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POPULAR EXCURSIONS.

SHERMAN, TEXAS, June 26-29, State Teachers' Association.
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.
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.
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Mrs. Corry's Concert.

(CONTINUED.)

"A grand success," was the universal verdict last Friday evening, May 7th, the occasion being the closing entertainment by Mrs. Corinne Corry's music class. The young people who took part showed most careful training, and were a credit, not only to Mrs. Corry, but to themselves and their delighted mammas, who were out to see them at their best. The entertainment was for benefit of fence fund of Crockett cemeteries, and notwithstanding low price of admission, a handsome sum was realized.

Mrs. Corry was ably assisted by Misses Nannie Breitling, Lucille Beasley, Agnes Bruner, Maggie Foster, Mrs. A. M. Decuir, Messrs. Chas. Hassell and Mose Bromberg. Illness prevented Miss Tensie Lacy from filling her part of program in the Columbian scene. Miss Hortense LeGory made a regal Columbia, with all the states grouped about her, even Porto Rico, frisky Cuba and the far-away Philippine sisters. "Uncle Sam's" speech to his "darling Columbia," composed for the occasion by Mrs. D. A. Nunn and said by Mr. Chas. Hassell, was splendid—a prose gem. Mr. Hassell is a natural comedian and his rendition of the gardener in the the singing flower scene, was inimitable.

The vocal flowers—little girls dressed to represent different flowers, looked like a bit of fairyland, transported to this dull old earth. The beautiful Gypsy drill was perfect—not a flaw or mistake. The girls, veritable zingaras, were trained by Miss Lucille Beasley, and the careful manner in which her orders were executed would suggest that she is a born general. The "good-night drill," by twenty wee tots, dressed in long, flowing robes and night caps, with dolls and lighted candles, ready for "sleepland" was said by many to be the sweetest thing ever seen in Crockett. It would be impossible to give full description, for it was a charming affair from beginning to end. "The Little Mothers," Floral Procession, Little Soldiers' Song and May Pole Dance were all worthy of special mention, but time is fleeting and editors exacting. Miss Nannie Breitling presided at the piano with ease and grace.

Mr. Mose Bromberg acted as stage manager and looked very handsome in evening dress.

Those who listened to Miss Agnes Bruner's beautiful violin solos, accompanied by the charming Mrs. Decuir, are looking forward eagerly to hearing her again next Friday evening.

Speaks the Sentiments of All Lovers of Home.

We learn that on last Monday at noon, as one of our very best and highly accomplished young ladies of Trinity was on her way home to dinner she was attacked by a brute of a negro who grossly insulted and attempted rape. The young lady fought heroically and screamed for help. After fighting and scuffling 'til her clothes were torn off, she was finally saved by the timely approach of a wagon driven by a white man, at which the brutish fiend became alarmed

and ran off. This providential approach of the wagon was all that saved her from outrage. The negro, we understand, was captured at Saron and hurried to Groveton jail, from which he was moved to other quarters. We are opposed to mob law, but if the time has come that a refined young lady cannot go from her work to her home without being attacked by one of these brutish devils, then when the law fails to put them out of the way, we are in favor of the people taking it in hand. Trinity has no finer girl than this one on whose body that black scoundrel would lay his hand.—Lovelady News.

Sweet Girl Graduates.

The number of young ladies attending colleges away from home the past session has been comparatively large. The last two weeks have witnessed the return home of these sweet girl graduates, bringing with them sheep skins galore and other beautiful trophies of college conquests. And the old town is proud of its daughters.

The first to reach home was Miss Mittie Baker from Trinity college at Tehuacana. Then came Miss Emma Tenney and Miss Lena Bromberg from the Sam Houston Normal at Huntsville, both graduates and with state certificates to teach. These young ladies did Crockett and themselves honor, graduating from a thorough literary course.

Miss Denny Adams was next to arrive from college at Bowling Green, Ky., to be followed shortly by Miss Myrtle Murchison from Buena Vista, Va., the latter a graduate in both literature and elocution, whose diplomas are proof of much talent and close study.

Miss Albertine Aldrich returned home from the State University at Austin, acquitting herself with honors. She did not graduate and will go again. And Miss Carrie Davis returned from Camden, Mo., a graduate in music.

The last to reach home was Miss Frances Wootters from Hollins, Va., bringing a whole trunkful of diplomas and medals. She is a thorough graduate in music and got the college medal, class medal, and diplomas in a half dozen different studies.

Crockett is proud of its girls and well may it be. Those who did not graduate were not sufficiently advanced on entering college and will likely return next session.

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Two and a Half Hours in Lovelady.

On last Friday afternoon the local editor, in company with Messrs. John I. Moore, George W. Crook and little girl, went down on the afternoon train to Lovelady. Mr. George Thompson was also along, going out to his home near Weldon. We found the people of Lovelady enjoying their usual peaceful pursuits, and contentment and prosperity was noted on every hand.

Lovelady now has a printing office and newspaper. The newspaper has been in existence for several months, but has been printed elsewhere until recently, when it changed hands and the purchaser, Mr. A. J. Frick, put in his own printing outfit. Mr. Frick is thoroughly capable of getting out a good paper and the two issues under his management are highly creditable.

Messrs. Haden & Bayne, dealers in general merchandise, are now located at Lovelady, having moved there early in the year from Weldon. Mr. Bayne was seen and reported a good trade. Another new firm there is Nixon & Parton, who are from Madison county.

A number of improvements were noted. Dr. W. B. Collins has built a magnificent office, two stories, which is modern and up-to-date in every particular.

We were told that Mr. Monday, of the firm of Mainer & Monday, had just completed a beautiful and costly residence and had moved into same. Other new residences were spoken of as soon to be erected and the town is to have another brick store house.

Lovelady draws a good trade from the surrounding country and its merchants carry good stocks of goods. The leading firm there is Mainer & Monday, who do a large farm supply business. The smaller merchants all seem to have a substantial patronage.

There is a crying demand in Lovelady for more residences. The inhabitants say that new comers can not be accommodated.

The town is in a fine fruit and farming country. We saw some of as fine peaches as can be grown anywhere. The cotton from Lovelady to Crockett is small, but looks well, and corn never had a better color. A bountiful crop is expected.

Meeting of the Medicos.

(DELAYED.)

Grapeland, Tex., June 1, 1901.—"East Texas Medico Chirurgical Society" met at Palestine, May 30 and 31. Dr. Sam R. Burroughs of Buffalo, Leon county, president and E. E. Guinn, M. D., of Rusk, secretary.

The house was called to order by Dr. A. L. Hathcock of Palestine, chairman of committee of arrangements. He then introduced Rev. Mr. Campbell, who in a neat, appropriate prayer invoked the Divine blessing upon the meeting, after which C. M. Kay, Esq., of Palestine, delivered an address of welcome in behalf of the citizens of the city, which was responded to by Dr. Burroughs for the association. Application for membership being in order the following new members were enrolled: W. B. Pullen, M. D., Jacksonville, Texas; J. Bell, M. D., Tyler, Tex.

as; J. M. Crawford, M. D., Alto, Texas; W. B. Collins, M. D., Lovelady, Texas; J. L. Hall, M. D., Crockett, Texas; J. Shoemaker, M. D., Elmwood, Texas.

The following papers were read and discussed during the meeting: Pneumonia and its Treatment, by Dr. J. H. Evans, Palestine, Tex. Malarial Haemoglobinurea, by Dr. J. H. Paxton, Elkhart, Texas. Ppndicitis, by Dr. A. L. Hathcock, Palestine, Texas.

The discussion of these papers was very interesting, instructive and beneficial to the members present.

Dr. W. C. Lipscomb of Crockett was elected president for the ensuing year; Dr. S. L. Hathcock, first vice-president; Dr. E. P. Murdock, second vice-president; Dr. E. E. Guinn, Secretary; Dr. John Colly, Treasurer.

The next meeting will be in November of this year and all physicians of regular standing in the district are invited to attend.

L. MERIWETHER.

Notice of Bankruptcy.

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

In the matter of J. H. Wakefield, bankrupt, No. 1329. In the matter of J. H. Wakefield, of Lovelady, in the county of Houston and said Eastern district of Texas, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that said J. H. Wakefield was this day duly adjudicated a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held on Friday, June 26th, 1901, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at my office in said district, at Tyler (said place being most convenient for all parties at interest) when and where said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

C. G. WHITE,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Tyler, Tex., June 11th, 1901.

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Petition for Discharge.
United States of America, Eastern district of Texas, ss. Tyler division. In the United States district court in and for said district.

In the matter of A. C. Barksdale, bankrupt. No. 1324 in bankruptcy. Petition for discharge. To the honorable David E. Bryant, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas.

