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## THE BOLL WEEVIL.

### How to Wage War Against the Pest.

The executive committee of the Texas boll weevil convention has issued the following circular:

To all persons interested in cotton: The executive committee elected by the boll weevil convention held in Dallas, December 17, for the purpose of directing the fight determined on against the weevil and to investigate the remedies that may be developed at any time in the future, presents to the cotton growers and to the business interests of Texas and surrounding region the following outline of plan adopted for waging war against this supreme enemy of our cotton crop. The means for suppressing the weevil were clearly set before the convention, and this committee has full confidence in their practical value, provided the farmers of our cotton growing counties will apply these methods. A systematic effort must, however, be made that will reach a large per cent of the cotton farms in the infested region to prove generally beneficial.

The methods approved by the convention and reported fully in the state press are "cultural methods," not poisons. To fight the weevil in this way, work in the field must begin in January if not already begun by the cotton grower. The plans agreed upon are simple and inexpensive, but they must be constantly kept in mind during the winter and spring seasons by the planters of the infested districts who expect a reasonable yield of cotton during 1903. Organized effort will be necessary among the farmers to accomplish this result.

It was shown in the convention that the weevil has, without doubt, penetrated as far north as Denton, Sherman and Greenville, though they are few in numbers at these points, as stated by Prof. Hunter of the United States department of agriculture.

The farmers, the merchants and the business men of all callings are anxious that in these and other northern counties such colonies of weevil should not spread further, but if possible be stamped out. Systematic and organized effort will be required to do this. It is the determination of this executive committee to urge every county to resist this pest and to secure for the cotton growers all of the protection that can be afforded them by state and national legislation through the committee on legislation elected by the convention, and to furnish such facts to the press and printed statements to county committees, commercial clubs and other organizations as may prove helpful in suppressing this insect, which has cost Texas not less than \$20,000,000 for the past season. A prompt response should be made from every county now interested in the boll weevil or concerned about its coming. The executive committee desires to send out instructive literature at once that will aid in fighting this pest.

At a meeting of the executive committee held before the adjournment of the boll weevil con-

vention, Dallas was selected as the committee's headquarters. Judge George N. Aldrege of Dallas was elected chairman and Prof. J. H. Connell of Dallas, secretary. A number of inventors presented requests to appear before the executive committee and exhibit their devices for trapping or by other means destroying the weevil. It was decided that at the next meeting of this committee an opportunity would be given for such inventors to appear and be heard. It was further determined to invite suggestion and advice from all persons having any information bearing upon the destruction of the Mexican boll weevil.

The following resolution, presented by Mr. Runge of Galveston, was read and after full discussion was adopted as the most feasible means of carrying forward this fight promptly and successfully:

"We recommend that the executive committee organize a local committee in each cotton growing county, and that the local organization contribute 1 per cent per bale for each bale of cotton produced in that county, according to the United States census reports for 1900, for the maintenance of the central committee in fighting the boll weevil."

It was further resolved that the secretary of this committee be instructed to address letters to the county judges and to the commercial clubs of Texas, requesting that this matter receive their immediate attention, and that they be urged to send 25 per cent of the quota of their respective counties by January 1, 1903, to the secretary of this committee, who will issue receipts therefor.

Resolved further, that the county judges, commercial clubs and the cotton growers of Texas be requested to complete the organization of local committees for each county immediately for the purpose of effectually fighting the weevil, thus insuring the cotton crop of Texas in 1903.

A meeting of this executive committee is hereby called in the rooms of the Dallas Commercial club at 9 a. m., Wednesday, January 7, for the purpose of hearing the statements of inventors, consulting upon legislative measures for the protection of cotton growers, and to perfect means of distributing information to the county judges, commercial clubs and other organizations or institutions co-operating with this committee.

Address all communications concerning remedies or plans for the destruction of the weevil to the secretary of the executive committee. Earnestly yours,  
GEORGE N. ALDREGE,  
Chairman, Dallas.  
J. H. CONNELL, Secretary,  
Dallas.

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## IS IT ILLEGAL TO LAUGH?

### John Allen's Humor Referred to in Court's Decision.

Jackson, Miss., December 31.—The supreme court came perilously near ruling that an audience could not applaud John Allen in a court room, in its decision in the Raines murder case from Lee county, and had it not been that there were other grounds on which the case was reserved, that point, which was referred to in a marked manner in the opinion, might have determined the issue.

The trial was in Judge Sykes' court at Tupelo, Lee county. John Allen made the closing speech for the prosecution. His reputation as a humorist, as well as the interest in the case, had packed the house with an attentive and admiring audience. At the close of his peroration the audience broke into applause, which was immediately and sternly checked by the presiding judge. This applause was assigned by the counsel for the defense, on appeal, as one of the grounds of reversal, it being charged that it had a strong influence with the jury. The court, in referring to the matter, strongly reprehended the action of the audience in applauding and commended the judge for suppressing the demonstration. There was an intimation in Judge Terrell's opinion that there were circumstances, where the case was close, where such applause might call for a reversal because of its undue influence in the jury box. The reversal, however, was had on other grounds.

Unfortunately the strict grounds of the court's decision were misconstrued up in Lee county and Northeast Mississippi, where Mr. Allen has been the main merry-maker for years. It was whispered abroad with consternation that the court had decided that it was illegal to laugh at John Allen's jokes and there was considerable excitement in that section. The mistaken impression, however, was speedily corrected by a lawyer who came down and read the opinion, and the population once more breathed freely.

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## To Farmers and Business Men of Houston County.

A serious problem confronts us at this time in the menace of the boll weevil to our cotton crop. Wide spread interest is being taken in this subject throughout the state. Our ablest scientific men have been giving it thoughtful attention for several years past, and experiments have been made, whereby something has been learned, and it is important that the people of Houston county profit by such information as may be attainable. We recommend and advise that there be a meeting in the town of Crockett of representative men, including farmers, merchants and all others interested in the welfare of the county on the 17th day of January, 1903, it being Saturday. We suggest that every one be present who can contribute any information on this subject by reason of their experience and observation of this boll weevil pest. We think this meeting can be made of great practical utility to the people of Houston county, and we think the merchants should see their interest is as much involved as that of the farmers—in fact, the prosperity of our county is at stake; the business interests of the county as well as the value of lands; and the chance of making the living by the farming class. This meeting can also deal with the question of diversification and of cognate subjects. Let no man feel that he is not concerned in this matter, for if he has interest in Houston county of any kind whatever, he has interest in this subject. Let us have a large meeting and every neighborhood in the county be represented. In this way we will endeavor to get all the information spread throughout our county that is at present attainable. And by concerted action we think good results can be achieved.

D. A. Nunn,  
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#### happenings of That Section During Christmas.

##### ED. COURIER:

Christmas has rolled around again and now we are nearing a new year. Old 1902 leaves many sad recollections, also a few joyous ones behind. Many of our old and dear friends have been planted in old mother earth and ere the year of 1903 passes away there may be and perhaps will be many more of us to pass to the Great Beyond.

Everything is very dull here now. A few visitors are in our midst. Messrs John and Frank Webb have been spending the holidays back at their old "stamping ground" with friends and—well you might guess who else.

Miss Beason of Crockett is visiting Misses Maude and Dora Steed.

An entertainment was given by the Misses Hopper of Hagarville Christmas night. Mr. Joe Drennon and Miss Mary Lee Hudson of this place attended, and reported an excellent time.

A few of the young people of this place attended the Christmas tree at the mill. They said old Santa Claus was sure there.

Mrs. Hudson chaperoned an entertainment given by Miss Annie Lau Hudson Friday night.

Mrs. Lucy Kennedy, who has been very ill with pneumonia, we are glad to state is improving.

We are pained to announce the death of one of our old neighbors, Mrs. Emma Harkins which occurred Dec. 24 at her daughter's Mrs. Will Brown. We extend to the bereaved children our heartfelt sympathy.

School has been suspended for a

week and the teacher, Mrs. Banie Lansford, is spending the holidays at home.

Miss Josie Payne who is teaching school at Westville is visiting Mrs. Cora John, her sister.

Miss Mathe Rushing has been behind the counters for Mr. Price a few days this week.

Mrs. A. J. Weeks of Galveston and Mr. and Mrs. Wirt and their children have been visiting relatives.

Mrs. Homer Gee and little son of Grapeland visited Mrs. Gee's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis.

Wishing the COURIER and its readers a happy and prosperous New Year, I remain,

"BUTTERCUP."

