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Dan J. Kennedy Says:

WE 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.

WINTER'S COLDEST

THIRTEEN DEGREES BELOW AT CHICAGO.

Blizzard with Heavy Fall of Snow Has Swept Over the Northwestern States.

Chicago, Ill., December 13.—This was the coldest day in Chicago for this season of the year since 1876. Early this morning the temperature began to go down, until at 8 a. m. it had reached 13 below. The only time that this mark has been passed in the history of the weather bureau was December 9, 1876, when 14 below was registered. During the day it began to moderate, and tonight the mercury is hovering around the zero mark, and the indications for tomorrow are for warmer weather with snow storms.

On account of the cold and heavy conditions of the streets, owing to the heavy fall of snow yesterday, the three-story department store of Bodinski & Co., in West Twenty-second street, was destroyed by fire. A special call for engines was sent in, but before they could reach the scene of the fire through the drifts of snow the big building had been completely destroyed, causing a loss of \$85,000.

So far but one death, that of William Duffy, a switchman, who was found frozen to death in the Chicago and Northwestern yards, has been reported.

Detroit, Mich., December 13.—At 9:30 o'clock the thermometer in the weather bureau registered 3 degrees above zero.

Milwaukee, Wis., December 13.—The minimum temperature reached in Wisconsin today was 28 below zero at Unity, in the northern portion. The cold wave is general in the State. Street thermometers in Milwaukee registered 16 below. No fatalities are reported.

St. Paul, Minn., December 13.—The entire Northwest today experienced the coldest weather of the season, the thermometer ranging from 4 to 24 degrees below

zero at the various stations of the weather bureau. There is apparently no prospect of immediate relief.

Trains on all railroads are delayed because of the intense cold. In this city the minimum was 23 below, reached early in the morning. The maximum for the day was 8 below. Toward night the mercury again began to settle in the tube, and at 9 o'clock stood at 12 below zero.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., December 13.—A terrific wind and snow storm has been raging over the upper peninsula today, and all trains are delayed. Some have managed to pull through, but others are completely stalled. The car ferry at Mackinaw is held up on account of the storm, and roads through the country are impassable.

Omaha, Neb., December 13.—Zero weather continued throughout the day in Nebraska, with a slight moderation tonight. The weather man predicts higher temperature for tomorrow.

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.

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 ward off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

GREW COTTON, DESPITE WEEVIL.

Entomologist Hunter Says He Got From a Half to a Bale Per Acre at Experimental Stations.

Victoria, Tex., Dec. 12.—Entomologist W. D. Hunter, in charge of the boll weevil experimental work in Texas, with headquarters at Victoria, has finished the year's work here and left for Washington, D. C., this morning. He told a News reporter that the bulletin of this year's work is being prepared now and will be out in several weeks. It will be quite voluminous and contain much valuable and practical information for cotton-growing districts about methods for and results in combating the cotton boll weevil. Prof. Hunter told a reporter that at some of the experimental stations under his charge in this State the yield resulted in a bale to the acre, while at none of the stations was it less than half a bale to the acre, except at the Victoria Station, which was inundated at various times, and consequently the work here on the experimental farm was not a success. On account of the various floods during the past year and danger of recurrence in the future, the J. D. Mitchell tract in the river valley west of here, which has been used as the experimental farm in the past, will be abandoned, and a contract has been made for the lease of sixty-five acres of the Stayton Addition Company tract, just northeast of town, within half a mile of the city limits. Fifty acres of this tract will be put into four 12½-acre plats and planted with early varieties of cotton. Two will be fertilized to hasten plant maturing, while the other two will not have any fertilizers. All the present Texas force of entomologists will return next year, with others added. Mr. Hunter will join in the tussle for a large appropriation for the Texas boll weevil experimental work.

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.

NEW ERA FOR HOUSTON COUNTY.

THREE RAILROADS PROJECTED TO PASS THROUGH THE COUNTY.

Oil Indications Enhance Land Values and Many Land Deals are on Foot and Being Made.

Mr. P. W. Bean of Kansas City was in Crockett Tuesday and was seen by the COURIER editor at the Pickwick hotel. Mr. Bean is representing the Kansas City and Houston railroad, a new line projected to run south from Kansas City through the Indian Territory to Paris, Texas, and to continue in a southerly direction through the counties of Delta, Hopkins, Rains, Van Zandt, Henderson, Anderson, Houston, Trinity, San Jacinto, Montgomery and Harris to the city of Houston, which will be its southern terminus. The proposed line will be 100 miles shorter than any other line from Kansas City to Houston. It will be an air line from Kansas City to deep water at Houston. Mr. Bean has covered the territory from Kansas City to Crockett, partly by private conveyance and partly by rail. He came from Palestine to Crockett by rail, having made much of his journey north of Palestine by private conveyance. He spent Tuesday afternoon talking with our citizens and left Wednesday in a buggy for Groveton by way of Pennington. From Groveton he will continue to Cold Springs in San Jacinto county and from there to Houston. While here Mr. Bean was asked by the COURIER as to what interests were behind his road. He declined to say, but did say that it had one of the strongest railroad companies in the country behind it and that his company was capable of carrying out any plan it might undertake regardless of obstacles. It is a known fact that the James J. Hill interests are seeking an outlet to the gulf for their immense network of railroads in the north and west and that they have lines into Kansas City. It can reasonably be presumed that this great railroad company is behind the project. If not, then some other company equally as strong. What Houston county needs is another north and south line—another line extending to the great fruit and vegetable marts of the north and west. If the COURIER is right in its surmises, that the Hill interests are behind the new road, nothing better could happen to Houston county, for the country through which the road passes will be developed only as has been the country through which the Northern Pacific passes in the northwest. Mr. Bean is engaged only in preliminary work and says that later his company will make two surveys through the county from north to south and decide on the one most feasible. One line will come into the county west of the I. & G. N. railroad, cross at Crockett and proceed in the direction of Pennington, Groveton and Cold Springs. The other will come into the county

east of the I. & G. N., pass through Augusta and miss Crockett by twenty miles to the east. This Crockett cannot afford to let be done. If the road is built, Crockett must have it. On being asked as to how he found the sentiment of our people in regard to another road, Mr. Bean said the sentiment was most favorable and that our people were awaking to the necessity of another road; that they realized that the day of making a living by the easy method of strewing handfuls of cotton seed into the ground and stirring the soil with a scooter plow had passed and that to make a success along other and more improved lines of agriculture competing lines of railway were necessary. Much interest was manifested in Crockett over the proposed road. With the extension of the Eastern Texas to Crockett, which is being done under contract for four miles in this direction and when the four miles is completed another contract is expected to be let, and with the building of the Trinity and Brazos Valley next spring, which the managers have assured us will be done, together with the probability of securing the Kansas City and Houston road, Houston county, the largest in East Texas and the richest in timber and in the variety and productiveness of its soils, will become the largest in the matter of facilities for shipping and the richest in the point of population, agriculture, horticulture, milling, ginning and manufacturing. To this can be added the prospects for oil and if there is anything in indications the county has oil in abundance. Already large land transactions are being made, buyers coming from as far north as Wisconsin, and several deals are on foot which have not reached consummation. Verily a new era is dawning for Houston county and the day is not far distant when the cry of hard times will no longer be heard in the land.

