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PROHIBITION AT CROCKETT.

John R. McIver Thinks it Has Proved Hurtful to the Town and County and Gives Reasons.

(Advertisement.)

VISTULA, TEX., Aug. 30, 1903.

EDITOR COURIER:

Referring to the following article which was published in the Palestine Advocate of last week's issue which reads as follows:

PROHIBITION PROHIBITS

AT CROCKETT, AND HAS NOT HURT BUSINESS.

We, the undersigned citizens of Crockett, Houston county, Texas, beg to make the following statement in regard to the results and the operation of the local option law in this county, viz.:

1. The law was adopted July 29th, 1902, and went into effect September 12th, 1902.

2. It is reasonably well enforced, as well enforced as other laws.

3. We have no "blind tigers," and if the law is violated at all, it is very secretly done.

4. There is no appreciable difference in the matter of rents. It is not difficult to rent property. Some new buildings, both residence and business, have been erected since the law went into effect, and all have been rented.

5. Population is about the same, no decrease, at any rate.

6. We think there has been an appreciable decrease in crime. Homicides have been rare, as compared with former years, and nearly all grades of crime seem to be on the decrease.

7. Educational interests appear to have considerably improved. The attendance upon the city schools, both white and colored, is larger than ever known before.

8. The business of the county has not been impaired by local option.

9. Morality and general good citizenship have, beyond doubt, greatly improved. Drunkenness is rarely seen, and profanity and obscenity on the streets, and elsewhere, are hardly ever heard. The contrast in these respects was a matter of general comment on the first Saturday after the law went into effect.

J. W. MADDEN,

Attorney at Law and Ex-Secretary of State of the State of Texas.

W. B. WALL,

Attorney at Law and Ex-County Judge of Houston County.

Geo. W. CROOK,

City Attorney of Crockett.

A. A. ALDRICH,

Lawyer.

J. E. DOWNES,

Merchant.

Beg to say, the best information I can get relative to conditions at Crockett, compared with September last, when prohibition went into effect, is very different from the statement set forth in the above article, and either my informants have willfully misled me or the gentlemen who signed the above are very badly mistaken. I am informed,

1st. That rents have depreciated to a very marked degree since last Sept. 1st. Brick buildings which formerly rented for \$40 per month are now renting for \$25 and less.

2nd. That last Sept. 1st there were no resident houses or brick buildings vacant in town, and that now there are 7 or 8 brick buildings for rent and 82 resident houses vacant and for rent.

3rd. That the population of the town has decreased to an alarming extent; that nearly all the laboring men and mechanics have left the town, there being no work for them to do, while before Sept. last there was plenty work and all were busy.

4th. That crime and murders

seem to be on the increase since last Sept. as evidenced by the fact that there was for several months an average of one man murdered per week in the county, and that the jail at Crockett is full and crowded and that even now a force of workmen are enlarging the jail and making other repairs which will cost the county \$600 to \$800, in order to accommodate the overflowing increase of prisoners.

5th. As to drunkenness, I understand that pros and antis are ordering and drinking whisky galore, and that every train brings in packages of booze to antis and pros alike.

6th. As to the enforcement of the law I understand that the officers are doing the best they can, and that they jail several offenders every week.

7th. My informant tells me that he does not know whether the attendance at the schools has increased or not—for the schools are not in session.

8th. That the first Saturday after prohibition went into effect there were 27 intoxicated persons counted on the streets of Crockett, and that record was never beaten in all the time the saloons were run in all their glory.

Crops in our section of the county are very badly damaged by the boll weevil and things look very blue.

If you will give me a little space in your paper will write you occasionally from this section.

If you cannot give me space for the above please publish at my expense and oblige,

Yours for truth,
JOHN R. MCIVER.

Remedies for Boll Weevil Failures.

AUSTIN, TEX., August 27.—The committee of five practical farmers, which was appointed by Gov. Lanham to witness the demonstration of the different mechanical devices and remedies for eradicating the cotton boll weevil, submitted by those who are seeking the reward of \$50,000 that is offered by the state for a successful and practical method or remedy for the pest, completed its labors to-day. The experiment and demonstrations were conducted at three different places in the cotton belt. The committee found all of the proposed devices and remedies to be unsuccessful, and no award will be made this season.

Owing to the advanced growth of the cotton plant the committee will not resume its tests until next season. It will then begin when the cotton is very small and thoroughly test all the devices that may be offered. Members of the committee express the opinion that a successful and practical mechanical device for removing the weevil from the cotton plant will be invented next season and that some one will capture the big reward.

Devoured by Worms.

Children often cry, not from pain, but from hunger, although fed abundantly. The entire trouble arises from inanition, their food is not assimilated, but devoured by worms. A few doses of White's Vermifuge will cause them to cease crying and begin to thrive at once, very much to the surprise and joy of the mother. 25c at Smith & French Drug Co's.

CLAIMS AGAINST HOUSTON COUNTY

Ordered Paid by the August Term of the Commissioners' Court. Claims are Large.

Tom Streety, road service	\$ 2 00
Tony Gossett, ass'g taxes	150 00
Gus Richardson et al, rd wk	58 75
A. J. Bennett, road service	10 00
B. C. Williams, lumber	45 35
Willie Gainey, road service	1 50
McCarty Bros., sup. lunatic	5 00
T. V. Goodrum, lumber	82 32
R. T. Payne, inquest	5 00
F. Harris, wk on ct house	1 00
D. J. Jones, lumber	9 60
Clark & Courts, deed trust record	16 55
J. E. Monk, sup. for jail	5 15
J. E. Steed, road service	15 00
J. A. Davis, holding inquest	5 00
W. P. Calvert, lumber	16 00
R. R. Sullivan, lumber	5 75
Enterprise, stationery	2 00
J. C. Ratcliff, lumber	26 10
Newton & Sims, mdse for paupers	20 00
J. C. Ratcliff, lumber	80 30
Atkinson & Hamlin, lbr	31 70
Maverick-Clark Co., sta'ry	22 46
J. R. Reman, road service	5 50
Daniel & Burton, mdse	14 35
E. B. Tims, nails	5 00
Brooks & Walton, lumber	27 24
T. R. Hester, inquest	5 00
Jno. Spence, lunacy fees	5 00
W. T. Harrison, 3 inquests	15 00
N. E. Allbright, keeping ledger and lunacy fees	43 35
J. C. Wootters & Co., mdse	2 40
Geo. D. Bernard & Co., stationery	29 23
Geo. E. Darsey, mdse for lunatic	25 40
J. A. Bricker, keeping clock	25 00
R. B. Rieb, repairing jail	225 00
Courier, printing	21 00
Courier, stationery	15 75
N. E. Allbright, recording birth notices	11 50
N. E. Allbright, recording death notices	4 80
John McConnell, mdse for road	20 05
John McConnell, mdse for road	3 25
Messenger, stationery	11 00
Craddock & Co., nails	25
E. B. Hale, cleaning jail	17 00
S. E. Jensen, work on court house	2 60
D. E. Holcomb, lumber	71 04
A. W. Phillips, court attendance	4 00
E. B. Hale, feeding prisoners	290 70
Porter Newman, try cases	37 00
E. B. Hale, court attendance	41 30
J. W. Spence, lumber	2 30
H. F. Craddock, rd service	6 00
A. Thomasson, road service	8 00
J. L. Rice, road service	21 00
H. P. Almond, rd service	26 00
J. W. Saxon, 2 inquests	10 00
Tommy & Brannen, lumber	26 82
Tommy & Brannen, lumber	59 48
Mr. Crawford, haul lumber	1 50
John Selman, haul lumber	1 50
H. W. McCelvey, rd service	62 97
Citizens Light and Ice Co.	13 50
J. H. Beazale, road service	6 75
J. W. Richardson, rd service	10 50
John Allen, road service	1 50
J. D. Richardson, rd service	3 00
F. A. Smith, road service	5 50
Houston Co. Lumber Co., lumber	38 20
H. Durst, surveying	5 00
Worrell Mfg. Co., medicine	20 00
Atkinson & Hamlin, lbr	48 50
P. Newman, ex officio as	

county judge	100 00
P. Newman, ex officio as county superintendent	150 00
J. B. Stanton, district clerk	62 50
N. E. Allbright, county clk	68 75
E. B. Hale, sheriff	62 50
Total	\$2,445.00

How to Combat the Mexican Cotton Boll Weevil in Summer and Fall.

By E. Dwight Sanderson, State Entomologist.

The known methods of satisfactorily controlling damage by the boll weevil may be classed under two general heads; viz.:(1) Growing an early maturing crop, and (2) Destroying the weevils.

The first step is to plant early maturing varieties or northern grown seed as early as possible, in wide rows, running them east and west. Next hoe the cotton to a stand as soon as possible, leaving good distances in the rows; never less than 18 inches, and in bottom lands, two and a half to three feet, or in checks.

The growth of early maturing cotton and hastening the ripening of the crop is advocated for two reasons. (1) It has been found that where injury by the weevil is serious the main part of the crop is that of which the bolls are well set before the middle of July, or in other words before the second brood of weevils appears in force, as this second brood is sufficiently numerous to destroy most of the squares and young bolls. (2) To check the increase of the weevil and to destroy as many as possible before they go into hibernating quarters for the winter (as described below) it is desirable to destroy the stalks in the fall before the first frost, whether there be prospects of a top crop or not. The crop should be grown to ripen early so that the planter will not depend on the late pickings to make a profitable crop, but can secure a fair crop by early October.

In securing an early maturing cotton much might be done by a simple intelligent selection of the seed during the previous season. Texas growers may well give considerable attention to the building up of improved varieties, maturing earlier, with larger bolls, and better staple. The originator of such a variety may well be called a true patriot. Few planters give any consideration to the selection of the seed. Far too many take their seed from a public gin late in the season, thus securing the very poorest seed as far as the production of an early crop is concerned.

Plants are subject to the same general laws regarding the transmission of characteristics from parent to progeny as are animals. The cattle breeder improves his stock by intelligent selection and crossing. Plants may be improved by the same methods and none are more susceptible to improvement than is cotton. Though many improved varieties have been secured by cross fertilization or hybridization, the great majority have been secured by simple selection of individuals and the continued selection of the seed of their progeny toward a desired standard. It is probably because many planters have an exaggerated idea of the method of selection and suppose that all improvement

is due to crossing, etc., that more do not attempt to improve their seed. For a most excellent description of the methods of selecting cotton seed consult an article in the Yearbook of the United States Department of Agriculture for 1902, The Improvement of Cotton by Seed Selection, by Dr. Herbert J. Webber, pages 365 to 386. Every intelligent cotton planter should carefully read this article. We quote from it the following as being most applicable to the great majority of Texas planters:

"A Short Method of Seed Selection.—Select careful pickers that remain on the plantation from year to year and train them to recognize the best plants, that is, those most productive, earliest in ripening, and having the largest, best formed, and most numerous bolls. Each year before the second picking have these select pickers go over the field and pick the cotton from the best plants only. These pickers should be paid by the day and not for the amount picked. Preserve such seed cotton separately, gin it separately, and use the seed to plant the general crop the next year. If sufficient seed is not secured at the second picking, the same pickers can be sent over the field again before the next picking. In general, it is desirable not to use the seed of the first or last picking.

