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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE First National Bank AT CROCKETT, In the State of Texas, at the close of business, April 24, 1901.

RESOURCES:	
Loans and discounts	\$140,175.83
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	22,998.73
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	50,000.00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	1,400.00
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures	5,000.00
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents)	10,242.79
Due from State Banks and Bankers	2,381.00
Due from approved reserve agents	68,611.39
Internal Revenue stamps	265.00
Checks and other cash items	89.62
Notes of other National Banks	1,800.00
Fractional paper currency, tickets, and cents	140.00
Lawful money reserve in bank, viz:	
Specie	\$12,333.35
Legal-tender notes	5,000.00
	17,333.35
Redemption fund with U. S. Treas'r (5 per cent of circulation)	2,400.00
Total	\$331,988.71
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	7,720.10
National bank notes outstanding	50,000.00
Individual deposits subject to check	170,840.61
Demand certificates of deposit	30,378.00
Total	\$331,988.71

State of Texas, I, H. F. Moore, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. F. Moore, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1901.

C. W. Moore, Notary Public,
Houston County, Texas.

Correct—Attest:
J. C. WOOTTERS,
JOHN B. SMITH,
ARCH BAKER, } Directors.

POPULAR EXCURSIONS.

PARIS, TEXAS, May 24-25,
United Commercial Travelers.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, May
21-22, Reunion of Mexican War
Veterans.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, June 26-
29, State Teachers' Association.

DALLAS, TEXAS, May 21-22,
Grain Dealers' Association.

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 5-6-7,
Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 28-30,
Reunion United Confederate
Veterans.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1-Nov. 1,
Pan-American Exposition.

Low excursion rates will be
made for all of the above occasions.

Ask nearest ticket agent for
particulars as to rates, dates of
sale, etc., or write to

D. J. PRICE,
Gen. Pass. & Ticket Agent,
Palestine, Texas.

The Lease Man.

To land owners, men who have no desire to embark upon the oily waves of the sea of the petroleum business, the lease is the most important feature of the oil industry. Of all departments of the oil business the lease owner is the one freest from responsibility and care. He has no work to do except open his mail and extract his checks from his letters. He must light his cigar, mount his rubber-tired buggy and speed his sleek horse into town to deposit his drafts. He does not need the money. Thousands of farmers are to-day enjoying an income greater than they ever dreamed of earning, and again other thousands are compelled to see their leases run on and on and on, deriving but little income from their property, and compelled to see their adjoining neighbor fairly rolling in wealth derived from his developed acres, the lease of which is held by some producer who has gotten to work, while his lands are leased by a producer operating in some remote territory, and who holds out no hope that he will move his machinery upon his land. This result is one of the unforeseen workings of the first lease forms. Other lease forms have succeeded to general use, and it has become the unwritten law in the oil fields among operators that the lessee of a tract shall immediately put down wells when producing wells have been drilled on adjoining territory. This protects property owners by providing an actual fulfillment of the plain and intended terms of the lease. It is done also, to protect property lines and prevent the oil supply underlying one district from being drained off through another.

After all the years of experience in the oil fields oil men are not able to agree as to the number of acres which should be assigned to one well. On the larger leases not less than 10 and often 20 acres are given to one well. On smaller leases one to every six acres is often drilled. The degree of the porosity of the rock should govern the acreage to a large extent. When comparatively open, each well drains a larger territory,

and fewer bores are necessary than where the bores are close.

Before investing much money in the oil business it should be carefully studied and its details mastered to the greatest possible extent. It is a fact that as much money has been spent in the oil business as has been taken out of it. Some men who are fully posted in the business are making vast sums while many who entered the field for purely speculative purposes are losing money. The principal reason for this is that there is no certainty of striking oil at any one place even on the best proven territory. There is a reasonable certainty of doing so which certainty is based upon surveys of territory containing producing wells, but the answer can be obtained only with the drill. In the words of a leading operator: "Each new bore is practically a wild-cattling experiment—a lottery where you pay \$1500 to \$2000 a chance and sometimes draw a big prize, sometimes a fair one and often a blank."—Gal. News.

THOMAS ALPHRAM,
Hagerstown, Ind.

Millionaire's Watch Fawnd.

Many well known millionaires have a habit of going about New York with only a few cents of change in their pockets, and perhaps none carries less of the coin of the realm than Henry Clews, gossip of a Gotham writer. Not long ago he and Mrs. Clews dined at a place where the banker-broker-author was unknown, and where the rule was strictly cash down. Knowing that his good wife generally had sufficient money in her purse to defray any ordinary expense, he whispered when the finger bowls were brought: "My dear, will you lend me enough to pay for the dinner? I forgot to bring any money." But Mrs. Clews, too, had forgotten to bring any money, and there sat this delectable couple with millions at home, but not a cent for hotel tribute! The banker's explanation to the waiter was not regarded as satisfactory, neither did the house understand. The proprietor, a fellow without discernment or tact, was so inclined to be incredulous that Mr. Clews, disdaining a controversy, quietly deposited his gold watch as a pledge that the bill should be paid as soon as he could send a messenger from his home.

The Value of Flavors.

Chemists tell us that cheese is one of the most nutritious and at the same time, one of the cheapest foods. Its nutritive value is greater than meat, while its cost is much less. But this chemical aspect of the matter does not express the real value of the cheese as a food. Cheese is eaten, not because of its nutritive value as expressed by the amount of proteids, fats, and carbohydrates that it contains, but always because of its flavor. Now, physiologists do not find that flavor has any food value. They teach over and over again that our foodstuffs are proteids, fats, and carbohydrates, and that as food flavor plays absolutely no part. But at the same, they tell us that the body would be unable to live upon these foodstuffs were it not for the flavors.

If one were compelled to eat pure food without flavors, like the pure white of an egg, it is doubtful whether one could, for a week at a time, consume a sufficiency of food to supply his bodily needs. Flavor is as necessary as nutriment. It gives a zest to the food and thus enables us to consume it properly, and, secondly, it stimulates the glands to secrete, so that the foods may be satisfactorily digested and assimilated. The whole art of cooking, the great development of flavoring products, the high prices paid for special foods like lobsters and oysters—these and numerous other factors connected with food supply and production are based solely upon this demand for flavor. Flavor is a necessity, but it is not particularly important what the flavor may be. This is shown by the fact that different peoples have such different tastes in this respect. The garlic of the Italians and the red pepper of the Mexican serve the same purpose as the vanilla which we put in our ice cream; and all play the part of giving relish to the food and stimulating the digestive organs to proper activity.

Edward's Profile on British Coins.

The portrait of Edward VII. on the new British coinage will show his profile turning to the right. It is a tradition that the head of the sovereign should always turn in the opposite direction in the coins from that of his predecessor.

College Men as Army Officers.

The singular fact and one, of course, especially gratifying to "Pennsy," has just been revealed by the recently published register giving the colleges from which officers of the army have graduated that the University of Pennsylvania heads the list, with eighteen officers to her credit. When it is considered that there is no military training at the university, such as given at many other institutions, and that a considerable number of its students come of Quaker stock, which is always opposed to war, this showing is all the more remarkable. Jefferson Medical college is represented in the army by ten graduates—a much larger number than any other medical institution. After Pennsylvania, Virginia and Columbia come next, each with fifteen graduates. Yale has twelve, and the Princeton, Harvard and Michigan have nine respectively; Cornell, 6; Amherst, four; Chicago university, one; Williams, two; Maryland, five; Georgetown, five; South Carolina college, five; Bowdoin, three; Lehigh, one; Oberlin, one; Waterville, one; Rutgers, two; John Hopkins, three; Troy Polytechnic, three; Union college, four and the New York university, three. It is thought that there are more collegians in the army now than there ever were, on account of the fact that the Spanish war drew many men out of civil into military life.

Tour of Two Well Known Women.

Mrs. J. P. Newman, widow of the Methodist Episcopal bishop, has sailed for Palestine, where she is to meet Mrs. Leland Stanford. The two well known women will travel together through the East until next fall.

Britain Uses the Wireless.

The British admiralty has resolved to establish eight wireless telegraph stations for naval signaling in time of war. All the vessels of the navy are to be fitted with apparatus.

The High School Output.

In 1900 the public high schools of the United States graduated 20,344 boys and 36,124 girls. The boys are taken from school earlier than the girls and put to work.

OIL STOCK!

The Trinity Oil Co.,

OF CROCKETT, Chartered Under the Laws of the State of Texas

J. B. VALENTINE, President.

A. H. WOOTTERS, Vice President.

D. M. CRADDOCK, Treasurer.

ARCH BAKER, Secretary.

The Trinity Oil Company owns leases on over 2000 acres of land in a number of different tracts near Trinity, Texas, and is acquiring leases on new tracts every day in the Trinity River Valley in Houston and Trinity counties. This territory is on a direct line between Corsicana and Beaumont and is the best undeveloped oil field in the State. There are more surface indications of oil here than even in the famous Beaumont field and there is no doubt of the existence of oil. A complete outfit of machinery has been ordered and the company will begin drilling as soon as it can be placed on the ground. The capital stock is \$100,000, in shares of \$1.00 each. The shares are selling now at 50c. on the dollar. No salaries are paid to any officer or any other one connected with the company and every dollar received from the sale of stock will be used in developing the property of the company. Fortunes will be made in oil in East Texas in the next few years. If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity, send in your application for stock with remittance at once to

ARCH BAKER, Secretary, Crockett, Texas.

A GLANCE....

at our show windows will tell you what is to be worn this spring. These windows reflect all that is new and novel in the

Dry Goods Way

The Big Store

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

IF YOU WANT

to keep posted on the latest styles of the season, send for the Delineator. Price 15 cents at

OUR STORE

In addition to giving as much or more value for our customers' money, we gave away during month of April 127 pecks Irish potatoes and \$135.70 worth of useful premiums that are not only ornaments to the many homes in which they have gone, but are useful necessities.

In looking over the records of our business for the past 28 years we find nothing that equals the record of the past four months ending May 1st, 1901.

THE BIG STORE'S SALES

for the four months ending May 1st, 1901, exceeded the sales of the CROCKETT DRY GOODS CO. for the first four months, year 1900, by the handsome sum of

\$15,683.93

and they did an excellent business.