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. mxd 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 mxd X brs S. 52 deg. E. 31-10 vrs thence with said north B. line 636 vrs to the beginning leyed 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 25 day of Nov., A. D. 1903.

E. B. HALE, Sheriff.

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.

Let Us Help You

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.

Men's Collars 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	Men's Hose 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	Men's Handkerchiefs Fine Silk Handkerchiefs, white centers with colored borders, or colored centers with fancy borders, each 25 cents to.....\$1.50
Men's Gloves We have some genuine Bear-kin Gloves, the best quality and always very comfortable this cold weather. a pair.....\$1.00	Ladies' Hose 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	Ladies' Shawls 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	Large oak rocker, fancy shaped arms and back, upholstered spring seat.....\$2.98
Child's solid oak rocker, cane seat, spindle back and arms, nicely finished.... 98c	Ladies' wicker rocker, close woven cane seat, strong and well made, velvet headrest, price.....\$2.75
Ladies' solid oak rocker, cane seat, spindle back, turned rounds, price.....\$1.49	Large willow rocker, heart-shaped back, has roll top and arms, a beauty.....\$5.25



ROBE BLANKETS

Cotton, heavily fleeced, stripes in two-toned effects, beautiful colors, used for wrappers, bath robes, house gowns, etc., a pr. 75c

10 4 heavy cotton blankets, white with colored border, a pair.....\$1.00
 10 4 extra heavy ones, pr. \$1.50
 10 4 wool blankets, dark red, \$2 to.....\$3.00
 10 4 wool blankets, fine selected stock, white with blue border a pair.....\$3.00
 10 4 white wool blankets, a pair.....\$3.25
 11 4 California blankets, blue and white plaid, very fine...\$6.00

Counterpanes

9-4 counterpanes for.....75c
 10-4 " " ".....\$1.00
 10-4 " heavy grade \$1.50
 10-4 " fringed \$1.25 to \$4.00
 11 4 " extra heavy, \$1.75 to.....\$6.00

JAS. S. SHIVERS & CO.

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 28th 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.

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.

Talking About Henderson Business Men.

The Rusk County News this week contains three full page ads, five half page ads, five quarter page ads and nine ten inch double column display ads. Henderson's newspapers are an index to a live town, filled with hustling business men who are reaching out after trade. Twenty-two live merchants out hustling at the same time in a move worthy of emulation by our "Sacred Elm" city. (It isn't Stone Fort city any more—since there is no fort you know.)—Nacogdoches Sentinel.

Henderson merchants have done more advertising this fall than ever before in one season, and without exception they all tell us business was never better. Occa-

sionally we hear some fellow say the reason Henderson is doing such an immense business is on account of the fact whiskey is still being sold here. This may be true, but the appearance of "business" around the saloons doesn't indicate it, and we have yet to hear of a single Henderson saloon man speak of his business being better than that of any previous fall business. The merchants who have been using printer's ink know what has brought business to Henderson this fall.—Rusk County News.

If Crockett's business men did more advertising, perhaps there would be less complaining of dull times.

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."

Kentucky News.

Lang Bros., Druggists, Paducah, Ky., write: "We sell more of Dr. Mendenhall's Chill and Fever Cure than all other remedies combined, having retailed over 700 bottles in one season. The physicians here prescribe it and persons who once use it will have no other." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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."

"THE TEXAS ROAD"

"Look at the Figures!"

MILES, MINUTES, MONEY

Saved between Texas and St. Louis, via the I. & G. N.

THE "TRUE ST. LOUIS WORLD'S FAIR LINE"

181 Miles Shortest, 5 Hours 57 Minutes Quickest, Houston to St. Louis.	100 Miles Shortest, 4 Hours 7 Minutes Quickest, San Antonio to St. Louis.
189 Miles Shortest, 6 Hours 57 Minutes Quickest, Galveston to St. Louis.	109 Miles Shortest, 5 Hours 12 Minutes Quickest, Austin to Saint Louis.

Equally as Quick to All Eastern Cities Through St. Louis.

6 Hours 29 Minutes Quickest, St. Louis to Houston	5 Hours 54 Minutes Quickest, St. Louis to Galveston.	4 Hours 28 Minutes Quickest, St. Louis to San Antonio.	5 Hours 47 Minutes Quickest, St. Louis to Austin.
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Excellent Dining Car Service all the way—all the time.

THE GREATEST EXPOSITION OF THE AGE

Will open at St. Louis in May, 1904, to commemorate the centennial of the great Louisiana Territory Purchase by the United States from France. St. Louis is reached directly from Texas by the I. & G. N.-Iron Mountain Lines.

"THE TEXAS ROAD"

International & Great Northern Railroad.

L. TRICE,
2nd Vice-Pres. & Gen. Mgr.

D. J. PRICE,
Gen. Pass. & Ticket Agent.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

W. C. LIPSCOMB, M. D.,
 PHYSICIAN and SURGEON,
 CROCKETT, TEXAS.
 Office with B. F. Chamberlain.

E. B. WOODS, M. D. J. S. WOOTERS, M. D.
 STOKES & WOOTERS,
 PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS,
 CROCKETT, TEXAS.
 Office in the rear of Chamberlain's Drugstore.

D. A. NUNN, D. A. NUNN, JR.

NUNN & NUNN,
 ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,
 CROCKETT, TEXAS.
 Will practice in all Courts, both State and Federal, in Texas.

B. F. BROWN, M. D.,
 PHYSICIAN and SURGEON,
 CROCKETT, TEXAS.
 Office over Haring's Drug Store.

THE CROCKETT COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Ed. and Pub.

CROCKETT, - - - TEXAS

G. M. ELLIS, Attorney & Notary. T. B. SATTERWHITE, Collector.

ELLIS & SATTERWHITE,

Attorney & Collecting Agency.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Office in Moore Building. PHONE 119.

SOURCES OF WEALTH

VALUE OF WEEDS LONG LOOKED ON AS NUISANCES.

Experts in Agricultural Department Have Found a Use for the Once Dreaded Russian Thistle—California's Native Rueshes Also of Worth.

The great benefit which this country derives from the practical, painstaking work of its several agricultural departments and special workers along that line is beyond computation. Some of the most striking instances of the way in which these trained experts point out how to obtain something from nothing—how to make valuable assets of materials long condemned as nuisances—will serve to illustrate the truth of the statement.

A few years ago the Russian thistle was the most dreaded of all weeds by farmers of the middle west. When once started it drove out all other vegetables, refusing to yield to the farmer's efforts at eradication. Columns of advice about its proper treatment were printed in the papers and the legislature of Kansas passed a law on the subject, but the thistle continued to live and cause trouble. Two years ago F. D. Coburn, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture, issued a bulletin in which he declared that the Russian thistle, when properly cured, made excellent food for stock. Cattlemen tried the experiment and found that their stock would devour it eagerly. Singularly enough the moment it was proven to be of value, the dreaded thistle commenced to die out, and at the present time has ceased to exist in many localities. It is claimed, however, that this weed can be raised in abundance on the dry plains in many western states.

