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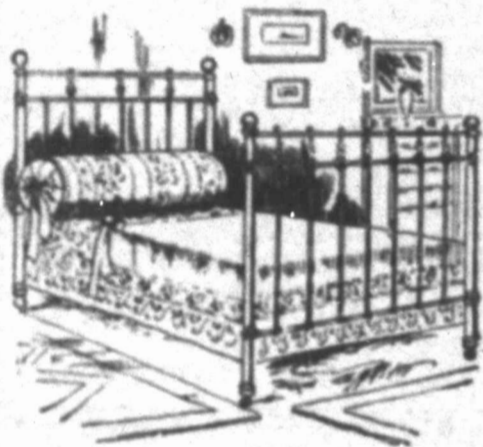
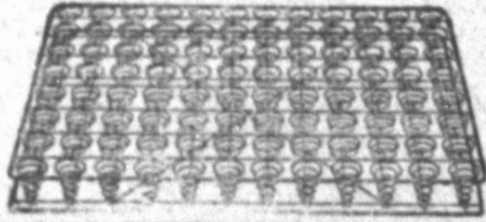
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3-Piece Suit, golden oak finish, a full size substantial suit for

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Golden Oak Finish Suit, dresser has German bevel mirror, 19x23 inches, square top; three pieces, all nicely carved and finished, only

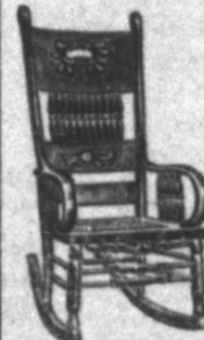
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Solid Oak Suit, three pieces, richly carved and highly polished; dresser has German bevel mirror, 20x24 inches. This suit is genuine oak, no imitation, and costs you only

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Solid Oak Suit, three pieces, beautifully carved and highly polished; dresser has a long German bevel mirror with cabinet at one side, special price,

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Rockers.

Like cut, in solid oak, cane seat, strong and well braced with rods through arms, only

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The best and most complete lot ever shown in Crockett.

We have some very exclusive styles and colors, and we have odd sizes too. You'll have to see them to judge of their beauty and durability. Prices range from

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Set of 6 Quarter-sawed Oak Dining Chairs, the best you ever saw for the money. Made of selected oak, with cane seats, highly polished, and the price is

\$8.50

Solid Oak Extension Dining Table, has 6 massive legs, richly carved and highly polished,

\$6.98

Sideboards.

We are daily expecting a large shipment of attractive Sideboards, various styles and prices. They will please you.



MONTHLY REPORT Of Superintendent of Schools for Month Ending Jan. 16.

Gentlemen of the Board:—The following table gives enrollment and average attendance by names for the white school:

Mrs. Lucy Collins, teacher, 1st and 2nd grades; enrollment 63, average attendance 51.

Miss Effie Hardin, teacher, 3d and part of first grades; enrollment 62, average attendance 61.

Miss Lena Kelley, teacher, 4th grade; enrollment 54, average attendance 46.

Miss Lee Arrington, teacher, 5th and 2d grades; enrollment 49, average attendance 36.

Miss Amelia Miller, teacher, 6th grade; enrollment 49, average attendance 38.

Miss B. Arrington, teacher, 7th grade; enrollment 38, average attendance 30.

Mrs. A. R. Spence, teacher, high school; enrollment 56, average attendance 51.

Mr. N. H. Phillips, teacher, high school; enrollment 28, average attendance 25.

Totals: Enrollment 399; average attendance 328.

It will be seen by observing the above figures that the enrollment and average attendance in four of the rooms is very large. The rooms to which I refer are Mrs. Lucy Collins, Miss Effie Hardin, Miss Lena Kelley and Mrs. A. R. Spence. As the work of the high school is distributed among three teachers the only evil that comes

from the large enrollment in Mrs. Spence's room (this room being a part of the high school) is a slight inconvenience to those sitting in the room, resulting from the desks being placed so close together. Of course it makes the work of discipline harder on the teacher in charge. The large numbers of young children found in both Mrs. Collins' and Miss Hardin's rooms make it impossible for the teachers to do the most efficient work. I do not think there ought to be more than 40 or 45 pupils in any one room, and especially does this opinion apply to strictly primary rooms. Miss Kelley's room has 54 pupils which is also too large a number for one teacher. If an apportionment was made on the basis of 45 pupils to the teacher for the three lower rooms there would be 45 pupils left for a fourth teacher. I think it is only justice to Mrs. Collins, Miss Hardin and Miss Kelley to make the above statement respecting conditions in their rooms.

In accordance with suggestions from the state university authorities we have changed considerably the work in the high school. These changes might be summed up under the following heads, viz: 1st. The recitation period has been lengthened from thirty to forty minutes. 2nd. No pupil has more than four regular recitations. 3rd. Outline map drawing in connection with history work has been inaugurated and much more written work in history is now required. These

changes, I am sure, are along sound pedagogical lines and are an actual improvement on former methods. Many expressions of approval are heard among the pupils themselves.

I deem it advisable to report to you that it will not be practicable to graduate the pupils of the senior class of the high school at the close of the present session. It will be recalled that the board has raised the requirements for graduation to the completion of a prescribed Latin course or to obtaining a first grade state teachers certificate, whereas heretofore it has been permissible to graduate pupils from the school on first or second grade certificates. Furthermore it is the expressed purpose and practice of the superintendent of public instruction gradually to make the examinations more difficult with a view to raising the standard of scholarship necessary for teachers desiring to pass them. Since some of the senior class are not Latin students and the others not sufficiently advanced to meet the requirements it has been evident from the first that they must graduate, if at all, this year on the English course, and it is now evident that it will be impossible during the present session so to present the subject matter even in review of the seventeen studies on which applicants for first grade certificates must be examined as to enable the class reasonably to hope to pass examination thereon.

It becomes necessary, therefore,

in view of the foregoing, to change the policy somewhat in regard to the class named. I have planned for them a course of study to extend over this year and next, leading ultimately to graduation, which if taken advantage of in good faith will give them at the end of the time a far more accurate scholarship and liberal culture than it would be possible for them to obtain under a system of coaching and cramming for examinations which their present attainments do not justify them in undertaking. To me it seems that there is no other course open in the premises. Conditions rendered the action taken an absolute necessity. I am hopeful, however, that this action will prove ultimately beneficial to the class directly concerned and to the school.

I approve below the report of the colored school as submitted to me by the principal:

"Mr. Walker King, Superintendent of the Crockett Public Schools.

Dear Sir:—Below is the report of the colored school for the month ending Jan. 16th, 1908:

"The following table gives enrollment and average attendance by rooms:

Miss Jennie Holly, teacher; enrollment 59, average attendance 36.

Miss Mattie Felder, teacher; enrollment 68, average attendance 63.

Mrs. A. A. Morris, teacher; enrollment 75, average attendance 67.

A. R. Jenkins, teacher; enrollment 28, average attendance 25.

Totals: Enrollment 230; aver-

age attendance 191.

"Every teacher has taught the full twenty days. During the month we gave a concert, at which \$19 were made clear of expenses. This money will be used to buy maps, measures, etc., for school use. Our attendance is larger than it has been during the history of the school.

"Respectfully submitted,

A. R. JENKINS,

Principal."

Respectfully submitted,

WALKER KING,

Superintendent.

If Unwell,

Try a 50c bottle of **Herbine**, notice the improvement speedily effected in your Appetite, Energy, Strength and Vigor. Watch how it brightens the spirits, gives freedom from indigestion and Debility! Isaac Story, Ava, Mo., writes, Sept. 10th, 1900. "I was in bad health, I had stomach trouble for 12 months, also dumb chills. Dr. J. W. Mory prescribed **Herbine**, it cured me in two weeks. I can not recommend it too highly, it will do all you claim for it." Sold by J. G. Haring.

Children Poisoned.

Many children are poisoned and made nervous and weak, if not killed outright, by mothers giving them cough syrups containing opiates. **Foley's Honey and Tar** is a safe and certain remedy for coughs, croup and lung trouble, and is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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



Mrs. Fred Unrath.
President Country Club, Benton Harbor, Mich.

"After my first baby was born I did not seem to regain my strength although the doctor gave me a tonic which he considered very superior, but instead of getting better I grew weaker every day. My husband insisted that I take Wine of Cardui for a week and see what it would do for me. I did take the medicine and was very grateful to find my strength and health slowly returning. In two weeks I was out of bed and in a month I was able to take up my usual duties. I am very enthusiastic in its praise."

Wine of Cardui reinforces the organs of generation for the ordeal of pregnancy and childbirth. It prevents miscarriage. No woman who takes Wine of Cardui need fear the coming of her child. If Mrs. Unrath had taken Wine of Cardui before her baby came she would not have been weakened as she was. Her rapid recovery should commend this great remedy to every expectant mother. Wine of Cardui regulates the menstrual flow.

WINE OF CARDUI

Punctuation.
In the earliest Latin inscriptions and manuscripts no system of punctuation is followed. The full point (.) was gradually introduced, being placed on the level, middle or top of the letters. In the minuscule manuscripts of the eighth, ninth and following centuries the period, on the line or high, was first used; then the comma and semicolon and the inverted semicolon, whose power was rather stronger than that of the comma. Some say that the Caroline minuscules of the ninth century exhibit the note of interrogation, for which the inverted semicolon, which was gradually dropped, may have furnished the mark. The Greeks use the semicolon as an interrogation point. In English the colon is said to have been introduced about 1485, the comma about 1501 and the semicolon about 1570. In Sir Philip Sidney's "Arcadia" (1587) all the punctuation points appear, including the note of interrogation, asterisk and parentheses.

Incorrigible.
It was decided that Mr. Wright must administer a stern lecture to his four-year-old daughter Florence. The little girl had been naughty, but she did not seem to appreciate the fact, and Mr. Wright reluctantly undertook a "scolding."

He hated to make the tender little heart ache and to see the dear child cry, but he forced himself to speak judiciously and severely. He recounted her misdeeds and explained the why and wherefore of his stern rebuke. Mrs. Wright sat by, looking duly impressed. Finally Mr. Wright paused for breath and also to hear the small culprit acknowledge her error. The scolding was never continued. Florence turned a face beaming with admiration to her mother and said innocently: "Isn't papa interesting?"

At Home and Abroad.
A few days ago an elderly gentleman and his wife were walking along the street when a lady in crossing the road fell down. The old gentleman rushed to her assistance and helped her in every possible way. When he returned to his wife, she looked like a thundercloud.

"It's all right; it's all right," he whispered.
"Yes, I know it's all right!" she replied hotly. "Here's an unknown woman falls down, and you plow across the street to help her, and the other day, when I fell downstairs, you wanted to know if I was practicing for a circus."

The Christian Name.
The term "Christian name" is used in England and America only. "Baptismal name" is used in other countries. The term seems to have been used first after the reformation, when Biblical names were used as a reaction against the use of the saints' names in the calendar. It is evident that all Biblical names are not Christian, but the reaction went so far as to consider everything in the Bible as Christian and everything not in the Bible as pagan or certainly non-Christian.