The Big Store does not solicit your patronage because we have been raised in your midst, but upon business principles, believing that our large facilities enable us to give better goods, larger values than those who are otherwise situated. This is the store that solicits your patronage and says unto you if anything bought here, except cut goods, is not as wanted bring it back, your money will be refunded without your being catechised.

Thanking you for the great increase your patronage has given us, and hoping to have you visit our store at an early date,

We remain yours very truly.

Jas. S. Shivers & Co.,

The Big Store.

Alphabet on a Pin's Head.

There is a man in Philadelphia who wears a commonplace looking little pin as a watchcharm. To the naked eye it is not different from the millions of other pins. Yet its head is a masterpiece of the engraver's art, for on it is engraved the English alphabet in old English lettering, and in the center is cut the year when it was done, "1900."

The naked eye cannot distinguish a scratch on the pin's head, but a powerful magnifying glass, such as is used by a watchmaker, reveals the letters of the alphabet in proper order around the edge of the head, every character separate, and perfectly formed.

There was on exhibition at the Paris exhibition last year a marvel of Lilliputian work, the writing of the Lord's prayer on paper one-eighth of an inch square. This was done by Fred Swartz Brink, a penman in Philadelphia. He regarded it as the finest work of the kind ever done, but when he saw the engraving on the pin's head he confessed that he had been outdone. He bought the work of the engraver, August Starcke, for a trifle, and recently carried the pin to a jeweler and requested a salesman to have it gold plated and a little ring soldered on the body of the pin, so that he could attach it as a charm to his watchchain.

"Some sentiment connected with the pin, eh?" asked the salesman. "None at all," replied the customer, "just look at the head through a glass."

The jeweler did so, and then discovered the alphabet. The engraver who did the work spent one year at it, and so tedious was it that he could only work at it a few minutes at a time.

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He Got the Quarter.

This happened yesterday morning while the president and directors of a Chestnut street bank were discussing momentous affairs in the board room. The door suddenly opened and a husky voice exclaimed: "William, I want a quarter, and I want it quick!" Every one looked up. The president recognized the intruder as a man who had been a playmate years ago when they were both boys. His wanderings had taken the form of a circuit, apparently, and this was his semi-annual visit. "William, I want a quarter—to get a couple o' drinks," explained he of the husky voice. "You ought to be ashamed of yourself," observed the president, embarrassed and irritated. "Ashamed of myself?" said the bum. "Why? Because I told you the truth? William, if I'd come here with a lie on my lips, you'd give me your last winter's overshoes, an old overcoat and \$5." The president gave a start. That was exactly what he had done to a seedy-looking fellow who had slipped past the guard a couple of weeks before. "Yes, William, that's just what you'd do if I told you I wanted to bury my dead wife and buy food for six starving children. I know it, because I helped the widower drown his sorrow. When the five-spot was gone we hocked the coat—the overshoes weren't worth a cent. Oh, I wish I was a good, conscientious liar, like Jim." The directors said the drinks were on the president, and as subsequent events proved, they were.

Collection of Fans.

Queen Victoria has a marvelous collection of fans, and fan-collecting is a hobby of more than one of her descendants, notably of Princess Louise, the duchess of Argyll. One of the fans owned by royalty is a Spanish specimen—a wedding present from the Empress Eugenie to the duchess of York.

Heart Burials.

It has been ascertained by examination of monuments containing heart burials that a small metal vase, or jar, or box, about five or six inches in diameter, has served as the depository for the organ so generally considered as the seat of the affections. They are usually furnished with lids or covers. The material varies; some are of lead, one has been noticed of iron, and the hearts of persons of high degree have been placed in tiny caskets made of silver. In taking down a wall in Waverley abbey, a heart was found between two leaden dishes which were soldered together. In many instances a cavity has been made in the center of a stone and the receptacle placed in it and covered by another stone.

Some churches appear to have been specially preferred in this matter. Ludlow church, for instance, was chosen for the resting place of the heart of Prince Arthur, son of Henry VII.; and when Sir Henry Sidney died, though his body was buried at Penshurst, in Kent, his heart was sent to Ludlow and placed in the tomb that held the remains of his daughter Ambrosia. A third heart buried here was that of a member of the Vaughan family of Marioneth. Queen Eleanor's heart was buried in Blackfriars' church, where that of her son Alphonso had previously been interred, though her body, brought with so much pageantry and ceremony from Lincolnshire, was entombed with every solemnity in Westminster abbey. Two heart burials have been noticed as having taken place in Waverley abbey and two in Ely cathedral. The Church of the Greyfriars in London was also chosen for this purpose on several occasions.

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Thought Him the Kentucky Man.

Former Governor R. L. Taylor, of Tennessee, while in Knoxville a few days ago, told this joke at his own expense partly, and partly at the expense of a Pennsylvania mountain community: "I had been billed several days to speak in a little town which had only one railroad and which was in the mountainous section. I dreaded the place because I did not expect a crowd. I reached the town and fully 1000 people were out to see me. A committee of the most prominent men in the town met me with a carriage and a brass band. 'Yankee Doodle' was played many times, but 'Dixie' was never thought of. The spokesman for the party told me that he was glad to welcome to the town a man who had been so badly treated by the democrats, and who was entitled to the office of governor beyond all doubt. His statements were applauded and I wondered how I had been mistreated. But I held my peace and waited. I was called upon by men of all classes, who assured me that I had been elected beyond all doubt. I thanked every one for his kindness in the matter. I was told that I would have a big house that night, and sure enough I did. The chairman rose and said: 'I take pleasure in introducing a man who has been cheated out of the governorship of Kentucky, and who did not kill Goebel. I welcome a martyr of democratic infamy in our midst, and he is surely welcome.' I delivered my lecture and the mistake was never known while I was there. I left on the first train, fifteen minutes after the close of my lecture."

A SENSIBLE ORATOR.

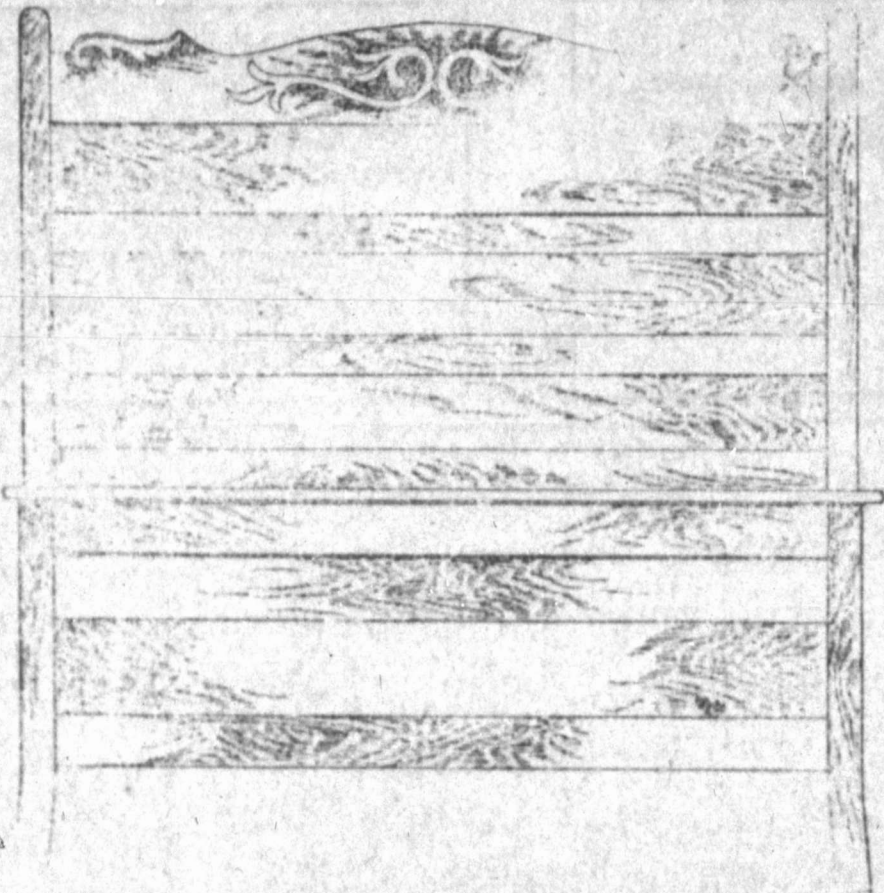
Senator Warren, of Wyoming, is the only man of his business in the senate. He is an undertaker in Cheyenne, although proprietor of a general store.

Russian Finance.

The Russian government is a puzzle. All Europe knows that Russia has suffered much distress on account of bad harvests, and that she has practically been on the verge of a commercial crisis for at least a year, and yet, with the banks tied up and trade in bad shape, the government has continued work on all its vast undertakings, including the construction and equipment of the Siberian railway. Besides this, she has carried on her operations in China to a larger scale than any of the other allies. How can she accomplish this without borrowing from Western Europe? It is true that loans have been placed in both New York and Paris, but they bear but a small proportion to the expenses that must have been incurred. Time and time again there are rumors in the European financial centers that M. De Witte, the minister of finance for the empire, had been negotiating for a loan, but the news is never confirmed. This position of Russia has led to a great many surmises as to her real financial condition, and whether it may not be stronger than is generally supposed. Certainly those financiers who of late years have been predicting that Russia was bankrupt, and was in the greatest need of pecuniary assistance, must have very far underestimated her strength. The great power of Eastern Europe is still a puzzle in more ways than one.

Sunday School Teachers' Salaries.

The pastor of an eastern church stated recently that certain teachers in his Sunday school were paid for their services. According to the pastor for the prime requisite of a capable teacher is the ability to tell stories. This is the form in which moral lessons can best be conveyed. And good story tellers, he concludes, are always worthy of their hire.



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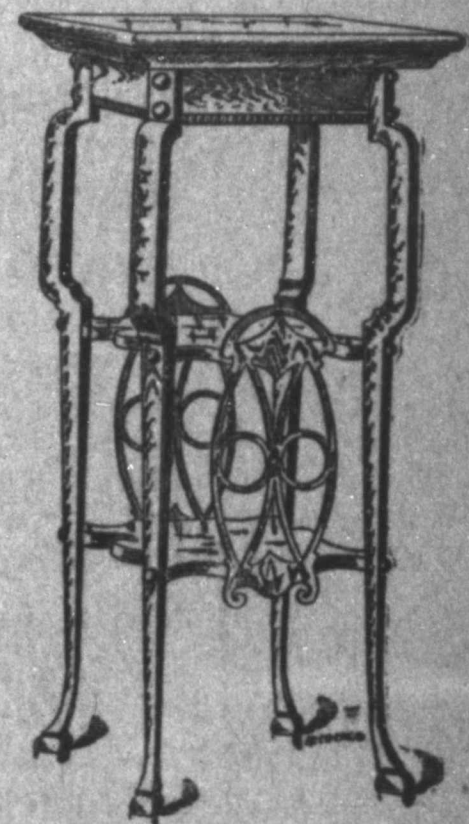
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A Twentieth Century Deal.