In selecting for earliness, it would doubtless be well to go over the field before the first picking and mark the plants with the most bolls, and then pick the selected seed from these plants before the second general picking. In selecting for earliness, other desired qualities should not be overlooked. Were such a simple method of selection generally adopted, we believe that a few years would see an immense improvement not only in the earliness of the crop and consequent lessened injury by the boll weevil, but also in its general quality and amount.

The thorough, frequent cultivation of cotton until late in the season has been found to greatly increase the yield. Cultivate frequently, keeping the field entirely free from weeds and keeping a thin mulch of well pulverized soil on the surface. Deep cultivation is unnecessary and merely allows the greater evaporation of soil moisture. In cultivating many planters advocate attaching a flexible stick to the plow cultivator which will brush the cotton and thus knock off any of the punctured squares, which will dry up on the hot soil and thus largely prevent the development of the weevil. Continue cultivation until the cotton is ready to pick. Planters who have pursued this course are practically unanimous in stating that a much larger crop can thus be secured in spite of the weevil than where the crop is only cultivated until early in July.

Doctors Could Not Help Her.

"I had kidney trouble for years," writes Mrs. Raymond Conner of Shelton, Wash., "and the doctors could not help me. I tried Foley's Kidney Cure, and the very first dose gave me relief and I am now cured. I cannot say too much for Foley's Kidney Cure." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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Your Choice at Your Price

1 Lot Black and White Fig'd. Lawns, that were 5c a yard, are now 3 1-2c

1 Lot Supino Batiste, floral designs, various colors, price was 12½, now 7 1-2c

1 Lot Fancy Drop Stitch Hose, all colors, were 15c and 20c, your choice 8 1-3c

Dotted Swiss Muslin, floral and solid effects, all colors, was 15c, now 9c

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2 Pieces Flaked Zibeline, pink and white, 27 ins. wide, was 25c now . . . 15c

1 Lot Mercerized Cheviot, blue, pink and black, 34 ins., was 25c now 16 2-3c



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A Broken Lot of Misses' Spring Heel Slippers, sizes 13 to 2, were 75c to \$1.50, your choice for 49c

A Broken Lot of Ladies' Shoes, lace and button, were \$1.25 to \$2.50, your choice for 98c

1 Lot Embroidered Swisses, various colors, in 6-yd. patterns, were \$3.00 each, now \$1.25

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

Hillsboro, Texas, August 11th, 1903.—Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company has been called by the Board of Directors of said company, to convene at the general offices of said company in the city of Hillsboro at nine o'clock A. M., on the 27th day of October, 1903, for the purpose of authorizing the making, execution and delivery of a first mortgage bond upon the following properties, to-wit:

The line of railroad now under construction belonging to the Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company, and beginning at a point in the city of Cleburne, in Johnson county, Texas, and extending thence eastwardly through the counties of Johnson, Hill and Limestone to a point in the town of Mexia, in Limestone county, Texas, including the franchise of said railway company, together with all its rights of way, depot grounds, terminal facilities, structures, improvements and real estate, together with all equipment, rolling stock, machinery, engines, round houses, shops, buildings and tools, and any and all property owned by said Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company in the counties of Johnson, Hill and Limestone in the State of Texas, and such other property as said railway company may hereafter acquire, or so much thereof as the stockholders of said company may authorize.

And to authorize the making, execution and delivery of the first mortgage bonds of said company in an amount not exceeding \$25,000.00 per mile for each mile of main line constructed or hereafter

constructed by said company between said points, said bonds to be payable in gold coin, at a time not exceeding thirty years from their date, and to bear interest at not exceeding five per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, to be issued for the purpose of paying for, completing, improving, equipping and operating the said line of railroad. Also to consider and adopt by-laws for the corporation.

E. SAMMONS,
Secretary, Trinity & Brazos Valley Railway Company.

Used for Pneumonia.

Dr. C. J. Bishop of Agnew, Mich., says, "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar in three very severe cases of pneumonia with good results in every case." Refuse substitutes. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

A New Jersey Editor's Testimonial.

M. T. Lynch, editor of the Phillipsburg, N. J., Daily Post, writes: "I have used many kinds of medicines for coughs and colds in my family but never anything so good as Foley's Honey and Tar. I cannot say too much in praise of it." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

21 Years a Dyspeptic.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 24 St., Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years; tried many doctors without relief; recently I got a bottle of Herbine. One bottle cured me, I am now tapering off on the second. I have recommended it to my friends; it is curing them, too." 50c at Smith & French Drug Co's.

Feet Swollen to Immense Size.

"I had kidney trouble so bad that I could not work," says J. J. Cox of Valley View, Ky., "my feet were swollen to immense size and I was confined to my bed and physicians were unable to give me any relief. My doctor finally prescribed Foley's Kidney Cure which made a well man of me." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

The Best.

When a farmer buys a plough or reaper he wants the best; when any of us are sick and need a physician we want the best; if a business man wishes to employ a bookkeeper or stenographer he wants the best; so we see it is the "best" of everything that is wanted. Do not make an exception to the rule when you attend a business college, attend the best—Tyler College, Tyler, Texas.

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Rod Oliver's Arrest.

Beaumont, Tex., Aug. 31.—Other than the merely formal arrest of President Rod Oliver at Nome yesterday there is nothing of interest here in the Citizens' National Bank muddle. Holland S. Reavis, who has been actively engaged in looking after the depositors' interests, stated this afternoon that he feels confident that something will be done at the directors' meeting Wednesday, when E. J. Marshall, J. S. Cullinan, Rod Oliver, W. T. Campbell and other prominent business men and directors will be present to hear a complete statement from Mr. Oliver. Mr. Reavis says that nothing will satisfy his claims or those of the depositors but dollar for dollar.

Cured Hemorrhages of the Lungs.

"Several years since my lungs were so badly affected that I had many hemorrhages," writes A. M. Ake of Wood, Ind. "I took treatment with several physicians without any benefit. I then started to take Foley's Honey and Tar and my lungs are now as sound as a bullet. I recommend it in advanced stages of lung trouble." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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C. W. Landis, "Porter" for the Oriental Hotel, Chanute, Kan., says: "I know what it was to suffer with neuralgia, deed I did, and I got a bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment and I was 'raised from the dead.' I tried to get some more, but before I had 'deposited' my bottle, I was cured entirely. I am tellin' de truth too." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's.

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makes kidneys and bladder right.

THE GREAT PLAGUES

REMINDEES OF THE DAYS OF EPIDEMICS.

How the Stricken Inhabitants of Towns in the Middle Ages Combat- ed the Evils of the Times—Plague Stones.

The story of the great plague of London is familiar to all readers of history and has been dealt with by many writers of fiction.

Even the bypaths of history supply much suggestive matter, while hidden away in church wardens and other old accounts are many items that remind us of those days.

Here, for example, are two entries from the parish accounts of St. Mary Woolnoth, London:

1664-5. Item, for setting a cross upon one Allen's doors in the sickness time 10d
Item, paid for setting two red crosses upon Anthony Sound his door 10d

The crosses were about a foot in length. The crosses served as a caution against entering such houses.

In various parts of England the plague stones are silent reminders of the time when epidemics laid low so many inhabitants both in town and country.

A stone in the Derby Arboretum bears the following inscription:

"Headless Cross or Market Stone—This stone formed part of the ancient Cross at the upper end of Friar Gate, and was used by the inhabitants of Derby as a market stone during the visitation of the plague, 1665. It is thus described by Hutton in his 'History of Derby':

"1665—Derby was again visited by the plague at the same time in which London fell under the severe calamity. The town was forsaken; the farmers declined the market place; and grass grew upon that spot which had furnished the supports of life.

"To prevent a famine, the inhabitants erected at the top of Nuns' Green, one or two hundred yards from the buildings, now Friar Gate, what bore the name of Headless Cross, consisting of about four quadrangular steps, five feet high. I knew it in perfection.

"Hither the market people, having their mouths primed with tobacco as a preservative, brought their provisions, stood at a distance from their property, and at a greater from the town's people, with whom they were to traffic.

"The buyer was not suffered to touch any of the articles before purchase; when the agreement was finished he took the good and deposited the money in a vessel filled with vinegar, set for that purpose."

The mention of tobacco in the foregoing inscription is a curiosity, showing that the weed was then regarded as a very efficacious preventive.

Winchester suffered much from the plague in 1664. On the downs near the city are numerous curiously shaped mounds, which are said to cover the pits into which the dead were cast.

When the pestilence raged a primitive kind of quarantine was practiced. The country folk supplied food, which was placed on a stone outside the city, and in exchange the citizens placed money in a bowl of water.

The old plague stone still remains, built into the base of a monument, which bears an inscription as follows:

"This monument is erected by the Society of Natives, on the very spot of ground from which the markets were removed, and whose basis is the very stone on which exchanges were made whilst the city lay under the scourge of the destroying pestilence, in the year sixteen hundred sixty-six. The Society of Natives was founded on the 26th of August, 1669, for the relief of the widows and orphans of their fellow-citizens who died of the great plague."

Beneath a spreading tree in the grounds of Tothby house, near Alford, Lincolnshire, is a plague stone. About 275 years ago the inhabitants of Spilsby and the surrounding villages day after day toiled up to the top of Miles Cross hill, which overlooks the wide marsh country, with Alford lying just at the foot.

At the top they left food, etc., for the poor sufferers and took in return money deposited in vessels containing water or other liquid placed on the plague stone. Then the people of Alford came up the other side of the hill for their supplies. Thus the two parties kept well apart.—Chambers' Journal.

Vesuvius Long at Work.

The most recent excavations show that Vesuvius began its work as a conservator of antiquity earlier than the memorable year A. D. 79. During the excavations in the valley of the Sarno, near San Marzano, some most interesting antiquities have come to light. These had been covered up by a volcanic deposit about six feet thick, which points to an eruption of Vesuvius which must have taken place in the seventh century before Christ. The relics include a Greek burying place, archaic Italian tombs and various bronzes and terra-cottas.

Columbia has in circulation \$653,000,000 of paper money from which nearly all value has departed. The paper money per capita is \$163 and it takes over \$100 of the stuff to pay a hotel bill for one day.

The colonial possessions in the world number 141, and all of them are tropical or subtropical in location, except Canada. Their population aggregates 485,000,000.

Citizens of Tloga, Pa., have erected a monument to the memory of John Schaeffer, a railroad watchman who was killed recently while attempting to save the life of a woman who was crossing the Reading tracks.