A Rough Criticism.
Lord Houghton's epigram on "Sordello" probably the most obscure of Browning's poems, though it has often gone the rounds, is worth recalling. Said Lord Houghton, then only Dicky Milnes, "There are but two lines in 'Sordello' I can understand—the first and last—'Who will may hear Sordello's story told' and 'Who would hath heard Sordello's story told,' and both are false."

An Early Bargain Crop

THE SEED WERE SOWN BY

THE BIG STORE

We bought Embroideries, Laces, White Goods and lots of other things before prices went up, and you are going to get the benefit of this streak of luck. Some of the things in this ad were left from our winter stock, but it was because they were rather light weight for winter wear; so of course, they are just right for early spring.

<p>Battenberg Supplies. We have a new lot of Battenberg Patterns, Braids, Rings, etc., at very reasonable prices.</p>	<p>For White Waists. The swellest thing for Waists is Mercerized Novelty Goods, and we have it, 27 inches wide, at 25c to50c</p>	<p>India Linon. A new lot of this serviceable and always beautiful goods, 7½c to25c Checked Nainsook, 10c to 25c</p>	<p>Handkerchief Linen. We have just received several packages of this sheer beautiful Linen, 36 inches wide, at 75c, \$1, and \$1.25</p>
<p>Skirtings. An elegant line of Skirtings for early spring wear, all colors and styles from 40c to . . . \$1.40</p>	<p>Novelty Pique. In the new Polka dot effect, and other designs, 27 inches wide at 20c. Three yards will make a waist.</p>	<p>Kimona Cloth. Light ground, with colored stripes and figures, Persian borders, 36 inches wide, per yard15c</p>	<p>Embroidery and Lace. An elegant lot of these goods, very attractive patterns. Embroidery at 4½c to 35c a yard. Lace from 10c a doz. yards to \$1.50 a yard.</p>



A Few Things for the Children.

- Eiderdown Cloaks, velvet and fur trimmed, lined and interlined, cream or white, sizes 2 to 6 years, for \$1.50
- Infants' Long Cloak, white or cream cashmere, lined and interlined, beautifully embroidered, 75c to \$2.50
- Children's Black Hose, double knees, ribbed, sizes 5 to 9, extra good value, 10c a pair or 3 pairs for 25c
- Boys' and Misses' Bicycle Hose, heavy ribbed, warranted fast black, sizes 6 to 9, a pair 15c. Better quality, extra heavy 25c
- The celebrated Fay Stockings for children, sizes 5½ to 9, price 25c to 30c
- Misses' Cotton 3-thread Union Suits, splendid value, all sizes, per suit 35c. Heavier and better quality 50c



James S. Shivers & Company.

Suspicious.
"Did Benny ask you for my hand last night, papa?"
"Yes, my daughter."
"And what did you think of the young man?"
"I don't like suspicious men, my dear. I like a man who looks you in the eye."
"Well, didn't Benny look you in the eye, father?"
"No; all the time he was asking for your hand in marriage he had his eyes on my feet."—Yonkers Statesman.

Good Enough For a Beast.
A droll little story is told of Mr. W. S. Gilbert. He put up his horse one day at a small country inn, on the signboard of which was painted conspicuously the notice, "Entertainment For Man and Beast." When his lunch was brought, he looked dissatisfied and surprised the waiter by saying, "This is all very well so far, but where is the entertainment for the man?"—London Tit-Bits.

Something Harder.
Auntie (finding Jackie sobbing in a corner)—Why, Jackie, what has happened to make you feel so bad this morning?
Jackie—M-ma m-issed some jelly.
Auntie—Ho, ho! I see. And her suspicions fell on you, eh?
Jackie—No, auntie; it was her slipper.—Boston Courier.

Too Valuable to Lose.
"Reginald," she said to a wealthy young dandy who had been paying his attentions to her, "I would like to ask you one very serious question."
"What is it, my dear?" he replied.
"Would you object to marrying mamma if I refused you? You see, we really don't want to lose you."

Tommy's Trade.
Mother (who had been out for the day)—Tommy, did you take that medicine that I told you to when I was away?
Tommy—No, ma. Willie Jones came in, and he liked it so I exchanged it with him for a sour apple.—Punch.

Postponed Her Bath.
Miss Flora Shaw, the well known correspondent of the London Times, was once traveling through Africa in a bullock wagon. The sun was blazing, the bullocks were slow, the dust was indescribable. She was making for a frontier town, where she anticipated the comforts of a bath. At the entrance to the place Miss Shaw, dead beat, dusty and irritable, found herself confronted with the ordeal of a public reception. The officials read her a welcome. She was as civil as she could be. Then she bolted for the hotel. She gave but one order—"Hot water, quick!"

She sat on the edge of the bed and waited. Some minutes passed. At last a black servant entered with a tin vessel, in which there was something steaming. Seizing it, Miss Shaw poured out a milky, odoriferous liquid. She turned to the servant for an explanation. The hotel was very short of water. As a distinguished guest, a point had been stretched for her. They had sent her the water in which the fish had just been boiled!

Living by His Books.
An amusing story is told of Robert Buchanan, the author, who, like many another well known literary man, had a hard struggle at the beginning of his career. He had just published one of his early novels when one day he found himself the possessor of a fine appetite, but without any money in his pocket at the moment to get a meal. He thought of ways and means for some time and finally hit upon an idea. He went to the office of his publisher and asked for three copies of his new novel, directing that the cost should be placed to his account. Armed with the fresh, nicely bound volumes, he immediately sought out the nearest secondhand bookseller and disposed of the copies for as much as they would bring.

"I remember I enjoyed that dinner tremendously," he said. "It proved to my entire satisfaction that even the humblest author could live by his books!"

A Romantic Story.
With its usual enterprise, The Galveston News has succeeded in purchasing the right from the publishers of the new romantic story, "Gabriel Tolliver," and it is now appearing in weekly installments in The Galveston Sunday News and The Galveston Semi-Weekly News. This new novel, by the illustrious writer, Joel Chandler Harris, the South's most famous author, is meeting with an unprecedented run through booksellers at \$1.50. It won't cost you half that sum in The Sunday News at 5c a copy; besides which you get the best Sunday newspaper in the South.

The COURIER and The Sunday News are clubbed together for \$2.25 per year. The COURIER and The Semi-Weekly News at \$1.85 per year.

The News has recently reduced the price of its daily and Sunday edition to 75c a month, delivered or by mail; \$2.10 for three months, by mail only; \$4.00 for six months, by mail only, and \$7.50 for one year, by mail only.

Other serial stories will follow "Gabriel Tolliver," equally as fascinating and attractive.

Simple Colds
Cease to be simple, if at all prolonged. The safest way is to put them aside at the beginning. Ballard's Horehound Syrup stops a cold and removes the cause of colds. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottles at J. G. Haring's.

Women Need

a constant supply of blood-making material or their systems break down under the constant drain. The very moment there is lack of blood, or when the blood is impoverished, the signal appears upon the face in sallowness or pallor. The remedy needed is Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. Nothing else meets this particular condition so well. Use of it has made hundreds of thousands of women look younger and made them feel even younger than they looked. It not only restores strength, energy and beauty, but it is a prompt and certain cure for all ailments peculiar to the sex. It cures because it removes the first cause. It supplies just what nature needs to bring health.

Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic

strengthens debilitated organs, gives tone and elasticity to muscles and ligaments, rounds out wasted tissues and renews the vigor of the nervous system. It helps quickly and just as surely and permanently.

Loss of appetite, of ambition, nervousness, pains in the head, back, kidneys, limbs, muscles, etc., are all cured by Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic.

The following is one of thousands of similar endorsements that we have received:

Houston, Texas, Dec. 4, 1901.
"My father has used your medicine since the War, and when I married in December, 1872, I commenced house-keeping with one bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic, one bottle of his Wild Cherry Bitters, and two boxes of his Little Liver Pills. I am now nearly sixty-two years of age. Looking backward I feel attached to the old medicines and would not change them for any of the new ones made."
Mrs. J. A. Pickett.

(50,000 guarantee that above testimonial is genuine.)
DR. HARTER'S
Every bottle of Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic has our "Crescent" trade-mark on the label. Don't accept a substitute—insist on Dr. Harter's.
Made only by THE DR. HARTER MEDICINE COMPANY, DAYTON, OHIO.
Makers also of Dr. Harter's Wild Cherry Bitters, and other well known Dr. Harter Medicines. FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.



"Man's best friend is his dog," says the one who makes saws and axioms. He should have observed further and noted it is only between a boy and a dog that the ideal friendship exists. It is as natural for a boy to own a dog as to have a sore toe and a stone-bruise. He is a real boy who has all three at one time. What man among you never owned a dog? We had a dog when we were in the goin'-in-swimmin' age, and we will wager our prospective raise in salary that President Roosevelt owned a dog when he was a boy. So did J. Pierpont Morgan, John W. Gates and Cap'n Streeter of Chicago and the "Deestric of Lake Michigan." Our dog was not of Blenheim birth, but a mangy cur with yellow eye-brows. He had scraggly hair and was a cross between a whelp and a wire fence. We would not have admitted it in the olden days, but time has dulled our pride and made us more susceptible to truth. He was a lonely dog and had seas—but, gee whillikens! he was a fighter! His hair was so long the offending dog could not set fangs through it into his flesh. Hence it was merely a matter of time until our canine had the other fellow's dog hors-du-combat. Many is the time we (and the dog) have cleaned up the neighborhood dogs and left for new dogs to conquer, in a state of bloated pompousness at our victory. During the cleaning up process we remember distinctly that we had most of the work to do "sicking" Yip onto the enemy. All Yip had to do was to pay attention to us and do the fighting. We assure you he had much the lesser task, and no responsibility whatever. To own the best fighting dog in the town is a responsibility which all prominent men who have owned good fighting dogs, will at once appreciate.

But there came a sad and tearful day for us, a period between sunlight and shadow when we entered the enchanted circle of boyish happiness and left us weeping like Niobe, all tears, for the loss of our faithful dog. In an evil moment, when not busily engaged in maintaining his position of supremacy in the village, Yip ate a new wife's first apple-dumpling, or some other deadly matter of refuse, and died with a pain in his midst as big as a feather bed. Mother, God bless her, covered his body with a rug and broke the news gently—but there were lamentations and mourning in sincerity and in truth, for that dog, despite her carefully worded preparation. Out in a favorite playground among the hazel brush we dug a grave and planted Yip. For weeks we visited his grave and wished him back again to fight new battles. Other dogs came and went, held the championship and departed the way of the eternal bow-wows, but never a dog entered our heart's affection as that one. He was a scrapper from the bone-yard district, and if there are dog fights in heaven, we rest happy in full faith that he still holds the belt.

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The onlooker who sees nine children calling for "ma" at one time, may wonder if the romance of wedded life has not many false halos. One writer says when a woman has that many children she begins to have suspicions about some of the beautiful passages in love stories!

