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Dan J. Kennedy Says:

THIS will be the last "say" this scribe will have in 1903, and it seems a fitting time to wish all our customers who have stood by us the past year, (notwithstanding the boll weevil's destruction of the cotton crop)



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

We hope if we have made any mistakes this year that you will do us the simple justice to believe that we are more sorry of our mistakes than you are—that our blunders are more vexatious to us than to you, and we do all we can to prevent them and will try to do still better in 1904. Again we wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy and Prosperous New Year. Respectfully,

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

with affairs in your county for a number of years. It has not been my good fortune to be there but twice in the last eleven years, but I am familiar with most transactions which have taken place since then.

I take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and great prosperity for your paper and county. Very respectfully yours,

GEO. H. GROUNDS.

The editor wrote Mr. Grounds what he knew of the oil indications in Houston county and which indications he considers most flattering. An oil expert, a man who has spent thirty years in oil producing countries, is now on the ground and making investigations, which will continue through this week. Oil indications are not confined alone to the Driskill homestead. While there are splendid indications there, there are also splendid indications in other parts of the county and nearer Crockett. Traces of oil have been found a mile east of Crockett and a mile south and it is said that indications abound right in the town. As to the Driskill land, parties going out there have found everything as represented. By making a hole in the ground with a stick enough gas escapes to burn for several minutes. The same indications exist at other places in the

county. A great deal of prospecting is being done, much interest is manifested and the COURIER expects to see oil well machinery going out in a few weeks.

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.

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.

WANTS TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

Is Seeking Information in Regard to Houston County Oil Lands.

Chicago, Dec. 23.

EDITOR COURIER:—I see by the last issue of your much appreciated paper that there is quite an excitement over the prospects of finding oil in your county. The writer spent the early part of his life on the ground that is supposed

to contain this oil.

I learn that these oil indications are found on the old homestead of the Driskill's, located nine miles northeast of Crockett. I have become interested in the matter and being in touch with men of influence, financially and otherwise, write this letter to know if you will give me some facts regarding same.

What I desire to know is the exact location of the prospects

and on whose land located. I am in a position to aid in financing an enterprise that might be advantageous to all concerned. Any information that you can give will be duly appreciated for which I enclose a self stamped envelope.

By way of conclusion permit me to say that your paper is received regularly and that it is duly and truly appreciated. It contains much news and has been the means of keeping me in close touch

H. J. Phillips, Groceries.	Baker Bros., Groceries.	Newton & Sims, Furniture, Undertaking, Embalming.	Jim Brown, General Merchandise.
J. A. Bricker, Jewelry.	King, Murchison & Co., Tailors and Furnishers.	Dan McLean, Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishings.	J. E. Monk, Groceries.
Craddock & Co., Gen'l Merchandise.	G. M. Waller, Saddlery and Harness.	Houston Co. Lumber Co., T. R. Deupree, Mgr.	Smith & French Drug Co., Drugs and Stationery.
Billy Lewis & Co., Groceries.	<h2>Greeting.</h2>		J. C. Wootters, J. W. Hall, Mgr.
McConnell Hardware Company.	<h3>To Our Customers and Friends:</h3>		Farmers & Merchants National Bank.
Mrs. L. R. Allbright, Millinery.	We extend the compliments of the season, trusting the year now drawing to a close has been a prosperous one to you. We desire that you accept our heartiest and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are indeed grateful for your liberal patronage, and we trust that our efforts in the future will merit your continued favors. To those living at a distance who make Crockett their trading point we trust you will continue to visit us, assuring you of our utmost efforts to make your visits both pleasant and profitable. Trusting the New Year will bring to us all increased happiness and prosperity, and that our relations, both business and social, will continue pleasant and profitable to each other, we are, Yours very truly,		Smith Bros., Brick Livery Stable.
W. H. Stepp, Meat Market.			B. F. Chamberlain, Drugs and School Books.
J. T. Crysup, The New Drug Store.	Castleberg Jewelry Company.	The Big Store, Jas. S. Shivers & Co.	Mrs. A. B. Bricker, Millinery.
The Crockett Courier.	J. C. Wootters & Co., General Merchandise.	Daniel & Burton, General Merchandise.	A gentleman who says he does not advertise because he does not believe in it, also says he is going out of business on the first.

