understand we are to have a new Methodist church soon.

Our school is progressing finely under the management of our worthy and accomplished teacher, Miss Charlotte Hill, one of Crockett's favorite young ladies.

Miss Ella Musgrove, one of Alto's charming young ladies, accompanied by her father, Prof. E. G. Musgrove, came over last Thursday to take charge of a music class. We are glad indeed to have her as she is one of Alto's best musicians, and we think she will be much missed by her many friends at that place.

Weddings seem to be the order of the day. One of our young ladies, Miss Addie Brent, was married a short while since to Mr. Bill Saxton of Ratcliff, and Miss Mattie Patton was married to Mr. John Carter of Coryell county a few days ago, the happy couple leaving immediately for their home in that county. Madame Rumor says we are to have several more soon.

Mr. Shell Durham and family have moved from Beulah neighborhood into our community and are now living on the Dupuy place. We had quite a little social treat last Saturday night, the 26th, in the way of an entertainment given at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ratcliff of this place. The evening was spent in one continual round of pleasure. The whole house was beautifully decorated with evergreens and flowers, the prevailing colors for the parlor being white and green, for the dining-room pink and green. Several most interesting games were prepared for the occasion, one being "The Spider Web," a prize being offered to the couple who succeeded in untangling their web first. Mr. Frank Baskin and Miss Estelle Conner received the first prize, a beautiful bouquet of flowers. The "booby" prize was received by Mr. Ed Miller and Miss Jennie Baskin, it being an onion.

Another interesting feature of the evening was a "sham supper." The couples filed into the dining-room expecting to partake of a delicious repast. The bill of fare was handed to each and imagine their disappointment at not being able to eat any of it, it being all a sham. For instance, chicken dressing was feathers, dates pieces of calendar, "after dinner delicacy" tooth-picks, etc. The evening passed only too quickly and when the time arrived for leaving all reported a most enjoyable time and pronounced Mrs. Ratcliff and her daughter, Miss Houston, to be most charming hostesses, who were assisted in entertaining by Misses Musgrove and Hill.

We understand there is a great revival being conducted by Rev. Steve Burke at Ratcliff. Quite a crowd of Tadmer's young people attended Sunday. P. C. M.

### Volga.

ED. COURIER:—Those who voted for the hog law and failed to get it have gone to fencing.

A shingle mill is going up here, where one is very much needed.

The people are getting to work for another crop.

Wm. Summers is erecting a new residence.

We are glad to hear from Hon. A. A. Aldrich and hope to hear more from him.

Mr. Jno. A. Robinson married recently, the lady he married living some 500 miles away.

The game law is in force, so look out, boys. J. M. Y.

### Had To Conquer or Die.

"I was just about gone," writes Mrs. Rosa Richardson, of Laurel Springs, N. C. "I had Consumption so bad that the best doctors said I could not live more than a month, but I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by seven bottles and am now stout and well." It's an unrivaled life saver in consumption, pneumonia, la grippe and bronchitis; infallible for cough, cold, asthma, hay fever, croup or whooping cough. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at Haring's drug store.

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### Wooden Wedding.

Judging from our own experience there are times in the lives of all men when we have what is commonly called the "blues." Some prescribe one remedy, while some prefer another, but of all remedies prescribed, that given by Mr. and Mrs. John Sharp far excels anything or any remedy heretofore given by any one.

On the 22d inst. as ye scribe wended his way home about 11:30 a. m., his head bowed from the great weight of a real good case of the "blues" wondering what the "neighbors" had sent in for dinner, he was met by Mr. John Sharp with a cordial invitation to come over and help him and friends enjoy his Wooden anniversary. We, under the circumstances, not knowing how to say no, went and took our "better half."

There we found assembled a host of friends pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Ella Sharp, whose heart is as large as her head, and not only trying, but she was making all feel pleasant and welcome.

She succeeded successfully. We were invited to the table. Now I must close, as words are inadequate to express or explain what followed. What did we have to eat? Well just everything an appetite craved. All our hearts desired. The table fairly groaned under the weight of good things.

While neither the host nor hostess had such in view, yet the presents were numerous. After a time pleasantly spent each guest departed to their own domicile feeling that they had been royally entertained, and a wish in their hearts that Mr. and Mrs. Sharp may live to celebrate their Diamond anniversary, and that each guest might be present thereat.

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The State of Texas—To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by causing to be published for twenty days in some newspaper published in Houston county, Texas, you summon all persons interested in the estate of Jane Hallmark, deceased, to answer an application filed by Albert Douglass in the county court of Houston county, on the 14th day of January 1901, for discharge of administrator of said estate accompanied by his final account showing the condition of said estate, which will be heard by said court on the 4th day of February 1901, at the court house of said county, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application if they see proper.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

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**FIELD AND FLOCK.**

Celery continues in good supply. Farmers around Gonzalez are preparing to plow. Many localities report increased wheat acreage. Increased oat acreage is the rule in a number of sections. Cattle in Webb and Dimmitt counties are reported in fine condition. The banana crop of Jamaica was badly damaged by a storm. Cabbage shipments have commenced from the Corpus Christi section. Ligon & Brown of Llano several days ago shipped sixteen carloads of hogs. Wheat and oats are reported in fine condition in Greer county, Oklahoma. Seventeen cars of cattle were shipped from Denton to St. Louis one day last week. The Texas sweet potato crop of 1900, both in quality and quantity, is hard to excel.

W. R. Birdwell of Mineral Wells shipped a carload of mules to Louisiana. Dr. J. H. Miller of Paris shipped fifteen carloads of cattle from Paris to St. Louis.

It is said the cotton acreage of Greer county, Oklahoma, will be increased 40 per cent over 1900.

Sam D. Rountree of Gillespie county bought 1000 acres of ranch land in Llano county for \$5000.

Edgna Bros. of Corsicana one day last week shipped fifteen carloads of beef cattle to Kansas City.

The farmers of Hunt county are farther ahead with their plowing than at any time for a number of years.

N. E. Purcell of Potters is having 600 acres broken which will be planted in corn, cotton and sorghum.

Atlanta business men have bought a road grader and Cass county farmers are utilizing it to improve the roads.

The tenth annual meeting of the Texas Live Stock association will be held at Fort Worth on Feb. 12 and 13, 1901.

T. A. Blewett of Denton county disposed of a carload of Durham bulls and heifers at Vicksburg, Miss., realizing fancy prices.

An association for the apprehension of horse and cattle thieves at Dedham, Mass., has just held its nineteenth annual session in that city.

Cornell & Stock of Grandview, Johnson county, shipped 368 head of beef cattle to St. Louis. They were fed at the Grandview oil mills.

A Missouri man has been in Paris with the view of establishing a cannery. He will do so if farmers will guarantee to raise the necessary truck.

The farmers around Kyle have gathered their cotton crop and are now preparing their land for corn. The planting of corn will commence about the middle of February.

Notice is being served by the government on the cattlemen of the Kiowa and Comanche reservations that they must vacate the pastures now occupied by them within ninety days.

B. R. McConnell of Jacksboro sold a pair of Red Polled bull calves to A. G. Starts of Comal county for \$500. These calves are products of Jack county, being bred on Mr. McConnell's ranch near Jacksboro.

Sheep feeding experiments will be conducted at the state university experimental farm in Wyoming. A bunch of sheep will be procured and divided equally. One bunch will be fed for ninety days on corn and alfalfa and the other lot on native hay and corn.

A company at Temple has shipped to Stratham for distribution among the needy farmers in the boll weevil districts a carload of seed cotton. This seed was raised in a section where this pest has not committed any ravages or been known.

