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Want Your Attention for a Few Minutes.

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Lots of people haven't the ready cash every time they need something for the house, and to people so situated we offer such easy terms that no one need hesitate to buy from us. Visit the Furniture Store and let us tell you more about our plan.



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Set of 6 Hardwood Painted Chairs, double split cane seats, for \$3 25
Set of Hardwood Chairs, natural finish, good and substantial, for 2 50
Set of Solid Oak Chairs, highly polished, nicely finished, spindle backs, cane seats. These are genuine oak, not oak finished, and we ask only 5 75

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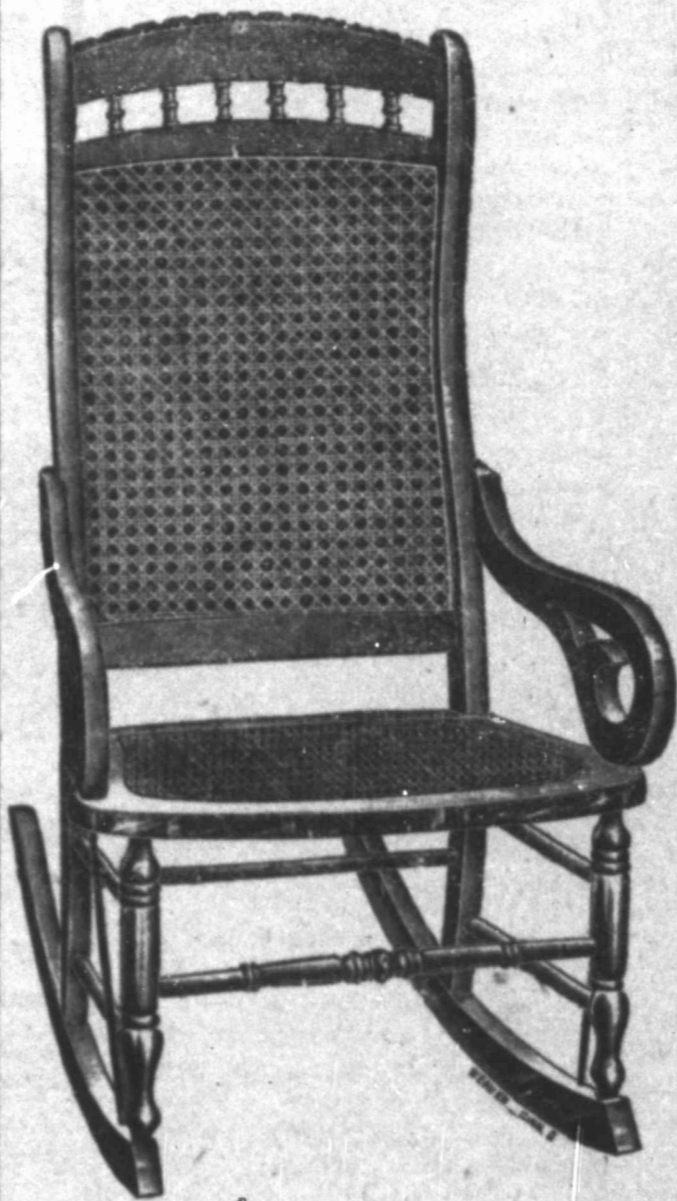
Solid Oak Table, 18 inch square top, with lower shelf, for 1 00
20 inch square top for 1 50
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A Rug Snap.

We have a few beautiful Smyrna and Moquette Rugs that we want to close out, at closing out prices. Come and select some of them.

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A good No. 2 excelsior mattress, with cotton top, heavy ticking, bound edges, only 2 00
Excelsior mattress, cotton top and bottom, good ticking, bound edges, best you ever saw for 2 50
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The "Sealy" Mattress.

The best bed on earth. Made of elastic cotton, specially prepared, never gets lumpy or hard. Guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. Try one. Price \$10 00

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Don't throw away your old chairs. Come and get some of our Perforated Chair Seats, and repair your chairs. They are from 15c up. We have also some splendid Varnish Stain, for all kinds of furniture, at 25c per can.



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With removable mattress and springs, upholstered with fancy velour, tufted and fringed; a very useful piece of furniture. Price \$18 00

Large Easels.