#### What's Going on at Creek.

Well, much of every thing and little of nothing. Dr. Worthington is having a nice little cottage erected on his lot in the heart of the town, but says he will occupy one end as an office and drug shop, the other end as a dormitory. Well, that's what we surmise. Of course when young doctors begin life on a small scale they usually put up one shop at one end and the other shop at the other end.

We learn that Mr. Asa Coon has bought near the town and is building a new residence. Mr. McEliot will also start the foundation for a new residence in a few days, so we are informed.

Cards are out announcing the nuptials of Mr. Ed Hyrams and Miss Lena Alford Wednesday, December 24th.

Hog law came and went. Some strong talk of feigning counsel to test the validity of the election as ordered by the commissioners' court.

We now have a pretty fair lumber yard at Creek with ready sale.

After the holidays are over we are going to wake up the Lord and tell Him we want to read, sing and pray; that is, have Sunday school and prayer meetings. X.

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## Philosophical Observations



By BYRON WILLIAMS.

"Upon my soul!—Upon my Nethersole!" says Adoniram Meek in the Journalist of New York, "but have you ever posed as an unwilling literary adviser?" By your insole, we have, Adoniram. It was a daintily built poem, constructed with delicate fingers upon a heliotrope background. There was a cockatoo crest on the letter-paper and a triumvirate of initials, laced and interlaced like a football eleven on a down ball, ornamented the envelope. We were not only selected as advisory board but unanimously instructed to publish the same. She had soulful eyes. As a woman she was par excellence; as a writer she should have putted up her ambition and forgotten it. She was more than a friend of mine. Pardon, but—

"To be worth with one we love  
Doth work like madness in the brain."

—or words to that effect. We are over the love and the madness now, but this didn't help us at that time. We worried over the advisory board's business until our friends noticed we were getting queer. At last, when all was still, one beautiful night, we led her to the "Bridge of Sighs," and, while the moonlight bathed our faces in its mellow light, we tried to tell her our affection for her was too great to permit of hypocrisy—that the poem was a misfit, an acrobatic inspiration that needed to fall from a parachute and break its fragile meter. While her slender frame shook with anguish and the vibrations of the bridge across which a dog was trotting, we dropped her scented attempt into the placid depths below, hieroglyphics, cockatoo crest, entwined initials and all! It was caught by the wet water and whirled away. One cannot press one's suit when there are mourning togs on the object of one's adoration—and thus we left her! Six months later she married the editor of the rival paper, who was fishing for bullheads down the stream that night. He plucked the poem from oblivion, pulled the kinks out of it, ran a fancy border around it and won the author! Upon our soul, Adoniram, women and poetry are

"Variable as the shade,  
By the light quivering aspen made."

Readers will recall the story of the proud father who had a new baby at his house and who would not take \$10,000,000 for the little rascal or give 10 cents for another!

A Discussion of Young America. An Iowa judge has decided that a baby's value is \$3,000, and yet there are many married couples who don't seem to want one at any price.

On the other hand, there are the folks who don't seem to be able to get babies enough. A new one arrives every January 1 and sometimes registers as early as Thanksgiving day.

Those who can't afford to have babies and who cannot half take care of them have a vigorous crop; and those who could give them palatial homes and gratify whims of children, fail to produce anything whatever, except a pug dog or an automobile occasionally.

There is still another class which wants babies and can't get 'em. They pray for them and are ever on the qui-vive for the whir of the stork's wings, but the stork goes down in the levee districts and leaves a hundred babies, with nary a baby on the hilltop. Sometimes these yearning people get tired of waiting for someone to leave a bit of infantile majesty on their front door steps and adopt one from a foundling society. Others seem to want the home brand blown in the bottle and refuse to take unreliable pedigrees. These are the kind of people who leave their money for the benefit of the Home Library fund!

Those who have no babies are divided on the subject of desirability, but those who have had one and lost it, those who have followed a tiny blossom of purity to the quiet churchyard, never forget to yearn for that baby's cocoon. It is this type which would rather hear a baby bawl than go to a grand opera.

The young man in a crash suit who accidentally sat down in the raspberry pie at a Sunday school picnic, had troubles of his own; but his was a four-fish woe compared to the sorrow of a man we know. There were mice in this man's home and his wife set a trap in the pantry, where the festive pest was wont to gambol at night over the mince pies and the sponge-cake. The top, one of those cute cheese-shaped affairs with long tunnels in the side that lead on to a tid-bit and death in the center, was tucked away on the floor in a jolly little nook where the mice were sure to see it and investigate.

One night the man came home late and retired, but he could not sleep. Then he began to get hungry and slipping slyly out of bed in his robe he donned his slippers and went to the pantry intending to seize a pie and doughnut and satisfy his craving. Deftly he felt about and found the coveted pie. He was just about to raise it to his lips when his big toe struck a nice little round hole! There was an ominous click, followed by a terrified roar that awakened everybody in the house.

"A mud-turtle, by thunder!" howled the victim, grabbing for his bare foot and falling into the tinware! Pandemonium reigned for a considerable time and the wife came near shooting the husband for a burglar. Now they still have mice in their pantry, but mouse-traps that fit bare toes are relegated to the ash heap. The mice are correspondingly happy!

Sixty-four divorces were granted in New York one day recently and even then there wasn't half enough to go round!

We are not given to admiration of old Roman laws, and yet we find, on analysis, that our marital relations, so far as divorce and loose living prior to divorce is concerned, are not unlike those existing in Rome. The history of Roman law in this regard exhibits a transition from an extreme theory to its opposite. The early laws were strict as to allegiance in the bonds of wedlock, but later the old law of "manus" was done away with and the greatest laxness existed. The spouses were comparatively independent of each other. The bond was easily dissolved and while it lasted, was loose and easy. Much the same condition seems to be in the ascendency in this country to-day when we study the statistics of the divorce courts and learn of the faithlessness of those who have sworn to love and cherish and keep themselves unspotted before the world. There was a time when wild oats were supposed to be sown and harvested prior to marriage, but nowadays the crop is an attenuated and long drawn out agricultural effort that thrives after, as well as before, marriage.

It has been suggested by an inventive genius that Uncle Sam start a story to the effect that fishing is good along the line of the Panama canal.

The idea is to get all the fishermen down there digging worms. In this manner, it is cited, the ditch can be dug without serious cost to the government. It is well known that a man will do the hardest of work with the hallucination that he is playing or having an outing. Many a time have we dug up a ton of dirt back of the barn looking for fish-bait, when life was too short to spade in the garden. The same amount of energy directed toward digging the canal would accomplish wonders. There must be at least 40,000 fishermen in this country and most of them are not too fat to dig their own bait. The New Jersey anglers would be little good on the Panama, as they call angle-worms "night-walkers" and catch 'em above ground by lanternlight; but the average fisherman is an enthusiast and digs fast when he does dig. According to our estimate it would take only about thirty minutes to complete the canal next spring when the sucker season opens.

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### QUOTES PRINCE BISMARCK.

The top crop non est.  
Troupe is moving for an ice factory.  
Turkeys—but they are gone.  
McKinney is extending her water-works system.  
Carson county has joined the prohibition column.  
Jacksboro is moving for good roads in Jack county.  
Oil interests at Corsicana are greatly revived.  
The Maury Female College is a new institution being established at Gainesville.  
The holidays were characterized by cold and nearly clear weather all over Texas.  
Poultry and eggs are still high enough to be an object lesson to cotton planters.  
Santa Fe railroad gives a \$5000 donation to the fund for the Texas state exhibit at St. Louis.  
Moulton has been selected for the next meeting of the Gonzales and Lavaca county summer normal.  
A hotel building is under construction in Fort Worth that will have no barroom in connection with it.  
A Ft. Worth contractor stated that contracts for \$2,000,000 worth of new buildings will be let shortly after Jan. 1.  
The Santa Fe railway is to equip all its locomotives with electric headlights, a great improvement over the oil burners.  
The Granbury roller mill, recently burned, will be rebuilt and improved building and machinery will take the place of the old.  
State Health Officer Tabor has returned from San Francisco and states that there is no danger of the spread of the bubonic plague.

