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A \$15,000,000 POOL.

Details of Organization of J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company Given Out.

COMPANY OWNS AND CONTROLS

Leases For Oil Purposes Covering 1,000,000 Acres in Texas and Louisiana.

Beaumont, Tex., May 16.—The object of Col. J. M. Guffey's second trip to Texas so soon after his return to his home in Pittsburgh has been made public. It was for the purpose of completing the organization of one of the largest oil companies in the world aside from the Standard Oil Company. There have been formed here many oil companies with a capital stock of from one to five million dollars, but they were small compared to the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, which was chartered under the laws of Texas to-day with a capital stock of \$15,000,000.

Mr. J. M. Guffey was seen by a representative of the News at his office in Beaumont and made the following statement in relation to the J. M. Guffey Petroleum Company, which was chartered in Austin to-day:

"We have organized under the laws of Texas with a capitalization of \$15,000,000. This corporation owns and controls leases for oil purposes covering 1,000,000 acres in Texas and Louisiana, including the original Lucas well, McFadden No. 3 and the Gladys well, aggregating an enormous daily production of oil and including a number of other wells now being drilled; 1,000,000 barrels of iron tankage, with more than 300,000 barrels already completed; a pipe line complete and fully equipped, extending from the wells to the docks at Port Arthur, where vessels are now being loaded with oil, including pumping stations and loading racks on the railroads and a large number of oil tank cars for railroad shipment of oil, and barges for water transportation, and with

ample lands in fee simple at Port Arthur for the construction of tanks, refineries, etc. With the exception of \$3,000,000 of stock in the treasury, the capital stock is all subscribed for and taken and is owned by J. M. Guffey, A. W. Mellon, H. C. Frick, John A. Gale, James P. Reed, T. H. Given, J. D. Callery, Joshua Rhodes, William Flinn, M. E. McMullin, J. C. McDowell and Willis F. McCook of Pittsburg, Pa., and Captain A. F. Lucas of this city.

"It is the intention of this company and of its managers to conduct a bona fide, legitimate oil business. It is our desire and intention to make Texas oil as valuable as possible, not only in America, but in all the markets of the world. In making the statement we include not only our own oil, but the oil of other producers in this field. We were the first to discover oil in this field with the Lucas well. We hope and expect to be pioneers in discovering a field of usefulness for this oil and bring further wealth to the States of Texas and Louisiana."

Colonel J. M. Guffey is a man with a very picturesque career. In appearance he is distinguished looking and would be marked among thousands as an unusual character. His hair is gray and is worn rather long and is particularly becoming. His face maintains constantly an expression of good humor and hospitality. His eyes gleam with determination, and quickness is denoted in his every action. In manner he is cordial and pleasing, patient and painstaking. He wins instantly the confidence of his auditor. He seems accustomed to being busy and does not carry the weight of responsibility in his manner nor outward appearance. He passed his early days in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. One of a family of six, he soon tired of the farm life which he was born into and obtained employment in the office of the superintendent of the Louisville Railroad Company at Louisville and after several years he went to the Adams Express Co. at Nashville. In 1872 he was back in his native State, engaged

in selling oil machinery, and thus he became identified with the oil business. He has been a leader in the production of oil in Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and Indiana, and at one time he, with his associates, controlled a production of over 50,000 barrels per day. It is said that he has several times been a millionaire and again has been brought to almost poverty by his persistent wildcatting in all parts of the world. He has opened more oil fields than any other man in the world. He was first in the Kansas field, first in the Corsicana field, first in the greatest, the Beaumont field. He is now a multi-millionaire. He is in politics in his home State. As national committeeman from Pennsylvania for the Democratic party it is claimed he has done more than any other one agency toward regaining the prestige of the Democratic party in Pennsylvania and was a prominent candidate for the United States Senate against Matt Quay. Pushing, energetic, persistent and decisive in every action, this man is now at the head of the greatest oil company he has ever organized and nearer now the pinnacle of success than ever before.

John H. Gale, who is associated with Colonel Guffey in all his oil ventures, is the geological expert of the concern. Mr. Gale has been the leader in all the new fields and is one of the most intrepid and boldest operators ever in the oil business. Many of the greatest oil fields owe their discovery and development to this ambitious and daring man, who holds nothing too great for trial and who seldom fails.

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 poison 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.

SERMONS ON GAMBLING.

New York Pastors Deprecate the Universal Spirit Among All Classes of People.

New York, May 13.—"The Ethics of Gambling and the Perils of Making Haste to be Rich" was the subject of Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis' sermon last night at Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. Dr. Hillis said in part: "The evils of drink are familiar to you. There are other evils. But the greatest peril is the insane spirit of gambling which seems to have taken hold of the people, irrespective of social standing or religious belief. The insane desire to get rich quickly is at the bottom of it all. There is no difference between the newsboy who flips coins and the man in Wall Street who buys stocks on margins on a chance that they will rise or fall. Both wish to get something for nothing; both are gamblers.

"The incessant gambling on all sports has wrought intellectual demoralization to the country. Horse racing is one of the noblest of sports but it has been degraded and bestialized by gambling. Every Saturday afternoon you see at the race tracks thousands of working girls and men who have families to support crazy with the intoxication of gambling. As each race is run they stand up, a yelling, cursing, purple-faced, brutalized gang.

"From the tiny lad selling newspapers on the street to men dwelling in a palace the gambling spirit seems to have invaded all. Where is this thing going to end? It is time we called a halt and began to consider what things are really worth while."

Annual services of the Church Association for the Advancement of the Interests of Labor were held last night in holy Trinity Church. The Rev. Dr. J. P. Peters, rector of St. Michael's Episcopal Church, preached.

"The Committee of Fifteen," he said, "will make a raid and the gambler who is arrested doesn't want his name to get into the papers. But there are gamblers in Wall Street who blazon their names proudly over their doors

and are glad to tell you of their winnings or losses.

"We have an exhibition of what harm one man, with great wealth, can do. No man has the right to manipulate such a deal as was executed in Wall Street. Each of us owes a duty to our fellow man, and the man who so far forgets this duty as to permit himself to become engaged in transactions of such a kind and magnitude is lost to principle."

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.

Fought for His Life.

"My father and sister both died of Consumption," writes J. T. Weatherwax, of Wyandotte, 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." Infallible 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.

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.

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. GRADDOCK, 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.

THE BIG STORE'S BIG SLIPPER SALE

GET THEM WHILE THIS BARGAIN IS ON.

254 Pairs at Reduced Prices. Following is a Few of
Our Bargain Slippers.

9 pairs Barton Bros., glaze dongola oxfords nice made and well worth \$1.25. Closing out price sale 75c.
20 pairs bright dongola oxfords common sense heel and toe solid throughout have always sold for \$1.10. Closing price 69c.
One lot celebrated Tennent Stribbling Shoe Co. dime turn cloth top lace oxford an easy winner at \$2.50 but while they last you get 'em at \$2.00.
One lot Huiskamp old ladies oxfords solid leather sole and counters a bargain at \$1.50. Closing out price \$1.
One lot ladies house slippers easy wearers worth \$1.50. Closing out price only \$1.00.
One lot opera slippers a beauty for \$1.50. You get them this week for only 99c.
One lot Misses one strap sandal a daisy for \$1.25. Take them while they last 94c.
One lot 1669 ladies one strap sandal patent tip in latest heels and toes worth any where \$1.25. Take them 80c.
One lot ladies bright dongola one strap sandal, spring heel. Would be cheap at \$1.25. Take them along while they last at 82c.
One lot Misses bright dongola spring heel one strap sandal. Daisy for \$1.00. Closing price 82c.

One lot ladies dongola patent tip oxfords, a great bargain for 85c. Our closing price 59c.
One lot Misses bright dongola spring heel one strap sandal, daisy for \$1.00. Closing price 82c.
16 pairs ladies mascot slippers in the latest style heel and toe, a good one, worth \$1.25. Closing price 82c.
One lot ladies dongola foxed cloth top oxford worth anywhere on earth \$1.10. We sell 'em 66c.
14 pairs ladies patent tip oxford worth \$1.00, will make a leader of them during special sale at the small sum of 22½c. pair.
One lot childrens and misses chocolate tan and black dongola in all sizes worth twice the price. They must go at 80c.
One lot 587 Misses one strap spring heel sandal worth an American dollar. They go while this sale lasts at 75c.
One dozen pairs celebrated Huiskamp slipper, worth \$2.25. Will close them out \$1.65.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.,
THE BIG STORE.

Moving Picture Machine.

J. W. Wilkinson, chief rate clerk of the Southern Pacific, while returning from a rate meeting in St. Louis some days ago picked up a letter on the train which a young farmer had written with a lead pencil with the intention of mailing. The letter was ready to mail, with the exception that the envelope was not sealed or stamped. It was evidently dropped from the rustic's pocket just before leaving the car, for it was found in the seat where he had been sitting. The writer had doubtless been reading a catchy advertisement of a moving picture machine, with which it was said the purchaser could make an easy fortune. Mr. Wilkinson has pasted the letter in his scrapbook of jokes. It runs as follows:

"Moving Picture Company—Dear Sir: I have just saw your advertisement in a magazine and am very much struck with what you say about making more money than any other business. I have been plowing corn and cotton ever since I was a boy, and I have made lots of money out of it, if I do say so myself. Last year me and wife made eight bales of cotton and 80 bushels of corn off our farm, and done all our own work too, barring the mule and the cow, and it was not such an all-fired big year, either. If the moving picture business can beat that I am your man. Please send me a sample machine by the next mail and let me know how to work it. How am I to make the pictures move! And must I keep them in a box so they won't get away! Please explain the whole thing, for I don't know nothing about them, but am awful quick to learn. I hope it ain't anything like them

living pictures I have been reading about, for I see in the Baptist Record they ain't nice things for members of the church to have anything to do with. I am mighty glad you furnish the machines and that I don't have to run no risk about them. Please pick me out a good one. My address is — Yours truly, —"

POPULAR EXCURSIONS.
SHERMAN, TEXAS, June 26-29, State Teachers' 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.
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.
AUSTIN, TEXAS, June 13-July 26, 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.