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<p>Shoes for Little People</p> <p>Infant's Soft Sole Shoes, in red, blue, pink and wine, sizes 0 to 3, were 35 cents, now25c</p> <p>Infant's Soft Sole Shoes, patent calf vamp, white, red or blue uppers, sizes 0 to 4, were 65 cents, now.....49c</p> <p>Infant's Black Kid Shoes, solid leather soles, lace only, sizes 2 to 5, were 65 cents, now.....50c</p> <p>Godman's Kid Lace Shoes for children, stock tip, spring heel, solid leather soles, sizes 5 to 8, were 90 cents, now....74c</p> <p>Same Shoes, sizes 8 to 12, were \$1.00, now.....85c</p> <p>Same Shoes, sizes 12 to 2, were \$1.25, now.....\$1.00</p>		<p>The Popular Maloney Shoes</p> <p>For children, they come in Dongola, Kid, Patent Colt, Ideal Kid, and Box Calf with heavy or light soles, lace or button, sizes from infant's 2s to children's 2s, every pair guaranteed to give satisfaction. Prices 75c to.....\$2.50</p> <p>Maloney's Blucher Shoes for women, extension soles, kid vamps, patent tip, mat kid uppers, Cuban heels, sizes 3 to 8, C, D and E lasts, were \$4.00, now.....\$3.50</p> <p>Maloney's Shoes with extension soles, ideal kid vamps, mat kid uppers, Cuban heels, sizes 3 to 8, C, D and E lasts, were \$4.50, now.....\$4.00</p>		
	<p>Broken Lot</p> <p>Of Children's Shoes, in oil grain, box calf, dongola and kid, button or lace, sizes 5 to 2, were 75c to \$1.50, now 40c to...\$1.00</p>	<p>Extra Heavy Shoes</p> <p>Ladies' Calf Shoes, extension soles, all solid leather, cap toes, lace only, sizes 3 to 9, were \$1.50, now\$1.25</p>	<p>Ladies' Kid Shoes</p> <p>Or Box Calf, lace only, stock or patent tip, common sense or medium heels, heavy or light soles, sizes 2 1/2 to 9, were \$1.75, now.....\$1.50</p>	
<p>Every-day Shoes</p> <p>Ladies' Pebble and Glove Grain Shoes, good and heavy, all solid leather, sizes 3 to 8, were \$1.25, now.....99c</p>		<p>Hard to Beat</p> <p>Ladies' Bright Dongola Shoes, stock or patent tip, heavy extension soles, medium heels, sizes 3 to 9, were \$2, now \$1.50</p>	<p>For Dressy Wear</p> <p>Ladies' Shoes, patent vamps, mat kid uppers, light soles, medium heels, sizes 3 to 8, were \$2.50, now.....\$2.00</p>	

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. S. Howard, Secretary, INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY.

JUDGE RICE MAXEY RESIGNS.

Tendered His Resignation as District Judge to Take Effect January First.

Sherman Democrat.

Hon. Rice Maxey today sent to Governor Lanham his resignation as judge of the Fifteenth judicial district of Texas. He asks that his resignation take effect on the first day of January, 1904, and that his successor be appointed in time to take charge of the office at that time.

Judge Maxey resigns in order to become a member of the law firm of Wolfe & Hare, one of the strongest and best known firms in North Texas. After the first day of January the firm name will be Wolfe, Hare & Maxey.

Hon. Rice Maxey has been judge of the Fifteenth district court a few days over three years. That he has been capable is proved by the records. That he has been fair and impartial is proved by the unanimous sentiment of regret expressed by the Grayson county bar when it became known that he had decided to resign.

Speaking to a Democrat reporter this morning Judge Maxey said:

"I sincerely regret to resign this position, and yet, under the circumstances, I feel that it is my duty to myself and my family to do so. I feel that the confinement necessary in the position is breaking down my health. Then, of course, the financial question is to be considered. I appreciate the honor the people of Grayson county conferred on me when they elected me to the position. I also appreciate other honors that have been mine at the hands of Grayson's people. Especially do I feel

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proud of the many words of regret expressed by members of the bar since I determined to resign. Every member of the bar in this county has been kind and courteous to me since I have been in the office and I believe, without an exception, the lawyers have done everything in their power to assist the court in the discharge of his duties."