Galveston street car employes got a raise of 2 cents per hour for a Christmas present, and an additional present of \$1.50 in cash with which to buy a turkey.  
The supreme court made its ruling in the Waco municipal embargo, holding straight out against Mayor Higgins and sustaining the city attorney and the council.  
J. R. Drindell, representative of the Pabst Brewing company of Milwaukee, says his company will install an ice and cold storage plant at Beaumont, to cost \$200,000.  
Dr. Otto de Thompson, nephew of President Paul Kruger and formerly an attaché of the Boer army, was in Washington county, Texas, trying to secure 2500 acres of land to accommodate some of the good Boers who are on their way from South Africa.  
The 10-year-old son of J. P. Jennings of near Pecan Grove, Fannin county, met with a serious accident Christmas night. A large cannon cracker exploded in his hand and completely shattered the hand. The member has been amputated.  
The wife of Jacob Welleck, who lives about two miles from Shiner, had one of her hands badly shattered by the premature explosion of a cannon cracker. Two negroes had a shooting scrape, also, and one of them had his arm shattered.  
The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue show that the total amount for November, 1902, was \$19,265,352, a decrease as compared with November, 1901, of \$3,593,593.  
Harold and Burnett Williams, the two sons of D. E. Williams of Houston, have been released from jail on bond of \$5000 each. The boys, together with the father, are charged with the murder of Dr. A. Elmer De Lipey last July in that city.  
A Dallas citizen owned a game cock, valued at \$15, which he greatly prized. Some jolly boy threw a lighted cannon cracker where the cock could get it, and the cock was afterward served for dinner.  
The grocery store of Nail & Wright, at Cleburne, was partially burned Friday morning. The firemen saved a portion of the stock. The goods were insured for \$1300. The building is the property of J. W. Hayden of Bonham, and was covered by a policy of \$1000.

## A FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Government Trying to Relieve Some of the People.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 30.—The Russian government is faced with the grave question of how best to feed 15,000,000 hungry peasants.

These distressed peasants are scattered over numerous provinces of Central and Eastern Russia and partly in the southeast and along the Volga.

In the greatest hurry the government has sent commissioners into the famine districts to make inquiries and report.

On the suggestion of Finance Minister De Witte, the government forwarded \$1,000,000 worth of rye to the threatened districts, but there is an uneasy feeling that it will not reach the right hands.

The worst feature of the horrible situation is that some fathers of families are seeking persons who will buy their children. It seldom happens that a boy is sold, but cases are becoming alarmingly numerous of men selling their daughters and other women relatives for enough money to buy a yoke of oxen for the spring plowing.

In most cases the girls are only too willing to go, for it means warmth and plenty for them.

The purchasers are doubtful persons who have been haunting the villages for months.

### Herrmann Has Resigned.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Elinger Herrmann, commissioner of the general land office, has resigned at the request of the secretary of the interior, and will be succeeded by W. R. Richards, assistant commissioner of the land office. Mr. Herrmann said this afternoon that the change will be made about February 1.

The relations between Secretary Hitchcock and Commissioner Herrmann have been strained for a long time. Charges have been preferred against Harry King, chief, and F. P. Metzger, assistant chief of the draughtmen's division of the government office. The former is charged with neglect of duty and the latter with mismanagement and unsatisfactory administration of duties. They have until today to submit their answers to the charges.

Mr. Metzger was once chief clerk of the general land office.

### Franchise to Be Vetoed.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 30.—Mayor Hammett has stated that he will veto the Ramsey street car franchise ordinance passed at the last session of the council in this city. Under the terms of the ordinance Ramsey and his associates are granted a right to construct and maintain an electric plant and street car system on many of the principal streets of the city. While Mayor Hammett has not made his reasons for vetoing the measure public, he has intimated that the unpopularity of the measure among the business interests is one.

### Cholera Depopulating Villages.

Manila, Dec. 30.—Moros on Mindanao island reports that cholera is depopulating the villages on the east side of Lake Lanao. At Macut there is an average of fifty deaths a day. The disease also prevails at Bacolo. It has appeared on all sides of Lake Lanao, but the Vizian residents of the island do not yet seem to have been attacked.

### Santa Fe After the O. & T.

Guthrie, O. T., Dec. 30.—The Santa Fe has decided to construct a line southwest from Guthrie, through El Reno and Cement, Okla., into Texas. An attempt is being made to purchase the property of the Oklahoma and Texas, now being surveyed from Cement to San Antonio. The Frisco also desire this property, as it connects with that line at Cement.

### Lengthy Conference Was Held.

New Orleans, Dec. 30.—President Yoakum and General Manager Wenchel of the Frisco held a lengthy conference with Vice President Harahan of the Illinois Central railroad yesterday. Neither party would talk about the subject discussed. Mr. Yoakum stated last night that he would not give out a statement concerning the Frisco's New Orleans plans for a day or so.

### Castro's Answer.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—The Anzeiger's Caracas correspondent asked President Castro if he was ready to apologize to the powers, to which the president replied: "General Castro has nothing to apologize for." The bystanders, the correspondent adds, cheered.

## NOTES TO CASTRO

VENEZUELA NOW POSSESSES ALL THE FACTS IN THE CASE.

### ONE MUST DO THE REST OF IT.

Washington Government is Hopeful Something Will Be Done to Have the Blockade Raised.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Venezuelan government is now in possession of the complete notes of Great Britain and Germany containing the various reservations made by those governments before the decision was reached that the issues between Venezuela and the European governments having claims against her should be referred to The Hague tribunal for arbitration. The United States, having acted as intermediary in the steps leading up to the acceptance of arbitration, now turns over to the Venezuelan government the formal work of completing the basis for a full hearing before The Hague tribunal. The notes were transmitted to the Venezuelan government through United States Minister Bowen to Caracas.

There were no new features to the situation here yesterday. Officials are hopeful that the governments interested will work harmoniously and conscientiously to reach an early and final settlement of the trouble. The administration is anxious that there soon may be an amelioration of the blockade. It is certain this government will use every effort to have the blockade called off while the case is at issue before The Hague tribunal, for the double reason that its continuance is always a menace to peace and order, and because of the harmful effects on American shipping at Venezuelan ports. Just what the allied governments have determined upon in that regard it is difficult to say, as Secretary Hay uniformly has refused to make public their reservations and demands as a preliminary to arbitration, feeling that such information should come from the governments themselves.

### Rival to Hot Springs.

Denison, Texas, Dec. 29.—The United States reservation surveyed by the commission to the five civilized tribes at Sulphur, Chickasaw nation, has been approved by the secretary of the interior and by this approval the government assumes control of that reservation. By treaty stipulation and act of congress this land is segregated from allotment and in the foothills of Arbuckle mountains there will grow a rival to the Hot Springs of Arkansas, owned and supervised by the government in fulfillment of the Indian prophecy of many years ago. The government expects to spend \$500,000 in improvements.

### Fine Season for Trapping.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 29.—The trapping season so far this winter on the prairies near here has been the most profitable in years. Hundreds of pelts of mink, coon and skunk are shipped from this point weekly. One old trapper, who has been in the business for a number of years, reports having caught 100 mink in the past two weeks. These pelts average in price from 75 cents to \$1.25 each. He says he finds it a very profitable business for one or two months during the winter.

### Wireless Telegraph Service.

Gloucester, N. S., Dec. 29.—The Marconi station at Gloucester continues in daily communication with Cornwall with constantly increasing efficiency and facility. Marconi is still here, but will leave shortly for Cape Cod station. In the meantime he is sending two or three messages by wireless telegraphy to Europe daily. Some of these dispatches are lengthy. One of the dispatches was directed to former Empress Eugenie.

### Fire Damage.

Burke, Texas, Dec. 29.—Last night about 10 o'clock the business houses of James Arrington, general merchandise; J. S. Faircloth, and H. Bojots, druggist, were destroyed by fire. Origin of fire unknown. The total loss is about \$10,000, with insurance of about 40 per cent.

### Stock at Buffalo Sold.

Buffalo, Texas, Dec. 29.—N. Bloom has bought the stock of general merchandise formerly owned by the estate of J. H. Oliver and will continue the business at the old stand.

## SIXTY LIVES WERE LOST.

As the Result of a Collision in the Straits of Malacca.

Victoria, British Columbia, Dec. 29.—News was brought by the steamer Tartar, which arrived yesterday, of a disaster in the Malacca straits, as a result of which sixty lives were lost. The Tokio Ashi publishes a telegram from Hong Kong stating that the steamer Bunsang was in collision with the steamer Kiang Yan in the Malacca straits and the Kiang Yan was sunk, sixty sailors and passengers being missing.

Dispatches from Hakodate report that an outbreak of fire occurred on board the Iwana Steamship company's steamer Hokunn Maru off the coast of Su Tsu, on December 3, and the vessel was sunk, fifteen of the crew losing their lives.