A. C. Barksdale of Crockett, in the county of Houston and State of Texas, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 9th day of May, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the acts of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property, and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the Court touching his bankruptcy. Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are excepted by our law from such discharge.

Dated this 11th day of June, A. D. 1901.

A. C. BARKSDALE, bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

Eastern district of Texas, ss. On this 11th day of July, A. D. 1901, on reading the foregoing petition it is ordered by the court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 1st day of July, A. D. 1901, before said court, at Tyler, Texas, in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed in said district, and that all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and

place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the court, that the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Honorable David E. Bryant, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Tyler, Texas, in said district, on the 11th day of June, A. D. 1901.

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Prairie Point.

ED. COURIER:

In last issue the question is asked: What has become of our correspondents? Well, here am I. You surely did not think I had gone off with the oil craze, did you? I have been battling with General Green, and the fight has been continuous, and we have been using rapid fire guns. The enemy is on the last copst, but refuses to surrender, Boer like.

Herbert Speer is back from Louisville medical college, and is circulating among his friends. He says he has been associating with a dead negro while gone, but excuses himself on the ground that it is better to associate with a dead negro than with some live white men. We commend Herbert in his judgment in this matter from experience.

I was in town a few days since and inquired for the editor of the COURIER and was informed that he was working on Col. Page's farm. We greatly sympathize with any one who has this duty to perform, for I was once poor myself.

A terrific hail storm visited a portion of our country last Sunday evening, destroying crops to a great extent. The territory visited was from Hyde's ferry on the Trinity river, going east, taking in Weldon and a portion of the convict farm, continuing east between Nevels' Prairie and Trinity on to Big and Little White Rock, destroying the crops in the Dave Cannon community. The path of destruction was from two to four miles wide. Some are planting crops over, others are waiting to see the outcome.

Crop's prospects never looked better than at present on the east end of Nevels' Prairie. The fact is this is the garden spot of Houston county. The people here are satisfied with what is on the surface, and are afraid to bore or dig a well for fear they might strike oil. See? RENO.

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The customer doesn't always enlarge his clothes when he lets them out.

A GLORIOUS SIGHT.

Fields of Wheat in Which the Sheeks Were So Thick 'T Was Almost Impossible to Drive Between Them.

To the Editor: A gentleman from Duluth made a trip through a portion of Western Canada last summer and writing of what he saw, says:

"Wheat, for instance, will average twenty-five or thirty bushels to the acre. I saw sheeks so thick in the field that it would be almost impossible to drive between them. Winters, it is said are longer than near Duluth, but the Japan current, warm chinook winds and dry atmosphere make the winters comparatively mild."

Thousands of such testimonials are to be had from settlers who have taken advantage of the low-priced lands of Western Canada. During the present year new districts will be opened up in the Saskatchewan valley and advantage should be taken of this at once. Information can be had from any agent of the government, whose advertisement appears elsewhere in your columns. Yours truly,

OLD READER.

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W. N. U. HOUSTON, NO. 24, 1901

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FARM, GARDEN, LIVESTOCK.

Almost every section of Texas has had copious rains.

purchased a few days ago from Payne & Jones of San Angelo.

All conditions point to an immense yield of cotton this year.

Steer yearlings are selling all over New Mexico at \$15 per head.

The motto of Texas at the present time seems to be "Let us dig."

Cow peas, like clover, improve the land upon which they are grown.

At San Angelo Lee Mays sold to T. J. Neill 100 cows and calves at \$32.50.

J. Q. McCabe of Coke county paid \$200 each for two Hereford bull calves

W. E. Permitter of Big Springs states that his calf crop will reach 98 per cent.

W. T. Hudson of Haskell has sold to his brother in Dickens county 200 cows with calves at \$30.

The Germans have a proverb which reads, "Love your neighbor but do not pull down the fence."

Lay Powell of Sterling county recently sold to John Lovelady 100 twos at a reported price of \$22.50.

Several small bunches of yearlings in Donley county have been sold recently at \$14 to \$15 a head.

If you expect your neighbor to love you, do not allow fence breaking stock to run loose and destroy his crops.

All the capital a farmer needs as a beginning is the physical strength and an ordinary amount of skill to till the ground.

William Herald of Amarillo sold to Henry Keating of Billings, Mont., 2500 steers ranging in age from one to four years.

W. S. Cook of Wakefield, Neb., has bought of Frank N. Page of Clarendon 250 exceptionally fine yearling steers at \$10 per head.

It is the farmer who has paid the greatest attention to his business and, not the one with the richest soil who comes out best.

At Alice Clark & Collins sold 250 grade yearling steers to J. C. Woods of the Benton ranch at a price reported to be \$12 a head.

John Scharbauer of Midland recently sold a car of Shorthorn bulls at \$75 around to H. M. Truehart of Galveston, whose ranch lies near Marfa.

The first carload of poultry ever shipped to Hillsboro, Texas, included 8000 chickens, turkeys and ducks, and this shipment was made on April 13.

At Midland N. H. Ellis bought of S. E. Townsend a six-section pasture near the town and 125 head of grade Shorthorn and Hereford cows.

A most destructive hail storm visited the section around Angus. Corn and cotton in places are ruined. The cotton will be replanted at once.

Lovelady & Stokes of Mitchell county have sold to White Bros. 100 yearlings and 125 three-year-old sters at \$15 for yearlings and \$23 for threes.

Do not raise animals for which there is very little demand when for a very little more you can raise those for which you can always get a good price.

W. D. Connell of Midland, who ranches in Gaines and Terry counties, recently sold 40 young bulls at \$40 around to Martin & Sloan of Silver City, N. M.

The country around Matador is wringing wet. The cowman, the farmer, the merchant and every other kind of man is wearing a smile. Crops are fine and water and grass are everywhere.

John Young sold the Mrs. Drake steer yearlings to J. M. Shannon last week for \$14 a head.

At Alice Gunter & Jones bought about 500 yearling steers from H. W. Garrett.

A good rain fell all over Coryell county. It came in good time for corn and cotton, as some parts of the county had not had rain for two months. Wheat harvesting is in progress in this county, and the yield will be better than was expected two weeks ago.

The Childress Land and Cattle company owners of the "Shoe Nail" ranch, headquarters on the Red river in Childress county, have spayed 2000 yearling heifers. They will be fed for market.

The report of a recent Hereford sale held at Sydney, Australia, shows that this breed is in high favor in that country. The top price at the sale was 175 guineas, or about \$894, and a number of animals were disposed of at a figure not far below this.

There is no profit in religion where there is no loss.

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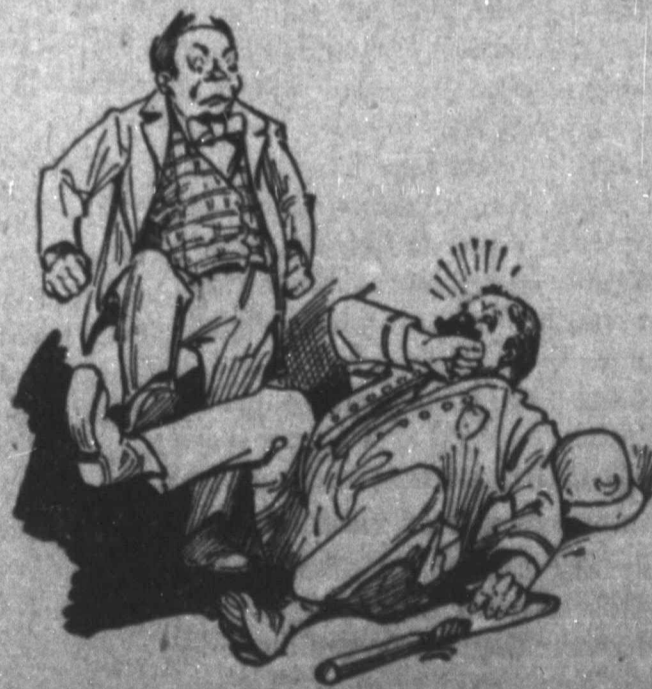
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The last word just seemed to suggest A thought to Pat; he did the rest. His fist flew out, the cop fell down, While Paddy's face assumed a frown. "Ye fooled me, did ye?" he exclaimed As still another blow he aimed. "I hope ye will excuse me now— 'Tis fond of "laying down the law!"

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GLEANINGS OF THE GLOBE.

Clark C. Lipe, a prominent politician of the Cherokee Nation, is dead.

A statement issued by the treasury department shows the public debt to be \$1,062,476,494.

Including the Oceanic, there are now ten steamers in the British merchant fleet of over 12,000 tons.

Senor Miguel Gener, Nationalist was elected mayor of Havana Saturday over Senor Mora, Republican.

After six years' estrangement, Gen Booth of the Salvation Army, and his son, Ballington Booth, are to be reconciled.

