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NOTICE.

As required by Article 3, Section 57 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given that the International & Great Northern Railroad Company and the Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans Railroad Company and the Houston, Oaklawn and Magnolia Park Railway Company intend to apply to the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, to assemble in biennial session, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1903, for a local or special law to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate as a part or parts of its line, the railroad constructed or to be constructed of the Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans Railroad Company and also the railroad constructed or to be constructed of the Houston, Oaklawn and Magnolia Park Railway Company, or either of them, as defined in their respective charters, together with all franchises and property incident or appertaining to said railroads or either of them; and to authorize said Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans Railroad Company and said Houston, Oaklawn and Magnolia Park Railway Company each to sell its railroad as defined in its charter, together with all franchises and property incident or appertaining thereto, to said International & Great Northern Railroad Company, and to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to issue and negotiate its bonds secured or to be secured by mortgage or mortgages, subject to the laws of the State of Texas governing the issuance and negotiation of bonds by railroad companies; and to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to construct, own and operate, as a part or parts of its line, the unfinished portion, or portions of said railroads, or either of them, between the terminals as defined in their respective charters, and to construct, own and operate, as part or parts of its line, extensions and branches of said railroads, or either of them, under or as authorized in and by the charter of said International & Great Northern Railroad Company or any amendment thereof made or to be made in pursuance of general laws of the State of Texas, to regulate reports relative to the railroads, franchises and property, authorized by this act to be purchased and sold, and the operation thereof; and to prescribe the conditions upon which said purchases and sales shall take effect and be dependent; and to authorize said companies and each of them to execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to accomplish said purchases and sales.

THE INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

By L. TRICE, Second Vice-President, and A. R. HOWARD, Secretary.

THE HOUSTON, BEAUMONT AND NEW ORLEANS RAILROAD COMPANY.

By L. TRICE, First Vice-President, and T. W. HOUSE, Secretary.

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By L. TRICE, President, and H. BOOTH, Secretary.

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A Thousand Dollar's Worth of Good. A. H. Thurnes, a well known coal operator of Buffalo, Ohio, writes, I have been afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble for years, passing gravel or stone with excruciating pain. I got no relief from medicines until I began taking Foley's Kidney Cure, then the result was surprising. A few doses started the brick dust like fine stones and now I have no pains across my kidneys and I feel like a new man. It has done me a \$1000 worth of good. At Smith & French's.

Boy's Life Saved from Membranous Group. C. W. Lynch, a prominent citizen of Winchester, Ind., writes, "My little boy had a severe attack of membranous croup, and only got relief after taking Foley's Honey and Tar. He got relief after one dose and I feel that it saved the life of my boy. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

BEAUMONT DUEL.

Street Commissioner Broach is Dead and Policeman Mathews Shot in Leg.

BYSTANDER WAS ALSO HIT.

Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 18.—As a result of a pistol duel fought by Policeman Mathews and Street Commissioner John Broach at 9:20 this evening in front of the natatorium on Park street, Broach lies dead with two bullet holes through his head, Policeman Mathews is in the custody of Sheriff Laundry, and H. H. Mathews, a young man who recently came to Beaumont from Hallettsville, Texas, is at the hospital with a pistol wound in his head that it is believed will prove fatal. Policeman Mathews is also wounded in one of the legs. H. H. Mathews, who is at the hospital, is not related to the policeman, and he was not a participant in the duel.

A dance was in progress at the natatorium when the tragedy occurred, and several parties witnessed the shooting. Dr. H. H. Prather's little daughter and son saw the duel and both say that Policeman Mathews and Street Commissioner Broach were the active participants. Dr. Prather conducts a drug store within fifty feet of the scene of the tragedy and H. H. Mathews was carried into the place and was examined by Doctor Prather before he was sent to the hospital. Doctor Prather probed the wound. He stated to the News correspondent that the ball entered the skull of young Mathews just above the right ear and penetrated the brain. Policeman Mathews came to Beaumont about one year ago from Houston, where he served on the police force, and has been on the force here ever since he came to Beaumont.

Mr. Broach has resided here many years and is known throughout this section. He leaves a wife and several children.

The Eagles lodge of which deceased was a member took charge of the remains after Justice Pope viewed them.

Justice Pope rendered a verdict after it was prepared for burial at the undertaking establishment. The verdict is that Broach came to his death from a pistol shot fired by an unknown party. Only one ball entered the head of deceased.

The ladies of Palestine are to organize a Village Improvement Society for the purpose of improving and beautifying their town. These societies are coming into vogue in various parts of the country and are said to be doing real good in the matter of correcting local abuses, arousing town pride, beautifying homes and otherwise improving the appearance of the town. It is a novel but not inappropriate role for ladies, and we hope the Palestine example will prove catching and Village Improvement Societies will spread all over Texas.—Conroe Courier.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Prewitt of Pecos City are visiting relatives in this city.

TWO ACCOUNTS.

1. COTTON FARMER'S ACCOUNT.

A. WAYBACK,

Hardrun, Texas, December 31st, 1902.

In account with B. GOUGER, GENERAL MERCHANDISE AND PARIS GREEN.

LIMIT \$30.00.

MORTGAGE

1 Bale Cotton
1 Mare
1 One horned Cow.

Year	Month	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1902	Jan.	1	Carried over from 1901	7 65	
	Feb.	1	To 10 lbs. Bacon 2.50; 1 sk. Meal 1.50; recording mort. 25c	4 25	
	Mch.	10	" 1 pr. Traces 75c; Collar 1.25; 1 bu. Seed Corn 2.00	4 00	
	Apr.	7	" 10 yds. Calico 1.00; sk. Meal 1.50; 1 bull tongue Plow 50c	3 00	
	May	15	" 10 lbs. Bacon 2.50; Fish-hooks .10; Box Pills .25	2 85	
	June	10	" 1 pr. Brogan Shoes 1.85; 20 lbs. Paris Green 2.00	3 85	
	July	1	" 1 Bottle Ague Buster .75; 1 sk. Meal 1.50	2 25	
	Aug.	5	" 10 lbs. Bacon 2.50; 3 Cotton sacks 1.80	4 30	
			Account stopped	32 15	
	Oct.	10	By 1 Bale Cotton, less ginning, bagging and ties		26 45
			Balance carried over to 1903		5 70
				32 15	32 15
1903	Jan.	1	To Balance Due	5 70	

2. TRUCK FARMER'S ACCOUNT.

B. WIDEAWAKE,

Prosperity, Texas, December 31st, 1902.

In account with A. M. UPTODATE, SPOT CASH MERCHANT.

UNLIMITED.

Year	Month	Day	Description	Debit	Credit	Balance
1902	Jan.	1	By 210 lbs. Pork at 7c, 14.70; 290 lbs. Hams at 10c, 29.00			43 70
		1	To sugar 1.00; 1 Boy's Suit 5.50; 1 Sealskin Sack 57.00	63 00		60 00
		17	By 4 loads Potatoes, 120 bushels at 50c		1 00	40 00
		17	To 1 sack Flour			25 00
		22	By two barrels Ribbon Cane Syrup, 100 gallons at 40c			90 00
		22	To Cash	25 00		21 50
	Feb.	3	By 150 bushels of Corn at 60c			32 00
		3	To 1 Buggy	100 00		37 00
		12	By 170 dozen Eggs 20.00; by 10 lbs. Butter 1.50			47 00
	Mch.	5	To Garden Seed 15.00; Cultivator 52.00	67 00		300 00
		13	By Potatoes			156 00
	Apr.	9	To Sugar 1.00; Maple Syrup 1.00; Canvassing 10.00	12 00		225 00
	May	20	By 220 lbs. Hams 22.20; 380 lbs. Bacon 10c, 38.00			22 00
	June	5	" 320 crates Tomatoes at 1.00 crate			30 00
		5	" 37 crates Dew Berries at 1.00 crate			37 00
		5	" 47 crates Strawberries at 1.00 crate			47 00
		10	" 400 crates Tomatoes at 75c crate			300 00
		12	" 312 bu. Peaches at 50c			156 00
		14	" 300 crates Tomatoes at 75c			225 00
		18	To 1 bbl. Sugar	22 00		12 00
		19	" 1 Brussels Carpet 90.00; 1 Bed Room Suit 125.00	215 00		30 00
		25	By 1 load Watermelons			30 00
	July	1	" 490 bu. Peaches 50c			245 00
		3	" 3 loads Watermelons			30 00
		4	" 295 bu. Peaches			147 50
		5	" 200 dozen Eggs 20.00; 15 lbs. Butter at 15c, 2.25			22 25
		10	" 350 bu. Peaches			125 00
		25	" 200 dozen Eggs 20.00; 52 dozen Chickens at 3.00, 56.00			176 00
	Aug.	10	To 1 bbl. Flour 5.50; 1 bbl. Sugar 21.00	26 50		100 00
	Sept.	25	By 200 bu. Sweet Potatoes			29 40
	Oct.	10	" 420 lbs. Pork at 7c			130 00
	Nov.	10	" 2600 lbs. Pecans at 5c			1918 05
	Dec.	31	To Cash Paid to Balance	2449 55		2449 55

Which Had You Rather Have Your Name On?

—THE TEXAS TRUCK FARMER.

Newspapers as Catspaws.

An exchange aptly says: Don't attempt to ask the editor to write up or rebuke every evil in a town or community, but when convinced that such duties need attention, write an article for the paper and sign your name to it for publication. The man who is too big a coward to thus express an opinion is the very one who will stand on the street corner and loudly talk about the cowardice of the editor.

