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## Dan J. Kennedy Says:

**W**E will have a great line of HOLIDAY GOODS on display at the RACKET STORE from now till Xmas. Our clerks will be rushed to their full capacity to wait on the trade. And we have this request to make of you. **DON'T WAIT TILL THE LAST WEEK BEFORE XMAS TO BRING IN YOUR TICKETS TO EXCHANGE FOR GOODS.** You can readily see why we ask this. A few days and the trade is all over, and if you take up the time with your tickets we miss the sales.

**WE WILL NOT TAKE UP TICKETS IF CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE THE CASH TO PAY ARE WAITING.**

So you had better come before the last week with tickets if you want us to take them up. Respectfully,

**YELLOW FRONT & RACKET STORES,**  
DAN J. KENNEDY, Proprietor.

### GENEROUS TEXAS.

#### World's Fair Visitors Will be Supplied With Elberta Peaches—Texas' Great Agricultural Exhibit.

Special to the COURIER.

St. Louis, December 7.—Texas will keep open house at St. Louis during the World's Fair, and will entertain in a style in harmony with the Lone Star State's reputation for open-handed generosity, and on a scale in accord with the magnitude of her vast domain and resources.

Every visitor to the imposing five pointed star-shaped structure that will be headquarters for Texans at the World's Fair will carry away lasting impression of the largest state in the Union.

During the peach season two days each week will be designated as "peach days" on which occasions large quantities of Elberta peaches will be served free to all visitors. All during the exposition period, as the fruit seasons succeed one another, other fruits will be dispensed in the same way as the peaches.

Cape Jasmine, that wonderful flower of the southland, with its creamy, white blossoms and delightful and subtle perfume, will be provided by the Texas commission in unlimited quantities, and every lady visitor may wear away a spray fastened to her corsage and the gentlemen may have their lapels adorned with the beautiful blossoms. Among the other attractive souvenirs supplied will be cotton balls to which neat badges are attached. Large Texas pecans fashioned into scarf pins will also be distributed among visitors.

Texas' agricultural products will form one of the most striking features in the Palace of Agriculture. A space 100 feet square has been set aside for this purpose. The exhibit was designed by T. Graham, of Fort Worth, who has charge of the agriculture exhibits. A design of unique architectural conception stands in the center. This is built of four great stars, set square, and crowned with a circular colonnade, forming a large and ornate pagoda, built of the agricultural products of Texas. Surrounding the 100 foot square

space is a fence as interesting as the pagoda. The base is built of miniature bales of cotton and hay. The palings are glass tubes filled with grains grown on Texas soil. The posts between the sections are palms. The top railing is composed of another layer of miniature cotton bales.

On the space inside the enclosure on one side is a large table three feet high the border of which is made up of glass covered bins showing more products of Texas soil. On the center of the table is reproduced in the miniature a typical Texan cotton plantation, with negroes working in the field, horses, wagons, etc. On another side, on a similar table, will be an exposition of the rice-growing industry. The rice fields, the irrigation ditches, the methods of cultivating and harvesting the crop will be entertainingly shown. This section will be particularly interesting in that the story of the "top and bottom" of the soil will be told. Three hundred feet below the surface where the rice grows are the oil prospects, and the story of the Texas oil fields will form an interesting part of the exhibit.

Another side will be given to the reproduction of a great West Texas cattle ranch, with its wind mills, etc. The picture for East Texas will be the reproduction of a model small fruit and truck farm.

Among some of the big things that Texas will show in agriculture may be mentioned, Johnson grass 16 feet long; alfalfa 27 feet long and cucumbers weighing 50 pounds.

Sam H. Dixon, in charge of the horticulture exhibit, says that on each day of the exposition there will be fruit, fresh and fair, displayed on the exhibit tables. When the exposition opens on April 30 the Texas strawberry harvest will be nearing the end, and many of the choicest berries will be kept in cold storage that they may adorn the tables on April 30.

Another fruit that Texas will make a great display of will be Japanese persimmons. These are vastly different from the pockery sort grown in the northern forests, and which are not edible until frost. In Texas the Japanese

persimmon ripens on the tree, attains a size of 11 by 12 inches in diameter, and possesses a delicious flavor. The exhibit will also contain fine specimens of lemons, oranges and pineapples.

Texas is one of the leading nut producing states, her pecan orchards being the most extensive in the world. Last year 500 car loads of these nuts were placed on the market. Honey is another product of which Texas will make a splendid exhibit.

There are twenty three fruit associations in Texas which have made arrangements whereby the World's Fair commission will obtain for display a certain percentage of all fruit shipped and thus a fresh supply is insured for every day.

Texas will play an interesting part in the universal tobacco exhibit which will be a feature of the agriculture building. Texas tobacco growers claim they produce a grade of tobacco that cannot be distinguished from the best Cuban tobaccos. They claim to have a soil identical with Cuba's, the same temperature and the same humidity of the atmosphere.

Work on Texas' star shaped building on the Plateau of States at the World's Fair is progressing nicely, and the unique and handsome structure will be ready for the furnishings by Jan. 1.

### Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston county, on the 24th day of Nov. A. D. 1903, by the clerk thereof, in the case of R. F. Hall versus J. H. Reeves, No. 4806 and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on Tuesday, the 5th day of Jan. A. D. 1904, at the court house door in Houston county, State of Texas, the following described property to-wit: 100 acres of land situated about 14 miles N. E. from the town of Crockett and being a part of a tract of 121 acres of land known as the Brasher land and fully described in deed of plaintiff to defendant of even date of said notes as follows: Beginning at S. W. corner of Wm. Heath survey on west B line of R. R. Russell league 2 P. O. S. mkd X. Thence with said north line to Rose bayou. Thence up said bayou with its meanderings to the Frank Robinson east B. line. Thence south with said Robinson line to his S. E. cor. on said Heath south B. line A. B. J. 12 in brs. N. 70 W. 3 vrs. Do 12 in mkd X hrs. S. 52 deg. E. 31-10 vrs. Thence with said north south B. line 636 vrs. to the beginning levied on as the property of J. H. Reeves to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$505.25 in favor of R. F. Hall and cost of suit.

Given under my hand this the 25 day of Nov., A. D. 1903.  
E. B. HALE, Sheriff.

## MURDER AND ASSAULT.

### A KILLING SURROUNDED BY CONSIDERABLE MYSTERY AND SPECULATION.

#### Olin English Dead and Jack English in Jail With His Head Badly Beaten Up—Four Others Implicated—Boot-Legging.

Last Saturday morning between 4 and 5 o'clock officers at the Kennard mill, Messrs. J. C. Lacy and B. M. Jones, were sent for, to go to a logging camp near Hagerville where a murder had been committed and an assault made. When the officers reached the scene they found one man dead with his throat cut and another with his head badly beaten and in a precarious condition. The latter was a man past middle life, Jack English, and the former, the dead man, a younger man and a cousin, Olin English. The assault and killing were in about 300 yards of the logging camp, where the two Englishes had built a camp-fire in the woods. Jack English said that he and the murdered man were asleep around the camp-fire and that the first he knew of any crime being committed was when he was struck over the head with a heavy bottle and a pine knot and stomped. He sprang to his feet and his assailants fled. In the pale glow of the dim fire light a ghastly view confronted his awakening. Olin English was dead with his throat slashed from ear to ear. The officers immediately placed Jack English under arrest. He said that four men had been there during the early part of the night and that after they had left he and the dead man had gone to sleep. He gave their names as George McKinney, Rans McKinney, Jim Grant and Steve Ramsey. They were found at work at the logging camp Saturday and arrested. They claimed that Jack English was a "boot-legger"; that he had come in Friday evening from Lufkin with a back load of whisky and struck camp, ready for business; that they went over Friday night and bought whisky from him and found Olin English there; that they all rolled dice and drank together and that late in the night they left Jack and Olin there together. They claimed to know nothing of the murder. The five men were brought to Crockett Sunday by Officers Lacy and Jones and are being held. The officers say that two of them will be able to make bond. It is not known whether the two Englishes got into a fight and one killed the other or whether they were assaulted while asleep according to Jack English's story. County Attorney Spence and Sheriff Hale went to Kennard Tuesday to work up evidence in the case and our readers may expect new developments next week.

### Negro Cutting Scrape.

An affray in which knives and an ox-yoke figured occurred Wednesday night of last week three

miles east of Crockett on the Pennington road. Bob Terry and son, Sherman, negroes, had put up some hogs belonging to Willis LaRue, another negro. The latter, accompanied by two of his sons, went to Terry's house and the row started. An ox-yoke and knives were brought into use and the Terrys got the worst of the fight, both of them getting badly cut and beaten up. Pomp LaRue is accused of doing the cutting, and while no lives were lost, the affair was a bloody one.