Gov. McSweeney decided to accept Senator Tillman's resignation about the time the senator decided to withdraw it.

Senator Fred D. Smith of Edwards Mount, Kansas, says that he will make his next political canvass in an automobile.

Colonel David B. Henderson, speaker of the house of representatives, and his wife have sailed for Europe for a three months' tour.

The strange sliding of the land upon which Butte, Mont., is located, continues and causes much alarm among the citizens of that place.

Sir Henry Irving has just received an honorary M. A. degree from Dublin university. He now holds degrees from four different institutions of learning.

All the thirty-five Turkish consuls in Italy have been abolished. They have not been paid for a long time past, and one after the other has resigned.

The belief is settled down on England that the war office has concealed the real facts in the South African war and much dissatisfaction is expressed.

The Russian minister of the interior has sent a circular to all printing offices and libraries prohibiting the sale of Tolstoy's new book, "It Costs Too Much."

Andrew Carnegie has become a member of Cooper Union and, according to reports, will do something handsome for that institution in the near future.

Thomas Vincent Finn, ex-Catholic priest and Irish agitator, has arrived in New York. He says he comes to this country to work for the freedom of Ireland.

Sir Edwin Arnold's health continues to fall rapidly. He is altogether blind and goes out driving only about once a week, but continues his literary work by means of dictation.

Howard Gould intends to build at Sands Point, L. I., on a bluff overlooking the sound the largest country house in America. It is to be modeled after Kilkenny castle, Ireland.

At a meeting of the generals of the allied troops in Peking it was decided to transfer the administration of the city of Peking to the Chinese officials gradually during this month.

Shortsightedness among Japanese students is alarmingly on the increase. The latest investigation shows that out of 1784 university students in Tokio more than half are myopic.

The committee appointed to inquire into the British war office organization has recommended in its report a simplification and decentralization of the management of war office affairs.

Quo Vadis' author, Henryk Sienkiewicz, 53 years old and always faultlessly dressed, is a perfect type of the Polish gentleman. Languid in manner and low of speech, he takes little interest in anything outside of literature.

The city council of Chicago has decided to throw open the market for street railway franchises and subways to all comers, as if the present street railway companies were not in existence.

Englishmen are making comparison between their own and American built locomotives, many of which are used on English railways. Opinion is given that they cost so much more to run that there is no economy in using them.

Theodore Longers, the distinguished French painter and lecturer, will conduct the course in art to be given by the Alliance Francaise in co-operation with the University of Chicago this summer.

BOERS IN DISTRESS

PROMINENT LEADERS ARRIVE IN AMERICA TO SEEK AID.

Women and Children Concentrated in the British Refugee Camps Suffer Horribly. Embassies Say the Food Furnished is Decidedly Unwholesome.

New York, June 10.—Rev. Dr. Von Brockhuizen of Pretoria, South Africa, the minister who closed the volksraad with prayer after President Kruger's ultimatum had been read to that body, is in the city. His brother, Dr. H. J. Von Brockhuizen of the Orange Free State, who served in the Boer armies, accompanies him. Their mission in this country is to raise money for the Boer women and children now in refugee camps. Dr. Von Brockhuizen in an interview said:

"Our women and children, who are at present concentrated in camps established by the British, are in a horrible condition. It was bad enough when I left South Africa, but I know from letters that I have received—one only the other day from my sister—that it is a hundred times worse now."

When the doctor left South Africa he said he was virtually banished by order of General Maxwell, military governor of Pretoria.

Dr. Von Brockhuizen said further of the camps: "In an official report made by Dr. Ronald P. McKenzie, of the British army, on February 8, of this year, the British government is notified that the conditions are horrible, the death rate appalling and the food furnished wholly unfit to eat."

The Afrianders, Rev. Dr. Von Brockhuizen avers, will never be overcome, and all reports to the contrary are false. The Boer army numbers from 15,000 to 17,000 men and is constantly being augmented by Cape Colony Boers. The Boer forces are now armed with Lee-Netford rifles, he says, and they have tons of ammunition buried, which they can use at any time against the British.

A French Tragedy.

Paris, June 10.—The sensation of the past week has been the arrest of Mme. Monier, a rich, miserly landowner of the neighborhood of Poitiers, and her son, a former subprefect of the Department of Vienne, and a leader of the Poitiers society, on the charge of incarcerating Mile. Blanche Monier, a daughter of Mme. Monier, for twenty-five years in a room of Mme. Monier's house. The police were anonymously notified of the woman's detention, entered the house and found Mile. Monier shut up in a room, in darkness, lying on a mattress, stark naked and so emaciated that she appeared to be a living skeleton. The room was covered with filth, bones, refuse, food, worms, and all kinds of vermin. The unfortunate woman who had partially lost her reason, was taken to a hospital. It was thought that she would die, but she is improving. Twenty-five years ago she was a beautiful brunette and fell in love with a lawyer without means. Her mother disapproved of their love and confined her "in the room, which she has only recently left. The son, after his arrest, pleaded that he acted as he did on account of filial piety, and that the mother was responsible. The lawyer died in 1885.

There was another dramatic development in the case today. Mme. Monier died in prison of heart disease. The crime was brought home to her, as the judge expressed it.

Big Fire in Dallas.

Dallas, Texas, June 10.—Fire started in the store house of the Hamilton Paint company on Elm street Saturday destroying that building and the one adjoining it on the east, and damaged several others. The total losses by fire will approximate \$100,000. The insurance is about \$60,000. The origin of the fire is said to be attributable to a match lying on the floor of the oil room of the paint company being stepped on by an employe and ignited, thus starting a roaring volume of flames that quickly spread through the building.

Married After 36 Years.

Cleburne, Tex., June 10.—A. W. Holloway secured license today to marry Miss Rachel E. Terry. In getting the license he stated that twenty-six years ago he was engaged to Miss Terry and that the engagement was broken off. He married another girl, who subsequently died; then the yearning like that which possessed Jacob of Biblical history came over him, and he sought his first love and won her consent.

Quarantine Raised.

Austin, Texas, June 10.—Governor Sayers sent the following communication to State Health Officer Blunt Saturday. It raises the bubonic plague quarantine:

In accordance with your recommendation, as made in your favor of this date, authority is hereby conferred upon you to raise the quarantine now being enforced against the city of San Francisco on account of the bubonic plague, and also to discontinue the inspections that have been in force for several months at Texline, at El Paso and at Red River crossing of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad. Yours truly,

Joseph D. Sayers, Governor.

State Health Officer Blunt gives as his reasons for recommending the governor to have the bubonic plague quarantine raised against San Francisco that he is unable to confirm the rumors to the effect that the disease exists at that point, as the State has no agent there to look into it. Also that the United States marine hospital will assume all responsibility in keeping the disease confined to a certain district, should it again make its appearance. Another reason is that there has been no cases reported for some time.

Desecration of Chinese Graves.

New York, June 10.—Chinamen in Washington are stirred up over the discovery that graves in the Chinese plot in the Congressional Cemetery have been desecrated. Nelson H. Adams has written to the District Commissioners calling their attention to the affair, according to a Washington special. Mr. Adams, in his letter, says:

"My attention has been called by Chinese friends to the desecration of the graves and tombstones of their deceased countrymen in their purchased lot in the Congressional Cemetery, which a recent visit by my wife to the cemetery proved to be more than fully verified. It was found that the tombstones had been daubed with axle grease or similar substances, and that the graves were desecrated in a most indecent manner. The Chinese people have a fervent veneration for their dead, and are unable to account for such dastardly and sacrilegious acts in a land of boasted Christianity, civilization and enlightenment.

Organizing Street Car Men.

New Orleans, June 10.—The all-night mass meeting of the street car men in Odd Fellows hall lasted until 4 o'clock this morning, at which time the speakers and audience tired out, adjourned until tonight at 8 o'clock, when the work of organizing will be continued until the union is perfected. W. B. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America, from Detroit, who engineered the desperate strike in St. Louis last year, the bloody contest in Brooklyn, and was in Galveston in 1892, is rapidly getting the men into line. He says a strike will be the last resort, but admits that demands will be made as soon as organization is completed. Local wages are 13-14 cents an hour, with twelve to fourteen hours working day. The organizers claim that they have 1950 men enrolled in the New Orleans union.

Hail in Red River County.

Clarksville, Texas, June 10.—What appears almost incredible, but is nevertheless a fact, hail from Thursday's storm of May 30 is still lying in drifts in the neighborhood of English in the eastern part of this county. A. R. Moore, a farmer, whose crop was destroyed by the hail, brought in a two-gallon water bucket full of the hail, eight days after the storm. B. S. Pope, constable of precinct No. 7, who lost 200 acres of cotton and corn by the storm, says he is using the hail, gathered from the drifts, for the last week to freeze ice cream. The hail was the most destructive ever seen in this county. The farmers have been busily replanting in cotton where the ground was dry enough in the storm swept district.