A young Philadelphia rounder who thought he had seen the limit in strange happenings ran up against a new one, relates the Record. He drifted into a hotel bar for a drink, and while standing at the bar an elderly man, very nicely dressed, and with every indication of prosperity, if not wealth, came in and ordered a drink of 15 cent whisky, inquiring at the same time if that brand were not sold at the rate of two drinks for a quarter. Upon receiving a reply in the affirmative the old chap produced a flask, laid down a quarter and asked the bartender to put the other drink in the bottle to take away with him. The bartender, dazed, did so without a word, and the incident was closed.

New York's Tallest.

Since last May the tallest skyscraper in New York has been under construction at the corner of Broad street and Exchange place. It is an office building, twenty-three stories high, covers 27,000 square feet, and will cost \$3,000,000. Ten thousand tons of steel have gone into the framework, which rests upon 100 lines of columns, each based on a separate steel caisson sunk to bedrock. Tenants are to move in by May 1.

Rich Sawmill Find.

While cutting up a poplar at his sawmill in Lee county, Va., C. R. Kesterton found an augur hole plugged by a pin. On removing the pin he found in the hole five \$20 gold pieces bearing dates between 1850 and 1860. The coins are supposed to have been hid there for safekeeping during the civil war.

A Novelty's Charity.

Mrs. Margaret Deand, the novelist, has begun a series of flower sales at her Boston home for the benefit of the poor of that city.

Philanthropy.

"How you must enjoy being a philanthropist," said the sprightly young woman.

"I don't quite understand you," replied the man of earnest manners.

"It must be such a pleasure to feel that you have plenty of money and can always be doing good."

"Yes. But the only difficulty is that one can't always be sure whether he is doing good or being done good."

Related to Many Governors.

The mother of Governor Beckham of Kentucky has a remarkable record. She has the unprecedented distinction of having been the mother of a governor, the daughter of a governor, the sister of a governor and the cousin of a governor.

The Change Has Come.

"Ed" Alvey, a prominent Kentucky gambler, has been convicted and sentenced to two years in the Frankfort penitentiary. Ex-Congressman Owens, "the coolest man who ever sat in a Kentucky poker game," was retained by the Social Purity League to prosecute Alvey. One lawyer remarked when the verdict was brought in: "When a man serves a sentence for gambling in Kentucky we will quit drinking whisky and burn up the stock farms."

"Foreign Cow Dairy."

A notice board has just been erected on shore near to the naval anchorage at Woosung, China, with the following information: "We open at Woosung, on the south of the Telegraph Company, for sale the Foreign Milk, the taste are Sweet, the Milk are pure, the Price are Just. We have not put any water in it. If examine out won't pay single cash. If you want to buy it you will know the Foreign Dairy, No. 1 Milk, Yib Pingshen Dairy."

Reciprocity Insisted Upon.

Rev. Alfred Waller, a clergyman whose church is located in Southend, a few miles down the river from London, is an enthusiastic temperance worker. He offered a local saloonkeeper \$10 for the privilege of hanging up behind the bar a temperance placard. The saloonkeeper is a bit of a wag and he replied: "Certainly, parson, and I'll give you the same amount if you let me hang up on the pulpit an advertisement of my bottled ale."

Opened a Safe With Oxygen.

Compressed oxygen and carburated hydrogen were made use of by burglars lately in breaking open a safe in a London postoffice. It is supposed that they provided themselves with a bottle of oxygen and obtained the other gas from a jet in the building, thus producing a flame intense enough to destroy the lock.

The Pope's Pen of Peace.

The pope does his private writing with a golden pen, but the pontifical signature is always written with a pen made from the feather of a white dove.

An Artist in Courtesy.

The New York Times relates a dinner incident to illustrate the essence of courtesy and politeness on the part of a New Yorker who lately returned from a long sojourn abroad. He met an old friend at a dinner party the other night, who gave him a cordial handshake and asked him when he had arrived home. "The moment I saw you," was the quiet answer.

Literary Beau Brummel.

George Meredith is reputed the best dressed and best groomed literary man in England. Socially he is much in demand, especially at dinners, for he is an excellent after-dinner speaker.

History in Stage Pictures.

The beautiful play of "Nathan Hale," rendered with the skill and perfection of detail which characterize its presentation here, offers an opportunity such as is rarely afforded in stage pictures for bringing to the attention of school children, as well as to ordinary theatregoers, salient events in Revolutionary history. The story of the "patriot spy" is calculated to inspire the youthful listener with pride and love of country, entertaining him absolutely meanwhile.

The Soldier: Boy Has a Sweet Tooth.

Enough candy is being sent to the Philippines, reports the commissary department of the army, to give every one of the 60,000 men there three-quarters of a pound a month. Colonel Sharpe, assistant commissary general, believes that the increase in the demand for candy indicates a decrease in the consumption of alcohol. "When men eat candy," he says, "they don't want to drink whisky. You never saw an old toper eating candy."

Never Misses a Church Convention.

J. Pierpont Morgan is a very busy man and his time is, of course, enormously valuable, but he always manages to attend the Episcopal general convention and has not missed one for many years. This year the convention will be held next October in San Francisco. The splendid Crocker Mansion there has been placed at the disposal of Mr. Morgan for use during the convention.

Letter Day P. Henrys.

Patrick Henry, of Brandon, Miss., who has been a representative in congress from the seventh district of that State, went out with the late congress, and Patrick Henry, of Vicksburg, comes in as the representative of the Third Mississippi district in the next.

Youthful Wonder on Roller Skates.

Riverside drive in New York is approached from 126th street by a flight of broad stone stairs with three landings. On the northern side are wooden runways for the convenience of bicyclists, who ascend the steps and roll their wheels along the two twelve-inch wheels. The incline is about 40 degrees. A youngster of 12 years performs the astounding feat of riding down these runways from top to bottom, on roller skates. The speed attained is terrific, and the act is but little less thrilling than that of the one-legged man who rides down stairs in the circus on his bicycle. This same boy will start at the bottom with twenty companions, he with skates on, they without, and beat them all to the top of the steps.

No Bed for Sheridan.

George E. Cole, an old Oregon pioneer, who had charge of the supplies received at Corvallis for Fort Hoskins some fifty years ago, relates that Lieutenant Phil H. Sheridan, then quartermaster and commissary, frequently came to his store and sometimes remained over night. He never would accept the offer of a bed, but preferred to sleep on blankets spread on the counter. Mr. Cole says quaintly that he has been told on the best authority that later Sheridan became thoroughly cured of that camp-life habit.

The Oldest Map.

The oldest map is not, as many people have thought, the Pentingerian Table, dating from the twelfth century, but, according to the Architect, a piece of mosaic in Madaba, Palestine. It was part of a floor in a Byzantine church, and was meant to delineate scenery in Palestine. The names given on it will be useful to scholars and archaeologists.

Ice Yachts on the Hudson.

The great ice pack in the Hudson has been thoroughly cleaned out by the tides and steam vessels to within about 200 feet of the shores. Jammed along the banks are cakes a foot thick and eight or ten feet square, and many of these on the New York side the wild young Arabs of the streets have converted into crude sailing craft. Appropriated sticks of every description, from laths and weather strips to small scantling, have been set up for masts, while sails have been improvised from the contents of the family ragbag. Here is a piece of mam's petticoat, yonder the end of dad's shirt tail, there Sal's discarded corset cover, or gra'ma's old blue skirt. The progress of these ice yachts is not rapid and the field of their operations is not so large as Sir Thomas Lipton wants in August, but the fun the sailing masters have is simply immense.

Proper Tribute Long Withheld.

The memory of General Alexander Macomb is said to be honored with no monument except that over his grave in the old congressional burying ground at Washington, and yet General Macomb was the most distinguished military commander of the war of 1812, and held the position of general-in-chief of the army from 1835 till 1841. In 1814 he gained a victory over a superior force of British in the battle of Plattsburg, at the same time that Commodore Macdonough defeated them on Lake Champlain, for which he was commissioned major general, and received a vote of thanks and a gold medal from congress. The city of Detroit, General Macomb's birthplace, is at last to suitably commemorate his achievements with a monument, which will be a fitting, though long-delayed, tribute.

Less Tempting to the Jugglers.

Because the tendency to habitual drinking is often a disease, it does not follow that it is not frequently merely a vice, dogmatically asserts the Medical Record. The authorities at Bellevue hospital, New York, it seems, are beginning to comprehend this, and, in the case of chronic "repeaters" who "get on a jag" with the consciousness that it will be worked off in the comparative comfort of a good bed in the alcoholic ward, shelter from inclement weather and a sufficiency of square meals, have determined henceforth to transfer all such offenders to the police authorities for more suitable and adequate treatment. One "patient" already has been transferred to "the island" for six months.

No "Dark Days" for "Called Back."

Authors whose novels achieve a momentary popularity and are then engulfed in oblivion will be pained to learn that "Called Back" sold 33,000 copies last year. The total sales of the book since its publication have reached 400,000 copies, and others of the lurid Conway tales have done almost as well.

Catching Fish With Legs.

The latest scheme for taking fish from the Delaware river is to sink logs that are hollow, which are known to be resorts for all kinds of fish in winter. The fish fill the logs and when they are raised to the surface the lucky fisherman is rewarded with a big haul.

His Literary Aspirations.

A correspondent writing to the Atlanta Constitution from Liberty County, Ga., says: "Desiring to embark in the literary business, I will state that I will swap one mule and two grown hogs for a first-class bookcase containing Byron's poems, Bannan's 'Pilgrim's Progress,' Colwell Scott's novels, Mr. De... Lanier's Papers, and..."

The Inevitable Tip.