Another valuable discovery was announced recently by C. M. Fuller, a Denver chemist. On the alkali deserts of Colorado there grew a noxious weed which had long been the bane of the sheep herder's life. Since every member of their flock partook of its succulent growth was sure to die. Mr. Fuller made the important discovery that the juice of this plant, "Aetennalia Richardsoni," yielded a good rubber gum when properly treated. His discovery is timely, as the Para-rubber plantations of South America have ceased to meet the demand for rubber in this country. Colorado may yet derive great revenue from the utilization of a nuisance.

California seems about to reap a great benefit from the tules or native rushes abounding within her borders. The way for a new and profitable industry has been opened by Professor E. W. Hilgard, head of the agricultural college at the University of California. Through his efforts experiments with California rushes have been made by the Goodale Matting company of Maine. They proved to be superior in many ways to the rushes now imported by the company from China and Japan. The plant introduction bureau of the department of agriculture at Washington is interesting itself in the subject. They have already procured several hundred roots of the native rush, which will be used for experimental culture in various parts of the United States with a view to supplying our own demand in the near future. Thus our present methods tend to the creation of valuable assets from the waste and rubbish of our national domain.

Mosquitoes Scare Madrid.

At 2 in the afternoon, when the most frequented part of Madrid, Puerta del Sol, was swarming with traffic and people, the sun was suddenly obscured by a black cloud of mosquitoes.

They burst upon the street with a noise resembling the roar of the sea, and instantly the faces and hands of men, women and children and the bodies of horses and other animals were covered by the insects, which entered eyes, mouths and noses.

Millions swarmed through the open doors of the cafes and stores, and a general panic ensued. Horses ran away, ambulances were called for and people fought with canes, umbrellas and anything else they could get hold of.

For about five minutes the tiny blood suckers had their innings. Then they rose, and the people saw the black cloud disappear heavenward.

Many of the stores and cafes had to be closed to be cleared of mosquitoes, as customers did not dare enter as long as the pests remained alive.—New York Journal.

REYES TO ACCEPT

CALL TO PRESIDENCY IN TIME OF NEED.

GENERAL DECIDEDLY RESICENT.

Colombian General Made No State ment—Promised Loomie No War at Present.

Washington, Dec. 15.—If elected to the presidency of Colombia by the overwhelming majority which Bogota dispatches indicate, General Rafael Reyes, Colombian minister to the United States, the Associated Press learns, would regard the call of his country as a command which it would be difficult for him to refuse to obey. General Reyes has constantly declined to discuss the question of his election, but to an intimate friend he is quoted as saying he could hardly refuse to serve his country in the hour of her need, although he is not a politician and had never sought the presidency. Several friends of General Reyes confidently predict that he will accept.

It is further learned that General Reyes is still undecided as to the nature of his note to the state department formally setting forth Colombia's views on the Panama situation. A brief memorandum has been submitted to his counsel, Wayne MacVeagh, but this itself is only tentative. It can be stated that Colombia will first express her protest against the events on the isthmus, but further than this General Reyes has not decided what form his statement shall take.

General Reyes called at the state department yesterday and was closeted with Assistant Secretary Loomis for nearly an hour. In reply to a question the general said he had given assurance to this government that, pending his diplomatic mission to Washington, there would be no hostilities by the Colombian troops. As to what would be done after that, the general would make no statement, but significantly shrugged his shoulders. He would not disclose the nature of the paper which he is preparing for presentation to the state department, but wanted it said that Colombia did not make any demand for a part of the \$10,000,000 to be paid to Panama in consideration of the canal treaty. General Reyes expressed the hope that there would be no war between the United States and Colombia.

"The United States wants civilization," he said. "She wants to be on friendly terms with the countries of the South."

Many Men Affected.

New York, Dec. 15.—The statement was made yesterday by a leading official of the United States Steel Corporation that, beginning Jan. 1, 1904, about 90 per cent of the employees of the corporation will suffer wage reductions ranging from 5 to 20 per cent. This reduction will affect about \$150,000 workmen in the various grades of the subsidiary companies.

F. M. Stafford Found Dead.

Yoakum, Texas, Dec. 15.—News was received here by his family yesterday morning that F. M. Stafford was found dead in his bed at Sour Lake. Deceased had been working at Sour Lake for the past several months while his family has resided here.

Ex-Policeman Executed.

New York, Dec. 15.—William P. Ennis, a former Brooklyn policeman, who was convicted of having murdered his wife, was put to death yesterday morning in the electric chair in Sing Sing prison. Two applications of the current were made. The murder occurred on Jan. 14, 1902, at the home of Mrs. Ennis' mother, in Canarsie.

Kill by Falling Tree.

Grapeland, Texas, Dec. 15.—John Abbott, a young man living a few miles in the country, was caught under a falling tree yesterday afternoon and his skull was crushed. The attending physician, Dr. H. S. Robinson, states that his recovery is almost hopeless.

Few Christmas Pardons.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 15.—The governor is being importuned for the usual Christmas pardons. His office is being visited by many people from all over the state on this account. He will probably grant about half a dozen pardons as a Christmas gift to as many convicts.

LABOR AND CAPITAL

Abolition of Wage System Now Predicted.

New York, Dec. 15.—Carroll D. Wright, president of Clark University and United States commissioner of labor, who has just delivered an address before the Philadelphia Ethical Culture Society, in which he expressed the belief that the wage system will soon pass away, spoke later on the subject before a large crowd in Cooper Union, this city. Predictions which he made that the time is rapidly approaching when workmen will receive a fairer share of the profits of their industry aroused enthusiasm.

"Under the wage system as outlined by the late Francis Walker," he said, "the wage worker receives in advance from capital the measure of his labor, this measure being recouped by the returns for the product, the wage worker thus being paid for his services before the employer receives any return for his co-operation with the labor."

"Under co-operation pure and simple the wage earner, who is the co-operator, must wait until the product is secured, marketed and paid for. This, perhaps, is the real, underlying reason why co-operation in its simple form and when applied to production, has not succeeded. The employer, therefore, collects from the consumer the money to recoup his advancements on the cost of production."

"The two parties to production are being placed on a more thorough business basis than of old. Each is beginning to understand the other, and as this understanding crystallizes into positive knowledge and each is ready to meet the other on a fair and equal basis, the wage question will be relieved of some complications. The employer must consider his employe as an investor, as well as stockholder, for the workingman invests all he has, and that is his labor of today. He has, therefore, a perfect right to know why he cannot market that labor to the best possible advantage."

IS OPPOSED TO SOCIALISM.

Count von Ballestrem Again Head of German Reichstag.

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Spencer Cremated.

London, Dec. 15.—The remains of Herbert Spencer was cremated at Hempstead yesterday, a few invited guests attending the closing rites. Bernard Courney, M. P., made a brief address. An India gentleman who was present offered to donate \$5000 to endow a Spencer lectureship at Oxford.

Died of Injuries.

Graham, Texas, Dec. 15.—Mr. W. W. Mayes, who was thrown from his wagon by a runaway team last Thursday, died of his injuries. Mr. Mayes was one of the leading citizens of the Murray community, and has been a resident of the county for about twenty-five years.

Three Arrests Made.

Trinity, Texas, Dec. 15.—Sheriff Brooks of Walker county made three arrests in Kittrell yesterday as a result of the assassination of Bob James, who was ambushed about four miles from here Dec. 4, while on route home.