Supposed Silver Find.

Newton, Texas, June 10.—Considerable excitement has been caused recently by the discovery of what is thought to be a rich silver mine a few miles west of here in Newton county. The land is owned by Mr. G. W. Powell of this place, and he will go to work to develop the mine in a few days. There is unquestionably some kind of mineral there, as the spot was known to the Indians when this county first began to settle up with whites. The place shows evidences of having been worked to some extent many years ago. There is plenty of iron ore in the county.

MAY YET ACCEPT.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION CONSIDERING WHAT IS BEST.

A Hope Is Entertained That the Cubans Will Adopt a Favorable Course—Communication Received from Governor General Wood.

Washington, June 8.—The cabinet was in session over two hours today discussing the Cuban and Philippine situation. A communication has been received from Governor General Wood regarding the prospect for the unconditional acceptance of the Platt amendment, but its contents were not made public. It can be stated, however, that there is a hopeful feeling in administration circles that after the first soreness wears off the convention will see the wisdom of accepting the terms of the amendment. The answer to General Wood is to be sent by cable and the language of that communication was under discussion today.

Meantime the existing status in Cuba is to be maintained. No action looking to the calling of another convention is in contemplation if the present convention should decline to accede to our terms.

The program looking to the establishment of civil government in the Philippines is being formulated in shape of an order which is to be promulgated shortly. It is said that there is no definite conclusion as to whether the powers from the civil administration will be exercised under the general war powers of the president or the authority vested in him by the Spooner amendment. The main point is that the civil administration, which will be confined largely to the municipalities, will be vested in the hands of the Taft commission, and such other officials as may be designated, and that they will exercise their functions subject to the direct authority of the secretary of war, to whom all reports will be made. Civil administration under military supervision, such as is contemplated, is said not to be analogous to the civil government in New Mexico, and the sovereignty of States, during the early progress of the reconstruction period, are pointed to as being substantially analogous to what is proposed in the Philippines.

Havana, June 8.—The Cuban constitutional convention will meet Monday to discuss the instructions received yesterday from Washington regarding the Platt amendment. The fifteen delegates who voted for the amendment have held several meetings and are unanimous in thinking that the amendment must be accepted in a manner satisfactory to the United States, and they are determined to force the radical element to accept the amendment under a threat of dissolving the convention. The radicals strongly oppose dissolution and today some of the extremists admit that it would be better to comply with the Washington instructions.

Brady Out of It.

Cincinnati, Ohio, June 8.—William A. Brady, formerly manager of pugilists and defendant in the proceedings last February to prevent the Jeffries-Ruhlin fight, has notified counsel that he has retired from pugilistic managements and will not assist in appealing from the injunction granted by Judge Hollister. Counsel announced in court today that there would be no appeal.

Demurrers Disallowed.

New York, June 8.—Judge Foster in general sessions disallowed the seven demurrers filed against the seven indictments of Albert T. Patrick, David L. Short and Morris Meyers, charging Patrick with murder and the others with forgery and perjury. The defendants will be called Monday and arrangements for bail made for Meyers and Short.

Preferred Death to Imprisonment.

Toronto, Ont., June 8.—Rather than go to the penitentiary to serve a twenty-one-year sentence, for the robbery of a bank in Aurora, Ont., Frank Rutledge today committed suicide by jumping over the balustrade enclosing a gallery in the jail. He fell 30 feet, striking his head on the stone floor and fractured his skull.

Killed His Sweetheart.

Rockford, Ill., June 8.—Nels Nelson, a farm hand near Kingston, stung by a refusal of Mrs. John Ledig, a widow, to become his wife, shot and instantly killed her, seriously injuring her sister, Mrs. Peter Wing, and with an armed posse in pursuit blew his brains out.

Another Great Fire.

Lexington, Ky., June 8.—The Oots cooperage shop burned today and the fire communicated to other buildings so rapidly that it was feared for some time that the city would be laid in ashes. The fire was beyond control from 2 to 4 p. m. Twenty-three houses, mostly tenements, were totally destroyed with their contents. The loss approximates \$50,000. Only about one-third of the property was insured. St. Joseph's hospital was at one time threatened. The citizens rushed in great numbers to rescue the inmates, but their services were not needed, as the fire department cut off communication of the flames with the hospital. Paris, Georgetown and Versailles were called on for aid and all held their departments in readiness, but they were not needed. At 4 o'clock the flames were under control. All three of the city's departments were then still hard at work. Many are homeless and are being cared for in the best way possible. Three other calls were made for the department in other parts of the city while the flames were raging, but the damage in each instance was trivial. One man was hurt and one child was seriously burned, but no lives were lost.

J. A. Oot's cooperage shop, D. G. Sallee's grocery, Perkin's livery stable, the Western hotel, and H. P. Shepherd's, Stephen Boll's and B. O. Vaughan's two-story residences were the most valuable buildings. The other buildings were brick cottages. They were occupied by poor families, who are now in distress. A high wind was blowing and the fires spread with such rapidity that little household property was saved. Several children were seriously but not fatally burned.

News from the Orient.

New York, June 8.—The Journal of Commerce publishes a dispatch from Washington as follows: Advice from the Orient are far from reassuring as to the maintenance of peace in the future even after the successful adjustment of the existing difficulties between China and the powers. Those who have recently come from Japan confirm the reports of trained observers there that the Japanese are generally preparing for early war with Russia.

Intimations have several times been given since the close of the war between China and Japan in 1895 that Japan would regard interference with the autonomy of Korea as a hostile act. The Japanese, including their representative ministers, have firmly made up their minds that when the results of Russian intrigues are disclosed in an open movement hostile to Japan the Japanese army shall be landed in Korea and Russia warned that she must retrace her steps or fight.

Tragedy on Lost River.

Salt Lake, Utah, June 8.—A special to the Herald from Blackfoot, Idaho, says: Word has been received of a tragedy on Lost River, west of here. Wm. Williams, a well known rancher, living on Little Wood river, had a ranch hand employed for some time past whose name could not be learned. The fellow stole a valuable horse from Williams and decamped. Williams started in pursuit, coming up with the thief near Martin postoffice. Upon observing Williams approaching the thief commenced firing, and one shot struck Williams in the groin, inflicting a dangerous wound. Williams thereupon opened fire and instantly killed his man. The authorities decided that nothing more than to bury the stranger was necessary.

Left His Children.

Corsicana, Texas, June 8.—Yesterday as the Southbound Central pulled out a Dago with two children came running up, and the father boarded the train, leaving the little ones to care for themselves; but some colored men picked them up and tossed one to the conductor, who, with outstretched arms, safely landed the child on the platform, and the second child was thrown on the platform of the last coach just as it was going by. It was rather an exciting train boarding.

Oil in Kentucky.

Jamestown, Tenn., June 8.—Oil well No. 2 of Sunnybrook, Ky., has turned out to pumping green oil at 5000 barrels per day. Several new wells have struck from ten to twenty barrels. Thirty wells are now flowing in Fentress county.

To Save a Rape Fiend.

Carrollton, S. C., June 8.—Sheriff Merrill today shot two men, one fatally, who were members of a mob attempting to take a negro rapist from jail and lynch him. The mob tried at the sheriff with effect and then disappeared.

In the Desert

A Story Illustrating the Horrors of War

By H. B. WELSH...

CHAPTER I.

"Of course, 'rare, pale Margaret's' name will be on the list tomorrow! Has any one present a single doubt on the subject?"

The speaker was a little red-haired girl, with a small, prettily-tinted face, and a pair of curling, disdainful lips. She was one of a group of girls who stood in the quadrangle of the Medical College for Women in the ancient city of Edinburgh. One of the classes was just over, and the students were filing out.

"Why so positive on the subject, Tottie?" asked another student, a tall and somewhat delicate-looking girl. "It isn't always the most likely who pass."

"Oh, but Margaret Crawford, you know!" exclaimed pert little Tottie, with an uplifting of her fair eyebrows. "Why, the professors all think she's unparalleled in the history of creation! Did you hear old Cormall yesterday, when Mary Cunningham kicked up that awful row? 'Ladies, I am ashamed of you—ashamed of you!' Miss Tottie nodded her ruddy head in imitation of the professor's solemn and ponderous manner. "There is not one lady whom I can trust in the whole class—except, of course, Miss Crawford." That of course put the whole matter in a nutshell. Well, I must say I shouldn't like to be held up as the model girl of any class or of any profession!"

"Don't be afraid, Tot—you'll never have that to fear!" cried another shrill young voice. "But, I say—lowering its sharp tones—"haven't you heard, girls, that there's something odd—well, shady, I suppose, is the word—about Miss Crawford's father?"