"There is nothing, perhaps, more true than the above. There are cartloads of people in every town who think the sole mission of the local press is to point out local evils and scold about them. And, at the same time, should the editor do so, these same fellows would stand meekly by and without a word of protest hear the editors roundly abused for dabbling with other people's business. This paper was asked by a business man not long since to "touch the people up" on a certain sub-

ject. The editor had already done so, but the business man didn't know it for he evidently does not read his town papers, but to test his good faith in the matter, space was offered for an article over his signature, presenting his views. Did he accept? Not much. Why? Because he placed a dollar or two to his trade above his convictions and thought the newspaper man should father sentiments he himself had not the courage to publicly express."—Beville Bee.

Report From the Reform School.

J. G. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicine we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and absolutely harmless." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

A Kidney or Bladder trouble can always be cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure in time. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Foley's Honey and Tar cures colds, prevents pneumonia.

Would Ruin His Boys.

Some prospectors near Jacksonville found signs of natural gas on a farm belonging to an old man, and they went to the house and asked permission to bore and make further development.

"What's the gas good for?" he asked.

"To take the place of fuel."

"Oh, yes."

"Then yer can't bore a darn bore 'round here. I've got five strappin' big boys, who are too infernal lazy to do anything mor'n cut nuff wood to warm their shins, an' if we have nateral gas to burn I'd have to hire or nigger to help the boys to draw their breth."—Jacksonville Reformer.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake city, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. 50c. at J. G. Haring's."

THE BIG STORE'S

Mid-Winter Reductions on Clothing, Etc.



Boys' Suits,

Lot 7729 Boys' 3-piece Knee Pants Suit, made of Scotch tweed, round cut sack coat, double-breasted vest, well made and nicely finished. Regular \$2.50 **\$1.75** suit, for.....

Lot 755 Boys' 2-piece Knee Pants Suit, all wool twilled worsted, double breasted coat. This suit is excellent value, and well worth \$3.00, but you get it for..... **\$2.48**



Best You Ever Saw for the Money.

300 Men's Heavy Undershirts, light gray, satin folds, silk binding, pearl buttons, all sizes, 75c quality for.....39c

Job lot of 200 Undershirts, fleece lined, or Egyptian ribbed, in blue, black and white striped, gray, white and tan, 75c quality for.....39c

300 Double fleeced Undershirts, white and blue and white striped, 50c quality for.....29c

Lot 820 Men's Fleece-lined Undersuits, extra heavy, all sizes, \$1.25 value for.....98c

Lot 401 Heavy Ribbed Undersuits, fancy black and white striped, latest effects, satin folds, pearl buttons, \$1.50 value for....98c

Men's and Boy's Hats of Every Description.



Job lot of 150 Wool Hats, all colors, all sizes, all shapes and all styles, at 48c, 65c, 75c and....99c

Famous "Globe" brand, white or black, narrow or wide brim, high or low crown, raw or bound edges, all newest styles and shapes your choice for.....\$1.50

"Statesman" Hats, made of beaver felt, fully guaranteed to give satisfaction, any style or size you want, for.....\$2.50

"Thoroughbred" Hats, made of nutria fur, in all the latest shapes and styles, guaranteed to be as good as any hat on the market at any price. If they don't give satisfaction they cost you nothing. Price.....\$1.50

Splendid Overcoats.

Lot 5500 Men's Heavy Overcoats, well made and substantial, sizes 36 to 39, each.....\$1.98

Lot 5033 Men's Wool Overcoats, velvet collar, catena lining, black only, all sizes, \$5 value for...\$3.98

Lot 88022 Men's Overcoats, extra heavy wool, made in latest style, comes in black and brown, \$7.50 quality for.....\$5.98

Mackintoshes.

Men's Mackintoshes, with capes, splendid quality, any color or size you want for \$1.35, 1.48, 1.65, 1.98 and.....\$2.48

STANDARD SLICKERS, all sizes, each.....\$1.98

Men's Trousers That Fit.

Lot 2227 All Wool Cheviot Trousers, extra heavy, gray and brown mixed, all sizes, worth 2.50, for only.....\$1.98

Lot 2308 Smooth Finish Worsted Trousers, latest styles fancy stripes, all sizes, 3.50 value for.....\$2.48

Lot 2578 All Wool Imported Twilled Worsted Trousers, extra heavy, all newest colors and effects, in stripes and plaids, all sizes, worth 6.00 for.....\$4.98

Other Trousers from 1.00 to 6.00.

We have any size you want, from 29 to 40 waist, and 29 to 36 length.

The long, slim man or the short, stout man can be fitted here, just as well as at a tailor shop.

A Suit for Every Man.

No 6313 Rough Finish Worsted Suit, extra heavy, in brown only, all sizes, 7.00 value for....\$4.98

No. 5052 Rough Rider Worsted suit, 4 button sack coat, comes in black with silvery threads, sizes 33 to 40, a regular 8.00 suit for only.....\$6.48
Other Suits at 2.00 to 15.00.



JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO. INCORPORATED.

The Locomotive's Growth.

In the current issue of the Scientific American, which deals with Transportation on land and Sea, Mr. Herbert T. Walker gives some interesting notes on the History of the American Locomotive. After describing the early English locomotives, their use in the development of a distinctively American type of locomotive, Mr. Walker writes as follows on the growth and present efficiency of our locomotives:

"It is of interest thus to note the enormous growth of the locomotive engine, for by referring to the dimensions of Stephenson's 'Rocket,' built in 1829, we find that the tractive effort of that engine was about 785 pounds, and compared with one of the latest powerful freight engines (No. 940), built at the Baldwin Works for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, not only Stephenson's locomotive, but all the others herein noticed are as pigmies to a giant, for '940' weighs 133½ tons; the diameter of the boiler is 6 feet 6½ inches. The total heating surface is 5,390 square feet; grate area 58.5 square feet. Working pressure 225 pounds per square inch. The compound cylinders, four in number, are 19 inches and 32 inches diameter, with a common stroke of 32 inches. The drawbar pull is no less than 31 tons, sufficient to lift as a dead weight a passenger engine of thirty years ago.

"Since the days of Watt, the question of the economical use of steam has been one of the most important, and much has been done by expanding the steam in a plurality of cylinders; but in the case of the locomotive it is a problem of peculiar difficulty by reason of the small compass within

which the extra parts must be inclosed. Within recent years, however, many well designed compound engines have been built.

"As in 1836 it was found necessary to build four-coupled engines for 'heavy' freight service, so about twenty years ago six-coupled engines for heavy passenger service came into the field, and it is noteworthy that some of the fastest speeds recorded have been attained by engines of this class. It may be said, by the way, that in the matter of speeds the progress has, comparatively speaking, not been very marked, for some of the first practical engines made spurts of a mile a minute, although the average passenger speed about the year 1850 was only twenty miles an hour, and for freight trains but half that rate.

"At the present day, average express speeds range from forty-five to fifty miles an hour, and in order to maintain these speeds with the heavy modern passenger coaches some remarkably fine engines have been placed in service. The largest passenger locomotive in the world was built for the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad by the American Locomotive Company at their Schenectady works, and certainly does great credit to her designers. The cylinders are 22 inches diameter with a stroke of no less than 28 inches, so that with a 72-inch driving wheels and a steam pressure of 200 pounds on the square inch, the tractive power of this magnificent locomotive is 16 tons. The total heating surface is 3533.28 square feet, and the weight of the engine and tender in working trim is 154½ tons.

"This class of engine is known as the 'Mountain' type, and is coming rapidly to the front for hauling the fastest trains over exceptionally heavy grades."

CARSON & STEPP, Meat Market.

OYSTERS AND FISH. BEST BEEF
East Side Public Square, Crockett, Texas

Blooded Stock.



I have a high-bred Horse and a Jack, both of which will be kept at my plantation one mile west of Lovelady.

The Horse is known throughout the southern part of the county as the Shaw Horse, and the Jack as the Sheffur Jack.

Fees for service reasonable and the number of mares limited.

Call on or address me at Lovelady, Texas.

H. M. Barbee.

Travelers to California

Naturally desire to see the grandest and most impressive scenery en route. This you will do by selecting the Denver and Rio Grande Western, "The Scenic Line of the World," and "The Great Salt Lake Route," in one or both directions, as this line has two separate routes across the Rocky Mountains between Denver and Ogden. Tickets reading via this route are available either via its main line through the Royal Gorge, Leadville, over Tennessee Pass, through the Canon of the Grand River and Glenwood Springs, or via the line over Marshal Pass and through the Black Canon of the Gunnison, thus enabling the traveler to use one of

the above routes going and the other returning. Three splendidly equipped fast trains are operated to and from the Pacific Coast, with through standard sleepers daily between Chicago, St. Louis, Denver and San Francisco. Dining cars (service a la carte) on all through trains. If you contemplate such a trip, let us send you beautifully illustrated pamphlets, free. S. K. Hooper, G. P. and T. A., Denver, Colorado.

A Timely Topic.

At this season of coughs and colds it is well to know that Foley's Honey and Tar is the greatest throat and lung remedy. It cures quickly and prevents serious results from a cold. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

I. & G. N.

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Will Cover a Very Large Territory This Year.

ONE FARE,
(PLUS \$2.00.)

Tickets will be sold

Dec. 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26,
Limit 30 Days for Return.

Note the low rate and early selling dates.

Quick Time, Good Accommodations for Holiday Travel,

In Trough Cars to

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Excursion Tickets will also be on sale between all points on the I. & G. N. System December 23, 24, 25, 26 and 31, 1902, and January 1, 1903, limited January 3 for return.