When you ride on a self-acting trolley it is sometimes hard to control the brakes.

Why should woman suffer untold agony, from female diseases, when they can be cured at home, by using Dr. Lunn's Home Treatment for Women? For particulars, address; Dr. Lunn's Sanitarium and Hospital, Houston, Tex.

I heard the other day of a spinster who was asked if she had ever been disappointed in love. She said: "No; but I know of many of my married friends who have been."

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

The Rev. Dr. George Lansing Taylor, the senior member of the New York East Methodist Episcopal conference, and known as "the poet of Methodism," is dead.

Pleasant and positive is the action of Cheatham's Laxative Chili Tablets. Never fail to cure chills or fever. Price 25 cents per box.

Persistent insomnia, unwonted irritability and dread of grappling with business problems are danger signals of general nervous breakdown.

Storekeepers report that the extra quantity, together with the superior quality of De-fiance Starch makes it next to impossible to sell any other brand.

Alfred W. Crawford, a negro florist of Meriden, Conn., has been appointed professor of floriculture and landscape gardening at Tuskegee University, under Booker T. Washington.

Stops the Cough and Works Off the Cold
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Austria-Hungary led the list of immigrants last year with 230,000; Italy was second with 206,000, and Russia third with 136,000.

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

Contentment is not knowing what you would like to have.

LITERARY NOTES.

The August Century is entirely out of print except for a few copies in the hands of some dealers. The time required to reprint the colored illustrations makes a second edition impossible.

The Shining Mark.

When Aunt Kezia came with the clothes from the wash she brought the news of the sudden death of a prominent young man well liked in the community.

"It seems a very sad thing," said my mother. "He gave promise of making his mark in the world. He had everything to make life pleasant—youth and bright prospects and parents who idolized him."

"Yes," assented Aunt Kezia, with a dismal shake of her head, "but do seem mighty strange that them you analyze the most is usually taken first."—September Lippincott's.

The novel in Ainslee's for September is "The Blue Moon" by Lucia and Esther Chamberlain. Other well known contributors are Gertrude Atherton, Poulney Bigelow, E. Nesbit, Joseph C. Lincoln, J. J. Bell, Charles Battell Loomis, Harold MacGrath, Bliss Carman, Julien Gordon and Oscar King Davis.

Our National Hymn.

The award made by the Society of the Cincinnati for the composition of new music for "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," and the music itself, seem to be medal and music wasted. To be sure, the air of "America" is incontestably English; it happens, however, that the "Star-Spangled Banner" is properly our national song, and it certainly has the American stamp.

"My Country, 'Tis of Thee" and the "Star-Spangled Banner" are, of course, not quite interchangeable, the latter would hardly sound appropriate at church on Memorial Sunday, but it does beautifully for bands and processions. Since, then, our honor is not at stake, surely we can afford to be English to the extent of singing, with the same pleasant thrill, the good old words to the good old tune for the remainder of our days.—Everybody's Magazine.

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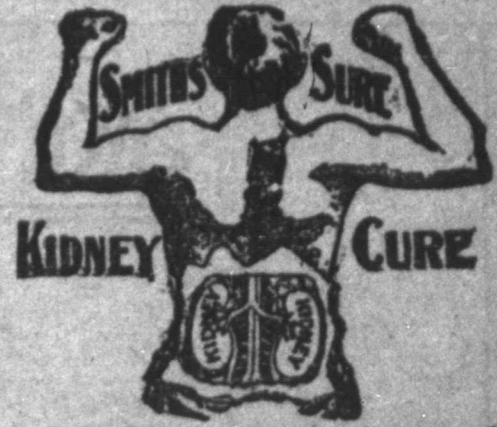
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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Kansas is again coping with high water.

A farmers' congress is to be held at Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 1 and 2.

James Morgan was stabbed to death near Lake Charles, La., by Peter McClain.

Mack Tweedy's bond has been reduced from \$5000 to \$2500. He is charged with complicity in the murder of Ben L. Thompson at Sherman.

William Hale was arrested on the charge of putting deadly weapons in a cell in the county jail. The pistol, it is alleged, was taken to pieces and put in the cell.

James K. Vardman was nominated candidate for Governor of Mississippi Friday over Frank Krita by a majority of something like 10,000. The contest was a remarkably hot one even for Mississippi.

During a heavy rain and electric storm at Guthrie, Ok., the Presbyterian Church belonging to the colored people was struck by lightning, and totally destroyed by fire. No insurance.

The largest factory of chemicals in the world is said to be the aniline and soda establishment of Baden. The works employ 148 scientific chemists, seventy-five technical engineers, 305 clerks and more than 6000 workmen.

The recently incorporated Cheyenne and Washita Valley Railroad Company of Oklahoma, with John B. Harrison of Cheyenne, Ok., at the head, will put surveying parties at once to run the lines.

Miguel Covarubias has been appointed minister plenipotentiary and envoy extraordinary of Mexico to the South American republics, with residence in Santiago de Chile. He takes the place of Jose Maria Gamboa.

The sharp advance in the price of bar silver in the London and New York markets during the past few weeks has carried it to the highest mark since November, 1901. For nearly six months the market has been on the upward movement.

The Tishomingo and Durant baseball clubs will play a championship game at Ardmore Sunday, August 30, for a \$1000 purse. Both teams claim the belt, and as they are recognized as the crack teams of the Indian Territory, a big bout is looked for.

As was anticipated, all talk of an extra session of congress at early in October has disappeared and the general opinion now is that congress will not assemble until after the November elections.

The report of the French commission appointed to confer with the United States monetary exchange commissioners has been delivered to Ambassador Porter. It contains a note from Foreign Minister Delcasse showing that France is not prepared to express binding conclusions until she has consulted other powers.

A school of 143 small whales has been driven ashore at St. Marys Bay, near St. Johns, N. F., and was unable to retreat. The residents—men and women—waded waist deep into the water and killed them all with hatchets, spears and pitchforks.

The baby boy recently born to Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Buzzards Bay, Mass., has been christened Francis Grover Cleveland, a name selected by the other children after their father and mother.

The owner of the American schooner Oliver which was towed into Sabine while in distress after the recent storm has been fined \$400 for not accounting for one of her sailors who is said to have left the vessel at Vera Cruz.

Mrs. Mabel McKinley Haer, niece of the late president, has been successfully operated on for appendicitis at a private hospital here. The doctors said that her condition following the operation was not alarming.

George M. Perry, a prominent Chickasaw Indian, is dead at Conway. He drank a liquid of some kind and died suddenly. Perry was an extensive land holder in the Chickasaw Nation and one of the best known Indians in the Territory.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE.



Newspaper Item, 1950: "Sir Thomas Lipton will again endeavor to lift the cup this year."

REVOLUTION AT HAND.

REJECTION OF PANAMA CANAL TREATY INCREASES REVOLT.

REJECTION OF TREATY IS FELT.

Only Vigorous Government Action Can Prevent an Outbreak—Such Action Very Doubtful.

New York, Sept. 1.—A special to the New York Times from Panama says: The spirit of revolution is gaining in force on the isthmus as the result of the rejection of the canal treaty by the Colombian congress at Bogota.

Only vigorous action on the part of the government can prevent an outbreak, and it is doubtful whether such action is possible.

General Vasquez Cohor, secretary of war, who resigned his position under the criticism that followed a recent orgie, and who was stationed at this point, mainly because of the fact that this is the Colombian navy rendezvous, is practically sulking in his tent. Although report has it that the government has refused to accept his resignation, it is doubtful if he can be induced to do so.

SPEECH OF SAM STILES.

Delivered on the Gallows When He Expected to Die.

Cuero, Texas, Sept. 1.—The negro, Sam Stiles, who was reprieved on the gallows last Friday evening after the block cap had been drawn, delivered the following speech, which he believed to be his last words to the people on earth.

I ask everybody to be silent a moment, every gentleman and lady, for just a moment. I am now upon the gallows to be executed the death penalty, and I am now at the verge of death. I see now I must go into judgment, into eternity; time is soon to end with me in this life, and eternity will be born.

I have been a citizen of DeWitt county for all of my life—born and raised here, known to everybody, very nearly, in the county—both young and old. I am also a minister of the Gospel, and I have tried with all my heart and soul to promote the gospel, and to preach to the world Christ and Him crucified in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation. I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ which I have preached; I am not ashamed of anything that I have taught—not ashamed of it today. But the misfortune that I am now upon the gallows to be hung for is a crime that has been agitating the world and all the people throughout this broad State. The special thing in the matter is as to whether I am guilty or whether I am innocent. Some of the people believe that I am guilty, some believe I am not, and some do not know what to believe, and some are between two opinions. I am not going by the persuasion of anybody to tell you nothing but the truth. There is

revolutionary feeling that pervades all classes.

General Huertes, commandant at Ft. Chiriqui, and virtually the commander of all the government forces in and around Panama, is at this time the only officer to whom the government may look with any hope of checking any revolutionary spirit.

Even General Huertes has no heart in the government's position, being a warm sympathizer with the canal project. It is remarked as extremely unlikely that he would turn the guns of Chiriqui on the people of the city, who are almost to a unit for a declaration of independence that would separate the isthmus from the mainland and make easy a treaty with the United States that would insure the building of the canal and the establishment of commercial and agricultural prosperity in this province.

As for the naval force, it is practically controlled by Americans or pro-American Englishmen. They form the gunning, navigation and engineering forces, and it has long been known that they would be only too glad of the opportunity to slip the yoke of Colombian government and espouse any cause that would afford the isthmus an independent government.

no white gentleman nor colored gentleman that has told me what to say—to say anything but the truth; but my salvation now depends upon the truth. I am not guilty of Doom Edwards' death. Look in my face, gentlemen, look in my face; I am not guilty, my hands are not dyed with human blood. The advantage has been taken of me fully and absolutely, and I stand at the verge of death, and will soon fall direct into judgment. I am not guilty of his death, I know it, God knows it, and that woman (Henrietta Edwards), his wife, knows it, who swore against me falsely and absolutely without foundation, she knows it, and I stand here before you telling you I am innocent on the verge of death to be moved into eternity, my neck broke like a dog, my neck broke like a murderer. I would not at this time stand here and tell you a lie. I have been asked by the white preachers and by the colored preachers, "Stiles, tell the truth, though you die; tell the truth, though you die; tell the truth."

This occurrence (killing) occurred on the 9th of July, 1901, and that main State's witness (Henrietta Edwards), that swore before Mr. Vandenberg and Mr. Davidson, and the Honorable Court and Sheriff Stell and others, this lady swore that she on this night went to her window to shut it and she found that I was at the window, swore that I made a kind of motion to her with my hand, said that I spoke to her and asked to see her that night, and she said that I could not see her that night; that I then asked her would she be at the entertainment that night, that she said so, that she would not be there, and that I then backed off into the dark. That is

absolutely a lie; and I have to go into judgment for it, and I am going, the trigger will be pulled now soon; I am going into judgment, going into eternity, to meet God. I have never met God otherwise than in the person of his spirit, but now I am going to meet God and stand the test, stand the test, stand the solemn test. There has been unfair means used to secure my conviction by the false testimony put on me, and some of the warmest friends of Cuero know it.