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.

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 18 day of Dec. A. D. 1903, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of John T. Sharp versus Chas. Baughtman, 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 2nd day of Feb. A. D. 1904 at the Court House door in Houston County, State of Texas, the following described property, to-wit: Lot No. 4 block No. 13 of the Depot Addition to the town of Crockett, Texas, according to the maps of said town or records in Book 12 page 434 of Deeds of Houston County, Texas, levied on as the property of Chas. Baughtman to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$106.70 in favor of John T. Sharp and cost of suit.

Given under my hand this 21 day of Dec. A. D. 1903. E. B. HALE, Sheriff.

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.

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.

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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 & French Drug Co.

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Dr. S. B. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio:
Dear Sir:—"The young girl who used the Peruna was suffering from laryngitis, and loss of voice. The result of the treatment was most satisfactory. She found great relief, and after further use of the medicine we hope to be able to say she is entirely cured."

The young girl was under the care of the Sisters of Charity and used Peruna for catarrh of the throat with good results as the above letter testifies.

Send to the Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, Ohio, for a free book written by Dr. Hartman.

The following letter is from Congressman Meekison, of Napoleon, Ohio:
The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.

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

Address Dr. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.



David Meekison.



CUPOLA SKETCHES
BY EUGENE WILLIAMS

A Woman's Way.
Would you win a maiden, sweet—
Seely maid, with form petite—
Make her heart incline to you—
As you amorously sue?

Trust to her the reins of Fate,
Let her drive her own good gait!
Through the sylvan ways of shade
She will guide, this willful maid;
Where the waters murmur low
Let her gallop, fast or slow!

Never think to stay her hand
In the wood or on the strand;
She, the guiding star and bright,
Must be humored day and night!

Then, when near some fair retreat,
Reach around behind the seat;
Take her gently in your arms,
Speaking meanwhile of her charms!
Tell her low, in accents clear,
Why you hold her love so dear.
Defiantly, do your part
At the portals of her heart!

When a mah has shown his nerve,
He may drive with dizzy curve
Up the hill and down the hill,
Cross the corduroy or rill.
Fast or slow mid rock and ledge
Even to the mountain's edge!
She will be both true and brave
From the altar to the grave!

If she fidgets, make your pet
Still believe she's driving yet!



A REAL DUDE.
A dude is like a music box—because he is full of airs.

Point of View.
In the parlor, 11 p. m.
Priscilla yawns.
Willie—"My dear Miss Buttahworth, I feel you are growing weary, donchuknow."

Only silence from Priscilla.
Willie—"Miss Buttahworth, Priscilla—I er—my dear Miss—if I am staying too late, donchuknow, please tell me when you want me to go, weally."

Priscilla arises wearily, advances to a miniature clock on the mantel, and turns the hands backward to 8:10 o'clock.

Willie, triumphantly—"My dear girl, how immeasurably sweet of you! That's just the hour I came—and now, dear, we will have almost three whole, beautiful hours' togetha!" moving toward her.

Priscilla—"I beg your pardon, Mr. Peakhead, but that is the time I wanted you to go!"

Beware of the buzz-saw, the buck-saw and the wise-guy. Also keep your eye on the wise guy and don't trip over the guy-rope. Knowing the predilection of a long suffering public to hang alleged humorists, and having arrived at the rope end of our subject, we will now desist, for the present, from making further remarks.

The Reason Why.
It was on the street car where almost every man wanted to read his newspaper and where the same number of men couldn't for this reason:

First Young Thing—"D'ju go to th' the 'tur las' night, Mabel?"

Second Young Thing, giggling—"Yep, D'ju?"

"Betcherlife! Who'd ju go with?"

"He-he-he-he! Went with Archie! Who'd ju go with?"

"He-he! Willie—but tho'ju had an invite fr'm Henry! What d'ju go with Archie for?"

"Oh, because! What d'ju go with Willie for, 'etida George?"

"Oh, djust because! Thought you liked Henry best and he ast y' first, didn't he?"