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L. TRICE, D. J. PRICE,
2d V.-P. & G. M. G. P. & T. A.
PALESTINE, TEXAS.

Coughs, Colds and Constipation.

Few people realize when taking cough medicines other than Foley's Honey and Tar, that they contain opiates which are constipating besides being unsafe, particularly for children. Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, is safe and sure and will not constipate. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.



Heart and Lolly

His Little Avocation.
"But," said the bright and good-looking young woman, "haven't you any pursuit to follow for the simple love of it in the hours when you are not at your office?"

The great and powerful organizer of trusts stood for a moment abashed by the simple candor of a young girl. Then a ray of inspiration swept over his countenance, and he answered: "Oh, yes. I'm a coin collector."

Municipal Aid.

"Well," remarked Miss Innocence, "the government may not believe in women taking the initiative in matters of love, but this city certainly does."

"I don't see how," replies Miss Artike, with more interest than might have been expected.
"It's plain as print. The city clerk is advertising for sealed proposals," replies Miss Innocence.

A Pleasant Suggestion.



"I went to New York the other day. My wife went not with me. Some girls said pretty, on the street, 'Can he a' masher be?'"

Only Death is Sure.

"Dolly," said the sick Mr. High roller to his little daughter, "has it occurred to you that papa might die and go to heaven?"

"No," replied the child, "because asked the doctor that very question. 'And what did he say?'"

"He said: 'I don't think he will although, of course, he will have to die some day.'"

A Timely Warning.

"Now, my child," said the Deer Mother, as she selected a nice Place for the Little Deer, "if you want to see the Real Thing in Deer Hunts, sit here by the Roadside, and be Careful not to Move, or the Hunter may take you for a Man and Shoot you."
For the Deer Mother was Up-to-Date and read the daily Paper.

Room for Sorrow.

Mistress—"Poor, darling, little Top sy! I'm afraid she will never recover. Do you know, Bridget, I think the kindest thing would be to have her shot and put her out of her misery!"

Bridget—"Deed, ma'm, I wouldn't do that. Sure, she might get better after all, an' then ye'd be sorry ye'd had her killed!"—Punch.

In the Art Gallery.



"Were these ladies disappointed by their dressmaker, mamma?"

Not What He Meant.

A well-known authoress was one, talking with a dilapidated bachelor who retained little but his conceit.

"It is time now," he said, pompously, "for me to settle down as a married man, but I want so much. I want youth, health, wealth, of course beauty, grace—"

"Yes," said his fair listener, sympathetically, "you poor man, you do want them all."

How True!

"I have noticed that babies always have very open countenances." "Yes, especially about midnight."

There are plenty of people who have become depressed and discouraged, because that dry, hacking cough hangs to them continually. They have taken much medicine, mostly of the advertised quack sort, nothing like Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Breast Tea, the discovery of a then noted German physician 60 years ago. We do not say that this will cure a case where the lungs are badly diseased, for it will not, and up to this date there is nothing that will cure under these conditions; but on the other hand, if the lungs are not hard hit, the patient should take Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Breast Tea, a cup full every night on going to bed, have it hot, drink slowly, then every other night rub the throat and top portion of the lungs with St. Jacobs Oil, cover with oil silk, let it remain an hour, then remove. Eat good, plain, nourishing food, live in the open air as much as possible. By all means sleep as near out of doors as possible, that is, windows wide open, except in the very severe weather. Take a cold sponge bath every morning; then immediately rub the body vigorously with a coarse towel. Take Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Drops every other day according to directions. One can buy the three remedies for \$1.25 of any reliable druggist. Begin the treatment at once and see how much better you will be almost within a week's time.

Hostess—What portion of the chicken would you like, Mr. Dineout? Mr. Dineout—Oh, half of it will be ample, thank you.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured
with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quick medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
P. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, price 75c.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

About 15,000,000 acres in northwestern Nebraska are so sandy as to be unfit for tillage.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold
Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. Price 25c.

Don't argue with a fool. Listeners will say there are two of a kind.

Superior quality and extra quantity must win. This is why Defiance starch is taking the place of all others.

The grindstone of adversity is what makes a man sharp.

While on an automobile trip State Senator James K. Flood of Hart, Mich., met a mounted Indian whose horse appeared much frightened at the machine. The senator called out: "Joe, is your horse much afraid?" "Naw! Heap big fool; he only mad; he t'ink you take his job."—New York Times.

An Iowa millionaire has just married a poor telephone girl, chiefly for the reason that she always answered his calls promptly and was careful to give him the right number. (Papers all over the United States please copy).—Boston Herald.

A fragment of a calendar, the earliest piece of Gutenberg's printing that can be proved, has been discovered at Wiesbaden. The astronomical calculations show that it was intended for the first four months of the year 1448.

A lock of Napoleon's hair was sold at auction a year or two ago. It was accompanied by the letter which Napoleon sent with it to a Mrs. le Vaux. The letter runs thus: "Enclosed is what I promised you; it is small but precious. I have but little left."

The kaiser has sent to Lord Kitchener a pressing invitation to visit Germany before he goes to Russia. This letter states that the entire German army would esteem it a privilege to be allowed to welcome so distinguished a soldier.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.
For children teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, stops pain, cures wind colic, etc. a bottle.

Gen. Kitchener recently declined to be interviewed by a soldier who has since his return from South Africa turned journalist. "Always pleased to see and do anything for anyone who has served under me, but you know I never—" Then he smiled and shook his head.

MCCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY,
Houston, Texas, for trained and reliable detective services.

The latest southern desperado shot by a sheriff's posse was distinguished for always carrying a Bible as well as a rifle. It had been more faithful in his reading of the sacred volume he might have been less indefatigable in his use of the rifle.

When a man resigns himself to fate his resignation is usually accepted.

Strappes—Five pounds for a bonnet! Madam, it is a crime! Mrs. S. Well, the crime will be on my own head.

THE SON OF U. S. MINISTER TO ENGLAND

Commends Peruna to All Catarrh Sufferers.



Hon. Louis E. Johnson is the son of the late Reverdy Johnson who was United States Senator from Maryland, also Attorney General under President Johnson, and United States Minister to England, and who was regarded as the greatest constitutional lawyer that ever lived.

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Scotland shipyards are at a standstill.

American cars will be used exclusively on London streets.

The dairy interests in this country were never before so prosperous.

The anthracite miners receive \$3.25 for 5 1/2 hours work in the mines.

The quarantine against American meat is making steak very high in England.

The tobacco trust has forced examination of Texas tobacco lands, and with satisfactory results.

More revenue is wanted by the Philippine islands, which shows that we have purchased a land not alien to our own in a financial sense.

If the new towns in Oklahoma continue to grow in population at the rate of 2000 a day, the territory will soon have enough inhabitants for two ordinary states.

Allen Farm, once the home of Ethan Allen, the hero of Ticonderoga, will be transformed by its present owner into a public park and presented to the city of Burlington, Vt.

The Mexican Chamber of Deputies has amended the penal code so as to impose heavy penalties upon newspapers, which criticize the congress, courts, army, navy or a collegiate body.

The vast majority of the immigrants of today come from eastern and south-eastern Europe, whereas Germany, the British islands and the Scandinavian countries furnished most of them a score of years ago.

A new mining town has sprung up during the past few days that promises to be one of the most important mining camps of the Joplin district. The new town is Mitchell, located six miles northwest of Joplin.

In the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1902, 648,743 aliens came to this country in the steers of vessels, and \$2,655 as cabin passengers, making a total of 730,798. This number was never exceeded except in 1852.

The late Dr. Parker of London left property to the value of \$135,000. His will provides handsomely for his housekeeper and his secretary, but the bulk of the money is divided among his wife's relatives.

The statistician of the department of agriculture estimates the newly seeded area of winter wheat at about 40,000,000 acres, an increase of 5.1 per cent upon the area estimated to have been sown in the fall of 1891.

Charles B. Peet, founder of Rogers, Peet & Co., was found dead in bed at his home in Plainfield, N. J., last Wednesday, from heart failure. He was vice president of the United States Casualty company, of New York.

Over 700 Danes in this country have sailed to spend Christmas in the old country. As a Danish Christmas lasts from Dec. 23 to Jan. 13, an attempt to do justice to it with an American stocking is useless.

Secretary of State Hay, in reply to a request from Gov. Sayers for a decision, rules that the governor of a border state may grant extradition without referring the case to Washington.

Industrial agents representing the Southern Pacific railroad have interested the department of agriculture in a proposition to make Texas the greatest tobacco producing territory in the world.

Without embarrassing the United States the public utterance of the president upon which they have their attention in this: "This (the Monroe) doctrine has nothing to do with the commercial relations of any American power."

The Rev. E. Griffith, of Boston, well known throughout New England, puts forth the revelation that the year 1902 is the beginning of the millennium, when the prophecy of Scriptures will be verified.

During the trial of John H. Schnetzler, a former counselman of St. Louis, charged with bribery, testimony was heard to the effect that millions of members of the house of delegates received money for their votes on switch bills from different roads.

CAPITAL NOTES.

MR. STEPHENS HAS INTRODUCED A NEW BOUNDARY BILL.

ADAMS FOR "PEN" INSPECTOR.

Said That Mr. Lanham Has Decided to Appoint Him—Mr. Ball is En Route Home.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Representative Stephens yesterday introduced a bill providing for the opening for settlement of 505,000 acres in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache reservation in Oklahoma. A similar bill was introduced last session.