In white enamel, brass tipped, each .98c

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

ORDERS INSTRUCTING COUNTY OFFICIALS—PURCHASING AGENT APPOINTED.

Rule Adopted in Regard to Paying for Road Work—Taxes Levied for the Year 1903—Other Orders of the Court.

The COURIER last week published a part of the proceedings of the commissioners court and this week publishes the remainder. An economical course was pursued in allowing claims, a list of which was published last week. The proceedings below contain some interesting and commendable features, especially so as far as they relate to a wise and economical administration of the county's affairs.

It was ordered by the court that the county treasurer be authorized to transfer all the cash in the road special fund to the road and bridge general fund.

An order was passed instructing the tax collector to make out a complete list of all delinquent poll tax payers of the county as early as possible and not later than April 1 and to file same with the county commissioners, who were authorized to have said delinquents work out the amounts due on the

roads of the county or pay in cash. It was further ordered that the tax assessor in making up his rolls show in what commissioners' precinct each tax payer resides.

The county judge was authorized to ascertain the most feasible plan by which an addition could be made to the county clerk's office—to get plans and specifications, prices on each and report to the court.

The clerk of the court was ordered to issue to Tony Gossett a warrant on the county fund for \$150 for assessing 1903 taxes, said amount to be paid out of money collected for the year 1903.

An order was passed appointing County Judge Newman purchasing agent for the county, whose duty will be to buy all necessary supplies for the maintenance of the government of the county. All necessaries for each official when needed must be presented to the county judge and "OKed" by him before the several officials shall contract any debt on the part of the county, and the commissioners solicit the co-operation of all officials to this end.

A new street was ordered to be opened through the town of Lovelady, to be free of obstruction within thirty days of adjournment of the court, at which time, if said street is not free of obstruction, the sheriff is ordered to clear same.

Official bonds of the following officers were approved: W. T. Harrison and R. T. Payne, justices of the peace; A. B. Hopper and W. R. Henry, constables; J. E.

Bean, surveyor, and J. W. Brightman, collector.

The court examined and approved the reports of L. A. Embury, W. C. Tarver, J. S. Arrington and G. B. Carson, butchers.

Claims and petitions of the following persons and amounts were passed over for want of proper identification: Dan McQueen for \$3, Grant Campbell for \$4.50, Arch Lewis for \$1.50, John Lynch for \$8.75, Jim Warfield for \$22.50, J. W. and M. S. Spence for \$25, and petition of C. L. Monk and Anson Smith to be annexed to sub-division of stock law district.

The court examined and approved the quarterly reports of the following commissioners: H. P. Almond, A. Thomasson, W. E. Hail and H. W. McCelvey.

An order was passed paying the commissioners for four days each as follows: Porter Newman \$12, H. P. Almond \$12, W. E. Hail \$12, A. B. Thomasson \$12, H. W. McCelvey \$12.

It was ordered that hereafter no claims be allowed by the court for road service unless the claim is indorsed by the commissioner of the precinct in which the work was done.

Taxes were levied for the year 1903 as follows: An ad valorem tax of 25 cents on the \$100 worth of all property subject to taxation for general purposes; an ad valorem tax of 5 cents on the \$100 worth of all property subject to taxation to create a general fund for court house and jail purposes; an ad valorem tax of 10 cents on

the \$100 worth of all property subject to taxation to create a general fund for road and bridge purposes; an ad valorem tax of 5 cents on the \$100 worth of all property subject to taxation to create a sinking fund to pay interest on court house bonds; an ad valorem tax of 5 cents on the \$100 worth of all property subject to taxation to create a sinking fund to pay interest on road and bridge bonds, making a total of 50 cents on the \$100 worth of all property subject to taxation by law, to which is added a poll tax of 25 cents and an occupation tax equal to one-half of that levied by the state on all occupations subject to taxation by law. The court adjourned.

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.

The many friends of G. H. Hansen, 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.

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

PRAIRIE POINT.

The recent rains and cold weather have greatly retarded farming operations, especially are the truck growers in a bad way. I have talked with very few who expect to get any potatoes up, and there were two cars shipped to truck growers here. It seems now the only thing to do is to ship more potatoes and plant again as the cold and rains seems to be general over the state. To have early potatoes there is more in properly preparing and well fertilizing your land than in early planting.