Cuban Reciprocity and Pension Appropriations

About all that Will Be Materially Before the Senate and House This Week.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Senate will vote on the Cuban reciprocity bill on Wednesday in accordance with the unanimous agreement entered into during the special session, and until the vote is taken practically the entire time of the Senate will be given to the discussion of the bill.

Senator Bailey will be the first speaker, and it is understood will consume the greater part of the day. He will oppose the bill and will devote himself particularly to a presentation of the Constitutional aspects of the question. He will be followed by Senator Spooner, who also will discuss the Constitutional question involved, but from a standpoint favorable to the bill. In addition to these there were a number of short speeches for and against the measure, but there is no doubt that the bill will pass without amendment.

The program has been arranged for the remainder of the week after the disposal of the Cuban bill, but it is understood that the way will be prepared for taking up of the Panama and Chinese treaties immediately after the Christmas holidays. It is probable there will be further discussion of the various resolutions bearing upon current questions, and an effort will be made to secure the passage of the Penrose resolution looking to an investigation of Postoffice Department affairs. The Democrats will continue their efforts to have it amended so as to make it mandatory.

It is expected Senator Hoar will seek to secure consideration of his resolution relative to the recognition of the Government of Panama by the United States. Senator Mitchell has given notice of a speech for Thursday in the interest of the proposed exposition of Portland, Ore.

Senators generally hope to secure an adjournment for the Christmas holidays Friday or Saturday.

When the House convened today consideration of the pensions appropriation bill in committee of the whole House was resumed. During the week a number of the more important committees will take up pending bills for consideration, but beyond the passage of the pensions appropriation bill, it is not believed that much will be accomplished on the floor of the House in the way of general legislation before the Christmas holiday recess, which probably will be taken at the end of the week. It is probable that some minor matters will be disposed of under unanimous consent after the pension bill is out of the way.

An opportunity will be given during the week for further debate on such topics as members may desire to bring to the attention of the House.

Minister to Panama.

Washington: The president has selected W. I. Buchanan of New York to be the first United States minister to Panama. This selection was brought about to secure, temporarily, at least, and during the crystallization of the relations between the United States and Panama, the services of a trained and experienced diplomatic representative, having special reference to his knowledge of the Latin-American races.

Twenty Thousand Dollar Loss.

Lancaster: The cotton house of White Gin Cotton company was destroyed by fire Saturday. It contained about 350 bales of seed cotton. Damages about \$18,000 or \$20,000; insurance \$10,500. Smoke was discovered, and while the hands were searching, it burst forth, and almost immediately covered the whole house. Those in search barely escaped. The supposition is, that a match had been drawn through the suction.

Heavy Loss at Lorena.

Lorena: The cotton seed house of S. C. Williams caught fire Saturday and was totally destroyed. There were at least 100 tons of cotton seed in the house, of which all were consumed. The next thing to catch was the grain house of Henry Schaefer, containing 20,000 bushels of oats, of which probably 1000 were saved. Fortunately the wind was directly in the north, otherwise the loss would have been very heavy.

Republicans to Meet in Chicago.

Washington: The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago, beginning at noon on June 21 next, the Republican national committee reaching this conclusion Saturday and adjourning subject to call. Pittsburg and St. Louis were rivals of Chicago for the convention. The work of the committee was harmonious throughout. Its open session was attended by many Republican members of the house. Several minor questions were referred to a special committee. Included in this list was the representation asked for by Porto Rico, Hawaii and Luzon, the Socialistic problem and the political rights of the negro. A committee headed by Senator Scott of West Virginia was named to make all arrangements for the convention. Senator Hanna named the committee at the Arlington hotel that evening.

Col. R. B. Parrott is Dead.

Waco: Col. R. B. Parrott died at Hot Springs, Ark., Saturday. Col. Parrott was a Virginian by birth, and served during the last two years of the war in Col. Jack Mosby's company. He was 57 years old. He came to Waco thirty-five years ago, was an Alderman many years and was the founder of the public school system of this city. He was the means of bringing large investments here and was for many years the leader in all efforts to promote the city's welfare.

Major A. J. Rose Dead.

Belton: Major A. J. Rose died at his residence at Salado Sunday, aged 73 years. While attending the grand lodge at Waco he contracted pneumonia from the effects of which he died. He came to this country in 1867 or 1868 and has resided here since. He was grand master of the State Grange in 1880, and grand master of the Masonic grand lodge of Texas in 1886 and 1887, and he was commissioner of states and insurance for Texas from 1894 to 1897, when he resigned.

Tyler: Tyler College, a commercial and shorthand school, was burned to the ground Sunday morning, the fire starting from a defective flue in a member of the faculty's room. There was \$2700 insurance on the furniture and fixtures and \$1500 on the building. The building was originally erected for the Texas fruit palace in 1896, at a cost of \$12,000. There were many narrow escapes.

Five Killed in Railway Wreck.

Piedmont, W. Va.: Five trainmen were killed and several severely injured by the overturning of two engines attached to a heavy Baltimore and Ohio freight train on the Seventeen-Mile Grade near this city. While descending the grade, the train, to which were attached two engines, left the track. The engines and nearly all of the twenty-four loaded cars tumbled into a deep ravine, carrying the trainmen with them.

The oil mill at Petty has installed a thrashing machine for the purpose of thrashing out the unopened bolls. So far the work done with it has been very satisfactory, the unopened bolls turning out about 500 pounds lint to 2500 pounds bolls. The lint is valued at from 10 1-2c to 10 3-4c.

Mobnobbing With the Big 'Uns.

Rome: William Jennings Bryan, accompanied by his son, was received in private audience by the pope Saturday. Mr. Bryan was presented by Monsignor Kennedy, rector of the American College, who acted as interpreter. His holiness spoke with great interest of the Catholics in the United States. After the audience, Mr. Bryan expressed himself as highly pleased with the pope's kindly bearing.

Aged Man Burned to Death.

Fort Worth: W. P. Watt, aged 55 years, was burned to death early Sunday morning at the residence of his son-in-law, Brown Harwood. Mr. and Mrs. Harwood were awakened at about 4 o'clock by smelling smoke. They went to the room of Mr. Watt and discovered him lying on the floor dead. A large place had been burned in the floor and that a trunk near by had been entirely consumed by the flames.

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Texas News

Of the Week

Light Fingered Gentry.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 11.—The crooks in attendance on the carnival got in their work Wednesday night, nipping a valuable diamond from a ring worn by a lady. The marks of the pliers show on the body of the ring. The sergeant of police is minus his gold badge, or medal, studded with a handsome diamond. Sheriff Matthews misses from his coat his jeweled K. of P. charm.

Run Over and Fatally Injured.

Tyler, Texas, Dec. 12.—J. F. Hill, a farmer, was thrown from his wagon yesterday afternoon and fatally injured by two wheels of the heavily laden wagon passing over his body. He was picked up in an unconscious condition. He received severe internal and external injuries, from which he can't recover.

Policeman Accidentally Shot.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 11.—Deep regret was expressed in this city over the accidental killing of Policeman U. O. Jones, who was accidentally shot by his brother-in-law while deer hunting near Cotulla; Jones was away on his vacation. He was a popular member of the local force and had served as a constable of this county.