It developed yesterday that the purpose of the visit to Washington of County Judge Masterson of Fort Bend county was to urge Governor-elect Lanham to appoint a Richmond man to the position of penitentiary inspector. It is said that Colonel Lanham has already decided on his appointees and he was, therefore, compelled to disappoint Judge Masterson. It is understood that Cliff A. Adams of Bryan will be one of the inspectors.

Mr. Stephens also introduced a bill providing for the re-establishment of the boundary lines between Texas and the territories of Oklahoma and New Mexico, along the 100th and 103rd meridian. The new bill is practically the same as the one introduced some days ago, except that it contains more definite information regarding certain of the surveys, etc., and shows that the lines run in 1858 were accepted by the state of Texas.

Representative Morris Sheppard introduced his first bill yesterday. It provides for the appropriation of \$10,000 to enable the secretary of agriculture to carry on experiments in Northern and Eastern Texas looking to the discovery of some effective means of fighting the boll worm and the sharpshooters, insect pests which threaten the crops in that section of the state.

The senate committee on commerce has decided to report adversely the bill appropriating \$1,000,000 for the improvement of the harbor at Baltimore, Md. This position was not taken because of opposition to the bill, but because of the rule of the committee against inaugurating individual schemes of improvement in years when there is no rivers and harbors bill, as there is this session.

Mr. Loeb, assistant secretary to the president, said yesterday evening that the president would probably celebrate Christmas in Washington, but that up to date he had given no definite instructions regarding the matter. So far as known no arrangements for a celebration at the White House on any unusually large scale have been made.

Representative Ball left for his home in Huntsville last night. His family will accompany him when he returns after the holidays. He communicated with the war department on the subject of the bids for the Buffalo bayou work again yesterday and was informed that the bids had not yet reached here.

Confirmations with the Panama treaty with Colombia has been again moved into the future, and it is now said that no treaty can be executed before Christmas, and probably not until the beginning of next year.

Minister Hart, at Bogota, has called the state department that a recent government decree provides for a progressive reduction of 16 per cent monthly in the export duties of Colombia, beginning Jan. 1, 1903.

Famous Mines Acquired.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 20.—Special advices received here from Monterey, Mexico, say the Guggenheim Exploration Company has secured an option on the famous Avino silver and copper mines, near Durango. The price demanded by the present owners, principally London capitalists, is understood to be \$6,000,000 silver. Only recently \$3,000,000 worth of machinery has been installed on this property. If the Guggenheim's take the company over, it is thought they will do so within a few weeks.

Used Explosives to Escape from Jail.

Texarkana, Texas, December 20.—John Robertson, accused of kidnaping the 14-year-old daughter of W. E. Deas a month ago and arrested here last Monday, was furnished explosives by his friends from outside with which he blew off the chain that bound him in jail, blew open the jail door and made good his escape last night.

JOHN HARRIS HANGED.

Murdered City Marshal Hill of Blossom.

Paris, Texas, Dec. 20.—At 12:30 yesterday John Harris' neck was broken for the murder of City Marshal Hill of Blossom on the night of Oct. 18. About fifty people witnessed the execution, for the most part sheriffs of neighboring counties, officers, physicians and press representatives. The man met death with stolid indifference. He was given a few minutes to talk before the trap was sprung. In twenty minutes the body was cut down and given to Harris' mother for interment.

Saturday night, Oct. 18, at a negro festival held at Blossom, ten miles east of here, Will Harris shot and killed City Marshal Pen Hill, a crime for which he paid the penalty on the gallows here yesterday.

There was a fight going on at the gathering and Hill as an officer had gone to interfere and was shot to death.

Sunday Harris was arrested. On the Tuesday following the grand jury returned an indictment charging him with murder in the first degree. Friday he was put on trial and Saturday afternoon, a few hours less than a week from the time the crime was committed, he was convicted of murder in the first degree.

Recluse for Thirty Years.

New York, Dec. 20.—Owen McCarton, a rich recluse of Oceanic, N. J., 70 years old, is dead. Although he had spent forty years at Oceanic, he was scarcely known to any one except the members of his own family.

For thirty years he had not crossed the threshold of his dwelling because sunrise and sunset because of an election bet. During the presidential campaign of 1872 between Grant and Greeley, McCarton was one of the latter's most enthusiastic supporters. He made a bet with a friend that if Grant was elected he would not leave his house except during the night as long as he lived.

McCarton lived up to his wager. About five years ago his house caught fire and for a time it looked as if he would have to break his agreement, but the flames were extinguished before they had gained sufficient headway to compel him to leave the premises.

Germany Insists.

London, Dec. 20.—The Berlin government has informed the British sign office that it is absolutely necessary to teach Castro a lesson and that until that is done the offer of arbitration may not be seriously considered. As it is understood that Great Britain has favorably answered the note from Washington, it may be that the German note will be answered with a declaration that the alliance will be terminated at some time in the near future and that there will be no further co-operation between the fleets. If this is done, the acceptance of the arbitration offer will be made independently and not in conjunction.

Believe Good Will Result.

Bryan, Texas, December 20.—Messrs. John K. Parker, James O. Chance and John Austin, all Brazos bottom planters, have returned from the boll weevil convention at Dallas. They say the meeting was largely attended and that the delegates were all in real earnest. They are of the opinion that the meeting will result in lasting good.

Rome Hopes for Peace.

Rome, Dec. 20.—The foreign office hopes to receive communications from Great Britain and Germany today giving their consent to the investiture of United States Minister Bowen with full powers to act for Venezuela, but under the condition stipulated by Germany. The cruiser Elba will start for Venezuela Sunday.

The Topaz Was Released.

London, Dec. 20.—The owners of the British steamer Topaz, which was seized by a mob of Venezuelans at Puerto Cabello Dec. 10, resulting in the bombardment of the forts there by vessels of the allied powers, have received a cable message announcing her safe arrival at Cienfuegos, Cuba.

Smallpox Bad at Monterey.

Laredo, Texas, December 20.—Travelers through this city from Monterey, Mexico, say that smallpox is epidemic in that city. The re-establishment of the quarantine office here is imperatively required in the opinion of many citizens.

Stephenville.—The wheat crop of Erath county is in prime condition, free from insects.

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Was there ever such a charming being as Santa Claus, and if so, why does he load the little men and women of the world with presents on Christmas day? The small folk believe in him, and many of the big ones have a lurking suspicion that he is not altogether a myth.

The story is Oriental, and the events related in it happened centuries ago, but it is always new, and all the more interesting because it gives the origin of the custom which causes the hearts of home cherubs to beat with rapture, as they spring from their warm beds when they hear the early Christmas bells, and explore the contents of their ridiculously small stockings for horses and dogs,



"Go, and remember!"

wagons and chariots, and bushels of candy which a beneficent Santa Claus filled "when all was still in the house."

There are big hearts, too, that throb with hope and expectation on the eve of the anniversary of the Christ child, and exult with joy in unison with the merry chimes, when they find somewhere, in the morning, a choice gift, upon which the dew of a loving friendship still lingers.

Moreover, the hero of the tale is the original Santa Claus, the true, the simple pure. His sled and graceful reindeer are another matter for where he lived and practiced his kind and loving deeds, there was neither crisp, crackling snow, nor stinging frost. The air was always balmy and the winter time was the summer, so there were no warm furs, nor yawning chimneys down which to drive his team, but, nevertheless, good Santa Claus lived and breathed; warm blood flowed in his veins, and he made the hearts of the young people glad and jubilant.

The Lord of Lucan was a proud and haughty noble—he was a captain in the King's Guards, a post of honor but not of profit—and he was all the prouder and haughtier because his wealth was not commensurate with his rank.

To add to the lord's embarrassment, he was the father of three beautiful and accomplished daughters, Margarita the Pearl; Roxana, the Dawn of Day, and Claudia, the Lame. That he loved them and regarded them each as the apple of his eye, was evident, from their affection for him, and his personal economies to fit them for attendance at a gorgeous court, where, alas! they were compelled to go by the King's command, their father being one of his chief officers.

Many a silent tear he shed; many a time his heart was wrung and torn because of the scornful, envious, jealous glances of the haughty dames and demoiselles, who looked down upon the three poor girls whose father could not deck them with flashing jewels and silken garments, or hang ropes of pearls and diamonds around their lovely necks. They were unstarts, most of them, but they fared well in this world's goods, though they had little beauty and few accomplishments.

Fain would the nobleman have lived in peaceful, happy retirement with his daughters, but a giddy luxurious king said "No," and that was a law unto them all.

"Faith, my Lord Lucan, thou hast surpassingly lovely daughters," said the King one day; "tis time they should wed."

Whereat the lord bowed. "Aye, your Highness, well I know it, but the dowry that must go with every lawful wedded wife, that have I not."

"There are many of my noble lords who would be proud to mate with them," continued the King, "honor them, I say, with an alliance."

"What, your Highness, wed them without a dowry?" The noble lord was surprised, for he knew the law and the custom that required

set to bring her husband, not broad lands, but good, hard gold, or else remain univied.

"I said not 'wed,' my Lord of Lucan; I said 'alliance.' Canst thou not understand?" And his Majesty frowned.

The Lord of Lucan knew too well, but he knew not what to say, and stood in deep, painful thought. Mayhap he breathed a prayer to Heaven. The King broke roughly in upon his cogitations.

"I am accustomed to be obeyed, as thou well knowest, my Lord of Lucan, wherefore be advised. Within a month, the fair Margarita, thy Pearl, shall find a dowried mate, or yield to such alliance as I may select. Within another month, thy Dawn of Day, the lovely Roxana, shall likewise mate in lawful wedlock or submit to my alternative. So also, in still another month thy Claudia, the lame one, must find her dowry, or, mark you, my noble lord, her alliance shall be sought below stairs among the scullions of my kitchen. 'Tis thus I shall stop the clamors of my court, and ease my conscience by granting thee time for reflection. Go, and remember."