Mr. Carnegie, it is said, has agreed to provide the art societies of New York with a building for exhibition purposes if the associations will get together and agree upon a site.

1901 Cents Worth About \$19.

A flustered young woman, out of breath as though from walking fast, rushed up the steps of the mint yesterday afternoon, and asked to be directed to the bureau of information. "There isn't any replied the uniformed messenger, a very fat man. "Perhaps I can tell you what you want to know." "Perhaps you can," said the young woman, producing a copy of a frivolous weekly paper. "I want to know if this is true." She pointed to a paragraph read: "Among the curiosities of collecting is the fact that 1901 cents now bring about \$19 in the coin market." The fat messenger scrutinized the paragraph. While he was thus engaged the young woman explained that she had four 1901 cents, and wanted to know what made them so valuable, and where she could realize on them. Then the fat messenger grew purple in the face from suppressed laughter, which finally exploded, and seemed in momentary danger of having an apoplectic fit. He called the attention of the other messengers to the paragraph, and then followed combined roars of merriment. In the meantime the young woman with the four 1901 cents wondered if she had strayed into a lunatic asylum. Finally the fat messenger regained his breath sufficiently to gasp: "It's a joke. Don't you see? 'I'll give you \$19 for 1901 pennies, and I'll be a cent ahead of the game. See?' A great light seemed to dawn in the mind of the young woman. "I dare say it's very funny," she said, "but I don't think such things ought to be printed." And she made her exit sorrowfully.—Philadelphia Record

Muddy Blood.

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

Testing Big Guns.

It will cost the government \$50,000, says the New York World, for a competitive test next June of the Gathmann guncotton torpedo gun and the regular army 12-inch service rifle. It is seldom the government conducts such an inquiry, and the result will be awaited with great interest. Inventor Gathmann is willing to stake his reputation that one shot from the gun bearing his name will equal in destructiveness ten fired from a 12-inch rifle. There is a Gathmann gun at Sandy Hook which cost about \$30,000. Beside this weapon will be placed a 12-inch army service rifle. The legislation enacted by congress provides that two exactly similar targets shall be constructed, each representing the side construction of the largest type of battleship. Each of these structures is to be faced with a Kruppized armor plate twelve inches thick, eight feet wide and sixteen feet long. Not less than ten shots must be fired against one structure from the 12-inch rifle. Against one other structure one torpedo shell will be projected from the Gathmann gun. Careful examination of the the two structures will then be made. If the results are not clear another shot may be fired from the Gathmann gun. Secretary Root has issued orders that the structures be prepared and everything made ready for the competitive tests.

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." These pills are sold by them. O. J. 25¢ at J. C. 10¢. Drug store.

Cabbage and Champagne.

"Some of these political bosses acquire singular appetites," said an old wheelhorse. "Think of a man like Senator Quay making a meal off boiled cabbage and champagne. I went up to his house one night and found him at dinner. He sent for me to come into the dining room. The senator was helping himself liberally from a large dish of corned beef and cabbage, which he was washing down with champagne. It struck me as one of the queerest combinations I had ever seen."

Parliamentary Perquisites.

Some of the privileges of members of foreign legislative bodies are unique. Danish M. P.'s can have a free seat in the Royal theater at Copenhagen whenever they like. The lawmakers of Norway receive free medical attention and nursing if they fall ill during the session. The M. P.'s have extended this privilege to include courses of gymnastics, massage, baths, wine and dental work all gratis.

Grey and Gray.

As to the distinction between "grey" and "gray," as applied to a color, it is held that the former denotes a more delicate tint than the latter; that gray is a warmer color, having a mixture of red or brown.

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 75 cents. For sale by J. G. H. Co.

Rock-a-Bye Baby

These are sweet words, but how much pain and suffering they used to mean. It's different now. Since Mother's Friend has become known expectant mothers have been spared much of the anguish of childbirth. Mother's Friend is a liniment to be applied externally. It is rubbed thoroughly into the muscles of the abdomen. It gives elasticity and strength, and when the final great strain comes they respond quickly and easily without pain. Mother's Friend is never taken internally. Internal remedies at this time do more harm than good. If a



woman is supplied with this splendid liniment she need never fear rising or swelling breasts, morning sickness, or any of the discomforts which usually accompany pregnancy.

The proprietor of a large hotel in Tampa, Fla., writes: "My wife had an awful time with her first child. During her second pregnancy, Mother's Friend was used and the baby was born easily before the doctor arrived. It's certainly great."

Get Mother's Friend at the drug stores. \$1 per bottle.
THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO.,
Atlanta, Ga.
Write for our free illustrated book, "Before Baby is Born."

The Beggar Students.

"I had a little personal experience in street begging the other night," said a sophomore of the University of Pennsylvania, recently. "I had dined down town in evening clothes with three other fellows, and when we started for home, some time after midnight we found that there wasn't a cent in the crowd. What were we to do? We talked the matter over, and decided that—for a joke, for an experiment—we would walk up Chestnut street and try to beg our car fare from the people we should meet. Into the ears of the first man we struck, a prosperous fellow, we pored a hard luck story very gravely. He looked at our opera hats and white gloves, and gave us the laugh. Everybody gave us the laugh. We tackled seven men and didn't get a cent. Therefore, we walked home, a distance of six miles."

New York Hook for Yale Men.

Yale graduates will find a constant reminder of one of the pleasant sides of undergraduate life at the new quarters of the New York Yale club. "Eddie" Oakley is to have charge of the grill room. "Eddie" has been known to so many generations of Yale men as "mine host at Mory's," a little tavern in New Haven, that he is viewed by graduates rather as an institution than as a man. Mory's has for its sole customers the upper classmen, and one of the events of the sophomore year is the privilege of going to Mory's and eating a rarebit at one of the mahogany side tables. When the Yale graduates of New York decided to establish new quarters "Eddie" was lured from his New Haven refuge and induced to take charge of the grill room. The old Yale clubhouse in Madison square will be closed.

Tweed Responsible for the Tiger.

The origin of the tiger as an emblem of Tammany is said by W. C. Montanye, a coffee and spice dealer in New York, to date from the time when William M. Tweed, then foreman of "Big Six" fire company, took a fancy to a picture of a royal Bengal tiger in his father's store in the '50s. Tweed adopted the emblem for the American club, and it soon was accepted by all Tammany. Tweed had the tiger's head woven in the center of the parlor carpet of the American club in its sporty clubhouse at Greenwich, Conn., and it was painted on the old hand engine of Big Six.

Swell Attire in Mexico.

"The sartorial world is full of prediction," remarks the Mexican Herald. "A single breasted frock coat is due to arrive in May, also the once familiar long tailed, single breasted cutaway white gave a zopilote air to its wearers. Down in Tabasco the swell tailors are competing to make for Don Santiago Carter a combination pajama and frock combined, one in which the philosopher can both sleep and attend swell functions when he makes his infrequent visits to this capital."

Gardening by Children.

Cleveland has a home gardening association which encourages children to cultivate flowers at home. Last spring the association distributed to children 50,000 penny packages of flower seeds, accompanied with printed instructions how to prepare the soil, plant and water. The teachers supplemented these instructions by talks. In the fall exhibitions were held in many schools, which revealed the fact that about 75 per cent of the efforts of the children were successful.

Why They Lose the Left One.

"A woman came in here the other day," said a glove salesman in a department store, "and wanted to buy a left glove to replace one she had lost; and hers was not the only request of the kind I have had. I believe women lose their left gloves most often because they wear their rings on their left hands, and whenever they find it necessary to remove a glove they take it off the hand that is adorned, and then absent-mindedly drop it or lay it down somewhere and forget it, instead of clasping it to the wrist of its fellow."

The Czar Isn't a Reader.

The czar of Russia does not read newspapers regularly, and seldom looks at a book. While attending to his official work in the morning he sips one cup of tea after another, and occasionally eats a caviar sandwich. The hours from 1 to 4 p. m. he gives to his family and family affairs. From 4 he works again till dinner time, at 7. His typhoid fever has left him stronger than he was before. His face is full and round, and he has had none of the headaches and epileptic fits that used to attack him before his recent illness.

Woe to Natural Causes.

A woman in an Illinois town was so grievously stricken with disease that she sent each of her seven children for a different doctor, with the result that during the day at least three physicians resorted to her calls. The woman died the following day. At the coroner's inquest held over the body, the jury brought in the following verdict: "We find that the woman came to her death from bowel trouble and a complication of physicians."

More Wealth Fewer Children.

An inquisitive reporter last week took a census of a mile of Fifth avenue, New York, embracing the homes of many very rich men and found just fifteen children under the age of 12. There was an average of one child to three houses. Then the reporter transferred his attention to the East end tenement district, where he found in the flat house sixty-three children, or more than four times the number found in the whole of Fifth avenue mile.

Champion Jag Record.

Peter Evans of Auburn, Ind., was recently arrested on a charge of drunkenness for the 169th time. In all but forty cases he was sent to jail "to sober up." On the other occasions he was given jail sentences. He has cost the county nearly \$700, and altogether has spent 1429 days in prison. Evans at one time was worth about \$30,000, but has lost it all through drink.

Membership Worth a Fortune.