The Japanese sailors had a profitable season, although four vessels were lost, three of them, it is believed, with all on board, although there were rumors that the men of one, the Tsuya Maru, have been seized by the Russians. The total catch of schooners flying the Japanese flag amounts to 12,621 stuns.

### Horrors in the Orient.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—Correspondence of the Associated Press from Yokohama by the Tartar includes details of a horrible baby farming conspiracy in Odessa. An elderly woman and her married daughter, husband and two other persons have been arrested for infanticide, and it is learned that since they started operations this year 300 children were killed. The Japan Times has an account of a Japanese of Kooki having been married to a corpse. The bride-elect committed suicide on the eve of her marriage. The body was recovered and at the request of the dead girl's parents the ceremony took place between the living and the dead.

### Move Against Castro.

Willemstad, Curacao, Saturday, Dec. 27.—News has reached here from an authoritative source in Caracas that Vicente Gomes, first vice president of the republic, intends to carry out a bold strategic stroke against President Castro. General Eollo Vidal and five other leading supporters of General Matos, who had sought refuge here, left the island of Curacao early this morning in a sail boat, which took them in the direction of Cumbrae, near Coro, on the Venezuelan coast. The departure of these men is taken as proof that the revolt against President Castro is again active.

### General Miles at Peking.

Peking, Dec. 29.—The ladies of the American legation and Lieutenant General Miles and his party were entertained at luncheon yesterday by the dowager empress and the emperor. United States Minister Conger also gave a diplomatic dinner in honor of the general. Today the minister will entertain at dinner a number of Chinese officials to meet General Miles.

### To Test Statutes.

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 29.—A special to the Express from Sullivan, Ind., says that Governor Durlin has notified Sheriff John S. Dudley that he is no longer to consider himself a public officer, because he permitted a mob to take a prisoner from him and lynch him. Durlin has been confident that the decision would be favorable to him. He has announced his determination to contest the constitutionality of the statute.

### Shop Men Have Long Holiday.

Yoakum, Texas, Dec. 29.—The San Antonio and Aransas Pass railroad shops here closed down last Wednesday at noon and will remain closed until this morning. The purpose of the long holiday was to afford an opportunity for overhauling the machinery.

### Texas Souther Extends.

Marshall, Texas, Dec. 29.—It is from reliable sources that the Texas Southern will begin building its line from the present terminus, weather permitting, Monday. The officials declare that the contract entered into with citizens will be carried out to the letter.

San Juan, Porto Rico.—Archbishop Chappelle, apostolic delegate in Cuba and Porto Rico, has arrived here and the people of the city turned out in large numbers to receive him.

Floresville.—The Beauregard ranch, 8543 acres, near Falls City, has been sold to J. B. Dibrall and others for a consideration of \$68,536.

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### FIVE KILLED AND MANY HURT.

The Passenger Train Usually Runs at Rate of Fifty Miles an Hour—Officials Are Reticent.

London, Ont., Dec. 27.—A head-on collision occurred tonight at Wanstload between a west bound passenger train and a fast east bound freight train on the Grand Trunk. From meager reports it is learned that five persons were killed and fifteen or sixteen injured.

The engineer on the freight train and the fireman of the express are among the killed. The other three dead were passengers on the express train.

A special train left here at midnight with fifteen doctors for the scene. The express was an hour behind schedule time when it left this city. It is a through train from here to Sarnia, no stops being made at the small stations on the line. The express should have passed the freight at Strathroy.

All trains of the division have been canceled and passengers and freight are being sent over the old main line from Sarnia to Stratford.

The wrecked passenger train connected with Eastern trains over the New York Central, Erie and Lehigh Valley railroads at Suspension bridge at 1:55 o'clock yesterday.

### An Accidental Shooting.

Houston, Texas, Dec. 27.—Tell Schleup was accidentally killed by his brother's father-in-law Christmas night. The accident occurred at the home of John Secrist, the father-in-law. The young man was passing by the shanty of Thomas Thomas, the aged negro who was burned to death Christmas night, and he saw the room in flames. He ran to his home, a short distance away, and obtaining a bucket of water started back on a run for the negro's house to extinguish the fire. As he was passing through the yard, Mr. Secrist, whose attention had also been called to the fire, raised a window and leveling a 45 caliber pistol toward the ground, fired. His object was to alarm the neighbors and call assistance in putting out the blaze. Just as he fired young Schleup came directly in range of the bullet, which took effect as stated. As he fell he called out that he was shot and Mr. Secrist was horrified when he recognized the voice. Schleup died at the infirmary, where he was taken after the accident.

### Hanged the Wrong Man.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 27.—Investigation today tends to show that Joe Godley, brother of Montgomery Godley, who was lynched by a mob here Christmas day for killing Policeman Hinkley, is the man the mob intended to hang. It seems that Joe Godley escaped during the lynching. It is now thought that Joe Godley fired the shot which killed the policeman, and that the man who was lynched was innocent. The mother of the Godley boys is said to have asked a physician here to treat Joe for a gunshot wound in the neck. She would not tell the whereabouts of her son, and the doctor refused to go with her. Hinkley's revolver, with which he was killed, has not been found, and it is believed that the man who did the killing has the pistol in his possession.

### Turkestan Still Quaking.

Ashtabad, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 27.—The oscillations of the earth at Andijan continue. The people there are using railroad cars to live in and not leaving town on account of their business interests. Committees have been appointed to prepare lists of the losses to life and property. In the Andijan district 15,000 houses were destroyed. Until the shocks cease guards will be kept on the railroad between Fedchen's and Andijan to watch for fissures along the line. The railroad station at Andijan threatens to collapse. Barracks to be used as dwellings are being rapidly constructed and will soon be ready for occupancy.

Decatur—Sheriff Cearley received notice that William Davis, who escaped jail at this place last July, under a sentence of three years in the penitentiary for bank robbery, has been captured.

## PRESIDENT REFUSES.

Venezuelan Question Must Be Referred to The Hague Tribunal.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Roosevelt will not be the arbitrator of the Venezuelan controversy. The whole vexatious question will be referred for adjudication to The Hague tribunal.

In accordance with the suggestion made several days ago by the president and Secretary Hay, President Castro of Venezuela was reported to have agreed to submit the difficulties between his government and the European powers to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. The European powers not only consented to submit the controversy to arbitration, but while they had expressed a desire for arbitration by President Roosevelt, they had assented to his suggestion that the matter be referred to The Hague.

No intimation is given of the conditions which may have been imposed by the European powers or by President Castro precedent to the arbitration. It is known that Great Britain was willing to submit the subject to the arbitration of President Roosevelt practically without conditions, but the suggestion that one, and perhaps two, others involved proposes some condition which might have proved embarrassing to the president had he undertaken the responsibility of determining the question.

It is understood that some money must pass, but it is also known that the amount of cash to be required of Venezuela before arbitration is not nearly so large as has been stated. It is not possible to learn either whether the allies insist upon apologies from Castro and while it is assumed that the blockade will be speedily raised, no agreement to that end has yet been made.

### Cold Wave Now On.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Snow has been falling for more than 48 hours throughout the lower lake region. A high northwest gale caused the snow to drift badly in places along the railway lines running into this city and much trouble has been experienced maintaining schedule time. Along the Lake Shore railway in the vicinity of La Porte, Ind., a foot of snow has fallen on the level and huge drifts are piling up on the tracks. The Big Four, Erie, Nickel Plate and Baltimore and Ohio lines all report delay to service as a result of the storm.

### Cane Belt at Matagorda.

Matagorda, Texas, Dec. 27.—At 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon the Cane Belt railroad laid its last rail into Matagorda on its extension south from Bay City, drove the last spike and blew the steam whistle to announce the established fact that Matagorda is now the southern terminus and seaport of the Cane Belt railroad—a handsome Christmas present to the old town of Matagorda, which has already taken on a new life. There are eight new business houses under way and recently completed and others about to be built.

### The Brooklyn Fire.

New York, Dec. 27.—In a fire which shot through five factories on the river front district of Brooklyn after 1 o'clock yesterday morning, three firemen were killed, three badly injured and more than \$400,000 damage was done.

Beginning among the inflammable materials in the cooperage plant of Arbuckle Bros., at Plymouth and Bridge streets, within half an hour the flames were shooting from all the buildings, and all the available fire engines of Brooklyn with Chief Perry in charge were trying to save the district.