The unfortunate father left the presence of his King with the bitterness of despair in his heart. His soul revolted, but his arm was powerless against the mighty monarch. He was impotent to obey the royal command, and the alternative meant death to him, and worse than death to his innocent flock. But home he went, and clasping his beloved daughters to his breast, he imparted the orders of their King.

"Father, we can die," said the courageous Margarita.

But the Dawn of Day loved life, and said: "No, let us wait and see, perhaps we can melt the heart of the King and turn him from his purpose."

But Claudia, the lame girl, clasping her hands and looking up to Heaven, said: "Let us kneel and ask guidance from the Lord on High. On him alone can we rely for help and wisdom."

Forthwith they knelt and prayed for succor. In their prayer they besought the aid of Heaven to save them from it in some way, though an angel from Heaven should be sent to ward off this awful degradation.

It so happened that Nicholas, the beloved priest, the one whose name may be found in every church calendar as the Bishop, the Saint of Lycia—it so happened, I say, that Nicholas was passing by, and he heard their supplications and prayerful lamentations, so he resolved to be the instrument of their salvation.

A few nights afterward, the father was aroused by a heavy object falling upon the floor of his chamber, cast through an open window. He arose and found a packet upon which was inscribed: "For Margarita, the Pearl; to him whom her heart shall select in lawful wedlock." Opening it, he found, in gold, the dowry required by the law and custom.

Truly they were happy. None but an angel could have done this thing, and deep in the hearts of Roxana and Claudia there was a trustful faith that they, also, would be saved in like manner. And so it happened for after Margarita was lawfully and happily espoused, and the second month had almost halved, the father was again awakened at night by the falling of some heavy object upon his chamber floor. This time the packet bore the words: "Let the lovely Roxana find in her lawful spouse a new Dawn of Day." It was mysterious to the Lord of Lucan, though he suspected human intervention; perhaps the ring had relented; but to the daughters it was an angelic interposition.

Then began the third month, the



A heavy object fell upon the floor of his chamber.

Lord of Lucan, the Lord of Lucan kept a close watch from dusk to dawn and was rewarded one midnight in the second week, by the stealthy approach of a man. He caught him in his arms while in the act of casting a third packet through his chamber window, for Claudia, the Lame.

Quickly tearing off a disguising hood, there stood Nicholas, smiling. Down upon his knees fell the Lord of Lucan, pressing the Bishop's hand with love and veneration, his words choked back by his emotions.

"My son," said Nicholas, "guard my secret as thou wouldst thy life. The money was for pious uses, and I have saved thy daughters from worse than death. Was it not well bestowed? But when death shall have sealed mine eyelids, then thou mayst, if thou shalt so incline, make known the deed, that others may profit by the example."

The saint did not long survive. His custom of venturing abroad at all hours, disguised, to find objects of compassion, and in need of help and solace, brought on a malady which resisted the most tender care and nursing.

At last he died, and over his bier, and to the assembled nobles, with the King at their head, the lord of Lucan told the story of his daughters' dowries. The effect was immediate; the vicious law and custom was repealed, so that virtuous maids without the requirements of a dowry could find happiness in lawful wedlock.

The deed of the good Saint Nicholas, or Santa Claus, as he became familiarly known, survived him, and ever after gifts have been passed in secret between tender, loving and friendly hearts, and the day selected for that purpose was fixed on that period of all others the most meet, the day when the world rejoices that the Savior was born; the day when the bells ring our "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will." It was and is the lovely Christmas day, when little ones expect gifts, and when their elders find emblems of love and friendship mysteriously conveyed to them.

All this, remember, is in commemoration of what St. Nicholas, or the original Santa Claus, gave secretly to save



Down upon his knees fell the Lord of Lucan.

the honor and virtue of Margarita, the Pearl; Roxana, the Dawn of Day and of Claudia, the little lame girl, centuries ago—on the 300th Christmas.

AN UNBELIEVERS' CONVERSION.

Toodles was an unbeliever. She posed as one. She went about professing her unbelief in the existence of Santa Claus.

Her creed consisted of the one word, "Rats."

Her argument was simple enough and to the point. She had never seen any evidence of a Santa Claus in all the years of her life, therefore why believe in him?

There had been a time when she was foolish and confiding, and had believed, but disappointment had soured her.

But she knew Christmas was a time when there were all sorts of beautiful toys in the shop windows. In particular she knew where there was one doll, in Toodies' eyes the most perfect doll ever made, and her little, hungry heart yearned for it.

It was a case of love at first sight, for when Toodies passed the big store and stopped wistfully before its toy window, she suddenly knew that she had seen her affigy.

And through this doll she was converted from skepticism into enthusiastic belief.

The Doll was reaching out to her. Its little arms were extended in an appealing way, its lips were parted as if it might be calling.

On the day before Christmas Toodies' nose was pressed against the pane of the window which held her divinity until it was flat and cold. Her grubby little hands were pressed against the pane, too, making spotty marks on the glass. She was deaf, dumb, blind to all save The Doll.

And just then Lady Bountiful descended from a carriage and saw Toodies.

The pathetic little figure attracted her attention, and she was feeling in a particularly good mood that day, so she said:

"Is there something in the window you like?"

Toodies couldn't see what possible reason there was for telling Lady Bountiful and it was only by persistent questioning that the story of the affinity was drawn out.

Then Lady Bountiful said good-by and went into the shop. Toodies stood gazing, her nose growing colder and colder, and she unconscious of the world.

All of a sudden Toodies saw a long black arm reaching into the window from the shop and lifting out The Doll and she turned away with a choke.

"S'pose some kid with money's got her," she grunted.

Once, as she wended her way sorrowfully homeward, she caught a glimpse of the carriage of Lady Bountiful following close behind her.

And that night her dreams were full of The Doll, and bitterness, for there was no Santa Claus.

Christmas morning she was awakened by exclamations of surprise, and scrambled out of bed at the sound of her name. "What is it you've got?" she shouted.

"It's for you," called her brother.

A parcel addressed to her had been left at the door.

When she opened it and the beautiful glassy eyes of The Doll looked forth at her she did not say anything. She could not find words then. But later in the day she addressed those of the faith once more.

"Youse wuz right and I wuz wrong," she said with a gulp. "There is a Santa Claus." She held up The Doll in proof.

CONSOLATION FOR THE DYING.

A Clergyman Tells a Funny Story About a Death-Bed Incident.

A young clergyman, according to the Philadelphia Record, tells the following story of the attempt of a member of his flock to console a dying man:

"I was sent for in a hurry to see Capt. Waters, but did not get the message as promptly as I should. I arrived just a few minutes after he was dead. One of the members of my church had been with him, however, and to him I expressed my regret that the man had died without spiritual consolation.

"Oh, you needn't let that worry you, parson," he replied, cheerfully. "I gave him all the spiritual consolation I could, and he died thankful."

"And what did you say to him?" I asked.

"Well, I began something like this: 'Bill Waters, you have been a mighty wicked man, now, haven't you?' An' he says: 'Yes, Jim I hev.' 'An' yer can't expect the Lord Almighty to let yer into heaven no how, now, can yer?' An' he says: 'No, Jim, I reckon not.' 'Well, then, Bill,' says I, 'I reckon yer'll hev ter go to the other place. Now, Bill, don't yer think arter the life ye've led all these years yer ought ter be thankful ye hev even that place ter go to?' And he was almost too far gone to answer, but he says: 'Yes, Bill, I be.' An' then he turned over and died very quiet like; an' parson, I reckon yer couldn't 'a' done anything more fer him yerself."

NEVER HAD A FIRST NAME.

St. Louis Man Who Answers to the Sole Cognomen of Wolf.

The collision of a Jefferson avenue car with a junk wagon brought out the fact that at least one man in St. Louis has no given or first name. Patrolman Charles C. Campbell who witnessed the accident, questioned the other witnesses to obtain their names. He got the names of Motorman George Noels and Conductor C. W. Heckman, and then, turning to the driver of the demolished junk wagon, asked: "What is your name?"

"Wolf," said the driver.

"What is your first name?" queried the policeman.

"I haven't any," said Wolf.

"Now, stop your joking. I have to make a report of this accident to the captain," said Campbell, "and it must be done quickly. Come on now; give me your full name."

"I'm not fooling," replied Wolf. "I never had a first name. I can see no use for one and never wanted one."

The policeman still incredulous wrote "Wolf" in his notebook and went away. Wolf picked up his junk, which had been scattered by the collision, and summoned another wagon to haul it away.—St. Louis Republic.

Comparisons of "Society."

In an article on "Vulgarity in Wealth" Marie Corelli attacks the American millionaire in a way that shows she would be a valuable acquisition to our political stump forces. The assertion that English society has been damaged by contact with Americans is rather surprising, however, to anyone who has given any attention to the actions of English society for the last few hundred years. American society may be measured by the dollar.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION.

To the Southwest Via Southern Railway.

Railroads in Arkansas, Texas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory will sell round-trip tickets over the Southern Railway to points in Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and South Carolina, account Christmas holidays, at reduced rates. Tickets will be sold Dec. 13, 17, 21, 22, 23 and 26, 1902, limited to return thirty days from date of sale.

Choice of three routes are offered, either via Memphis, New Orleans or Shreveport.

Parties en route to their old homes in the Southeast and desiring fewest possible changes should see that their tickets read via the Southern Railway.