The roads, Oh, my! I have resided in this county 50 years and have never seen the roads in such condition. And all this too in the face of the fact that we boast of civilization, enterprise and "get up and get there." If we had no road law on our statutes I am persuaded roads would be better than at present. Let our law makers either give us a more efficient road law or abolish what we have, and then each individual, community and town will take hold of the matter and competition in business and public interest will do the rest. In a trip of over 1000 miles over western and northern Texas last year I only saw one first class road and that leads from Kaufman via of Dallas and Fort Worth to Weatherford. It was graded and graveled, and will be there for all time, and it is a pleasure to travel on such roads.

Miss Alice and Melissa Rhodes arrived home Sunday after a month's visit to relatives at Hallettsville. Rex.

GRAPELAND NEWS.

Farming Operations Backward—Fears Felt for the Potato Crop—Grapeland Shipments.

EDITOR COURIER:

I hope you will pardon your humble correspondent for not bringing his little budget of news sooner. In consequence of the rain, snow, sleet, mud and slush, we have not been in a condition to gather any items for the COURIER—but since the thaw and the beautiful sunshine is again shining on us, it has given life sufficient to stir out a little, gather a few items and pencil them to you.

The first and most important item with which we usually begin the news items—i. e., "the growing crops"—is not with us as yet. The farmers have done comparatively nothing in the way of a crop. A few have their ground broken to some extent, while a large majority have not even that much done. The weather has been so bad and so much rain has fallen, that it has been impossible to do anything in the farm line, to amount to anything. Some of the truck growers, probably as many as a third of them, have planted their Irish potatoes, but are uneasy for fear the freeze has ruined them, which seems very probable.

The shipping season is about over for the present. There has been to the present date, 5,500 bales of cotton, 7 cars of hogs, 4 cars of cattle and 125 cars of cotton seed. Since Jan. 1st there has been received at this place 7 cars of corn and 8 of chops and bran. So you see that it takes less to feed the people than the stock.

Our town is still on the gradual "improve." Dr. Woodard's two story building on the south end of Front street will be ready for occupancy inside of ten days. Holingsworth's large brick building on North Front street is nearing completion, which will probably be in two weeks. Boykin & Murchison are adding about fifty feet to their new hardware store, which will give them plenty of room, for which they are now crowded. B. E. Blount will commence this week the erection of a new building for business, in the rear of the Messenger office. Mr. Phil Blacklock, formerly of Crockett and Grapeland, but now of Livingston, has bought a lot in south Grape-



I have had occasion to use your Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and am pleased to say that I never used anything for stock that gave half as good satisfaction. I heartily recommend it to all owners of stock.

J. B. BELSHER, St. Louis, Mo.

Sick stock or poultry should not eat cheap stock food any more than sick persons should expect to be cared by food. When your stock and poultry are sick give them medicine. Don't stuff them with worthless stock foods. Unload the bowels and stir up the torpid liver and the animal will be cured, if it be possible to cure it. Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine unloads the bowels and stirs up the torpid liver. It cures every malady of stock if taken in time. Secure a 25-cent can of Black-Draught Stock and Poultry Medicine and it will pay for itself ten times over. Horses work better. Cows give more milk. Hogs gain flesh. And hens lay more eggs. It solves the problem of making as much blood, flesh and energy as possible out of the smallest amount of food consumed. Buy a can from your dealer.

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 to .50c</p>	<p>India Linen. A new lot of this serviceable and always beautiful goods, 7½c to .25c 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 Piques. 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 yard 15c</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.

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

land, upon which he will soon have a fine residence built.

Miss Lexie Saxon of Crockett has succeeded in getting a music school in Grapeland. She will begin teaching today.

Prof. A. W. Cain, T. H. Leaverton, W. G. Dorsey, Ney Sheridan and Chas. Lively went to Galveston on the excursion to see the battle ships. The weather was so bad and the gulf so rough that only one trip was made by the small vessel out to where the battle ships were anchored—Prof. A. W. Cain being the only one from Grapeland that got to see the battle ships as only 60 could go on the little craft. The balance of the boys, not being at the wharf when she pulled out, got left. Nearly all of Augusta took the train here for Galveston to see the battle ships. They were also among the disappointed. Prof. John Crook was also among the unfortunate Augusta boys.