"He-he! Yep, he ast me first an' I like him best, but I jes' wanted t' make 'im mad, thasall!"

"Thasall I did it for, too! He-he-he!"

Chorus—"He-he-he-he!"

Thasall!

TYLER COLLEGE.
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Write for particulars. Address, Tyler College, Department B, Tyler, Texas.

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A Perilous Leap
From Pike's Peak, 14,134 feet will not cure softening of the brain, but a 25 cent box of Cheatham's Laxative Chill Tablets will cure chills. No cure—no pay.

A statue of Col. Josias R. King of St. Paul, said to be the first volunteer in the civil war, surmounts the monument in Summit park, St. Paul.

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Keep your liver in good condition by using Simmons' Liver Purifier (tin box). It corrects Constipation, cures Indigestion, Bilioussness, stops Headache, gets your heart in the right place so you can smile at your neighbor.

Of the 100,000 men in Newfoundland more than half are fishermen, who catch 150,000,000 pounds of cod a year, consume one-fourth of it and sell the rest to Catholic countries for \$4,450,000.

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A Father's Worry.
Your poor wearied wife losing sleep night after night nursing the little one suffering from that night feed for children and horror to parents, a cough, should have a bottle of Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein, an undoubted croup preventive and cure for coughs, colds and consumption.

At druggists, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a bottle.

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Pain's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. EMBLETT, VanBuren, Ind., Feb. 10, 1900.

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McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY. Houston, Texas, for trained and reliable Detective Service.

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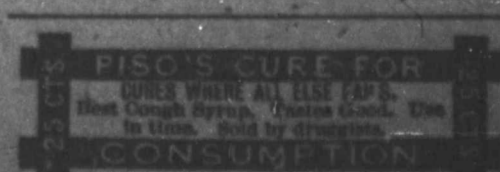
Mrs. Virginia Townsend, of Shreveport, La., writes: "No more opium. I have taken no other remedy than yours and I make no mistake when I say that my health is better now than it ever was in my life, and I owe it to you and your remedy." It has been twelve years since I was cured by your treatment."

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REARED AS WOLVES

CHILDREN THAT HAVE GROWN UP WITH WILD ANIMALS.

Many Authentic Cases Are on Record in Northern India—No Report of Their Ever Having Grown to Maturity with Their Fierce Companions.

The story of the Sydney woman who has just been fined £1 in an Australian police court for leaving her child to be reared in a chicken run, with the consequence that the little one could do nothing but imitate the fowls in every way, even to roosting at night, has caused much comment, says the London Express.

At the offices of the Zoological Society the opinion of an eminent ornithologist was sought. "Apart from its pathos," he said, "it is an extremely interesting case. I am unaware of any previous instance of a child being reared by birds."

The nearest approach to it happened in Scandinavia, where a peasant, finding a wild swan frozen fast in a lake, took it home, revived it and made it a domestic pet.

One very stormy night his wife was brought to bed with a child, neither doctor nor nurse was obtainable. A baby was born and the wife died. The husband was in despair for the baby's life, when he remembered his pet swan that was accustomed to repose in front of the kitchen fire.

"He took the tiny baby down and laid it beside the swan. The bird seemed to understand what was required, and spread its wings over the baby, which kept it alive and warm for many hours until a nurse was obtained."

"As regards children who have been reared by wolves there are many true instances, although the case of Romulus and Remus, who were nourished by a she-wolf, is, of course, a fable."

"But Mowgli, the little wolf-child hero of Mr. Kipling's 'Jungle Book,' is founded upon fact. Particulars of such cases have been recorded. They have occurred for the most part in northern India, especially in Oudh. The children have all been boys, and were all apparently idiots."

"No grown-up people have ever been found among wolves. The ultimate end of these wolf-children has probably been the obvious one consequent upon their getting into a set of less scrupulous wolves."

These animals have frequently carried off infants in the districts of Cawnpore and Lucknow. Some undoubtedly have been eaten, but others have been brought up and educated after the wolf fashion."

"Some have been reclaimed several years later, but have never got rid of a strong wolfish smell, and they have been known to receive friendly visits from little companions of their former savage acquaintances."