A day or two ago, in one of the popular high-priced downtown cafes the waiter was much politer and more attentive to a patron at the next table than to me, gossips a New York writer, and all through the meal I felt resentful. With every mouthful I asked this question of myself—"Shall I tip the scoundrel or not?" It was a terrible predicament. Where I got the backbone I cannot say, but the firm decision was finally made—"Not a red cent!" He was careful to bring back a platterful of small change, which every waiter is educated to do by every successful keeper of a human feed shop. I allowed the quarters and dimes to remain undisturbed while the loafer, in hopeful expectancy, assisted me on with coat and hat, then, with stunning deliberation, picked up the coins, one by one, and dropped them in my pocket. His ugly face was drawn up with the intense agony of disappointment, and as I turned away he growled like a beast. Inwardly I was all aglow with the intense agony of satisfaction. I was proud of my courage, and more than pleased at garcon's discomfiture. Moreover, I had saved a quarter. It was not a 10-cent place nor a 10 per cent place.

Great Postage Auction.

A big auction sale of postage stamps, lasting four days, took place recently in London, the collection bringing in \$21,000. Among high prices paid were: British Guiana, 1850, 12 cents blue, \$220; British Guiana, 1856, 4 cents blue with corners cut, \$290; Hawaii, 1851, 5 cents blue, slightly torn, \$360; 13 cents blue, damaged, \$230; Guiana, 1850, 4 cents blue, \$120; Saxony, 1851, 1-3 neugroschen black on pale blue, error, \$275; Tuscany, 1860, 3 lire yellow, \$210; Wurtemberg, 1851, 52 9 kreuzer rose, \$105; Reunion, 1852, 30 cents black on bluish, \$112; Canada, 1851, 12 pence black, \$385; Nova Scotia, 1851-57, 1 shilling purple, \$122; Brattleboro, 1846, 5 cents black on buff with a small hole in center, \$200; United States, 1869, 24 cents green and purple with inverted flags, \$120; 30 cents with inverted flags, \$370.

After a Cromwell Fortune.

William Dickerson, an engineer, living at Chelsea, Mass., is the moving spirit in an organization of fifty or sixty men and women of that part of the state who say they are descendants of Oliver Cromwell, and as such entitled to a share in the division of more than \$25,000,000, which, they have been assured, has been lying for generations in the Bank of England.

Private Sins Discredited.

In a recent prominent divorce case in Buffalo all the evidence relating to the misconduct of the defendant was supplied by detectives employed by the plaintiff. The court put itself upon record as squarely opposed to this practice, and reversed the judgment of the referee which had been given in favor of granting the petition.

Wu Says He Didn't Say It.

A rather remarkable statement which was credited to the Chinese minister not long ago, in which he was made to advance intermarriage of whites and negroes, as a solution of the race problem in America, is denied by Minister Wu. He makes it known that he was incorrectly quoted. "It's no business of mine," he says, "to interfere in your domestic affairs."

American Shoes in Mexico.

Work on the first factory for the manufacture of American shoes in Mexico began last month. Mexican leather will be used, and the factory will have a capacity of 2,000 pairs of shoes a day.

Evarts Needed the Money.

"I was employed once in a suit of considerable importance in which my client was a lady," related a New York lawyer the other day, in talking of Evarts' death. "To insure success it was thought advisable to secure the services of distinguished counsel, and accordingly I was authorized to employ Mr. Evarts. After talking over the matter with him, on rising to go, I said to Mr. Evarts that it would be the proper thing to give him a retainer, and asked him for what amount I should make out a check in his favor. 'Oh,' said he, 'I guess \$1,000 will suffice,' and thereupon I tendered him the paper for that sum. Not long afterward the suit was settled to our satisfaction, and again I called on Mr. Evarts, this time to pay him in full for his services, which had not been of an arduous nature. 'How much do we owe you?' I said. 'Call it \$5,000,' he responded, without a moment's hesitation. I thought this a little steep, in view of the circumstances, and I started in with a mild protest. 'You know, Mr. Evarts, that you've had \$1,000.' 'Yes,' he said, with a dry smile, 'but I've spent that.' This was an unanswerable argument, and all further effort at reduction ceased."

Mark's Profitable Discounts.

Apropos of the agreement entered into by the American Publishers' Association to stop the practice of cutting the prices of books, the following Mark Twain story is being passed around: The humorist went into a book store and asked the price of a book. The clerk furnished him the desired information, whereupon Twain inquired if there was any discount allowed to publishers. This cut the price down 50 per cent. Then the clerk was asked if there was anything allowed off for authors. The authors discount was 50 per cent, likewise. The humorist finally vouchsafed the information that he was a particular friend of the proprietor of the establishment, and this secured him a reduction of 25 per cent. Twain took the book and asked how much the damage was. "As near as I can calculate," replied the clerk, "we owe you the book and about 37 1-2 cents. Call again."

Freckle Days are Here.

The winds of March bring out the freckles on girls whose skins are susceptible to these blemishes, and the druggists are anticipating the annual demand for lotions guaranteed to remove them. "It isn't a part of my business to know whether or not these preparations really do remove freckles," said the talkative apothecary, the other day. "Perhaps they are just as efficacious as the old remedies my grandmother used to tell me about, and which were thoroughly believed in. March snow was one of them. Just why March snow should have virtues not possessed by the snow that falls during the other months she was never able to explain, but it is a fact that freckle-faced girls used to wash their faces in it diligently."

A Close Shave Skins the Face.

"A close shave," the learned barber said the other day, "removes not only the hair but a portion of the skin as well. It removes, in fact, a thin layer of skin all over the line of the beard. No blood is visible to the naked eye, but under the microscope a close shaven face reveals 1,000 widely opened pores, each exuding a tiny drop of blood. You know how the sudden removal of heavy clothing tends to bring on cold. How much more, then, does a close shave, which is much less than a removal of part of the skin clothing, tend, with the exposure that it creates of pores and nerve tips, to induce colds, sore throat and even pneumonia?"

A Beer Band Function.

A rich young Philadelphian with a bachelor apartment has been entertaining his guests lately in an odd way. He invites them to hear a German street band. They come and find the band to be of that typical kind which generally plays in front of beer saloons, is always a little flat, is always a little out of time, and always a little too strong in the bass, so that the main thing audible in the music is the "ump-dee-dee, ump-dee-dee" of the big horns. The host has champagne for his guests, a keg of beer for the musicians, and the latter play, marching up and down the long hall, in a manner that moves strangely the other occupants of the apartment house. But to the guests the music is very agreeable and funny. Their applause and laughter can be heard till 3 or 4 o'clock in the morning.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth of LaGrange, Ga., suffered for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in five days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Piles, it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c. Sold by J. G. Haring, druggist.

Better Than Terrapin and Game.

The three society men of the senate—Depew, Kean and Wetmore—who are so popular that they never dine at home except when they give dinners to their friends, stole quietly into the senate restaurant the other day, a Washington correspondent says. Each senator looked at the menu card listlessly. "I'm very tired of terrapin and game," said Senator Kean. "So am I," said Senator Wetmore. "So am I," echoed Senator Depew, "and I am going to eat some bacon and greens." Kean and Wetmore almost shouted for joy. "That's what we want," they said, and in five minutes three senate society men could have been seen eating bacon and greens as if they had never tasted anything one-half so good in their lives.

Old Soldier's Experience.

M. M. Austin, a civil war veteran of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctor's treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills, which worked wonders for her health." They always do. Try them. Only 25c at J. G. Haring's drug store.

Owes All to Booker Washington.

Kufus Herron, an Alabama negro, who was born a slave, and who can neither read nor write, recently contributed \$10 toward the support of a newly established school for white students in his state, and a few days later contributed the same amount toward the support of Tuskegee institute for colored students. This man owns several hundred acres of land and good live stock, all acquired by his own industry and that of his wife. They give the credit for their thrift and prosperity to the inspiration which they have received at the Tuskegee negro conference, at which they have been regular attendants ever since Booker T. Washington established it ten years ago.

Cyclists should always carry a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment. In case of accident, if applied immediately, it will subdue the pain, prevent swelling and discoloration, and quickly heal the wounds. Price 25 and 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Dr. Smith's...

An order issued at the war department disclosed the fact that there is an acting assistant surgeon in the volunteer service named Najib Faky-ud-Deen. No officer in the medical corps attempts to pronounce the doctor's name.

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Women suffering from female troubles and weakness, and from irregular or painful menses, ought not to lose hope if doctors cannot help them. Physicians are so busy with other diseases that they do not understand fully the peculiar ailments and the delicate organism of woman. What the sufferer ought to do is to give a fair trial to

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which is the true cure provided by Nature for all female troubles. It is the formula of a physician of the highest standing, who devoted his whole life to the study of the distinct ailments peculiar to our mothers, wives and daughters. It is made of soothing, healing, strengthening herbs and vegetables, which have been provided by a kindly Nature to cure irregularity in the menses, Leucorrhœa, Falling of the Womb, Nervousness, Headache and Backache. In fairness to herself and to **Bradfield's Female Regulator**, every suffering woman ought to give it a trial. A large \$1 bottle will do a wonderful amount of good. Sold by druggists.

Send for a neatly illustrated free book on the subject. The Bradfield Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Tips for Church Ushers.

There is scarcely a house of worship in New York, where the clergyman is well known and a crowd assembles every Sunday to hear him, that the ushers, according to the gossip of local chroniclers, have not been offered a fee from some energetic visitors, who have thus sought to buy their way to temporary comfort. As in all those churches the ushers are parishioners, and as a rule men who are the glass of fashion and mold of form, the shock to the sensibilities was rather severe until they grew accustomed to it. One who ushers in a Fifth Avenue church was speaking of it the other day. "The first time I had a tip offered me I thought I'd drop dead," he declared. "and then I got so hot I wanted to punch the old boy's face on the spot. I was regularly insulted until the funny side of it struck me, and then I thought I'd grin. The man who held it out was an old chap, and he had his wife with him. They had come from Chicago, he whispered to me, and he wanted to hear Dr. —, but there was such a crowd waiting wouldn't I please look after him? Well, I did later, but I waited until everyone else had been looked after. I've had a good many offered me since, so it does not shock me in one way, but it does seem just as nervy now as it ever did. I was curious for a time to see how much they thought the seats were worth, and by looking hard I managed to see that it's usually 50 cents or \$1."

Fire Contingency Provided For.