### Mexican Killed Near Cameron.

Cameron, Texas, Dec. 27.—Christmas day Solomon Garcia shot and killed Martel Martinez in an altercation. Garcia was arrested and brought to jail by Sheriff Averitt. Both parties are Mexicans. The affair occurred a couple of miles from here.

Toledo, Ohio.—The steamer A. L. Hopkins, which left Detroit last Tuesday morning, en route to Toledo, and which was sighted abreast on Toledo light in Maumee bay yesterday, is now completely in the grasp of the ice and is in grave danger. A mate and two sailors came ashore after a perilous trip.

### Negro Killed Near Belton.

Belton, Texas, Dec. 27.—George Bron was shot and instantly killed last night by Ed Chany. The difficulty grew out of shooting fire crackers. Chany made his escape. Both colored.

## GAMES FOR WINTER EVENINGS

Suggestions for Some Simple and Amusing Diversions.

As it appears that all the world is not expert enough to play either bridge or ping-pong, certain philanthropists are casting about for less laborious diversions suitable for winter evenings. Among the suggestions made in various quarters, we find ourselves most in sympathy with a correspondent's plea for a revival of onomancy—or divination by names. It is a humble, a quiet and a restful pastime, suitable for the ordinary man and the normal home. All that is required in the way of paraphernalia is a box of ivory or cardboard letters. One person takes a name such as Kitchener or Livingstone, and gives it to the others, who see what appropriate sentences may be constructed from the letters. We are reminded of those old but excellent specimens of onomans: "Gladstone—"G leads not," and Disraeli—"I lead, Sir." The same correspondent quotes as an example of his own ingenuity, Charles H. Spurgeon—"Oh, preacher's lungs." Others will occur to the reader. Among the various games of a similar nature, we may mention the game of Consonants, in which one person gives the consonants of a word in their rightful order, omitting all the vowels. For instance, from "s, c, r," the guessers have to construct "saucer"; or, worse, still, from "r, p"—Europe. This game among amateur lexicographers may become almost profound, but it is merely intended for the average person.

### HOW TO MODEL IN WAX.

Dainty Amusement for Women of Artistic Tastes.

Recently a few women with artistic tastes discovered what an interesting thing it was to model in wax, and all at once it has become the fashion.

It all began with one woman who was convalescing after an illness, and who took it up as a time killer. She made so many beautiful things with her deft fingers that her friends became fascinated with the work and immediately bought a stock of materials to see if they could do as well.

Tools are the least part of it. Sets of them are always bought by the beginner, but the fingers prove to be of the most use, and only in shaping intricate crevices, where the fingers will not reach, are the tools of value.

Modeling wax comes in brown and red, and the heat of the hand renders it pliable. When the molding is begun, and the desired figure begins to take shape, one adds on the different parts. Instead of molding out from the center piece.

Should the wax become too hard to be pliable it can be softened by placing it in a pan over a dish of boiling water.

Clay is also used, but that is not so pleasant to work with, as it has to be kept moist with a damp cloth around it as one works.—New York Herald.

### Only a Baby's Grave.

Only a baby's grave!  
Some foot or two, at the most.  
Of star-daisied sod, yet I think that God  
Knows what that little grave cost.

Only a baby's grave!  
To children even so small,  
That they sit there and sing—so small a thing  
Seems scarcely a grave at all.

Only a baby's grave!  
Strange! how we moan and fret  
For a little face that was here such a space—  
O more strange, could we forget!

Only a baby's grave!  
Did we measure grief by this,  
Few tears were shed on our baby dead,  
I know how they fell on this.

Only a baby's grave!  
Will the little life be much  
Too small a gem for His diadem,  
Whose kingdom is made of such?

Only a baby's grave!  
Yet often we come and sit  
By the little stone, and thank God to own  
We are nearer heaven for it!

### Seditious Literature.

A good story is told of the Russian police, who are very careful lest any literature of an atheistic character shall fall into the hands of the peasants.

A peasant in the province of Minsk went to a publisher's shop and asked for a Bible. Unwittingly the shopman gave him an algebra primer.

On opening the book when he reached home the peasant was surprised to find it full of mystic signs and hieroglyphics. The peasant showed it to a policeman, who felt convinced that the signs were of an "extremely free thinking character," and so arrested the owner.

At the trial the peasant was discharged and the policeman, instead of being rewarded for his religious zeal, was reprimanded.

It takes a weight of 4,500 pounds to crush a cubic inch of the best brick. But an ordinary everyday darn fool cannot be crushed. Don't be a fool; be a brick.

Difficulties are God's errands; and when we are sent upon them we should esteem it a proof of God's confidence.—H. W. Beecher.

# What Famous Parisian Beauties Indure to Remain Beautiful.



Once who takes in water milk.

Gladys Deacon nursing her poor little nose after that horrid paraffin treatment is not a circumstance to what Paris women do to achieve the triumphs of perfect, ravishing beauty.

Opelladonna, as you know, is a narcotic poison, much used by physicians to allay pain and spasmodic action—our fashionable dames have of late commenced to employ it like eau de cologne. Nowadays, every woman and girl carries in her bag a silver or a gold flask of the latter—the most alcoholic drink in the world—using it to stimulate the senses before a momentous meeting or previous to making a grand entrance on the stage.

Do you remember La Cavalleri, she of the raven black hair, worn in bandeaux on each side of the forehead and over the ears, Cleo fashion? Well, she is a blonde to-day. Thanks to the art which enables women to create that rare and delicious combination of fair tress and dark eyes of which, unassisted, nature is so niggardly. I met her at a Rue de la Paix dressmaker's recently and heard Otero say to her: "Feroxide or—?"

"Do you take me for a typewriter?" cried La Cavalleri indignantly. "Please understand that my price secured me the recipe of the incomparable Poppassa, which, I am told, was invented at the behest of Emperor Nero, who promised the chemist to cut him up into mince meat lest he furnished a perfect, though harmless, lotion. It's excellent stuff," continued La Cavalleri, who apparently enjoyed the envious glances of the other ladies, "but to work perfectly it needs the assistance of Africa's sun. While bleaching I sat on the balcony of my Cairo palace, my hair floating loosely over my shoulders, drying in the rays of the ardent sun, who caressed it with burning and devouring looks. That, girls, made it as brilliant as threads of gold."

There was a rumor, some little time ago, that King Leopold would marry Cleo de Merode. I interviewed her on the point when she returned from her German tour.

"Nonsense," she said, "there are no she asses in Belgium."

"No what?" I cried.

"One can't buy asses' milk in Leopoldom," said the dancer with a show of comic despair, "neither in Brussels nor Ostend was I able to get any, and I hate, nay, positively loathe, bathing in cow's milk. Besides, it is not half so good for the complexion as the other."

"Why don't you try the olive oil bath?" I suggested.

"Olive oil bath? I never heard of it before. But it ought to be good. I will try it to-morrow. Thanks, awfully."

When she was gone I remembered that I had promised Rejane not to mention this new elixir of life to anyone. Our great Frou-Frou has been addicted to the olive oil bath for some time. She can afford it, for her husband is in the oil trade, and as he humorously puts it, "nothing is lost by the process." I caught her in her oil tub a few weeks ago, on the occasion of an early morning visit to her house. She was immersed to her chin, and every little while took handfuls of the fluid and let it drip down her face, taking care not to wet her hair, done up high. I must stand this for two hours," she said, "while the bath is kept at an even temperature by special apparatus. From this, I step in the next one, filled with hot water, as hot as I can bear it. Then follows a coat of tar soap, and finally an all-over massage. A cold spray winds up the exercise."

"And what special benefits do you derive from the treatment?"

"Never was my skin so clear and white, nor so smooth and subtle as to-day," said Rejane, holding out one beautifully freckled leg. "And," she



La Cavalleri, who changes the color of her hair every now and then.



Lois de Louisy who wears gold dust in her hair.



Supreme Kuchalberg who wears out her eyebrows weekly.



Mrs. David who nearly ruined her eyes with sleeping.

said, with becoming frankness, "I am not getting younger."

Otero bathes in rosewater, not attar of roses though, and for advertising instead of hygienic purposes. Her bathing hours are from 5 to 7, and the act is a sort of semi-public function. Everybody having the entrée to her gilded boudoirs may attend. I will take you along.

Pictures to yourself a lofty apartment furnished in rococo and hung with yellow satin, bunches of fresh American beauty roses attached to walls, curtains and draperies. The carpet is white velvet, and tall mirrors are framed in silver.