Farmers in Lamar county report a strong inclination to plant an increased acreage of cotton. Many young men who have heretofore been working for wages are becoming raisers this year, and as a result laborers promise to be scarce there.

J. O. Barton of Fort Worth closed a deal whereby he comes into possession of the Joe Rhone ranch in Erath county. There are 150 head of high-grade Hereford cattle on the place. The consideration was \$12,000.

Capt. James C. Wichter of Hills, Grayson county, has a couple of Holstein cows that have each given birth two twin calves. The calves are of more than usual size and are healthy looking and are developing very fast.

Queen Isabella does not approve of the engagement of her granddaughter, the princess of the Asturias, to the duke of Calabria. Curiously enough, the count of Caserta, the father of the duke, is unable to visit Spain because he was sentenced years ago to pains and penalties for his connection with the Carlist conspiracy. It adds piquancy to Spanish royal marriages that the father-in-law of the princess should have to avoid the police.

Modern athletics are now adding strength to the muscles and grace to the forms of many young women, especially in the large cities. This is certain to bring good results to future generations. Light gymnastics and outdoor games are an incentive to actions which bring changes in a chemical way to the blood which are necessary and healthful.

For some domestic purposes, and particularly for frying vegetables, arachide oil—or peanut oil—is said to be considered—even in France, the home of the olive—superior to any other product.

The modern demand for high-power machinery is shown by the fact that in Paris the average horse-power per machine exhibited in 1867 was 18; in 1878, 62; in 1889, 170; and in 1900, 973.

A poultry statistician says that there are about 350,000,000 chickens in the United States, and that during the past year they have produced approximately 14,000,000,000 eggs, valued at about \$175,000,000. Over \$130,000,000 worth of poultry is eaten in this country in the course of a year.

Prof. Moses Coit Tyler, who died recently in Boston, was the author of "History of American Literature During the Colonial Period" and "The Literary History of the American Revolution," both works of great merit. Years ago he was one of the most popular platform orators in the East.

"Some years ago," said Mr. Moody, at one of his meetings, "I saw what is called a sensitive plant. I happened to breathe on it, and suddenly it dropped its head; I touched it and it withered away. Humility is as sensitive as that; it cannot be safely brought out on exhibition."

Sydney rejoices in the possession of a cycle path nearly two miles in length. The path is composed, says the Sydney Telegraph, of a mixture of sand and cinders well leveled and rolled. The cost was less than 100 pounds, and was met by public subscription.

The emigrants from Ireland for the ten months ending October 31, was 43,640, as compared with 40,259 during the corresponding period of last year.

# The Making of Good Coffee



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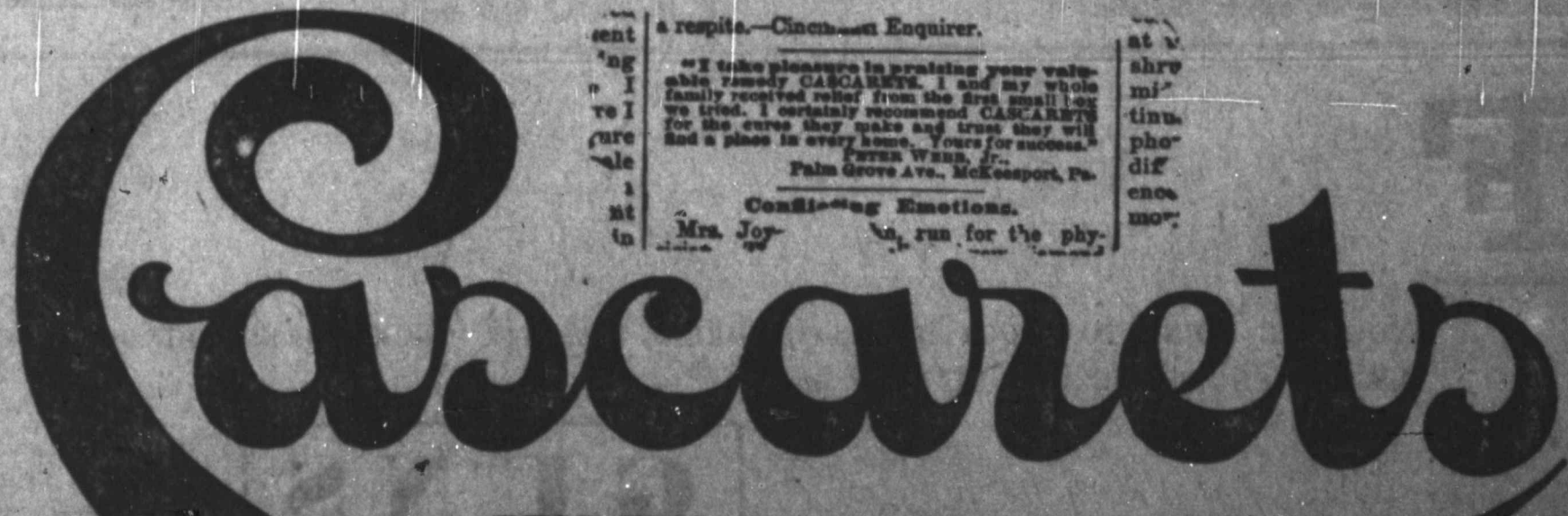
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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

## TEXANETTES.

Gilmer will have another bank.  
Missola expects to have a 60-ton cotton seed oil mill.

Mrs. S. C. Porter was found dead in bed at Dallas.

Liberty Hill cannot supply the demand for houses.

John Dunlap, colored, was shot in the neck at Dallas.

The Missouri Society of Texas has been organized at Dallas.

Bishop Key has gone to Mexico to preside over conferences.

The state grand lodge of Odd Fellows meets at Dallas Feb. 4.

The state council of the Improved Red Men meets at Dallas May 10.

W. H. Meeks, who was stabbed on the 84 ranch in New Mexico, died at Midland.

Miss Daisy Willie Barber, a prominent Luling school teacher, died in that city.

While plowing in his field east of Gainesville, Jesse Smith, 80 years old, dropped dead.

The boarding house of Mrs. Isabella Coombs at Houston burned. The house was worth about \$3500.

F. W. Folien has entered suit at Sherman against the Katy railway for \$50,000 alleged personal damages.

While playing with an "unloaded" gun a 6-year-old boy shot and killed Willie Rogers, five miles from Caddo Mills.

Bedford Forrest camp of United Veterans at Arlington will erect a shaft in memory of the soldiers of the Lost Cause.

Mr. W. H. Robeson of Washington has gone to San Angelo, where he goes to take testimony in Indian deprecation claim cases.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway company paid the controller \$3,087.81 of tax on \$308,700.68 of passenger earnings for the quarter ending Dec. 31.

The Sherman, Shreveport and Southern flyer will not run from Greenville to McKinney any more. It will continue to run from Greenville to Shreveport, however.

Florentino Gonzales, a machinist, belonging to Eagle Pass, was stabbed to death in a dance hall across the Rio Grande river by a man who escaped to this city.

Judge V. W. Grubbs of Greenville has been put on the programme for a paper on "Industrial Education," at the meeting of the National Editorial association which is to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., June 10.

There have been a great many counterfeit nickels worked off on the slot machines in Hillsboro. The coin is a very poor piece of work, having a head on both sides, one bearing the date of 1895 and the other that of 1899.

Mr. H. H. Robertson of Whitesboro has donated to the flood sufferers at Galveston seventy-three pairs of shoes, the wholesale price of which was \$75.22. The goods were shipped to Mr. W. A. McVitie, chairman of the relief committee, and forwarded free.

The contest of the will of John P. Roberts, who left the major portion of his estate to a negro, is being heard in the county court at Marshall. The deceased was a bachelor who left relatives in North Carolina.