So many fires have recently occurred in one of the residence districts of Buffalo that a man living in the part of town referred to sent out invitations a few days ago worded thus: "Come to us on Tuesday for dinner and whist. In case of fire meet at the Lenox at 7:30 sharp."

Jim Hill's Start.

James J. Hill, the famous railroad magnate, when recently asked of his start in business, replied: "Forty years ago I came over the Canadian frontier a boy without money or friends, and—well, I just started."

Children who are weak, fretful or troublesome should be given a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. They will then become strong, healthy and active, have rosy cheeks, bright eyes, will be happy and laughing all the day long. Price 25 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

The Sixteenth's Old Press.

Thirty-seven years ago the Sixteenth United States infantry, having certain rather important business to transact in the town of Jackson, Miss., performed the work with much thoroughness and dispatch, and then, as a sort of memento of the occasion, took, seized, or otherwise acquired a printing press that for some mysterious reason had struck the regimental fancy as a good thing to have. The ownership thus established, though perhaps slightly irregular in a few respects, has never been contested in court or out of it, and the press is still in the possession of the Sixteenth United States infantry. So, notes the New York Times in telling the story, by a truly strange sequence of events, we are now in receipt of two copies of a small but well-appearing newspaper from Aparri, a town in Northern Luzon, Philippine Islands, and these newspapers, as one of them informs us, were printed on the very press which the Sixteenth infantry took unto itself so many years ago while transacting important business in Jackson, Miss. The old press is evidently in good working order, for every letter in the Aparri News addresses the eye with whatever are the typographical equivalents for courage and self-respect. The general aspect of the paper is in every way superior to the presented by the common run of colonial journalism, and, though the columns are few and short, they are filled with real news, most of it distinctly local, and therefore interesting, or with intelligent and not too serious comment on the same. Discussing his historic and far-traveling press, the editor says: "It is now enjoying the refreshing breeze that blows from the China sea over Northern Luzon. It is a long story from Mississippi during the great civil war to the insurrection in the Philippines in 1900. It is a long service this press has seen before it became the useful trophy of the Sixteenth United States infantry cannot be known. It takes only thirty years' service in the army of the United States before a soldier can retire, but this press is apparently serving a second retirement. Nevertheless, it is a faithful servant yet, despite the fact that it has had so many repairs that it would be unrecognizable by the maker."

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliousness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration or Heart Failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Get Green's Prize Almanac at Smith & French Drug Co's.

The memory of Nicot will no longer be perpetuated merely in smoke. The French government has just appropriated funds for the erection of a bronze statue of him who first introduced tobacco in Europe in 1550. It was from his name that the word nicotine was derived. The statue will be situated in front of the government tobacco manufactory in Paris.

Piles are not only most painful, but also very dangerous, as the inflamed nodules are very apt to take on a malignant action and cancer of the rectum is produced. They should be cured. Tabler's Buckeye Pile Ointment will cure the most obstinate cases. Price 30 cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Magician Got the Worst of It.

"I was swindled out of \$30 in a jay town in Maryland last Monday night," said a magician. "I arrived there late in the afternoon, and because my assistant had been taken sick I hustled into the barroom to hire some one to help me in the performance. It was a handsome, well-dressed chap I picked out. He agreed to take the job, and I rehearsed him well in the work he'd have to do that evening. His work was to pass me up, when I asked for it, a cheap brass watch. I was to pound the watch to powder and then return him another one just like it that the audience would think was the same watch. He sat down, of course, among the throng. Well, everything went off well till I came, at the end of the trick to return him his timepiece. 'Here,' he said, in a loud, angry voice, 'this isn't the watch I gave you. Mine was a gold one. This is a cheap, brass thing.' 'Don't go back on me, friend,' I pleaded in a whisper. 'Well, gimme my watch, then,' said the young man. 'This ain't mine, is it fellows?' 'No, of course not,' a crowd of the swindler's friends seated around him said. Well, to cut a long story short, I had to fork out \$30 to that jay sharper to prevent a rough house, for everybody in the place believed I really had pounded up his watch and tried to palm off a brass one on him. I'd have had him arrested, only I wasn't sure how the law would deal with a case of that kind."

Fought for His Life.

"My father and sister both died of Consumption," writes J. T. Weatherwax, of Wauadotte, Mich. "and I was saved from the same frightful fate only by Dr. King's New Discovery. An attack of Pneumonia left an obstinate cough and very severe lung trouble, which an excellent doctor could not help, but a few months' use of this wonderful medicine made me as well as ever and I gained much in weight." Infalible for Coughs, Colds and all Throat and Lung trouble. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00 at J. G. Haring's drug store. Trial bottles free.

Compressed Air for Railway Cars.

The New York Central railroad is conducting experiments with compressed air motors, in order eventually to do away with the use of steam and coal-burning locomotives in the tunnel leading to the Grand central station. The tests do not point, however, to the immediate adoption of compressed air. But improvements are steadily being made in the use of this force, and it is understood that so recently as last week the trial motor succeeded in drawing four or five cars at a rate of thirty miles an hour.

Moore's Pileules are a guaranteed cure for all forms of malaria, ague, chills, and fever, swamp fever, malarial fever, bilious fever, jaundice, biliousness, etid breath and a tired listless feeling. They cure rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poisoning produced from malarial poisoning. No quinine. No arsenic, acid or iron. Do not ruin the stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street, St. Louis, Mo. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Mechanical Summer School.

An educational departure in Wisconsin next summer will be the opening of a summer school at the State university for apprentices and artisans. It will be for the benefit of machinists, carpenter or sheet metal workers; stationary, marine or locomotive engineers; shop firemen and superintendents of water works, electric light plants, power stations, factories, large office and store buildings in cities, and for the young men who wish to qualify themselves for such positions.

Nearly Choked by His Nightgown.

Franz Ebert, the diminutive comedian of the "Royal Lilliputians" company, had a narrow escape from being choked to death by his nightgown in a Rochester hotel Saturday night last. Ebert, after the show, had lunch with John Church, the giant of the company, and was in a convivial mood when he went back to his hotel at midnight. He invited a number of the members of the company to "have something" in his rooms.

The party broke up at 2 o'clock, and Ebert disrobed, put on his night-shirt, and pulled down the folding bed. Just as Ebert turned to "douse the glim" the folding bed flew up and, catching the midget's night-shirt, took him up with it and held him suspended in the air. The collar of the nightshirt was drawn tightly about Ebert's neck and his arms were so pinioned he couldn't help himself in any way. He began to choke from the pressure on his throat. He was not in a condition to summon help, but realized that something must be done. With one shriek he informed the inmates of the hotel that he was in dire distress.

The women of the company, who occupied nearby rooms, were the first to hear Ebert's cry, and they rushed to his room. The sight that met their gaze was startling, and they withdrew hastily, suffused with blushes. The ladies held a hastily consultation in the hall. Either they must conquer their modesty or permit Ebert to pass out of this life. One of the young ladies volunteered to go to the rescue on the condition the secret never be disclosed. Covering her face with her hands, she dashed into the room and released the hapless Ebert. He fell to the floor unconscious, and it was ten minutes before he was revived.

Bright's Disease.

Bright's disease is no respecter of persons; it attacks men and women, the strong and robust, the rich and poor, the active body and brain workers, the fathers of families, the bread-winners in every sphere of life, seeming to choose for its victims those only who can least be spared. Smith's Sure Kidney Cure is the only guaranteed remedy for Bright's Disease. Your money back if it fails to cure. Price 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Not a Good Liar.

Mrs. Newbride—"I didn't see you at my wedding."

Mrs. Stingee (who saved the price of a gift)—"Why, I didn't get any invitatoin."

Mrs. Newbride—"I'm sure one was sent to your house on Sixteenth street."

Mrs. Stingee—"No, it wasn't. It was sent to the same number on Fifteenth street, and—er—that is—I declare, there goes my car." Good-bye.

"Hoch" Coghlan's Hero Son.

Graham Coghlan, the second officer of the Rio de Janeiro, who was saving the lives of others at the time of the disaster, is a son of Captain J. B. Coghlan, who won fame on his return from Manical by reciting "Hoch Kaiser."

An Old Adage Proved.

Miss Sharp—"So you don't think that women are equal to men?"

Mr. Noodle—"Dear me, no! Why, woman was an afterthought."

Miss Sharp—"Exactly. And are not second thoughts best?"

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Place for a Winter Outing.

"If a man had the time to spare and wants to take a winter vacation, I would advise him to go to the West Indies," said a well known New Yorker the other day. "I left New York about the middle of December and spent six weeks in Cuba, Porto Rico and the other west Indian Islands, and I never before had so enjoyable a time. Of all the West Indian islands, I believe the ones we are about to buy from Denmark are the most beautiful, but I cannot see their utility as naval coaling stations. St. Thomas has a splendid harbor, but the island itself doesn't amount to much. Aside from Cuba, Porto Rico is undoubtedly the richest island, as there is opportunity there for profitable investment. The very best land can be bought for \$15 or \$25 an acre, and everything can be raised that will grow anywhere on earth. I saw watermelons that would drive a Georgia darkey wild with delight, and great red tomatoes, the most perfect in form I have ever seen. These vegetables were raised from seed taken from the United States, and therein lay the secret of success of their growers. The native seed has deteriorated, and vegetables raised from it are small and often flavorless, but with new and vigorous seed, the soil of Porto Rico will yield a harvest the bounty of which almost surpasses belief."

He is a Wonder.

All who see Mr. C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Iowa, as he is now, cheerful, erect, vigorous, without an ache, could hardly believe he is the same man, who, a short time ago, had to sit in a chair, propped up by cushions, suffering intensely from an aching back, in agony if he tried to stoop—all caused by chronic kidney trouble, that no medicine helped till he used Electric Bitters and was wholly cured by three bottles. Positively cures Backache, Nervousness, Loss of Appetite, all kidney troubles. Only 50c at J. G. Haring's drug store.

A Dakota View of It.

Senator Hamsbrough, of North Dakota, has true Western contempt for farming down East. Someone was talking to him a few days ago about the success with which Maine farmers overcame the difficulties of poor soil. Mr. Hamsbrough remarked: "Oh, they don't know anything about farming down there. Why, they tell me that Maine farmers have to shoot the seed into the rocks."

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ITCH IS TORTURE.