Schedules and equipment via this route are unexcelled.

For maps, schedules and other information call on nearest ticket agent or write C. A. De Saussure, D. P. A., Memphis, Tenn.; M. H. Bone, W. P. A., Houston, Tex.

Capt. John, R. M. Taylor, Fourteenth infantry, now attached to the bureau of insular affairs of the war department, has been detailed to write the military history of the United States for the last six years, including an account of the Cuban insurrection in 1896.

ROUND TRIP RATES TO THE OLD STATES LOWER THAN EVER VIA SOUTHERN PACIFIC-SUNSET ROUTE.

Round trip tickets will be sold Dec. 13, 17, 22, 23 and 26 at rate of one fare plus \$2.00 with limit for return thirty days from date of sale. A trip via this route to the north, east or southeast, will take you through the oil, rice and sugar belts of Texas and Louisiana. Direct connection at New Orleans with all lines. Double daily service. Pullman buffet and dining cars.

On Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, 1902, and Jan. 1, 1903, round trip tickets will be sold at reduced rates to all points in Texas and to all Southern Pacific points in Louisiana, limited to Jan. 3 for return.

Write for descriptive literature and rates to M. L. Robbins, G. F. & T. A., T. J. Anderson, A. G. P. & T. A., Houston, Texas.

Mr. Norther—I've often wondered why so many colored men are lynched down this way. Colonel Smith—Well, sah, I reckon it's because they don't start runnin' quick enough.—Philadelphia Record.

The Magyars are steadily increasing in numbers over Germans and the dozen or more other nationalities prominently represented in Hungary.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market, and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

Four per cent of sailing vessels and two and a half per cent of steamships are lost in a year.

On the pastoralists' refusal to increase wages a general strike of sheep shearers is being threatened in Australia.

Try me just once and I am sure to come again. Defiance Starch.

A victim of misplaced confidence says that while some men will not steal, all men will bear watching.

When a woman keeps a secret she can't keep secret the fact that she is keeping one.

WARNING!

Tenderness, aching in the small of the back is a serious symptom. The kidneys are suffering. Take Smith's Sure Kidney Cure at once. It is a reliable kidney remedy and system regulator, and will cure the trouble before it develops its dangerous stage.

Price 50 cents. For sale by all druggists.

Statistics show that the longest-lived people have generally been those who made breakfast the principal meal of the day.

The cost of the canal to connect the Taunton River and Boston harbor is estimated at \$58,000,000.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—John F. Royce, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1896.

A cow'd likes to believe that discretion is the better part of valor.

The number of consumptives in Germany is estimated at over 225,000.

THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT will use no other. Defiance Cold Water Starch has no equal in quantity or quality—16 ozs. for 10 cents. Other brands contain only 12 ozs.

When a man acquires the title of grandfather he sighs to think that his wife is growing old.

Great Britain and Ireland import about 355,000 pounds of cheese each year. Canada supplies about 60 per cent of the whole.

There are 621 musical instrument factories in this country, of which 263 are piano factories. The figures show a great decline in the number of organs made and an increase in the number of pianos.

FIVE Permanently Cured. 50 Cts. of service after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE 25-Cent trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. King, Ltd., 355 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Mediterranean oranges and those from Florida come to us in birch boxes made in Maine.

By the time a man gets old enough to talk well he has learned the value of not talking at all.

A motor car has been driven from Edinburgh to London without a stop in twenty hours and forty minutes, which is a record.

The self-denial week of the Salvation Army in Great Britain resulted in the collection of \$500,000.

INSIST ON GETTING IT.

Some grocers say they don't keep DeLancey Starch because they have a stock in hand of 12 or 15 brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 18 oz. pkg. DeLancey Starch for same money.

In 1909 the Eiffel tower becomes the property of the city of Paris, and will then be used for its weather bureau.

Georgia fruit growers are claiming that the peach crop of their state yields more money to the producers than does the cotton crop.

A salt-made man is generally one who has made his own opportunities. Canada has 100,000 Indians. The United States 276,000.

Germany is credited with 2,295,000 of the \$325,000 tons of beet sugar produced in the world last year.

Three Chicago boys are said to have consumed fifteen quarts of beer one day recently.

In a recent number of the Scottish Medical and Surgical Journal, Sir Arthur Mitchell holds that dreamless sleep is a myth.

It is error only, and not truth, that shrinks from inquiry.—Thomas Paine. It must be embarrassing to a centipede when he tries to put his best foot forward.

After Venice, Berlin has more bridges than any other town in Europe.

Marconi's system of wireless telegraphy is to be used for maintaining communication between Port Elizabeth and Bird Island.

The newest style automobile is described as perfectly killing.

Complimentary.

Throughout the rural districts of Berks county, Pa., they have a custom of "boiling soap," the apparatus for which can usually be seen at any outhouse. While thus engaged on one occasion, a farmer's daughter saw her swain approaching, and immediately started for the house to better her appearance, which fact the mother explained to the caller as he came upon the scene. After while the girl appeared, all traces gone of her former moments before, whereupon the amazed youth said: "Why, you look as though you had never seen any soap."

POPULAR SCIENCE

Automatic Corn Husking Machine.
Years ago in the country districts considerable romance used to attach to the husking bees and dance at the wind-up, and many a man, and woman, too, recalls with pleasure the finding of the red ear of corn, with the enjoyable privilege which it insured the lucky one. There is nothing equal to a mechanical device for taking the romance out of a situation, and now some cold-hearted inventor has spoiled



the husking bee by introducing a machine which will do as much work as a whole company of young people, and with considerable less noise, too. The necessity for this apparatus arises in the wholesale way in which corn is raised in the West, where farmers carry on their plans on such a large scale that machinery has come to be a positive necessity to manipulate the enormous quantities of grain which are produced every year. This machine, the idea of Leavitt R. Loomis of Humphreysville, N. Y., consists of a series of rollers set at an angle and rotated by a number of gear wheels meshing in a common driving wheel, which may be actuated by power or hand. The faces of the rollers are supplied at frequent intervals with sharp spikes, which rip the husks off the ears of corn and drop them on an elevator beneath the rollers, while the ears of corn gradually work their way down the incline and drop into the basket at the lower end. It is obvious that the rotation of the ear on the rollers in its passage will present all sides to the action of the pins, thus removing at least a sufficient portion of the husks to make the ear pass readily through the machine, which removes the kernels from the cob.

Atmospheric Electricity.

M. Honma of Tokio publishes a memoir on atmospheric electricity in which he announces the following deductions from experiment: First, the negative potential observed during strong winds is entirely due to the electrification of the dust of the atmosphere by friction against terrestrial objects; secondly, in the same way the high potential observed during fogs is due to the positive electrification of the particles of water which form the fog; thirdly, when a mass of cold air comes in contact with a mass of warm air the former is electrified positively with respect to the second; fourthly, the high potentials observed at sunrise are probably due to the fact that the air-masses near the ground are at a lower temperature than those higher up; fifthly, when two air-masses of different temperature are suddenly mixed the electric field is much disturbed.

Lizard Resembling a Snake.

A case in the reptile house of the zoological gardens of London, which contains several curious and skinks, has just become the home of a curious relative of these queer four-footed lizards. Living specimens of this spe-



The Legless Lizard.

cies are rarely brought to the temperate zone. It is a native of Australia and Tasmania, and is called the limbless or scale-footed lizard (pygopus lepidopus). It is about twenty inches long, with shining scales of sober broken colors; but the under surface is pale, with a few dark dots and longitudinal bars near the head. The rudiments of the limbs are entirely hidden under the skin, so that this serpentiform lizard is as easily mis-

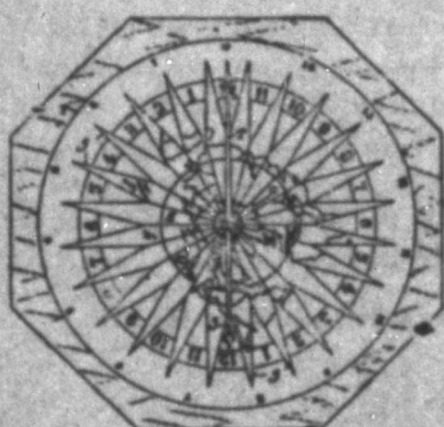
taken for a snake as its English cousin, the blindworm; but its mild expressioned head is furnished with well formed eyelids, and the tongue is short and thick and capable of a very slight extension. The lizard owes its name to the fact that where the body merges into the tail is a pair of narrow scaly flaps, pressed tightly to its sides when the reptile is at rest, but used to propel it when in motion. These flaps cover rudimentary toe bones.

The Control of Rain.

It is a matter of common knowledge that in hilly situations the rainfall is much above the average, and that a town may be so situated with regard to neighboring elevations that it will receive two or three times the amount of rain in a year that falls on a place only a few miles distant. A case is cited in one of Professor Tyndall's lectures, where the rainfall of one Irish town amounts to fifty-nine inches, and of another to only twenty-one inches, the difference being due to the action of the Kerry Mountains in forcing the moist winds up suddenly to a higher level, where they meet with the cold necessary to precipitate their moisture as rain. An English scientist has suggested that the rainfall might be controlled artificially by the erection of immense walls, extending from some six or seven miles in length, and from three hundred to four hundred feet high. Such walls would act as natural hills in diverting the path of the moisture-laden air, and the clouds would be forced to yield their treasures. The idea seems to be theoretically sound but the practical difficulties of building a wall of such dimensions would be insuperable.

Geographical Clock.