Miss Mary E. Pipkin, of near this place, left Saturday for her home in Leon county, her term of school having expired.

Mrs. J. M. Perry, who has been visiting her father's family, other relatives and friends for the past three weeks, left Saturday night for Center, Texas, where her husband, Rev. J. M. Perry, is stationed to preach this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Prestridge of Lufkin have been spending several days here, where Mrs. Prestridge has a father and mother living, and numerous

friends. They left Saturday night for their home.

Miss Maggie Campbell, formerly of Grapeland, now of Palestine, spent the past week in Grapeland visiting friends. She left last night for home.

Rev. P. H. Anderson, a Baptist boy preacher, occupied the pulpit here Sunday at 11 o'clock and at 7 o'clock. He preached two excellent sermons. All who heard him unite in saying that his sermons were fine. It is more than probable that he will be called by his Baptist brethren to preach for them here this year.

In consequence of the battleships not being able to get inside the harbor on account of bad weather and rough sea, the I. & G. N. R. R. extended the excursion rate to include the 22d and 23d. Geo. E. Dorsey and Jim Lively went down last night to see them.

We were somewhat surprised to see Jimmie Howard in our town on yesterday. It has been so long that we scarcely recognized him. We quietly asked Jimmie why it was that he had not been among us in so long, telling him at the same time that it had been at least a week since we had seen his smiling face. He said circumstances were such that he was compelled to come at least that often, as there was a certain young man laying for him with a gun and that he had to face the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams were visiting Mrs. Williams' father's family Saturday and Sunday. Ben Rock.

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.

Sure Cure

Any lack of iron in the blood shows in the face. Pallor is the sign. Pallor also means much more; it means a starved nervous system, a debilitated condition of the vital organs, poor circulation and impaired digestion. The nerves, the muscles, and all the organs of your body get their energy and all the materials for their repair from the blood. Pallor shows that all these are losing vitality. Not a day should be lost in restoring the richness and purity of the blood. Get iron—get it by taking the kind of iron your blood requires. The iron in Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic is the perfect kind. It goes from your stomach directly into the blood without any change. An hour after you take it, it has become part of your blood and is doing good.

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builds up the nerve and muscular tissue, aids your digestion, enables you to get the good of the food you eat, and makes you well from head to foot. It is a sure cure for all afflictions resulting from impure blood, such as scrofula, pimples, blotches, kidney disorders, rheumatism, gout, dyspepsia, female weakness, etc. Endorsed by eminent physicians for nearly fifty years.

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THE ODD CORNER

Bliss of the Fat Man.
 Caesar said he feared the lean men,
 For of treasons they were full;
 They were dangerous and mean men,
 Which was worse than being dull.
 But the fellow fat (in reason)
 With the emperor stood pat,
 For one cannot deal in treason
 And be fat.

There is death in football fray—
 On the gridiron there's a roar;
 There's a hero lean and gory,
 Who has given up the ghost,
 And his leanness is prophetic
 Of a fate as hard as that,
 For one cannot be athletic
 And be fat.

Though the feats have handicapped him,
 Still the fat man runs life's race,
 And ere cruel death has trapped him
 You will find he's won a place.
 And his run will be recalled
 In a life that's calm—though flat—
 For one cannot grow excited
 And be fat.

Weighing the Soul.
 The Egyptians thought judgment
 took place directly after death, and



the scene of the last judgment (and others pictures from the "Book of the Dead") was often represented on the walls of the tombs. In the illustration the god Anubis is weighing a man's heart in the scale against a feather, supposed to be the symbol of truth.

Uses Calf to Stop Pianist.
 Adolf Bunge, a student of Leipzig, Germany, wanted quiet, but a young woman in the flat below him played the piano all day long and far into the night. Bunge has protested to begged to no purpose. Then he bought a calf. As soon as the young woman ceased her piano scales Bunge stirred up his calf with a stick and it began hideous bleating. Every time it showed signs of weariness he punched it again. The neighbors were furious, but Bunge refused to give up his calf unless they conceded a point.

Finally Bunge was arrested as a nuisance, and the magistrates fined him heavily for "raising cattle" on premises not set apart for that purpose. Bunge made a passionate speech in behalf of calf music and offered to produce the calf, but the stern justice would not listen to his plea.