"Zoologists have a record of a typical case where two soldiers of a King of Oudh surprised and captured three animals who came down to drink on the bank of the Goomtee river."

Two of the animals were evidently young wolves; but the nature of the third was a mystery until the men got near it and saw that it was a small naked boy on all fours."

"He bit and scratched furiously in resisting capture, and when taken into human society drank like a dog, tore up his clothes and would eat nothing but bones and raw meat, after first smelling it well."

"After many months he learned to say the name of a lady who adopted him, but could never articulate more than a few words. His intellect was always clouded, but, dog like, he was exceptionally quick at understanding signs."

Primitive Indian Tribes.

In the new republic of Panama reside the Talamancans, a tribe of Indians ruled by a king, who have not changed their habits since the days of Columbus. The Talamancan's hut, which is a masterpiece in the art of thatching, is a huge affair and shelters his entire family and all his worldly possessions, including the domestic animals. As he is a past master in the art of domesticating the wild deer, the peccary, the tapir and even the tiger cat, numbers of these animals are present in every village. His bed consists of the trunk of a certain species of palm cut into strips and supported three or four feet from the ground on a frame. A few earthen pots complete the furnishing of his home.

JUMP IN COTTON

PRICES ADVANCED TOWARD FIFTEEN CENT MARK.

THE LIVERPOOL MARKET WILD.

The Market Opened on a Boom and Reached the Highest Level of the Season.

New York, Dec. 29.—The cotton market opened strong yesterday at an advance of 23 to 51 points on exciting covering and further bull support following slightly higher cables. The developments in Liverpool proved a genuine surprise to the local trade, and from the very start the market ruled abruptly wild and irregular.

After the opening there was a set back of 10 or 15 points under realizing and during the forenoon the market ruled very irregular within a few points of that level, but in the early afternoon prices were again sharply rallied by fresh influences of buying orders from New Orleans, and all the months reached still higher prices, the highest in many years, with January selling at 13.88, March 14.13, May 14.26 and July at 14.27. Adding to the extraordinary excitement and confusion it was reported that New Orleans bulls had formed a powerful speculative combination and had set out to gain control of the remainder of the crop, if necessary, with the idea of demanding extreme high prices from the world's spinners. Such rumors as this, with the already excited state of popular sentiment joined to reports from all over the South that inferior spot handlers were having difficulty to secure supplies, gave no promise of approaching exhaustion of the bullishness of speculators or holders.

The bullishness of sentiment was

also encouraged by the big falling off in interior receipts. Exports for the day were small. Southern spot markets were generally firm to 3c higher, and the New York spot market was marked up to 14.10 for middling uplands. The advance in spot cotton in Liverpool was equal to 56 American points and the strength in futures there was variously ascribed to covering, buying by continental and Egyptian operators and manipulators by the New Orleans bull contingent. Toward the close there was enough realizing to drop prices a point or two, but the list was finally firm, net 18 to 59 points higher.

Advance at New Orleans.

New Orleans, Dec. 29.—In the spot cotton market yesterday buyers and sellers were so far apart in their views as to prices that business was almost at a standstill. Sales 450 bales. Quotations advanced 3-8c in response to the advances in Liverpool and New York and the sharp upward turn in futures.

After three days of rest the future market opened yesterday morning on a boom. Shorts covered freely and the volume of fresh buying by longs was heavy. On the first call prices were 28 to 50 points higher than Thursday's final. In the trading January opened 28 points up to 13.70 and sold at 13.97; February was 43 points up at 13.70 and sold up to 13.97; March was 43 points up at 14.24 and sold to 14.49; May 44 points up at 14.46, selling up to 14.70; July opened 50 points higher and sold up to 14.86. After the initial advance of the morning there was a recession of some 10 points, which was followed by a recovery that brought prices up to the highest levels of the morning again. The market showed some nervousness, but the undertone was very firm at the close, the list showing net gains on December of 50 points, January 52, February 57, March 58, April 64, May 68, June and July each 73, the more distant position the larger gains.

Rice Land Deal.

Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 28.—A rice land deal of some importance was concluded here yesterday when S. M. Scott sold to Messrs. A. G. Bailey and W. H. Smith, wealthy Wilmington, Ohio, capitalists, a half interest, or 650 acres, of the Oriental Seed Rice Company's holdings in Orange county for a consideration not named. Mr. Smith is the vice president of a national bank in Wilmington, while Mr. Bailey is a wealthy manufacturer. It is given out that the property and canal of the Oriental Company along Cow bayou, in Orange county, will be improved and a much larger acreage put into rice during the coming season. The company controls 1300 acres of what is regarded as the best rice lands in Orange county.

Collision Near Wylie.

Wylie, Texas, Dec. 29.—The St. Louis limited, Cotton Belt Flyer No. 5, leaving Fort Worth at 12:30 p. m. Sunday, had a head end collision with the westbound Cotton Belt passenger train No. 104 at Wylie, twenty-five miles north of Dallas, at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Three passengers were injured, though not fatally. Mr. Thurman of McKinney sustained a broken ankle. He was standing on the steps at the time the accident occurred, and was thrown out by the collision, his foot catching, causing it to break just above the ankle, the bone protruding from the flesh. He was taken to McKinney and at last reports was resting easy.

Suicide From Texas.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Olive Thorpe, 23 years of age, wife of Clall Q. Thorpe, western agent of a New York insurance company, shot and killed herself yesterday in a Michigan avenue boarding house. She was in poor health. Mrs. Thorpe was married less than a year ago at Pecos, Texas. Her family is said to be one of the wealthiest in that part of the state. Only three days ago she came from Texas to begin housekeeping after the holidays, in a home her husband had furnished at Evanston.

Big Fire in Boston.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 29.—A dangerous and stubborn fire, which called into service two-thirds of the fire department, broke out shortly after midnight Sunday night on Federal Court, in a building occupied by a wholesale house, Coleman Bros. and Stone & Forsythe, wholesale paper dealers, are the greatest losers. The loss is \$100,000, well insured.

SIGNAL LIGHT OUT

CAUSE OF WRECK ON PERE MARQUETTE ROAD.

DEAD NUMBER TWENTY-TWO.

Most Disastrous Wreck in the History of the Road, But Might Have Been Worse.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 28.—The number of deaths resulting from the collision between the Pere Marquette passenger trains near East Paris Saturday afternoon, stands at twenty-two, with twenty-nine persons injured, several of them fatally.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake, is charged to the high wind which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's Station, where the west bound train was expected to stop and receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning, says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard extinguished it and No. 5 flashed by the station to crash into eastbound No. 6 near East Paris. The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a pile of broken timber and metal. The injured were pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars. Five cars and two large locomotives were jammed into a space ordinarily occupied by three coaches.

When train No. 5, westbound, slipped by McCord's instead of stopping, the operator notified the dispatcher; then he found that his red light had been extinguished. He reported this fact and there was but one action to take. The collision was inevitable. The dispatcher's office called for medical aid and gave orders to hold the train over the Saginaw branch at the depot and get the wrecking outfit under steam. They waited for the word they knew must come.

There was no chance for the fast running trains to see each other through the driving blizzard in time to even slow down, and in a few minutes word came from the conductor of No. 5 that there was an awful loss of life.

A BANK ROBBERY.

The Bandits Were Given a Fight by the Citizens.

South McAlester, I. T., Dec. 28.—A bold robbery, attended by a hot fight between a posse of citizens and the robbers, occurred at Kiowa, a small town, sixteen miles south of this city, at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Five unknown men stole a hand car and several crowbars from the section house at Savannah, an adjoining station, and rode to Kiowa. They gained entrance to the bank building through a rear window and immediately set off a load of nitro-glycerine on the safe. The assault was ineffectual, but the noise aroused the residents of the town and soon a posse composed of fifty men, was congregated in the stock yards in the rear of the bank. A volley of shots was sent at the building, and it was at once returned by the sentinels secreted on the outside of the structure. An almost incessant fire was kept up for half an hour, and in the meanwhile the robbers within were busy with the safe. It required three discharges of explosives to force the door. The third explosion was terrific, and almost completely demolished the safe as well as the interior of the bank. Paper money was blown into shreds and lay about the room in litters. After looting the money drawer the robbers left the building from the front and backed off into the darkness, keeping up a fire on the posse secreted in the stock pens. The men went in a southern direction and were followed quite a distance. It is thought that one of the robbers was injured.