The Duke and Duchess of Manchester, accompanied by Lord Lambert, stopped at El Paso one day last week. They were en route to California and were traveling in the private car of the duchess's father. The party paid a visit to Juarez.

The annual reunion of the Texas Rangers is ordered to take place in Fort Worth on Wednesday, Feb. 15, 1901. All members of the ranger battalion are commanded to report at 10 o'clock on that date.

In the civil district court at Sherman W. E. Mayfield, an engineer, has filed suit against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad company for damages in the sum of \$40,000 for alleged permanent personal injuries received in a wreck at Pilot Point.

J. H. Hillan, one of the oldest grocers in Cleburne, died a deed of trust for the benefit of creditors. Robert Hill was named as trustee. The bill, as shown in the trust deed agreement, is \$15,000.

# CORNERED COTTON.

### MOST STARTLING ADVANCE IN ONE DAY EVER KNOWN.

January Option Successfully Manipulated by a Young New Yorker—Sent Price Up to 12 Cents—Cotton Being Rushed to New York by Express.

New York, January 29.—January cotton rose over \$10 a bale in less than an hour yesterday, and when it sold at 12 3/4 cents a pound it was higher than any person in nearly a dozen years had seen it. This remarkable advance was the outcome of the most cleverly planned and quietly directed "corner" in the history of the cotton trade. Howard Wilson, a meek and modest looking young man of about 30 years old, and a partner of the firm of Fernie, Wilson & Co., a comparatively new house with New Orleans and Liverpool connections, has Orleans and Liverpool connections, was the most composed person in the cotton pit yesterday. There have been inklings that something was about to happen in January cotton for some days. After the squeeze in December traders thought that no one would have the temerity to go "short" of the next month's option and lay themselves open to another grueling experience. Each man "coppered" his own best judgment so to speak, doing what he believed he alone was doing, and that is what caused the trouble. Fernie, Wilson & Co., and another firm with whom they are said to be associated, had a lot of cotton delivered to them at the end of December. They controlled probably 50,000 bales. Besides this they are said to be "long" of twice as much more. They kept their scheme quiet throughout the first three weeks of the month, "bearing" January cotton when it went strong and doing all they could to distract attention from their real motives until it should be too late to deliver cotton here for the January settlement, which occurs Thursday. Saturday cotton rose 18 points closing a little below the highest. It opened in a matter of fact way yesterday morning 10 points above Saturday's last price. Traders who had sold it with the expectation of getting it back cheaper yesterday became anxious and began bidding for it, then the pyrotechnics started. From 10:30 January shot up to 10.60. Then it rushed along five, ten and twenty points at a clip between trades. Young Wilson leaned on the rail surrounding the pit and calmly watched the price go to 12.50, then to 12.50 and finally to 12.75. At that figure it was 255 points higher than at Saturday noon. After touching 12 3/4 cents the price fell to 12 cents, rallied and tumbled again to 12 cents. Talk of 15 cents for January before night terrorized the shorts and held the whole trade breathless. Whereas such a bulge in a single day would ordinarily be regarded as the mere thought of a "crazy" bull, yet the rise of 255 points within one hour's time put the room element in shape to look for even 30 cents for January had such a figure been named by the longs. One stock exchange house was a buyer of a small line of short cotton that indicated a loss of \$50,000. At 12 cents Wilson & Co. appeared as sellers and they sold again at 12 1/2 cents and offered at 12.75. After the latter point had been reached there was a rumor of private settlements and S. M. Weld & Co., who used to trade for McFadden & Bro. of Philadelphia, the largest cash handlers, sold 800 bales at 12.15. The option closed at 11.05, a net gain of 85 points.

Central Land Suit.  
Austin, Texas, January 29.—The case of the State of Texas against the Houston and Texas Central Railway company for the recovery of lands granted that corporation at the time of the building of the road for sidings and switches was submitted today on oral argument in the supreme court. The suit was instituted in the district court of Travis county several years ago. The State contends that the lands should only have been granted the defendant company for the main line built.

Wrecked by Dynamite.  
Luna, Texas, January 29.—The post-office at Luna, in Van Zandt county, was wrecked Saturday night at 7 o'clock by a dynamite explosion. Wm. Osborne, C. B. Malory and Mr. Stallings were badly hurt. No far as one can account for the explosion. The report was heard three miles away.

# Fort Worth Speculators.

Fort Worth, Texas, January 29.—There has been considerable speculation here in railroad circles at present as to the intention of the Santa Fe company in purchasing the Pecos Valley and Northeastern from Amarillo to Pecos. It is thought by some that the company will, beyond any question of doubt, extend from Roswell, N. M., to Albuquerque, N. M., and from Pecos City, Texas, to San Angelo, a combined distance, probably, of 200 or 250 miles, giving the Santa Fe a transcontinental line from Galveston by way of San Angelo to San Francisco, saving by fillings in these gaps a great deal of unnecessary mileage and heavy grades. The presence of President Ripley at Roswell last week and the expressions he made there are construed to mean that his company contemplates early action in getting a short line from the gulf to the Pacific.

Crazy Snake Stolen.  
Henrietta, I. T., January 29.—Chitto Harjo or Crazy Snake, the leader of the warring Creeks, who is a United States prisoner here, remained sullen today and refused to confer with Lieutenant Dixon. It is believed, however, that the chief will sooner or later show a friendly spirit and that the result will be a prompt ending of the insurrection. It is argued that Harjo and his followers have been taught to have a greater respect for the army officers than for deputies, believing that the soldier is more apt to treat him fairly. This has been brought about not only by the marshals' actions but because a deputy here and there in the past has not acted wisely toward them. The capture of Crazy Snake is believed to be the most important move since the outbreak. He has been the agitator and the real leader of the dissatisfied Indians. Chitto Harjo was captured by Deputy Johnson, a negro who has the reputation of being a fearless officer and who last Christmas captured John Tiger, the Creek, at Enfla, after the latter had killed three men and wounded another. Chief Harjo is guarded here in a tent.

Five Persons Killed.  
Parkersburg, January 29.—Five persons dead and one seriously wounded, two engines and ten loaded cars wrecked is the result of a mistake of a train crew today between Petroleum and Volcano Junction on the Baltimore and Ohio railway. An engineer mistook the first section of a passing train for a second. Thinking both had passed, he pulled his train onto the main track and sped onward to what seemed to have been his death. The dead are: J. B. Watkins, engineer; W. W. Cunningham, fireman; M. Courtney, brakeman; J. G. Bailey, brakeman; J. T. Bailey, fireman. The injured are: Ike Davidson, engineer of No. 87, burned, cut and bruised; will recover. The body of J. G. Bailey, the only one recovered, was badly crushed and could only be identified by his watch. The other four are still buried under the wreck and cannot be recovered tonight.

Shot and Killed His Father.  
Navasota, January 29.—At Courtney, about 6:30 o'clock last evening R. H. Jones was shot and instantly killed by his son Robert. Deceased is alleged to have been heavily belaboring his wife with a heavy blacksnake whip when the boy interfered. For the past six or eight years R. H. Jones has been constable of Courtney precinct and was recently re-elected by the Union. He was about 46 years of age. The slayer is 19 years old, and when asked why he had killed his father replied, "I could not stand to see my mother beat and abused in any such manner." Mrs. Jones is thought to be seriously injured.

The Texas Legislature.  
Austin, Texas, January 29.—In the legislature yesterday the "Hogs amendments" gained nothing because they are "platform demands." The legislators are analyzing such closely. Mr. Wells is waiting on the house to determine whether he will run for governor. Governor Sayers may be asked to become railroad commissioner at the end of his term. The passed the bill extending for ninety days the time in which taxes may be paid in the storm and flood counties. The house committee discussed the Shaw-Henderson freight rate bill.