### KILLING AT AUGUSTA.

#### Bob McMillan, a White Man, Shoots Lewis Martin, a Negro, With a Shot Gun.

Last Friday morning as Lewis Martin, colored, was standing in Ellis Tims' store at Augusta he was shot and killed by Bud McMillan, a white farmer. He was standing near the stove and when the load of shot, fired from the door, struck him in the back of the head he plunged forward, dead, not even taking his hands from his pockets, where he had them on account of being cold. McMillan gave as his reason for committing the deed that on the evening preceding, the negro had cursed him violently, applied vile epithets and threatened his life; that he believed his life was in danger and so fired the fatal shot in protection of same. It is said that he first looked in Kennedy Bros.' store for his victim and not finding him there, went on to Tims'. It developed that McMillan and Martin had had trouble the day before at which time friends of McMillan had prevented bloodshed. Friday morning McMillan took his gun, hunted up the negro and killed him. McMillan surrendered to the constable at Augusta and was bailed by the justice of the peace.

### Conference Appointments.

Palestine District—J. B. Sears, presiding elder; Palestine station, H. C. Willis; Elkhart circuit, A. L. Houston; Grapeland circuit, J. E. Morgan; Augusta circuit, J. B. Luker; Kennard circuit, J. W. Albritton; Crockett station, G. A. Leclere; Crockett circuit, to be supplied; Trinity and Lovelady circuit, H. J. Hayes; Groveton circuit, Jessie Lee; Jacksonville station, B. H. Greathouse; Jacksonville circuit, J. M. Smith; Chaplain East Texas penitentiary, J. L. Dawson; conference secretary, J. B. Sears; financial agent Alexandria Collegiate Institute, J. E. Green.

### Letter From a Negro.

CROCKETT, Dec. 5.

ED. COURIER:—Please publish the following facts concerning the negroes fleeing from the bull weevil: Excitement running high among the negroes. It is all a shame. The faithful, honest, industrious and upright negro can find help, very present help indeed, if he'll only be faithful and honest in the discharge of duties and stop being carried away by the sound of every wind of doctrine that he hears. I speak this from self experience. What is good for one negro is good for all. Yours for the building up of the negro race, B. H. MARTIN.

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With Your Christmas Shopping



### FLOOR COVERINGS

Granite Art Squares, 3x3 yards.....\$4.00  
 Granite Art Squares, 3x4 yards.....\$4.75  
 All Wool Ingrain Art Squares, 3x4 yds., conventional designs, red and white, blue and white, green and red, each.....\$10.00  
 Brussels Art Squares, 3x4 yards.....\$19.00  
 Jute Rugs, 36x72 inches, various colors.....\$1.00  
 Bengal Smyrna Rugs, 30x60 inches.....\$1.25  
 Westminster Smyrna Rugs, 36x72 inches.....\$3.00  
 Brussels Rugs, 27x58 ins. \$1.50  
 Moquette Rugs, 18x36 ins \$1.00  
 Moquette Rugs, 28x63 ins \$2.40  
 Moquette Rugs, 36x72 ins \$4.00  
 Axminster Rugs, 27x56, fringed.....\$2.50

Some people always have a hard time deciding what to give for Christmas presents, so perhaps a few suggestions from us will not come amiss. The things mentioned in this list always make acceptable and useful gifts. We are quoting some very attractive prices on these goods, and we'd like to have you come and examine the articles.

<b>Men's Collars</b> 1/2 Dozen Cluett & Peabody Collars, any size, any style, 1 1/2 in. front, 1 1/2 in. back, to 2 1/2 in. front, 2 in. back, the 1/2 dozen.....75c	<b>Men's Hose</b> 1/2 Dozen Pairs Fine Black Cotton or Gray Lisle Hose, the latter with white and black silk emb'd., regular 35c pr., the 1/2 doz. for....\$1.50	<b>Men's Handkerchiefs</b> Fine Silk Handkerchiefs, white centers with colored borders, or colored centers with fancy borders, each 25 cents to.....\$1.50
<b>Men's Gloves</b> We have some genuine Bearskin Gloves, the best quality and always very comfortable this cold weather, a pair.....\$1.00	<b>Ladies' Hose</b> 1/2 Dozen Pairs Black Cotton Hose, with black or white feet, extra fine quality, the regular 40c kind, the 1/2 doz. for.....\$1.75	<b>Ladies' Shawls</b> Knitted Silk Squares, with heavy fringe, in blue, pink, white and black, very dainty and beautiful, each \$1.50 to.....\$3.00

### What is Better Than a Comfortable Rocker?

Child's hardwood rocker, painted red or yellow, very durable, price.....65c  
 Child's solid oak rocker, cane seat, spindle back and arms, nicely finished.... 98c  
 Ladies' solid oak rocker, cane seat, spindle back, turned rounds, price.....\$1.49  
 Large oak rocker, fancy shaped arms and back, upholstered spring seat...\$2.98  
 Ladies' wicker rocker, close woven cane seat, strong and well made, velvet headrest, price.....\$2.75  
 Large willow rocker, heart shaped back, has roll top and arms, a beauty.....\$5.25



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Cotton, heavily fleeced, stripes in two-toned effects, beautiful colors, used for wrappers, bath robes, house gowns, etc., a pr. 75c  
 10 1/2 heavy cotton blankets, white with colored border, a pair.....\$1.00  
 10 1/2 extra heavy ones, pr. \$1.50  
 10 1/2 wool blankets, dark red, \$2 to.....\$3.00  
 10 1/2 wool blankets, fine selected stock, white with blue border a pair.....\$3.00  
 10 1/2 white wool blankets, a pair.....\$3.25  
 11 1/2 California blankets, blue and white plaid, very fine...\$6.00

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#### A Handsomely Illustrated Magazine and the Courier for the Price of One.

The great publishing house of Rand McNally & Co., Chicago, have long been noted for their maps, school books and other publications, all more or less familiar to both old and young. Among these publications is "Farm Life," an illustrated magazine for farm folks, which is unquestionably the leading publication for the farm home, each issue containing much splendid information of a practical value to every member of the household. The COURIER is pleased to announce that it has completed arrangements whereby its readers may obtain "Farm Life" absolutely free. In order to stimulate advance payment of subscriptions, we will offer for a limited time THE COURIER and "Farm Life" for \$1.00 a year, the subscription price of the COURIER, payable in advance. Old subscribers can take advantage of this offer by paying up all arrearages and \$1.00 in advance. New subscribers can pay \$1.00 for the COURIER and get the magazine free. It costs the COURIER a considerable expenditure of money to be able to make this offer and none but cash-in-advance subscriptions for a year (\$1.00) will be permitted to take advantage of it. After looking at a list of publications over, we decided on "Farm Life" as a magazine best suited for this section to offer in connection with the COURIER. Call at this office for sample copies of the beautiful and artistic Thanksgiving Number of this high-class magazine. "Farm Life" is an illustrated monthly magazine for farm folks and is not uninteresting for town folks.

#### Favorite Family Remedy.

Frequently accidents occur in the household, which cause burns, cuts, sprains and bruises; for use in such cases, Ballard's Snow Liniment has for many years been the constant favorite family remedy. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's.

### RECTOR ST. LUKE'S.

#### Ashburnham, Ontario, Testifies to the Good Qualities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Ashburnham, Ont., April 18, 1903.—I think it is only right that I should tell you what a wonderful effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has produced. The day before Easter I was so distressed with a cold and cough that I did not think to be able to take any duties the next day, as my voice was almost choked by the cough. The same day I received an order from you for a bottle of your Cough Remedy. I at once procured a sample bottle, and took about three doses of the medicine. To my great relief the cough and cold had completely disappeared and I was able to preach three times on Easter Day. I know that this rapid and effective cure was due to your Cough Remedy. I make this testimonial without solicitation, being thankful to have found such a God-sent remedy. Respectfully yours,

E. A. LANGFELDT, M. D.,  
 Rector of St. Luke's Church,  
 To Chamberlain Medicine Co.  
 This remedy is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

#### He Found a Cure.

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

#### Be Quick.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

### Notice of Stockholders' Meeting.

Pursuant to and by authority and direction of resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company, notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Stockholders of said Railroad Company is called to be held at its principal office, in the City of Palestine, Texas, on the 29th day of December, 1903, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Directors of said Company to apply to the Railroad Commission of Texas for authority to issue, and for an order, approving and directing to be registered, the bonds of said Company, in respect to the mileage and the value of the railroad, property and franchises of the Houston, Oaklawn & Magnolia Park Railway Company, after the acquisition thereof by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company, in pursuance of an act of the legislature of the State of Texas, approved February 21, 1903, authorizing the former Company to sell and the latter to purchase said railroad, property and franchises, as well as in respect to the value, if necessary to be considered to make the amount of all of said bonds, of so much of the railroad, property and franchises of the Fort Worth division of said Company as has not been previously appropriated to bonds previously issued, said bonds to be \$10,000.00 per mile of the first mortgage bonds of said International & Great Northern Railroad Company secured by its first mortgage executed November 1, 1879, to John S. Kennedy and Samuel Sloan, trustees; \$10,000.00 per mile of its second mortgage bonds secured by its second mortgage executed June 15th, 1881, to the Farmers' Loan & Trust Company, trustee, and \$245,000.00 of its third mortgage bonds secured by its third mortgage executed March 1, 1892, to the Mercantile Trust Company, trustee, and said bonds or the proceeds of the sale thereof to be used in paying, besides the indebtedness and liabilities of said Houston, Oaklawn & Magnolia Park Railway Company, the purchase money of its railroad, property and franchises consequent upon the acquisition thereof by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company and the residue, if any, to be applied in obtaining and borrowing money for constructing any un-built portion of said railroad after its acquisition by said International & Great Northern Railroad Company and of completing and improving said railroad as it is now constructed or may be hereafter constructed. A. R. HOWARD, Secretary, INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

### A TEXAS WONDER.

#### Hall's Great Discovery.

One bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cures all kidney and bladder troubles, removes gravel, cures diabetes, seminal emissions, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women, regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1. One small bottle is two months treatment and will cure any case above mentioned. Dr. E. W. Hall, sole manufacturer, P. O. Box 629, St. Louis, Mo. Send for testimonials. Sold by all druggists. Smith & French Drug Co., Crockett.