In the center a dais, surrounded by gilt chairs, upholstered in the color of the walls. The golden samovar sings and whistles, in the garden below the gypsy band plays a czardas. A white figure emerges from the bedroom adjoining, a white hand tries the temperature of the water in the silver bathtub enthroned on the dais. It is satisfactory. Otero jumps in and her two maids dump two basketfuls of rose leaves over her—red and yellow.

After that callers are freely admitted, and the beauty in the flower covered pit does her best to amuse them. The face masks made of flour, white of egg, olive oil and honey has now gone out of fashion—the effect was not lasting enough. Instead, elderly coquettes utilize pieces of raw beef, attached to the cheeks, chin and forehead by bandages. Several well-known women, supposed to employ the new-fangled face mask, were pointed out to me, and their complexions left really nothing to be wished for.

The poor face of the dame of fashion, how it is tortured nowadays. Medicine, surgery, mineralogy, pastel and charcoal painters all work on its improvement with more or less success. A year or two ago one of our beauty doctors coined money by offering to make girls taller. He had a wonderful method of pulling their legs—electrically, of course. The patient had to lie on her stomach while a nurse passed a sort of carpet sweeper arrangement over her knee joints. This fake was shelved after a month or two but now a similar one has bobbed up. To-day some enterprising rascal makes "aristocratic hands" to order; even fingers "that look like pork sausages" are given the latest, slender shape. And if the finger nails are not as perfect as they might be, why, they can be burned off with nitric acid to make room for new ones "as good as a duchess'."—Chicago Tribune.

**Romance in Ruskin's Life.**  
John Ruskin's hopeless love continues to be the subject of much gossip in the English press. One gossip writer says there is in existence a letter by Ruskin which he himself has seen, giving Ruskin's own account of the separation from his wife. It shows that there was nothing more than incompatibility between them. The real passion of Ruskin's life came to him when he was a man past 50. He fell in love with an Irish girl, Rosie Laitouche. She loved him, but their religious differences were insuperable. The girl died while still a girl and Ruskin broke down. The misfortune clouded the rest of his life in despair. He fell in with Spiritualists, who revealed to him the spirit of his dead love. Hence came the crushing collapse which ultimately overthrew his brain.

**Sailed Without a Rudder.**  
The British battleship Hood has just accomplished a feat which reflects the greatest credit on her officers. She sailed from Malta to Devonport, a distance of 2,035 miles, without a rudder, at an average speed of nearly thirteen knots. She made a run from Argositol to Malta with a disabled rudder, and when an examination was made at the latter port it was found that she would have to have a new steering apparatus. The old rudder was shipped aboard and the ship started for home, steering with her twin screws. Her performance would have been a very good one for a battleship with a rudder and without one it is regarded as most remarkable.

An American firm is putting in a system of electrical fire alarm apparatus for the city of Hanover, and has under negotiations contracts for installation in other German cities.

Though there are many goats in Malta they have no regular grazing ground, but the herds are driven along the roads and hillsides, where they pick up anything they can find.

From 1876 to 1933 213,182 tons of ore were taken from the Great Cobar mine, 469 miles west of Sydney, New South Wales, producing 23,610 tons of copper.

**How's This?**  
We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O.  
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.  
West & Traux, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O.; Walsburg, Kinnan & Mac In, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, Ohio.  
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Kitty—So you really think Esther and Charley are to make a match of it? Bertha—I'm certain of it. Didn't you hear Esther last night speak to Charley as a "horrid old thing?"—Boston Transcript.

Somebody down in Tennessee apparently thinks that Secretary Root is a Chinaman. A man in Knoxville sent him a letter the other day addressed "Hon. Li Hu Root, Secretary of War."

In consequence of the recent attempt upon his life, King Leopold of Belgium has resolved not to ride in his motor car in the future and has ordered it sold.

When the last fragments of the ruined campanile in Venice were removed, thirty bottles of wine were found unbroken in the custodian's room.

**WHEN YOUR GROCER SAYS**  
he does not have Defiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 10 oz. packages are sold. Defiance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 18 oz. in the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

The New York Yacht Club has elected the German emperor and his brother, Prince Henry, honorary members of the club, of which King Edward VII. has long been an honorary member.

**Many School Children Are Sickly.**  
Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders and Destroy Worms. At all druggists, 25c. Sample mailed free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

At a dinner at the Lotus club, New York, recently, John S. Wise referred to woman as the sweetest cause of man's insomnia.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

J. Pierpont Morgan, while a student at the English high school, in Boston, took the mathematics prize for three years in succession.

**MCANEE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY,** Houston, Texas, for trained and reliable detective service.

Mrs. Anna M. Elister, a market woman of Lexington, Ky., has died leaving a fortune valued at \$100,000, all accumulated by the sale of garden truck. She was ponderous in size, weighing 320 pounds.

Romeo Cooper, a St. Louis boy, of seven years, while eating raw oysters the other day, found a pearl between his teeth, which his parents took to a jeweler and sold for \$50.

Every old bank where the wild thyme grows pays interest on deposits.

**Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.** For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

All men may be born equal, but the average man thinks he was born a little more so.

Truth lies at the bottom of a well, but the angler never goes there to fish.

Defiance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best or money refunded. 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now.

There are boards made of wood and wooden boards.

I am sure Pico's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. R. SMITH, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1903.

It makes a woman heart-sick every time she has to cut a valuable piece of lace.

Some men come into the world asking "Why?" but no one is able to answer.

After leaving Calcutta practically at the same time five large vessels carrying close on 180,000 bales of jute recently arrived together at Dundee.

The authorities of British Columbia have established traveling libraries for the benefit of the numerous lumber and mining camps in that western Canadian province.

At Quinson, in France, a father has just had to pay \$6 death duties on his daughter's estate, which amounted to 4s.

Augustus Schermerhorn has made a gift of apparatus and equipment for the department of mineralogy at Columbus university, New York.

If it can be proven that the Kaiser's yacht was christened with French wine, France can afford to bury the hatchet and forget all about Alsace-Lorraine.

Switzerland has seven sanitoriums for consumptives, France has twenty-eight, of which only two are for paying patients.

Within a month the new cone formed recently in the crater of Mont Pelee, Martinique, has increased about 330 feet in height.

If you are coughing take Dr. August Koenig's Hamburg Breast Tea.

The tonnage of merchant ships in course of construction in Great Britain is less than at any time since 1897.

Hundreds of dealers say the extra quantity and superior quality of Defiance Starch is fast taking place of all other brands. Others say they cannot sell any other starch.

There is wonderful material between the lines of the youthful essay.

To Cure a Cold in One Day, Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

In the union of limburger and beer there is strength.

**WHY IT IS THE BEST**  
is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 cents.

Except school taxes, there is no state tax levied in New Jersey other than that derived from corporations.

**In Winter Use Allen's Foot-Ease.**  
A powder. Your feet feel uncomfortable, nervous and often cold and damp. If you have sweating, sore feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores, 25 cents. Sample sent free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The High Wycombe Liberal Club possesses an armchair made from a tree felled by the late W. E. Gladstone.

The sermon makes the pulpit; a pure heart makes the altar.

Dropsy treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialists in the world. Read their advertisement in another column of this paper.

On a diet of carob beans, a little, and weeds, a lot, the average Maltese goat provides four and a half to five pints of milk daily.



Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, escaped surgeon's knife, by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation."

"I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, and in the end I was cured by it. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health."

—Miss ALICE BAILEY, 56 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.  
The symptoms of inflammation and disease of the ovaries are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat low down in the side, with occasional shooting pains. The region of pain sometimes shows some swelling.