Rush of Home-seekers.  
New York, January 29.—The rush of "home-seekers" to the Southwest has never been as great as at present. This is largely the result of reduced rates inaugurated by the Rock Island and Santa Fe early last year, in which other roads have since joined.

# EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Bubonic plague is in Cape Colony. Prof. Gray, the inventor, is dead. The estimated wealth of Queen Victoria is \$30,000,000.

Indianians have experienced the delights of a Florida winter. A lineman fell from a pole at Terre Haute, Ind., and was instantly killed.

Eighteen thousand bags of coffee were sold at Rio de Janeiro on the 23d.

Isaac Khan Mofakhammer Dovlet is the name of the new Persian minister to this country.

T. Gordon Reddy, a prominent citizen of Baton Rouge, La., accidentally shot himself to death.

A Lafayette, Ind., woman answered a marriage advertisement, and in consequence is out a goodly sum.

E. Dundon of Canada broke the mile skating record for professionals at the rink at Butte, Mont., making the distance in 2:41.

Rev. Ira Laurin, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian, has been called to the chancellorship of Cumberland university, Lebanon, Tenn.

Rev. Edward Davis, formerly pastor of the Central Temple, Oakland, Cal., has become a member of Robert Downing's theatrical company.

Mrs. A. M. Hutchinson, president W. C. T. U. of Kansas, says that organization is not in favor of the tactics employed by Mrs. Nation in her warfare against the saloons.

The main gateway of the Paris exposition grounds and the statue "La Parisienne," which surmounted it, have been sold to a dealer in scrap iron for 10,000 francs.

The Luckenbach tug Ocean King, which, with the barges Doudout and Astoria, recently went on the beach near Cape Charles, will, with the barges be abandoned by her owners. The wrecks will be stripped by the insurance companies interested.

Acceptance of 40 cents on the dollar by creditors of W. L. Strong & Co. is recommended by the advisory committee appointed to inquire into the firm's affairs, of which the former mayor, who died last November, was the principal member.

It is learned that a number of cottonseed oil crushers are contemplating adding ice plants to their mills for the purpose of manufacturing artificial ice during that part of the year when the mills are not engaged in the manufacture of oil.

A telegram announces the death at Pittsburg, Pa., of Dr. Robert Graham, aged 97 years, who was for many years president of Kentucky colleges. He was an intimate friend of Alexander Campbell, and one of the most noted educators and ministers in the South.

The Buenos Ayres correspondent of the London Times says: Official statistics estimate the exportable surplus of wheat flour at 1,750,000 tons. Trade circles regard this as an exaggerated estimate, but the surplus will be about 1,200,000 tons.

The elegant steam yacht Shemara arrived at Miami, Fla., having on board her owner, A. L. Alrber, president of the asphalt company which controls the asphalt deposits of Trinidad and Venezuela, now a bone of contention.

Potter & Kirkman, members of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum exchange, New York, have suspended. Mr. Kirkman told his creditors that the recent slump in the market had taken the firm suddenly, and few customers "made good" the call for more margins.

By a vote of 53 to 33 the Arkansas house of representatives adopted a resolution extending sympathy to the Boers and the people of the Philippine archipelago, "in their heroic struggle for freedom."

Handsome Elk, a noted Sioux Indian, was riddled with bullets by Indian policemen sent out to bring him to the agency in South Dakota. They fired on him from ambush. Elk shot an Indian policeman two years ago and served in prison.

George Hick, a member of the Overland Bowling club of Denver, Colo., rolled 239 in a practice game on Reginald alley. His record is believed to be the best ever made in a regulation game.

Terrific weather has prevailed on the north side of the island of Jamaica. A violent norther has been causing destruction of banana plantations on every side. In some of the parishes hundreds of acres of the fruit have been ruined.

There is a vast difference between theory and practice.

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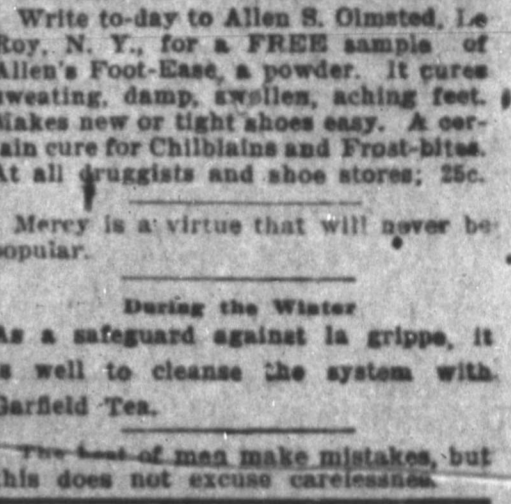
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Senator Hale, who in a general way has hitherto been looked upon as an exemplar of what is proper in male attire, horrified his colleagues the other afternoon by appearing among them wearing a high hat and a short coat—a combination supposed to be permissible only on the east side of New York.

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## HOMESTEAD LAW.

### SENATOR DAVIDSON PROPOSES GOOD LEGISLATION.

**He Also Submits Provision Which Will Secure in Advance Regulation of Railways—Extending Tax Paying Date—Mr. Lillie's Resolution.**

Austin, Texas, January 26.—A favorable majority report on Goss' resolution providing for a constitutional convention and an unfavorable minority report, signed by Grinnam and Stafford, were laid before the senate yesterday morning. Senator Davidson of De Witt offered an amendment to the resolution, which amendment prescribed the form of oath to be taken by delegates to such convention among other things swearing them to incorporate in the new constitution the homestead exemption provisions of the present constitution, same being set out in full in the said oath; also pledging them to incorporate in the constitution provisions empowering the legislature to control railroads. At his request the matter was laid over to have the reports and the amendments printed in the journal.

### Senate Committee's Report.

Austin, Texas, January 26.—Senate committees reported bills yesterday as follows:

Judiciary No. 1: Favorably on bill by Goss making venue of suits for written obligations to be in county where obligor resides.

Favorably on bill by Harris of Bexar empowering district courts to appoint new trustees for church property.

Favorably on bill by Davidson of De Witt authorizing counties to refund their standing bonded indebtedness.

Favorably on bill by Davidson of De Witt requiring district judges to deliver written charge of juries in civil cases.

Favorably on bill by Davidson of De Witt reducing from five days to twelve hours the time within which common carriers can hold unclaimed perishable freight before selling same.

Hanger and Davidson submitted an adverse minority report on above bill by Goss fixing venue in suits on written obligations.

State Penitentiaries: Favorably on Neal's bill providing for increased pay for under officers and employes of the state penitentiaries.

Favorably on bill by Davidson of De Witt for more perfectly organizing the board of pardons.

### The Inter-urban Bill.

Austin, Texas, January 26.—Concerning his amendment to the interurban bill, providing that interurban companies shall not acquire lines in cities or towns without the consent of the municipal authorities, Representative Tom Napier of Wood county says that he considers some such limitation absolutely necessary. However, he says it would be much better if the consent to acquire the city lines were to come from the citizens direct, instead of through the municipal authorities, and he would have shaped his amendment accordingly had there been any hope of getting it through.

### Lobby Bill Killed.

Austin, Texas, January 26.—House judiciary committee No. 2 has decided to report unfavorably Aldrich's bill which was intended to require every man who came to the state capitol for the purpose of lobbying to sign a register in the office of the secretary of state showing by whom he is employed, what measure he came to work for or against, and whether he opposes or favors such measures.