Exceedingly interesting figures regarding the money represented in New York Stock exchange memberships came to light the other day. It was announced that the plan to sell 140 additional memberships for \$80,000 each, in order to raise \$7,000,000 for the completion of the new Stock exchange building, had been abandoned. It was the abandonment of this plan which accounted for last week's sharp advance in the market value of memberships from \$53,000 to \$60,000 bid. The Stock exchange at present has a membership of 1,100. Several years ago it was increased to that number from 1000. According to the present market value, each seat has a value of \$60,000 cash. The total membership, therefore, represents in money a sum equal to \$66,000,000. In addition to the market value of memberships, there should be added the sum contained in what is known as the guaranty fund, also the other assets of the exchange, which together aggregate about \$10,000,000. The actual market value, therefore, of all the memberships in the Stock exchange is equal to about \$75,000,000. This represents an increase at the rate of about \$1,000,000 a year since a few brokers assembled together under a buttonwood tree, near the battery, for the purpose of swapping stories and stocks.

New Kind of Insurance Needed.

Several Eastern insurance men were talking recently about new wrinkles in their business. "I firmly believe," said one, "that insurance against being buried alive would pay. It is surprising how many people have a dread that suspended animation may be mistaken for death. I know a woman who has actually made her husband promise that if he survives her he will stick a hat pin through her heart before she is buried, to make sure that no spark of life remains. In certain parts of Europe they have what are known as mortuary houses, where the dead are taken and subjected to various tests to make sure that death is absolutely certain. I believe there is a bill providing for a somewhat similar course now before the Massachusetts legislature. If such a mortuary building is established, multitudes of people would gladly pay, say \$100, to be insured in a company that would guarantee to make the necessary tests before burial or cremation." But suppose the alleged corpse should come to life under the treatment? asked a listener. "In that case," said the man who had previously spoken, "it ought to be worth something to the company."

Fancy, But Unprofitable.

The James Young farms at Middleton, Pa., for years have attracted the attention and interest of many people from remote parts of the country. They were accounted as among the most fertile and best managed farms in the United States and at the time of Mr. Young's death, a few years ago, the estate was valued at \$500,000. Some recent proceedings in court have revealed the fact that for the past three years these famous farms have been conducted at a loss of \$36,000. This will doubtless cause very general surprise.

A Dandy of 1770.

From a newspaper printed in the year 1770 is the following description of a dandy: "A few days ago a macaroni made his appearance in the assembly rooms at Whitehaven, dressed in a mixed silk coat, pink satin waistcoat and breeches, covered with an elegant silk net, white silk stockings with pink cloaks, pink satin shoes and large pearl buttons; a mushroom colored stock, covered with fine point lace; hair dressed remarkably high and stuck full of pearl pins."

Otherwise Correct.

A Montreal reporter described Rudyard Kipling as a "red-haired, squint-eyed little pomposity." An English commentator says the description is accurate in every respect, with the following reservations: First, Mr. Kipling is not red-haired; second, he does not squint; third, he is not pompous.

Lorillard's Luxurious Houseboat.

Pierre Lorillard is having built on the Hudson the most luxuriously equipped houseboat of its kind. It will not have to depend on tows for its movements, as it is equipped with twin screws and can go where its owner pleases.

Cold Weather Mad Dogs.

During the prevalence of the intense cold in the Yukon region the first two months of this year (68.5 below zero being the lowest) there was a haze all over the country and an epidemic of rabies seized upon the dogs of Dawson.

Costly Spoons.

A single set of spoons lately brought 1000 guineas in London, James I. "Apostle" pattern, dated 1610. Only two such other sets are known—one at Corpus College, Cambridge, the other at the Goldsmiths' hall. The figureheads are Christ (the master spoon), St. James the Greater, St. James the Less, St. Bartholomew, St. Peter, St. Judge, St. Philip, St. John, St. Thomas, St. Matthew, St. Matthias, St. Simon and St. Andrew.

Brazil's Big City.

A recent census gives the population of Rio de Janeiro gives the city approximately 650,000 inhabitants. This is much smaller than was generally supposed. In all there are 60,132 houses and dwellings, giving the large average of ten people each. The tenements are crowded with hundreds of occupants, many of them living in the most wretched manner.

A Bicycle Closed the Church.

The orthodox Greek church in East Twenty-seventh street, New York city, has been closed. The archimandrite, Rev. Agathodoros A. Papageorgopoulos, has been driven to resign because he offended his people's sense of priestly propriety by riding a red bicycle about the streets, and doing other things which indicate too great liberality of views. And there is no other Greek priest in the city.

The Oldest Duke.

The Duke of Cambridge has just reached his 82nd birthday, having been born on March 26, 1819. He has now attained a greater age than any other modern prince or princess of the blood royal of England.

Widely Scattered Family.

The following death notice, which recently appeared in the Dublin Express, shows incidentally the wide dispersion of the Irish people: "Geraghty—accidentally killed at Johannesburg, South Africa. John Geraghty, aged 37 years, son of Patrick Geraghty, of Roscommon, brother of George and Katie Geraghty, Roscommon; and brother of James Geraghty, of Pretoria, and of William Geraghty, of Galway; and of Peter, Patrick and Martin Geraghty, of New South Wales; and of Annie Corley, of Suva, Fiji islands. Deeply regretted. R. I. P."

Cheate's Young Harvard Secretary.

William Woodward, of New York, who has been appointed private secretary to Ambassador Joseph H. Choate at the court of St. James, London, is a law student at Harvard. From the time he entered the university Woodward became one of the most prominent figures in his class. He played right guard on the freshman football eleven and in his sophomore year was substitute on the varsity. In 1897 he managed the varsity crew. He was graduated with the degree of A. B., and the next year he took the degree of A. M.

HARVARD at the Pan-American.

Harvard University is to be represented at the Pan-American exposition by an extensive exhibit. The nucleus of the exhibit will be that sent to Paris last year, but several extensive additions and improvements have been made in the collection. The general university exhibit will consist of the reports and publications of the various departments, showing their growth. In this exhibit will also be a collection of pictures of the university buildings.

Thomas' Venerable Sisters.

Two sisters of General George H. Thomas, the distinguished Union commander, are still living at the old family seat in Southampton county, Virginia, in the house where he and they were born. Miss Judith, the elder, is nearly 90 years old, and Miss Anne is ten years younger.

Versatile Mand.

The liveliest and, the English people think, the prettiest princess in Europe is Princess Mand, the Duke of York's unmarried sister. She can not only bind books and nurse a sick patient scientifically, but also sail a half-rater, ride a bicycle and let go the handlebar without falling off, spin as well as sew, play chess and speak five languages, including Russian. She vies with her mother, Queen Alexandra, in being an expert photographer, and she is the queen's favorite daughter.

Anti-Divorce Prescription.

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Another John Brown Juror Dead.

George W. Brown, one of the jurors who tried John Brown, has just died at Charlestown, W. Va. Only one member of that famous jury now survives—William A. Martin, who lives at Delaplane, Va.

As Rostrand Ranks Them.

Edmond Rostrand, the French dramatist, says that he prefers Shakespeare to all other authors; that Dickens holds the second place among his favorites and Hugo the third.

Forewarned, Forearmed.

The liability to disease is greatly lessened when the blood is in good condition, and the circulation healthy and vigorous. For then all refuse matter is promptly carried out of the system; otherwise it would rapidly accumulate—fermentation would take place, the blood become polluted and the constitution so weakened that a simple malady might result seriously.

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Mr. E. E. Kelly, of Urbana, O., writes: "I had Eosema on my hands and face for five years. It would break out in little white pustules, crusts would form and drop off, leaving the skin red and inflamed. The doctors did me no good. I used all the medicated soaps and salves without benefit. S. S. S. cured me, and my skin is as clear and smooth as any one's."

Mrs. Henry Stegried, of Cape May, N. J., says that twenty-one bottles of S. S. S. cured her of Cancer of the breast. Doctors and friends thought her case hopeless.

Richard T. Gardner, Florence, S. C., suffered for years with Boils. Two bottles of S. S. S. put his blood in good condition and the Boils disappeared.

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A Costly City Hall.

It is more than thirty years ago, says the New York Mail and Express, in January, 1871, when the removal of some iron railings from Penn square, in the exact center of the old colonial plan of Philadelphia, marked the beginning of a city hall designed to be one of the most elaborate and artistic municipal structures in the world. The site was chosen by popular vote, but the people of the Quaker City have had little else to say about that building except to pay the bills. Originally designed to cost \$5,000,000, and to be completed within a few years, the Philadelphia city hall, after the lapse of nearly a generation, thus far represents a total outlay of between \$23,000,000 and \$24,000,000, and is not finished.

This is a conspicuous example of the error of intrusting great public works to permanent commissions that are beyond the reach of the direct vote of the people, whose responsible servants they should be. In this case, the structure was confided to a commission that could be reached only through the legislature. Aside from any charges of corruption, or of favoritism shown to contractors, the temptation to the most upright of men to elaborate a creation of architectural art, and unconsciously to prolong their own continuance in office, has proved irresistible. Attention is drawn to this example of expensive administration by the incident that the care and completion of the building have passed from the commission into the direct control of the city government. Perhaps this may mean that Philadelphia may soon rejoice in a stoppage of this drain upon its public purse; although its municipal government has none too savory a reputation.

It is singular that in the face of this example Pennsylvania should have intrusted to another commission the building of a new state capital. The structure at Harrisburg is nominally finished at a cost of about \$400,000, but the present legislature has appropriated \$5,000,000 for "additions." This capitol, the Philadelphia city hall, the state capitol in Albany and the Tweed county court house here may be classed as quadruple examples of extravagant expenditure in public buildings, and in consideration both of the large outlay and the small return the last is first.

Nye Had Fun With Riley.

When James Whitcomb Riley and "Bill" Nye traveled together giving a joint entertainment the humorist had great fun with the poet. Once in introducing Riley and himself to an audience Nye remarked: "I will appear first and speak until I get tired, then Mr. Riley will succeed me and read from his own works until you get tired."