CROCKETT, TEX., Jan. 30, 1903.  
 Dr. E. W. Hall, St. Louis Mo.

Dear Sir:—I have used your Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, for Kidney and Bladder trouble with good result and I cheerfully recommend it.

Yours truly, F. P. PARKER.

#### THE BOB JAMES KILLING.

#### No Clew Has Been Found—The Shot Was Fired from Ambush.

Huntsville, Tex., Dec. 5.—A telephone message received here last night from Kittrell's Cut Off informed the officers that Bob James had been assaulted and Sheriff Brooks, County Attorney Elkins and others left for the scene of the killing, taking their dogs from the convict farm. County Attorney Elkins returned from there this afternoon and says that James was shot about 2:30 yesterday afternoon while returning home from Trinity. The shot that killed James was fired from a house near the road, striking him in the shoulder. The team turned out of the road into the brush, while James fell in front of the vehicle and died

immediately. There was no clew to the parties or party who did the shooting. The dogs carried out struck the trail at the old house and followed it to where horses had been hitched. From that point the tracks were followed some distance but were finally lost on account of hunters obliterating them. There has been a great deal of trouble in that section and the officers are making a hard effort to get hold of a clew that will help to bring the disturbing element under the law.

#### Ballard's Horehound Syrup.

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Shullsburg, Wisconsin, writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle, they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's."

#### Bilious Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

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**EPIGRAMS FROM THE NOVELISTS**

The man who looks well in evening dress looks well in anything.—Robert Hichens.

It is mostly the women who are the gamblers; the men only the cards.—Thomas Hardy.

Cynicism is merely the art of seeing things as they are instead of as they ought to be.—Robert Hichens.

To write a check is one thing, to have it honored depends on a variety of circumstances.—Anthony Hope.

We earn our life by labor, and then if we spend, as the gods design, we spend our life in love.—Henry Harland.

There is no man so much at the mercy of his own vanity as he who enjoys a limited notoriety.—Seton Merriman.

Never make friends with the devil, a monkey or a boy. No man knows what they will do next.—Rudyard Kipling.

A wise man reduces his affairs to a minimum and his interest in the affairs of his neighbors to less.—Seton Merriman.

There are three things a woman ought to look—straight as a dart, supple as a snake and proud as a tiger lily.—Elinor Glyn.

Husbands are like new boots—you can't tell where they're going to pinch till it's too late to change 'em.—E. Thorneycroft Fowler.

It is his sweetheart a man should be particular about. Once he settles down, it does not much matter whom he marries.—J. M. Barrie.

Good finance is knowing how to utilize the fulness of other people's pockets without revealing the emptiness of one's own.—Richard Bagot.

A person who can't argue is like a person who can't chew; he swallows the facts of life unprepared for digestion.—Sara Jeanette Duncan.

**REFLECTIONS OF AN OLD GOAT.**

I've got as good a right to reflect as anybody has.

A boy is the meanest thing that grows, and the older he grows the meaner he is.

I always consider it a compliment when a girl with a wad of gum turns up her nose at me. I don't chew gum myself.

It's an infamous slander and an insult to put my portrait on a bock beer sign. What ought to be there is the picture of some dirty faced, red nosed old bum that drinks the stuff.

There's another thing. I don't smell half as loud as a bear, yet people who hold their noses when I'm in sight will crowd around the grizzly's cage in the park and cackle with delight.

I think mighty little of a man that tries to raise a beard like mine. If nature had wanted to make a goat of him it wouldn't have stood him up on his hind feet and made him walk that way.

If I run the streets everybody throws stones at me, and if I take refuge in the alleys they say I'm looking for a meal of tin-cans. That's why I sometimes associate with the policeman on the block.

Potatoes and cotton were severely injured by frost in and about New Orleans this week.

A new member asked Major McDowell, chief clerk of the house, how he spelled his name. The major gave the required information and the new member said: "And do you pronounce it 'Mashdowell'?" "Of course not. Did you ever hear of anything beginning 'Mc' or 'Mac' being pronounced in that way?" "Oh, yes," was the reply. "There's me-c-h-l-n-e-r-y, you know." Whereupon the major led the way.

Heidelberg Journalistic Course. Dr. A. Koch, the professor of Journalism at the University of Heidelberg, not only lectures on his subject, but makes his pupils write editorials, reports, correspondence, book reviews and reviews of entertainments.

**FIRST DAY OF THE 58TH CONGRESS**

**SENATE HEARD THE PRESIDENT'S COMMUNICATION.**

**WAS A LENGTHY DOCUMENT.**

Discussion of the Cuban Reciprocity Bill Began in the Senate—Postal Investigation.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The senate yesterday closed the extra session and entered on the duties of the regular session, but the transition was so natural as to be scarcely noticeable. The unusual feature of the close of the called session by announcement from the chair was the offering of two prayers in the senate within a half hour of each other. The business transacted consisted of the reading of the president's message and the beginning of the discussion of the Cuban reciprocity bill. Mr. Cullom, who has charge of the Cuban bill, made a speech advocating its passage in the interest of American trade.

The first regular session of the Fifty-eighth congress began at noon yesterday, but the senate met half an hour previous to that time, in accordance with the adjournment of Saturday last, for the purpose of permitting an orderly termination of the called session. The fact that there had been an extra session had the effect of robbing the first day of the regular session of many of the features which usually characterize a first day, but there were still some of the usual indications, the principal one of which was the attendance of the public.

**Regular Session.**

Mr. Frye then took the chair at 12 o'clock and announced that the hour provided by law for the meeting of the first regular session of the Fifty-eighth congress having come, "I declare the extraordinary session adjourned without a day."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Prettyman. The roll was called and sixty-seven members having responded, Mr. Frye announced that a quorum was present. Resolutions were offered and agreed to as follows:

By Mr. Platt (Conn.) fixing the daily meeting hour at 12 o'clock; by Mr. Perkins, to inform the president that a quorum was present; by Mr. Hale, that a committee of two senators be appointed to join a like committee from the house to notify the president that a quorum of the senate had assembled.

Messrs. Hale and Cockrell were appointed such a committee.

Mr. Hoar suggested that it was unnecessary for the senate to transact business pending the notification of the president, and on his motion a recess was taken at 12:10 o'clock for one hour.

At 1:10, the senate being called to order, a recess was taken until 1:40.

**President's Message.**

On convening of the senate Mr. Hale reported that the president had been advised and would shortly communicate a message.

Mr. Barnes, assistant secretary to the president, then presented the message, which was read. The reading of the message was concluded at 3:26 p. m.

**Bryan Carnival Opened.**

Bryan, Texas, Dec. 8.—The Bryan Midwinter Carnival opened here yesterday, and will continue the entire week. Main street is crowded with attractions, some of the best of which are free, and all are good. A carnival company, carrying 170 people and ten carloads of stuff, is furnishing the amusements, and the carnival is given under the auspices of the Elks' Club. Excursion rates are advertised on the railroads, and lots of visitors are coming from the surrounding country and other points to get a share of the good time in store for all.

**The Johnson Case.**

Livingston, Texas, Dec. 8.—In the case of I. E. Johnson, the alleged foot race swindler, a motion was made by the defense to quash the indictment, and the court's decision is looked for today. If the motion is not sustained the case will be continued until next term.

**Wire to Rebstown.**

Corpus Christi, Texas, Dec. 8.—Johnson Bros., contractors for the Loti road, have strung a wire over the Texas-Mexican poles and will be able to reach Rebstown this morning.