But, bless you, why should she? From babyhood that mother has loved children. Her first was a nigger-baby which she loved none the less because she mauled it. Her second was a beautiful china creation with golden hair, eyes that opened and closed, dainty silken garments, soft and shiny shoes, and withal a veritable fairy of a dolly. Even when she had grown to girlhood she had a big doll in her snuggery, daintily arrayed in a cozy corner of the room on a mantel. Then came her love, her marriage and its first fruit—a real baby. And she loved it and lived for it! And did she love either the less for the second baby? One by one as they came, flowers from heaven, her heart broadened and widened and her horizon grew. Her vision took in leagues of understanding and she was the ideal woman at last—a mother! With her children she lived, happy in their joys, sympathetic in their sorrows, but gladness always in maternity. Ask the mother of nine children if the passages in the love stories are true and she will answer promptly:

"Yes, indeed! Every one of them!"

A man may know no more of music, technically, than a dog does of a cologne-tinctured bath, but his soul yearns for it and his heart is touched by sweet harmonies. The farmer's hired man has his "mouth-organ," and, occasionally, his "fiddle." Almost every home in the land has some musical instrument in it, from a jewsharp to a grand piano. We are told the man who has no music in him, who is not stirred by the concord of sweet sounds, is fit for strategies and things of evil. In the city, the Italian with his music box is the chief delight of the children who dance upon the pavement to his air. There is music everywhere, good, bad and indifferent, from the masters' down to the rag-time producers that thump lively in "emporiums" and beer saloons.

But not all the worshippers of Apollo love made music best. This is especially true of the country folks, who, happily, are better situated to appreciate the music of nature. They hear greater rhapsodies than ever Wagner, or Chopin, or Liszt have produced. There is the vast music hall of strains akin to God. They list the harmonies of sublime wings, the heart music of the spheres. They hear the murmur of the babbling brook crooning to the daisies, the rustle of the leaves, the crescendos of the wind, the sighing of the reed, the gushing of a rill, the rose-lipped shell that murmurs of the eternal sea, birds that sing of matin joys, trees that sigh for monarch brothers razed, the waving whirring of the grain, the silken rustle of the corn, the grand roaring of the ocean—all these are beautiful to one who understands. It is only the musician who hears best the troubadour touching his guitar, realizes keenest the strains from Antonio Stradivarius' violin, enthuses over soft Lydian airs and applauds most understandingly the master handling of the harp "that once through Tara's halls the soul of music shed."

It is but the musician who can best enjoy the made music, but who cannot with Shakespeare say:

"How sweet the moonlight sleeps upon the bank!
Here will we sit and let the sounds of music
Creep in our ears: soft stillness, and the night
Become the touches of sweet harmony."

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Dr. George F. Hall of Chicago, deprecates gum chewing. He says if he had the gum money of the city of Chicago for one year, he could build and dedicate free, a magnificent auditorium with a seating capacity of 10,000.

This reminds us: If we had the "masuma" spent annually in Chicago for face powder, we could buy fireworks for all the new-boys next Fourth of July and have money enough left to endow a foundation society.

If we had the "tin" spent annually in Chicago for playing cards, we could take all the worn out women and children in the city on a vacation once a month and show them how to be happy, though living!

If we had the filthy lucre spent annually in Chicago for curl papers and the damage they do in the roseate light districts, we could double the size of the loop and make it possible to get down town during the forenoon in time for luncheon.

And further: If we had all the cash equivalents spent annually in Chicago for gum, face powder, playing cards, vice and liquor, we could keep Chicago CLEAN enough so a fellow could wear one collar a whole day without totally blackening it—and we would, too, by guinea! If we had to quit writing and look after it personally.

Returning to Dr. Hall and his figures, we side with the doctor and believe he speaks the truth. What a sad commentary in the words:

"Man's inhumanity to man
Makes countless thousands mourn."

A denial of the harmful things of life would make those "countless thousands" happier and better. We are yet some leagues from being perfect!

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Some low-browed plebeian out in Denver has referred to woman, lovely woman, as a "repeater." Two young people bet on a church fair election. The wager was a pair of opera glasses against 300 kisses. The woman "just knew she would win the bet, or, of course, she wouldn't have wagered!" Of course! But, horrors! there were more pumpkin seeds in the pumpkin than she had dreamed of—and she lost.

The young man went up to the house the very next night to claim his wager. The young woman was in a paroxysm of shame and frizzes—but she always kept her word. The ordeal began at 8:30, with lights turned low, the girl's little brother behind the sofa. When only half through the youngster went to sleep and breathed so hard he frightened the osculation all out of the kissers—and now they have to begin all over again! A woman has to pay her debts, doesn't she, even, if she is a "repeater!"

A VENERABLE PASTOR CURED BY PE-RU-NA.

Pe-ru-na is a Catarrhal Tonic Especially Adapted to the Declining Powers of Old Age.

The Oldest Man in America Attributes His Long Life and Good Health to Pe-ru-na.

Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennan County, Texas, has attained the great age of 114 years. He is an ardent friend of Peruna and speaks of it in the following terms. Mr. Brock says:

"After a man has lived in the world as long as I have he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so.

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper remedy for ailments due directly to the effects of the climate. For 114 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoea. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases. For the last ten or fifteen years I have been reading Dr. Hartman's books and have learned from them one thing in particular: That these affections are the same and that they are properly called catarrh.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my stand-by for many years and I attribute my good health and my extreme old age to this remedy.

"It exactly meets all my requirements. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people, although I have no doubt it is just as good for the young."

—Isaac Brock.

A New Man at 79.

Major Frank O'Mahoney, West Side, Hannibal, Mo., writes:

"I am professionally a newspaper correspondent, now 79 years old. I have watched the growing power of the Peruna plant from its incipency in the little log cabin, through its gradations of success up to its present establishment in Columbus, Ohio, and I conclude that merit brings its full reward.

"Up to a few years ago I felt no need to test its medicinal potency, but lately when my system needed it, your Peruna relieved me of many catarrhal troubles. Some two years ago I weighed 210 pounds, but fell away down to 168 pounds, and besides loss of flesh I was subject to stomach troubles, indigestion, loss of appetite, insomnia, night sweats, and a foreboding of getting my entire system out of order. During some months I gave Peruna a fair trial, and it rejuvenated my whole system. I feel thankful therefore, for although 79 years old I feel like a young man."

—Major Frank O'Mahoney.

In old age the mucous membrane become thickened and partly lose their function. This leads to partial loss of hearing, smell and taste, as well as digestive disturbances.

Peruna cures all this by its specific

operation on all the mucous membranes of the body.

One bottle will convince any one. Once used and Peruna becomes a life-long stand-by with old and young.

Mr. Samuel Saunders of Blythedale, Mo., writes: "My disease was catarrh of the urethra and bladder. I got a bottle of Pe-ru-na and began taking it, and in a few days I was relieved and could sleep and rest all night. I think that Pe-ru-na is a valuable remedy. I had tried other very highly recommended medicines, but they did me no good. My physician told me that I could not expect to be cured of my trouble, as I was getting to be an old man (57 years). I feel very thankful for what Pe-ru-na has done for me."

In a later letter Mr. Saunders says: "I am still of the same mind with regard to your Pe-ru-na medicine."



Rev. J. N. Parker.

Strong and Vigorous at the Age of Eighty-eight.

Rev. J. N. Parker, Utica, N. Y., writes:

"In June, 1901, I lost my sense of hearing entirely. My hearing had been somewhat impaired for several years, but not so much affected that I could hold converse with my friends; but in June, 1901, my sense of hearing left me so that I could hear no sound whatever. I was also troubled with severe rheumatic pains in my limbs. I commenced taking Peruna and now my hearing is restored as good as it was prior to June, 1901. My rheumatic pains are all gone. I cannot speak too highly of Peruna, and now when 88 years old can say it has invigorated my whole system. I cannot but think, dear Doctor, that you must feel very thankful to the all loving Father that you have been permitted to live, and by your skill be such a blessing as you have been to suffering humanity."

—Rev. J. N. Parker.

Mrs. F. E. Little, Tolona, Ill., writes: "I can recommend Peruna as a good medicine for chronic catarrh of the stomach and bowels. I have been troubled severely with it for over a year, and also a cough. Now my cough is all gone, and all the distressing symptoms of catarrh of the stomach and bowels have disappeared. I will recommend it to all as a rare remedy. I am so well I am contemplating a trip to Yellow Stone Park this coming season. How is that for one 71 years old?"

A TRAVELER AT SEVENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE.

In a later letter she says: "I am only too thankful to you for your kind advice and for the good health that I am enjoying wholly from the use of your Peruna. Have been out to the Yellow Stone National Park and many other places of the west, and shall always thank you for your generosity."

—Mrs. F. E. Little.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

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NEWS IN NUTSHELLS.

The Southern Pacific will be operating trains between Dallas and Beaumont by April 1st.

Farmers are busy burning and destroying all stalks and weeds in the boll weevil sections.

The pretender to the throne of Morocco has been captured, and the end of the rebellion is in sight.

Four transatlantic steamers were prevented from sailing out of New York last week for lack of coal.

At Yoakum truck growers are peddling ripe strawberries on the streets together with all varieties of vegetables.

William Hooper Young, grandson of Brigham Young, is on trial at New York for the murder of Mrs. Anna Pulitzer.

Reports at Mexico City show that the first Sunday closing of barrooms had a good effect. There was no effort to evade the law.

The initial trip of the Houston and Texas Central's fast train, "The Comet," leaving Houston at 7 o'clock a. m., will be made Feb. 15.

The executive committee of the Boll Weevil convention, urges the legislature to appropriate \$50,000 for assistance in exterminating the pest.

The United States quarantine officials have declared Manila to be free from cholera, thus ending the quarantine, which has lasted nearly a year.

It is denied at Trinity and Brazos Valley headquarters and also by the Katy representatives at Hillsboro, that the Katy has purchased the former road.

It had been more than a hundred years since a woman was hanged in England, until last week, when two were hanged in England for "baby farming."

Last Wednesday and Thursday were days of markedly high winds in Kentucky and Tennessee. Electrical and telephone companies suffered great losses.

Several thousand unemployed persons marched through the streets at Valladolid, Spain, demanding work or bread. They looted bread wagons and were charged by the gendarmes.

The representatives of the allies are now very anxious to settle the Venezuelan controversy and recommend to their governments that three months' preferential treatment be accepted.

An election will be held soon in the Sonora independent school district to decide whether the district shall be bonded to raise \$7000 for the erection of a school building.

A cyclone struck Seagoville Monday morning, destroying the residence of J. W. McClung and the public school building, and slightly injuring four of the pupils. The wreck of the school building is complete. To build a new one will cost something like \$1500 or \$2000.

San Angelo has been an unincorporated town for some five years, the incorporation having been voted out in 1897. An effort is now being made to have the town incorporated and a petition to have an election ordered is now being circulated.

The work of making a complete survey of lands in the Indian Territory has been completed and the force, comprising about one hundred men who have been engaged in the work, has been called in and will be dismissed.

Most people regard water as a mere solvent for food, but the better opinion of the scientists seem to be that water is itself a food and that its natural combination in plants and vegetables are needed by the stomach. It is not thought it will become a fad.