Eczeema is caused by an acid humor in the blood coming in contact with the skin and producing great redness and inflammation; little pustular eruptions form and discharge a thin, sticky fluid, which dries and scales off; sometimes the skin is hard, dry and fissured. Eczeema in any form is a tormenting, stubborn disease, and the itching and burning at times are almost unbearable; the red burning humor seems to ooze out and set the skin on fire. Salves, washes nor other external applications do any real good, for as long as the poison remains in the blood it will keep the skin irritated.

BAD FORM OF TETTER.

"For three years I had Tetter on my hands, which caused them to swell to twice their natural size. Part of the time the disease was in the form of running sores, very painful, and causing me much discomfort. Four doctors said the Tetter had progressed too far to be cured, and they could do nothing for me. I took only three bottles of S. S. S. and was completely cured. This was fifteen years ago, and I have never since seen any sign of my old trouble."—Mrs. L. B. JACKSON, 1414 McGee St., Kansas City, Mo.

S. S. S. neutralizes this acid poison, cools the blood and restores it to a healthy, natural state, and the rough, unhealthy skin becomes soft, smooth and clear.

SSS cures Tetter, Erysipelas, Psoriasis, Salt Rheum and all skin diseases due to a poisoned condition of the blood. Send for our book and write us about your case. Our physicians have made these diseases a life study, and can help you by their advice; we make no charge for this service. All correspondence is conducted in strictest confidence. THE SWIFT SPECIFIC CO., ATLANTA, GA.



THE COURIER.

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

Made the Mistake.

There were in Beaumont during the late boom one class of people who were thoroughly discontented and, to use a common phrase, were kicking themselves all over the oil field. They were the land owners who early in the excitement had leased their land for a few small dollars and so much royalty on the output. These leases had come to be very valuable and were selling at from \$200 to \$500 and \$600 per acre, which the speculators were making while the land owners got nothing out of it. In one case a man who had leased his land for a trifle was offering to give a clear title to one-half if the lease would be surrendered from the other half. But he was refused as the lease was considered more valuable than the land. A hint to the wise.—Anderson County Herald.

Notice in Bankruptcy.

In the District court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas, at Tyler.

In the matter of A. C. Barksdale, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy, No. 1324.

To the creditors of A. C. Barksdale, of Crockett, in the County of Houston and Eastern District of Texas, a Bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that A. C. Barksdale was this day duly adjudicated a Bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held on Friday, the 24th day of May, A. D. 1901, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, at Crockett in said Eastern District of Texas; when and where said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the Bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

C. G. WHITE,

Referee in Bankruptcy.
Tyler, Texas, May 10th, 1901.

Closing of a Colored School.

WELDON, TEXAS, MAY 11, 1901.
MR. EDITOR:—Prosperity seemingly is king throughout our community. We are all blessed with good crops so far. A good church with an excellent pastor, Rev. H. R. Harris. A good Sunday school and one of the best public schools in the county, under the principalship of Prof. L. B. Bryant, who closed the winter session last Friday of one of the most successful terms ever taught. More than five hundred people witnessed the closing exercises. The examination was successfully conducted by visiting teachers, and the students took great pleasure in exercising their skill, in answering and discussing the various questions asked them. Interest was manifested from the primary grade throughout the school to the highest grade. The young men discussed Civil Government in its highest sense. A great deal of time was spent in discussing and solving problems in "Profit and Loss," "Trade Discount," Interest, Square and Cube Roots, etc.

The music both vocal and instrumental was indeed grand. The closing piece of exercises was the wand drill and a pin could have been heard fall anywhere among the spectators.

J. W. HAYNES.

Don't despair because you have a weak constitution. The vitalizing principle of Herbine will surely strengthen it. In every drop of Herbine there is life. There is a stimulating, regenerating power, unequalled in the whole range of medical preparations. Price, 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring,

RATTLEWAS GRATEFUL.

Col. Tuttle, a Truthful Texan, Tells of the Reward of His Kind-Hearted Brother, Jim.

"I've heard a good many snake stories since I've been up in these parts," said Col. S. Houston Tuttle, of Corsicana, Tex., who is in New York representing oil interests, to a Sun representative, "and I've seen a lot printed, but never a one have I struck that equaled in simple and touching beauty the thing that happened to my brother Jim down on our farm in Texas. This is the way it happened:

"You see Jim was about the kindest-hearted chap that ever lived. One day he was going along out on the farm when he seen a six-foot rattlesnake pinned down on the ground by a big boulder that had fallen on its tail. Now of course 99 men of 100 would have got a club or a handful of rocks and killed the poor critter right there. But that wasn't Jim. No, sir! Jim gets out his handkerchief and wipes his eyes and then rolls that boulder off'n that snake's tail just as gently as he knew how.

"Well, sir, that settled it. Talk of gratitude! You ought to see the gratitude of that rattler. He couldn't make enough of Jim. Followed him from one end of the farm to the other just like a dog. Used to coil up under Jim's chair at meals and eat out of his hand. Every night Jim went to bed the snake crawled up on the foot of the bed and slept there till morning. You bet they wasn't anybody going to disturb Jim.

"One night Jim woke up feeling kind of queer. He reached down at the foot of the bed. No snake. Up he hopped and struck a match. No snake. Not on the bed, nowhere in the room. Well, sir, that minute Jim knew something was wrong. He slipped into his trousers, took his gun and went downstairs. What do you suppose he saw when he got down in the dining room? Window wide open. Snake coiled around a burglar on the floor, and his tail out of the window rattling for the police."

WHAT THE STATES ARE DOING.

Splendid Exhibits and Buildings at the Pan-American.

The States of the Union generally are manifesting a deep interest in the Pan-American Exposition, which opens on May 1st. Liberal appropriations have been made for exhibits, which are now being installed. Several of the States have erected handsome buildings in the Court of State and Foreign buildings.

New York's appropriation is \$300,000. A magnificent permanent building has been erected, and an exhibit highly creditable to the Empire State is being installed.

Illinois appropriated \$75,000 for a building and exhibit.

Michigan's appropriation for a building and exhibit is \$40,000.

Ohio's appropriation is \$30,000. The State has erected a handsome building and is installing an exhibit.

Missouri appropriated \$50,000 for a building and exhibit.

Washington has appropriated \$25,000 and will have a building constructed of native timbers, to be used as State Headquarters.

Wisconsin appropriated \$25,000 for a building and exhibit.

The New England States have joined together for the erection of a building and display of their resources and industries. Massachusetts appropriated \$15,000, Rhode Island \$30,000, and Con-

necticut, Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire are expending sums sufficient for suitable exhibits.

California will make a very extensive exhibit through the State Board of Trade and the Los Angeles Chamber of commerce.

Alabama proposes to appropriate \$25,000 for an exhibit.

Georgia has appropriated a sum sufficient to pay the expenses of a fine exhibit.

Idaho has appropriated \$15,000 for an exhibit.

Pennsylvania's appropriation for representation is \$35,000.

Minnesota has appropriated \$20,000 for an exhibit.

Few Jersey's appropriation for representation is \$25,000.

North Dakota will expend its appropriation of \$10,000 for an exhibit.

Kentucky has appointed a commission and an exhibit is being arranged.

Oregon will expend \$25,000 for an exhibit.

Maryland has appropriated \$25,000 and appointed a commission to prepare an exhibit, and the Baltimore Manufacturers' Association is co-operating.

Delaware has made an appropriation for an exhibit.

Washington, Montana, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and other States will be suitably represented.

In addition to the exhibits to be made under the auspices of the different State governments, there will be numerous displays of the industrial and natural resources of the States by individual exhibitors.

POPULAR EXCURSIONS.

PARIS, TEXAS, May 24-25, United Commercial Travelers.

FORT WORTH, TEXAS, May 21-22, Reunion of Mexican War Veterans.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, June 26-29, State Teachers' Association.

DALLAS, TEXAS, May 21-22, Grain Dealers' Association.

DALLAS, TEXAS, June 5-6-7, Cotton Seed Crushers' Association.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 28-30, Reunion United Confederate Veterans.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 1-Nov. 1, Pan-American Exposition.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., May 16-25, General Assembly Presbyterian Church.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., July 18-21, International Epworth League.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14-23, National Shooting Exposition.

ST. PAUL, MINN., May 29th-June 7th, Medical-Surgical Association.

WEST POINT, MISS., May 16-23, General Assembly Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, June 13-July 20, University Summer School.

KANSAS CITY, MO., June 11-12, Imperial Council Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

DETROIT, MICH., July 8-12, National Educational Association.

CHICAGO, ILL., July 25-28, Baptist Young Peoples' Union. Low excursion rates will be made for all of the above occasions.

Ask nearest ticket agent for particulars as to rates, dates of sale, etc., or write to

D. J. PRICE,
Gen. Pass. & Ticket Agent,
Palestine, Texas.

One of the novelties promised by John Philip Sousa, "The March King," for the Pan-American Exposition Band Concerts, is the new Sousa March, "Hail to the Spirit of Liberty," which he composed for the dedication of the Lafayette Monument in Paris last Fourth of July.

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IF YOU MISS YOUR FRIENDS
during the coming summer, just address them at the Colorado Chautauque, Boulder, Colo. You'll either find them there or at some of the other numerous Rocky Mountain Resorts. Texas has been so prosperous that the people are planning all over the State to spend the hot months in "Kool Colorado;" and the number of Southern people up there this year will be enormous. The people always want the full worth of their money, and this accounts for the plans of almost every one providing for using "THE DENVER ROAD" from Fort Worth. Because, you know, we have the shortest line, make the quickest time, run the only through trains,—with Cafe Cars, Pullmans, Modern Coaches, etc., so "You Don't Have to Apologize for Riding on the Denver Road!"
W. F. STERLEY, A. A. GLISSON, CHAS. L. HULL,
A. G. P. A. G. A. P. D. T. P. A.
FORT WORTH, TEXAS.
N. B.—The Epworth Leaguers will go to Frisco our way in July.

RAMON'S Chill Tonic
Pepsin
Is Tasteless and Guaranteed to Cure Chills and Fever and all Malarial Troubles.
Does Not Contain Quinine Nor Other Poisons. Does Not Injure the Stomach Nor Effect the Hearing.
W. A. McLarty & Son, Dime Box, Tex., say: "Ramon's Pepsin Chill Tonic is the best we have ever handled. My son prescribes it in his practice, and says it is the only Chill Tonic which a child can take without injury to the stomach."
Price 50c. BROWN MFG. CO., Prop'rs, Greenville, Tenn.
For Sale by SMITH & FRENCH, Crockett, Texas.