**WORK IN TEXAS.**

Estimates for the Year's Appropriations.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The secretary of the treasury yesterday submitted to congress his estimates of the cost of the various government works now projected or under way throughout the country. In the list are all the proposed Texas improvements. The secretary gives to congress the amounts of the appropriations already made, also his suggestions as to what will be needed for the year ending June 30, 1905. The estimates follow: Building at Gainesville, \$17,500, out of a total appropriation of \$37,500; building at Laredo, \$37,500, out of a total appropriation of \$40,000; building at Sherman, \$31,200, out of \$50,000; rent the Waco building, \$6500 out of \$7000; for the establishment of a lighthouse department at Fort San Jacinto, Galveston, \$18,000; to continue the improvement of Galveston harbor, \$100,000 out of \$300,000; to continue the improvement of the Trinity river, \$25,000 out of \$250,000; to improve the mouth of the Brazos, \$100,000; to improve the Galveston ship channel and Buffalo bayou, \$300,000; for the maintenance of the improvements at Sabine Pass, \$1000; to continue the improvements at Aransas Pass and harbor, \$200,000; for the improvement of Galveston harbor, \$500,000; for the improvement of the harbor and channel at Sabine Pass, \$300,000; for the Sabine Pass jetty, light, and fog signal station, \$40,000; for the Sabine bank light and fog station signal, \$10,000; to reimburse the keeper of the Bolivar Point station for loss during the Galveston storm, \$234.48; for the Trinity river beacons, \$18,000. All the estimates are cut to please the president. The grand aggregate, however, runs beyond that of last year. The above estimates have nothing to do with the appropriations now asked for or with the estimates of the engineers of the cost of continuing or completing various public improvements not included in the foregoing.

**COUNTESS AIDS PEACENTRY.**



Lady Mayo is working hard in the interests of the Irish peasantry. Her husband, the earl and privy counselor, is also interested in the work.

**Saloons Going Out of Business.**

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 8.—As a result of the increase of temperance sentiment among the anthracite miners nearly one-third of the 1,000 saloon keepers of Schuylkill county will go out of business next year. This is shown by the decrease in the number of applicants for licenses.

**Leg Broken by a Fall.**

Lockhart, Texas, Dec. 8.—Mr. T. Andrewartha, electrician for the Lockhart electric light plant, happened to a serious accident here yesterday evening. While repairing a line he fell from a step ladder, breaking his leg just before the hip. He is in a serious condition.

**After Extradition Papers.**

New York, Dec. 8.—Attorney General E. C. Crow of Missouri, accompanied by the sheriff of Cole county, has arrived here and will go to Albany to urge before Gov. Odell the extradition of William Zeigler of this city, indicted on the charge of supplying \$15,000 to bribe Missouri legislators.

**Bryan at Paris.**

Paris, Dec. 8.—William J. Bryan was received by President Loubet yesterday, the audience having been arranged by Ambassador Porter in compliance with Mr. Bryan's request. Mr. Bryan will leave Paris today for Switzerland.

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# REGULAR SESSION OF CONGRESS.

## The House Is Ready to Trke Up Work as the Committees Are Named.

Washington, Dec. 7.—The house will convene in regular session at noon today. Much has been gained by the intervention of a special session and the work of the regular session will be advanced fully two weeks, as it requires the time up to the adjournment for the holidays to complete the organization of the house. Now it only remains for the committees, the list of which was completed Saturday, to meet and organize, when the house will be ready to proceed at once with general legislation.

It will be possible to pass at least two of the general appropriation bills before the recess is taken, and some of the house leaders hope to accomplish this. The clerical work on the legislative and executive appropriation bills has been advanced to a point where early consideration by the committee can be undertaken. It is expected that Mr. Hemenway, chairman of the appropriations committee, will

push the work of his committee as rapidly as possible.

Pending reports from committees, the house will take up such matters as may be brought before it for consideration by unanimous consent, but the real work will not begin until committees have had time to act on measures referred to them.

It is understood by members of the house that the president's message will be sent to congress today. Its reading will be the principal event of the house.

It is expected, on the house side, that the Christmas recess will be taken about Dec. 22, and on reassembling after New Years, the house will get to work in earnest, preparatory to as early a final adjournment as practicable.

The death of Representative Burke of Pennsylvania will be announced to the house, perhaps today, and a resolution adopted providing for an adjournment as a mark of respect for the late member.

### BRAVE GIRL'S ACT.

Shot a Notorious Bully Who Invaded Her Place.

Williamson, W. Va., Dec. 7.—William Howardson, an alleged outlaw of notoriety, who worked in the lumber camps near Thacker, this county, was shot and mortally wounded by Miss Kate Roubough, a girl of less than 20, who is employed as telegraph operator for the Norfolk and Western railway at Thacker. Howardson Saturday night entered the tower where the girl was at work alone and attempted to embrace her. The girl fired four shots two of which penetrated Howardson's chest. He will die.

The girl, after firing the fatal shots, called up the telegraph operator at Williamson, related her experience and told him she would no longer be on duty that night. She then walked a quarter of a mile in the darkness and surrendered to a magistrate. No one witnessed the tragedy, the inhabitants of the village all being asleep at the time. She was released without bond.

### F. W. Milby Killed.

Edna, Texas, Dec. 7.—Mr. F. W. Milby, deputy sheriff, was shot and almost instantly killed yesterday morning by the accidental discharge of his pistol. Mr. Milby was in his own room, seated in a reclining office chair, with his feet on a table, leaning backward, when his gun worked out of his hip pocket and fell to the floor, the hammer striking the chair as it fell, causing it to be discharged. The ball entered the lower part of the back, to the right of the spinal column, and ranged upward, lodging possibly somewhere in the lungs.

Mr. Milby lived only a few minutes, never speaking a word after receiving the shot.

Mr. Milby was a single man, 52 years of age, and was universally liked. He has been a resident of Jackson county all his life, and leaves to mourn his loss three sisters and one brother, as well as his numerous friends and acquaintances.

### Bell's Definition of Treason.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Dec. 7.—Adjutant General Bell has issued a statement defining martial law, and it will be enforced. He defines "military necessity" as insurrection and treason. Of the latter, he says:

"Armed or unarmed resistance by citizens of the United States against the lawful movements of the militia is treason and the punishment is death."

James Caughan, undersheriff, whose action in releasing an imprisoned striker, was the immediate cause of sending troops to this district, have been removed from office by the military.

### Children Run Down.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 7.—Martha Cantlan and Helen Shock, aged 9 and 11, respectively, were run over yesterday morning at the corner of Seventh and Congress streets by an unknown young lady and horse. The children were knocked down, Helen Shock receiving a sprained ankle. After running over the little girls, the girl on horseback whipped her horse and rode away before her identity could be learned.

Napoleonville, La.: Eldina Dow has fatally stabbed Clara Richard and escaped.

### A Peculiar Case.

Brenham, Texas, Dec. 7.—Mr. W. G. Thornhill reports a peculiar case among horses. He is the owner of a buggy horse that he bought for the use of his family, as the animal was very gentle. Recently the horse took the blind stagers and for a time it was thought he would die, but his life was finally saved. The animal, however, is no longer a gentle buggy horse, and Mr. Thornhill says that he will probably have to break him again before he can be used with safety by the family, as he is very wild and will not let any one come near him.

### Murdered a Child.

Morristown, N. J., Dec. 7.—After an all-night chase over the mountains, near here, Frank Bectaa, a Hungarian miner, was captured and placed in jail here, charged with killing Minnie Root, the 10-year old daughter of Daniel Root, foreman of a mine at Haverly, N. J. Bectaa was discharged from the mine a week ago. Saturday night, while intoxicated, he visited the boarding house where the Roots live and was ejected. A few minutes later two shots were fired through a window, one of them striking Root's daughter in the head, fatally wounding her.

### No Dividends Yet.

Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 7.—It would seem that the depositors of the Citizens' National Bank will have to go without a dividend as a Christmas present. Receiver C. L. Williams was asked some time since the probable date for declaring a first dividend. No positive date was named, but the impression was created in some way that the first dividend would be declared about Christmas. Mr. Williams, when asked recently by a depositor the probable date of the first dividend, replied that it was impossible as yet to name a date.

### American Treaty.

London, Dec. 7.—The Pekin correspondent of the Morning Post says: "It is possible the treaty between the United States and China for the opening of Mukden and An taug may be ratified immediately, but I have good reason to believe that the benefits of the treaty to foreign trade will be nullified by Russian influence."

### Against Sweat Shops.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 7.—Cardinal Gibbons, in the course of his regular monthly sermon at high mass at the cathedral yesterday, took occasion to condemn "sweat shops" and appealed to his hearers to discriminate in making purchases in favor of employers who treat their employes with justice and charity.

### Hope Gone, Took Poison.

Thomaston, Mo., Dec. 7.—After reading a letter from his attorney, in which the recipient was told that there was no hope of a pardon for him, Charles Morgan Wallace, a life convict at state prison, yesterday killed himself by taking morphine.

On January 6, 1885, Wallace, who was a prominent Grand Army man and lived in Augusta, was convicted of murder, in the second degree for killing Deputy Sheriff Bowman.

Melville, La.: The Bank of Melville new building has been completed and the institution will soon be ready for business.

Half of the ground known at the time of the Chicago exhibition as the Midway Plaisance is to be made the site of the greatest medical school in the world.

### The Effect of Sleeping in Cars

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### The Idea of Statesmen.

"What is the difference between a misfortune and a calamity?" somebody once asked Disraeli. "Well, if Gladstone fell into the Thames," was the reply, "that would be a misfortune, and if anybody pulled him out, that, I suppose, would be a calamity."