The Red River Valley railway is on its way to run from the Indian Territory to New Orleans. It is a Frisco enterprise and would be 600 miles long, traversing a splendid country for the most of the way.

The state of Mississippi is in the throes of an exciting prohibition campaign. Local option is in force in all but two counties of the state and it is now proposed to force prohibition upon those and to give the liquor traffic out of the state.

COLD IN TEXAS.

SNOW, SLEET AND ICE EVERYWHERE.

ALL PARTS OF THE STATE HIT.

Likely to be a Heavy Loss in Stock Interests in the Northern Section of the State.

Fort Worth, Texas, February 17.—Fort Worth is swept by the worst snow and wind storm in seven years, the mercury at 6 this morning registering 12 above zero, the coolest period known here for many years. The blizzard struck the city at midnight and continued its fury until noon today, when the sun came out, but the wind continued to blow a gale. Five inches of snowfall. Street cars at a standstill, wires down, railroad travel impeded, switches frozen solid, and general business practically demoralized. The first real sleighing in twenty years was enjoyed today. The railroads suffered most and traffic has been at a standstill since midnight. Many trains have not yet arrived and wires being down it is not known when they will. During the night no effort was made to keep freight trains moving. Orders were given to hold them where they were, except in cases of perishable freight. Day trains are badly demoralized. A passenger train on the Cotton Belt was stuck in a snow drift twenty miles east of this city this morning. The first train out of this city left at 9 this morning, but made a slow progress. There were eight inches of snow at Bowie and six at El Paso.

Freeze to Death.

Wharton, Texas, February 17.—A negro woman by the name of Lola Devenport was picked up near the Southern Pacific depot this morning in a dying condition from cold. She was removed to a nearby house and County Physician Andrews was summoned, but she expired in a short time. She was a cook on the Cane Belt work train and was last seen yesterday.

Shot His Wife During Quarrel.

Houston, Texas, February 17.—Serious results follow a shooting which occurred about 2 o'clock this morning in front of a restaurant at 1008 McKee street. Though the nature of the controversy was not obtainable at the hour of going to press, it seems that young "Jack" Kennedy, was the shooter. There are two wounded men, D. D. McClung, a railroad man, and William C. Heffner, a bartender in Hambrick's saloon, at the corner of Liberty and McKee streets.

Oddly enough, the bullet first struck McClung in the shoulder blade, just under the armpit, and plowing its way around came out at the back of the shoulder blade and struck Heffner in the back, about two inches at the right of the spinal column. The bullet fractured one of Heffner's lower ribs and lodged in his side, whence it was extracted by Doctor F. M. Beurlan and D. L. Smith.

The injuries of neither of the men are considered fatal, though it was not possible at the late hour to determine the full extent of Heffner's injuries.

After being treated by the physicians, McClung and Heffner were taken to their home at Elysian and Providence, where they have adjoining rooms.

A man usually blows in a lot of money on a blowout.

Weather is Hard on Cattle.

Llano, Texas.—A heavy sleet and snow storm prevailed here last night, about an inch and a half of snow falling during the night. Today has been the coldest of the winter, the thermometer at one time registering as low as 16 degrees above zero. This extreme cold weather is very hard on cattle, and a result some stockmen have been forced to feed cattle. The cold weather still holds on tonight, it having not moderated a particle during the day.

Killing Near Buffalo.

Buffalo, Texas.—Last night about 7:30 Frank Long shot and killed Bob White. They were going home and had gotten about a mile from town when the shooting occurred. The 15-year-old son of Mr. White, who was riding behind his father on the same horse, was the only one who saw the shooting. They had had a dispute in town and it is said both were intoxicated. Long has not been captured yet.

THE WORST IN YEARS.

Street and Railway Traffic Greatly Delayed at Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., February 17.—One of the worst storms that has visited this section set in last night and continued throughout this morning. Trains are reported from five to ten hours late in all directions, and street car traffic of this city is practically at a standstill. Telegraph and telephone companies are seriously hampered and communication is very uncertain in any direction.

Rain commenced falling early Sunday morning and continued throughout the day.

At night there was a drop in the temperature and the rain turned into sleet, which fell without cessation until 3 o'clock this morning. Then it began snowing. Street cars ran at night to keep the tracks open, with only partial success.

Reports from Mississippi, Arkansas, Indian Territory and Texas state the storm general. In the Southwest it assumed the proportions of a blizzard. The railroads are heavy sufferers, and many trains are annulled.

TWO MEN WERE WOUNDED.

Heffner Badly Hurt, But McClung's Injury Not So Serious.

Houston, Texas, February 17.—Details secured yesterday by Sheriff Archie Anderson of the mysterious shooting of Mrs. Bert Wilson, out the Harrisburg road Sunday night, throw an entirely new light on the situation. Instead of being held up by two negroes at the Houston and Henderson tracks, as first stated to the authorities, it develops that Wilson himself fired the bullet which wounded his wife.

Acting upon this information, which Sheriff Anderson first obtained in a confession from Wilson in the county jail yesterday morning, an affidavit was filed yesterday afternoon in Justice Matthews' court, charging Wilson with assault to murder, and the case is set for hearing tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock in Justice Matthews' court.

After hearing Wilson's story of the shooting, Sheriff Anderson instituted a search for the other parties who were with the Wilsons at the time it occurred, and about 9 o'clock yesterday morning he found Samuel Cornet, the blind man mentioned in yesterday's post, and William H. Sullivan, who has been tramping over the country with for the last nine years. Yesterday afternoon these witnesses were brought into Justice Matthews' court by Sheriff Anderson and summoned to appear in the hearing tomorrow morning. Their story was practically the same in every particular as that told by Wilson in his confession to the sheriff in the jail yesterday morning.

San Jacinto Rice Canal Plant.

La Porte, Texas.—The San Jacinto Rice Canal company, which is engaged in putting in a large plant across the bay from La Porte, has closed a contract with the La Porte Lumber company for 200,000 feet of lumber to be used in the construction of the plant. The lumber will be delivered from the company's mill at Lynchburg.

Rev. C. T. Barkuloo has resigned his pastorate at the Methodist Episcopal church and will be succeeded by Rev. Mr. Hickman of Crowley, La. Mr. Barkuloo has been in charge of the congregation for four years.

Richardson: It has rained all night and is still raining, and, from all appearances, we will have another overflow.

Verdict of Not Guilty.

Tyler, Texas.—The verdict in the Tyler bank cases was returned this morning at 9:30 o'clock, finding the defendants, J. D. Moody, Horace H. Rowland and A. L. Clark, not guilty. It was known early this morning that the jury had agreed, and as a consequence the court room was well filled with friends of the defendants who, when the verdict was announced, rushed through the bar railings to offer their congratulations to the defendants.

Rice Farm Near Genoa.

Genoa, Texas.—Parties from Illinois have let the contract for breaking and will open a rice farm two miles south of here. They will bore wells with their own machinery. Will put in about 200 acres this season.

New Train Gives Satisfaction.

Hearne, Texas.—The new schedule inaugurated by the Houston and Texas Central today, whereby a new train is added, meets with general favor here.

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.

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Some years since the citizens of Laredo, Texas, and New Laredo, Mexico, conceived the idea of fittingly celebrating George Washington's Birthday (February 22) by suitable "Mexican-American" fiestas and parades, and from a small source this has grown to a magnificent Annual Event, unsurpassed in its splendid surroundings and interesting particulars by anything of a similar nature.

International in its character, located on the border line between the Great Republics, occurring at a season of the year when business cares press lightly, and at a time when weather conditions in that locality are ideal, this event offers unsurpassed inducements to the pleasure seeker.

This year the festivities will consist of two days continuous festivities, February 22nd and 23rd, and the program, which is very elaborate, will comprise many new and interesting features, among which may be mentioned Famous Spanish Bull Fights, Grand Cattle Roping Contests, torchlight parades, embodying typical Mexican and Indian features, Naval fire works, Sham Battle and Capture of the City by the Indians, Military drills and display evolutions, Historical Pageants and Trades Display, Flower Carnival, Band and Musical contests, etc.

For this occasion low excursion rates will be in effect to Laredo, also for the benefit of those who desire to see more of Mexican life and customs, arrangements have been made for sale of excursion tickets to MONTEREY, MEXICO, with ten (10) day's limit, permitting stop-over at LAREDO in order to witness the International celebration.

For further particulars, call on ticket agents, or write D. J. PRICE, G. P. & T. A., I. & G. N. R. R., Palestine, Texas.

"But where to find that happiest spot below Who can direct, when all pretend to know?" —GOLDSMITH.

Many are satisfied to live in Northwest Texas, having proved the value of the land in this region as a good crop raiser. Not only cattle, but wheat, cotton, corn, feed stuffs, cantaloupes, garden truck and good health flourish here—in a district where malaria is impossible and very little doing for jails and hospitals.

Land, which is being sold at really low figures—the constantly increasing demand is steadily boosting values—is still abundant; and farms and ranches of all sizes, very happily located, are being purchased daily.

We will gladly supply all askers with a copy of a little book, published by the Northwest Texas Real Estate Association, which contains an interesting series of straightforward statements of what people have accomplished along the line of

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Truth and Falsehood.
 Dr. Johnson, giving advice to an intimate friend, said: "Above all, accustom your children constantly to tell the truth, without varying in any circumstance." A lady present emphatically exclaimed: "Nay, this is too much; for a little variation in narrative must happen a thousand times a day, if one is not perpetually watching." "Well, madam," replied the Doctor, "and you ought to be perpetually watching. It is more from carelessness about truth than from intentional lying that falsehood comes."

A Massachusetts woman who received a box of candy by mail handed it to a chemist and thus avoided eating a liberal quantity of arsenic. Evidently this woman reads the newspapers.

The salaries paid to President Schwab and the Archbishop of Canterbury shows that they are two of the highest-priced men in the profession.

A New York paper announces that the Sardine Packing Company's affairs are to be reorganized. Is this elevated railway or fisheries news?

Six Slavs were sitting around a fire in a boarding house at Johnstown, Pa., watching one of their number drying powder over the stove. Result: Perfectly dry powder and six funerals.

A bill prohibiting football in Missouri has been introduced in the Missouri legislature, but the author of it hardly hopes to kick a goal.

Fairy stories may have a "moral taint," but a surprisingly large number of highly moral men and women were brought up on them.

A STANDARD PLAN

IS TO MAKE OIL TOO HIGH FOR USE AS FUEL.

WANT A CINCH ON EVERYTHING.

Will Then Be Able to Force the Price Back to Where It Wants It Without Competition.