Noisy Fish.
 Many fish can produce musical sounds. The red gurnard has earned the name of sea-cock from the crowing noise which it makes, while another species is called the piper. Others, notably two species of ophidium, have sound-producing apparatus, consisting of small, movable bones, which can be made to produce a sharp rattle. The curious "drumming" made by the Mediterranean fish known as the maigre can be heard from a depth of thirty fathoms.

Costly Toy.
 The child of a wealthy New Yorker received as a Christmas present a doll



that plays three tunes on the harp. During her performance she moves her head and arms gracefully, and closes and opens her beautiful eyes as if in an ecstasy of harmony, while her bosom rises and falls as if breathing. She cost \$150.

Wore Wedding Coat a Lifetime.
 There has just died at Turin, Italy, a man named Mecca, who fifty years ago, was on the point of being married when the match was broken off. Mecca had donned his wedding coat and he swore never to wear any other. And he kept his promise from that time until the day of his death.



Miss Rose Peterson, Secretary Parkdale Tennis Club, Chicago, from experience advises all young girls who have pains and sickness peculiar to their sex, to rely on **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

How many beautiful young girls develop into worn, listless and hopeless women, simply because sufficient attention has not been paid to their physical development. No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodic pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be carefully guided physically as well as morally.

If you know of any young lady who is sick, and needs motherly advice, ask her to write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., who will give her advice free, from a source of knowledge which is unequalled in the country. Do not hesitate about stating details which one may not like to talk about, and which are essential for a full understanding of the case.



Miss Hannah E. Mershon, Collingswood, N. J., says:

"I thought I would write and tell you that, by following your kind advice, I feel like a new person. I was always thin and delicate, and so weak that I could hardly do anything. Menstruation was irregular.

"I tried a bottle of your Vegetable Compound and began to feel better right away. I continued its use, and am now well and strong, and menstruate regularly. I cannot say enough for what your medicine did for me."

How Mrs. Pinkham Helped Fannie Kumpfe.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I feel it is my duty to write and tell you of the benefit I have derived from your advice and the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The pains in my back and womb have all left me, and my menstrual trouble is corrected. I am very thankful for the good advice you gave me, and I shall recommend your medicine to all who suffer from female weakness."
 —Miss FANNIE KUMPF, 1923 Chester St., Little Rock, Ark. (Dec. 16, 1900.)

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LADY ON EDITORIAL STAFF OF LEADING RELIGIOUS WEEKLY

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"I wish to give my testimony to the efficiency of the Cuticura Remedies in what seems to me two somewhat remarkable cases. I had a number of skin tumours—small ones—on my arms which had never given me serious trouble; but about two years ago one came on my throat. At first it was only about as large as a pinhead, but, as it was in a position where my collar, if not just right, would irritate it, it soon became very sensitive and began to grow rapidly. Last spring it was as large, if not larger, than a bean. A little unusual irritation of my collar started it to swelling, and in a day or two it was as large as half an orange. I was very much alarmed, and was at a loss to determine whether it was a carbuncle or a malignant tumor.

tended down into my chest was all gone, and my neck now seems to be perfectly well.

"About five or six years ago my sister had a similar experience. She had two large lumps come under her right arm, the result of a sprain. They grew rapidly, and our physician wanted to cut them out. I would not listen to it, and she tried the Cuticura Remedies (as I did a few months ago) with magical effect. In six weeks' time the lumps had entirely disappeared, and have never returned.

"I have great faith in the Cuticura Remedies, and I believe they might be as efficacious in similar cases with other people, and thus save much suffering, and perhaps life. I have derived so much benefit from the use of them myself that I am constantly advising others to use them. Recently I recommended them to an office boy for his father, who was disabled with salt rheum. The man's feet were swollen to an enormous size, and he had not worked for six weeks. Two bottles of Cuticura Resolvent and two boxes of Cuticura Ointment worked a perfect cure. You never saw a more grateful man in your life.

"I am very much interested in another case where I have recommended Cuticura just now. My housemaid's mother has a goitre which had reached a very dangerous point. The doctors told her that nothing could be done; that she could live only two or three weeks, and that she would die of strangulation. She was confined to her bed,



and was unable to speak, when her daughter, at my suggestion, tried the effect of the Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent. Strange to say, she was very shortly relieved of the most distressing symptoms. The swelling seemed to be exteriorized, and she is now able to be around her house, and can talk as well as ever.