No, I am not blaming Mr. Stell, the honorable sheriff, for while I have been in jail in his custody he has treated me like a gentleman all along, and he has just given me a sympathetic talk—given me his heart sympathy.

This woman then swore that after the gun had fired (that is her, Henrietta Edwards', testimony, I know all the testimony, every word, from start to finish without any varying); that probably ten minutes or a little longer, after the gun had fired, she passed along by that mulberry tree (I know this is a mulberry tree, I worked on this Henderson place for three years), and there she swore she saw me in a stooping position with a gun in my hand and pointed in that when she told me that somebody had shot Doom (deceased), I jumped and ran off. When she swore this she swore a lie. That is the truth—she swore a lie, and now I have to meet judgment, have to meet God; and Mr. Stell told me not to die with a lie on my lips, that I could not meet God telling a lie. Gentlemen, I am telling you the truth, standing on the verge of judgment, telling you the truth.

I am looking into the faces of young men that I married and that I baptized and to whom I preached, and I am now to go from the gallows. False witnesses have put me where I am now, and I know the truth has been needed. I have no motive in me against Mr. Davidson or Mr. Vandenberg, nor against the judge, nor against the jury, nor the high sheriff, nor against the decision of the court, for the simple fact that they went by the evidence on evidence that was sworn falsely. That is all that I have to say. I am telling you the truth now, telling you the truth, telling you the truth.

There is Mr. Doom Edwards' (deceased) papa now standing up there looking in my face. I am speaking the truth, you can hear it, and my other dear friends let me say again I am speaking the truth now. I am not trying to convert, neither pervert or change from right to wrong. I am not trying to convert anybody, I am just telling you the truth, telling you the truth, that is all that I can do, telling you the truth, that is all I can do. Just a word or two more about this matter: This honorable sheriff and other officers went and asked me what I knew about the matter and said for me to tell the truth, to tell just what I knew about the matter; if I did so to confess it, because an open confession is good for the soul.

Now, the next point I want to say: I was placed in jail on the 10th of July, 1901. On the 10th I heard Mr. Lt. Slade stand at the door by the inside of the cell talking to this woman (Henrietta Edwards), making up this very thing. I heard him and her make it up against me, heard him tell her to swear it against me, against me, heard him tell her to swear it against me, and now I have to go into judgment; have got to go into judgment.

The next thing I have to say is that I am sorry to have to go this way, hate to have to pay for the life of somebody that I am not guilty of, and the name that it carries and the bearing it makes upon the public ministry, the bearing it has upon all the Christian ministry and the cause of Christ and the Christian name, it is a perversion, it is a scandal to the Christian name, and I am sorry for that, sorry for that; I am sorry for that. But I want to say to my brother ministers (I see some of the ministers standing around in the congregation), I want to say to you this. I want to say as my last remarks in this life, in this life, in this life. Preach the word of God, preach on the word of God; push the battle on to victory, preach the word of God, cry against sin in every shape, form and fashion. Trust in the Lord at all times and in all circumstances.

I extend to all my white friends a most hearty welcome and heart thanks and gratitude for the kindnesses they have shown me in this hour of adversity; and to all my colored friends who have assisted me in these dark times of adversity, I thank them kindly, to my soul, to my soul, I thank them all kindly. Also, I want to say to the gen-

tlemen and ladies while standing upon this gallows, as I told the minister brother, I tell you, and as I told my white friends, I tell you—I have nothing to hide.

On the evening before this occurrence, this occurrence occurred on a Tuesday night, on that same evening (which was Tuesday), I was down at Mr. Melton's and this lady (Henrietta Edwards) came by Mr. Melton's, stating that she had come from her work, and it made it look very suspicious; it made it look very suspicious, and I was in suspicious, and that was one thing that the jury took, or, in other words, made them think my guilt was established, that made the jury believe I was guilty, because I was there at Mr. Melton's when this lady came there. I never said that I was not there at Mr. Melton's, I did say that I had no improper relations with her; I did not say that I was not there. What I say is that I did not have any improper relations with her there. My being at that place with her made it look suspicious, and I confess to the ladies and gentlemen here that I was in a suspicious place. I here warn every gentleman and every lady to live above suspicion, live above suspicion. On the next morning, which was Wednesday morning, I came up here to the jail and spoke to this very same woman, that evidence and my being at Mr. Melton's was carried into court against me. I came to the jail to speak to this woman on friendly terms. I called on her nicely, I did not come for anything wrong; had no wrong motive in me; did not accomplish anything wrong; had no wrong thoughts. It looked suspicious, but I thought of nothing wrong. I have known this girl ever since she was two or three years old. We were raised up together, and I thought nothing wrong in going to the jail to see her. I stated to her in the jail that morning that I did not reckon she would be in jail more than five or six days. Told her I would go part of her bond, and Sister Henderson and others would go on the rest and she could get out. I simply came to her on friendly terms. I have never denied the truth, and I will under no circumstances deny the truth, and I am not denying it now.

(At this stage of the proceedings he knelt in prayer, offered up a prayer, and a hymn was read by his spiritual adviser.)

"Thank God I am happy. I feel happy, thank the Lord; my soul is all right. I am all right, and I feel thoroughly clear. My conscience is void of offence towards God and man. I thank God I have a conscience void of offence. Be good brethren, God bless you.

(At this stage his hands and feet were bound.)

"Fight the battle of God; fight the battle of the Lord."

Q. Sam, is Henrietta innocent or guilty?

A. I believe with all my soul she is guilty. I believe she is guilty.

Cruisers' Destination.

Genoa, Sept. 1.—The United States cruisers Brooklyn and San Francisco, which sailed from Genoa yesterday evening, are bound for Beirut and not for Port Said, as previously cabled. The Maebias previously sailed for Port Said, where she will coal.

Printer Was Bound Over.

Dallas, Texas, Sept. 1.—J. H. Holcomb, the Dallas printer who is accused of altering the figures in the Greenville Daily Banner's prohibition election proclamation for Hunt county so as to vitiate the publication, was admitted to bail in the sum of \$300 on a charge of malicious mischief. He gave bail, was released and returned to Dallas yesterday.

Murder and Suicide.

Richmond, Va., Sept. 1.—Herbert Bates, clerk in the First National Bank, yesterday shot and killed Miss Bena Gentry. He then shot and killed himself. There were no witnesses to the tragedy. It is supposed she rejected his attentions.

Yachts Were Too Slow.

New York, Sept. 1.—Yesterday's yacht race between Reliance and Shamrock III resulted in no contest, the yachts failing to finish within the prescribed limit of time. Reliance was well in the lead when the contest was called off.

Montgomery County is Dry.

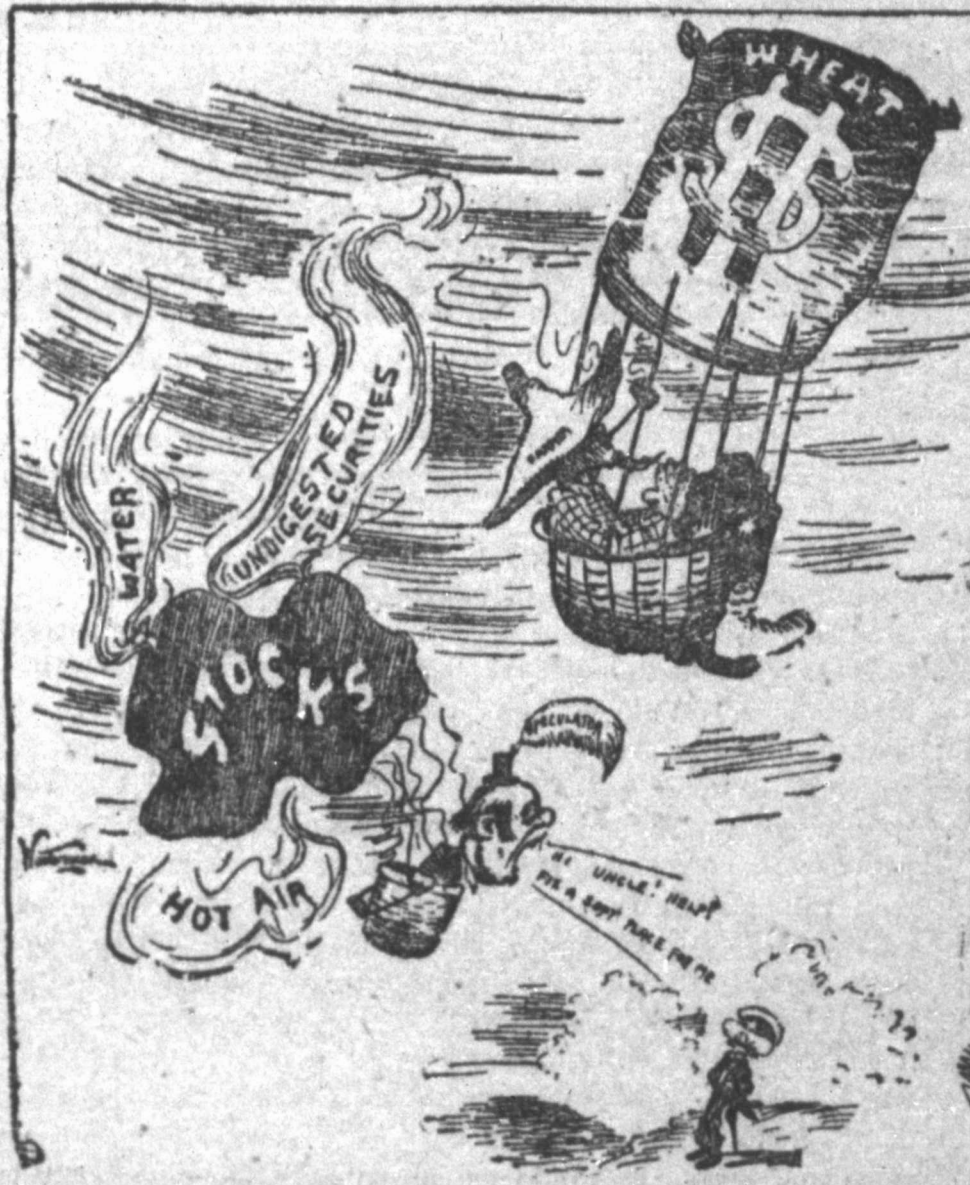
Conroe, Texas, Sept. 1.—Montgomery county has gone dry. All the boxes are heard from and the pros have a majority of six. A contest is threatened, but the pros feel safe.

Corpus Christi wants fumigation of the mails from Mexico.