### Extending Tax-Paying Term.

Austin, Texas, January 26.—The bill extending the time for payment of taxes in storm-stricken counties for ninety days has been made a special order for 11 o'clock Monday morning. The bill has passed the senate.

### To Aid Grimes County Sufferers.

Navasota, Texas, January 26.—Chairman E. H. Terrell of the county relief committee has received \$7000 from Governor Sayers to be expended for the relief of the storm-sufferers of Grimes county, confining the distribution to such people as suffered from the storm of last September and are unable to help themselves. Mr. Terrell has called a meeting of committee-men at the opera house today for the purpose of canvassing the list to distribute the money impartially, equitably and according to the necessities of the people, due regard being had to the amount of money and supplies already received by each individual.

### The Indian Situation.

Muskogee, I. T., January 26.—The Creek uprising continues dangerous, troops having as yet failed to arrive. United States Marshal Bennett has captured the 17-year-old son of Chief Snake and has notified the latter that the body will be held as a hostage until the Indians surrender. The Indians have so far refused to surrender and yesterday held two councils, one near Bristow and one at Rush Hill, I. T. A dispatch from Bristow stated that the threatened attack on that town had not yet begun, but the citizens were continuing to arm themselves and preparing for an emergency. Marshal Bennett expressed fear of bloodshed if the troops ordered from Fort Reno do not arrive soon. Marshal Bennett returned from Eufaula yesterday after a visit with five deputies to the home of Chief Snake. When he first entered Snake's house but three people were there. In less than twenty minutes fifty light horsemen from the Snake band gathered. They were all heavily armed, but offered no harm to the officers. The Indians had been picketed about evidently to protect their chief or to give warning of an attack. Snake was not to be found, and Bennett left word for him to come to Muskogee or Eufaula for a conference.

### Respite to Saloons.

Hope, Kan., January 26.—Mrs. Carrie Nation arrived at midnight from Enterprise, determined to attack the two saloons in Hope as she had those at Wichita and Enterprise. But no committee of temperance workers had chosen to meet her at the depot, and when she arose yesterday morning she said she had made up her mind not to damage the saloons here, because she was alone. She refused to eat her breakfast, because she feared she would be poisoned, and instead talked temperance to a crowd that had gathered in front of the hotel. At 10 o'clock she took a train for Ottawa, saying she would visit friends there and rest a few days. Then she started for the depot, the proprietors of the two saloons were escorting her to the train, one on each arm, a crowd following and cheering. When Mrs. Nation left Enterprise yesterday a big crowd followed her to the depot, hooting and throwing eggs.

### Fifty-Sixth Congress.

Washington, D. C., January 26.—Senator Dewey of New York yesterday delivered in the senate a speech in support of the shipping bill. The address was in the nature of an appeal for the American merchant marine by the granting of subsidies as provided for in the pending measure. His discussion of the problems that now confront American manufacturers and farmers was notably interesting and effective. Little progress was made with the Indian bill. The last hour of the session was consumed in the passage of pension bills.

### Contracting for Tomatoes.

Paris, Texas, January 26.—A Bird, representing St. Joseph, Mo., capitalists, has agreed to operate a canning factory here provided the truck farmers will obligate themselves to raise 400 acres of tomatoes. Contracts are being signed. Nothing but tomatoes will be canned the first season and the company obligates itself to pay \$3 1-2 cents per 100 pounds for the tomatoes, which would be 20 cents a bushel. It is claimed that from 250 to 300 bushels can easily be grown on an acre of land.

### Rockefeller Coming.

Dallas, Texas, January 26.—A party of eight capitalists, headed by J. Frank Rockefeller of New York, brother of John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil company, arrived in Dallas early Thursday morning in a special car over the Missouri, Kansas and Texas. They spent the day here and during their stay took a drive over the city, escorted by Katy officials. They left last night for the South via Waco, and, it is said, will visit the Beaumont oil fields before leaving the state.

### Fig Cabbage Crop.

Corpus Christi, Texas, January 26.—After remaining here several days inspecting the cabbage crop General Superintendent Menzies says the Arkansas Pass road will at once put in more track and enlarge the freight platform to enable the vast crop to be moved.

### The Lillie Bill.

Austin, Texas, January 26.—Senator Lillie says that he expects to call up his bill on Monday, or Tuesday afternoon.

### Was Proclaimed King.

London, January 25.—London yesterday was given a glimpse of medieval times. The quaint ceremonious with which King Edward VII was proclaimed at various points of the metropolis exactly followed ancient precedents. The officials purposely arranged the function an hour ahead of the published announcement and the inhabitants when they awoke were surprised to find the entire way between St. James palace and the city lined with troops. About 10,000 soldiers, life guards, horse guards, foot guards and other cavalry and infantry regiments had been brought from Aldershot and London barracks after midnight. All the officers had slept on their arms and the drums and brass instruments were shrouded with crepe. The troops in themselves made an imposing spectacle, but they were entirely eclipsed by the strange spectacle presented by the officials of the college of arms. The ceremony began at St. James palace, where at 9 o'clock Edward VII was proclaimed king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and emperor of India. The proclamation was read by William Henry Welton, king at arms since 1894, and formerly Windsor herald.

### Funeral of the Queen.

Cowes, Isle of Wight, January 25.—It has been decided the funeral of the queen will take place at Windsor castle February 2. The body of the late queen will be removed from Osborne house February 1. It was the desire of the queen that the funeral should be military in character. Several officials arrived from Windsor, bringing the state regalia. It was carried in a barge bag. The coffin of Queen Victoria will be of English oak, lined with satin. It was ordered here yesterday afternoon and will be delivered at Osborne today. The outer casket will be a reproduction of the one used at the funeral of the duchess of Kent, the queen's mother. A magnificent satin pall, with the royal arms in each corner, is being made. Wherever it traverses roads, the body will be borne on a gun carriage. Emperor William decided yesterday to leave Osborne until after the funeral.

### Negro Shot to Pieces.

New Orleans, January 25.—The Piquette's Minden, La., special says: Yesterday at Doynlan, a station on the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad, about ten miles from here, a young negro named Larkington attempted rape on the wife of a young farmer named Eldon Walker. He was unsuccessful, as he became frightened and ran off. Yesterday he was identified by the lady and in charge of several citizens was being brought to the Minden jail, when overtaken and shot to pieces by a crowd of men. This happened in the same neighborhood where a negro was burned for the same crime about two years ago.

### Wants His Wife.

Waco, Texas, January 25.—An application was made before Judge S. R. Scott this afternoon by George S. Riley asking that Peccer McClelland and wife be compelled to release Ida May Riley, whom the applicant married last night, from restraint. The application alleges that his wife is being spirited out of the country by the said McClelland and his wife against her will and asks that they be forced to bring her into court and that Mrs. Riley be placed in the custody of some proper person to be designated by the court. The application was granted and issued upon, returnable in the morning at 10 o'clock.

### Growing Demand for Land.

Austin, Texas, January 25.—Mr. E. L. Sauer, who has charge of the university lands, reports that nearly all of the land is under lease, and within ninety days the university will not have a section of land lying idle. He says that he never heard of such a demand for land as there is at present. The leases are made for ten years absolute, and there is no quibbling about the lease after it is properly signed up and recorded. The great demand for land shows that West Texas is rapidly being settled up by leaseholders who intend to stay.

### Servian King Abnry.

Vienna, January 25.—A telegram to the Neues Wiener Tagblatt from Belgrade states that King Alexander has requested President Nizovic of the Skupstina and several other dignitaries to bring in a bill forbidding further military maneuvers to return to their military duties. President Nizovic has declined the request, saying that the military maneuvers are a part of an army's duty of state in peace.

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### INDIAN TROUBLES.