"No!" cried half a dozen eager voices. "What is it, Minnie. Do tell us! I always thought there must be some reason for Miss Crawford's aloofness," added one of the voices when the others ceased.

"Well, it was only by accident I heard it," said Minnie Whyte, glad of an opportunity to air her superior knowledge. "It was through a friend of the pater's—never mind who. He began to speak about the big failure of the Western Bank—you remember it, two years ago. They were all a bad set connected with it," said he, "and the manager of the Glasgow branch was as bad as any of them, though he got off scot-free. His name is James Crawford, and he's now in quite an influential position in a Lancashire town—Bolton, I believe it is. Of course that Miss Crawford's father—"

"Hush—sh!" ran through the little group, and the speaker sank into suddenly confused silence.

A girl emerged from the door, and was now walking across the quadrangle, close to where the group of girls were standing. She looked at them as she passed and nodded, smiling; but there was something forced and unnatural about the smile, and every girl there felt certain she must have overheard what was said.

"She heard every word," said the little red-haired girl in a low tone. "Well, we can't help it—it isn't our fault. I really don't see that a girl with disreputable connections should put on the airs that Margaret Crawford does. To see her walk across the quadrangle one would think that the whole college belonged to her!"

It is wonderful how unjust and uncharitable women can be to each other.

For some reason or other Margaret Crawford was not liked at the college, and her fellow-students were ready enough to believe anything to her discredit, or that of her people, without making any effort to find out the truth.

"She thinks at least that Dr. Cleland belongs to her!" said Minnie Whyte, with a little laugh. At which some of the girls frowned, for Dr. Paul Cleland was one of the outside lecturers, and as he was young and not unhandsome—half of the girls were in love with him.

Meanwhile Margaret Crawford walked on.

The girl was proud, as she had been judged; but at that moment her proud heart felt as if it would break in two. She knew she was disliked and distrusted by her fellows, and why?

Because her position was one which compelled her to keep at a distance from them, and to avoid making any of those friendships which girls are always ready to make, and sometimes just as ready to break. Margaret Crawford knew the aspersions that had been cast on her father's character, and, though she believed that they were utterly false—for she loved her father as few children do—yet, in her proud, independent way, she resolved that she would never allow these as-

persions to be shared by any one else save only herself.

She walked through the quadrangle and out into the broad, level street. It was a day in April, and balmy and warm with the breath of newly-arrived spring. The sun shone warmly in Margaret's eyes as she took her westward way, and for a moment the girl's heart thrilled with the hope and joy that the mere sense of living brings to all young creatures in forest.

She had gone to the end of Forest road, and was just turning into the meadows, whose budding trees and greening grass seemed to Margaret the most beautiful thing she had ever seen, when a rapid step sounded behind her, and the next moment a voice spoke her name.

"You are going home, Miss Crawford, I see. Is it not a charming day?"

Margaret might be proud and self-contained, but she was not as complete mistress of herself as people supposed, else she would have been able to keep back that deep blush that rushed to her cheeks, and to conquer the wild, sudden beating of her heart.

"Yes, it is lovely—the first really spring-like day we have had," she said, as she quietly gave him her hand. Paul Cleland walked by her side as if he had a right to do so, and almost in silence they went on towards the "Middle Walk," as it is called, of the Meadows.

Though Cleland was a tall man, whose upright figure and long strides were more like those of a soldier than a student, Margaret was nearly as tall as he. She was finely built for a woman, and the dignity and grace of her carriage were almost queenly. Her fair, pale face, with its features clearly cut as a cameo; its dark-gray eyes, shaded by long, straight, dark lashes; its penciled, level eyebrows; its mouth, both proud and sweet, was a contrast to Cleland's dark, strong-featured, square chin and brow—not exactly a handsome face, but the face of a strong man.

"So you will know all tomorrow?" he said at last, as if he were pursuing a thread of thought. "I suppose you do not feel at all anxious as to the result?"

"I confess to feeling a little anxious," Margaret answered. "I have been expecting to pass; but now I am beginning to see what a dreadful thing it would be if I did not. It is so easy to fall sometimes."

"You will not fall. Don't let that thought worry you," said Cleland quickly. He paused a moment; then, with one swift glance down at the graceful, fair head crowned with its dark sailor hat, said, in a lower and deeper voice: "This is a matter of great importance to you, I see. May I ask, in the event of your passing, what you are going to do?"

"I am going to remain in Edinburgh for a time. Dr. Knight has promised to use his influence to get me into one of the hospitals," Margaret answered, readily enough. "When I feel that I have gained as much knowledge as I can there, I am going back to Lancashire—Bolton or Bury, probably—there to start for myself."

"And so I am never to see you any more?" Cleland asked, in a dangerously quiet voice.

Margaret started a little; the shadow of a quiver passed over her lips.

"I don't think that follows, Dr. Cleland," she said, trying to speak as quietly and as composedly as before. "As long as I am in Edinburgh, I—I hope, I may still see you occasionally. You have been very good to me—you have helped me a great deal. Do not think I am ungrateful to you for all your kindness—undeserved and disinterested kindness as it has been."

"I do not want you to be ungrateful, and I don't want you to think anything I did to help you was disinterested," he exclaimed, his voice suddenly becoming passionate with emotion. They were in a very quiet part now—in the narrow lane, with ivy-covered wall on one side and a railing on the other, which led up towards the terrace in which Margaret had her lodgings. He paused, compelling her to do the same, faced her, and, suddenly taking both her hands in his, held them close. "Margaret, Margaret, can't you guess the truth? I love you with all my heart! I have loved you, I think, from the first time I saw you. Do you remember one night two seasons ago when I had just started lecturing? It was a Sunday night, and I was at St. Giles; there was a famous preacher there. By chance, as it seemed—but it was not chance, Margaret—I went into the very pew in which you were. I had no hymn book, and you offered yours, so gravely, so sweetly, without any proud reserve or coldness. I remember the hymn, it was 'My Times Are in Thy Hand.' It

has been a favorite with me ever since. Margaret, I have loved you since then, with a love that has grown stronger and deeper, until it seems like a part of my being which I can't tear away. There is no other woman in the world—there never will be any other woman in the world—for me but you. Margaret, do you love me? Can you ever love me?"

The words were poured forth so rapidly, so passionately, that Margaret was quite unable to stem their torrent. She stood quite still, without word or emotion, her face very pale; only once or twice that shadow of a quiver passed over her lips again. When at last Cleland paused, and looked into her face eagerly, searchingly, as if for his answer, Margaret made an evident effort to speak. Though twice she opened her lips, no words came.

Her voice was very low when at last they did come.

"Dr. Cleland, you have done me a great honor—the greatest honor I ever expected to receive; but I should be repaying you badly indeed if I gave you the answer you ask for. You forget what I am. My father's name has been dragged through the dust. There are many people who still believe he was guilty, though he has escaped from the punishment of the law."

"Only today I overheard my fellow-students discussing the point. Whatever he is in truth—and I, his daughter, believe him innocent of the disgraceful crimes with which he was charged—in the eyes of the world he is still looked upon as one who only escaped public disgrace by accident or his own ingenuity."

"Margaret, do you think so little of my love as to imagine I am not willing to take upon myself whatever burden you may have to bear?" demanded Cleland, in a low voice. "My darling, if you know him to be innocent, so do I. Listen to me, Margaret; you have never heard the story of my past. My father was in business for many years. It is now about ten years since he died, and he died by his own hand."

Margaret uttered an exclamation. "He was in difficulties and foresaw nothing but ruin before him. It was a fearful affair. It killed my mother; she died soon after. I was left, the eldest of three boys. I was just starting my career then, and the knowledge of my father's fearful end nearly unnerved me for the future; but I managed to pluck up courage for the sake of the others. They are both of my hands now; but sometimes it was a hard struggle."

"I am not a rich man, Margaret, but I have sufficient to keep my wife in comfort. My darling, you will not refuse now? I shall not handicap you, Margaret; you can pursue your calling after you come to me if you are set upon it. I love you too much. I respect you too much, to set any restrictions upon you. Only promise to love me, to be for me only—as I will be for you all the days that we both shall live—and I shall be content."

Margaret stood silent, with drooping head; but a soft color had slowly dawned in her cheeks. Her heart craved out to her to yield. She loved Paul Cleland—oh, surely never woman before had loved any man as she did—and all the womanhood in her longed to cast itself on that strong protecting tenderness of his, which would guard her against all the world. To be his to have him as her own—it seemed to Margaret no earthly happiness could be greater than this.

As he looked down at the downcast face, and saw the soft color creeping into it, Paul Cleland's heart beat high with hope, and, bending down, he whispered:

"Margaret, answer me only one question, and I shall be satisfied meantime. Do you love me?"