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IT PAYS TO RIDE IN A SUBSTANTIAL BALLOON.

SHAMROCK LOST AGAIN.



New York, Aug. 28.—With Reliance less than a third of a mile from the finish, and Shamrock III hull down on the horizon, fully two miles astern of the defender, the fourth race of the present series for the America's cup was declared off because of the expiration of the time limit of five hours and thirty minutes, as happened on Thursday last. Although officially it was no race, the defeat administered to the challenger was so ignominious that whatever lingering hope remained in the breasts of the friends of Sir Thomas Lipton's boat vanished into the air. Reliance's victory was in every way more decisive than that of last Saturday. Outsailed, outpointed and out-footed, it was a procession from start to finish, with Shamrock III bringing up the rear.

Reliance beat Shamrock III hopelessly in the fifteen miles of windward work, rounding the outer mark twelve minutes and thirty seconds ahead of it, a gain in actual time of eleven minutes and twenty-nine seconds, and down the wind Reliance steadily increased her lead. The low, wet clouds shut out the sky and the mist wreaths on the sea made everything look ghastly and indistinct. The dark water of the ocean was as smooth as a floor and a light breeze of about four knots blew out of the southwest. The course was laid fifteen miles dead into the wind and return.

At the end of the first hour Shamrock was beaten and the interest waned.

The excursion boats held on until Reliance crossed the line to give it a rousing welcome and then scattered for New York.

Sir Thomas, who has always followed his champion to Sandy Hook, sent his steam yacht Erin ahead at full speed, as if to drown out the memory of the inglorious defeat he suffered.

The next race, which will be like the one attempted yesterday, fifteen miles to leeward or windward and return, will be sailed Saturday.

A Scottish Scheme.

Glasgow, Aug. 28.—A movement is on foot in case Shamrock III fails to win to have the Clyde yachtmen present an international cup and invite the Americans to compete on this side of the Atlantic. It is designed to have the conditions the same as those which govern the American cup.

MAGELSSSEN IS NOT DEAD.

Constantinople, Aug. 28.—It transpires that the report that Vice Consul Magelssen was killed is incorrect. An unknown individual fired at him, the bullet passing close to the vice consul but did not touch him.

The vail of Beirut afterward visited Vice Consul Magelssen, expressing his regrets for the outrage and ordered measures for the arrest of the perpetrators. The error in stating that Vice Consul Magelssen had been killed arose from a mistake in a cipher telegram.

No Change in Plan.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Aug. 28.—President Roosevelt was informed last night

by a representative of the Associated Press of the incorrectness of the report that Vice Consul William C. Magelssen at Beirut had been assassinated.

The president expressed gratification that Consul Magelssen had escaped without injury. He announced, however, that no change at present would be made in the plans of this government and that the European squadron, which he has ordered to proceed to Beirut, would continue to its ordered destination.

It can be said that the president and Secretary Hay both regard it advisable, in view of the present state of unrest in Turkey, to have American war vessels in Turkish waters.

Wind for Yacht Races.

New York, Aug. 27.—The local weather bureau is in receipt of the following special from Washington on the weather for today's yacht race: "Wind over the international yacht course Thursday will be light to fresh northeast, with probably cloudy weather."

Sir Thomas Lipton refuses to give up hope. He was much surprised yesterday to learn for the first time that the Shamrock III was handicapped nineteen seconds at the start in the race of the day before. "It's very bad," he said, but made no other criticism.

Found Mammoth Tooth.

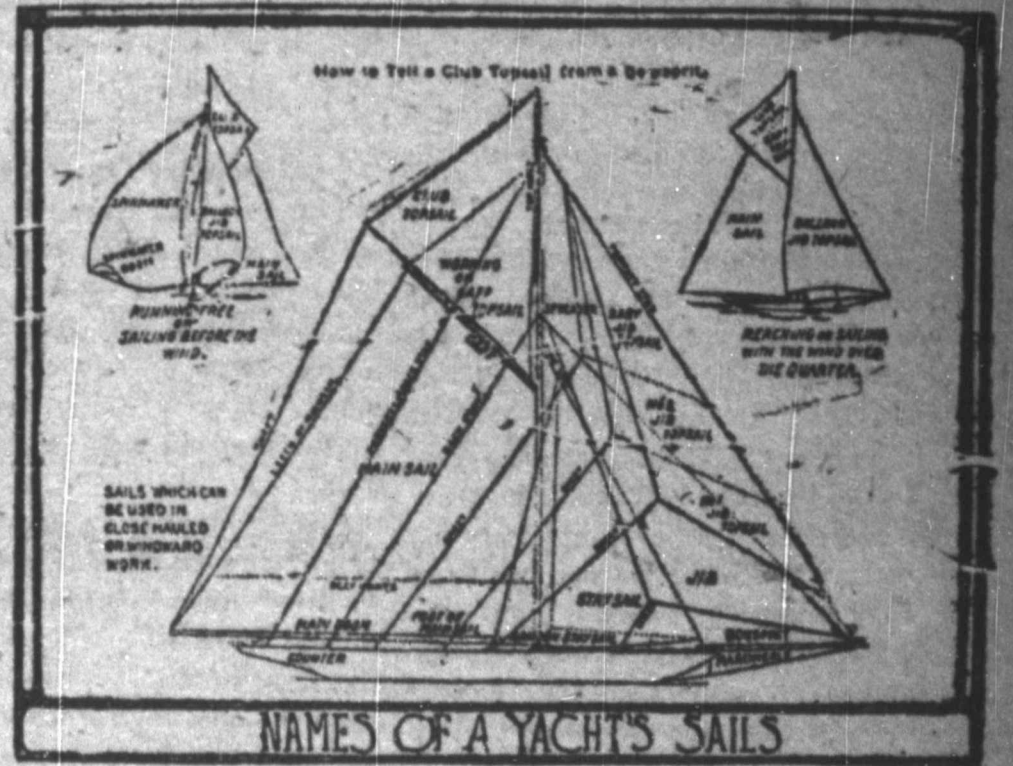
Willis, I. T., Aug. 27.—F. L. Hawkins exhibited the teeth of an enormous prehistoric animal yesterday. He made the interesting find on Mrs. Holmes Willis' farm in Red River valley, two miles east of this place. One of the teeth weighed sixty-eight ounces and is in a fine state of preservation. Its crown is serrated and the whiteness of it enamel natural as life. Mr. Hawkins reports seeing an enormous bone imbedded in the bank of the slough.

Cloudburst's Damage.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 27.—A special from Frankfort, Kan., says: The damage to farms in Nemaha and Marshall counties by yesterday's cloudburst is greater than at first estimated and is now placed at \$500,000. Great quantities of grain were swept away, while many farmers lost all their cattle and hogs, according to reports brought in here. Business at Frankfort is at a standstill. Dozens of bridges have been washed away.

Cut Has Been Heavy.

New Orleans, La., Aug. 29.—To Havana and return \$35; one way passage, first class, \$20; second class one way passage, \$15; steerage, one way, \$10. These are the new rates that will apply to the Cuban travel from this city after Sept. 1 on the Southern Pacific-New Orleans-Havana steamship line. It means a tremendous slashing of the old rates, which was almost double what the new figures are.



Needs of Alaska.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 29.—Senators Dillingham of Vermont, Burnham of New Hampshire, Patterson of Colorado and Nelson of Minnesota, comprising the senatorial party which went north two months ago to investigate Alaskan needs, arrived here yesterday. They do not favor a territorial form of government for Alaska at this time, but think Alaska should have a delegate in congress.

Calcasieu Rice Crop.

Lake Charles, La., Aug. 29.—Rice harvesting is now in full progress on the Drew plantations and the Houston river canal, west of the river, and Q. C. Perkins and Enterprise plantations on the east. Barring unfavorable harvest weather, the rice crop in the Lake Charles district will be larger and of better quality than usual. The estimated acreage is 50,000, a gain of 10 per cent over last year.

"Francis Grover Cleveland."

New York, Aug. 27.—The baby boy recently born to Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Buzzards Bay, Mass., has been christened Francis Grover Cleveland, a name selected by the other children after their father and mother.

Sea Grass is Spreading.

New Orleans, Aug. 28.—The rice planters of Southwest Louisiana are wrestling with a pest that threatens to equal the cotton boll weevil in destructiveness. It is a species of sea weed that grows so fast that it soon overshadows the growing rice and checks it. The weed in three weeks grew five feet high and literally destroyed the rice crop. The planters have appealed to the state department of agriculture and the federal agricultural department for a remedy for the evil, but so far nothing has been suggested.

Claims a Robbery.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 29.—A man who gave the name of Wilson and his residence Waxahachie reported to the sheriff's office that he had been robbed of \$325 last night while he was asleep in a tent in West Dallas. Two young men were suspected by Wilson, but the county attorney would not file an affidavit against them without evidence. Later in the day the young men were taken into custody by the city police on suspicion.

Bryan, Texas.—The prohibitionists of the county are preparing to launch a campaign paper to be called the Signal. The first edition will be issued Saturday.

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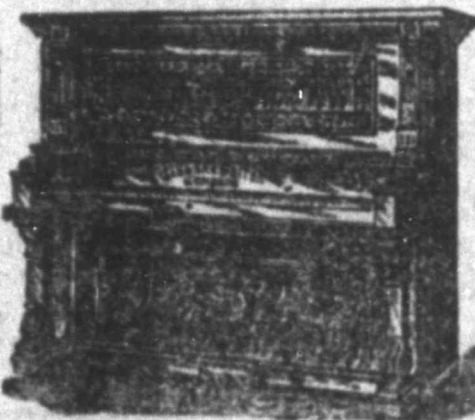
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WHEN MAN STAYS AT HOME.

'Tis Said That His Wife Soon Tires of His Company.

It is surprising how soon a wife tires of the company of a man who is too much at home. Men are wise in getting away from their roof-trees a certain portion of each day.

GOT HER "FRESH EGGS."

Landlady Was Willing to Humer Her City Boarder.

A lady cyclist from London recently decided to spend the week-end at a picturesque and secluded country spot in Surrey.

Her faith in country produce was destined, however, to be rudely shaken for, on coming down to breakfast next morning, she was greatly shocked to overhear the good landlady say to her spouse:

"The lady from Lunnon's mighty keen on fresh eggs, John. Run and get half-a-dozen from the grocer's, while I go and cackle in the yard."

Only Watermelon Appeases Her.

All negroes love watermelons, but an insane wench at Joplin has an appetite for them that is extraordinary even for a member of her race.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one divided disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh.

Alphanta zero is supposed to be only thirteen degrees below the freezing point of hydrogen. This gas solidifies at 254 degrees below zero.

\$1.00 BIG 500-POUND STEEL RANGE OFFER.

If you can use the best big 500-pound steel range made in the world, and are willing to have it placed in your own home on three months' free trial, just cut this notice out and send to SHANKS, ROSSIGNOL & CO., Chicago.