The Increasing Death Roll.

For the first time since the Grand Army of the Republic was organized the mortality in the order last year went beyond 10,000. Within four or five years one-half of the 400,000 members in 1890 will have passed from the rolls of the living.

Queer Fines for Settle's Money.

Edward Settle of Hickeville, La., is seeking legal advice upon a perplexing problem. A few days ago Settle sold an old cow to a Brooklyn butcher for \$46. He considered that he had obtained a good price and was happy. On Monday Settle received a postal card with some interesting news. The butcher had found a wallet in the stomach of the cow. The wallet contained several gold coins and \$72 in bills. Settle thinks he has some claim upon the money, and will demand that the butcher turn over part of it to him. If not, he declares he will sue.

Hawaiian Investments.

"The bulk of paying properties in the Hawaiian Islands is owned by Americans, perhaps as much as four-fifths," said a Honolulu man en route to England, the other day. "Money is tight there, because of the great demand for it in developing numerous enterprises. I know of a party of Englishmen who were passing through Honolulu recently and invested \$10,000. They will probably send more money there before long. Sugar is not bringing the fancy prices of last year, but there is still a good margin of profit in its culture. Some of the opportunities for investment are very good, but their value does not seem to be appreciated in this country. For instance, the bonds of the Oahu railroad, paying an interest of 6 per cent, do not begin to sell for the premium they would command under similar circumstances in the United States. The road is a very profitable property, and its warehouses and terminals alone would sell for the amount of bonds issued. The same thing is true of other well established enterprises in the Islands that I might mention. But with the exploitation of Hawaiian securities, I look for a change for the better in this regard."

Queen's Bounty for Triplets.

"I had once," writes a correspondent, "the curiosity to write to Windsor Castle and ask for the origin of the queen's charitable practice of giving a 'bounty' to women who had given birth to triplets. I had a very courteous reply from the queen's private secretary explaining that the first gift to a woman who had three children at a birth was prompted solely by her majesty's sympathetic feeling toward her. The case had happened to come to the knowledge of the queen, and she sent a sovereign for each of the newly arrived little Beatonas, as an assistance to the mother in her embarrassment of family treasures. This had happened about forty years before this correspondence and quite early in the reign, and had cost the queen's private purse about \$1,500 a year ever since. Of course, it is not in all cases of the kind that this 'bounty' is sent to the mother. It is only to those who are poor and apply for it, but as the majority of people are poor, and somehow these little surprises seem generally to overtake people who cannot afford them, the queen's bounty for triplets had come to be regarded as a matter of course."

Stars in Burnt Cork.

A score of the leading actresses in the country doing a cakewalk with twenty of the leading actors, all with black faces will be a feature of the testimonial to be given to the Twelfth Night club at the Empire theater, New York, May 3. "It will be a benefit really," said Miss Elizabeth Tyree, who made public the Twelfth Nighters' plans. "But we have decided to call it a testimonial, because it sounds better." It has always been the ambition of the members of the club to own their place of meeting, and with that end in view a sinking fund was established, and the money secured by the coming testimonial will be added to this.

Sold for \$40,000 an Acre.

What is said to be the largest tract of land on Manhattan island was sold a few days ago for \$1,000,000. It contains twenty-five acres and is known as the Powers estate at Fort George. The building boom has made it gilt edge residence property.

He Knows His Bible.

Archbishop Ireland is said to know his Bible so well that even in the hurry of rapid speech he can put his finger upon any passage he requires, just as the pianist's finger can find the needed key.

A Strong Man's Diet.

The answers of James J. Jeffries to a committee of Missouri physicians who catechised him as to his habits and rule of training revealed again the open secret of health and strength.

The great fighter told the doctors that he sleeps nine or ten hours, and "depends more on that than anything else" to keep him right. The value of this great conservator of vital force is known to everybody and yet how many men and women cut down the hours given to sleep in order to crowd a little more pleasure or work into the day! Jeffries is a giant, but he says, "I never let anybody break my sleep."

He eats heartily of meat "only when working hard"—which is as rational as the practice of the engineer to use coal freely only when he wants to make steam. The pugilist says, "Sometimes I will go for a whole week without eating any meat." How many professional men, bankers, brokers or others of sedentary lives practice a similar wholesome self-restraint? Is it not the habit of most Americans who can "afford it" to eat meat twice or three times a day, regardless of the work they have to do or the exercise they can take?

When getting "in condition" Jeffries uses neither tobacco nor liquor of any kind. He knows that stimulants and narcotics affect the normal action of the heart and other organs upon the perfect working of which is "staying power" depends. Nor, when he has a man's work before him, does he take milk or other baby food, but eats "steaks, chops and chicken," with cooked fruits. A cold bath every morning and plenty of exercise in the open air round out this strong man's regimen.

The best safeguard against disease, the surest recipe for long-lasting, is to "keep in condition." What the fighter or the athlete does to this end, as the result of long experience and observation, may well serve as a pointer to other people.

Canada's Great Cantilever Bridge.

The Quebec parliament, which adjourned about two weeks ago, appropriated \$500,000 toward the construction of the famous cantilever bridge which has figured to a greater or less extent in Canadian politics for a long period. The cornerstone of the bridge was laid last September, and there are now 500 or 600 men at work upon the bridge but the most of these are quarrying stone for the enormous piers. The bridge, as is pretty well known, will be 204 feet longer than the great cantilever bridge at Perth, Scotland. It will cross the St. Lawrence between Sillery and Etchemin, and, when completed, will be a most important link in the commercial thoroughfares between different sections of the Dominion. The Canadian government has already appropriated a large amount of money for the bridge before the Quebec parliament voted an appropriation.

First "Pilgrim's Progress."

A perfect copy of the rare first edition of the "Pilgrim's Progress" is to be sold in London early in May. The history of this book is interesting. It was at one time in the possession of the Fleetwood family, and was given to Ann Palmer, the great grandmother of the late owner, John Nash. The appearance of the unique copy of the first edition of this remarkable little volume is an event of great interest in book collecting circles.

Low Shoes Best for Women.

Laponi, the Pope's physician, has declared sandals and low shoes the best for feminine wear. This is contrary to a prevalent opinion that low-cut footwear leads to enlarged or weakened ankles.

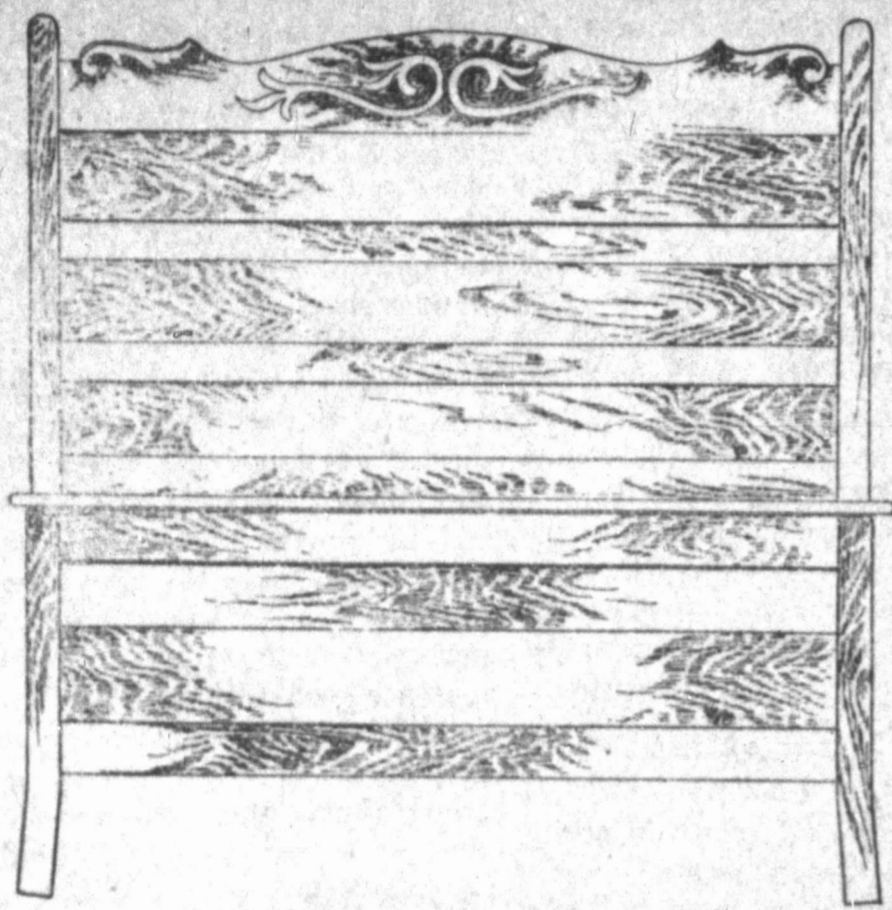
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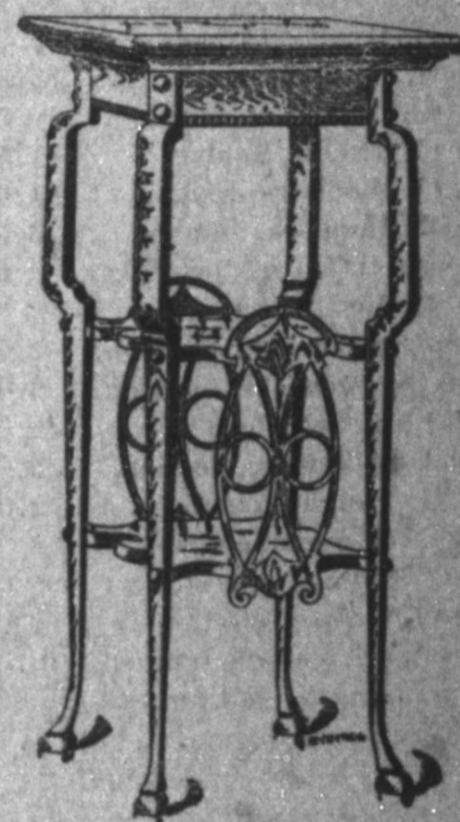
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Prolific Bananas.