### Railways Demand Abstinence.

The use of cigarettes and alcoholics by their employes is now prohibited by the three greatest railway systems of the West—the Wabash, the Alton and the Rock Island, and by the Western Electrical company as well.

### Mosquitoes Hibernates.

It is not known just how long mosquitoes can live, but their average life is much longer than is ordinarily supposed. Thousands of them live through winter, hibernating or asleep in dark places in barns or house cellars.

It is said that a woman was behind the bull movement in cotton. Undoubtedly it is better for a woman to be behind a bull movement than in front of one, especially if she has on something red.

### Do Not Delay, But Write To-Day.

In this issue of the paper the World's Greatest Jewelry Establishment, Hermod & Jaccard's (St. Louis), announce they will send free to our readers their magnificent Catalogue containing thousands of illustrations with prices of the most beautiful things in the world in Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silverware, etc., etc. Their prices are the lowest in America for fine goods. If you are going to make any Xmas gifts you would do well to send for it at once.

In Indian Territory there are 13,564 Indian scholars enrolled in the public schools. Of these 5,333 are in the Cherokee nation, 2,754 in the Creek, 4,783 in the Choctaw, and 939 in the Chickasaw.

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### Lucky Woman.

If Cleopatra's nose had been half an inch shorter it would have made considerable difference to the world, but the world would not have felt it half so keenly as Cleopatra.

### Chinese in Johannesburg.

According to a recent census there are upward of 600 Chinese in Johannesburg, of whom 180 are in business. All are reported as doing well.

### Irish Lunatics.

The number of lunatics under control in Ireland is 22,000, an increase of 1,000 in two years.

The secretary of the Aeronautic Society of Great Britain expects the kit to be the base of the future instrument of aerial navigation, the aeroplane.

### TEXAS IN LOUISIANA PURCHASE.

So Says Murat Halstead, and He Proposes to Prove It.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 5.—Murat Halstead, the distinguished Cincinnati journalist, lecturer and writer, is here to gather data in support of assertions and his conviction that Texas was originally a part of the Louisiana Purchase, and that Napoleon so intended it when he put his signature to the document which gave to the United States the vast and valuable area in commemoration of which important event the World's Fair will be held in St. Louis in 1904.

"While at the Administration building at the exposition grounds," said Mr. Halstead, "I noticed that the maps of the Louisiana Purchase do not include Texas. I have four old French maps which show that Texas was a part of the purchase and that the area now comprising Texas was fooled away to the Spaniards and Mexicans and had to be retaken by force. Andrew Jackson always clamored for the reannexation of Texas and always contended that it was a part of the original territory.

"Texas was retaken, but it should never have been lost, as it was rightfully a part of the Louisiana Purchase."

### INSTITUTION AT LAREDO.

The Long Tie-Up Has Demoralized all Business.

Laredo: It is understood that the Nuevo Laredo quarantine against Laredo will be raised on Dec. 10. This is the last quarantine restriction which Laredo is now under, and when released it will materially benefit the commercial interests of the two places. The tram bridge across the Rio Grande between the two towns has been completely tied up ever since the quarantine was declared.

Traffic has been resumed on the Texas-Mexican railroad between Laredo and Alice, giving this road once more direct connection with the Southern Pacific, which had been cut off for more than two months by quarantine.

As an evidence of the stringency in money matters in this county on account of the recent yellow fever epidemic and quarantine, the county tax collector has issued only ten tax receipts to date on this year's assessments, against 200 for the same time last year.

### Hanged at Huntsville.

Hallettsville: The extreme penalty of the law was enforced here Friday in punishment of the crime of criminal assault on a child. Marguerita Reyna was hanged, his neck being broken by the fall. In thirteen minutes the attending physicians pronounced him dead. Reyna met his death courageously, but without bravado. When asked by Sheriff Noble if he had anything to say, he replied that he was innocent of the crime for which he was about to suffer.

Special officers of the Pennsylvania railroad have captured three men suspected of many thefts of live stock from the cars of the company, and whom the police charge with being responsible for the long succession of hold-ups in the stock yards district.

The body of a well-dressed man, supposed to be Michael J. Fitzpatrick of New York, has been washed ashore in St. Mary's county. The throat was cut from ear to ear and there were two bullet wounds in the chest.

### Will Have to Curtail.

Charlotte, N. C.: Owing to the rapid rise in spot cotton, to say nothing of the startling condition of the future market, a special meeting of the manufacturers and millmen has been called to convene in this city next Tuesday, when curtailment of production will be advocated. Southern manufacturers claim that at the present price of raw cotton it is business suicide to attempt to produce either yarns or cloths at the present market price of either.

### San Domingo Has Three of 'Em.

Washington: Advice has reached Washington that there are now three revolutions in San Domingo, the revolution led by Morales, the revolution at Monte Cristi, led by the followers of Jimenez, and a third and stronger revolution in the south of the island. It appears that Morales has secured control by an appeal to the Dominicans that the United States intends to annex the island.

### Making the Best of It.

Ascum—You don't mean to say you made a present of that \$10 to Boroughs? Merchant—I had to do it to preserve my own self-respect. Ascum—How do you mean? I thought you loaned it to him. Merchant—So I did, not knowing any better. But now I don't want anybody to think I was ever foolish enough to expect it back.—Philadelphia Press.

### Change in British Navy.

Writing of British naval progress, Mr. Archibald Hurd says: "At last the officers and men are to be trained for a mechanical navy. Up to the present they have been fitted for a fleet of sailing ships, and have learned an immense amount of lore of an art which has ceased to have any bearing on the conduct of war afloat."

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After a man has been married two years he thinks there isn't a chair in the house strong enough for his wife to sit in his lap.

At a wedding celebrated at Bandon, County Cork, the bride's father and brother were the officiating clergymen, while the bridegroom was also a clergyman.

Veins of tin oxide have been discovered in the Transvaal which yield 67 per cent tin.

Sometimes a bank cashier saves up enough to pay his running expenses.

### A True Fish Story.

Freddie L., known to all his friends as an enthusiastic angler, took a day off this week for the purpose of enjoying his favorite sport. He invested \$2 in bait, tackle, liniment, etc., rose at 3 a. m., sloshed around with a party of friends in the down river district until 5 p. m., returning to his home at 11:30 the same night.

Next morning he found the net results were: An empty bottle, a swelled head and a small fish 4 1/2 inches long.—Detroit Tribune.

### Fasting for Health.

Thousands of years before it was practiced as a religious rite fasting was practiced as a health measure in Egypt, India and China. Contemporary to Cicero was Asclepiades, a Greek physician, who strongly advocated this idea, and 1,000 years after his day Ibn Sina, philosopher and medical sage, argued the virtues of temporary abstinence on the ground that it came easier than constant moderation.

### His Gentle Rebuke.

A medley of young literary men were once gathered to meet Robert Browning. The most aggressively literary of the group was first introduced and at once began to pour out his personal delight and admiration with so unceasing a flow that the other literary young men starved. At last Browning put his hand almost affectionately on the egotist's shoulder and said: "But I am monopolizing you."

### ABOUT FEAR

Often Comes From Lack of Right Food.

Napoleon said that the best fed soldiers were his best soldiers, for fear and nervousness come quickly when the stomach is not nourished. Nervous fear is a sure sign that the body is not supplied with the right food.

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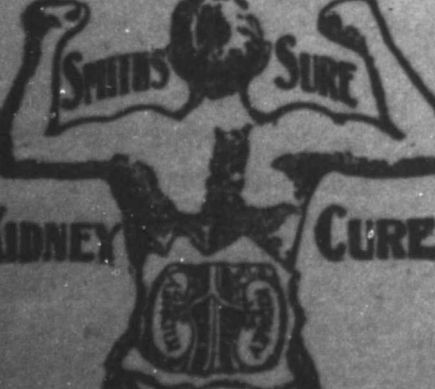
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**OUR HOLIDAY OFFER TO AGENTS.**

**Labor in South Africa.**  
"The question of labor is really assuming a serious aspect," says Lord Alfred Milner, governor of the British South African colonies, in urging the importation of 10,000 coolies from India to be placed upon public works in the Transvaal. British labor unions will probably prevent this use of alien labor.

**Bat-Shaped Kites.**  
The bat-shaped kite invented by S. F. Cody, F. R. M. S., has been adopted by the British Admiralty. The kite is made from bamboo and silk and will carry a man. It may be used for reconnoitering on land or sea, and will be able to haul a sledge over Arctic ice with but one man to steer it.

**The Gift of Making Friends.**  
Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends, for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all is the power of going out of one's self and seeing and appreciating whatever is noble and lovable in another man.—Thomas Hughes.