Machines are used in Sicily for extracting the oil from lemon peels. Each machine can deal with 8,000 lemons a day. One woman and one boy manage a machine, and their pay is 15 cents a day.

For Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Headache, Weak Back, Insect Bites, Burns, Bruises and Sprains Hunt's Lightning Oil cannot be equalled on earth. It is in a class to itself. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces the inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, etc.

Love is like smallpox. Sometimes you escape, but it often leaves awful scars.

Fifth year of Landon Conservatory opens Sept. 8th. The famous pianist, Edward B. Perry, is one of its teachers. Address Box 591, Dallas, Texas.

The Congo Free State has an area of 800,000 square miles and a population between 25,000,000 and 30,000,000.

A woman who loved but once, and madly loved on to the end, ought to be unappreciated.

Give a man or a woman plenty of love and a little time and you can win their hearts while you wait.

Don't often think that he is a shy dog when in reality he is but a sorry cur.

Texas News

RESPITED AT THE LAST MOMENT.

Cuero, Texas, Aug. 27.—Sam Stiles, the negro preacher under sentence of death, was not hanged yesterday. With the grim reaper's clutches almost upon him, hands and feet tied, standing on the trap while the sheriff adjusted the black cap upon his head, he was given a respite for two days by the governor, who acted upon the request of District Judge Wilson.

Within less than a minute it would have been too late.

Stiles went from his cell to the gallows, which was enclosed within a temporary structure about eighteen feet square. All about this were packed people anxious to be near, even though they saw nothing of what was going on.

made up of negroes, among them some of the members of Stiles' former congregation.

The negro was nervous, but when he mounted the scaffold and was given an opportunity to make a short address he protested that he was not the slayer of Doom Edwards. That he was an innocent man and knew nothing of the horrible crime. He was very earnest in this declaration, and it was the burden of what he had to say, though he asserted that, being innocent, he was ready to die.

He shook hands with those of his friends who were permitted to come near him, thanked the officers, and his hands and feet were pinioned. He was told to step on the trap, held up by the trigger which would be sprung in a few moments, and took his place. The sheriff took up the black cap and began adjusting it over the face of the doomed man, who never said a word of guilt even in the presence of death.

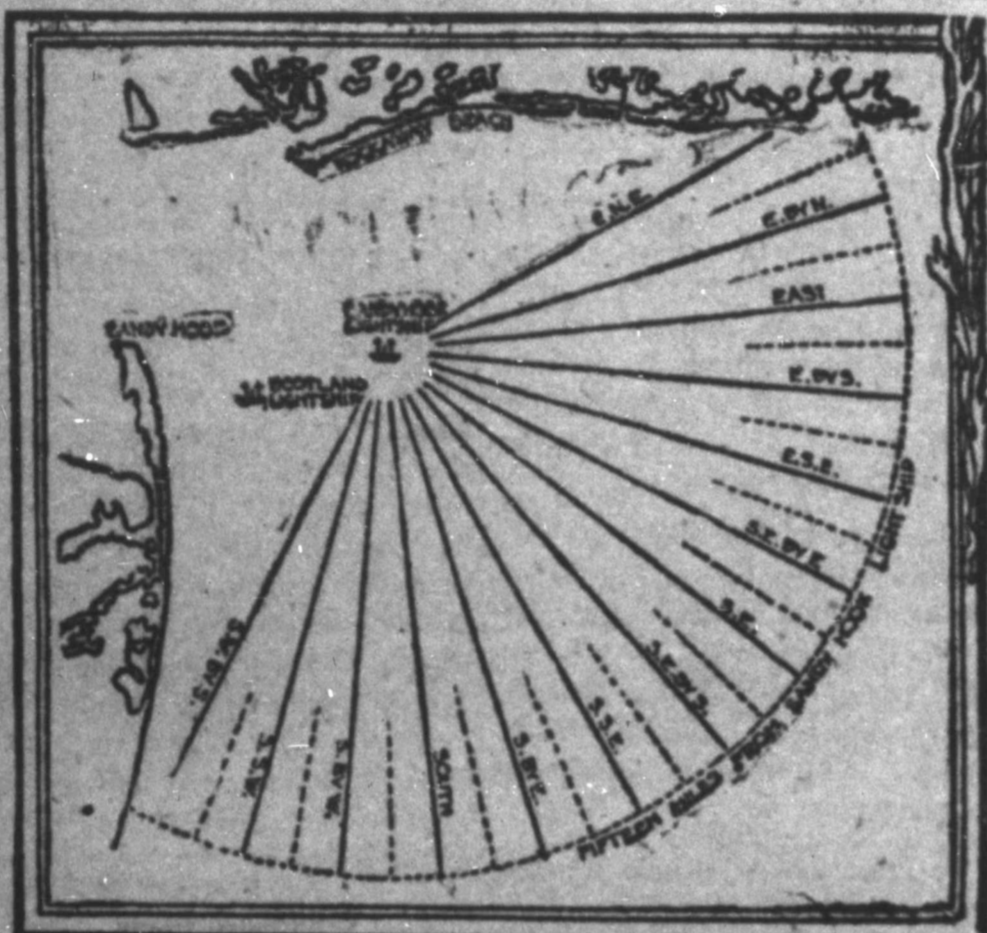


CHART OF COURSE FOR THE AMERICAN CUP RACE

A MILL AND A ROAD.

Nacogdoches Secures Two New Enterprises at One Stroke.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Aug. 25.—The Haywood Lumber Company of Davenport, Iowa, which owns 42,000 acres of pine land in the southern part of this county, has accepted a proposition from the citizens of the town and will place its big mill at this point.

After the mill is in operation it is the purpose of the management to build a line to connect with the Cotton Belt system north of Lufkin.

The big mill will be located just across the Lanana creek near the line of the Texas and New Orleans extension and will cut 100,000 feet per day and employ 500 hands.

A \$500,000 Tobacco Farm.

Nacogdoches, Texas, Aug. 27.—Mr. H. S. Edler of this place is in correspondence with a Houston capitalist, who is getting up a company of \$500,000 capital to put in a shade tobacco farm here.

Killing at Monahans.

Big Springs, Texas, Aug. 27.—Adam Hocker was killed at Monahans at 5 p. m. yesterday. Hocker, who is in the stock business, had been shooting up the town for a couple of days, and had cut E. J. McFarland, a Texas and Pacific chair car porter only a few minutes before he was killed.

Probably a Murder.

Fearland, Texas, Aug. 28.—Andy Fletcher was found yesterday afternoon dead at his residence, five miles west of town. His absence had been noticed by the neighbors, and Messrs. D. A. Young and William Schoenfeld started to see what was the matter. The found him as above stated.

Everything points to a murder, as he had just disposed of all his cattle and mules, preparatory to going to Sour Lake. Robbery is supposed to have been the motive, as he was well off. He was a bachelor. He is supposed to have been dead some four or five days.

Charles Stafford Dead.

Orange, Texas, Aug. 27.—The final sequel to the triple tragedy, which occurred in this city Sunday night, was concluded yesterday when Charles Stafford, the slayer of his wife and Charles Stokes, was buried at 5 p. m. yesterday. Stafford died early in the morning. It has been a wonder to the physicians who have been attending him how he could live with a bullet in his brain practically thirty-six hours.

Wharton Branch Case.

Liberty, Texas, Aug. 27.—The jury has been selected in the case of the state vs. Wharton Branch for the murder of W. B. Duncan in March, 1901, after exhausting the venire of 180 men. From the number of witnesses summoned by the defense it will take several days to try the case. The state is represented by Hon. S. A. McCall, district attorney, C. L. Carter, James Fagan and Judge Rayburn. The attorneys representing the defendant are Hous. W. L. Douglass, J. B. Brockman and E. T. Branch. Great interest is being manifested on both sides.

Bankrupt Stock Sold.

Sherman, Texas, Aug. 29.—George Hardwick, trustee, yesterday sold the Valadé stock of dry goods in this city to the Mason Brackney company of Sherman for \$14,719.51. The sale was ratified by Referee in Bankruptcy F. B. Dillard.

CATARRH DESTROYS THE KIDNEYS

Was Miserable---Could Not Stand Up or Walk---Pe-ru-na Cured.

Many Persons Have Catarrh and Don't Know it.

Mr. James M. Powell, 633 Troost street, Kansas City, Mo., Vice Grand of I. O. O. F. of Cherryville, Kans., writes:

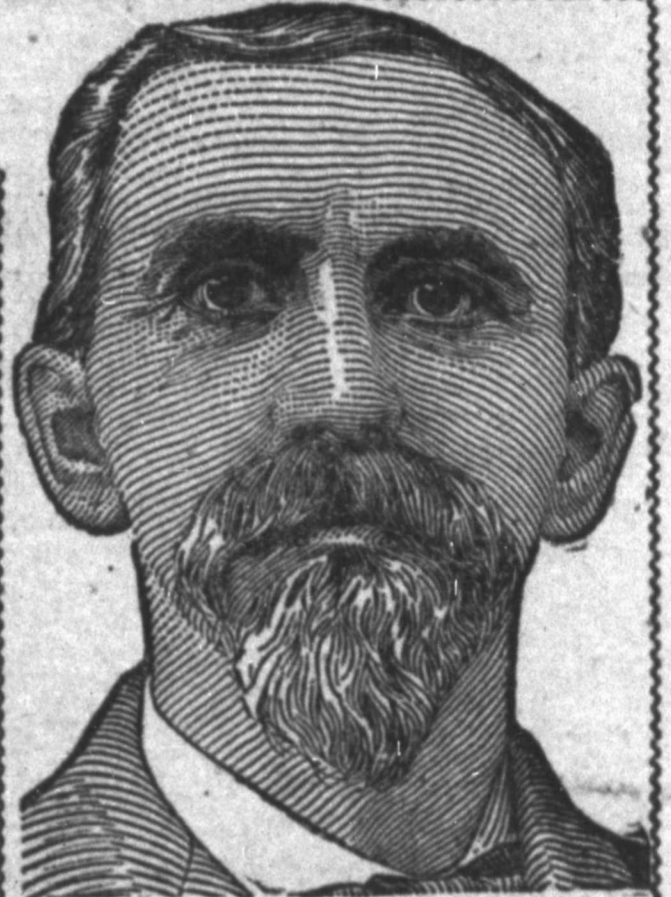
"About four years ago I suffered with a severe catarrh of the bladder, which caused continued irritation and pain. I was miserable and could not stand up or walk for any length of time without extreme weariness and pain. I began taking Peruna and it greatly relieved me, and in eleven weeks I was completely cured and felt like a new man."—James M. Powell.

Hundreds of Dollars Spent in Vain.