Beaumont, Texas, Feb. 16.—A reliable producer of oil who controls the output of four wells on Spindle Top Heights stated that he stands ready to contract with any reliable consumer or combination of consumers to sell the output of his four wells for 80 cents a barrel during the life of the wells. It looks now like oil will be selling at \$1 a barrel soon. If it does go to that price the consumers are going to quit using it for fuel. This, it is admitted, is exactly what the Standard Oil company desires. If the consumer can be scared away and scared so badly that he will not return to the use of oil, even though it fall back to a price at which he can well afford to use it, the Standard Oil company will have the producers at its mercy, and oil men know full well what that means. There is no denying that the Standard Oil company makes the price on oil, and it is claimed by those who should know that the by-products the Standard gets from crude oil makes the oil cost the Standard nothing. Be this as it may, it would seem that the proper thing for the consumer to do is to contract with producers for the output of their wells at the top price they can pay for crude oil for fuel purposes.

Farmers' Institute.
 Waxahachie, Texas: After a very successful session of two days the Ellis County Farmers' Institute adjourned Friday afternoon. The last work of the institute was the adoption of the following resolution:
 Resolved, That this institute ask the state president to call a meeting of the institutes of the state to meet in Austin at the earliest practicable moment to give its indorsement to and there urge on the legislature the adoption of some "comprehensive system of public roads."

The following resolution relative to the Bryan quarantine bill was unanimously adopted:
 Whereas, There is now pending before the legislature of Texas a bill known as the Bryan quarantine bill, which in effect obliterates the cattle quarantine line in Texas; and
 Whereas, Such a law would evidently be disastrous to the cattle industry of Texas, therefore, be it resolved, by the Ellis County Farmers' Institute:

1. That the passage of said bill, or any measure changing the present quarantine regulations, is hereby opposed.
2. That the state senator and representatives of this district are respectfully urged to consider this resolution and use their influence against said bill.
3. That the secretary forward at once a copy hereof to said representative and senator.

Cole Younger Coming to Texas.
 St. Paul, Minn.: Cole Younger, the pardoned bandit, left St. Paul Saturday night for his old home in Missouri, which he has not seen for twenty-seven years. He said he intended to locate in Dallas, Texas, and would probably go into the stock raising business.

Brought From Oklahoma.
 Hillsboro, Texas: Constable Lee Jenkins returned on the flyer Friday night from Oklahoma with E. V. Smith, who is wanted here on forty-seven local option violations. Smith is charged with running a blind tiger business at Mt. Calm, and left the county about a year ago.
 Governor Sayers refused to issue a requisition for him, but Governor Lanham was induced to do so on account of the number of cases against him.

General Miles Has Returned.
 New York: Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, commanding the United States army, his wife and party, arrived here yesterday on the steamship Lucania. The general, who has been abroad five months, has in that time been around the world.

Coaling Station Agreement.
 Havana, Cuba: Minister Squiers has received a message from Washington, and it is believed that the coaling station agreement will be signed within a few hours.

GREEN'S BRIGADE REUNION.

It is to Be Held at Weimar February 20 and 21.

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 16.—Dear Comrades: Every one of you who has ever attended one of our reunions knows what a glorious old time we have. You'll be there if possible, we know. To those who have never been to one we say: "Boys, you don't know what you are missing." So—Come to Weimar Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21. The big South Texas delegations will leave on the morning of the 19th. The big Brenham delegations in a special car will leave Brenham at 1:30 that morning via Houston and Texas Central. Members will leave Dallas and other points in North Texas on the 18th, to land in Houston the next day. A good crowd will rendezvous in Houston en route to Weimar. If Houston is in your route, get there on the 19th. Reduced rates on all roads (4 cents per mile round trip). The members of this association are soldiers (and their children) who belonged to any of the following commands: The Second, Fourth, Fifth and Seventh Texas cavalry regiments, Second Louisiana cavalry, Waller's battalion, Copwood's Spies, Frazier's Tigers, Hunter's Brigands, McNelly's Scouts, Teel's Artillery and the Val Verde battery, and all other soldiers who at any time fought under General Tom Green.

Now, as "Old Tom" used to say: "Come on, boys."
 W. A. Shaw, President.
 John G. Rankin, Secretary Tom Green's Brigade Association.
 All state papers will confer a favor upon the old soldiers if they will copy this notice. They would willingly pay for it, but are out of Confederate money.

The World's Fair.
 Waco, Texas: A petition with about 2000 signatures will be presented to the members of the legislature from this city and county asking it to support the bill to appropriate \$200,000 for the Texas exhibit of the St. Louis world's fair. The city is practically a unit on the proposition and the business organizations will send a strong committee to Austin to present the petition to work for the passage of the bill.

Negro Badly Burned.
 Taylor, Texas: Yesterday morning at about 8 o'clock Rollin Moore, a negro, was severely burned in an effort to put out fire on his wife's clothing. The woman was in the house when her clothing caught fire, and she ran into the yard to her husband for assistance. Her burns were very slight, while those of her husband required the attention of a physician.

Killed by a Freight Train.
 Dallas, Texas: William D. Tension, 58 years old, an employe of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway, was run down yesterday afternoon by a freight train on that company's road near Dallas and instantly killed. Tension came to Texas from Springfield, Mo. He is to be buried in Oak Cliff, suburb of Dallas.

New York: The United States Rice Milling company, with an authorized capital of \$1,000,000, has filed articles of incorporation in New Jersey.

No Verdict Reached Yet.
 Tyler, Texas: The jury in the Tyler bank cases has not yet returned a verdict. Intense interest is being manifested in the finding of the jury, which is said to stand eleven to one for acquittal. It is confidently expected that the jury will arrive at a verdict by 9 o'clock this morning.

Two Men Killed.
 Matagorda, Texas: At 8 o'clock this yesterday afternoon a shooting between two negroes, William Sales and Felix Methens, the latter was killed and a white man, a carpenter named Wilson, was killed by one of the bullets. No one here knows Wilson or where his people are. The negro, Sales, is under arrest.

Berlin: The settlement of the Venezuelan dispute exercised no influence on the bourse.

New Commissioner for Limestone.
 Groesbeck, Texas: Judge James Kimbell has appointed Mr. D. A. Waller of Prairie Grove county commissioner, to succeed J. W. Grace, deceased.

Barn and Contents at Denton.
 Denton, Texas: M. L. Copps' large barn, in the western part of the county, was burned Thursday, together with all his feedstuff, wagons, etc. The loss was about \$2000 with no insurance.

THEAT BIG DEAL.

FRISCO TOOK TWO MILLIONS OF KIRBY LUMBER STOCK.

DETAILS OF DEAL IN MILLIONS.

Mr. Kirby Retains Personal Control, and Assets of Company Much Greater Than Capitalization.

New York, Feb. 14.—The unissued treasury stock of the Kirby Lumber company, amounting to \$2,000,000, has been purchased by H. Clay Pierce, B. F. Yoakum and James Campbell, presumably for the account of the St. Louis and San Francisco railroad. During the past few days most of the gentlemen controllingly interested in the San Francisco railroad have been at the Waldorf hotel, where the deal was consummated. The total capitalization of the Kirby Lumber company is \$5,000,000 common and \$5,000,000 preferred, all of which is now issued. John H. Kirby is still personally in control of the company and will remain so.

By buying into the Kirby Lumber company, the St. Louis and San Francisco obtains great advantage over competitors, as the lumber tonnage is exceedingly large. The Kirby Lumber company owns \$3,000,000 preferred stock and \$2,500,000 common stock of the Houston Oil company, whose capitalization is as follows: Preferred stock, \$10,000,000 timber certificates, underwritten by the Maryland Trust company, and recently purchased by Brown Brothers for \$7,250,000; common stock, \$20,000,000.

Mr. Kirby is said to own \$2,500,000 preferred shares and \$2,500,000 common in the Kirby Lumber company. The money realized from the present sale of the Kirby Lumber company provides additional working capital.

Mr. Kirby has spent fifteen years in building up his present business enterprise and says he is entirely satisfied with his investments in the companies.

The Kirby Lumber company in 1902, with a manufacturing capacity of one-half of what it is in 1903, earned dividends on its preferred shares of 7 per cent and more than 10 per cent on its common. This result has been attained by the construction of new mills and the enlargement of old ones. It has enormous stumpage and its business is increasing very rapidly.

Found Resting Place of Wife.
 Givinston, Texas: A. P. Lafayette, who resided on Thirty-eighth and R, at the time of the storm, and whose wife and daughter were victims of that great cataclysm, has at last traced the fate of his wife. A man by the name of Davison buried a body between High Island and Bolivar, from which he took a plain gold ring. This ring has been returned to Mr. Lafayette. It was his wedding ring and the body was that of his wife. He will have the remains taken up and reinterred in the cemetery here.

Campaign Against Whitecaps.
 Vicksburg, Miss.: Judge Jeff Truly and District Attorney Ratcliffe have inaugurated a vigorous campaign against alleged Franklin county whitecaps. Thirteen have been made. Yesterday warrants were issued for the arrest of twenty-two others, among whom were some prominent men. Advances from Knoxville, the county seat, state that consternation has been caused by the action of the authorities.

Indians Fear Being Ousted.
 Ardmore, I. T.: A recent uprising among the Indians in the vicinity of Ada is said to have been occasioned by the mineral clause in the supplemental treaty, which specified that the lands containing mineral could not be allotted. The Indians believe that some of the best agricultural lands contain mineral and fear that if they should allot this land and it is afterwards found to contain mineral some mining company would oust them. United States marshals raided fifteen elder joints here yesterday and arrested proprietors on charge of disposing of intoxicants.

Frisco and Katy at Odds.
 Ardmore, I. T.: Timber cutting along the Katy extension from Coalgate to Oklahoma City, via Ada, was stopped yesterday by an injunction of the Frisco railway restraining the cutting of timber along this route, as the Frisco claims control of the same in its charter, the proposed route of the two roads being almost the same.

BAD BACKS.

Bad backs are found in every household.

A bad back is a back that's lame, weak or aching. Most backache pains come from kidney derangements and should be promptly attended to. Reach the cause of backache by relieving the kidneys and curing their ills. Doan's Kidney Pills are for the kidneys only and cure the dangers of urinary and bladder disorders, from common inflammation, to Dropsy, Diabetes, Bright's disease.

Case No. 40,321—Mr. W. H. Hammer, well-known builder, residing at 125 N. Hinde street, Washington C. H., Ohio, says: "I am glad to endorse a remedy which possesses such inestimable value as Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured me of inflammation of the bladder which had caused me much annoyance and anxiety because of the frequency and severity of the attacks. I have advised others to take Doan's Kidney Pills and I know they will not be disappointed in the results."

A FREE TRIAL of this great Kidney medicine which cured Mr. Hammer will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

The English language is found so good a foothold in India that now fully 9,000,000 Indian subjects are fairly well acquainted with it. The language most spoken in India is Hindustani, by 82,000,000 people. Bengali is the tongue of 39,000,000.

The eyes of other people are the eyes that ruin us.

\$100 Reward \$100.
 The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one druggist in every town who has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Cataract. Hall's Cataract Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Cataract being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Cataract Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of Testimonials.
 Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.
 Sold by druggists everywhere.
 Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Physicians declare that the grip microbe is getting a bit groggy and some of them assert that the disease will be extinct in ten years. It is a safe bet that something "just as good" will be offered.

Of course it isn't a crime to be a woman—neither is it manly.