**Bright's Disease Cured.**  
Whitehall, Ill., Dec. 7.—A case has been recorded in this place recently, which upsets the theory of many physicians that Bright's Disease is incurable. It is the case of Mr. Lon Manley, whom the doctors told that he could never recover. Mr. Manley tells the story of his case and how he was cured in this way:  
"I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills after the doctors had given me up. For four or five years I had Kidney, Stomach and Liver Troubles; I was a general wreck and at times I would get down with my back so bad that I could not turn myself in bed for three or four days at a time.  
"I had several doctors and at last they told me I had Bright's Disease, and that I could never get well. I commenced to use Dodd's Kidney Pills and I am now able to do all my work and am all right. I most heartily recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills and am very thankful for the cure they worked in my case. They saved my life after the doctors had given me up."

The oldest ship in the world, the mail schooner Vigilant, running into St. Croix, F. W. I., although now under the French flag, was built of Essex oak, at Essex, Mass., in 1802.

**150 NEW STUDENTS**  
are expected to enter Tyler College for the mid-winter term, Monday, January 4, 1904.  
This is a golden opportunity for clerks, farmers' sons and daughters and many others to take a business and shorthand course during the winter months when there is little doing in business houses or on the farm. The time spent in  
**Socials and Parties**  
one winter, if invested in brains, prepares young people to double and triple their income and lay up something for the rainy day. Write to-day for large illustrated catalogue free. Address Tyler College, Department 1, Tyler, Texas.

The first chrysanthemums to be brought to Europe were taken from China by skippers of the tea trading ships.

**The Best Results in Starching** can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money—no cooking required.

Artemiev, a Russian electrician, has invented a pliable coat of mail which effectively protects against currents of 150,000 volts.

Southern Tobacco Works, Bedford City, Va., wants three or four reliable travelling salesmen in each state. Reasonable pay to new men who want to work up.

An admiral flies his flag at the main mast; a vice admiral at the fore, and a rear admiral at the mizzen.

**Caesar Conquered Britain.**  
Malaria was conquered by Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box). Protected from moisture, dust and insects. Clears the complexion, cures constipation, aids and corrects action of the liver.

Half the lawsuits and half the wars have been brought about by the tongue.

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For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. So a bottle.

Time and tide wait for no man, but the undertaker is more obliging.

**Wet Weather**  
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For all kinds of work. Waterproof. Guaranteed. Look for trade-mark. If not at hand, write to E. J. Sawyer & Co., 200 N. 2nd St., St. Louis, Mo.

**UNHAPPINESS IN OLD AGE.**  
Many Rich Men Fail to Make Provision for Declining Years.  
The professional man, who makes his living by hard knocks and constant exertions, is prone to envy the business man, or speculator who can go on making money almost without work and who can pile up a fortune which seems enormous to one who manages to pick out of the world by constant endeavor a snug living, and perhaps a little more under favorable conditions. But when old age comes, the professional man has an immense advantage over the merchant, particularly over the merchant who is, from the nature of things, so common in a country like this—the merchant who was not educated in his youth, and whose daily chase after money has stunted all the more refined and studious aspirations he may originally have possessed.

For the old merchant, rich as he may be, there is little satisfaction in the last years. He can either struggle on after riches which have no longer any significance or charm for him, or he can spend his time moping and loitering uneasily, miserably in idleness, and not knowing which way to turn or what to do with the time, which before he never had any to spare. Of course this is not the case with all rich old men who have made their money in trade. Some have as convenient and satisfactory methods of employing their minds as could be asked for; but the majority are not so fortunate. Scattered about the country are rich men, or men with all the property they have need for, and more, too, who are quite unhappy in their idleness.—Liverpool (Eng.)—Mercury.

**BOUGHT THE CLOAKS TWICE.**  
Southern Merchant Too Keen on Securing a Bargain.

A story is told of a Louisiana merchant who came to New York determined to secure a bargain. He wanted cheap cloaks, and after trying in vain to suit himself at the wholesale houses he bought a job lot at auction. He examined the goods hurriedly, and had them shipped home. In due time he was confronted by an excited head salesman who said the garments were out of style.

"They didn't look that way," said the merchant.  
"But they are," replied the clerk.  
The merchant persisted that the cloaks would sell, but they didn't. In desperation he returned them to New York to be disposed of to the best advantage. On his next trip to New York he again visited an auction house and bought a lot of cloaks. When he returned home and examined his purchase he saw he bought the same lot as before.—The World's Work.

**New York a Slaughter Pen.**  
The streets of New York are becoming like unto one vast slaughter pen. Last year more than twice as many people were killed there in various accidents due to the whirlwind ways of street traffic than were disposed of in all of the railroad accidents occurring throughout the United States in the same period. Victims of the railroads numbered about 282, while the grand total of those whose lives were offered up as a sacrifice to the god of unrest, joint ruler with Mammon in that hive of human haste and hubbub, New York, was 538. When we add to this appalling list that large per cent of New York's 477 suicides directly chargeable to the high pressure under which life in that dollar-chasing burg is maintained, then does the great cost of pew rent to those who worship Mammon in his chief temple become apparent; a price that causes humanity to shudder. In the English metropolis during the same time only 158 persons were killed in the crush of street traffic, despite the much greater population. The difference is said to rest in the much more stringent laws relating to street traffic in London.

**An Authority on Penology.**  
Some years ago, when Richard Harding Davis penetrated the trans-Mississippi region to gather material for his book, "The West from a Car Window," he stopped over in a small Indian territory town, where he was assured that there were extensive local color deposits. Preceding along the street he met two men, apparently just in from some ranch. They were tall, untamed, intoxicated and "had." Placing a hand of size on Mr. Davis' shoulder one of them said:  
"Young feller, is there a fall in this yere town where they lock up men?"  
Mr. Davis saw his best chance of avoiding trouble was to meet the man on his own ground, so he looked up and said carelessly:  
"Guess not. I've been here two days and I—"  
"There ain't none, then," broke in the man with a tremendous thump on the author's back. "You'd-a-been in it fore this time if there was!" And they passed joyously on, leaving Mr. Davis with another tube of the desired local color.—Exchange.



Miss Whittaker, a prominent club woman of Savannah, Ga., tells how she was entirely cured of ovarian troubles by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I heartily recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a Uterine Tonic and Regulator. I suffered for four years with irregularities and Uterine troubles. No one but those who have experienced this dreadful agony can form any idea of the physical and mental misery those endure who are thus afflicted. Your Vegetable Compound cured me within three months. I was fully restored to health and strength, and now my periods are regular and painless. What a blessing it is to be able to obtain such a remedy when so many doctors fail to help you. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is better than any doctor or medicine I ever had. Very truly yours, MISS EAST WHITTAKER, 604 15th St., W. Savannah, Ga."

No physician in the world has had such a training or such an amount of information at hand to assist in the treatment of all kinds of female ills as Mrs. Pinkham. In her office at Lynn, Mass., she is able to do more for the ailing women of America than the family physician. Any woman, therefore, is responsible for her own trouble who will not take the pains to write to Mrs. Pinkham for advice. Her address is Lynn, Mass., and her advice is free.

A letter from another woman showing what was accomplished in her case by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: I am so grateful to you for the help Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has given me that I deem it but a small return to write you an expression of my experience.  
"Many years suffering with weakness, inflammation, and a broken down system, made me more anxious to die than live, but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound soon restored my lost strength. Taking the medicine only two weeks produced a radical change, and two months restored me to perfect health. I am now a changed woman, and my friends wonder at the change. It is so marvellous. Sincerely yours, MISS MARTIE HERRY, 429 Green St., Danville, Va."

The testimonials which we are constantly publishing from grateful women prove beyond a doubt the power of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to conquer female diseases.

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Though there are only 18,000,000 people in Spain, there are 35,000,000 in America speaking her tongue.

I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 18, 1903.

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## Local Items.

Keg pickles at Baker Bros.

Sauer Kraut at Billy Lewis & Co's.

"White Rose" flour at H. J. Phillips.

Go to H. J. Phillips for your seed oats.

Fresh Jersey butter at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Crysup's is Crockett's lowest priced drug store.

Buy your Xmas dress and hat from the Big Store.

Try that Peaberry coffee at H. J. Phillips—The best.

B. F. Chamberlain has a child very ill with pneumonia.

Primrose flour at Billy Lewis & Co's. It has stood the test.

Green Gage plums, apricots and pears at Billy Lewis & Co's.

You can find anything you need in the drug line at Crysup's.

Armour's hams and breakfast bacon at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Miss Lizzie Howard is visiting Miss Jessie Jones at Kennard.

The Big Store has a nice line of stationery for school purposes.

**For Sale.**—Horse, buggy and cow. E. L. CRAWFORD.

Seeded raisins, citron and all kinds of dried fruits at H. J. Phillips.

Miss Gussie Worthington of Corsicana is a guest at the home of Mr. G. B. Lundy.

J. S. Newman, father of County Judge Newman, was here from Augusta Wednesday.

The play at the opera house last Saturday night was not worthy of any favorable comment.

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.**  
The Big Store will be closed 25th and 26th of December.

Miss Nannie Barbee returned Monday from Kennard, accompanied by Mr. Scowden.

Let Billy Lewis & Co. supply you from their complete line of choice and fresh groceries.

**For Sale.**  
Horses, mules and corn to feed them on at the Big Store.

Buy an Oliver chilled plow and stir your soil early. The Big Store will sell you one cheap.