Mr. Cyrus Hershman, Sheridan, Ind., writes:

"Two years ago I was a sick man. Catarrh had settled in the pelvic organs, making life a burden and giving me little hope of recovery. I spent hundreds of dollars in medicine which did me no good. I was persuaded by a friend to try Peruna. I took it two weeks without much improvement, but I kept on with it and soon began to get well and strong very fast. Within two months I was cured, and have been well ever since. I am a strong advocate of Peruna."—C. Hershman.

Peruna cures catarrh of the kidneys, liver and other pelvic organs, simply because it cures catarrh wherever located.



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No other systemic catarrh remedy has as yet been devised. Insist upon having Peruna. There are no medicines that can be substituted.

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.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

Advertisement for 'TOWERS' WATERPROOF OILED CLOTHING' featuring an illustration of a man in a raincoat and a woman in a dress, with text describing the benefits of the clothing.

Advertisement for 'EDUCATIONAL' featuring an illustration of a building and text describing the University of Notre Dame and St. Mary's Academy.

Advertisement for 'ST. MARY'S ACADEMY' featuring text describing the school's location, courses, and facilities.

Eight quarts of green apples usually make more than one peck of trouble.

Deniers say that as soon as a customer tries Defiance Starch it is impossible to sell them any other cold water starch. It can be used cold or boiled.

Ten thousand French vines yield on an average only 400 gallons of wine, while the same number at the cape will give 2,800 gallons.

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

Although the Pacific ocean is comparatively free of storms—hence its name—Point Reyes, Cal., is the windiest place in the United States.

The ancient Job withstood his boils in a highly creditable manner, but if he had been afflicted with modern eczema or one of the many other similar troubles, how he would have yearned for a box of Hunt's Cure. Price 50 cents.

Official statistics shows that there are 17,000,000 children in Russia between the ages of 6 and 14 receiving absolutely no education.

Sensible Housekeepers will have Defiance Starch, not alone because they get one-third more for the same money, but also because of superior quality.

A father may disinherit his children but he cannot disinherit the lawyers.

You may live in a malarial country, but that is no reason you should have chills or fever. Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets will prevent them. Price 25 cents per box.

It's remarkable how a woman who has a dimple in her chin nearly always has one right above her knee.

STOP! STOP! STOP! You know you have let your house go long enough without painting it. We do all kinds of work.

W. T. CAMP & SONS, 510 Fannin St., Houston, Texas.

Some men don't know how much they are worth; most don't know how little.

Advertisement for 'SAWYER'S EXCELSIOR BRAND Slickers and Oiled Clothing' featuring a circular logo and text describing the product's quality and availability.

Advertisement for 'Largest Machine Shops and Foundry in Texas' featuring text describing the services offered by F. F. Collins Mfg. Co.

Advertisement for 'RISOS CURE FOR CONSUMPTION' featuring text describing the medicine's effectiveness and contact information.

W. N. U. HOUSTON, NO. 32-1908

Social Items.

H. Asher has returned from St. Louis.

Dan McLean has returned from St. Louis.

Try Chamberlain's perfumes and sweet soaps.

What has become of our county correspondents?

Miss Ada Haile left Sunday night for St. Louis.

Saddles, Bridles and Harness at the Big Store cheap.

The Big Store has just received the newest style hats.

Corn chops going at \$1.00 per sack at the Big Store.

The county has bought a pair of mules for road work.

Save money by taking your prescriptions to Crysups.

Miss Frances Wootters will leave Friday for Lufkin.

C. L. Shivers has moved his stock of goods to Kennard.

R. L. Aldrich has returned from his trip to the Pacific coast.

Stanton the barber solicits your patronage. Shave 10c. 1-m

Miss Annie Stokes has returned from San Antonio and Del Rio.

Call on Stanton the barber when in need of good work. Shave 10c.

Jas. S. Shivers and H. G. Bargman have returned from St. Louis.

Stanton the barber gives good results for the money. Shave 10c.

You can buy 80 lbs. of good rice for a dollar at the Big Store.

Buy anti-rust tinware from the Big Store. Every piece guaranteed.

The Houston County Medical Association was in session here Tuesday.

The Big Store can give you a price on Furniture that will surprise you.

An American dollar buys 20 lbs of fancy Y. C. Sugar from the Big Store.

Anything carried by a first-class drug store can be had at Crysups' at a low price.

Leroy Moore left Tuesday evening for Jacksonville where he will again enter school.

If you need a stove this fall buy a Darling. They are best; you find them at the Big Store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Painter and little girl arrived Wednesday evening from Galveston.

A beautiful line of fall percales and gingham "just the thing" for school wear at the Big Store.

Rev. H. H. Hamilton will preach at the Christian church Sunday at 11 o'clock and night at eight.

Let the Big Store make you prices on your first fall bill. They'll save you some money.

Take your beeswax to the Big Store. They will give you the highest market price for same.

For Sale.

My farm, stock and dairy business. F. M. CAMBELL.

Daniel & Burton want 50,000 more Nut Cracker tobacco tags at a half cent each in goods at cash prices. 2-m

For Sale.

The Crockett Hotel property. Apply to H. M. Heath, Groveton, Texas. 4t

Those officers who give their orders for stationery and blanks to outside concerns in preference to home offices should need to send off their votes when election time comes around.

TO THE PEOPLE OF Houston County:

For the past few months I have allowed my stock of drugs and toilet articles to decrease in numbers. I will in a short time have filled my vacant space with fancy and toilet articles, and will have on hand the most complete line of the purest and freshest drugs that has ever been handled in Crockett. I am paying more attention to my prescription business than ever before and am using the very best drugs that money can buy. When your doctor prescribes a 6-ounce mixture, I deliver to you 6 ounces of the best medicines properly compounded. I do not cut it down to a 3 ounce mixture, charging you a smaller amount, thus making you believe you are saving from 25 to 50 per cent by trading with me. Water is cheap, but I do not replace half of your medicine with it in order to lessen the price. No druggist that uses the purest and best drugs, and gives you honest dealing, can fill your prescriptions any cheaper than I can. I buy in large quantities, thus getting a greater discount than the majority of my drug friends. My prescription business is increasing, due to the interest I take in it, and the proper care with which I compound them.

Entrust your prescriptions to my care, bring them where you know they will be filled carefully and accurately. Your doctor wants them filled right and to contain the purest and freshest drugs—for in their virtue is where his success lies.

Faithfully submitted,
B. F. CHAMBERLAIN,
The Prescription Druggist.

Rev. E. L. Crawford was sick Sunday and the Methodist pulpit was occupied by Rev. H. W. Moore.

The second bale of cotton was brought in Wednesday by Heber Bruton and sold to J. W. Hail for 11.60.

Mr. Joe Adams and family, Dr. H. J. Canyus and family and Hon. and Mrs. C. C. Stokes have returned from Del Rio.

Dr. Jones, Dentist, Crockett, saves teeth—others extract, makes teeth without plates, and will take your approved note for work.

Miss Lucile Benedict left Tuesday evening for her home at Whitewright, after a very pleasant visit with her aunt, Mrs. Thos. Self.

A federal officer took Shed Thaniel, the negro who burglarized the Porter Springs postoffice, to the federal jail at Tyler a few days since.

Beeswax.

The Big Store will buy all the beeswax you bring them and will pay the highest market price for same.

We are informed that when Mrs. Leaverton gets her new residence completed she will have her yard fence put on a line with that of the public school campus.

The party of Crockett ladies at Corpus Christi, Mrs. Virginia Collins, Mrs. Henrietta Wynne, Mrs. J. W. Hail and Mrs. John Legory, have returned home.

J. W. McHenry and Nat Patton of the eastern part of the county were here Wednesday. C. M. Taylor of the same section has gone to Jacksonville to attend school.

Dr. W. C. Miller of Belott happened to a painful and serious accident at his home. He fell from the doorway and broke several ribs Sunday night. It is feared that he will not recover.

Avoid serious results of Kidney or bladder disorder by taking Foley's Kidney Cure. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Mrs. R. Lee Joiner of Caldwell has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. E. Wellburn, during the past week.

Crysups has the freshest stock of drugs, the choicest perfumes and soaps, an elegant line of stationery and in short the best of everything at the lowest prices.

A young negro was arrested for circulating spurious coin Thursday of last week, but turned loose. The coin was pronounced worthless, but not counterfeit, as it had nothing on it.

Maverick-Clarke's bill against the county for stationery at the spring term of the commissioners' court was \$517.14 and Maverick-Clarke never contribute one cent to the county's tax.

A doctor's prescription is your own property. You can have it filled at any drug store, provided they have the drugs. You can have it filled accurately and promptly from the freshest of drugs at Crysups.

For Sale.

A scholarship in Tyler College, Tyler, Texas. Write for particulars and state whether you want a commercial, shorthand or literary course. Address COURIER, Crockett, Texas.

Capt. Hunter, Editor Gipson and Hyman Harrison of Palestine were in Crockett Monday to investigate the working of prohibition from an anti standpoint. G. A. Wright of the same place was here to see for the pro side.

The court house officials are continually worked by an agent of Maverick-Clark, Barnard and other outside printeries. Times are hard enough in Houston county now without sending any more money out than is absolutely necessary.

The tax assessor has finished his rolls and the total property valuation of Houston county is now \$5,014,445. The rolls show an increase over last year of \$868,070, nearly a million. The increase in the school fund is \$11,136. This is due largely to the raise in taxable valuations by the last board of equalization.

Sheriff E. B. Hale left Tuesday for Hondo City, west of San Antonio, after an escaped convict named E. D. Martin, who was sent to the penitentiary from this county in 1896 for horse theft, and who soon after escaped from one of the convict farms and has been at large ever since. The sheriff will take him back to the penitentiary.

It is about time something was being done in the sidewalk line. This time last year the subject was being agitated with some good results. G. Q. King, W. A. Norris and others made good walks along one of the streets leading south from the square and walks were improved in other parts of the town. We would like to see renewed interest in the matter and that before the muddy season sets in. Fences will have to be set in in many places before good walks can be made.

Mrs. V. Streeter was painfully hurt in a runaway accident Sunday morning. She had accompanied her husband to the ice house on the ice wagon, where he got off and turned to help his wife off. Just as he did so, the team became frightened and started to run. Mrs. Streeter became entangled in the lines in some way and was dragged a short distance before getting released. Her injuries were pronounced very painful, but not dangerous. This is the second time this team has run away lately.

FIRST BALE OF THE NEW CROP Was Brought in by J. L. Reynolds and Sold for \$86.25 Seed and All.

The first bale of Houston county's new cotton crop was ginned and sold at Crockett Saturday. It was raised by J. L. Reynolds, who lives a short distance west of town. The bale was an unusually heavy one, weighing 605 pounds—weighed by Bennett & Son. Mr. Reynolds sold the cotton to J. C. Wootters & Co. at 13 cents per lb. which brought him \$78.65. He sold the seed to the Houston Co. Oil Mill & Mfg. Co. at \$12.00 a ton which brought him \$7.60, making a total of \$86.25 for his cotton and seed. The cotton classed middling.