RAMON'S Tonic Regulator
The Best Liver Medicine.
Largest Package on the Market.
One Package Price 25c. Five for \$1.00.
David Howells, Scranton, Pa., says: "For some time I was annoyed with pimples on the body, and a feeling of sickness and general weakness. I was unable to work. A friend recommended Ramon's Tonic Regulator—two packages cured me entirely."
BROWN MFG. CO., Proprietors, Greenville, Tenn.
For Sale by Smith & French, Crockett, Texas.

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PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS,
CROCKETT, TEXAS.
Office in the rear of Chamberlain's Drugstore.
Notice in Probate.
Estate of T. F. Smith, of Houston County. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned was, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1901, appointed by the Probate Court of Houston County, administrator of the estate of T. F. Smith. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same within the time prescribed by law. The residence and postoffice address of undersigned is Crockett, Houston County, Texas.
J. H. SMITH,
Adm'r Estate of T. F. Smith, Dec'd.

Local Items.

Go to Rich & Shell for hardware.

Hardware cheap at Rich & Shell's.

Hyman Harrison was in Beaumont this week.

J. H. Painter has returned from Beaumont.

Freshest and coldest keg beer in town at Hyman's.

Have you seen the dress goods at the "Big Store"?

Choicest teas, spices and extracts at Hail & Dunwoody's.

To Fortify the Blood.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

A great deal of interest continues in the oil well business.

We do all kinds of work and guarantee it. RICH & SHELL.

Are you going fishing? If so, the New Drug Store has the tackle you need.

Teachers for the next term of public school will be elected Monday week.

A great deal of freight has been going out to Coltharp this week for the mill.

Try "Lone Star Flour" as good as the best \$1.00 per sack at the "Big Store."

For Nursing Mothers.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

The city now owns its own wagon and team and better streets are promised.

Dr. Harvin Moore of Hallettsville is visiting his father's family in Crockett.

From what we have heard crop prospects are not very flattering. Rain is needed.

Major J. F. Martin and John A. Davis of Grapeland were in the city recently.

The New Drug Store receives a new shipment of Gunther's candies every two weeks.

For Pale, Sickly Children.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Base ball goods, from the cheapest to the most expensive, at the New Drug Store.

The millinery department of the "Big Store" is now alive with creations of beauty.

W. A. Champion of Corsicana, who is visiting at Grapeland, was in Crockett last week.

J. W. Young came up from Beaumont Saturday evening and returned Monday night.

A General Strengthening Tonic.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

The screams of a crazy negro woman attracted attention to the court house Wednesday.

It is said that a Crockett citizen who has the means will bore for oil on his land near town.

The New Drug Store has just received another big lot of fishing tackle and base ball goods.

A half car load of piping was hauled out to Coltharp this week for the new saw mill there.

For Loss of Appetite.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Beautiful engravures free with Cream of Wheat, the breakfast dainty, at Hail & Dunwoody's.

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

For Sale.

A good milk cow.
J. T. HARRISON.

A negro boy was run over and killed by a train near Paso Tuesday. It is said that he was asleep on a trestle.

Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from

SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

Mrs. L. J. Neff of Athens, sister-in-law of Mr. M. M. Baker, is visiting Mr. Baker's family near town.

From all over the county comes reports of too much dry weather. A good general rain is very much needed.

Real estate around Crockett has taken a sudden upward turn and is now bringing something like its real value.

Pale People Have Pale Blood.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic makes rich blood.

Payment for an iron fence for the public school building enclosure was allowed by the city council Monday.

The Crockett K. of P. lodge went to Groveton Wednesday where they organized at night another lodge.

Dr. W. A. Gustavus, Dentist. Office over Parker Bros. Open from 15th to 30th each month. Charges moderate.

Malaria Makes You Weak.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic makes you strong.

New Buggies For a Dollar.

Cost will vary a little according to the size and condition of your vehicle, but it is trifling at most. You can transform your old buggy into a new one by slight expenditure of time and money. The carriage paints we sell are so perfect in every way and so easy to use that best results are certain. Anybody can apply them, they are all ready for the brush, one coat only needed as a rule, they dry with a high lustre. A variety of colors to choose from in handy size cans.

J. G. HARING,
PHARMACIST.

Sheriff Hale, Messrs. J. V. Collins, I. A. Daniel and others are attending the Lankster trial at Palestine as witnesses.

The city now owns a fine pair of mules which will be kept at work on the streets until they are put in first-class condition.

Only 12 Doses in a Bitter Chill Tonic.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic contains from 24 to 48 doses.

Build more residences. The city's population can not be added to very much unless those coming can get houses to live in.

We carry wire, tinware, buggy and wagon material, blacksmith coal, iron and a general line of hardware. RICH & SHELL.

Malaria Makes Impure Blood.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures Malaria.

E. A. Nichols is in Beaumont this week. He sent his carriage overland to have it there for his use and as a matter of convenience.

The railroad bridge at Red Branch, between Lovelady and Trinity, burned last Saturday, delaying both evening trains several hours.

You will have a good fruit crop. Eat what you can and what you can't in Mason fruit jars, heavy glass and porcelain lined, non-corrodable tops at Hail & Dunwoody's.

Cooling, refreshing

Soda Water.

See Cold Any Flavor The kind you Want.

A drink at our fountain is delightfully exhilarating. Our flavors are of the pure juices and we know how to serve them.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN

Dirt is being moved for the King & Murchison brick building. When the building is completed it will be used for their tailoring establishment.

There is plenty of confidence in an underlying stream of oil in Houston county. Indications are that prospecting will proceed at several places.

Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith have returned from Dallas where the doctor has been under special treatment and is very much improved in health.

Better for the Blood than Sarsaparilla
For those living in the Malaria districts. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

We are informed that there will be a number of men at the mill who would move their families here if the houses could be had. Build more residences.

The First National bank of Crockett makes another one of its usual fine showings. See statement published in another place in this week's COURIER.

Commissioners' court is in session this week, this being the second week of county court. We will give a synopsis of the proceedings in our next issue.

Strength Enables You to Stand the Heat

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic gives strength.

Mr. Jno. D. Shell who has been connected with the Oakhurst mill has moved to Crockett and purchased C. R. Rich's interest in the blacksmith and hardware business.

For Sale or Exchange.

Some fine Jersey cows, fresh in milk. Will sell or exchange for other cattle. See me at J. W. Hail's store.

A. B. MULLIGAN.

Malaria Causes Biliousness.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic removes the cause.

Lumber! Lumber!

We have bought W. B. Wall's mill 3 1/2 miles north east of Crockett. We are prepared to furnish and deliver oak and pine, rough or dressed. Will be glad to serve you. MELTON & BYNUM.

Wanted.

Young men to learn telegraphy and station-work for railway service. Situations secured or money refunded.

DALLAS TELEGRAPH COLLEGE,
Dallas, Texas.

From the information at hand, a great deal of prospecting for oil will be done in this county. There will be three or more local companies and it is said that several parties will bore on their own land, besides the outside parties who have secured leases.

At the Presbytery in session in Crockett last week, Rev. R. H. Crozier of Palestine and Judge A. A. Aldrich of Crockett were chosen as commissioners to represent the Presbytery in the General Assembly which meets at Little Rock.

Another room will be fitted up at the public school building as soon as school closes. The rapid increase in attendance demands another room and another teacher. Other improvements will be made in the building and grounds and next session will witness a larger attendance than ever before.

The city council was in session Monday and important ordinances were passed in regard to nuisances, etc. The ordinances are published in this week's COURIER. The council also adopted suitable resolutions on the death of the late John C. Millar, who was city secretary at the time of his death. Chas. Long is now city secretary.

A negro named Jerre Lang was arrested by Deputy Hale Monday night, charged with rape. He lived six miles north of town on L. W. Murchison's place. His victim was his step-daughter, eleven years old. Complaint was made against him during the afternoon, alleging that the crime was committed in the morning, and at night he was arrested as above stated and landed in jail where he remains.

A company of Crockett gentlemen bought a valuable piece of land bordering on the eastern outskirts of the town this week which will likely be used for purposes of prospecting. On this property is a well of water overflowing at the top and it is believed that artesian water can be had if not oil. It is an ideal piece of land for purposes of prospecting. It is a part of the land formerly owned by Col. Adams and sold by him to Bailey Hatchell.

Mr. J. L. Shotwell died on Thursday of last week of pneumonia. Very few of his friends knew of his sickness before they heard of his death, his illness being of short duration. His death came as a painful surprise to even those who were most intimately associated with him. His condition was not thought to be so serious by those who knew of his illness. Mr. Shotwell had lived in Crockett for some time and at the time of his death was working for Edmiston Bros., having previously been in the commission business for himself. Always true to a friend and of a liberal, generous heart, there are many to mourn his death. He was buried by the Masonic fraternity on Friday, he being a member of that order. He leaves a wife and several children who have the sympathy of the people of Crockett in their bereavement.

ICE, ICE, ICE.

The public is respectfully informed that ice tickets can be bought at rates named below. All ice sold for cash will be at the rate of ONE CENT per pound irrespective of quantity and all unused tickets will be redeemed at Company's office.

30 5-pound tickets\$1.35
30 10 " " 2.70
30 15 " " 3.90
30 20 " " 5.10
30 25 " " 6.00
6 50 " " 1.95
6 100 " " 3.60

Ice wagon will not deliver ice on Sundays, so as to allow driver and horses to get needed rest. Thanking you for past liberal patronage and soliciting a continuance of same, we are,

Yours respectfully,
CROCKETT LIGHT AND ICE CO.

The Presbytery of Eastern Texas. This body met in Crockett last week and remained in session about two days, adjourning on Thursday afternoon.

The next place of meeting is the town of Rusk, August 22.

Rev. G. S. Robinson of Palestine was chosen to be moderator.

The other ministers present were Rev. C. W. Chambers of Indian Village, Polk county, Rev. F. E. Robbins of Beaumont, Rev. D. P. Junkin of Port Arthur, Rev. T. J. Horne, D. D. of Orange, Rev. R. H. Crozier, D. D. of Palestine, Rev. J. W. McLeod of New Birmingham and Rev. T. F. Gallaher of Nacogdoches.