An acre of bananas will produce, in weight, 133 times as much as an acre of wheat. Banana flour is coming into use. Brewers are experimenting with bananas as a substitute for barley. From the fiber of the plant rope, canvas and thin clothing are being made.

New Food Yourself.

A Chicago man claims to have discovered that parsley eaten right after a meal will effectively prevent the "onion breath." Here is where progress and the comfort of life take a long leap forward.

An Explorer's Masonic Flag.

Evelyn B. Baldwin, commander of the Baldwin-Ziegler Arctic expedition, has been given by Lane lodge of Free Masons of New York city, a Masonic flag, with the charge to plant it beside the stars and stripes at the highest point he reaches, whether the North pole or not. Kana lodge was named for the Arctic explorer, Dr. Elisha Kent Kane, who was a member; and it possesses tokens of several expeditions in polar regions, among them the "fair Augusta" figurehead of the brig Advance, which was abandoned in the ice in 1855, and flags planted in several latitudes by Lieutenant C. C. Hayes, Lieutenant Greeley and Lieutenant Peary—the last two members of the lodge. Mr. Baldwin is a thirty-second degree Mason.

Waiter's Plutocratic Income.

A dapper little English waiter, Edward Lederer by name, who is suing Sherry, the noted New York caterer, for \$2000 worth of tips at the rate of \$100 a week, sat all day in the city court recently for a chance to tell a jury how he was deprived of his income after Sherry's dumbwaiter fell on his head. Lederer was very angry because the secret of his tip getting had got into print. "It is awful," said he, mournfully. "It will just ruin the business." Then Lederer's professional pride conquered, and he admitted that for seven months in the year—from September to April—a smart waiter could make \$100 a week in tips at the Waldorf-Astoria, Sherry's, or any first class places. The regular wages paid waiters not employed on the tip basis are: Waldorf-Astoria, \$32 a month; Sherry's, \$30; Delmonico's, \$25. Sometimes the waiters make \$20 a day extra.

An Eastern man who has just returned from Cuba was impressed by two things during his stay in Havana—the strength of the coffee that is served and the vast quantity of soda biscuits of American manufacture consumed by the natives. "It took me some time to get accustomed to the coffee," he said. "At first I used to water it, but gradually I fell into the Cuban's way of drinking it, and learned to like the strong, aromatic flavor. Our own coffee now tastes weak and insipid to me. The poorer class of Cubans will make a meal from coffee and soda biscuits. I learned that more of these biscuits are sold in Havana than in any of even the largest of American cities. Key West, although comparatively a small community, consumes next to the consumption of the rest of the island."

French Minister's New Home.

The French government is to have an official residence in Washington, and it will be a fine one. Nearly two acres of ground have been bought, well located on a high knoll commanding a fine view of the city, and there the famous French architect, Carre, is to design a home for the embassy which shall be the finest specimen of French architecture on this side of the Atlantic.

Another \$100,000-a-Year Man.

Wall street is greatly interested in the latest "self-made" man, Frederic P. Fish, who will draw \$100,000 for twelve months' service as president of the American Bell Telephone company. He was counsel for the New York Airbrake company against the Westinghouse company after the reorganization of the General Electric company.

Boss of the Itinerary.

George B. Cortelyou, the president's secretary, has entire charge of the proposed 13,100 mile journey of President McKinley around the United States. He makes all the arrangements as to trains and hotels and is said to have the time tables at his command.

Not long since all the figures on the plaster moldings in St. James' gallery, in the Sorbonne, Paris, were found to have been deprived of their noses, and as these casts represented a long line of sculptures dating from the middle ages to Louis Quinze, it was feared that irretrievable injury had been done to works of high historical interest. A few days ago, however, a boy found all these "ravished noses" wrapped in a bundle and pitched under a staircase. Legras, the sculptor, is going to attempt a great restoration.

Groom of 88 and Bride of 18.

A curious marriage was recently celebrated at Grocholetz, in Poland, where a peasant at the age of 88 led to the altar a maiden of 18 summers. Among the 290 guests invited to the wedding were eleven sons of the bridegroom by former marriages, the eldest being 60 years old and the youngest 41. There were also sixty-three grandchildren, thirty-nine great-grandchildren, 21 children of the fourth generation and four of the fifth.

Ibsen at 74.

Ibsen is now almost completely recovered from the attack of influenza which so alarmed his friends. He has just celebrated his 74th birthday, and says in an interview that he hopes to live to see his 90th.

"Bobs" Did Them a Favor.

The young men of Cockburn, South Australia, formed a rifle club a short time ago, but found difficulty in securing rifles from the government. Feeling that in the worst event they could not be hanged for their daring, they applied to Lord Roberts, who promptly had them supplied with Mausers captured from the Boers. The young men, as a mark of gratitude, are now sending to the commander-in-chief a handsome inkstand made of silver mounted emu eggs.

Tablet on Lee's Homestead.

A tablet has been placed upon the house in Richmond, Va., in which General Robert E. Lee's family lived during the war. The building is a plain three-story and basement red brick house on Franklin street, near Seventh, and has been occupied by the Virginia Historical Society for some time past. The tablet reads: "The residence of General Robert E. Lee from 1861 to 1865."

The Japanese Geisha Girl.

Of course, we are all wrong in our views of the geisha, based as they are on an English opera bearing her name and traducing her character, and it is pleasant to have our mistakes set right on this point. Etymologically a geisha is an accomplished person; socially she is an entertainer who has been trained from the age of 7 or 8 to dance or sing for the amusement of guests at a dinner party. Probably her parents have leased her for a number of years to a teacher who undertakes to board and train her, to procure engagements and to chaperon her, to pay a fixed sum to her family as well as a tax to the government, in return for all of which a sufficient recompense is assured by the fees which a talented artist is able to earn. Less frequently she lives at home and obtains engagements through an agent, who receives only a percentage of her gains. Her social position is explained by the fact that inasmuch a convention has banished the actress from the Japanese stage—the celebrated Mr. Danjuro, for instance, is renowned for his enactments of female characters—the geisha takes her place as the natural recipient of masculine homage. It depends upon herself how she lives, but she is undoubtedly much courted and sometimes makes a brilliant match.

Girl's Marvellous Memory.

It is said that R. G. Gill, superintendent of the model rooms in the United States patent office, Washington, has an intimate knowledge of every one of the 700,000 models under his charge, though they range in intricacy from a fountain pen to a complicated triple expansion engine for a trans-Atlantic liner. It's marvelous memory for such things is the wonder of all who know him.

Van Horne's Cuban Railway.

"We have begun work on both ends of our Cuban railroad," said Sir William Van Horne, formerly of Missouri, but now Canada's leading railway magnate, to an interviewer the other day, "that will connect the western lines at Santa Clara with the roads near Santiago. The distance between the two points is about forty miles, but there will be branch roads connecting with both the north and south coasts. We hope to have the work mostly completed in about a year. The road will penetrate a wonderfully productive country, about which very little is known in the United States." "The Cubans adapt themselves well to the work of railroad building?" "They have been more used to the machete than the shovel," replied Sir William, "but under kindly treatment they make good progress. Our roads," he added, "in answer to further inquiries, are being constructed in first class fashion. The bridges are of steel and the rails of the same material. Some difficulties are met with in grading, but the character of country, so far as construction is concerned, is about what it would be in building a road through Virginia." Sir William still retains the chairmanship of the board of the Canadian Pacific, but says he is giving much less attention to that property than formerly.

Just Like Real Men.

Business women in Greater New York have started an organization for mutual benefit and assistance, likewise planning a club in the downtown section which will rival many of the resorts maintained by their big brothers north of Madison square. Over 200 stenographers, typewriters, bookkeepers, cashiers and clerks have contributed to the fund, with which a six room suite in the top of a big Fulton street office building has been leased for club purposes. No man shall ever cross the threshold. It is to be operated by women and for women. There is a big dining room, where dainty luncheons for busy women will be served from 11 until 3; a "green room" with great easy chairs and divans, and—note particularly—two small blue rooms with blue denim covered cushions and blue shades on the windows, where the girls who suffer from nervous headaches can spend a restful hour. Nor is this a charitable institution, but a club, pure and simple, operated on business principles.

A Sixteen Pound Tooth.

A mammoth's tooth has been found by workmen digging on the site of the old Six Bells in King's road, Chelsea. The tooth, which has been examined by South Kensington museum officials, is about fifteen inches broad, nearly a foot long and weighs nearly sixteen pounds. It is in a perfect state of preservation, and though a workman's pick split it in two, the parts join easily.

British Y. M. C. A. Men Coming.

Among the distinguished Englishmen who expect to attend the Young Men's Christian Association jubilee convention in Boston on June 10 are Lord Kinnoird, Howard Williams (a son of Sir George Williams, the founder of the association); John McCall of Epsom, Richard Cory of Cardiff, W. B. Mason of Leeds and A. W. Churchill of London.

Connecticut's Brown Monument.

An appropriation of \$1000 for a monument to John Brown in Torrington has been approved by the Connecticut senate on condition that the town of Torrington acquire the ancestral Brown homestead there and make it public ground. Assurances come from the town that the condition will be met.

Costly Stinginess.