DEFIANCE STARCH should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

When Andrew Carnegie was compelled to borrow a dollar to place in a contribution box the other night it must have been the happiest moment of his life. At last his great ambition had been realized. He was penniless.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. ESTABLISH, Vanburne, Ind., Feb. 10, 1904.

About 12,000,000 pairs of shoes were made in Brockton, Mass., last year.

HOUSTON & TEXAS CENTRAL R. R.

General Passenger Department.
 New Orleans and Its Carnival, Feb. 24th, 1903.

Rex (Proteus, Comus and Nomus, all magnificent pageants, and you can see them all. Rate one fare for the round trip. Tickets on sale Feb. 17th to 23rd. Final limit Feb. 28th, with privilege of extension to March 14th. Through Pullman sleepers from all North Texas points, no change of cars, no transfer. All trains operate in and out of Union Station, in the heart of the city.

Send for literature, and ask agent for rate from your station, or write M. L. ROBBINS, T. J. ANDERSON, G. P. & T. A., Houston, Tex.

Henry Wall of the New York bar tells the story of a man who was asked if he was a somnambulist. "Certainly not," he replied, "if I were, I would be on the police force yet."

Defiance starch is put up 16 ounces in a package, 30 cents. One-third more starch for same money.

Most all of us believe in a hereafter, but at the same time most all of us will not beat de udder man in a boss trade and take a few chances.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Crust. Exaltine Bromo-Quinine Tablets. Price 50c.

If you would know, and not be known, live in a city.

A New Jersey woman insists that she was bewitched by a cup of tea which a neighbor gave her. That is not surprising. Queer things have happened in the States, when members indulged in cold tea, the only beverage allowed them.

SYRUP OF FIGS



Acts Gently,
Acts Pleasantly,
Acts Beneficially,
Acts truly as a Laxative.

Syrup of Figs appeals to the cultured and the well-informed and to the healthy, because its component parts are simple and wholesome and because it acts without disturbing the natural functions, as it is wholly free from every objectionable quality or substance. In the process of manufacturing figs are used, as they are pleasant to the taste, but the medicinal virtues of Syrup of Figs are obtained from an excellent combination of plants known to be medicinally laxative and to act most beneficially.

To get its beneficial effects—buy the genuine—manufactured by the

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

Louisville, Ky. San Francisco, Cal. New York, N.Y.
For sale by all druggists. Price fifty cents per bottle.

FOR GOOD HIGHWAYS

IMPORTANT BILL RECENTLY INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS.

Col. Brownlow's Measure Provides for National Aid to States in Supervising and Constructing Good Roads—Great Things Expected from the Scheme.

The idea of the national government taking an active part in the construction of the highways, so popular three-quarters of a century ago, has for several decades been considered obsolete. But the interest manifested in the Brownlow bill, which provides for national aid to road building, shows that this idea is very much alive.

It is now ten years since the popular demand that Uncle Sam do something to help out of the mud led to the establishment of an office of public road inquiries in the Department of Agriculture. The work of this office was intended to be purely educational in character. It was to collect and disseminate practical information concerning the roads of the country and means and methods for their improvement. The first work of this office was to prepare and publish a large number of bulletins and circulars treating on the various phases of road building and improvement. This work occupied several years, and it was done well.

But the work of this office did not stop here. The educational idea was carried further, and during the past three years the object lesson feature has assumed greater importance. The idea as carried out is very simple. When the people of some progressive community or the authorities of some educational institution want a piece of road built to illustrate the benefits of good roads and the methods of building them, application is made to the Department of Agriculture, and, whenever possible, a government expert is sent to supervise the work. Recently a number of prominent and progressive railroad men have been giving the road question some study, and have come to the conclusion that the improvement of the roads in the territory tributary to their lines would materially increase their business.

So popular has this idea become that the officials of some of the leading railroads have come forward with offers to co-operate with the government in the object lesson work. Another voluntary factor in this co-operative work is the manufacture of road-building devices which desire to bring their machinery to the attention of the public. In this co-operative work the government furnishes the experts, the manufacturers the machinery and the railroads the transportation. The idea has proven extremely popular. Object lesson roads have been built under government supervision in twenty states; and so great has been the demand for national aid of this kind that a large number of applications have to be refused every year because the funds appropriated by Congress are insufficient to employ and pay the expense of enough experts to do the work.

Already Congress has twice made an increase in the appropriations for this work, but the \$20,000 now appropriated annually proves wholly inadequate to meet the demands for this educational work.

It should be borne in mind that all the work of this kind done by the government is in the nature of national aid. There is, therefore, nothing new in principle in the bill recently introduced in Congress by Col. Brownlow of Tennessee, providing for national aid of a more extensive and substantial character. It is proposed that the government shall no longer confine its assistance to educational work; that it shall furnish not only information and supervision, but financial assistance. Under certain limitations, the national government will co-operate with states and counties in the improvement of the common roads, each assuming a certain proportion of the expense.

If the educational work done by the government in recent years has done so much to encourage and stimulate road improvement, what may we not expect from this great extension of the principle of national aid? It is sometimes urged as an objection to national aid that it will cause the people to relax their efforts at road improvement, and to depend on the general government to do the work for them. Is it not likely to produce exactly the opposite result? The large fund which Congress will appropriate for this work will be divided among the states in proportion to population. But no state can secure its share except by complying with the conditions prescribed, the chief of which it is that it shall raise a like sum for the same purpose. Instead of discouraging state effort, this should greatly stimulate it. Again, if a state takes no action looking to the acceptance of the government's proffered help, the individual counties may do so, and this again will create a rivalry among the counties.

WESTERN CANADA AROUSING GREAT INTEREST.

The Wonderful Yields of Wheat Attracting Thousands.

Until the last five or six years but little attention was given to that vast area of grain-producing land lying north of the 49th parallel, and immediately adjoining the northern boundaries of Minnesota and Dakota.

The Canadians themselves were aware of the wealth that lay there, but being unable to fully occupy it, they have asked the Americans to assist them in converting the land from its virgin state to one that will largely supplement the grain-producing area of the North American continent and the response has been most liberal.

During the year 1901 upwards of 20,000 from the United States went over to Canada, being induced to settle there by the reports that reached them of the success of those who had preceded them during the previous years. This 20,000 was increased to 30,000 during the year 1902, and it is fully expected that there will be fully 50,000 during the present year. The work of the immigration branch of the Canadian government is not now being directed towards giving information as to the advantages of settlement in Canada as it is extending an invitation to the Americans to follow those who have gone.

Those who have charge of the work point with considerable pride to the success of those who have been induced to take advantage of the offer of 160 acres of land free in Canada, and have no cause to hesitate in continuing the invitation. Many of those interested say there are no more free homesteads to be had in Canada, but the writer has most positive assurance from the Canadian government that there are thousands of such homesteads to be had, and in one of the districts now being opened up fully as good as the best, and it is probably the best.

The Canadian government has established agencies at St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.; Indianapolis, Ind.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Wausau, Wis.; Detroit, Sault Ste. Marie and Marquette, Mich.; Toledo, Ohio; Watertown, S. Dakota; Grand Forks, N. Dakota, and Great Falls, Mont., and the suggestion is made that by addressing any of these, who are authorized agents of the government, it will be to the advantage of the reader, who will be given the fullest and most authentic information regarding the results of mixed farming, dairying, ranching, and grain raising, and also supply information as to freight and passenger rates, etc.

No man can do right unless he is good, wise and strong. What wonder we fail?

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. DeFiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

British county court judges have received a circular from the Incorporated Law Society approving of solicitors being desired to wear gowns in court.

An Ideal Woman's Medicine.



So says Mrs. Josie Irwin, of 325 So. College St., Nashville, Tenn., of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Never in the history of medicine has the demand for one particular remedy for female diseases equalled that attained by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and never during the lifetime of this wonderful medicine has the demand for it been so great as it is to-day.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific, and throughout the length and breadth of this great continent come the glad tidings of woman's sufferings relieved by it, and thousands upon thousands of letters are pouring in from grateful women saying that it will and positively does cure the worst forms of female complaint.

Mrs. Pinkham invites all women who are puzzled about their health to write her at Lynn, Mass., for advice. Such correspondence is seen by women only, and no charge is made.

\$3.00 W.L. DOUGLAS SHOES \$3.50

W. L. Douglas makes and sells more men's Goodyear Welt (Hand-Sewed Process) shoes than any other manufacturer in the world.

\$95,000 REWARD will be paid to anyone who can discover this statement. Because W. L. Douglas is the largest manufacturer he can buy cheaper and produce his shoes at a lower cost than other concerns, which enables him to sell shoes for \$3.50 and \$5.00 equal in every way to those sold elsewhere for \$4 and \$5.00.

W. L. Douglas (\$3.50) shoes are worn by thousands of men who have been paying \$4 and \$5, not believing they could get a first-class shoe for \$3.50 or \$5.00. He has convinced them that the style, fit, and wear of his \$3.50 and \$5.00 shoes is just as good. Give them a trial and save money.

W. L. DOUGLAS \$4.00 GILT EDGE LINE, with \$6.00 Compared with Other Makes. The best imported and American leathers, Heil's Patent Gait, Enamel, Box Calf, Vici Kid, Corns, Bull, and National Kangaroo. Fast Color Eyelets.

GREEN RAPE 25 CENTS per 100 lbs. Greatest, Cheapest Food on Earth for Sheep, Swine, Cattle, etc.

JOHN A. SALZER SEED CO. 1000 N. 1st St., St. Paul, Minn. Write for circulars and prices.

POTATOES \$2.50 a Bin. At New Romney, Kent, England, a set of ancient stocks has been discovered in a cellar of the court house.

WESTERN CANADA HAS FREE HOMES FOR MILLIONS.

Upwards of 100,000 Americans have settled in Western Canada during the past 5 years. They are CONTENTED, HAPPY, AND PROSPEROUS.

Wonderful yields of wheat and other grains. The best grazing lands on the continent. Magnificent climate; plenty of water and fuel; good schools, excellent churches, splendid railway facilities.

HOMESTEAD LANDS OF 160 ACRES FREE. The only charge for which is \$10 for entry. Send to the following for an Atlas and other literature, as well as for certificates giving you reduced railway rates, etc.: Superintendent of Immigration, Ottawa, Canada, or to J. A. Crawford, 525 Walnut St., Kansas City, Mo., the authorized Canadian Government Agent.

Dropsy CURED. Removes all swelling in 8 to 10 days; effects a permanent cure in 30 to 60 days. Trial treatment given free. No charge to be taken. Write Dr. H. H. Green's Son, Specialists, Box 8, Atlanta, Ga.

A 50 Cent Hat BY MAIL. This hat is either made of silk or wool and is made on a machine. It is made in a factory. We refer to the "Five National Bank of Middle-town, N. Y." Send for catalogue for other men's and boys' hats.

WHAT IS PROFITABLE FARMING? The question has often been asked, what is profitable farming? This is answered by the little booklet "Industrial Development," issued by the Houston East and West Texas Railway Company. In this little booklet instances are given where as much as \$250 were made on one acre of land in Central East Texas. Thousands of acres are yielding the husbandman all the way from \$100 to \$300 per acre when planted in fruit and vegetables. There is plenty of room for you. Lands equally as productive are selling at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$10.00 per acre, and can be secured on easy terms.