The combination in a timepiece of a fixed exterior dial having time subdivisions marked thereon, hour and min-



ute hands movable over said dial, a central disk turnable in unison with said hour-hand, a polar map of one hemisphere upon said disk, and having substantially a triangular shape, radial projections upon the periphery of said disk, and segments of a polar map of the other hemisphere upon these projections.

The clock is the invention of Henry Seumacher of San Francisco.

The Definition of White Light.

Herr Plack defines white light as follows: First, by the distribution of the energy in different regions of the spectrum; secondly, by the law that within each small spectral region which the energy may be considered as uniformly distributed, the energies (squares of the amplitudes) and the phases of the simply periodic partial vibrations are distributed in an absolutely irregular fashion—"irregular" being taken in the sense in which it is used in the probability calculus. If we extend the second law to the entire spectrum the distribution of energy throughout the spectrum can be calculated, and the resultant energies agree with the energies actually measured in experiments on normal white light.

Effects of Cold Storage.

The agricultural department has begun a series of investigations into the matter of cold storage. There are several mysterious phenomena which take place in cold storage warehouses. For instance, it has been noted that one lot of fruit will keep in fine condition for many months, while another nearby will decay in a few days. This is particularly true of peaches. It has also been noticed that peaches lose their delicate flavor quickly in cold storage, while others are not affected in that way in the least. Government agents are trying to discover the causes of these contrary effects.

Invention of Value.

The ingenious apparatus of Mr. H. Galopin records continuously—at intervals of ten minutes or so—the flow of any fluid, such as air or water, and it may serve as a ship's log or for measuring the velocity of a stream of water. It depends upon the deflection of a pendulum by the moving liquid or gas. The deflection is shown upon a dial and the record is made by a suitable mechanism driven by clockwork.



I Did Not Feel That I Could Walk

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—It is with thankfulness I write that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been of the greatest help to me. My work keeps me standing on my feet all day and the hours are long. Some months ago it didn't seem as though I could stand it. I would get so dreadfully tired and my back ached so I wanted to scream with the pain. When I got home at night I was so worn out I had to go right to bed, and I was terribly blue and downhearted. I was irregular and the flow was scanty, and I was pale and had no appetite. I told a girl friend who was taking your medicine how I felt, and she said I ought to take it too. So I got a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and commenced to take it. It helped me right off. After the first few doses menstruation started and was fuller than for some time. It seemed to lift a load off me. My back stopped aching and I felt brighter than I had for months. I took three bottles in all. Now I never have an ache or pain, and I go out after work and have a good time. I am regular and strong and am thankful to you for the change. I recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound whenever I hear of a girl suffering, for I know how hard it is to work when you feel so sick."—MRS. MAMIE KEIRNS, 553 9th Ave., New York City.

Women should not fail to profit by the experiences of these women; just as surely as they were cured of the troubles enumerated in their letters, just so certainly will Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cure others who suffer from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, kidney troubles, irregular and painful menstruation, nervous excitability, and nervous prostration; remember that it is Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound that is curing women, and don't allow any druggist to sell you anything else in its place.

Miss Amanda T. Petterson, Box 131, Atwater, Minn., says:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM.—I hope that you will publish this testimonial so that it may reach others and let them know about your wonderful medicine.

"Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was troubled with the worst kind of fainting spells. The blood would rush to my head, was very nervous and always felt tired, had dark circles around eyes.

"I have now taken several bottles of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am entirely cured. I had taken doctor's medicine for many years but it did me no good.

"Please accept my thanks for this most excellent medicine which is able to restore health to suffering women."

No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles.

Those women who refuse to accept anything else are rewarded a hundred thousand times, for they get what they want—a cure. Sold by Druggists everywhere. Refuse all substitutes.

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25 photos 25c. at Eichelberger's.

Zu-Zu Ginger Snaps at Baker Bros.

Buy a good wagon of R. B. Rich.

Buy your fire-works from H. J. Phillips.

Hay, bran, chops and oats at Baker Bros.

H. J. Phillips carries all kinds of feed stuffs.

Seeded raisins, currants and citron at Baker Bros.

Car of Alfalfa hay just arrived at H. J. Phillips'.

Very low prices on fire works at the Candy Kitchen. 3t

Just received at Baker Bros. one barrel of sour pickles.

Mrs. T. D. Craddock is visiting her mother in Palestine.

Prices on fireworks at the Candy Kitchen can't be beat. 3t

Miss Sarah Bromberg is at home from a visit to Galveston.

Evaporated peaches, apricots and prunes at Baker Bros.

Prof. N. H. Phillips left Friday at noon for Milam county.

Buy Xmas presents from SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

Boling Houston of Alto was the guest of Mr. Beach last week.

Holiday goods at the New Drug Store cheaper than ever before.

Dolls, chinaware, toilet sets at SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO'S.

If you want the best, buy a Winona wagon from R. B. Rich.

Miss Mildred Magill returned Thursday from a visit to Lovelady.

Buy your X-mas presents at the New Drug Store. Prices right.

Come to see us and get our prices on fireworks at the Candy Kitchen. 3t

Miss Jessie Jones is spending the holidays at Jacksonville and Lufkin.

Buy a buggy that will stand the bad roads; fully guaranteed by R. B. Rich. tf.

Miss Ruth Harris of Corsicana is being entertained by Miss Maggie Foster.

Call and inspect the celebrated Winona and Rushford wagons at R. B. Rich's.

The COURIER appears early this week in order to get out before the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Deupree of Oakhurst were visiting relatives here last week.

The New Drug Store has the best line of holiday goods in Crockett. No old stock.

A Union Christmas tree will be had at the Baptist church Wednesday night of this week.

Miss Marcia Kemp of Thorndale was the guest of Mrs. G. Q. King for a few days this week.

A long chance for a short dollar is what Henry Bloch is offering you for a few weeks only.

Miss Fannie Wootters arrived Saturday evening from Lufkin and is at home for the holidays.

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

At the Racket Store, goods can now be bought at cost. Call and investigate. W. L. DEUPREE.

These hard times it behooves every one to look out for the best bargains. The New York Store is the place to find them.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right.

Christmas Goods...

The finest display of Christmas Goods in Crockett is on exhibition at

Chamberlain's Drug Store.

This display includes valuable pictures, fine chinaware, toilet articles, as well as toys for the children. Inspection is invited.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN DRUGGIST.

All kinds of fruits at H. J. Phillips'.

Cheese sandwiches and cheese straws at Baker Bros.

Come to the Candy Kitchen for your Xmas Fruit Cake.

Toys and X-mas goods for young and old at the New Drug Store.

Don't fail to see Bricker's stock before buying your Christmas presents.

Cheap Photos at Eichelberger's. 25, 50c. and \$1.00 per dozen, and 25 for 25 cents. tf.

Before making a selection for a Christmas present, see J. A. Bricker's line.

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

The largest and nicest stock of wall paper ever brought to Crockett at Smith & French Drug Co.'s

Miss Lena Bromberg is at home for the holidays from Beckville, where she is teaching in the public school.

Bricker has some beautiful Christmas goods—suitable for a Christmas present for your mother, sister or sweetheart.

We have our usual stock of Christmas goods and cordially invite you to inspect them.

SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

The pastor of the Methodist church announced services for Thursday in connection with his regular announcements Sunday.

For Christmas Presents.

New Pianos and full line of Ladies' Toilet Goods at Music Store. JAS. DEDAINES.

Free.

One large Portrait worth \$5.00 with each dozen Cabinet Photos at \$3.50 at Eichelberger's.

Miss Maude Berry spent Saturday and Sunday with her grandparents Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Lively, at Grapeland.

Come to the Candy Kitchen for your hot lunches. French dripped coffee and everything good to eat. Berwick Bay oysters and fish on hand at all times. It

Come in Anyway

Whether you want to buy or not, and just see the high quality of the goods we're selling below cost. HENRY BLOCH.

Silas Douglas of Arbor was in town Thursday and called at the COURIER office. Besides paying for the paper a year in advance for himself, he is also sending it to J. R. Rice in San Antonio.

The Lotus Club tendered its young lady friends a dance at the club rooms Wednesday evening of last week which was thoroughly enjoyed. The young ladies supplied a delightful bowl of punch for the occasion.

Crockett is fast becoming a city of pretty homes. The residence recently completed by Mr. H. W. Moore is one of the prettiest in the town and the location is ideal.

We're hustling goods out in a hurry, and if you are not prompt, your chance for buying goods below cost will slip by, and you will regret it.

THE NEW YORK STORE.

Mr. Jas. Best, from the southeastern part of the county, a life-long democrat and subscriber of the COURIER, was in Crockett Thursday and paid this office an appreciated visit.

Rev. Ellis Smith left last week for Houston and the new Methodist pastor, Rev. Mr. Crawford, is now domiciled in the parsonage. The latter preached his first sermon at the Methodist church Sunday to a highly pleased audience.

At 15 and 20 Per Cent Below Cost

Is the way we are selling all of our Overcoats, Jackets, Blankets and all heavy goods.

THE NEW YORK STORE.

News comes to Crockett of the killing of one negro by another at Kennard last week. The killing took place at a dance and the killer was placed under bail at \$500 by the justice of the peace.

Music Class.

Miss Sallie Hardin desires to announce that she expects to remain in the city and will teach a class in the Fletcher Music Method. She will appreciate the patronage of the public.

About six hundred head of cattle are being fed from the Houston County oil mill this winter. Daniel & Arrington are feeding about 200 and the rest are divided between J. R. McIver of Madisonville and Jim Smith of this place.

Store House For Rent.