A custom official who has been on duty in New York tells a story of how a spongy man came to grief on one of the docks. "He was a fussy little fellow," he says "who had a small steamer trunk. As soon as the inspector had made his examination the man leaned over to strap the trunk. He had some trouble, and one of the laborers on the dock offered to help him. 'No,' he snapped, 'I'll do it myself. I'm not tipping any of you fellows.' While he was leaning over the trunk one of the oldest inspectors in the service came along. He noticed a little protuberance on the man's back, brought out by the strain on his coat as he leaned over. The inspector placed his hand on the lump. Then he ordered the man into his office, stripped him and found a belt containing \$18,000 worth of jewelry around his body. If that man had not leaned over to strap his trunk and save 10 cents or a quarter, he would probably have got that jewelry through for nothing. As it was, it was confiscated."

Gave Him Back the Same Kind.

A story is told of an amusing encounter which Maurice Barrymore once had with a stranger. "Will you oblige me with a light?" said Barrymore to a belated stroller. "Certainly," said the stranger, holding over his cigar. But when Barrymore handed back the perfect the owner flung it away. Out came Barrymore's cigar case. "Take one of mine," he said, with a tone to the invitation which made an order of it. The stranger hesitated and took the cigar. "Let me offer you a light," added Barrymore, giving his lighted weed to the other. Upon regaining his cigar Barrymore, of course, flung it away. "I should like to continue this indefinitely, but I have only a few cigars," he said, and walked off. Barrymore would devote as much thought to a trifle like this as he would require to write a brilliant essay or memorize a part.

The Janice Meredith Curl.

A late fad is the Janice Meredith curl. There is a picture—a copy of a miniature—on the cover of the book, and this shows Paul Leicester Ford's heroine with a single curl hanging over her left shoulder. Of course, all the girls have read "Janice Meredith," and have promptly fallen in love with the heroine, just as everybody did in the book; and that is how the Janice curl sprang into existence. It is several inches long, and is draped from the nape of the neck over the shoulder and hangs down in front. Hairdressers say that a lot of them are false; that only girls with very thick hair could produce the effect naturally.

Kipling's New Home.

C. P. Gibson, of Chesterfield, N. H., has sold one of the handsomest residence sites about Lake Spofford, in Chesterfield, to Mrs. Rudyard Kipling. The spot is but a few miles across country from Brattleboro, Vt., where Mr. Kipling lately made his home.

A Canada Land Find.

Canadians have just opened their eyes to 15,680,000 acres of fine, unexploited farming land between Quebec and Thunder bay, on the north shore of Lake Superior.

Domesticating Quail.

Northern Indiana farmers are experimenting in the domestication of quail, and the results are reported as highly gratifying. Nearly every farmer in that section has from one to three coverts on his farm, and is giving them kind and careful attention. During the snow season the birds are fed regularly and on some of the farms they have become so tame that they roost with the barnyard fowls.

Ready Made Headwear.

A new development of enterprise in the wholesale millinery houses is seen in the ready made, of the unblocked models now to be found in comprehensive collections of headwear, and of the materials for its manufacture. The models now shown run mostly into what come under description as "dress hats," comprehending now, according to character, toques, turbans, and picture hats; with a few bonnets. Wire frames constitute the foundation for these hats, while the flexible and pliant fiber and straw piece laces, and the tulle and silk muslins now in millinery use, readily yield themselves to the construction. The models, having form in the toques of medium large size, the flat effects being varied by billowy effects in drapery, and much is accomplished by heavy torsades or twisted effects of the materials employed. A toque for example appears, made of piece straw lace so wide that, being gathered at one edge to a point, and the ends sewed together, laid over the top, it may be folded in a tucked fashion to form the wide flat crown, and of its width, disposed in two tuks or puffs, or in a single fold to cover and form the brim. Another model, for example, is found in a turban, the curled brim of which is covered, objectively, with a succession of wired leaves, or shells, of net, edged and relieved with embroidery of narrow fancy braid, while around the crown is a double twist formed by bunching three ply fancy braid, and veiling the bunches of tulle. Billowy draping and twisted effects are the most noticeable in these models, while of the toques, some of them show rising at the left side a semi-circular appliance, wide enough and tall enough to take on for trimming, one of the greatly magnified roses now conspicuous in artificial creations.

The Greatest Organ.

The man who is putting new pipes in the organ of the Mormon Tabernacle at Salt Lake City, Utah, was told that many old Salt Laker were weeping over the fact that the organ was being remodeled, and replied: "They will weep that they did weep when once they hear the new instrument." He claims that it will be "the greatest instrument" in America when the present work is completed.

Conger to be Chicago's Guest.

E. H. Conger, the American minister to China, has been invited to be the guest of the Hamilton Club, of Chicago, on April 9, which is celebrated by the club as Appomattox day.

A Young Female Fagin.

A pretty 18-year-old New York girl, known in the thieves' world as "Queen Louise," teaches the gentle art of stealing. She had a class of five girls; all younger than herself, and they have been plying the shop-lifter's trade with great success in the retail district. "Her majesty" painstakingly drilled the little ones in the art of picking pockets, and, like Dickens' Fagin, taught them to remove initials from handkerchiefs and destroy other marks of identification.

Was the Only "Frat" President.

The late General Harrison was the only man ever elected president who during his college days was a member of a Greek letter society. The society whose alumni rolls are honored with his name is the Phi Delta Theta, which is one of the famous "Miami triad" of fraternities, the other two being the Beta Theta Pi and the Sigma Chi. The chapter of which General Harrison was a member was the first chapter organized in the fraternity—the one at Miami university, Ohio.

The Black Cat Industry.

The announcement that a company has been organized at Winsted, Conn., for the raising of black cats for commercial purposes will be received with regret and indignation by the various cat clubs of the country. A Connecticut Yankee, descendant from a long line of shoepeg oats and wooden nutmeg manufacturers, has made the discovery that black cat skins are worth in the market 50 cents per pelt, and that a large profit can be made from breeding cats.

This scheme opens up a new career for cats and considerably enhances their value and importance, especially for the cats which are cradled in the lap of luxury. Of course alley cats are not worth the skinning. Living, as they do, upon garbage and engaged in continuous nocturnal warfare with each other, their pelts are valueless. Only those who are well taken care of have skins fit for the market. Hitherto cats of this kind have been practically of no value to any one. They are too pampered to catch rats and mice, and spend their time sleeping and receiving the maudlin adoration of their admirers. They have never had any value except a sentimental one to their owners, while they have been, like most pet animals, more or less of a nuisance to others. It is somewhat difficult to understand why a black cat should be preferred to a cat of any other color when it is to be utilized in the adornment of a lady, but it is pleasant to know that even a black cat can be put to some practical use.

The new industry should be both thriving and profitable, and there does not seem to be any reasonable objection to it, especially if it shall be confined to black cats, which have always been associated with witches, the evil one, and the powers of darkness generally. The societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals will not be called upon to interfere, for the cats will not be tortured in any one of their nine lives, as seals, gulls, humming birds, herons and other animals are for the gratification of feminine vanity.

"Suicide Rooms."

In one of the Philadelphia asylums for the insane there are certain apartments known as "suicide rooms." These are set aside as harbors of refuge for those patients who manifest a strong desire to end their lives. Everything in these rooms is round. There are no knobs or posts to the beds, for the maniac would tie a sheet around any such projection and hang himself. For the same reason there are no gas fixtures and no inside shutters. There are not even doorknobs, while the doors themselves are made to open outward. When the men undress their clothes are carefully removed from the room, so that they may not be used for strangling their owners. All the edges of the bureaux, the backs of chairs, etc., are carefully rounded, so that there may be no points upon which the inmates might beat their heads. No canes or sticks are allowed in the rooms. The doors are left open at night, and a keeper parades incessantly up and down before them.

Live Dummies' Job a Hard One.

A patron of a more or less popular method of advertising says that people who are able to sit in a show window all day, and work in full view of the gazing throng without being flustered, are exceedingly rare.

Sword for Colonel Barber.

Colonel Merritt Barber, former adjutant general in the Philippines, is recuperating at his old home in Pownal, Vt., where the townspeople are to present him with a sword as a mark of their appreciation of his military service.

GOOD NEWSPAPERS

At a Very Low Price.

The Semi-Weekly News (Galveston or Dallas) is published Mondays and Thursdays. Each issue consists of eight pages. There are special departments for the farmers, the ladies and the boys and girls, besides a world of general news matter, illustrated articles, etc. We offer the

Semi-Weekly News

—and—

THE COURIER

for 12 months for the low clubbing price of \$2.00, cash.

This gives you three papers a week, or 156 papers a year, for a ridiculously low price.

Hand in your subscription at once.

Crockett Music Store.

Pianos, Organs, Violins, Guitars, sheet music and musical supplies of all kinds always on hand. Also Columbia Graphophone Records and supplies. We buy direct from factory. No second-class or job lot goods. We give our customers benefit of our discounts.

Jas. DeDaines & Daughter,
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Save Your Tin Tags

Taken from the following brands of tobacco: Show Down, Bob Hancock, Chip, Red Heart, Dewey Twist and Uncle Henry and ask your merchant to show you the lithographed hanger we sent him, showing cuts of forty useful and valuable presents which we are giving away until Jan. 1st, 1902 in redeeming these tags. Write for list of presents.

HANCOCK BROS. & Co.
Tobacco Manufacturers,
Lynchburg, Va.

Has Cured Thousands Will Cure You.

If you are troubled with Kidney or Bladder troubles, such as Dropsy, Bright's Disease, Catarrh, Gravel of the Bladder, Albumen in Urine and unhealthy deposits, or too frequent discharge of the urine, pain in back and bladder, dropsical swelling of the feet and legs, etc., etc., we guarantee that by using Smith's Sure Kidney Cure, a complete cure will be effected. Price 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Rheumatism is conceded to have its origin in a poisoned condition of the blood, and to be most successfully treated by Herbine, which acts upon the liver, kidneys and other blood purifying organs, thereby investing the system of the offending agent. Price 50 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Local Items.