"It seems to me that I have pretty good grounds for believing that Cuticura Remedies will prove successful in the most distressing forms of blood and skin humours, and if you wish to use my testimonial as herein indicated, I am willing that you should do so, with the further privilege of revealing my name and address to such persons as may wish to substantiate the above statements by personal letter to me."

Chicago, Nov. 12, 1902.

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THE END IS NEAR.

LAST FULL WEEK OF CONGRESS BEGINS TODAY.

THE HOUSE FULLY UP TODATE.

Little Remains to be Done, Except to Pass the Appropriation Bills.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The house enters the last full week of the session with the docket practically cleared of everything except appropriation bills. Only one of these, the general deficiency, which was reported yesterday, remains to be passed. Several interesting contests are expected during the consideration of the questions of adjusting the differences between the two houses on a number of bills in conference. Especially spirited will be the fight over the proposition to accept a statehood amendment if one should come to the house as a rider on an appropriation bill: It would command the solid support of the democratic side, and it is believed enough republicans to accept it, although it would be resisted by the republican leaders. The Philippine currency bill has been set for Tuesday. The suspension day, which under the rules begin Wednesday, and by means of the parliamentary expedition of making motions under suspension of the rules parliamentary knots can be cut and legislation expedited.

The Fowler currency bill will continue to be the stopgap whenever other matters are not pressing, but there seems no prospect of its passage. There is an intimation, however, that it might serve a useful purpose in case the Aldrich deposit bill should come over from the senate. It is said that the latter bill could be substituted for the former without going to committee, either by striking out all after the enacting clause of the Fowler bill or through the operations of a special rule. If neither of these courses were adopted the bill would be referred to the ways and means committee, which could report it forthwith. The reference to the ways and means committee can be made on the ground that it provides for interest on government deposits in national banks and to that extent is a revenue measure.

Child Perhaps Fatally Burned.
Brady, Texas: The little 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Crow is lying at the King hotel near death's door from a burn. Mrs. Crow had taken up ashes in her bedroom and some were left on the hearth with considerable fire in them. She went to the kitchen on an errand, and when she returned found her baby face foremost in the fire, supposed to have stumbled and fallen. The parents had to come eight miles to town to bring it to a doctor, who said it had drawn the heat of the fire down its throat to the extent of burning it so severely it will likely die. Its sufferings are terrible to witness.

Accidentally Shot.
San Angelo: M. L. Westbrook, a stockman of Lorena, was accidentally shot in his room at the London hotel. He was packing his valise preparatory to his return, when his pistol was discharged in the handling, the ball going through the wrist shattering some small bones and barely missing the artery.

Farming Backward.
Denison, Texas: Farming operations have not been so backward in a number of years. It is so wet that it is impossible to do any plowing, and but very few oats have been planted. A small gray bug has appeared which is watched with great interest. It is attached to roots of volunteer oats, and thousands of eggs are viable. Whether this new pest will do any harm remains yet to be seen. The country highways are impassable to teams and farmers cannot get to town.

Palestine Veterans Will Attend.
Palestine, Texas: The John H. Reagan Camp, United Confederate Veterans, met in regular session this afternoon at the city hall and much routine business was transacted. The camp will elect officers next Sunday. The attending of the annual reunion at New Orleans was discussed at length and many of the veterans will attend.

You can't get on the sunny side by waiting for the world to turn round.

FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

Comptroller Makes a Ruling as to Proof of Service in Army.

Austin, Texas: The attention of Comptroller Love having been called to the fact that several county judges in the state that many applicants for Confederate pensions were unable to make satisfactory proof of service in the Southern army by witnesses residing in the county where such applicants live, has issued the following instructions to all the county judges, to apply in such cases, that no worthy Confederate veteran may be deprived of the pension offered by the state:

Where an applicant for a pension under the Confederate pension law can not make the necessary proof of service in the Confederate army by witnesses in the county where such applicant resides, and in which county the application is pending—this department holds that the applicant may by depositions, taken by virtue of interrogatories, framed under the direction of the county judge with whom the application is filed, and with cross interrogatories by such county judge, if he desires it, secure such testimony from witnesses residing within the county of the applicant's residence, or without this state. It is believed, further, that the testimony of witnesses residing within the county of the applicant's residence may be secured by the same mode of procedure, when for any reason deemed good and sufficient by the county judge, such a course is deemed necessary by such officer.