Mrs. R. E. Morris and children of Mineral Wells are visiting Mrs. Morris' father and family here.

J. R. Foster was in Palestine the first of the week. He has holdings in the oil field near there.

We make a special effort to keep a clean store and an up-to-date stock.

BILLY LEWIS & Co.

The Big Store is showing the prettiest and cheapest line of fascinators, hoods and shawls in town.

Give "Billy" your order for groceries. He will get them to you immediately.

LEWIS & Co.

The Big Store has greatly reduced the price on furniture. You can save money by seeing their line before buying elsewhere.

You can obtain prunes, raisins, evaporated apples, peaches and apricots by calling on Billy Lewis & Co.

Tom Matlock left Wednesday night for Florida, where he says he goes in pursuit of a sunnier climate.

Ring phone No. 27 when in need of fresh groceries and fruit, which will bring to you the courteous attention of Billy Lewis & Co.

While at Waco last week Mr. Joe Adams was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic order for this district.

## Quality.

The greatest thing in the world is not the saving of a few pennies. There is a saving which does not save. In drugs and medicines Quality is of the first importance every time. The size of a bottle of medicine has nothing to do with its cost or real value. Above all other things the one thing to insist upon is Quality. We use only the purest drugs of the highest quality in our prescription work, with exact and unvarying compliance with every prescription as written by the physician. Our charges are always fair and reasonable, never excessive. We stand for Quality, first, last and always.

**B. F. Chamberlain,**  
The Druggist.

School children, buy your examination paper and tablets from the Big Store. They are cheaper.

Rugs and art squares are very appropriate Xmas presents. The Big Store has the choicest in the county.

Remember that Crysup's is the place to buy drugs, toilet articles, wall paper, oils, books, ledgers, journals, fancy stationery, etc.

Miss Myrtle Bricker leaves Thursday for Atlanta, Texas, where she will spend the holidays visiting relatives.

The COURIER still has a few copies of the new election law which it will give free to those of its subscribers who will call at this office.

For seeded raisins, currants, citron, dates, figs or anything needed for fruit cake go to or phone Baker Bros. 4t

L. W. Murchison was here Wednesday. He is now running a wood yard at Palestine, shipping to that point from Stark's switch.

Baker Bros. keep oat meal, grape-nuts, force, maita vita and cream of wheat. You are sure to get the freshest when ordering from Baker Bros. 4t

Remember that if your poll tax is not paid by the last day of January you lose your vote next year. Paying it after that time will not entitle you to vote.

Henry Holcomb of Augusta and W. E. Meriwether of Tadmor, old stand-bys of the COURIER, were very agreeable callers at this office Wednesday morning.

Let Crysup supply your wants in drugs, toilet articles, paints, oils, brushes, wall paper, fancy stationery and Lowney's candles. He will treat you right and make the price right.

James Asa Smith of Kennard has been sick at the Pickwick hotel since Saturday night, when he came up from the mill. Tuesday he was clear of fever and is expected to be up in a few days.

Mr. J. R. Sheridan made his ginner's report on November 14 as 8,691 bales ginned in the county since the opening of the season. The crop is fully two-thirds short of last season and will be about 10,000 bales.

J. S. Bitner of Lovelady, S. K. Boykin of Weches, B. T. Satterwhite of Whitesville, J. W. McHenry of Belott, J. M. Arnold of Arbor and S. C. Bitner of Lovelady are among those who have called since our last issue.

Call at the saddle shop for a new saddle or set of new harness for Christmas. 3t

We are glad to be able to state that Jim Brown's condition is improving. He has had a close call, but is now out of danger and on the road to recovery.

Call at the saddle shop for a new saddle or set of new harness for Christmas. 3t

### Attention, Comrades!

Crockett camp No. 141, U. C. V., are hereby commanded to meet at Crockett Dec. 18 to transact important business. By order of N. B. BARBEE, Commander.

C. J. HASSELL, Adjutant.

### Farmers.

You can make cotton year 1904. Plant King's selected improved seed. I will receive money for above seed and make delivery in December or January. All should plant these seed.

JAS. S. SHIVERS.

A frightened wagon team made a dash down Main street Saturday, upsetting the wagon, which came uncoupled, and the team then dashed on until it collided with a telephone pole, the end of the tongue striking the pole and arresting the progress of the team.

### Christmas Fair.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a Christmas fair in the vacant store room adjoining Baker Bros. December 15 and 16. They will have many seasonable articles for the children and older ones and urgently request the patronage of the public.

### Advertise for Holiday Trade.

Now is the time to advertise for the holiday trade. There will be only two more issues of the COURIER before the holidays and those of our merchants who fail to use these columns will have cause to regret it when the year's business is footed up.

Miss Grace Gould is expected to arrive today (Thursday) from Palestine to be the guest of Miss Denny Adams until after Miss Adams' wedding. Miss Bessie Ferguson of Palestine will arrive the first of next week and Miss Aria Pendleton of Temple later in the week, who will also be the guests of Miss Adams until after her marriage to Mr. Arledge.

### To Prospect Near Crockett.

Corsicana, Texas, December 5.—Dr. T. F. Driskill of this city left today for Crockett, Houston county, where he and a number of other parties have leases on about 5000 acres of land that has good oil indications on it. The leases have all been drawn up and signed, and the doctor and his companions expect to begin the sinking of wells right away.

Mr. J. B. Clark died very suddenly Friday afternoon at his residence in Crockett. Mr. Clark was at one time engaged in business here, but retired three or four years ago. Besides a brother, W. V. Clark, he leaves a son, Ernest, and a daughter, Mrs. Monroe Hobson. His mother, Mrs. W. E. Mayes, survives him. The remains were laid to rest Saturday afternoon in Glenwood cemetery.

### Estray Notice.

Taken up by W. D. Taylor, on his premises, about seven miles east of Crockett in Houston county, Texas, and estrayed before J. W. Saxon, Justice of the Peace Precinct No. One, Houston county, Texas.

One dark brown mare mule, about 9 years old, medium size. No brand, saddle marks on back. Appraised at fifteen dollars. Given under my hand and seal of office, Nov. 24th 1903. N. E. ALDRIGHT, Co. Clerk, Houston Co., Texas.

### At Baptist Church.

Next Sunday there will be services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to come and the members are especially urged to be present. The morning text will be "The Simplicity that is in Christ." At night the subject will be "Spiritual Hypnotism." Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Young People's Union at 3:30 p. m. Sunbeams at 4:30 p. m. J. A. HOWARD, Pastor.

The marriage of Miss Denny Adams to Mr. D. F. Arledge is announced for Monday evening, December 21, at the home of the bride's parents, Col. and Mrs. Earle Adams. Miss Adams will be attended by Miss Grace Gould of Palestine as maid of honor and ten other beautiful young ladies as bridesmaids. Mr. Johnson Arledge will be best man for his brother. A reception will follow the ceremony. This will be one of the important social events of the month.

The many friends of Rev. E. L. Crawford will regret to learn that he is to be transferred to Alabama. He came here only a year ago from Galveston as pastor of the Methodist church and soon gained the favor of his congregation. He is a man of much deep study, possesses a pleasing personality and combines all the essentials of the pastor, prominent among which is the one of ministering to the afflicted both in body and in soul. Not only the Methodist church but Crockett regrets to lose him and his most estimable family.

The COURIER estimated at the first of this month that it should collect five hundred dollars on subscription during the month of December. A third of the month is gone and collections have fallen away below our expectations. Now we had just as well be plain about this matter. We may be able to get along without collecting what is legitimately due us, but it is hard-earned and we propose to collect it if possible. All on our books who have not made satisfactory payments or arrangements by the first of January will have their accounts placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.

### Spurt in Cotton.

On Thursday morning of last week before going to press the COURIER inquired into the local cotton market and found it to be 11½ cents middling basis. Just before noon the market report was received by wire here and there was an upward spurt of a half cent, 11½ being paid Thursday afternoon. The market reached 12 cents Friday, which was the highest point reached here in many, many years. On that day Jas. S. Shivers & Co. paid \$280.53 for four bales of cotton and Mr. Shivers informs us that he bought twelve bales for the same money in 1893. The government's report on the shortage of the cotton crop is credited with the responsibility for the spurt. The local market stood firm Saturday, but dropped back to 11½ on Monday and to 11¼ Thursday morning.

### Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1903." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Smith & French Drug Co's.



### A TOUCH OF "RHEUMATIZ?"

Get that prescription of Dr. Helms that did you so much good last time refilled; or, if the pain's of a different sort, ask the good doctor to write you another one, bring it to us and we will compound it with conscientious care.

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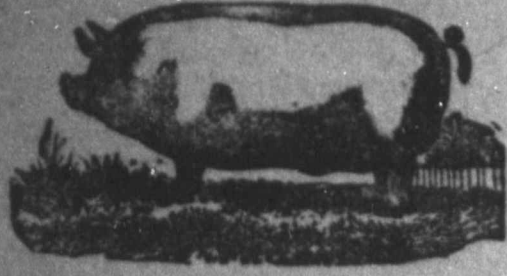
### Letter of Thanks.