Piano Factory Project.

Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 12.—Mr. C. Janks, the well known Galveston piano man, spent the day in Beaumont looking over the city with a view of selecting a site for the new piano factory the Janke company will erect here with the assistance of local capital. A meeting will be held at the local board of trade in a few days to perfect organization of the piano company.

Negro Killed by Train.

Bastrop, Texas, Dec. 12.—Gas Martin, an old negro, partially deaf and blind in one eye, was killed by the train near Sayers yesterday afternoon. He was crossing in front of the moving train. Bystanders halloed at him but could not make him hear.

Trying to Abolish Corporation.

Belton, Texas, Dec. 12.—The plan of abolishing the corporation of Belton is again to the fore and a petition is now in circulation asking the county judge to order an election to determine the matter. The scheme was defeated at an election held a year ago.

Aged Negro Fatally Burned.

La Grange, Texas, Dec. 10.—Yesterday while intoxicated, Wallace Rodgers, an old, one-armed colored man, laid down in some tall grass on some vacant lots in the northern part of this city and went to sleep. Some small children at play, not knowing Rodgers was in the grass, set fire to it, as a result of which Rodgers was so badly burned that he died.

Texas Short Line Earnings.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 10.—The Texas Short Line yesterday paid the controller \$172,000 passenger tax on \$172,000 passenger earnings for the quarter ending September 30.

Louisiana After Texas Mules.

Hearne, Texas, Dec. 10.—Mr. S. B. Webb of Monroe, La., is in the city, having been sent here as an agent to buy up several hundred mules. He has already purchased a great many throughout the state and is desirous of getting a great many more.

Gates Has Gone Home.

Port Arthur, Texas, Dec. 10.—John W. Gates, wife and guests, left Port Arthur in their private car Joliet yesterday for their Northern home, having considerably shortened their anticipated stay. Mr. Charles Gates and wife are in New Orleans en route to New York.

Dr. Tabor to Washington.

Bryan, Texas, Dec. 10.—State Health Officer George R. Tabor of Austin has been here the past two days visiting his mother. He left yesterday for Washington, D. C., to confer with the surgeon general with reference to international health situation between the United States and Mexico.

What One Hog Raiser Did.

Terrell, Texas, Dec. 12.—G. W. Monroe, owning a big field of alfalfa, which he uses as a hog range, marketed here fifteen yearling hogs, netting him \$174.

HOLIDAY EXCURSION RATES.

Via H. & T. C. R. R., \$2.00 added to one fare for the round trip to points in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, South Carolina, North Carolina, Kentucky, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, Old Mexico. Tickets on sale Dec. 19, 20, 21 and 26, return limit, 30 days from date of sale. Three daily trains each way. Special train service on Dec. 19, through to New Orleans, La.

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Chorus
Biff! Bang! a mile a minute No other method of travel is in it I want to go ripping, skipping and zipping Away on the Limited Train."

These lines are not original with me. They are taken from a tuncal little ditty sung in George Ade's comedy, "Peggy from Paris." The jingle danced through my brain the other day as we lay on the siding at Prairie Junction, or some such place, to let the Santa Fe's west bound California Limited go by. It was a gorgeous train of palace cars, and behind the plate glass observation windows beauty and fashion and youth and old age were loling among the luxuriant cushions, some visiting, some reading, some pleasantly dozing, some making wreaths of cigar smoke, some gazing dreamily through the windows at the passing of cities, and fields, and forests and rivers.

I stood on the rear platform of the last car of our train and watched the California Limited as she faded away toward the golden west. And I thought of the difference between travel now and travel in the days of '49, when it took the gold-seeker half a long, weary year, filled with all kinds of hardship to travel the distance that is now covered in three days. I thought of the slowly moving wagons, the dust, the stones, the jolting, the thirst, the hunger, the homesickness, the snake-like crossing of plains, the laborious climbing of mountains, the weary dragging weeks, the never ending trail.

In these palaces that had just glided by were people going to the same place to spend the winter months where the climate is perpetual summer. And they were not to endure a single hardship on the journey.

When night came they were to lie in beds whose soft embrace makes sleep a luxury—and in the day time the velvet cushions of their seats were to be made deeper still by pillows—and they were to spend a delightful part of their time in the glided and glittering dining car, where every dainty that ever tickled the palate is artfully served—in short, they were to have on the trip all the comforts of home—and of the best kind of home.

I stood there and watched them pass out of sight while my soul was consumed with envy. But I derived some consolation out of realizing that sometime I, too, would see California, and I promised myself that if I ever did go there it he would be over the Santa Fe.

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Incidents of the Nativity

Feasts of Nativity and Epiphany; Epoch of the Christian Era; Probable Error of 4 Years in Dionysius Exiguus; Feast of the Nativity on December 25; Traced from Blessed Virgin Through St. John, Polycarp, Irenaeus, and St. Patrick to Present Time; Climatic Conditions in Palestine; Who the Shepherds Were

By REV. F. P. DUFFY, M. D., Secretary of the American Church Bible Institute

Thousands this Christmastide will be glad to read something about Him so humble as to be born of a lowly maiden, and yet so mighty as to be the pivot on whom the universe resolves, and the Lord of All. Cradled in a manger and wrapped in swaddling clothes, He was yet worshiped by sages and adored by angels. Sleeping in the crevice of the limestone rock. He was yet bathed with the light of heaven through the cleft in the midnight sky. Emptying Himself of ineffable glory. He veiled His Deity in flesh that He might make poor humanity to be partaker of His Divine Image. In His Name I send cordial Christmas greetings to all my readers, and invite their attention to the wondrous story of the incarnation and its accompanying events.

Not until the sixth century did the church undertake to set forth authoritatively the year in which "Jesus was born in Bethlehem." Then the work was undertaken by Dionysius Exiguus. Exiguus means "little," but Dionysius was little only in stature. In mentality he was a giant. He was a Scythian by birth, one of a race classed by itself in St. Paul's terminology: Greek, Jew, Barbarian, Scythian, bond, free (Col. III:11). It may be interesting to note that the old name for the Irish, Scult, Scotis, Scot, is derived from Scythia, between which and Ireland there was regular communication early in A. D. No doubt the Irish would be quite willing to claim such a noted scholar as a kinsman. He would be a fit compatriot with the celebrated Duns Scotis (from whom, by the way, "Dunce" is derived on the law of contraries), the most learned man of his day, and a true born Irishman. Dionysius who was a monk, was an expert mathematician, and versed in astronomical knowledge. The data on which he based his calculations led him to fix on the year of Rome 754 as that in which Christ was born. This year, 754, he counted as A. D. 1. To Judah's maid an angel came
Prepare, dear heart, prepare
When the angel came to the little maid,
And she heard his voice, she was sore afraid
At the sorrowful, beautiful words that he said—
"O Mary, maid, prepare."

A mother-maid lies waste within,
God's circle round her hair,
Dumb kneeling brutes the wonder see;
A star attests the mystery;
While sage and shepherd reverently
Bring praise and incense rare.