#### MARSHAL BENNETT LEAVES TO JOIN SOLDIERS AT HENRIETTA.

Goes Prepared for a Campaign Against the Reds if Necessary—Notes of Warning to Whites Posted by Indian Chiefs and Others.

Muskogee, I. T., January 23.—United States Marshal Bennett, with six deputies and Constable Hubbard, United States Commissioner Hanson and T. W. Gulick left yesterday for Henrietta, sixty miles distant, where they will join the troops sent to quell the Creeks. They will go overland, and took a campaign outfit, commissary, twenty Winchester and plenty of ammunition. Just after the start was made a telephone message was received from Checotah, saying that the following notice has been posted there after the Snake council adjourned at Hickorytown yesterday:

"Notice, Read to All—Presents: White citizens and friendly Creeks should be dealt with according to the old Creek laws, and not according to the Creeks and Chief Porter.

(Signed) "LATHEAM MEKKO.

"Attest: EDW. HAJO, Second Chief."

The Dawes commission Saturday ordered a discontinuance of the surveying in the disturbed districts. Mose Loyons, in charge of one party, says a number of light horsemen, heavily armed, are riding over the country. They are confining their efforts to protect the Snake band. It is believed that the worst is over, but Marshal Bennett has his best deputies with him, and if he encounters trouble will put up a strong fight. It is his purpose to join the soldiers at Henrietta and work with them in making arrests of the leaders of the uprising.

#### Bennett Off for Henrietta.

Muskogee, I. T., January 23.—Marshal Bennett and deputies and Commissioner Sanson left here Saturday overland to join the troops at Henrietta. Just before leaving Marshal Bennett received a telegram saying that members of the Snake band had thrown an obstruction across the Frisco track eight miles south of Holdenville, but it was discovered and removed before a train arrived. The deputy marshal at Holdenville was instructed to make a thorough investigation. A message was also received by Marshal Bennett from Okmulgee, the capital of the Creek nation, saying that Light Horsemen of the Snake band posted a notice on the post office door there yesterday, saying that the town was the property of the Indians and all the white people would be driven out. This is the first threat which has been made against the whites, and was somewhat of a surprise to Mr. Bennett. He is inclined to regard it as a bluff, but stated that it would receive proper consideration as soon as he arrived at Henrietta.

#### Report from Hixlow.

Bristow, I. T., January 23.—Major C. W. Lille, "Pawnee Bill," with a posse including Captain Edmund Harlick of the Creek light horsemen, United States Marshals Dean, Hogan and Churchwell, and Indian Police Keyes, Howell and Saunders, visited the hostile Creeks' stamping grounds, six miles south of this place, at noon yesterday. The Indians were there holding a big feast, and refused the posse admission and declined to confer with them in any manner. Many of the full bloods who have been in the habit of wearing white man's apparel were dressed in full Indian regalia. They were most bitter in their denunciation of the marshals, who arrested Tom Tiger, captain of the insurgent light horsemen, who left at dark in charge of United States Marshals Dean, Hogan and posse for Muskogee, as it is feared an attempt may be made to release him if held prisoner. Last night a telegram was received from Marshal Bennett authorizing the mayor and council here to arm and swear in all able bodied citizens to protect their property until soldiers could be sent here from Henrietta.

#### For Naval Militia.

Galveston, Texas, January 23.—There is a movement on foot to induce the Texas legislature at the present session to pass a law authorizing the organization of a naval militia force in Texas. It has the support of several residents of coast cities and towns who believe much good will result in the passage of such a law. The matter will be presented to the legislature in due time.

#### Attempt at Blackmail.

Crockett, Texas, January 23.—About a week ago Mr. Tom Self, manager of the Crockett oil mill, received an anonymous letter telling him to place \$200 in a certain stump which the writer accurately described on the Lovelady road, a few miles from Crockett, threatening to take his life if he failed to do so. Mr. Self and wife drove out to see if such a stump existed, finding the stump as described. Yesterday Mr. Self received another letter in which the writer said that he had visited the stump and found that Mr. Self had failed to comply with his demand and that if he valued his life he should place \$200 at a certain place at the oil mill, describing the place accurately. Mr. Self notified Sheriff Hale, who placed deputies, but the man failed to come from the direction in which he was expected to come, but did come and slipped his hand through a crack where he expected to find money. Sheriff Hale and deputies pursued him, shooting at him several times. He made good his escape. He was evidently hit, as shown by blood on the ground, but is still at large. There have been several burglaries committed here within the last few nights.

#### Suit for a Watch.

Paris, Texas, January 23.—A novel and interesting suit has just been decided in Justice McLaughlin's court at Honey Grove, in which a young man and a young lady living in the country a few miles from that place, appeared as litigants. The young man sued out a writ of sequestration to recover a gold watch from the young lady, and she contested the right of property, claiming that it was given to her by him. From the testimony adduced at the trial it appeared that the young couple had been engaged to be married and that the young man had promised her a birthday present. She wrote him a letter, it was claimed, telling him that she would like for him to purchase the watch in question and that she would like to wear it before the wedding. The watch was purchased and sent to her by mail. In a short while afterward the engagement was broken off and the young man demanded the watch back. She refused to surrender it. Hence the resort to legal proceedings. The only question considered at the trial was whether the possession of the watch was a loan or a gift, the young man claiming that he had loaned it to her and the young lady setting up the claim that it was a gift. The court decided the case in favor of the young man.

#### Powder Explosion.

Wills Point, Texas, January 23.—A small general store, belonging to Osborne & Dorsey, located at Sara, eight miles northeast of here, was almost wrecked Saturday afternoon by the explosion of a can of powder, which blew out one side of the building and injured three persons. The injured are: Jake Stallings, Charles Mallory and Will Osborne. None of them are seriously hurt, except Stallings, who was severely cut in the right side by some flying missiles. At this time the full extent of his injuries can not be ascertained. Just how the explosion occurred seems to be a mystery. The only explanation is that some one carelessly placed a lighted cigar or cigarette on the shelf above the powder and that the fire from it dropped into the can, causing the explosion.

#### A Big Order for Timber.

La Porte, Texas, January 23.—Kaiser & Schmidt, proprietors of the La Porte Sawmill and Box Factory, received an order yesterday for 50,000 feet of lumber, to be shipped to Germany. The stuff will be sawed from long leaf yellow pine, and it is understood that if the order proves satisfactory that Kaiser & Schmidt will be given an order for all the lumber they can ship. It will be their intention to double their present capacity, which is nearly 50,000 feet per day. The logs are obtained from San Jacinto and Trinity rivers, where the firm has secured extensive leases.

#### Death of Verdi.

Milan, January 23.—Although preceded by a struggle for life that lasted two days, Verdi's death, when it came, was peaceful. He did not regain consciousness. When he passed away he was surrounded by relatives and intimate friends. The announcement of his death created great emotion. Theaters, pleasure resorts and many stores were closed and nearly all the prominent residences were draped. King Victor Emmanuel sent to the family a telegram of condolence on behalf of himself and Queen Helena.

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### Local Items.

New ribbon cane syrup at Hail & Dunwoody's.

For your money's worth, trade at Hyman's saloon.

Mrs. H. C. Castleberg is on a visit to relatives in Arkansas.

J. W. Young visited his parents at Bastrop this and last week.

H. M. Bradley is a new COURIER subscriber at Pennington.

J. F. Lively of Weches was in town Monday and a caller at this office.

Mr. O. L. Crowson from Lovelady was in to see us Thursday morning.

Miss Ora Barksdale has returned from a visit to relatives in Rusk county.