My store house and fixtures in Crockett for rent after December 31, 1902. See J. W. Madden, Crockett, Texas.

R. M. ATKINSON, Bentonville, Ark.

The Christmas fights opened up Friday when one man received severe punishment at the hands of another. It is said the fight was over their mutual friend or enemy, "Bill Dukey," the one receiving the blows having accused the other of converting to his own use the whole of said friend or enemy.

For Sale.

My entire crop of tobacco at ten cents a pound where a whole bale is taken. A bale weighs from 12 to 18 pounds. It is genuine Havana and there is nothing better for smoking. Call at COURIER office before it is all gone. W. B. PAGE.

This is the last issue of the COURIER for 1902. With our next issue the year 1903 will be begun, and we take this opportunity of thanking our readers, and especially those who have been with the paper from its first number, for their continued patronage, and we wish for them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Two and a Half Thousand Short.

On the 18th inst. there had been shipped from Crockett 8868 square bales of cotton. At the same time last year there had been shipped 11,292 square bales. By square bales it is meant that two round bales are counted as one square bale. The above figures show a falling off of 2424 bales at the time mentioned and by this time it has no doubt reached over two and a half thousand. At the present rate of decrease in shipment the crop will fall fully five thousand bales short of last year.

My Buggies are here, and up to date. I am offering them so cheap too. R. B. RICH.

There was never so great a demand, says the Henderson Times, for land in this section. Home-seekers are coming here from the boll-weevil country, and invariably they like East Texas. Last week Charles McLemore sold 100 acres nearly five miles north of town, including his improvements, for \$1500, the buyers having come from Elgin, Bastrop County. Last week Col. Herndon of Tyler sold 600 acres in Smith county to a wealthy gentleman from Ellis County, who comes to East Texas to raise fruit. The tide is this way as sure as you live.

The efforts of the state and general government to find a remedy for the boll weevil pest should be invoked and every assistance extended, and if in the end severe legislation be necessary, all should submit. It is believed and hoped that science will come to the rescue with successful remedies, but until such is the case the farmer must go it upon his own responsibilities. By early planting, the proper selection of seed and soil, cultivation that will make the crop bear early is his salvation. Supplemented by large corn acreage, feed stuffs of other kinds, cattle, hogs and chickens, there is no reason why the present position cannot be maintained. Hundreds will fail. They always do, but the frugal, thrifty farmer who accepts the situation with common sense and determines to win has but little to fear. He will live as well, his family be as well clothed and have just as many advantages as in the past. He may be short of money at cotton selling time, but he will have lived in such a way that he has kept out of debt, and if the time comes when a cotton crop is again safe will forge to the front and gain by his experience. —Huntsville Post-Item.

Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, age 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died of suffocation. —St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

WACO WITHOUT GOVERNMENT.

Failure of City Council to Meet May Have a Disastrous Effect.

Waco, Texas, December 18.—Advices from Austin that the State Supreme Court would not render an opinion in the impeachment case was a disappointment here, for the city government must remain only partially operative until after the action of that court.

Most municipal matters are at a painful standstill. In some respects the city is without a government. Under the charter the board of aldermen is required to meet every Thursday night except on fifth Thursday in the same month. What effect the failure of that body to meet as required will have on its future statutes remains to be considered hereafter. When the city council adjourned two weeks ago to-night it was to have met last Thursday night, according to the minutes. It did not meet last Thursday, nor did it meet to-night, making a total lapse of two regular meetings, and there are lawyers here who hold that by reason of the failure to hold sessions as required the body stands dissolved. If this view is correct Waco is wholly without a legal city government. In any case the situation is complex and threatens to become more embarrassing in the future.

You have goods to sell? Let the people know it. Advertise! The day is past when a merchant can sit down, fold his hands and wait for trade to come to him. It is a day of sharp competition and the wide-awake merchant is telling the people what he has. The people read the papers to learn where they can make a dollar go farthest. If you want to do business you had better take our advice and advertise. If business is dull there is all the more reason why you should advertise your goods. The way to catch a fish is to bait your hook well. —Palestine Herald.

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Then a locket, for a pendant
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Cupid is on them attendant
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This is the one month in the year when every merchant is trying his level best to induce people to buy goods; and the people are looking out for all the "delights" that are being offered, and they are not going to trade any where except at the places where there are special inducements. Now, we are not loud criers of "Bargain Sales," "Out Prices," etc., but when it comes to selling good, reliable goods at reasonable prices, we are in the front ranks. This week we have a few "special inducements" for you.

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THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor and Proprietor
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Marlin has organized a canning factory association and is asking for bids to supply a plant of from 3000 to 4000 cans per day.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the inaugural ball at Austin in January. It is said that it will eclipse anything of the kind for years back.

Burning off the land is about the only practical remedy we know of for the boll weevil pest. That is not expected to exterminate them, but will reduce their numbers considerably.

One thousand freight handlers started on a strike at New Orleans when all of a sudden it dawned on them that they were about to lose their jobs and then they made a scuttle to secure their old places.

A shortage of farm labor is reported from Milam county, which is attributed to the ravages of the boll weevil. There not being much cotton to pick, farm hands have gone off to North Texas and the Indian Territory in quest of work and farmers are now confronted with a scarcity of labor for another year's crop.

Governor Sayers of Texas, Governor Longino of Mississippi and Governor Heard of Louisiana were guests of Paul Morton, vice-president of the Santa Fe railroad, at a banquet given the latter by railroad officials at Chicago. As public questions were not discussed, the public is at a loss as to the object of having these three Southern governors at a railroad officials' banquet.

G. W. Brown, member of the Legislature and re-elected from Falls County, has stated that he will introduce a bill to extend the period of validity of school teachers' certificates; that at present the maximum life is four years, with frequent reoccurring examinations, which is not required in other professions, such as the law and medicine. Mr. Brown believes that the teachers, upon passing successful examination, should have certificates good for much longer time than under the present law before being required to take another examination for the extension of the certificate. And we believe Mr. Brown is right.

Wolfe City Sun: To lessen the ravages of the boll worm and the boll weevil Professor Mally has recommended the burning of cotton and corn stalks. Reports from various places are finding their way into the papers to the effect that where the stalks were burned last winter there is a decidedly

larger yield of cotton than in neighboring fields where the stalks were plowed under.

Moral—Rake and burn all stalks as soon as possible. It will be labor well spent.

Follow the moral set above. And when that is done and time for planting has arrived, plant twenty rows where you formerly planted thirty, and plant early. The weevil does not work well except in the shade, and he does not commence his devastation till late.—Galveston News.

Rice Irrigation in Texas.

The University of Texas has just issued a bulletin entitled "Rice Irrigation in Texas." Its author, T. U. Taylor, Professor of Civil Engineering at the University, in his capacity as United States Hydrographer for Texas, has made a careful investigation of the rice growing industry in this State. The statistics given in his report will be exceedingly valuable to all persons who contemplate entering this field, and of great interest to those who are watching the progress and development of the State.

Rice has been grown in Texas in a small way since 1862, but as the plant requires an abundance of fresh water, and as the planters made no provision to assure such a supply, but depended entirely on the rainfall, the crop was frequently a failure. In 1892, however, there came a decided change, pumping plants were established, canals and reservoirs were built and in this way an abundant and a uniform supply of water was assured. The result was large crops of excellent quality. The handsome profit and the certainty of a good crop induced not only individuals but even large companies to form and engage in this industry. The growth has been rapid and extended, there having been, in the last season, 182,170 acres of rice cultivation.

The object of the University in publishing this bulletin is to promote the industry, and hence the State is furnishing full and accurate information to all persons who may be considering the advisability of entering this business. Copies of Professor Taylor's report will be sent free of charge to persons interested upon request.

The University has issued a number of other bulletins which have been of great benefit and value in acquainting the general public with the resources of the state. May this great and noble work go on.

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DIVERSIFIED FARMING.

What Can be Done in Smith County in Houston County.

From the Austin Statesman.

In order to give our readers a gentle hint of what the old sandy hills of East Texas can do, The Statesman reproduces a letter written by Mr. W. L. Bostick of Smith county, Texas, to the Diversifier, a monthly journal published at Tyler. Mr. Bostick says:

"I had six acres in 'Lady Thompson' strawberries, from which I got (delivered at the depot), \$1600, and they now bid fair to do equally as well next year.

"I had three acres of blackberries that made me \$150 after paying express charges, which were large enough you may rest assured.

"I had twelve acres of tomatoes that brought me \$2400 after all freights had been paid, or on an average of \$200 an acre.

"I had only ninety Elberta peach trees in bearing this year, and they net me \$260, and, as you know, ninety trees means less than an acre of ground.

"I had sixteen Japanese plum trees that net me \$100, or a little more than \$6 per tree. This is one of the surest crops we have and bids fair to become one of the leading varieties of fruit planted in this section in the future.

"My sweet potato crop made me \$100 an acre.

"I had two acres of cabbage that cleared me \$125 an acre.

"After marketing my tomatoes and cabbage I planted peas on the same land, and I have gathered and baled one and one-half tons of peavine hay per acre, and I am selling the best hay in the world for \$14 per ton. The future of the country is indeed very bright, and in a short time it will rival California as a fruit producing country. In fact, we raise better fruit here now than California ever did or ever will, and we do it without irrigation and its attending expenses. We have just learned 'A' in the alphabet of fruit raising, but from what we have learned and the enthusiasm with which it has instilled us leads me to predict that the time is not far distant when this country will become a veritable orchard and truck patch. We undoubtedly have the country, now the next thing is to get good people and plenty of them to help us develop it."

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