Maid Mary waits at the stable door,
Prepare, dear Lord, prepare
A little bed for Thy infant rest,
For she stands without by Thy strange behest—
Begs but a place to lay Thy guest—
For Mary, Lord, prepare.

A virgin-mother-queen's in state,
Her ermine robe her hair,
The stable dim a palace is;
Its moss-rimmed troughs are chalices;
There lips whereon no malice is
Drink to the royal heir.

—Ruth McEnery Stuart, in Harper's Magazine.



in the countries mentioned. But these exceptional celebrations in reality strengthen the observance of the Nativity on Dec. 25.

The Eastern church celebrated for a time their Epiphany on Jan. 6. But the Epiphany was not the Nativity. The festival is still held on Jan. 6 as the Epiphany, or Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles in the person of the Magi, or Wise Men, through the interposition of a star. The fact that there was a hesitancy on the part of some in accepting Dec. 25, and a controversy among others, and then the final adherence of the whole Eastern church, show conclusively that the date was not blindly accepted. The intelligent adherence of the whole church proves that the observance was based upon reliable data, sufficient to satisfy the inquiry of independent minds. To sum up: The reception of Dec. 25 from the very first by the Western church, the early subsequent adherence of the Eastern church, and the unanimous acceptance

received from St. John's disciple. He was martyred 202. Belonging to the same local church, the Gallican, was St. Martin, born 316, and made bishop of Tours in 371. He of course received the customs as Irenaeus delivered them. His sister was the mother of St. Patrick, apostle of Ireland. The Irish church converted northwestern Europe. The day observed by all these as the natal day of Christ is Dec. 25.

Another reason may be given why there should be no uncertainty about the day. The primitive church was made up chiefly of what Abraham Lincoln aptly called "the plain people." These as a class are very observant about days—and as accurate as they are observant—and as accurate about years. Where is the American that does not know that Feb. 22 is Washington's birthday? But ask these same individuals, as I have done, the year in which he was born, and how few of them can give the correct answer. Even so it is with the great festivals of the church. There may be an uncertainty about the year, but none about the day.

But is not Dec. 25 about midwinter, and therefore too cold for shepherds to abide in the fields at night? Many are under such mistaken notion. But it is a mistake begotten of ignorance of climatic conditions in Palestine. A sufficient answer would be that the early Christians never advanced that objection against the observance of Dec. 25. But the testimony of travelers is altogether against such objections. I may mention such names as Tohler, Barclay, Schwartz, Ranwolf, Schubert, etc., who witness to the mildness of the season, and testify that from the middle of December to the middle of February the weather is, in fact, beautiful: "The flocks were led into the fields again, and plowing and sowing were carried on, the earth was clothed with rich verdure and the ground was carpeted with flowers." Such was the season when Christ was born in Bethlehem.

Who were the shepherds to whom the angel of the Lord appeared? They were not ordinary shepherds. You remember two lambs were offered daily in the continual burnt offering on the altar in the temple. In addition there were special offerings. These sacrifices required large flocks. Shepherds were needed to tend these lambs, types of "the Lamb of God," now born. The pasturage where these lambs were fed was the field of Bethlehem. The shepherds were a quasi sacred order inferior to the Levites. Their occupation was similar to Abel's. It was to these shepherds, lowly but God-fearing men, that the angel appeared, and the glory of the Lord shone round about. They were engaged in discharging their duty, and to all doing their duty to God and man will come the glory of the Lord and the message of peace, good will to men.

The events of Christ's sinless life have not been recorded in the annals of earthly history, nor emblazoned on the rolls of earthly fame, nor heralded in pomp and state by earthly trumpets: for He loved to manifest His spotless life among the nameless ones of the toiling and busy throng; yet there is a record kept of that stainless life in the pages of the Book of Space, with a precision passing earthly effort and an exactitude which the spheres alone could give.

"And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Low Rates to the East.
As Christmas time approaches, the railroads are preparing to handle large crowds of those going back to their old homes in the East, and the Southern Pacific will place on sale December 19, 20, 21 and 22 a rate of one fare plus \$2 to New Orleans and points in Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and Kentucky. Tickets are good for return in thirty days, and Christmas turkeys will be eaten by many Texans visiting their old home places. Southern Pacific agents will be glad to supply all information.
T. J. ANDERSON, G. P. & T. A.
JOS. HELLEN, A. G. P. & T. A.

A memorial has been erected at a cost of one hundred and thirty pounds sterling in Toowoomba cemetery, near Brisbane, Queensland, over the grave of Peter Jackson, the puglist.

Many Cough Syrups containing opiates, are more harmful than the disease. Not so with Simmons' Cough Syrup. It is safe and sure. Guaranteed. 25 and 50c.

A recent study of infant mortality in France shows that out of every 1,000 deaths of infants under one year of age 116 are breast-fed, 290 bottle-fed, and 594 infants to whom solid food had been given too early.

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

The largest airship constructed is to be built at St. Onen. It has been designed by Senor Jose De Patrocinio, who has received a subsidy from the Brazilian government for the purpose.

YOU CAN complete a business and shorthand course in Tyler College, Tyler, Texas, for a total cost, for board, tuition, books, stationery, etc., of \$117 to \$132—about half the usual cost of such courses. This adds to the average young person's earning capacity \$500 to \$600 a year. See pages 50 to 54 of their free catalogue. Address: Tyler College, Department B., Tyler, Texas.

Sheetings are largely made from the skin of the beluga, or white whale, which is known as "porpoise leather."

CORPORATIONS and Individuals who Need reliable Detective Service—Employ McCann's Detective Agency, Houston, Tex.

Twenty thousand young children, daily and nightly, stand in the streets of London offering various articles for sale.

An Untimely Death.
An untimely death so often follows neglect of slight cough or cold. If Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is taken in time it will prevent any evil results. It cures coughs, colds and consumption.
At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.

A recent census of China shows that that country, crowded with "teeming millions," has 103 to the square mile. Belgium has 220 to the square mile. Great Britain 130 and Germany 105.

Every bottle of Cough Syrup manufactured by the A. C. Simmons, Jr. Med. Co. is guaranteed to cure or money refunded. Use no other. 25 and 50c.

A new vocation for women is that of X-ray nurses. Courses of lectures on the subjects are now given in Berlin.

GOLD CURE

Do you know that a cold cannot exist if the bowels are thoroughly cleansed and active?

Dr. Caldwell's
(LAXATIVE)
Syrup Pepsin

is the best medicine for a cold. It will cure the youngest child or oldest sufferer. Try it. 50c and \$1.00 at your druggists. PEPSIN SYRUP CO., Monticello, Ill.

SAWYER'S
EXCELSIOR BRAND
OILED CLOTHING
and SLICKERS



Local Items.

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

Washed Rio coffee at Billy Lewis & Co's.

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

The Big Store can interest you in knit goods.

Keq pickles are fresh at Billy Lewis & Co's.

Buy your Xmas goods at the New Drug Store.

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

Judge B. H. Gardner of Palestine was here Saturday.

Christmas rugs and art squares cheap at the Big Store.

Miss Annie Stokes visited Palestine the first of the week.

They are closing out all woolen goods cheap at the Big Store.

Holiday packages of Gunther's Candies at the New Drug Store.

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

Send Santa Claus to see those Moloney's shoes at the Big Store.