AUSTIN, Nov. 30, 1903.

ED. COURIER:—Please give me space in the COURIER to tender the sincere thanks of myself and other inmates of the home, to-wit: W. E. Harden, John Freeman and W. V. L. Cooper, who have heretofore resided in Houston county, to the Camp of Veterans and Sons of Veterans and Chapter of Daughters of the Confederacy for their very liberal contribution for our Thanksgiving dinner on the 26th inst. The donation consisted of a box which contained three hams, three turkeys, chickens, cakes, pickles, preserves, jellies, oranges, catsup, tobacco, nuts, etc. The box being addressed to me was placed at my disposal. I turned over the hams, turkeys, chickens, cakes, pickles and catsup to our most worthy, efficient and much esteemed hospital matron, Miss Mattie Moore, to be served to the patients in the hospital under special instruction from the home surgeon and the other things I divided out with the above named parties. The contributions from quite a number of camps and chapters in different parts of the state have been very liberal indeed, as there are enough good things left and still on hand for two or three more good dinners for all the inmates of the home, something over three hundred. It is indeed gratifying to us old crippled invalids and old men to know that we have not in our old age, dependent and helpless conditions been forgotten by the veterans and daughters of the confederacy of the patriotic old town of Crockett in Houston county which was our home for years, before, during and since the war ended. I could and would like to write more but as I am in quite feeble health and my eye sight very weak I will conclude by again tendering my heartfelt thanks to the donors of their very liberal gift and assuring them that the same is properly and highly appreciated. May God in his wisdom bless them is the sincere prayer of Thos. J. Calhoun, for many years a resident of Crockett, but now at the Texas Confederate Home at Austin.

### A Free Feast for the Minds of Farm Folks.

Every reader of this paper, and especially those who go to make up our big list of country constituents, are invited to read our extraordinary announcement on another page of this issue, which explains how each one of you may secure for one year a feast for the mind in "Farm Life," the leading magazine for the country home. "Farm Life" is to the country people what the Saturday Evening Post is to the city people. It is a clean, wholesome magazine—a magazine that delights every member of the household—that gives satisfying nourishment to the mind—that has common sense for the basis of its many splendid articles.



THE COURIER'S remedy for the boll weevil. Try it.

The COURIER desires to express its gratitude to Hon. A. W. Gregg for copies daily of the Congressional Record.

Dun's Review of December 5, in speaking of the "sensational fluctuation in cotton," says: "Cotton has provided the chief excitement of the past week. An aggressive attack by the New Orleans contingent was productive of consternation in the short account, which proved to be very heavy. Prices rose by ten and twenty points, and all options in the local markets were forced considerably higher. The cash cotton market did not reach the position attained at the opening of the crop year, but speculative quotations established the highest records for recent years. Some reaction followed the publication of the census ginning report, which was not as gloomy as many anticipated. No definite comparisons could be made, as figures for the same date last year were never prepared. That only 6,815,162 bales of 500 pounds each were ginned up to November 14 indicates a short crop, when the nearest comparison is with a month later last year, at which time 8,906,000 bales were reported. On the other hand it is well to remember that the crop averaged two or three weeks late this year. Speculative activity and high prices early in the week were totally eclipsed when the official estimate of only 9,962,000 bales was announced at noon on Thursday. There was the most remarkable scramble to cover short contracts ever seen at the Exchange, and within an hour it is estimated that fully 800,000 bales were sold."

Labor agents from Monroe, Louisiana, have been working Houston county for a month, trying, and in some instances succeeding, to induce colored labor to leave the farms of Houston county for the plantations of Louisiana. Not a few negroes have left and others have signified their intention of going. Large farmers, users of colored labor, have become alarmed over the situation and are putting forth their strongest efforts to arrest any further aggress of labor and thus thwart a plan which means the depletion of their farms. Many colored farm hands are in debt to the land owners on account of the short cotton crop this year and their leaving at this time would entail, and has entailed, a considerable loss. With this fact in view, about two weeks ago a representative body of the county's farmers and business men called on the labor agents and asked them to not further interfere with the labor interest of the county, laying the situation before them. Two of them left Crockett, but the third remained and continued to ply his vocation. On Monday of this week he was waited on by a body of citizens and asked to leave the county, which he did (at least he left Crockett), taking the afternoon train for the south. There is a class of worthless, shiftless negroes that the county would be better off without. There is another class, also, of industrious negroes that the white citizenship

does not want to see go, and especially that part which has become involved on account of the short cotton crop. If the people of Houston county were allowed to pick out the negroes for the labor agents there would be no remonstrance with the latter.

**NEW COTTON SEED.**

The annual loss to cotton growers from the attacks of insect pests has brought about an urgent demand for cotton that will mature a crop before insects become sufficiently numerous to do serious damage. To secure seed of these early maturing cottons, Texas growers are finding it necessary to go to other states. This necessity for importing seed is due to the fact that our cotton growers have been growing late varieties, or that they have not annually selected their planting seed for early maturity. Texas can grow early varieties and can maintain them but to get early maturing cotton at once, we are compelled to import the seed. It becomes important then to know where to go and what to buy. It is this question under the head of "New Cotton Seed" that we want to discuss and to supply information. Cotton seed that will mature earlier than Texas cotton can be had in the extreme northern edge of the cotton belt in North Carolina. Seed that have been grown along the northern limit for a long period of time, regardless of the variety, mature earlier than seed grown further south. The period of growth is shorter and the cotton has acquired and fixed the habit of maturing its full yield in a short period of time. Then seed may be bought of certain varieties that have been selected and bred with a careful regard to early maturity for a number of years. By selection and breeding these varieties have been made to mature early, and the habit of early maturing is now fixed. Early cottons begin fruiting early and rapidly, and mature the crop early. There is generally less wood growth in proportion to bolls or fruit than with many of the later maturing varieties. From the nature of the growth of early fruiting and maturing cottons, the grower must be speedy in cultivation as the plants have no time to recover from neglect or want of cultivation. Cultivation at the right time to conserve soil moisture is most important. When the soil is prepared and cultivated as advised, there will be enough moisture in the soil, together with early summer rains, to insure a full crop every year. But with late maturing varieties, a crop is less certain because of dryer soils and the extremes of weather encountered during their longer growing period. Some good extra early varieties are Peerless, Dickson, King and Shine. Each of these, except Peerless, has small bolls, smaller than Peerless. The per cent of lint and length of staple are about the same. In comparing the yield of varieties it must be remembered that the grower of the seed or breeder of each variety may or may not be equally skilled, and also the difference in soil and climate where each grow and of that where they are to be tested. These influences cause variation in the productiveness of the varieties. Hence variety testing of imported seed really shows, so far as total yield is concerned, only the relative adaptation of the varieties to the soil and climate where tested. From this adaptiveness and other qualities most desired in a variety the grower chooses the variety of seed that he will employ for selecting and breeding a cotton suited to his soil.

**Ratcliff.**  
ED. COURIER:

We must say Ratcliff is on quite a boom, land is no longer sold by the acre, but by the foot and can hardly be bought at that.

Our business men seem all astray and we see but little cause to fret about the boll weevil. New residences are going up every day. Mr. Bud McHenry of Belott is building a nice residence and will soon be among us. We give the family a hearty welcome. Messrs. Graves and Holcomb are also building and intend living among us.

Our school under the skillful management of Prof. John Noble Herbert principal and Miss Josie Payne assistant is progressing very nicely.

Christmas is now the topic of the day. We are to have two trees and a chimney on the eve of Xmas and quite an interesting program is under the supervision of the young ladies of Ratcliff.

Mr. S. D. Ratcliff is attending the Grand Lodge at Waco this week.

Quite a number of our young men have gone back to the old States to spend Christmas with the home folks.

Miss Ruth King has accepted a position as saleslady in the commissary.

Mr. S. M. Holcomb has returned from Dallas where he purchased Xmas goods.

Dr. C. F. Payne, formerly of this place and now of Centralia, was a visitor in our town to day.

Miss Berta Collier, who has been attending the Sam Houston Normal, on account of ill health returned home last week.

Our Sunday school is moving along nicely.

Misses Jessie Belle Ratcliff and Jerry Belle Stark made a flying trip to Lufkin last week.

Mrs. F. O. Smith has been visiting at Daniel this week.

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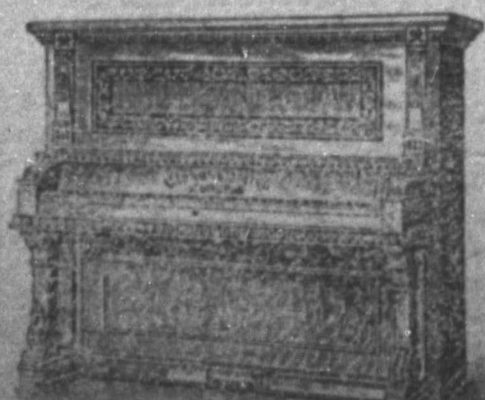
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