This season's first bale is three weeks and three days later than last year. The first bale last year was brought in by D. C. Francis on August 5. We were unable to ascertain what it sold for. Year before last the crop was not so early as last, the first bale being brought in on August 14 by W. R. Wherry and sold to W. J. Mathews for 7 1/2 cents. Thus it will be seen that the present crop is fifteen days later than that of 1901.

BARBER SHOP MOVED.

V. B. Tunstall has moved his barber shop to the store vacated by C. L. Shivers. He wants his friends and customers to know that he has one of the best barbers in the state, Mr. Frank Gandolph, lately of Houston, with him and that he gives the best of service. His new shop is on the east side of the public square, next to Chamberlain's drug store. In his new location he will have a shop first-class in every particular and he respectfully solicits the patronage of the public.

Surprise Party.

On Wednesday evening, August 28, a few couples formed a party and drove out to the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Hail, where indeed you come in touch with the old-time southern hospitality. The party formed was complimentary to Mrs. Ripley and intended for a surprise, but Dame Rumor has swift wings, and it only takes an "inkling" for Mrs. Ripley to be equal to any emergency.

The porch was very attractive and inviting. Rugs, chairs, settees and tables were awaiting our coming. Six-handed enclre was played at some tables, high-five and "hearts" at others.

At seven thirty or eight a most delicious and tempting menu was served—hot coffee, chicken, croquettes, potato chips, olives and beaten biscuit. Then the porch was cleared and dancing was indulged in until the clock chimed the hour of parting. Every one spent a delightful time and Mrs. Ripley sustained her name as being a charming hostess.

A Novel Birthday Party.

On last Thursday afternoon one of the most enjoyable and rare events of the season was a birthday party given by Mrs. T. D. Craddock to her little daughter, Janet of three, and her twin cousin, Weldon. The invitations read thus: "Come to our birthday party and fish with Weldon and me. We are expecting to have a good time, as you will be sure to see." And as the wee tots of their acquaintance arrived, each bringing some remembrance of the day, they were invited out on the beautiful lawn, for which nature had done so much, to participate in games; and how they did romp and play, until they were



Between Life and Death.

the conscientious druggist stands shoulder to shoulder with the physician. We don't prescribe; but we do fill physicians' prescriptions accurately and correctly. Furthermore, our prices are not excessive. It's to your interest to bring your prescriptions here.

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called to partake of the refreshing ice cream and cakes, for which a special table had been built on the lawn just high enough for the little ones to stand. The birthday cake was placed in the center of the table on which was 3 green candles and on either side the letters J. W. in red. Then came the fishing, and every little girl and boy caught a pretty red or green basket filled with bonbons, and then all were grouped together in front of the table and Miss Jessie Jones took their picture. When the goodbyes were said and all were gone, there were not two happier children to be found than Janet and Weldon.

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Complimentary to the Lotus Club.

The young ladies of Crockett gave a reception and dance to members of the Lotus Club and friends at the club rooms Monday evening. The affair was novel and unique in more ways than one. The young ladies made out a list of the young gentlemen and the former did the checking of names as the latter have been accustomed to do. Each young lady then invited the young man whose name she had checked to come to the reception and dance. The boys were well pleased until it was noised around that there would be more boys than girls—that some of the girls had invited two young men—when there was great uneasiness lest some of them should become wall-flowers. The young ladies reversed the usual manner of filling the programs and did the asking for dances themselves. The countenances of the timid and faint-hearted young men brightened up when they saw that there was no cause for any further alarm and that all would be given a chance to dance. The grand march was led by Mrs. Ripley and D. A. Nunn, jr., which was a beautiful spiral figure. The third number on the program was a cotillon, which was led by Miss Frances Wootters and J. W. Young, and was very pretty. Waltzes and two-steps alternated the remainder of the evening. There were about twenty couples on the floor and a number present, including married couples, who did not participate in the dancing. Punch was served by Mrs. Chas. May and Mrs. Thos. Self. The event was the swellest and most enjoyable had at the club rooms in a long time.

Group.

Usually begins with the symptoms of a common cold; there is chilliness, sneezing, sore throat, hot skin, quick pulse, hoarseness and impeded respiration. Give frequent small doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, (the child will cry for it) and at the first sign of a croupy cough, apply frequently Ballard's Snow Liment externally to the throat. 50c at Smith & French Drug Co's.

BANNER SALVE

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THE COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Publisher

If there is any one thing that will prove a boon to Crockett more than any other in wet weather it is good sidewalks. Why not begin now to make them?

Property owners who have their fences setting out across the sidewalk should pull them in. Beg pardon, we did not mean across the sidewalk, but where the sidewalk should be.

Those of a patriotic turn who want to do something for their county and who have the time should go to work and get up an exhibit for the East Texas carnival to be held at Palestine.

The court house well needs cleaning out very badly. Water in a town where a man can get nothing else to drink should be pure and wholesome. This can not be said of that coming from the court house well.

Perhaps if the court house well were cleaned out our people would take to drinking water with more of a relish. Those who have been accustomed to something stronger can not be expected to be content with "any old kind" of water just because they are forced to drink it.

Those gentlemen who sit around the streets from early morning till late evening with apparently nothing to do have a chance to do something for the town and county by taking hold of the matter of a Houston county exhibit at the East Texas carnival to be held at Palestine Sept. 16, 17 and 18.

For the convenience of the country people as well as the town people the court house well should be cleaned out. There is nothing so pleasing to a tired man on a hot afternoon as to be able to go to a well, draw a bucket of cool, pure water and to drink from the bucket to his heart's content. This he can not do at the court house well. He can draw the bucket of water easily enough, but he can drink it only under difficulty—with his eyes shut and through his teeth.

The COURIER regrets that Anderson county has made an effort to drag Houston county into her prohibition fight now on. There was enough bitterness and strife stirred up in this county last year to take years to overcome without being pulled into another county's fight. We are informed that campaigners were here this week offering free transportation and other inducements to Crockett citizens who would go to Palestine and work in the election.

In another column we publish an article from John R. McIver in regard to the effect of prohibition in Crockett and Houston county. We publish it as paid matter and in explanation of why we do, will say: First, it is in reply to an article published in another paper. It is an established rule among well regulated newspapers that an article in reply to another article should be published through the same medium through which the article being replied to was published, thus reaching the same readers reached by the first article. No newspaper should be called upon to publish an article in reply to an article published in another paper. Second, it is in reply to a paid article. Third, the representative newspapers over the state are charging advertising rates for publishing matter on either side of the prohibition question, other than their own editorial views. They are doing this not as a

source of deriving revenue, but to protect their columns from the burden of any and everything that flows in from the enthusiastic supporters of both sides. The article of our friend, Mr. McIver, is in support of his side of the question and so we make a charge for the publication. Fourth, an article on either side of the prohibition question will likely bring out a lengthy reply from the other side and our space is too limited to be thus encroached upon without some remuneration. As to our own views, they have always been given in a plain, straightforward manner and will continue so to be. Realizing that there is now no campaign on in this county, we have no comment to make on the situation.

When a little work is given out at the court house to the printers they are asked to bid on it, as in the case of the delinquent tax list, for instance. While 25 cents per tract is the established price all over the state and that sum is charged to the delinquent for the expense of advertising, competitive bids among Houston county papers have forced the price down to 9¢ cents. It is all right for the county to get the list printed as cheap as possible, but under present conditions the COURIER would prefer bidding on a contract to ride the mail. It would be at least more remunerative, and the work not near so hard.

No campaign matter in the pending local option contest will be published in this paper for either side unless paid for at regular advertising rates, which can be had on application. No deviation from this rule will be made under any circumstances.—Gilmer Mirror.

That is the position the Tribune takes. It is also the course pursued by the Nacogdoches papers, the Bryan papers, the Marlin papers, the Bell county papers, the Wood county papers and hundreds of others throughout the state who regard their space worth something, and which were not started exclusively for prohibition or anti-prohibition purposes.—Lufkin Tribune.

Two Noted Prosecutors.

Folk of St. Louis has put stripes on Missouri bootleggers and bribe-takers. He has sent into exile bribe-givers, men who were notoriously rich and brazenly venal when it was a matter of franchise grabbing. Folk of Missouri has purified the political atmosphere and has made politics decent in that grand old commonwealth. Reward will come to him for his fearless discharge of duty and his merciless prosecution of corrupt men, who were leaders of his own party. Even Senator Stone hasn't escaped defilement and his association with senatorial captains of an illegitimate industry has brought discredit upon his name and dragged his toga in the mire. The people of Missouri have decided to drive from power men high in office and men who are high in the confidence of the Democratic party. There are clean men among those who have been marked, but like old dog Tray, they have been running with disreputable dogs. Folk is to be made the Democratic candidate for governor, and every man identified with slum legislation and booze debauchery must walk the gang plank. There is to be house-cleaning in Missouri, where Democratic politicians have betrayed their people and brought reproach upon their party. A new broom is said to sweep clean and the Folk broom will doubtless sweep into the sewer of oblivion the most disreputable horde that has ever infested the halls of legis-

lation in the history of the West. An honest man has conquered an army of disreputables and has demonstrated that the people are clean even if their servants, their leaders, are mercenary and given to foul means and methods.

There is another prosecutor in New York who has fought corruption, fought influence, wealth, and all the hosts that the politicians and their claqueurs could enlist against him. Jerome of New York, single-handed and alone, warred upon vice, upon the political blackmailers and every species of scoundrelism that infested New York. He fought fearlessly and intelligently and he placed in prison cells men who defied the law for years and had sneered at the reformers who demanded the enforcement of all laws and the ostracism from public life of men who flaunted their shame in the face of society and pilfered taxpayers as the pirates of old held up ships on the high seas.

The other day Jerome prosecuted and convicted Samuel Parks, a labor leader and a walking delegate. A jury found him guilty of extortion, and the punishment for extortion in the state of New York is from one to five years in the penitentiary. Parks ordered strikes and then called them off for a financial consideration. In name of labor he crucified labor and blackmailed capital. He had the soft tongue of the demagogue, and the heart of a grafter and plied his calling as brazenly as any highwayman that ever presented pistol to the head of a victim on a public highway.

Parks will wear stripes, and he deserves to wear stripes. He betrayed his fellow toilers, he brought reproach upon organized labor, and his methods compelled employers to band together for protection. Jerome of New York should be made governor of the Empire State. It is something to have a brave, fearless and upright man in a high place, to show the venal that clean men are the preferred men and that clean politics is a demand of the hour.—Dallas Times Herald.

The Marble Falls Messenger says: "A farmer near Marble Falls lost a valuable horse a few days ago, and says he could have saved the animal if he could have purchased a few ounces of chloroform. The people will stand just one more legislature like the last one, and they will rise up with clubs and proceed to the business of killing fools."

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