Our prices on guns will suit you. Come and see. Billy Lewis & Co.

Get your money's worth—trade at the Big Store and save money.

Your orders receive prompt attention when given to Billy Lewis & Co.

Mr. W. V. Clark is suffering from a severe attack of appendicitis.

The five men implicated in the murder of Olin English are still in jail.

"It's No Joke."

The Big Store sells furniture cheaper.

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

H. J. Castleberg is at home with his family until after the holidays.

Middling cotton was bringing 11 5-16 in Crockett Wednesday afternoon.

You can buy a hat very cheap from the Big Store's millinery department.

The New Drug Store has a brand new line of holiday goods. No last year's stock.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

The Big Store will be closed 25th and 26th of December.

We will be headquarters for fruit during the Xmas holidays. BILLY LEWIS & CO.

Jim Brown is reported as recovering from the injuries sustained in his recent runaway accident.

Plans are under way for the early extension of the Eastern Texas railroad toward Crockett.

The East Texas Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbytery church was in session at Percilla last week.

Only a few hales of tobacco left. All will be gone by January. Those wanting, better call at once. W. B. PAGE.

It is a fact that the North Carolina early cotton seed, when properly cultivated, will make a good crop ahead of the boll weevil.

Mrs. Hagy of San Antonio, who will be remembered in Crockett as Miss Hattie Woodward, accompanied by her little daughter, Mildred, is a guest at the home of Mr. Chas. Long.

SANTA CLAUS Certificate

DEAR FRIENDS:

This is to certify that I have personally examined the Holiday Stock of B. F. Chamberlain and cheerfully recommend it as the best and certainly the most complete assortment of Appropriate Gifts I have ever seen. You can find there just what you want, and the Prices are Right. You will be sure to please your friends and loved ones with selections from this elegant collection. It affords me much pleasure to announce to my many friends that the popular store of B. F. Chamberlain is my headquarters this season, and all letters for me should be sent to them.

Very truly yours,

SANTA CLAUS.

WITH B. F. CHAMBERLAIN.

S. M. Holcomb, M. N. Brown and J. A. Maxey were pleasant callers at the COURIER office Wednesday.

Plant King's new improved seed year 1904 and make cotton. A few bushels not subscribed for for sale at the Big Store.

Call investigate our assortment of Hyman's pickles the best ever shown in Crockett. You can see a few in our window.

BILLY LEWIS & CO.

Miss Ina McKennon and Miss Waller were in town Saturday shopping. The former young lady is teaching school at Wesley Chapel.

Mr. W. H. Denny returned Friday night from Hot Springs, where he has been for some time for his health, which has not improved as his friends desired.

You can find at Crysups' suitable Christmas presents for your wife, husband, sweetheart, sister or brother, whichever the case may be, and something that the receiver will be proud of.

Mrs. M. F. Crawford and daughter, Miss Martha, have returned to Crockett from Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Crawford of Chicago are also here, arriving from Houston Wednesday night.

N. J. Salmon, J. G. Webb, T. R. Cook, J. A. Grounds, S. S. Elliott and W. J. Peacock are among the county's substantial farmer-citizens who have remembered the COURIER since its last issue.

The new Methodist pastor, Mr. LeClere, arrived Saturday night and entered upon his charge Sunday morning. The other pastors withheld services Sunday evening so their congregations could hear the new preacher.

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

Voters should bear in mind that their poll tax will have to be paid by the last day of January if they expect to vote in the elections next year and that paying the tax after that day will not entitle them to vote. A penalty is also added on all taxes not paid by that day.

We are reliably informed that the Guffey oil company pays out from \$1200 to \$1500 every year in Houston county for leases on prospective oil lands. The chances for oil must be good when a company pays out that amount year after year just to maintain its holdings.

John Abbott, a young man living near Grapeland, was caught under a falling tree Monday afternoon and had his skull crushed. His recovery was pronounced as almost hopeless.

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.

W. M. Hinson, connected with the bureau of soils, Washington, D. C., and also a tobacco expert of Nacogdoches, where a government tobacco warehouse is located, was in Crockett Wednesday gathering data for his report on the tobacco industry in Texas.

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.

At the Baptist Church.

Next Sunday there will be services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the morning sermon will be "Little Things." The services at night will be especially for the young. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Young People's Union at 3:30 p. m. Sunbeams from 4:30 to 5 p. m. J. A. HOWARD.

Notice.

T. J. Caywood of Vest Texas, having bought out the Candy Kitchen, is now prepared to serve the public with fresh oysters at all hours. Full line of confections and fireworks. Give me your orders for Christmas oysters or anything in my line. Phone the Candy Kitchen. 2t T. J. CAYWOOD.

Farmers who expect to raise cotton next year should plant nothing but the early variety of seed. A half bale to the acre can be made by planting the North Carolina early variety, planting far apart and cultivating well. Those who plant the native seed and cultivate in the old way will make nothing, as has been demonstrated this year.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church realized quite a nice sum on their bazaar last Thursday evening. The ladies of the Methodist church gave a church fair this week and realized quite handsomely on it. A visit to either one of these church fairs or bazaars could not but impress on one the untiring efforts of the ladies in pushing to a success anything they undertake.

The COURIER wants to make as good a showing as possible on subscription collections by the first day of January, 1904. Our friends can help us out a great deal on this, in fact it all depends on them. On account of close money matters, we are all the more appreciative of those who have paid up and renewed for another year, but there are still many on our books who have not yet done so.

Early Cotton Seed.

Jas. S. Shivers & Co. will have a car of North Carolina early maturing cotton seed to arrive this week, the oil mill has two cars ordered and J. C. Wooters & Co. have also a car ordered. The seed ordered by the last named firm are strictly for their customers. Jas. S. Shivers, as secretary of the association, has been booking orders for cotton growers in general, and the oil mill is taking the native seed in exchange for the early variety.

HOUSTON COUNTY OIL FIELD.

Surface Indications in Abundance—Prospecting Has Begun and a Well Will Be Put Down at an Early Date.

During the early part of last week there arrived in Crockett two gentlemen from Corsicana, Dr. T. F. Driskill and Mr. E. L. Holloway, who are acquainted with the oil business and know a good oil indication when they see it.

They went out to the home of Dr. Driskill's brother near San Pedro, 10 miles northeast of Crockett, where a number of leases had already been taken by Mr. Driskill, and began an examination of surface indications. After pushing a rod into the ground and drawing it out enough gas would escape from the hole to burn for several minutes. Messrs. Driskill and Holloway secured leases on all the available territory and returned to Crockett Thursday at noon.

Thursday afternoon a meeting of the citizens with these gentlemen was had at the Pickwick hotel and considerable enthusiasm was aroused. The Corsicana gentlemen laid a plan before the citizens to organize a company and put down a well, which would cost from four to five thousand dollars. The citizens took the matter under consideration and appointed a committee to go out to the prospective oil field and make an examination. The committee went and on its return reported that it found oil indications in abundance and that Messrs. Driskill and Holloway had made no exaggerated statements. The committee staid out overnight and it is said that the woods were thoroughly ablaze with the gaslight. Since the return of the citizens' committee one hears oil talk on every hand and if talk means anything a half dozen derricks will be at work in the Houston county oil field at an early date.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Saxon announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Lexie, to Dr. Harry S. Robertson of Grapeland, which happy event will take place on Wednesday afternoon, December 23, at 3 o'clock, at the residence of the bride's parents in Crockett. Dr. Robertson is well known as a practicing physician and as the editor of the Grapeland Messenger. His bride has been reared to young womanhood in Crockett and has many fine traits of mind and character. The doctor is to be congratulated.