It seemed to both as if the west wind blew more softly, as if the birds ceased singing, the leaves paused in their rustle, until her answer came.

It came at last, a low murmur, hardly more than a breath—"Yes."

And then Margaret felt those strong, loving arms about her, and her head drawn down to that shelter that it seemed to her now—or, the pity of it!—was to be her resting place forever.

(To be continued.)

Warnings of Mental Fatigue.

Edward Thorndike says that mental work is not a simple matter of mental energy or quantity of positive or inhibitory nervous discharges, but of their direction as well. Mental fatigue is not like physical fatigue and requires different treatment. Its warning signs are more complicated, less efficacious, and therefore more often neglected. The warnings that we do have are not measures of the degree of inability, but indefinite and at present ill-understood signs of danger. The degree of mental inability does not vary proportionately to the amount of work done without sufficient rest, but increases much less quickly up to a certain amount of mental work, and then may increase much faster, so that one straw of mental work may then break the camel's back.

Clara—What a foolish young man that Tom Brown is. Maude—Yes, that's just what I told him when he said he was going to propose to you.

GRAIN CROP REPORT

CONDITION OF WINTER WHEAT VERY LOW IN TEXAS.

Due to Drouth and Ravages of the Wheat Plant Louse—Acreage of Oats Smaller. Condition of Crops in General is Far Below the Average.

Washington, June 11.—Preliminary reports of the spring wheat acreage indicating a reduction of about 1,200,000 acres, or 6.4 per cent. Of the twenty States reporting 10,000 acres or upward in spring wheat, eight report an increase aggregating about 1,235,000. The average condition of spring wheat on June 1 was 92 as compared with 87.3 on the corresponding date last year and 91.4 on June 1, 1899. The mean of the June averages for the last ten years is 92.6 and for the last fifteen years 92.7. The average condition of winter wheat, declining during May 6.3 points, the condition on June 1 being 87.3 against 94.1 on May 1. On June 1, 1900, the condition was 82.7 and on the corresponding date in 1899 87.3. The mean of the June averages for the last ten years of winter wheat is 81, and for the past fifteen years 82.3. The average for Texas is 46. The low condition in Texas is due to drouth and the ravages of the wheat plant louse.

The total reported acreage in oats is smaller than the acreage harvested last year by 3.8 per cent. The average condition of oats is 85.3 against 91.7 on June 1, 1900; 88.7 at the corresponding date in 1899, and a ten year average of 90.

The acreage reported as under barley is 1.2 per cent smaller than the area harvested last year. The average condition of barley is 91 against 86.2 on June 1, 1900; 91.4 at the corresponding date in 1899, and a ten year average of 88.5.

Encounter With a Wild Man.

Tacoma, Wash., June 11.—Yesterday afternoon the police were called to arrest a supposed burglar on A street. When they arrived they found the man had entered a house by a rear window. The officers followed and when the stranger saw them approach he seized a board and pounded it into splinters over their heads. Reinforcements were sent for. Chief Fackler being left alone the man sprang at him with a hammer, but the latter dodged and Sergeant McCoy, who had just entered, wrenched the hammer from the man's hands. A desperate fight to put handcuffs on the man followed. The man was endowed with superhuman strength and snarled and growled at the men attempting to overpower him. One of the man's arms had fallen free and a handcuff was snapped. The other arm was doubled under his breast on the floor and in spite of the efforts of half a dozen men he could not be made to give up. Finally Sergeant McCoy managed to wrench the arm out and the other cuff was fastened to his wrist. When taken to the station it was discovered that the stranger was a wild man who had been on exhibition here and who had been locked out of his house.

Boers Petition the Hague.

Berlin, June 11.—The Kleines Journal today prints a dispatch from The Hague saying that Queen Wilhelmina's recent visit here meant to obtain Emperor William's consent to end the South African war, both the Zwiibund and Drieubund being willing to do so, through The Hague arbitration court, and that the emperor consented and the court began work thereon. The dispatch created a sensation here. The Associated Press has just obtained the following foreign office statement which is authorized by Count Von Buelow, imperial chancellor: "Neither Great Britain, France nor Russia ever approached Germany to participate in any action aiming at the ending of the South African war. It is quite probable that the Boer side has formally asked The Hague arbitration court to lend aid in ending the war somehow, and that the court has held a session regarding the matter, but that, of course, is entirely different from any serious steps to end the war."

Boys Charged With Murder.

Arkansas City, Kan., June 11.—A murder trial in which the defendants, Charles H. Betts and Clyde Moore, mere boys, was begun today. Betts is 14 years old and wears short pants. Moore is 16 years old. The defendants are charged with the murder of C. L. Wiltburger, a farmer, who was killed by a shot fired from behind, while riding in his wagon on the public road. Wiltburger had been to town with a load of wheat and was on his way home when he was shot. Robbery is supposed to be the motive of the crime.

The Machinists' Strike.

New York, June 11.—At a recent meeting of the Central Federated Union the privilege of the floor was given to a committee from the International Association of Machinists, who asked permission to lay the case of striking before the body. A Kunzelman of this committee said that the principal point now was to keep 20,000 non-union men, who had gone on a strike with the union men, from rushing back to work.

"There are 50,000 machinists on a strike for the shorter workday throughout the United States," he continued. "Of these, 30,000 belong to the union, and we have to keep the other 20,000 in line. We accept the challenge of the National Trades association and will fight until we win or until the end. Should we win, as I hope and believe, it means a nine-hour workday for 650,000 people throughout the United States."

He said that the fight would be a long and bitter one, and asked the central body to lend its aid financially and otherwise. It would require \$150,000 a week he said, to pay strike benefits for the non-union men. The meeting voted \$100 directly to the machinists, and adopted a resolution directing the secretary to write to all the affiliated unions asking for financial assistance for the strikers.

U. S. Won't Be a Party.

Washington, June 11.—The government has formally communicated to the foreign powers the impossibility of joining in a guarantee of the payment of the Chinese indemnity. The difficulties in the way of such an arrangement are set forth in the communication, particularly those relating to the constitutional restrictions on the president on making a joint guarantee of this character. In view of the determination of the United States not to be a party to a joint guarantee, there is anxiety shown in diplomatic circles as to the outcome of the question of indemnities. One view is that the majority of the powers being favorable to a joint guarantee will execute this joint instrument and thereafter carry on a concert of their own. In that event, it is said the United States would arrange directly with China as to the American portion of the indemnity. The representatives of most of the European powers do not believe that resort to The Hague tribunal, as proposed by the United States, will be acceptable to their government.

Americans Get Awards.

New York, June 11.—A Washington dispatch to the Herald gives the names of four Americans who have obtained awards from the Chilean claims commission. Mr. Hallows of New York will receive \$9000 for the detention of machinery during the blockade of Iquique; Andrew Moss who lives in Chili, will receive \$6000 for the destruction of his property during a battle near Valparaiso; McKinsley and O'Brien, who salvaged a wreck near Punta Arenas, have been awarded \$2000, and Maurice Levek, a naturalized citizen, will receive \$5000 for personal injuries sustained in 1859. With the exception of the Itata case the commission has completed its consideration of claims of American citizens against Chile and of Chileans against the United States and when it dies by limitation, next week, the claims docket between the two countries will be clean.

Will Claim Statehood.

Washington, June 11.—Governor Otero of New Mexico is in Washington looking after a reappointment to his present position, which his friends expect him to secure without much difficulty. "New Mexico will send a delegation to Washington next December to press its claims for Statehood," said he today. "We have a territory as large as New York, Pennsylvania and a few other States combined, with about 250,000 people within its borders. Unfortunately the census enumerators were unable to find but 190,000, but I believe they missed many thousands. The difficulties of taking the census were great, as the population is scattered over an immense territory. We have more population than any of the younger States with the exception of one of the Dakotas, and I confidently expect congress to recognize our claim before long."

Accidental Tragedy.

Lockhart, Texas, June 11.—A shocking tragedy occurred on the farm of W. F. Callahan, a few miles south of this place, yesterday, in which Orla Mayo, aged about 14 years, was shot and instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of Johnnie Hill, also about 14 years old.

Social Items.

The peach crop will soon be on hand.

Your ad. will not be unprofitably placed in the COURIER.

"Blue Ribbon" and all kinds of bottled beer at Hyman's.

To Fertilize the Blood.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

G. W. Patton of Tadmor was a caller at this office Saturday.

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

For Pale, Sickly Children.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Pick Lacy of Rusk was visiting his parents in Crockett this week.

When you want Lether goods call on Geo. Waller at saddle shop.

Dock Smith has returned home from the State University at Austin.

Miss Laura Painter of Galveston is visiting the family of Mrs. J. H. Wootters.

J. H. Wakefield, doing a grocery business at Lovelady, has been adjudged a bankrupt.

The celebrated "Paul Jones" and "Joel B. Frazier" whiskey at Hyman's saloon only.