Besides the ministers there were present the following ruling elders as representatives of the churches: Mr. Livingston of Orange, Mr. T. R. Smith of Lovelady, Mr. John Hockin of Oakland church, and Mr. Gibson Sylistine. The last named is a representative of Indian church, at Indian Village, Polk county. He is a full-blooded Indian of the Alabama tribe. His church has about one hundred members, all full-blooded Indians. He cannot speak or understand English very well.

Rev. R. H. Crozier, D. D., and Judge Aldrich were chosen to represent the Presbytery in the General Assembly which meets at Little Rock this week.

One item of special interest in connection with the Home Mission work of Presbytery is the fact that Presbytery has lately received a gift of one thousand dollars, to be spent in Home Mission work in the Presbytery. This is a legacy left by the will of the late Captain Ben Thompson of the Thompson and Tucker Lumber Company of Willard, Trinity county.

The usual routine work was attended to harmoniously, and before adjournment a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the members of the Presbyterian church and citizens of Crockett for their handsome entertainment of the members of the Presbytery. Dr. Crozier came a few days in advance of Presbytery and aided in the preaching services, and Rev. F. E. Robbins of Beaumont remained a few days after the adjournment, to assist in the protracted meeting.

The above is a brief sketch of some of the interesting items in connection with a pleasant meeting.
S. F. TENNEY.

Mr. J. W. Hail had a barrel of syrup to turn to oil. Over half of the contents had been drawn off when oil was found of a fine lubricating grade and he is now unable to extract anything else from the barrel but oil. Either so much oil talk has caused the sweet fluid to convert itself into the oily substance or it is the fine productiveness of Houston county soil that is responsible for the phenomenon, the soil being so rich that it furnished the oil along with the juice of the cane.

Muddy Blood.

Means a muddy complexion. Pure blood means a clear complexion. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic makes rich, clear blood.

Moore's Pilules are a guaranteed cure for all forms of malaria, ague, chills, and fever, swamp fever, malarial fever, bilious fever, jaundice, biliousness, fetid breath and a tired listless feeling. They cure rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poisoning produced from malarial poisoning. No quinine. No arsenic, acid or iron. Do not ruin the stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co., No. 310 North Main Street, St. Louis, Mo. For sale by J. G. Haring.

CUTTING AND SLASHING

at

the New York Store,

AND NO LET-UP.

Limited space allows only comparatively few items, but you will find EVERY YARD of fabric, EVERY made garment and EVERY ARTICLE INTENDED FOR SUMMER WEAR AT THE SAME TERRIFIC REDUCTION.

But don't delay. Every day and hour makes a big hole in stocks. SEIZE THE OPPORTUNITY before it is forever TOO LATE.

Embroideries and Laces.

We have received two thousand dollars worth of embroideries and laces that we are selling at fifty cents on the dollar.

Embroidery edging 3 to 9 inches wide, regular price 10 and 15 cents per yard, selling price 5 and 7 cents per yard. Inserting to match at same price.

Velenciennes laces 1c a yard per dozen yards 10 cents.
 " " 2c a " " " " 20 cents.
 " " 3 1/2c a " " " " 28 cents.

All-over embroideries and laces from 20 cents to \$1.50 per yard.

Torcheon laces from 2c. to 15c per yard.

Dress Skirts Given Away.

200 dress skirts given away at 99 cents.
 150 " " " " " 75 "
 200 " " " " " \$1.00.

Ladies' Shirt Waists.

75 cent waists going at 47 cents, better waists going from 75 cents to \$1.75.

Belts.

Latest style belts from 15 cents to \$1.00.

Staples.

Best yard wide brown domestic 4 cents yard.
 Best yard wide Sea Island domestic 4 1/2 cents yard.
 Good cheviot stripes at 5 cents yard.
 Extra heavy brown drill worth 8 1/2 cents yard at 5 cents.
 Good quality bleached domestic free of starch 4c yard.
 Amoskeag A. C. A. feather ticking 11 cents yard.

Clothing.

Men's all wool suit \$3.00.
 Men's linen suit \$1.50.
 Men's crash suit \$1.50.

Gents' Furnishing Goods.

50 cent Negligee shirts at 25 cents.
 75 " " " " 35 "
 \$1.00 " " " 50 "
 Balbriggan underwear 35 cents per suit.

LOOK for the Sign of the THE NEW YORK STORE. Yours for Bargains, HENRY BLOCH.

THE COURIER.

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

WHAT THEY MISSED.

The passenger department of the I. & G. N. railroad company got out a neat folder last week addressed to the men of Greater New York touring Texas. It told them of things they had seen, things they would see and things they had missed. We reproduce the latter:

And gentlemen, beside these and other things too numerous to mention, you missed, above all, a look at Eastern Texas, with the area of a great State and the resources of a mighty empire. You missed her boundless forests of pine and hardwoods, which the greatest mills in the world are working into lumber for the world's commerce.

You missed her cotton farms, her truck farms, her tobacco fields and her fruit orchards, to say nothing of her great area of untouched lands, productive and cheap, awaiting only the touch of the magic wand of wealth and industry, to doubly discount the development to be seen at Jacksonville, on the I. & G. N. R. R., where last year were shipped 700 cars of Elberta peaches and 40 cars of early tomatoes, and where this year will be shipped 1,000 cars of peaches and 50 cars of tomatoes, famous for size, color and flavor.

You missed the great lignite mines on the I. & G. N. R. R., the great beds of valuable marl and clay, the great salt mines and the vast mountains of almost pure iron of Eastern Texas.

Indeed gentlemen, to tell you all you've missed, would take too much time and space. But

you will come again, include Eastern Texas in your itinerary, traverse the Greater I. & G. N. R. R. from "ee'nd to ee'nd," and with wide-open eyes exclaim: "Southward the Star of Empire takes its way to Greater Texas!"

The white people of the South are taxing themselves for the education of the negro children equally as for their own children. In the meantime Northern "philanthropists" are constantly discussing ways and means for increasing the educational fund for the negroes. If they propose to indulge such discrimination long, or to ignore the sacrifices the whites have been making, it may get into the heads of Southern legislatures to divide the school tax and apply the taxes of the whites to white schools and spend only the tax from the blacks on black schools, in conjunction with the Northern contributions. We don't like to see the white children of the South discriminated against, you know.—Houston Post.

One hundred years ago this month the United States census authorities announced that New York City had passed Philadelphia in population, the figures standing 60,483 to 58,752.

"Take care of the forests," says a Tennessee paper, in announcing that out of a single tree in Dyer County a citizen had got four cords of firewood, three gallons of honey and five raccoons.

The finest playing cards are made in this country, and but for the heavy tax upon them in Europe, they would completely monopolize that market by quality and cheapness.

ASSESSED VALUE OF LANDS.

Tax Gatherers Are Already Figuring on High Assessments, Based on Oil Values.

Austin, Tex., May 11.—The past week has been as "greasy" as those preceding. The oil excitement has been as intense here as before, and from the usual large number of charters filed, this city is but a thermometer of the conditions existing throughout Texas.

It is expected that the deluge of oil charters is over, and that while a few will be filed, they will not be presented in near such great numbers as during the past few weeks. As it is, a second franchise tax and \$5 monthly penalty will be collected from not a few of the oil corporations, which in the intense excitement failed to take time to pay their franchise tax before May 1. The maximum franchise tax is \$50 and is based on capital stock. As the capital stock of nearly all of the corporations is very large, the full \$50 will be collected in most instances, with \$5 added as a penalty. This will be a source of revenue to the State.

Lessors of land in the oil district are in a position to be hurt somewhat. Before the excitement became intense a number of large leases were made at what is now looked upon as a very low figure. The value of the land has been greatly enhanced by the oil discovery, and nearly all of the land in that section of the State has risen in value, and a large part of it to an enormous extent. No doubt thousands of acres were under lease, and some of it on long time. Now, the State will assess the land for taxation at its

present rich value, or approximately it, and the owner thereof will be compelled to pay the taxes, while the lessee is enjoying the product of the land on a very small investment.

A gentleman of experience, in fact he is a State official, who is just back from Beaumont, states that conditions exist as above described and that in one or two instances his own personal observations make him believe that the taxes will amount to more than the lessor is receiving in lease money. This is a new feature, and once pointed out, is evident to the mind of one who understands the situation.

Resolutions of Respect.

CROCKETT, TEXAS, MAY 13, 1901.
 TO HON. MAYOR AND COUNCIL.
 Your committee on resolutions beg leave to report: Whereas Death has removed from our midst Mr. Jno. C. Millar Sr., the faithful and efficient City Secretary, we desire to pay this humble tribute to his memory. For the past forty years he has lived in this town, coming here a youth, without money or friends, he has fought the battle of life to the end. Whether in adversity or prosperity he always bore himself as a gentleman, and retained the highest estimation of his fellow townsmen for his manly worth and integrity. Public spirited, kind and generous, he lived a quiet and unobtrusive life. As City Secretary for the past six years, he was universally esteemed for his honest and faithful work and for his kind and genial disposition, by the Mayor and city officials.

We beg to tender his widow and sons and daughter our sincere sympathy in the loss of husband and father and our friend and companion.

Respectfully submitted,
 I. A. DANIEL,
 B. M. JONES,
 W. A. NORRIS, } Com.

City Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Crockett, that it shall be unlawful for any person to create or permit a nuisance on his premises, or premises under his control, or permit same to remain six hours after being notified by the city marshal to remove same.

Any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not exceeding ten dollars.

The following are declared to be nuisances under the provisions of the above ordinance, viz: A pen less than 50 feet square where hogs are kept, within 1/4 mile of court house, any stagnant water, or decayed vegetables, fruits, or fruit refuse, filthy privies, and sinks, or anything causing offensive odors, that work hurt, inconvenience or damage to the health of the citizens of Crockett; all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

S. T. BEASLEY,
 Mayor of Crockett.

CHAS. LONG,
 City Secretary.

Be it further ordained by the City Council of the City of Crockett, that it shall be unlawful for any person to place or throw or leave a dead rat, dead chicken, dead cat, or any other dead animal of any kind, tainted meat, decayed fruit, vegetables, melons or melon rinds, filthy water or excrementitious matter of any kind on the streets, side-walks or alleys of the City of Crockett, and any person violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be fined in any sum not exceeding ten dollars; all ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

S. T. BEASLEY,
 Mayor of Crockett.

CHAS. LONG,
 City Secretary.