Go to Rich & Shell for hardware.

Hardware cheap at Rich & Shell's.

Miss Adele Winfree is visiting at Augusta.

Try a bottle of "Blue Ribbon" beer at Hyman's.

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

There are no new developments in the East Texas oil field.

When your throat gets dry talking oil, call at Hyman's.

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

Mr. Mose C. Harris of Galveston spent Sunday in this city.

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

Miss Lena Kelley spent Sunday and Monday visiting at Lovelady.

Berry Foster of Marlin is the guest of his brother, J. R. Foster.

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

The county clerk reports the marriage license business to be dull.

East Texas is forging to the front with its timber, oil, coal and iron.

A man named Cook, a stranger, is dangerously sick at the Aldrich house.

Houston county coal finds a ready market as fast as it can be gotten out.

A dozen or two of Crockett's citizens are camping at Standmire lake this week.

Miss Ida Shapira of Madisonville is the welcome guest of Miss Sarah Bromberg.

One must dig down pretty deep to strike bottom in one of Hyman's big glasses of beer.

Ice cold Budweiser, Lemp's Falstaff and San Antonio bottled beer at Hyman's saloon.

Arch Murchison of San Antonio spent Sunday in Crockett, visiting his parents.

Henry Baker and sister, Miss Mittie, have returned home from school at Tehuacana.

Go to the Lumber yard for shingles. Prices from \$1.50 up to \$3.00 per thousand.

18 lbs. Y. C. sugar at the Big Store for \$1.00.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

The brick work has been begun on the G. Q. King building adjoining Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Beautiful cereals 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 Nursing Mothers.
Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

For Sale.
A good milk cow.

J. T. HARRISON.

See our big slipper ad. on another page.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Mrs. Florence Arledge and daughter, Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, are visiting relatives in Marlin.

Get your corn, bran, corn chops and feed stuff at the Big Store.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Hal Lacy has returned from Hot Springs, where he has been under treatment for throat trouble.

See a beautiful line lawn waists of every description at the Big Store. **JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.**

Get a 22 target rifle at the Big Store cheap.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from

SMITH & FRENCH DRUG Co.

Get your fruit jars at the Big Store cheap.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

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

You get 11 lbs. good coffee at the Big Store for \$1.00.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Reports are to the effect that the rain was not as heavy east of town as it was in and around town.

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

Bacon has advanced about 14 cents in the last ten days. It is now selling in Crockett at 11 cents.

Rev. R. E. Morris and wife of Timpson are visiting the family of Mrs. Morris' father, Major J. C. Wooters.

The freight hauled out from Crockett for the mill at Coltharp averages something like two car loads a day.

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

Don't Blame The Cook.

Impure cream tartar and bicarbonate of soda, fraud flavored extracts and adulterated spices, are responsible for many a failure in pastry making. These things are drugs and the safest way is to buy them of a druggist who will guarantee absolute purity and reliability. We prepare our own flavoring extracts. Our Vanilla is made from the genuine Mexican Vanilla Bean. Most of the so called vanilla contains no vanilla at all—some is made from coal tar and some is a Tonka bean extract. There's economy in the use of our flavors because they go about twice as far as the ordinary kind.

J. G. HARING,
PHARMACIST.

The poor devil smacked his lips when he was introduced to "Paul Jones and Joel B. Frazier" at Hyman's saloon.

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

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

There is an immense amount of freight being hauled out to the mill at Coltharp. Wagon load follows wagon load.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Bromberg and children, accompanied by Mrs. S. Hirschfeld, returned to their old home in Galveston.

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

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.

A dispatch from Lufkin to the Galveston News says that work is being rapidly pushed on that end of the Crockett and Lufkin road.

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

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

We may yet see East Texas iron developed with the use of Houston county oil and lignite. Who knows?

The Houston County Lumber Co. has a complete stock of windows and doors. Call and get our prices before you buy.

Get Butterick patterns of every description at the Big Store. Subscribe for the Delineator.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & Co.

Strength Enables You to Stand the Heat

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic gives strength.

A large two-story frame building is being constructed on the lot opposite the Houston County Lumber Co's. office by Dr. H. J. Canyus.

It is believed there is enough oil and lignite underlying Houston county to furnish fuel for the manufacture of all the iron in East Texas.

S. J. Patton Sr. of Tadmor was in town Tuesday and called to see us. He is sending the COURIER to his son, J. T. Patton, at Boaz, Coryell county.

The case in county court this week of John S. Langston against Richard Arnold, suit for balance on note, was tried by jury and mistrial awarded.

Call at the Lumber yard and examine our stock of screen doors and windows. Local shipment just received.

T. R. DEUPREE, MANAGER.

Malaria Causes Biliousness.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic removes the cause.

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

Lost.

One pair gold framed spectacles, hook over ears, in leather case. Letters A. O. J. on case. Please deliver to J. E. Downes if found and receive reward.

Crockett has a dramatic club which has been in existence for several weeks. The club is rehearsing a play entitled "Because I Love You," which it will put on at the opera house some time soon. The net proceeds will be used for charitable purposes.

It Saved His Leg.
P. A. Danforth of Grange, 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.

Laborers Wanted.
Fifty men wanted to clear land and do similar work at the big mill near Coltharp, Texas. Come in by way of Lufkin or Crockett. Wages \$1.50. Cash paid once each month. Board \$2.50 to \$3.50.

LA. AND TEXAS LUMBER Co.
J. W. MARTIN, SUPT.

When the liver fails to excrete bile, the blood becomes loaded with bilious properties, the digestion becomes impaired and the bowels constipated. Herbine has a direct action on the liver and excretory organs, and a few doses will cure any case of biliousness.

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The East Texas Summer Normal will be held at Palestine, beginning June 3 and closing June 29. We are requested to state that board can be had at from \$3 to \$3.50 per week in private families.

Mr. F. A. St. Amant of Baton Rouge, La., was in Crockett last week and a pleasant caller at this office. He lived in Crockett nearly a quarter of a century ago and married a daughter of Sam Haille.

There are some young boys growing up on the streets of Crockett that can never come to any good unless a great change is brought about. What is needed for such youngsters is a better home training.

Crockett enjoyed fine rains Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. The rain did not come any too soon, for it was badly needed. The dust question is settled for a few days anyway, and crop prospects are brighter.

The David Crockett Oil and Mining company has secured its charter and has a capitalization of \$20,000. The officers and directors of this company are all Crockett gentlemen and their purpose is to prospect for oil and water.

Lumber, Lumber.

If that is what you want let us figure with you. Our stock is now complete and our prices are the lowest.

HOUSTON CO. LUMBER Co.
T. R. DEUPREE, MANAGER.

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.
Ed Walton left last Monday for his old home near Grapeland, accompanied by Prof. R. W. Huff. It is rumored that Prof. Huff will fill the important place of "best man." Up to this time it is not known who the other contracting party will be.

The Lankster case, which went to trial at Palestine last week, resulted in a verdict of seven years in penitentiary for defendant. The history of this case is familiar to the people of Houston county. Lankster was on trial for the murder of Reinhardt.

Rev. Ellis Smith is now collecting the amounts subscribed for the new Methodist church. He reports good collections and says it is the purpose of the committee in charge to collect one-fourth of each subscription at present and the balance later on.

Three lunacy cases were tried last week. Lena Nord, a white woman, was adjudged to be of unsound mind, as was also two negro women, Donnie Bird and Jennie Ratcliff, by name. It took two strong negroes to hold the Bird woman and her screams were terrific.

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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.

A party representing a Hillsboro Oil Co. was in the county last week and spent some time prospecting along the Trinity in this county up to Porter Springs. He reports the indications for oil good and says his company will get to work in three weeks. The company has quite a number of leases along the river on both sides.

Mr. W. J. Chaffin, who lives a few miles north of Grapeland, was in Crockett Monday and called to see us. Mr. Chaffin had just returned from Beaumont, but says that he did not make any investments in the oil business. He is one of the county's best farmers and has a bed of green marl sand on his farm which he is using successfully as a fertilizer.

\$10.00 Reward.

For the return to either of the undersigned at Crockett, Texas, one black mare with blaze face and long mane and tail; and one long-legged bay pony horse with black mane and tail. Strayed away from this place on the night of May 1st, 1901.

O. PETERSON,
G. R. ALDRICH.

The law suit of B. M. Hatchell against the I. & G. N. railroad company in the county court this week resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount sued for. The case was the outgrowth of a shipment of cattle made by Mr. Hatchell in 1898, and the railroad company failing to get the cattle to their destination on time, they were refused by the purchaser and decreased in value. Consequently the shipper sued for damages and recovered the full amount sued for. The case was tried by a jury.

Work on the new churches is progressing rapidly. The Christian church is nearing completion, owing to the indomitable push of the man in charge, W. V. Berry, who has supervised the work from the beginning. Mr. Berry informs us that the church is about ready for the bell. The foundation of the Methodist brick church is laid and work is being rapidly pushed. Mr. Jas. DeDaines has the construction in charge. That part of town is undergoing a remarkable improvement, as well as other parts of the town.

Supt. Martin of the Louisiana and Texas lumber company at Coltharp was in Crockett Monday and called at this office. He says they have stopped boring in the well as it is believed an artesian flow can not be had. They have secured a good well of water, however, which will have to be pumped out, but which will not be sufficient to run the mill. Other wells will be sunk. He reports a scarcity of labor and work progressing slowly. Mr. Martin's family is now living in Crockett, which is a valuable acquisition to the town.

Don't despair because you have a weak constitution. The vitalizing principle of Herbine will assuredly 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.