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

Pale People Have Pale Blood.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic makes rich blood.

The Rev. Mr. Sowell of Lovelady preaches at the Baptist church three Sundays in every month.

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

As noted last week, the commissioners' court is sitting as a board of equalization on county taxes.

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

For Nursing Mothers.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

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.

See our new improved Milburn wagons before you buy.

CRADDOCK & CO.

Twenty Per Cent More Doses

In Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic than in a Bitter Chill Tonic.

J. S. Kennedy of Coltharp, paymaster for the La. & Tex. Lumber Co., was in Crockett Wednesday.

To purify the blood, take at least one half dozen good drinks each day. Same can be had at Lee Goolsby's.

That part of Mr. J. W. Martin's family who were attending school north are now at home in Crockett.

Just received a new line of dress linen, Persian lawn, ladies' lace vests, etc., at the Big Store.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

The family of Mr. A. McTavish of Coltharp were in Crockett recently on their way north to spend the summer.

Extra inducements in negligee shirts for the next 30 days at the Big Store. \$1.00 shirts for 50c.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Mr. McDowell, the commissary man of the Louisiana and Texas lumber company, was in Crockett last Thursday on his way north.

Many People

In every section of Houston county have found it to their advantage to do business with us. They have been pleased with the way we treat our customers, and have recommended us to their friends. We want your trade, and will extend to you every accommodation in our power. We see to it personally that every customer has

The Best

Attention, and our goods and prices are always right. We are headquarters for glass, paints and oils.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN DRUGGIST.

Doubet & singel Harness saddle shop.

For Loss of Appetite.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Hyman's saloon for the largest schooner of beer in town.

All Kinds of Bridels and strap goods at Geo. Waller's shop.

Mr. H. C. Leaverton of Grapeland was in the city Monday.

A General Strengthening Tonic.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic.

Hyman's saloon! Headquarters for the best keg beer in town.

Hon. J. W. Madden returned Friday evening from a trip south.

Malaria Makes Impure Blood.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures Malaria.

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

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

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

Messrs. Valliant and Marr, two civil engineers of the East Texas railroad, spent Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Crockett.

Malaria Makes You Weak.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic makes you strong.

Mr. Zeke Parish says he will have a picnic at his lake on the 28th inst. Everybody is invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

The afternoon train from the north now arrives at Crockett ten minutes earlier than formerly, the time of arrival being two minutes after three.

Strength Enables You to Stand the Heat

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic gives strength.

Mr. Aaron Speer of Lovelady was a pleasant caller at this office last week. He is sending the COURIER to his son-in-law, Mr. W. J. Rhodes, at Hallettsville.

Dr. McCarty and Gresham Lansford of Porter Springs, accompanied by two young ladies, attended the entertainment at the opera house Monday night.

Buy the Peerless Ice cream freezer—guaranteed to freeze cream in 3½ minutes. Get them at the Big Store.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

Mr. J. W. Sheler has accepted a position as stenographer with Edmiston Bros., returning to Crockett from Palestine, where he has been employed in the railroad general offices.

Lumber! Lumber!

We have bought W. B. Wall's mill 3½ 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.

See them good sadels at saddle shop.

For loss of appetite, one long toddy before breakfast, two before dinner and three just before supper. Please call on Lee Goolsby for same.

Mr. O. A. Rill and family of Camden Point, Mo., the former a brother-in-law of Dan McLean, are on a visit to Mr. McLean and family in Crockett.

Craddock & Co. have a nice line of Oxford ties that they are offering at a bargain. Give us a call, and for staple groceries we sell the best at lowest prices.

Will Close on the Fourth.

Jas. S. Shivers & Co. will give their employes a holiday on the Fourth of July. The store will remain closed all day.

Malaria Causes Biliousness.

Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic removes the cause.

Wanted

At the Big Store two thousand pounds of beeswax. Highest price will be paid.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

We have just received a car of the improved Milburn wagons—the best on the market at reasonable prices and terms.

CRADDOCK & CO.

It's Here.

We keep studying the needs of people. That's why we so seldom lack the item you want. The loss of a sale is a trifle, but the customer is disappointed. Several disappointments and he may not come again. The loss of a customer is a serious loss to any store. Not merely a loss of profit, but a loss of prestige. We try to make our store useful and helpful. We want it to be known as a place where everything that a druggist ought to sell may be found, and where little accommodation is given and not grudgingly. When we don't quite please you, tell us—it will help us to make our store better.

J. G. HARING, PHARMACIST.

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.

The street from the Methodist to the Baptist church has been rounded up and put in first-class shape, as has also the east side of the public square. The water will now flow to the gutters when it rains.

Four of the outstanding school bonds against the city have been taken up, leaving twenty yet outstanding. They are for \$500 each. It is estimated that the remaining bonds can be taken up in the next seven or eight years.

The negro, Peter Washington, charged with the killing of Bud Barrs, waived examination Friday in Justice Callier's court and was allowed \$1000 bail, which was made with Major J. C. Wootters and Tom Box as sureties.

Wanted.

We have a buyer for a small farm suitable for a nursery, within three to six miles of Crockett or Lovelady. If you have such for sale bring or send us description with lowest price.

E. A. NICHOLS & CO.

Long and short tug wagon harnesses at Geo. Waller's shop.

Remember the HALF YEAR CLEARING SALE lasts through the whole month of June. Premium tickets given with every purchase. The Big Store.

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

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.

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, SUP'T.

Mr. B. F. Smith, a farmer living on Nevils' Prairie, was found dead in bed Monday morning by his family. He had been in bad health all year. It is said that his death was due to heart disease. Mr. Smith was a good citizen and his family have the sympathy of a large number of friends.

Mr. W. W. Wills, who has a fine farm just north of Lovelady, was in to see us Monday. He reports fine crop prospects and says he lives in the garden spot of Houston county, which must be a goat, or else Mr. Wills is a mighty good farmer, for the writer saw his crop Friday and it does look fine.

Mr. Jim Best of Dodson called to see us Saturday. His post-office was recently discontinued on account of the death of the postmaster, but he says the people are going to make an effort to have it re-established. Mr. Best is one of the COURIER's staunchest friends in that section, a fact which the paper is proud of.

The graduating exercises of the Crockett public school will be held at the opera house to-night (Wednesday). The school has just closed a most successful session under the able management of Prof. Walker King. As copy is all prepared for this week's issue of the COURIER, we will have to forego any further mention of the exercises until next week.

Violin Recitale.

Miss Agnes Bruner, assisted by the Lind Harmonics, Miss Myrtle Murchison, elocutionist, Mrs. A. M. Decuir, accompanist, and Miss Frances Wootters, pianist, Friday night, June 14th, 1901, at Mayes' opera house, under auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church and for benefit of new organ for the church.

Crockett will reap some of the benefits of the immense amount of freight being hauled out to Coltharp. The men who do the hauling will spend their money here, thus turning it into the channels of commerce. The company has paid and is paying out a great deal of money for hauling and a number of the county's citizens are the beneficiaries. When the railroad is completed from Lufkin to Coltharp this will all stop.

A severe hail storm is reported from Weldon, much damage being done to crops. The convict farm was a heavy sufferer. The storm extended east to the forks of the Big and Little Whitecreek creeks, leaving destruction in its wake. It is reported that crops were totally destroyed in some places and that cotton will have to be replanted. This is a severe blow to the farmers of that section, but it is not too late to replant cotton and corn land can be put in field peas, sorghum, millet or cotton or something else.

JOSEPH & MIKE,

GROCERY STORE AND RESTAURANT. MEALS AT ALL HOURS. ICE CREAM AND SODA WATER.

Mrs. Corry's Recitale.

The recitale by Mrs. Corry's music class on Friday evening of last week was thoroughly enjoyed and up to the usual standard of excellence of her previous ones. The violin solo by Miss Agnes Bruner was beautiful, as was also the piano playing by the pupils of Mrs. Corry. The drills were pretty, and especially so was the tambourine drill. Misses Breitting, Beasley and Foster assisted in the entertainment.

The K. of P. lodge received by express Monday morning a large, live ram, which becomes the property of the lodge. It was said that the ram would be clipped to the skin and greased and the members of the lodge given an introduction to him at the next meeting. It was hinted that he possessed better bucking proclivities than a mule and would "butt the stuff" out of you quicker'n a goat," as a small boy expressed it. The ram came in a crate which made the small boy think that "it was a mighty good sign he was a bad ram."

Mrs. King's and Miss Wootters' Recitale.