Write to the undersigned, Houston, Texas, for "Industrial Development," and full information regarding location of lands, prices, etc., and same will be mailed free of cost. W. H. TAYLOR, WM. DOHERTY, G. P. A., A. G. P. A., Houston, Texas.

Client—"What do you lawyers charge for your ability or the work you do?" Briefer—"It depends. If I win I charge for the work, if I lose I charge for my legal ability."

Grayson Portrait \$2.50 for 30c. Regular Price \$2.50. Send to your Photo and Memory Dealer. Get work in guarantee. Deal direct with the house and save Agents Commission. G. B. ARDENSON & CO., 212 Elm St., Dallas, Texas.

St. Petersburg is about to celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of its foundation. Nearly \$4,000,000 will be spent on new schools, a hospital with 1,000 beds, and a people's palace will be built and the new Cathedral of St. Peter will be dedicated.

WHY SUFFER WITH BACKACHE? I have suffered several years with backache, and after taking one bottle of Smith's Sure Kidney Cure, I have been cured. Since then I have not been troubled with my back. Too much cannot be said in its praise. CAPT. WM. FORREST, Memphis, Tenn. Price 50 cents. For sale by all drug gists.

Rural free delivery is a luxury which comes high, but the people demand it. It is only a few years since the thing was an experiment, for which a few thousand dollars was voted. But the item in the new appropriation bill calls for \$12,619,000.

No muss or fuss made with PUTNAM FADELESS DYES. M. Goubet, inventor of the submarine boat, the patents of which were purchased by an English company, has been removed to an asylum.

THE BEST RESULTS IN STARCHING can be obtained only by using DeFiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

Torchon lace of any pattern can now be made by one machine, owing to a recent invention in Vienna.

Bathing the Baby. Young mothers naturally feel anxious about the baby's bath. It is best to begin at six weeks to put the little one in water, first folding a soft towel in the bottom of the basin. Use only Ivory Soap, as many of the highly colored and perfumed soaps are very injurious to the tender skin of an infant. E. R. Parker.

Sir Francis Montefiore is deeply interested in the subject of Zionism, and he is also an author, having written a monograph on the life and tragic death of Mme de Lamballe, one of the heroines of the French revolution.

CORPORATIONS and Individuals who need reliable Detective Service employ Mc Case's Detective Agency, Houston, Texas.

"Don't be envious," said Uncle Eben; "remember that if you had been Julius Caesar himself you'd have to take de 'assassination along wif de rest' of it."

FITS Permanently Cured. 25 CENTS or more after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$5.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. ELISE, Ltd., 251 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.

One hundred years ago there were five carriages to each 100 people in England. Now there are seventeen.

Don't you know that DeFiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in package and seals at same price as 12-ounce packages of other brands?

Local Items.

Subscribe for the Delineator.

Give the New Drug Store your business for 1903.

J. R. Melver was here from his river plantation Friday.

Everything cheap in groceries for cash at H. J. PHILLIPS'.

For the best hair cut or shave call on Stanton, the barber. It

A half Jersey cow and calf for sale. See John Murchison.

Miss Pauline Bromberg left Sunday night for Galveston.

Go to H. J. Phillips for seed oats, and all kinds of feed stuff.

The Big Store sells furniture on the installment plan at low prices.

The New Drug Store can sell you wall paper at factory prices.

E. & W. collars and cuffs in the new styles at King & Murchison's.

For a nice shirt, tie or pair of suspenders try King & Murchison. It

The Big Store carries the largest and freshest line of groceries in town.

Subscribe for the Delineator. Subscriptions taken at the Big Store.

Take the New Drug Store your prescriptions. Only the purest drugs used.

A King & Murchison suit King & Murchison guarantee fit, quality and price. It

The New Drug Store would like to sell you paint to paint your home. Big stock, best prices.

Tuesday a wagon bogged to the axles on the principal street of the town and had to be abandoned.

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

C those \$2.00 Cypress shingles at the lumber yard.

T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

Onion sets, seed potatoes and all kinds of garden seeds at H. J. PHILLIPS'.

Go to the lumber yard for windows and doors. Prices the lowest. T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

Good clothes—they make you look prosperous. Sold by KING & MURCHISON.

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

Go to the lumber yard for pure white lime. T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

We are showing the newest things in men's underwear and hosiery. KING & MURCHISON. It

The very latest in pictures, Art Cyko and Opals, at Moose's Gallery? Call and examine them. 2t

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

F. E. Frazier is a new subscriber of the COURIER at Porter Springs, as is also Watt Daniel at Daniel.

S. A. Cook of Porter Springs and J. A. Sheprine of Kennard were callers at the COURIER office Friday.

Have you seen those beautiful Art Cyko pictures in the large white satin folders at Moose's Gallery? 2t

The late freeze is worth much to the country in the way of destroying insects and assuring a fruit crop.

Pneumonia and La Grippe.

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

It's a Truthful Fact.

We Want Your Trade and We Will Treat You Right for It Try Us for 1903.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN
DRUGGIST.

An elegant line of embroidery in Swisses, Hamburgs and Nainsooks. Lowest price at the Big Store.

Do you want an up-to-date hat? If so, buy the Thoroughbred at the Big Store. Every hat guaranteed.

Farmers report the public roads to be in a worse condition than they have ever been in the history of the country.

Crockett Sheet Iron Metal Works for flues, tanks, bath tubs, etc., made on short notice. Phone No. 175.

Mrs. C. C. Stokes of Austin was in Crockett the first of the week visiting her parents, Col. and Mrs. Adams.

Mose Bromberg, Hyman Harrison, Miss Sarah Bromberg and Mrs. Julia Barbee left Wednesday night for Galveston.

Genuine Portland cement at the lumber yard from \$2.50 to \$4.50 per barrel.

T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

John Murchison of Corsicana is here this week assisting in getting his father's family ready for moving to San Antonio.

Very little snow fell south and east of Crockett. The storm was from the northwest and it was severest in that direction.

Our line of \$1.00 shirts in the new patterns in stiff bosom and negligee are the best values shown. It KING & MURCHISON.

We have just received a car of cypress shingles at the lumber yard. Call and get prices.

T. R. DEUPREE, Mgr.

For lightness of draft, durability, good work and easy management the Oliver chilled plows sold at the Big Store have no equal.

Iron bed with canopy, small book case, chiffonier, machine, dining table and mandolin for sale. Apply to Mrs. C. L. Edmiston.

The Houston County Coal and Manufacturing Company are getting out from three to four cars of lignite a day from their mine south of Crockett.

The Frisco railroad, if built to Houston, would prove the strongest competitor the I. & G. N. could have between St. Louis and the Gulf and intermediate points.

If you have myopic or hypermetropic astigmatism, it can be corrected by Bricker without going away from home and paying more for the same work. Examination free. It

The many friends of G. H. Hausan, Engineer L. E. & W. R. R., at present living in Lima, O., will be pleased to know of his recovery from threatened kidney disease. He writes: "I was cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure, which I recommend to all, especially trainmen who are similarly afflicted." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

We sell you any kind of furniture on the installment plan, in fact will furnish your house complete. Terms liberal.

NEWTON & SIMS.

Farmers who are behind in preparing their land for this year's crop can easily catch up by using one of those large Oliver chilled plows that the Big Store sells so cheap.

Gus Carson, a member of the firm of Carson & Stepp, butchers, while scuffling on the ice Monday morning fell and broke a bone in one of his legs near the ankle. He will be laid up for some time.

Tell us what you want and if we haven't got it, just see how quick we will get it for you. Can furnish anything you want in furniture on short notice.

NEWTON & SIMS.

It is very necessary to have your eyes fitted with the right kind of glasses, otherwise your eyes are made worse. You can have them fitted by J. A. Bricker, the optician. Examination free.

Rocking chairs 50 cents up. Dining chairs \$2.50 per set up. Bed room suits from \$12.50 up. Iron beds \$3.50 up. Wardrobes \$10 up. Side boards from \$14 up. Mattress, full size \$1.75 up. Come to see us. NEWTON & SIMS.

Notice.

The old baker has come back and the people of Crockett can depend on getting good bread again. Light rolls made every day and cakes made to order.

Mrs. JULIA ALDRICH.

A good heavy cotton top mattress nicely bound for only \$2.00. Best cotton top and bottom mattress nicely bound for \$2.50. Here it is, a good heavy cotton top mattress, fair tick, only \$1.75.

NEWTON & SIMS.

Will the city of Crockett have a white man's primary or a democratic primary or no primary at all? It is thought by some that a general election will be satisfactory without the primary feature. The election is ordered for the first Tuesday in April.

Mrs. JULIA ALDRICH.

The Houston County Lumber Co. have a complete stock of everything in the building line, such as rough and dressed lumber of all kinds, lime, cement, sash and doors, pickets, moulding, fire brick, shingles, etc. Our prices defy competition. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Negro Killed.

John Washington, a negro, killed Dennis Strain, another negro, on George Murray's plantation on Trinity river Tuesday of last week. The Washington negro was brought to town Thursday evening and placed in jail.

A sign on a telephone pole standing in the center of a pond of water on the public square this week read: "Don't any of the aldermen fish here." Only aldermen were forbidden and there was considerable merriment at the expense of those composing the city council.

We have our complete line of spring and summer suitings. The garments we make for you will be carefully and particularly well tailored to your exact measurement and we are confident that you will volunteer the statement that we save you from 25 to 50 per cent on your apparel. 2t KING & MURCHISON.

Stop It.

A neglected cough or cold may lead to serious bronchial or lung troubles. Don't take chances when Foley's Honey and Tar affords perfect security from serious effects of a cold. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Our undertaking department is complete and up-to-date. Everything needed furnished on short notice, day or night. We have on hand at all times coffins from the cheapest made to the best metallic casket. Prices the lowest.

NEWTON & SIMS.

A central Texas farmer tried planting peas between cotton rows last year for the boll weevil to feed upon and says it was a success, the weevil quitting the cotton to take to the pea vines. As the pea crop in itself is a profitable one, Houston county farmers might profit by trying the experiment.

Col. Earl Adams received a telegram from Tyler Monday afternoon advising him that the jury in the celebrated bank cases had brought in a verdict of not guilty. The defendants, Clark, Rowland and Moody, charged with frauds in connection with a bank failure in 1896, had been on trial for three weeks.

If the Frisco railroad builds from Paris to Houston, Crockett is directly in the way and may get run over. The chances are that the road will build through those towns that are wide-awake, looking after their interests and offer the best inducements. Crockett should have a business league to look after these matters.

The snow storm Sunday night and Monday morning was the heaviest heard in years, but the temperature was not the lowest. The lowest temperature registered here during the recent cold spell was 18 degrees above zero, while four years ago it dropped down to 6 below between midnight Saturday and Sunday morning—known as the cold Sunday.

Grand Jurors.