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THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor and Proprietor
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COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

Synopsis of Proceedings.

The court met in regular session on Monday of last week and were in session four days. Commissioners Lively, Kent, Calloway and Smith and Judge Winfree were all present.

The following claims were allowed:

Crockett Enterprise, stationery, etc.	\$ 22.70
Daniel & Burton, Mdse.	3.00
E. M. Callier, inquest	5.00
Brooks & Walters, lumber	45.01
Brooks & Walters, "	27.10
Brooks & Walters, "	11.50
Brooks & Walters, "	18.61
H. W. McElvy, building bridges	60.00
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H. W. McElvy, building bridges	30.00
J. M. Jordan, lumber	45.19
J. H. Brent, election	2.00
J. G. Matlock, lumber	35.30
J. M. Torrence, painting	10.00
J. C. Ratcliff, lumber	47.52
J. C. Wootters, rent	14.60
R. C. Hancock, lumber	43.70
Crockett Courier, printing	10.65
J. M. Best, election	2.00
Tom Stubblefield, election	2.00
Jas. Stubblefield, election	2.00
Mat Mitchel, election	2.00
Dick Blakeway, election	2.00
S. G. Vaughn, election	2.00
M. N. Morgan, election	2.00
R. T. Payne, inquest	5.00
P. O. Groves, election	2.00
Brooks & Walters, lumber	16.74
J. E. Smith, letting and receiving bridge	4.00
E. H. Calloway, letting and receiving 2 bridges	8.00
Crockett Courier, stationery, etc.	16.50
J. T. Crysop, mdse.	3.30
T. V. Goodrum, lumber	44.22
J. T. Crysop, mdse.	14.40
F. B. King, medical services	100.50
Parker Bros., nails	7.60
M. B. Newton, lumber	13.26
W. T. Harrison, inquest	5.00
R. W. Skipper, medical services	44.15
J. M. Jordan, lumber	73.45
J. S. Newman, lumber	2.00
R. T. Payne, inquest	5.00
W. T. Craig, lumber	5.20
D. J. Jones, lumber	35.09
B. H. Abernathy, lumber	5.70
B. F. Parker, nails	2.90
J. M. Hale, glandered horse	50.00
J. E. Hollingsworth, lumber	72.60
Crockett Electric Light Company	22.50
Rich & Shell, repairing pump	5.00
Shivers Bros.	85
B. F. Brown, medical services	16.00
N. E. Allbright, lunacy fees	5.25
N. E. Allbright, keeping finance ledger	25.00
N. E. Allbright, counting tax collector's stubs	6.10
Lee & Divine, pump	3.00
M. C. Foster, feeding prisoners	350.45
J. M. Jordan, lumber	271.50
J. M. Jordan, lumber	39.58
E. B. Hale, court attendance	90.00
Henry Kent, letting and receiving bridges	16.00
T. C. Lively, letting and receiving bridge	4.00
G. H. Bayne, exchange	32.85
E. B. Hale, burial expenses	5.00
E. Winfree, trying cases	48.00
A. W. Phillips, court attendance	2.00

J. N. Tyer, lumber	12.75
Jno. McConnell, nails etc.	58.90
Dorsey Printing Co., stationery	216.20
Clarke & Courts, stationery	223.34
The stationery bills were for the following officials:	
E. Winfree for country	
J. Ps.	46.40
E. M. Callier, blanks and books	20.90
J. B. Stanton, blanks and books	33.70
E. B. Hale, blanks and books	115.20
J. B. Stanton, blanks and books	119.65
J. B. Stanton, blanks and books	2.75
J. B. Stanton, blanks and books	13.40
E. M. Callier, blanks and books	2.00
N. E. Allbright, blanks and books	23.15
N. E. Allbright, blanks and books	5.35
N. E. Allbright, blanks and books	13.50
E. M. Callier, blanks and books	43.54
E. B. Hale, envelopes	2.00
Tony Gossett, note heads and envelopes	5.00
N. E. Allbright, blanks	16.50
Pauper claims allowed	361.50
The court granted T. J. Alexander right of way along public road for a telephone line from Weches to Neches river.	
PAY OF COMMISSIONERS.	
E. Winfree	\$12.00
T. C. Lively	12.00
Henry Kent	12.00
E. H. Calloway	9.00
J. E. Smith	12.00
EX OFFICIO ALLOWANCES.	
E. Winfree, Co. Judge	\$100.00
E. Winfree, School Superintendent	150.00
N. E. Allbright	68.75
E. B. Hale	62.50
J. B. Stanton	62.50

again running high. By examination of the allowances on this line the public can see what officials are getting this item.

Want to Know About East Texas.
Mr. C. Bertina at 1127 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Ill., also Mr. John Schanty of Wooster, Wayne county, Ohio, write under recent date for general information relative to this country.
Mr. J. M. Beauchamp of Valentine, La., writes under date 23rd ult., as follows:
"I would like to purchase about 200 to 400 acres of good agricultural land, black sandy loam preferred. If you can cite me to a tract well located with good water, some timber, or within easy reach of it, please inform me at an early date."
Mr. Henry G. Myers, Baden Station, St. Louis, Mo., writes under date May 5th as follows:
"My intention is to come to Texas before New Year, that is, provided I have success with my crops and can raise enough money. I am working a piece of land here in the North end of St. Louis. You may give my name and address to any man engaged in the land business, and they may send me list and terms as they feel like."
Under date of 12th inst., Mr. F. B. Siler of 2020 Washington Street, St. Louis, Mo., asks for general information regarding prices and terms of lands, etc.
Under date of 13th inst., Mr. W. S. Duggan of Many, La., writes it is his purpose to visit the State sometime this summer with a view of prospecting for a location in northwest Texas.
If any of our readers have land for sale it would be well to correspond with the above parties.

Ratcliff Locals.
ED. COURIER:—Farming is on a boom. The farmers are in a rush to get their crops laid by before warm weather comes.
Gardens look very well. Irish potatoes are fine. There is going to be a fine lot of fruit this year, more than has been for several years in this locality.
Health is tolerably good, though there is some malarial fever going through the country.
Agents! Agents!! I guess we have plenty of them. Machine agents, organ agents, picture agents and fruit tree agents, each of them has the best article. (To hear them tell it.)
Prof. J. C. Synnot, who has done so much toward building up the school at this place, has gone to his former home at Forest, where he will spend a few weeks with his parents and friends. After that time has expired he will probably spend the summer at Beaumont and in Jasper, then probably he will come back to Forest and teach that school next winter. If not, he will spend the winter as assistant teacher in the Jasper College. The Professor is a gentleman of good moral character; a high-minded, Christian gentleman. He was always one of the leaders in anything that was gotten up that would be beneficial in the community. We wish him success in every thing he undertakes, both in religious and literary work, and may he always live as he has lived the past two years, a modest young man and a noble Christian.
Mr. S. D. Ratcliff and family attended the quarterly meeting at Tadmor Sunday last.
Miss Josie Payne of Ratcliff is visiting her sister, Mrs. Katie Wood, at Groveton this week.
Mr. Horrie Grounds and family visited Tadmor last week.
Mr. J. G. Drennan and Prof. W. E. Sneed were among those

that went to the quarterly meeting last Saturday and Sunday at Tadmor.
Mrs. G. M. Hopper of Nogales prairie was up to see Dr. Sherman at Coltharp last week and came down to Ratcliff to see some of her old friends and relatives.
Mrs. Carrie Payne and Miss Clara Sneed are spending a few days with Mrs. McHenry, the former's mother, and in Crockett where they will lay in their summer wear.
Mrs. Cornelia Johnson will spend this week with her sister Mrs. Payne. We wish her a pleasant stay while in our midst.
News Box.

Martin's Mills.
ED. COURIER:—After a long absence as well as a change of residence we again come to give the few bits of news to be gathered in these parts.
When we last wrote we were at Coltharp, Houston county, now we are in the "back woods" of Van Zandt county.
Upon our arrival here the first question asked us was "what about the immense saw mill at Coltharp?" The next question was "what is the latest news from Beaumont?" Thus Houston county was given precedent over Beaumont.
Just here we wish to describe this country. The soil is a mixture of white sand, red sand and clay; the climate seems to be a concoction of green bugs and grass-hoppers.
This section is known as cream level, the finest fruit belt in the State, the water of which consists of a solution of alum and copperas.
The green bugs have eaten up the oats and the grass-hoppers have eaten up the corn and the rust is on the cotton. We wonder what the people will do another year.
We advise the people who are seeking fruit to come to Van Zandt county but those who are looking for health, wealth and good times in general to go to Houston county.
The average saw mill of this country cuts about 400 feet of oak lumber per day and a piece of the lumber after lying upon the ground for three or four days warps until it gets so crooked it can scarcely lie still and is a good imitation of raw hide.
The average land here produces about 30 bushels of corn and about 800 pounds of seed cotton per acre. The bottom lands grow very fine sugar cane.
The timber here consists almost entirely of the different species of oak with some hickory, etc.
This country is partly prairie and has within its boundary some black lands.
But for all this variety we prefer old Houston county from start to finish.
No more at present.
JONES AND FAMILY.

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.

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.
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Preacher Who Speaks "Speak Easy."
An unsophisticated young minister in rural Pennsylvania, recently ordained, not long ago wrote to a theological professor in Philadelphia as follows: "I am a poor speaker, and find it hard to utter my thoughts clearly and forcibly. I have decided, therefore, to take a course of instruction in speaking, and, learning from the papers that there are a great many speak-easies in your city, I would be obliged if you would recommend me to one." The professor broke the news to him as euphemistically as possible that a "speak-easy" is merely an unlicensed drinking place.

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.
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.
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 50 cents in bottles. Tubes 75 cents. For sale by J. G. Haring.