Mrs. Walker King and Miss Ethel Wootters had their music class recitales together this year, which brought together a bevy of beautiful, bright and happy young girls. There is nothing prettier than such a bevy, until they grow older, and then most people generally find one that is prettier and sweeter than the whole bunch and the bouquet is broken. The arrangement of Monday night's program could not have been better—fairies that looked like real fairies, with wings and fairy paraphernalia. The May-pole dance was pretty and artistic and the crowning of the May-queen a success. The program consumed only about an hour and thirty minutes, but the audience could have been held twice as long with such entertainment.

The COURIER offers superior advantages to the merchant who desires to get his goods well before the public. It goes into the homes and is read by an intelligent class of citizenship as one will find anywhere. People have come to know that the merchant who hustles for business is the one to trade with and there is no better way of hustling than by advertising. The live, wide-awake merchant offers inducements which the shrewd buyer takes advantage of, meaning lower prices for the buyer and more sales for the seller. The merchant who sits about his store from year in to year out and makes no effort to increase his trade cannot afford to sell at the same small profit as the merchant who enjoys a much larger patronage as the fruits of advertising and hustling. His goods become shelf-worn and musty and are bound to be high-priced or he could not stay in business. Buy from the merchants who advertise and you will get reasonable goods at "quick sales and small profit" prices.

Many women fail to digest their food, and so become pale, sallow, thin and weak, while the brightness, freshness and beauty of the skin and complexion depart. Remedy this by taking HERBINE after each meal, to digest what you have eaten. Price 50c. Sold by J. G. Haring.

THE COURIER.

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

We read the headline: "Increasing Her Burden." Suppose she got married again.

"The South to the Front" is the heading of an article in an exchange. Glad to know she is again to the front.

A dispatch in the Globe-Democrat is headed: "Botha Closely Pressed." If one is to be closely pressed, why not Both?

Another rich man's son and an actress have blown out their brains in a hotel room in Chicago. The account doesn't say what disposition was made of the brains.

A gang of fifty Mexicans were brought from San Antonio to Lufkin recently and are at work on the Crockett and Lufkin road. Work will be pushed to Coltharp.

A stroke of lightning at Darien, N. Y., drove a man perpendicularly into a muddy ditch up to his armpits. He had on rubber boots, but it seems they do not protect a person from being used as a pile driver.

If Crockett lets the new railroad stop at Coltharp, it will lose lots of trade. All the cotton of that section will be sold at Coltharp or Lufkin. If the road is extended here, Crockett can still control that trade by means of its superior advantages in supplying the wants of the people.

Those who have shipped Irish potatoes this year have done so well that they speak of increasing the acreage next year. They have realized from \$50 to \$75 an acre and a fall crop can be raised. We have heard a number of men speak of engaging in the business next year. From results obtained the present season, it is the most profitable crop one can grow.

In Montgomery county, Ind., a few farmers bought a switchboard and telephones for their own use, paying \$3 initiation and 25 cents a month. Tolls from nonsubscribers met the salary of the operator. This system has been extended until it serves forty towns with 6000 telephones. In a Massachusetts county 200 farmers provided their own telephone facilities for \$6 each a year.

The most selfish citizen in a community is the property owner who sits by and watches others in their efforts to upbuild the community, contributing none of his own means and labor to any worthy enterprise that would result in general good. He sees his property enhance in value daily by the public-spiritedness of his neighbors who perhaps own less property than he, but he does not turn a hand to aid in the advancement. He profits by the push and energy of his more enterprising neighbors who generally own less of this world's goods. Such a citizen is not worth much to a community.

One of the most remarkable but least-noticed facts in connection with the war in the Transvaal is the extreme youth of a large part of General DeWet's army. When hostilities broke out almost every grown man enlisted, even the enfeebled, but the pace has been too rapid for the venerable burghers. As they were killed or incapacitated their places have gradually been taken by mere school-children, many only thirteen or fourteen years of age. Under the title of "The Youngest Soldiers in the World," in the June Cosmopolitan Allen Sangree throws more

light on the make-up and life of General DeWet's commandoes than anything hitherto published. The naive, simple letter from fourteen-year-old Deneys Reitz to his father, the Secretary of State of the Transvaal Republic, has seldom been equalled for vital interest by any carefully written article on the war.

By a new regulation consumptive immigrants are not allowed to land in this country. If they fail to pass the examination they are sent back at the cost of the steamship company. The marine hospital at New York has ruled that tuberculosis, even in an early stage, is "a dangerous contagious disease."

The Hogg-Swayne syndicate sold another portion of its holdings on Spindle Top last week to former Senator Charles A. Towne and his associates for \$25,000. Another sale made by the Swayne syndicate consisted of two and one-quarter acres of Spindle Top to F. P. Hayne and W. P. Brown, representing a New Orleans syndicate, the price being \$200,000. A certified check for this amount was placed on deposit in the Citizen's bank. Mr. Brown is a director in the Union National bank of New Orleans. Walter B. Sharp and D. R. Besty sold a quarter of an acre on Spindle Top which they bought ten days before. The price paid was \$25,000.

The strawberry crop of Smith county is no small item. Superintendent J. A. Russ of the Pacific Express Company, speaking of the strawberries from Smith county this season, said: "Shipments of strawberries from Smith county this season are as follows: From Arp, 713 crates; from Lindale, 8763 crates; from Swan, 1305 crates; from Tyler, 7512 crates. This represents local shipments by express. In addition there has been 13 solid carloads from Lindale, 6 from Swan and 21 from Tyler. The local shipments by express here given, aggregating 18,296 crates, if figured into carloads, would mean fully 30 cars, as the average carload is 600 crates of 24 quarts. Shipping is not yet over, and blackberries are coming in now, and the shipment of this latter will probably amount to one fourth of the strawberry crop."

LIKES HOUSTON COUNTY.

The editor of this paper was on the train recently with Mr. Norman H. Moss, attorney-at-law of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and receiver of First National Bank of McPherson, Kansas. Mr. Moss had been to Beaumont and had incidentally taken a run down to Galveston and a short stop in Houston. The country traversed in his company was from Lovelady to Crockett. During the course of conversation, Mr. Moss said he had been drawn to Beaumont by the excitement incident to the discovery of oil, but that he had made no investment there. He spoke of the remarkable prices being paid for oil lands, some tracts being sold at the rate of a hundred thousand dollars an acre. Observing from the car window the fine condition of crops between Lovelady and Crockett, he became interested and asked about the soil, its productivity, value, etc. He expressed no little surprise at the cheapness of the land and said that the same quality of land in Illinois was held at prices ten times as high. He could not see why an investment in Houston county lands would not be a safer investment than in oil lands at Beaumont at present prices. He said he liked this section of the state better than any

through which he had travelled as a section for investment in lands. He became interested to such extent that he asked to be mailed literature regarding Houston county and its resources. The coal mine was passed and noted. On being told that the coal was found only a few feet under the earth's surface and that the vein was seven feet thick, he expressed surprise, and told of the great depth at which it was found in Illinois. Mr. Moss' enthusiasm was such that he contemplates a visit to this section next winter.

HOUSTON COUNTY LIGNITE.

R. R. Claridge, industrial and immigrant agent of the International and Great Northern and editor of the Illustrator and General Narrator, while in Houston recently, speaking to a reporter of the Galveston News, told of a new fuel mixture which he has discovered. It is nothing more nor less than the saturating of Texas lignite with Beaumont oil. This combination, he stated, makes a fire as hot as the regions of inferno. A temperature may be attained very much greater than that of either oil or lignite burned separately, a combustion being produced that is almost perfect. This oil-lignite fuel, he believes, will solve the problem of a perfect smelting fuel, being superior to the best grade of coal and far cheaper in price. Mr. Claridge was the discoverer of the Lovelady coal mines, and was the main spirit in opening them up and working them. The mines are near Lovelady, a hundred miles north of Houston, and although coal was known to be under the surface in that section, it seems that no one ever thought about working the strata until it dawned upon the mind of Editor Claridge. It was by the merest incident that he learned of the presence of the vein. While discussing crops with an old farmer one day the latter incidentally remarked that he had had some trouble in sinking a water well. Relating his trouble in that particular, he said that he had dug clear through a solid bed of coal. Mr. Claridge inquired the thickness of the stratum, and was informed that it was about eight feet. He did not say a word further on the subject, but in the twinkling of an eye formulated his plans. Upon his return to San Antonio a few days later he at once began arrangements for prospecting. This was carried quietly along, and last December the first ton of coal was taken from the ground. It was a superior lignite, and found ready place on the market. The output was slowly increased, until within the past two months it has been 10 carloads per day. Considerable of the product has been used in this city. With the coming of Texas oil, Editor Claridge and his mine associates see a threatened destruction of their industry along with producing mines generally in the West and South. He did not indicate what results he expected, if any, from the oil-lignite combination. He, however, stated that he believed it would be the best smelting fuel in the world, and if such is the case, doubtless there will be a demand for it.

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