O. T. Ratcliff of Augusta was among those who dropped in to see us last week.

The COURIER wants short, crisp, newsy letters from all parts of Houston county.

You run no risk of buying old, stale drugs at the New Drug Store. Prices right, too.

Crockett Meat Market will pay highest market price for all kind of hides and furs.

The output of the coal mine near Lovelady is something like a dozen cars a day now.

The New Drug Store has a big lot of all kinds of stationery. All prices and right prices.

G. W. Willis of the Coltharp section was in Crockett last week and called at this office.

You get what you call for at the New Drug Store. We don't try to sell you something else.

Some of the officers ran in another crowd of crap shooters, nine in number, Saturday night.

Any one looking for the cheapest dental work will save money by calling on H. J. Cunyus.

A. M. Carlton left Sunday night for Smithville where he will engage in the brokerage business.

100 empty whiskey barrels on hand at Hyman's saloon. Will sell them out at reduced prices.

Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from  
**SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Painter visited in Galveston the latter part of last and the first of this week.

W. J. Garner of Lovelady, another one of the COURIER's staunch friends, was in Crockett Tuesday.

Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from  
**SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.**

Jersey Cream flour at Hail & Dunwoody's.

Walter Harlan from Henderson was the relief night operator at the Crockett telegraph station last week.

W. W. Lively and wife of Grapeland spent Sunday with their daughter in Crockett, Mrs. W. V. Berry.

It is estimated that there will be over a 1000 men at work on the saw mill plant at Coltharp and the road leading to it.

Miss Lena Bromberg, attending the State Normal at Huntsville, visited her parents in Crockett Saturday and Sunday.

**Tooth Brushes! Tooth Brushes!**  
A big assortment has just arrived. All prices.

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Crockett Meat Market has 225 beeves on feed and 75 head of hogs. They keep constantly on hand first-class beef, pork and sausage.

Gail King was in the southern part of the state, representing the Houston County Coal and Mfg. Co., last week. The coal is finding a ready market.

### Notice.

Leediker Dray, Feed and Lumber Co. wants all your good sacks, such as bran, oats and corn sacks. Will pay cash. Office at depot.

## Sponges.

Sponges are the fibrous skeletons of deep sea animals. To the general public sponges are simply sponges; yet there are scores of varieties, grades and qualities—plenty of chance for deception. We do the best we can in buying sponges, and we sell them for just what they are worth. Our experience and methods are worth something to you, even on sponges.

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**J. G. HARING,**  
PHARMACIST.

A nice line of candies at Hail & Dunwoody's.

J. D. Hill, another one of the COURIER's subscribers who always pays in advance, extended his subscription Wednesday to volume thirteen.

Dr. M. D. McCarty of Porter Springs at last reports had a baby child which was not expected to live. He lost his wife about two weeks or more ago.

The city's finances are in fine shape. They are redeeming the school bonds and those that can not now be paid off will be taken up and placed in Crockett.

### Crockett Meat Market.

We are now killing beef out of the feed pen.

No more meat sold on Sunday after Xmas, until warm weather.

Owing to a severe case of la grippe I will be unable to be at Crockett this month so will have to defer opening my dental office at Crockett until February.

**W. A. GUSTAVUS.**

When pain or irritation exists on any part of the body the application of Ballard's Snow Lotion will give prompt relief. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

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S. A. Cook and brother, Tom, who own quite a deal of Mustang Prairie land are doing well in the hay business. They saved from it this past season about 2400 bales which has netted them a handsome sum.

S. L. Connor of Tadmor came in to see us Wednesday. He informed us of the death of Joe Minton, Jr., of that community which occurred last Saturday evening. He said there was a good deal of sickness in his community at present.

Ike Lansford had on exhibition Monday a turnip raised by his father, M. E. Lansford, at Porter Springs, weighing 11½ pounds and measuring 34 inches in circumference. This is only another evidence of the fine productiveness of Houston county soil.

We are willing to acknowledge that we never placed an ad in a country paper, where the paper was run in the interest of the country and the people, but what we received returns from our advertisement.—From Rosenberg's advertisement in Houston Post.

### For Sale.

My entire ginning outfit for sale at Crockett near oil mill on Huntsville road, consisting of two gin stands, and complete outfit at a bargain. Apply for terms to  
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Lovelady, Texas.

If those critics of East Texas could see the car load of fine, fat hogs which Daniel & Arrington are shipping to Fort Worth, they would perhaps change their minds about this not being a hog country. This is about the twentieth car shipped from this county this season.

### Notice.

Strayed from my residence about Jan. 20th: 1 Poland China male unmarked, 1 yellow sandy barrow, 1 red sandy gilt, 1 black and white spotted sow with pigs. Will liberally reward any one furnishing information leading to their recovery.  
**T. G. BIRD.**

### Strayed or Stolen.

One black heavy-set pony horse, about 14 hands, harness marks and in good condition. One bay pony horse, 14½ hands, foretop clipped, in good condition, both about six years old. A liberal reward will be paid for their delivery or information leading to recovery.  
**E. A. NICHOLS,**  
Crockett, Texas.

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**H. L. HENDERSON,**

**CROCKETT.**

Mrs. Enoch Broxson died last Monday night at a ripe age. She had passed her seventieth year and had outlived her husband by several years—three or more. She was the wife of Enoch Broxson who was one of the county's best citizens during his life-time, and was a sister of Berkley Ellis. Enoch Broxson was for a long time county surveyor of Houston county. The funeral services of Mrs. Broxson were held at the family residence Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and burial followed at Glenwood cemetery.

Up to January 23, this year, there had been shipped from Crockett 12,512 bales of cotton and there were 68 bales on the cotton platform at the depot. At the same time last year there had been shipped 12,188 bales and 95 on the platform, leaving a total difference of 297 bales in last year's favor. It will be understood that "last year" was the season ending September 1, 1900. This does not include the receipts for the county, but for Crockett station alone. A great deal has been shipped from Grapeland and Lovelady and some hauled to Alto and Groveton, out of the county.

Tom Craddock, an old and respected citizen of Houston county, died at his home at Coltharp on Sunday last. He had been sick for quite a while and was thought to be convalescent at one time but a change for the worse set in a week or so ago, resulting fatally. Deceased was a member of a large and old family which came to this county at an early day and the last but one of several brothers. The only surviving brother, Drayton, lives in Burnett and reached here too late to be present at the obsequies. He and his nephew, Frank Craddock, went down on Monday. Mr. Tom Craddock was seventy years or more old, had been married and leaves a married daughter.

### Estray Notice.

Taken up by G. M. Firby and estrayed before E. T. Payne, J. P. Pre. No. 4, Houston county, Texas, on Nov. 20th, 1900, the following described animals: One roan mare, 7 years old, branded H-P; 13 hands high. One sorrel horse no brand, 14 hands high, 4 years old. One bay mare, branded thus P-L-E, 13 hands high, 10 years old. One bay mare, no brand, 10 years old, one colt with mare. Appraised at twenty-five dollars. Filed for record Dec. 31st 1900.

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### Cotton.

Strong hands on New York had a grip on January cotton, cornering the article for that month. As the month began to wane the grip began to tighten on those who had sold the month "short." Monday, as a consequence, the staple took a phenomenal jump, January futures advancing over 2 cents a pound, selling at over 12 cents a pound in New York. The other months were quiet and so was spot cotton except that held in New York. Those who had "spots" in the market were in the swim to be sure, but that was nearly all in the hands of those manipulating the squeeze. Normal prices are ruling in Texas markets.