## Social Items.

25 photos 25c. at Eichelberger's.  
Buy a good wagon of R. B. Rich.  
Moose, the photographer, will give you the best. 2t  
Frank Trotter took Christmas at his old home at Oakwoods.  
If you want the best, buy a Winona wagon from R. B. Rich.  
Leighton Wagner took Christmas with his mother at Ft. Worth.  
Miss May McMeans of Palestine is the guest of Miss Hellen Woodson.  
Dr. Mantooth of Lufkin was a visitor to Crockett during the holidays.  
Buy a buggy that will stand the bad roads; fully guaranteed by R. B. Rich. tf  
The weather the past two weeks has been beautifully, ideally seasonable.  
Miss Vinnie Boyd of Belton is being entertained by Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb.  
Arch Murchison of San Antonio spent the holidays with his parents here.  
Miss Minnie Ola Hughes of San Antonio is the guest of Mrs. Jno. McConnell.  
Miss Corinne Smith of Georgia is being entertained by Miss Maggie Foster.  
Call and inspect the celebrated Winona and Rushford wagons at R. B. Rich's.  
Miss Betts of Marshall was visiting Mrs. Estell Wootters during the holidays.  
Miss Dora Royall of Athens was visiting relatives in Crockett this and last week.  
Cheap Photos at Eichelberger's, 25, 50c. and \$1.00 per dozen, and 25 for 25 cents.  
Messrs. W. E. Hail and Tom Thompson visited Corsicana during the holidays.  
Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Harlow of Oakwoods were visitors to Crockett last week.  
S. T. Allee of Creek was in Crockett Tuesday of last week and called at this office.  
R. M. Atkinson of Arkansas was shaking hands with friends here this and last week.  
Moose will devote his time to giving the people the best photos ever made in this country. 2t  
Mr. Will Dupuy of San Antonio was visiting the family of Mr. J. R. Sheridan Christmas week.  
Dr. Harvin Moore and wife of Houston visited the doctor's parents here during the holidays.  
Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from  
SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.  
Mr. H. J. Phillips, father of Johnson and Ab Phillips, is seriously ill at the home of the latter.  
The largest and nicest stock of wall paper ever brought to Crockett at Smith & French Drug Co.'s  
The Young Ladies' Calendar club received New Year's day at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earle Adams.  
Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Morris of Georgetown spent Christmas with Mrs. Morris' father, Major J. C. Wootters.  
We are afraid the farmer who does not burn his cotton stalks and stumps and who does not plant early in wide rows will not make much cotton another year.

**Foley's Kidney Cure**  
makes kidneys and bladder right.

# A Happy New Year

To all Our  
Customers.

**B. F. CHAMBERLAIN**  
DRUGGIST.

Call and see Moose's pictures next to postoffice. Quality is what we strive for. 2t

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

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

Those intending to raise cotton another year should burn off their lands and plant early in wide rows.

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

You can get a full leather top, leather cushion and back, thousand mile axle buggy for \$60.00 at R. B. Rich.

Mrs. A. LeGory, Mrs. Joe Long, Miss Hortense LeGory and Miss Hortense Lacy have returned from San Antonio.

The temperature of last week was remarkable for its evenness—crisp, cold and clear for an unusual length of time.

Mrs. Frank Parker and Mrs. Ed Parker visited their old homes at Trinity and Oakwoods respectively during the holidays.

Dock Christian and Miss Matilda Christian, son and daughter of Jas. Christian, spent the holidays with relatives at Plano.

We regret to state that Mrs. M. M. Baker is not recovering from her illness as speedily as was hoped for by her friends.

A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all COURIER subscribers! May your joys be everlasting and your prosperity never cease.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Self returned Saturday night from White-wright, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Self's parents.

Miss Albertine Aldrich, a student of the State University at Austin, spent the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. A. A. Aldrich.

Jas. Christian was in town Monday and called at the COURIER office. He says his cotton crop this season was cut more than half by the overflows, heavy rains and the boll weevil.

Jas. Christian says that he has tried burning off his cotton lands and that it pays. He says a field that was burned off made much more cotton than an adjoining field that was not.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Craddock celebrated their crystal wedding Saturday evening of last week. We regret that we were not able to procure an appropriate write-up of this beautiful event.

Fatal kidney and bladder troubles can always be prevented by the use of Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

**Foley's Honey and Tar**  
for children, safe, sure. No opiates.

W. L. Deupree has closed his racket store business in Crockett and gone to New Mexico looking out a new location. His family are still here, but he will return for them when he has located.

### 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.

We have heard several farmers say that they were going to order cotton seed from the Indian Territory for planting the coming year. They gave as their reason for doing so that the cotton would be at least two weeks earlier than if planted from native seed.

A cow died on the public square Monday night from the infliction of a knife wound in her loins. After trailing her entrails across one side of the square she fell near the court house fence. It is hard to understand how any one could be so heartless as to inflict such cruelty to a cow.

### Entertained at Supper.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Page entertained the following gentlemen at supper Monday evening: Dr. J. L. Hall, B. F. Chamberlain, Arch Baker, J. R. Sheridan, Chas. Long and W. W. Aiken. The hostess had prepared a most delightful supper which it is needless to say was thoroughly enjoyed.

The best safeguard against the boll weevil is to plant something that it can not feed upon. The weevil has never yet tackled the hog and is not likely to. Irish potatoes is a safe crop for shipping and tomatoes should be planted for the Crockett cannery. These are not the only things that can be profitably grown here and are not even a starter. A list as long as your arm could be given, any of which would beat cotton.

Farmers who intend to plant cotton another year should burn off their land, burning all cotton stalks, stumps, logs, trash, etc. Planting should be early and the rows far apart, putting two rows where there were three heretofore. The advantage of wide rows is that the boll weevil does not thrive so well in the hot sun as it does in the shade of the close rows. Early planting is an important feature for the weevil gets in its work at the last of the season.

Ortolo is the name of a new postoffice established in the northeastern part of the county with Alex King as postmaster. Mr. King was in town Tuesday. He says the roads are in a fearful condition and that on his way to town he passed a horse that had bogged down and died and that at another place he passed a man who was forced to unhitch his team and leave his buggy in the mud because his horses were unable to pull it out, being taxed to their full strength to extricate themselves.

### Mr. J. M. Porter Dead.

Mr. J. M. Porter died at his home near Porter Springs Wednesday evening of last week and was buried in the Crockett cemetery Thursday. He leaves a wife, five sons and a daughter and other relatives in the county. Mr. Porter was numbered among the county's best citizens and was well known, having served the people in the capacity of county commissioner, his term of service expiring two years ago. His death is deeply felt and mourned over the county.

Pneumonia and La Grippe.  
Coughs cured quickly by Foley's Honey and Tar. Refuse substitutes. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

### 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.

### Wedding.

Miss Minnie Nichols and Mr. R. W. Connor were quietly married at the home of the bride's parents on the day following Christmas. Only immediate relatives and a few close friends witnessed the ceremony which was performed by Rev. S. F. Tenney of the Presbyterian church. The bride was one of Crockett's most charming girls. The groom lives at Madisonville, where he is in business, and where the happy couple will make their home. They left on the day following for that place. Mr. Connor is to be congratulated on his choice for a life partner and the best wishes of a large circle of friends attend them both.

### Heart Party.

One of the prettiest social functions of the season was the heart party given by Miss Adams on Tuesday evening to the Young Ladies' Calendar club. The color scheme was red; the red lights lending a rich, warm glow to everything, and melting away formality and each one felt they had indeed found a heart, as there was no excuse for any one being without an extra one, as Cupid had been unusually generous; everywhere we turned were hearts. Hearts and ribbons formed the portieres over the doors and were festooned around the walls in a most artistic way. On entering the reception hall the guests were greeted by the hostess, who was unusually charming in a white mull gown with red heart trimmings. They were then taken charge of by Misses Hail, Stokes and Lacy who kindly gave to each one a heart with which to select a partner for the grand march, which was led by Miss Adams and Mr. Fisher Arledge, in many graceful and pretty figures, ending with the old-time Virginia reel. In the library Miss Evy Hail, assisted by Mr. Nunn, served tiny cups of coffee, fruit cake and dates. Here also many of the lovers of ping-pong found amusement.

The feature of the evening, however, was the heart contest. Here the gentlemen proved themselves very much in evidence, as the contest was to throw heart-shaped rings over a standard. Each contestant was given four trials. Miss Albertine Aldrich won the guest prize and Miss Mary Hail the club prize—two hand-painted calendars, something worth working for. Mr. Shivers won the first gentleman's prize and Mr. Murchison the second—two dainty pearl knives, the hostess declaring as she presented them, that each one had to give her a penny.

In the dining room which was beautifully decorated in holly and ribbon, Misses Stokes and Lacy, Mesdames Castleberg and Stokes served a dainty repast of salad, wafers, olives and salted almonds. At the approach of the wee small hours the guests departed, each one voting the Calendar club a great success and the president the most charming of hostesses. The visitors were Miss Smith of Georgia, Miss Harris of Corsicana, Miss Royal of Athens, Miss McMeans of Palestine, Miss May of Ohio.  
E. H.