The family of Rev. E. L. Crawford received the sad news Saturday morning of the death of Mr. Crawford's brother, R. F., which occurred at Houston Friday night. His mother was at his bedside at the time of his death and his sister, Miss Martha, went down Saturday afternoon to be with her mother and attend the funeral, which occurred Monday from the residence of Mr. Baldwin H. Rice. The deceased died of malarial fever, contracted at Sour Lake where he was conducting a lumber business during the oil boom. The sorrowing relatives have the deep, heartfelt sympathy of all our people. Mr. Crawford was a young man of strong character and had attained a high rank in both the social and business world.

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A TOUCH OF "RHEUMATIZ?"

Get that prescription of Dr. Helpen that did you so much good last time refilled; or, if the pain is 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.

SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

PARTY OF LAND BUYERS HERE.

Much Activity in Houston County Real Estate—Farm Lands Sought.

Geo. H. Campbell of Kilbourn, Wis., Chas. Martin and J. Stowers of the same place, P. W. Horton of Troup, Nat Wetzel of New Orleans and Z. B. Clinton of Joliet, Ill., comprise a party of land buyers and speculators who arrived in Crockett Friday of last week and are stopping at the Pickwick hotel. Mr. Clinton has his wife with him. Mr. Campbell is the gentleman who bought W. V. Berry's farm southwest of town, paying him \$10,000 for same, and is here now getting it in shape for next year. He is setting out a peach orchard and will engage largely in fruit and truck growing. His work will be mainly of an experimental nature and if successful will be the means of inducing many more farmers of his state to come here. Mr. Campbell is president of the Central Wisconsin Farm Land Company, has ample means to carry on farming in keeping with the most approved methods and is in a position to induce much immigration to this section. The fruit and truck-growing industry is only in its infancy here, but it is a very healthy infant, and only needs men with the means and confidence of such men as Mr. Campbell to nourish it to a healthy maturity. The other gentlemen of the party are interested in lands and are in the market for same. One of them, Mr. Clinton of Illinois, has closed a deal with W. V. Berry for his large farm southeast of town and will work along the lines set out by Mr. Campbell.

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THE COURIER.

W. W. Aiken, Editor and Publisher



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

Under the new election law all poll taxes must be paid by the last day of January if the payer expects to vote. Paying after that time will not entitle the payer to cast his ballot.

Next year is an election year and the campaign promises to have its usual warmth. Every voter is going to want to vote and every voter should see that his poll tax is paid by the last day of January.

Our people are not discouraged over the failure of the cotton crop. They realize that everything was unfavorable to the growing and maturing of cotton this season, on account of the late spring, rains, etc. They expect to win by planting quicker maturing seed.

Next year being an election year every man in the county is going to want a county paper to keep himself posted on local political matters. There is no better county paper than the COURIER. Lots of papers beat it in the quantity of stuff hashed up, but none of them beat it in the quality of its home news. It covers the local field thoroughly. If the reader is not a subscriber, let him lose no time in subscribing.

The farmers of Houston county are not in as bad shape as some people would have you believe. The fact is, they are in pretty good shape—some of them are better off than they have been for years. Those who grew nothing but cotton are hard hit, but those who planted much corn, sugar cane, oats, millet, potatoes, and who have livestock to sell, are not complaining. The latter class are seen in town every day doing their trading as though the boll weevil was an unheard of thing. They have an abundance of corn, syrup, sweet potatoes, meat, winter turnips and collards for their own use and a surplus, and by selling the surplus they have money to buy what they haven't got. Besides all this, one bale of cotton brings as much money as did two a few years back. The wise farmer will improve even on present conditions next year. He will raise more feed, have still more livestock to sell and to kill, more poultry, more syrup and potatoes, and by adopting different cultural methods and planting an earlier variety of seed will make a better cotton crop. The corn, bacon and hay that was hauled out from Crockett last spring will not be repeated another year. The people have learned a lesson. They have learned it from that best of all teachers, experience. They have learned that the day of the carelessly strewn cotton furrow and the scoter plow as the sole means of a livelihood are to be relegated to the past and numbered with the things that were, to be supplanted, as was the old muzzle-loading shot-gun by the modern repeating breech-loader, by more approved and improved methods of farming, and by farming we mean farming in its broadest sense and not the mere growing of a few bales of cotton. Of course, cotton will continue to be raised, but care must be taken in the selection of seed and improved cultural methods adopted.

WANTS EXTRA SESSION.

Judge Greenwood Called on the Governor, Urging That Legislature be Called.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 10.—Honorable James Greenwood, County Judge of Guadalupe County, was here today and had a conference with Governor Lanham on the advisability of the latter calling an extra session of the Legislature for the purpose of repealing or amending certain provisions of the Terrell election law. Judge Greenwood says that such action is urgently necessary and that unless it is done the cost of holding each election in Texas will exceed \$300,000. The cost of preparing for holding an election will amount alone to fully \$1,500 in each county of the State. This large amount is necessary to pay for the various printed blanks, etc., that are required under the new law. Up to this time Guadalupe County has expended \$800 for these blanks and much more would be necessary.

The burden of expense is so heavy to that county that Judge Greenwood says he will not hold the next election under the new law, but will follow the old election law except in the matter of ballot. He says that he is confident the courts will uphold such action. He proposes to see that every candidate, no matter whether an independent or belonging to a recognized political party, shall be accorded a place on the ballot in his county, irrespective of the contrary provisions of the Terrell election law. Judge Greenwood discussed the matter with the Governor, but received no intimations as to the latter's views on the subject of calling a special session of the Legislature. It is Judge Greenwood's opinion that the matter of providing means for relieving the depleted condition of the general revenue fund should also be submitted to a special session of the Legislature by the Governor.

Whitesville.

ED COURIER:—The entire community was grieved to hear of the death of David Satterwhite, the 13 year old son of Mr and Mrs. Satterwhite. He had been sick but a day with black jaundice, when he was called away to his home on high. The interment took place Wednesday evening at Shady Grove cemetery. Bro. B. F. Sallis made a very effective talk at the grave.

David was a child of a very sweet and gentle disposition, beloved by his playmates and all who knew him. His departure from our midst leaves a vacant place that cannot be filled. But his friends and bereaved parents, whose loss is irreparable, should be consoled with the thought that his lot is happier than the earthly one he has left, and that in the end they shall meet him again in the "Good House in the Skies."

MATTIE W.

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. ALLBRIG-TH. CO. CLERK.

Houston Co., Texas.

Accept No Substitute. There is nothing just as good for Malaria, Chills and Fever as Dr. Mendenhall's Chill and Fever Cure. Take it as a general tonic and at all times in place of quinine. If it fails to give satisfaction mail the front of the carton to J. C. Mendenhall, Evansville, Ind., and get your money back. Sold by Smith & Branch Drug Co.

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