### Excursions.

**MARLIN, TEX.,** Feb. 10, State Senate Biennial Meeting Modern Order of Praetorians.

**FT. WORTH, TEX.,** Feb. 12-14, Log Rolling Woodmen of the World.

**DALLAS, TEX.,** February 3-4, Grand Lodge I. O. O. F.

**SAN ANTONIO, TEX.,** March 12-14, Texas Cattle Raisers Association.

**LAREDO, TEX.,** Feb. 23, Geo. Washington birthday celebration.

**NEW ORLEANS, LA.,** Feb. 14-19, Mardi Gras Festivities.

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# THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor and Proprietor  
W. W. Aiken, Publisher & Local Editor

## COUNTY FINANCES.

Discussing the four plans submitted in our last issue for relieving the county's straitened financial conditions we will remark that two of the proposed plans are negatively impracticable. The first, which calls for an increase of the tax rate for county purposes of at least 20 cents on the hundred dollars can not at present be invoked. To render this remedy available there must first be legislation authorizing such increase inasmuch as the county is already working up to the maximum rate authorized by law.

The proposed plan of raising available means for current expenses by issuing bonds, debited to one fund, and the cash returns transferred to others, is almost as impracticable as that of increasing the tax rate. To make this plan available in a measure adequate to meet the urgent needs would also call for legislation, for the legislature very wisely a short time since practically inhibited the issuance of county bonds without a vote of the people ratifying such a proposition.

The tax limit for county purposes being exhausted and the power to issue bonds except in a very limited sum taken from commissioners' court, two of the four proposed plans can only be considered as remotely affecting the situation and therefore practically eliminated from the problem. But the other two, that of "increasing the taxable basis or wealth" and that of "Retrenchment in allowances and Reform in business methods," are immediately available and practicable. The commissioners' court sitting as a Board of Equalization would have the power to largely increase the revenue receipts of the county at the present tax rate by increasing the total renditions as shown by the assessor's rolls. To illustrate: If the assessor's rolls show a taxable wealth of the county in the sum of \$3,000,000, and if the resources from this basis at the rate of 50 cents on the \$100.00 is \$15,000.00, then by increasing the basis from three to four and half million dollars the resources at 50 cents on the \$100.00 would be increased from \$15,000.00 to \$22,500.00. It will thus be seen that this method of dealing with the revenue deficiencies of the county is practicable and while it is equivalent in fact and in effect to increasing the tax rate from 50 to 75 cents on the \$100.00, it may be done without antecedent legislation to this end. This is practicable and can be done. It is true that the burden of taxation will be one half larger. The man who now pays a tax of five dollars would have to pay seven and one-half dollars then. The next question is, will it be wise in the court to do this? Will they have the nerve and the backbone to take the ugly, stubborn situation by the horns and deal with it as the exigencies imperatively demand that it should be dealt with? The resources under this last plan would then be ample to meet current expenses for a short time at least as well as to liquidate all accrued liabilities. It is true that there would be a whirl-wind of angry protest from the people in the form of mass-meetings and injunctions. Somebody would be overwhelmed, somebody awed for a while at least by the storm of popular indignation. But that would be a good thing. It is going to take just such a plan to open the eyes of the people to the serious financial status of the county and it is

going to take just such upheavals of popular discontent to open the eyes of some who have been responsible for the existing state of things. If the court is not willing to adopt the plan suggested above, then there is but one other left which will be fully amplified later.

With this number the COURIER enters on its Twelfth Year. No other paper ever published in Houston county has preserved its name and maintained an unbroken sequence of publication as has the COURIER. Other papers come and go, change hands, change names and change editors, but the COURIER preserves the even tenor of its way undisturbed by such events. The history of the COURIER is the history of the recent growth and development of Crockett and Houston county as has never been done by any other journal. And while our labors have not been appreciated and but inadequately rewarded, we have gone our way satisfied with what comes.

The "Old Reliable" tenders to its friends and patrons its warmest considerations on the beginning of a new year.

The Hon. A. A. Aldrich should receive the solid endorsement of the voters of Houston county in his effort to secure a special road law for this county. To state that the public roads have been in a wretched condition this winter is only putting it mild. The saving of time, breakage of vehicles and injury to teams by a better system of public roads would more than offset the expense and labor required to secure them. The matter of better roads will have to be gone about systematically and scientifically if success is achieved, as in everything else.

## Prairie Point.

Ed. COURIER:—La grippe is quite prevalent in this community, but so far there have been no deaths.

Miss Nettie Hooper has just returned from a visit to Leon county where she has been visiting relatives.

There was a very pretty wedding at Aaron Speer's on Sunday at 3 p. m., when Miss Roxie Speer and W. J. Rhodes of Hallettsville, Texas, were married. They took the Monday night's flyer for the latter place where they will make their future home.

J. H. Tomme has been quite sick for some time, and seems to improve very slowly, if any.

Corn is scarce in this section, and, we understand, is selling at 75 cents per bushel on time. This is a shame on farmers. Every farmer should plant twice the amount of land in corn that it would take to do him, provided it is a good corn year, and then he will not have to buy corn.

Farmers are all busy and are rushing their business. They seem to be anxious to make another crop.

By the way, Lovelady seems to be on a building boom. Somebody must have money.

I am proud of the editor of the COURIER. He has the courage of his convictions. I have reference to his discussion of "County Finances." "Lay on, McDuff," and don't let up till they say, "Hold, enough!"

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## GREAT BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

The Eastern Part of Houston County to Be the Scene.

The scene of greatest industrial activity for some while to come will be in the eastern part of this county. The construction of the new railroad from Lufkin into this county and the installing of the big saw mill plant at or near Coltharp (a mill with a daily output capacity said to be the largest in the world) will inaugurate a condition of business activity in that section that will make things hum for years to come. One of the finest sections of Houston county will soon be in direct rail communication with other sections and will be stimulated on lines of development and settlement as it never has before. The concern pushing this mill and road enterprise has unlimited capital and vast sums of it will be expended in the exploitation of the lumber and agricultural resources of that section. While all this will mean much to those who are placing their money in this undertaking, it will redound in many ways to the great and permanent advantage of the entire eastern section. The value of agricultural lands will enhance, towns will spring up and there will be an influx of new people seeking homes and employment, all of which, to say nothing of the many other avenues through which incalculable benefit will come, will help on to a wholesome boom one of the finest sections of East Texas.

It matters not how great may be the success of those people, from Kansas City or elsewhere, who are putting their money into this business. They deserve success and they deserve to meet with all the encouragement to this end from all of our people, in the Coltharp section, in Crockett or elsewhere. They expect to make money out of the enterprise and ought to make it. They are going to spend vast sums for this purpose and doing so, they are promoting their interests directly and incidentally in the long-run are doing great things for the county as a whole and for the eastern part in particular. The COURIER is glad to see all this and to do all in its power to encourage and help along such work. The paper's mission and work from its first number have been along such lines.

Some of the citizens in the Coltharp community for a while had some doubts as to the sincerity of those engaged in the move, for the reason that the undertaking didn't seem to proceed as rapidly as they hoped to see it. It takes time to set on foot a great enterprise like the one in question. There are a thousand and one business preliminaries and details to be looked after before real operations can begin. These seem to be pretty well in hand now and from all indications work will soon begin in reality on the main project. Contracts are already let, easements for roadbed and depot grounds at Lufkin have already been secured and material for the saw mill plant is being put on the ground.

Casing for a 2000-foot well has already been carried out from Crockett and contract with a Crockett party for making two million or more of brick has already been made. Negotiations for excavating the mill site are pending and in due time will be consummated, to say nothing of contracts to build the road from Lufkin. So all the signs point to a period of great business activity as well as a period of unparalleled prosperity for the eastern part of Houston county. It has been late coming but it is coming and the man whose money is doing all of this will not be the sole beneficiary of it.

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