**BANNER SALVE**  
the most heating salve in the world.  
**Foley's Honey and Tar**  
cures colds, prevents pneumonia.

### Colored Mass Meeting.

It is to be remembered that on the 30-31 of last October there was held in the city of Houston a convention, the purpose of which to devise some plans to suppress idleness, vice, crime and immorality so prevalent among our people. Quite a large and representative gathering from various points of the state met. After careful and deliberate consideration decided to organize every community throughout the State of Texas.

Houston county was represented in that meeting by Dr. L. W. Baker, Prof. J. W. Williams, Roefield Cotton and Thos. Taylor. They have returned with full determination to enlist Houston county in the vanguard of this great movement.

In keeping with this determination quite a large and interesting gathering met in the court house December 20th, 1902, and perfect an organization. B. H. Masters was elected temporary chairman, and D. McCullough temporary secretary.

Committee on permanent organization: L. C. H. Maxcey, J. W. Williams, D. Jordan, J. R. M. Lee, R. P. Woods, A. Walker.

The following officers were recommended and elected: Dr. L. W. Baker, chairman; J. W. Williams, vice chairman; J. B. Bryant, secretary; A. R. Jenkins, corresponding secretary; I. N. Dotson, lecturer; J. R. M. Lee, reporter.

Quite a number of interesting speeches were made by the following gentlemen: L. W. Baker, J. W. Williams, I. N. Dotson, Thos. Taylor, B. H. Masters, J. R. M. Lee, Hon. E. D. Atkinson of Navasota.

We are determined to do all in our power to better our condition in every sphere of life. We are determined by the help of Almighty God and the good citizens of Houston county, irrespective of color, to reduce vice, crime, immorality and vagrancy among our people. Let every race-loving negro of Houston county awake, arouse, and be at the next meeting the second Saturday in January, 1903.  
J. R. M. LEE,  
Reporter.

### Watch St. Louis.

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# December Delights.....

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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," "Cut 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. W. AIKEN, Editor and Publisher

### A NEWSY LETTER.

#### All the Happenings of Grapeland During Christmas.

ED. COURIER:

The holidays are a thing of the past and with them expires the old year, this being the last day of the old year; to-morrow is the first day of the new year and is therefore the day for swearing off; consequently, let January 1st, 1903, be a day long to be remembered by the "swearer-off."

On Christmas eve there was a Christmas tree at the Christian church which was beautifully decorated and artistically arranged by a committee of ladies appointed for the purpose who proved that they understood the duties they were expected to perform. The tree was heavily loaded with presents for all parties—big, little, old and young, both male and female. It is said that it was conducted with better order than was ever done in this place before.

Our cotton crop is all in and most all marketed, and the farmers are preparing for the new crop of 1903. The truck association has increased until it has got to be a power in the land; therefore we have at last reached that diversification the press has been so long clamoring for, but not by virtue of the power of the press, but by the power of the boll weevil.

There have been received at this depot in the last month something over sixty thousand fruit trees, fifty thousand of which were for the vegetable or truck growers' association. Some of the members of this association are putting in as high as sixty acres in fruit trees, while quite a number of them will plant thirty and forty.

Our town was very quiet during the holidays; quite a number of entertainments among the young people who enjoyed themselves to their hearts' content.

The age of improvement is still moving slowly along. Mr. J. E. Hollingsworth and Dave Walling have their new brick structures on front street progressing finely and will soon be ready for occupancy. Mr. Totty will commence next week to add about 40 feet to his already spacious hotel. Dr. F. C. Woodard will commence next week to erect (on front street below Howard & Lively's) a two-story business house, and J. R. Denson, we learn, will erect a brick building on his corner lot on second street.

Mr. Leo Clewis has completed his magnificent residence and moved into same, having sold his former residence to A. L. Brown. Messrs. Ben and Bert Guice will

commence the erection of their new blacksmith and wood shop. It will be across the street and in front of the old one.

Prof. Sumrall, formerly of Augusta, will locate among us next week. He will occupy the residence occupied this year by F. M. Owens.

John A. Davis has sold out his farm near Grapeland to D. W. Harman and will erect a new residence in south Grapeland and will in the future be a citizen of Grapeland.

E. H. Darsey recently from Sunny Side, Ga., (father of Will and uncle of G. E.) has bought the farm of Geo. Calhoun about two miles from Grapeland, where he will make his permanent and future home.

Prof. Cain, principal of Grapeland graded school, left yesterday for Austin to attend the state teachers' institute.

Rev. Caigle, the new Methodist preacher at this place for the ensuing year, has arrived and entered upon his work. His flock as well as the citizens generally are highly pleased with Bro. Caigle.

The citizens of Grapeland have sent in a petition to the county court asking that an election be ordered to incorporate the town. If the election is ordered there is but little doubt that the town will be incorporated.

The following visitors spent from one to six days among us during the holidays:

Rev. J. M. Perry and wife spent the holidays with us. Rev. Perry was formerly pastor of the M. E. church at this place. He is now located at Center, in Shelby county. Bro. Perry left Saturday to return to his charge at Center. Mrs. Perry will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnston, for several days yet.

J. R. Howard and daughter of Crockett spent Christmas day with Sam, returning that night.

John Saxon, wife and daughters of Crockett spent Christmas day with B. F. Hill and family. John and wife returned Christmas night leaving Misses Lexie and Annie with us. They will leave for their home at Crockett to-night.

Mrs. Nettie Moore, Miss Clara Belle Benson and Miss Dimple Sory (daughter of Henry), all of Palestine, spent the holidays visiting the family of J. N. Sory and others. They will leave to-night for home.

Miss Edna Gossett of Crockett is visiting the family of D. R. Stubblefield.

Prof. Watt Mathews, formerly principal of the high school here, spent the holidays with us shaking hands with his numerous friends. Prof. M. is now located at Mart, in McLennan county, where he has a fine school.

Jot and Henry Wright with

their wives spent a few days here visiting relatives and friends. They returned to Palestine last night.

Judge Osburne and his wife, Miss Lillie, nee Miss Lillie Leaverton, spent the holidays with us. Judge Osburne is the county judge of Hardeman county and located at Quanah. Mrs. Osburne was raised in our county and is well and highly appreciated by her many friends in this county. The judge is very much impressed with our section of country.

Charley Moore and family of Crockett came up Friday night and spent a couple of days with relatives and friends.

Prof. Dewees of Raymond spent most of the Christmas with—it seems that there is a special attraction for the professor in these parts. All right, professor.

Charley Faris of Crockett was with us during Christmas—especially at the entertainments.

Mrs. Wm. Patton of Crockett, with little Gause and Willie May, was with us several days visiting the family of J. F. Martin and other friends.

Frank Campbell of Palestine spent Christmas in Grapeland. Frank says Palestine is too slow a place for him on holidays.

Wm. McLean and Jake Sheridan of Augusta were with us a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Totty and their son, Morris, spent the holidays with us. Mr. Wallace is now located at Jacksonville where he is following his profession and Mrs. Totty is teaching music in the high school there.

Miss Freddie Luker, who is teaching school at Chapel Hill, spent the holidays with her father's family here. Miss Freddie has many friends here who were proud to meet her during her visit.

Miss Nannie Woodard, who is teaching at Jones' School House, spent the holidays with her father's family and her many friends.

Miss Cora Williams, who is teaching at Enterprise, spent the holidays with her father's family and at the same time meeting with many old friends.

Mrs. Mabel Saddler of Lufkin came in last night to visit her father's family, that of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Anthony. Miss Mabel was raised in Grapeland and of course is proud of an opportunity to visit relatives and friends.

Reginald Davidson of Fort Worth, who formerly lived here and went to school, is with us again, both on business and pleasure.

Roscoe Eves, nephew of Burl Eves, is visiting the family of his uncle.

Billy Adams and wife of Palestine are now here visiting their relatives and many friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Richards of Troupe have been here taking the holidays among relatives and friends. They will leave to-night for their home.

Alvin Cunningham of Kennard is spending the holidays with relatives and friends.

Walter and Jim Stone of Midland are here visiting their many friends and relatives. They will not return for a while yet.

Prof. Crook was with us a while during the holidays on special business.

This I believe about closes the list of visitors during the holidays except I might say that Dan McLean and Bill McConnell took the train here yesterday evening for home. They say that they spent a week at Augusta and thereabout surveying the country with dog and gun and if you in the meantime see any person desirous of buying land in that section refer him to them for description, etc.

I learn this morning that T. H. and Dave Leaverton have bought out the Polk Taylor livery stable and will run same in the future.

BED ROCK.

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