It is not believed, however, that ex parte affidavits would be a compliance with or fulfillment of the intention and meaning of the law.

In all cases where the proof of service is secured by depositions, especial care should be exercised by the county judge that interrogatories be so prepared that the answers thereto will establish clearly the identity of the applicant.

The blanks required for the above purpose will be furnished by this department upon application.

Legislator Ill.
Groenville, Texas: Hon. O. C. Mulkey came up from Austin on Friday night and went over to his home at Commerce yesterday morning. He is quite feeble from recent illness, but has been actively at work in the legislature, which he reports as getting down to business in earnest.

Child Fatally Injured by a Fall.
Texarkana, Texas: Amelia Sullivan, the 6-year-old daughter of Proprietor Pat Sullivan of the Benefield hotel, fell last night from the second story of the stairway to the bottom, crushing her skull. Her injuries are fatal.

Boy Shot at Genoa.
Genoa, Texas: In the absence of their father, Mr. Carstens, his two boys were playing with a gun and it was discharged. The load struck a 13-year-old son of Mr. Colman's, a neighbor, in the leg. A doctor was sent for and he came, but could do nothing for him, so he will be taken to Houston for treatment.

Baby in his high chair is the real autocrat of the breakfast table.

Officers of U. C. V. Camp at Alvin.
Alvin, Texas: At a regular meeting of John A. Wharton Camp, Confederate Veterans, this afternoon, the following officers were duly elected to serve for the ensuing term: F. M. Ragland, captain; H. M. Parker, first lieutenant; F. W. Dudley, second lieutenant; C. Z. Sedwick, adjutant; C. D. S. Graham, chaplain; Dr. J. T. Scott, surgeon.

Cattle Drowned in Trinity Bottom.
Ennis, Texas: Sam Wood, who resides near Trinity river, six or seven miles east of Ennis, stated that the river was considerably above high water mark; that at least 300 cattle had been drowned and frozen to death during the recent bad spell. He says four men were out in the bottom on Wednesday night trying to rescue the perishing stock, when they lost their way and were out all night. A boat was secured and they arranged to build a fire in the boat to prevent them from suffering so greatly.

A Horse for General Gordon.
McKinney, Texas: Captain F. M. Hill of this place is in receipt of an autograph letter from General John B. Gordon conveying his sincere thanks for the expressed purpose of presenting to him at the New Orleans reunion, a superb saddle horse selected by Captain Hill and Captain Ellis of Cadde, I. T.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

By a little extra effort, Houston county might secure some of the Boer immigrants, as they seem to have their attention turned to East Texas. The following is a dispatch from Palestine to the Galveston News:

Mr. Grunberg, one of the special agents of the Boer colonization enterprise, has been here today in consultation with the land agents of the International & Great Northern Railway. He is pleased with the fruit lands of this section, and has arranged to come again when the rain ceases and the roads are passable to look over the field for immigrants.

This is only another instance among many where a business league might result in much good to the town and county. As it is, there is no organization to look after these things. It is not probable that these immigration agents will hunt us up when there are so many towns and counties seeking to locate them.

J. S. Bonner, alias K. Lamity, says he is "determined to rejuvenate the Harpoon," a humorous paper published by him first at Tyler and subsequently at Houston. Of that publication he says:

"I have never been satisfied over the result of that venture. It pleased people to a certain degree, but never pleased me. One of the most discouraging features of the old Harpoon was the fact that very few of my readers ever disagreed with me sufficiently to induce them to drop in and cause me out. They read it, laughed

over it, and promptly forgot it." But the years intervening have taught the editor the impossibility of pleasing all concerned, and of the new publication he says:

"I do not expect to even try to please the public with the Harpoon. If I did I would dance to its crazy piping, I would throw a fit when it frowned, I would cater to its nonsensical whims, and praise it when it made a reinforced amalgamated ass of itself."

Apprehending that there will be those who will want the paper stopped, he concludes:

"After reading two or three copies of the magazine, if you find you agree with me in everything, and have no kick whatever coming draw on me through the First National Bank of Austin for the dollar, and I will pay the draft and stop the paper."

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