The following is a list of the grand jurors for the spring term of district court: W. F. Dent, W. P. Kyle, H. C. Leaverton, G. M. Waller, W. F. Murchison, W. D. Gimon, Elias Lansford, W. A. Norris, D. W. Martin, James E. Bynum, T. C. LeMay, J. A. Strozzi, H. A. Rice, J. D. Johns, Chas. L. Edmiston, W. E. Meriwether.

The continued rains since the first of September have put the country in a deplorable condition from a business point of view. Farmers can not get to town to do their trading on account of the impassable condition of the roads and farm work is at a standstill as well as business. All lands are too wet for plowing and the roads would bog a saddle blanket. We do not believe there have been over two days of sunshine together since early in the fall.

Farmers.

The largest assortment of plows, points, harrows, corn and cotton planters and cultivators of all shapes is now on exhibition at the Big Store, and next Monday Mr. J. R. Herrin, an expert plow man, will be with us and will stay for a week, and will take pleasure in showing and explaining to you advantages to be gained by the use of the best line of agricultural implements ever put on the market. Be sure and call.

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ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Deputy Sheriff Deb Hale Drops Pistol and is Wounded.

Wednesday morning Deputy Sheriff Deb Hale was sitting in a chair in the county collector's office talking to Collector Brightman. He started to get up and in rising, a revolver fell from his hip pocket to the floor, striking on the hammer. When it struck it was discharged, the bullet passing through the side of one of the chair posts, taking an upward turn and, passing on through the chair bottom, which was of rawhide, it entered the hip of the officer. He was carried home in a hack and the wound examined by physicians, who found that the bullet had struck the bone and had taken a downward course and was imbedded somewhere in the leg. Up to Wednesday evening the physicians had not determined the exact location of the bullet. While grave fears were at first felt for Deb, later in the day it was the general opinion of the doctors and friends that the wound would not prove dangerous.

Quietly Married.

Mr. Elmer Herbert Heatley and Miss Lessie Gammage were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother in Crockett Monday evening at 6 o'clock. Rev. S. F. Tenny of the Presbyterian church performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Heatley left on the 6:50 train for Oakwoods where they will make their home in the future and where the groom has resided heretofore. Oakwoods was also the home of the bride before she came to Crockett. A party of young people from Oakwoods came over to return with the newly married couple.

City Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the city of Crockett that an election be held within the corporate limits of the city of Crockett, at the court house, on the 7th day of April A. D. 1903, to elect a city marshal and three aldermen, and John McConnell is hereby appointed manager of same.

S. T. BEASLEY,

CHAS. LONG, Mayor.
Secretary.

February 9th, 1903.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce
JOHN C. LACY
 as a candidate for City Marshal, election
 first Tuesday in April.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING PAYS.

The following interviews are taken from the Diversifier, a fruit and truck journal published at Tyler. They show what a farmer can do in Smith county and are a valuable admonition to us of what we can do in this part of Texas. We do not need to look elsewhere for fertile soil or propitious climate—we have them right here in Houston county. These interviews are of particular interest at this time and so we reproduce them:

J. H. Parker, who lives two and a half miles from Tyler, has alone this year in the way of farming cultivated in all thirty acres of land with one hired hand for six months. He has marketed \$113.57 in fruits; tomatoes, \$388.21; berries, \$447.30; Irish potatoes, \$12.50; oats, \$12.50; sweet potatoes, \$75; vegetables, \$50; four bales of cotton, \$165.98; cotton seed, \$31.12; cotton remnant, \$15; forage, \$60; corn, \$60; making a total of \$1430.68. This was all made in a bad corn and cotton year but results show how much money can be made in fruits, berries and vegetables on only a few acres of land when well cultivated by a scientific farmer.

Mr. B. Gardner said: "I had in one and a half acres of tomatoes and they netted me \$250. The possibilities of what can be accomplished by an industrious farmer in East Texas can hardly be appreciated, as the business is yet in its infancy. I was raised in Ohio, and have lived in Michigan and in Missouri, and you know you have to show a man from Missouri; and I want to say right here that these Smith county people have shown me a country around Arp that has satisfied me (and the editor would like to add by way of parenthesis that the country around Arp is not any more desirable than that around Crockett). A pretty good evidence of it is that I have been living here eight years, and am here to stay. Have been trying to induce my northern friends to come down to this God's country, and yet hope to get some of them."

Mr. G. F. Herring said: "I shipped 741 crates of tomatoes from 7000 plants, or, you might say, from one and three-quarter acres of land. They brought me \$399.35. I shipped sixty-six crates of peaches from seventy-one Elberta trees. The peaches netted me \$266. Besides these crops, I made 100 bushels of corn and 12 bales of cotton. Any man who will come to Smith county, or any part of East Texas as far as that is concerned, can, if he will use his energy intelligently, soon become independent. This is my first year trucking in Texas. I came from Mississippi, and, while I rented land this year, I am going to buy a home and would be glad to have some of my Mississippi friends come to East Texas, the land of plenty, and do likewise."

In discussing the public school system of Texas with one of the county's prominent and well-informed educators, he said: "Much is said in boasting of Texas' public school system which the facts do not warrant. As pointed out recently by Supt. R. B. Cousins of Mexia in a paper prepared for the Texas School Magazine, Dallas, there are in the Union thirty-three states that expend a larger sum per capita than Texas on public

education. Texas expends ten dollars and nineteen cents on each school child when the general average of expenditure in the states of the Union is twenty dollars and twenty-nine cents. The permanent endowment of the Texas public schools falls only below that of New York and Pennsylvania and is in proportion to the beneficiaries the largest endowment in the world and yet it affords only a tithe of the revenue needed to maintain the schools of the state." The above statement will come in the nature of a surprise to those who have always believed that Texas stood at the head in the amount of money expended per capita on public education.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF CLAIMS ALLOWED UNUSUALLY SMALL—ECONOMIC COURSE PURSUED.

A List of Claims Rejected as Well as Those Paid—Order of Business of the Court.

All commissioners and officers of the court were present at the regular term of the commissioners court last week. The matter of claims against the county was the first business gone into and an order was passed allowing the following claims:

- G. F. Teel, work on court house.....\$ 1 50
- J. M. Hartley, road service 2 50
- Barnard & Co., blank books 98 55
- Aldrich & Newton, coffin.. 5 00
- Jim Coulter, road service.. 1 00
- Wm. Gardner, road service 1 50
- Burke Cargill & Co., mdse. 5 35
- R. B. Rich, work on safe... 3 00
- H. J. Cunyus, work on court house..... 1 00
- Mose Owens, road service.. 1 50
- H. H. Long, building bridge 31 20
- Coleman Wagner, road work 2 00
- W. F. Melton, lumber..... 7 75
- John Neely, road service.. 3 00
- A. J. Kelley, road service.. 3 00
- Maverick Clark Co., pens. 3 00
- A. L. Moore, lumber..... 55 20
- Jensen, court house work.. 35 00
- J. W. Loet, work on road. 3 15
- Enterprise, printing..... 16 67
- Brooks & Walters, lumber. 45 27
- W. Hobson, work on road. 3 00
- Enterprise, stationery..... 5 50
- Harrison, holding inquests. 10 00
- Crockett Courier, stationery 9 50
- Jim Brown, court yard rake 35
- J. R. Estes, road service... 5 00
- G. W. Furlow, inquest.... 5 00
- J. L. Rice, road service.... 4 00
- R. T. Murchison, road work 10 00
- Craddock & Co., mdse..... 1 85
- Messenger, stationery.... 4 50
- T. A. Scurlock, nails..... 3 13
- J. P. Hail, road service.... 7 00
- A. J. Bennett, road service 2 00
- Joe Green, lumber..... 61 71
- R. T. Payne, holding inquest 5 00
- R. N. Hall, lumber..... 7 72
- J. W. Rogers, road work... 10 00
- Spence & Bro., lumber... 52 11
- Mitchell Jones, road service 25
- G. M. Lackey, bridge work 22 50

Total\$556.26
 The court examined and rejected the following claims:

- J. R. Reneau, road service..\$ 4 50
- Joe Forbes, road service... 1 00
- J. G. Haring, merchandise. 3 95
- J. C. Estes, road service... 5 00
- B. S. Gray et al., holding Grapeland corp. election 12 00
- Arlidge Bros., hauling lumber..... 5 00
- W. L. Vaught et al., holding stock law election... 8 00
- J. W. Barteo et al., holding stock law election..... 12 00
- W. H. Threadgill, timber for bridge..... 2 00
- T. V. Goodrum, holding stock law election..... 10 00

J. E. Douglas et al, holding stock law election..... 12 00
 S. M. Hallmark et al, holding stock law election... 12 00
 Messenger, stationery..... 4 50
 Court examined and approved butcher's report of G. B. Carson.

The court accepted the resignation of T. K. Furlow, constable of precinct No. 8, and appointed Jno. M. Jordan to fill the unexpired term.

The court appointed W. R. Henry constable of precinct No. 6.

The Center Top road was changed from a third class to a second class road.

The report of the jury of view, appointed to view a public road from Kennard to Tadmor and on to a point on the Crockett and Weches road, composed of A. MacTavish and J. H. Brent, was accepted and approved, and Commissioner McKelvey was ordered to open the road with as little expense to the county as possible.

The court again took up the matter of claims which were allowed as follows:

- J. E. Bynum, road service..\$ 8 00
- Messenger, stationery for Gossett..... 10 50
- E. B. Hale, feeding prisoners.....183 40
- E. B. Hale, supplies for jail 2 25
- J. B. Stanton, stationery... 7 00
- W. B. Page, stationery.... 10 00
- N. E. Allbright, lunacy fees 5 70
- Enterprise, stationery..... 7 50
- John McConnell, mdse.... 20 65
- H. P. Almond, road service 46 00
- A. Thomasson, road service 16 00
- N. E. Allbright, keeping ledger..... 25 00
- W. E. Hail, road service.. 36 00
- H. W. McCelvey, road service..... 40 00
- H. W. McCelvey, supplies for road..... 5 25
- Porter Newman, trying cases..... 24 00
- G. H. Bayne, exchange.... 17 16
- E. B. Hale, service at jail. 14 00
- E. B. Hale, court attendance and wood..... 21 50
- J. P. Hail, road service.... 10 00
- G. W. Furlow, inquest.... 5 00
- W. P. Connor, overpaid tax 6 40

Total\$521.31
 The time of holding justice court in precinct No. 3 was changed from the fourth Saturday in each month to the third Tuesday and Wednesday and that of precinct No. 8 from second Thursday in each month to the fourth Saturday.

It was ordered that the county treasurer be instructed to transfer \$1600.00 from the court house and jail fund and \$200.00 from the road and bridge fund to the special jury fund created to pay jurors for the March term only.

It was ordered that all land owners who have fencing that is closer than thirty feet on either side of first-class roads, twenty feet on either side of second-class roads and fifteen feet on either side of third class roads be instructed to have said fences moved out of the limits.

It was ordered that all officers make a report to the commissioners' court of all moneys handled and judgments rendered on fines, etc.

Balance of proceedings will be published next week.

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