It is believed that the robbers carried off a quantity of melted money, and this may lead to their detection. The bank officials place the loss of currency at \$25,000, while the damage to the fixtures and building will be half as much. A posse of United States marshals is in pursuit, with little chance of immediate results, as the men had several hours start. It is believed that the gang is composed of crooks who have been operating in this vicinity for several weeks. Last week the postoffice safe at Krebs, near here, was blown in the same manner.

The westbound engine drove through No. 6's engine like a wedge, separating the gear from the boiler and standing the latter on end like a broken twisted shell. The running gear was crumpled up like so much twine, and the great steel side rods bent into many shapes. The boiler of engine No. 397 turned over several times and the very force of the twisting impact seems to have been the means of saving the life of Engineer Waterman. He was flung over the fence of the right of way.

As the trains came together the steam domes of each boiler blew off, releasing their contents, else there would have been added horrors from the blistering steam.

The eastbound train was composed of a mail and baggage car, combination smoker, buffet parlor car, day coach and diner. The baggage coach caught between the engine and heavy train, was crushed, only the roof remaining partially unbroken. The big blind mail coach, heavily bulkheaded, took the brunt of the blow, but withstood the crash and communicated it to the smoker next in the rear. The smoker was swept clean as the mail telescoped its entire length and turned over at the north side of the track. The smoker, in turn, crashed several feet into the parlor car and it was at the rear end of the smoker and forward end of the cafe car, where the passengers were killed and injured. From a space six feet square the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out.

The westbound flyer, with its heavy bulkhead cars, stayed on the rails, back of the baggage and mail cars, and the passengers on this train escaped serious injury. As one man they rushed out of the train to assist the less fortunate ones on the train from this city.

Many stripped warm overcoats from their backs and covered the suffering injured as they were borne to the less sattered cars of No. 5 and into the remains of the parlor car of No. 6. Nearby farmers, hearing the crash, turned out with blankets and did valiant service.

According to the officials the westbound train was traveling down grade at the rate of 60 miles an hour. The eastbound train was climbing the hill at a speed of 40 miles an hour. The former carried probably 75 passengers, while the latter is believed to have been carrying at least 125 persons.

Freight Wreck on the I. & G. N.

Palestine, Texas, Dec. 28.—Saturday night near Grapeland, an International and Great Northern southbound freight train jumped the track and dived twelve cars, injuring Conductor Charles Stewart of this city. Mr. Stewart was in the caboose of the train and was injured by being thrown against the side of the car, having three ribs broken, besides being otherwise bruised up. The company at once sent out a special train and brought the injured man to the hospital here. Train service was abandoned for the night on account of the track having been torn up for a considerable distance.

Negro Killed in Brazos Bottom.

Caldwell, Texas, Dec. 28.—Sheriff Hendrix had a phone message Saturday evening from Ewing's Store, in the Brazos bottom, stating that a negro named Sam Knox, had been killed there. The particulars were not given.

Policemen Seriously Injured.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Because they had been detailed to ride on a Chicago electric car in the guise of passengers as a protection to a nonunion crew, Policemen James Gibbons and George Oakley were attacked by union sympathizers last night and in the fight that followed both policemen were seriously injured.

Henry Long Killed.

Jefferson, Texas, Dec. 28.—Jerry Johnson shot and mortally wounded Henry Long with a Winchester, at the furnace Thursday night, and made good his escape. Long died soon after the shooting. Johnson is still at large.

Barn Burned Near Killeen.

Killeen, Texas, Dec. 28.—Wilson Young, who lives about a mile from town, lost his barn, containing 250 bushels of corn and ten sets of harness, by fire. It burned about 3 a. m. Saturday and its origin is unknown.

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A DISASTROUS RAILROAD WRECK.

Sixty-three People Killed in an Accident on a Fast Baltimore and Ohio Train.

Connellsville, Pa., December 24.—With a terrible crash and a grinding noise the Duquesne limited, the fastest through passenger train from Pittsburg to New York on the Baltimore & Ohio, plowed into a pile of timbers at Laurel Run, twenty miles west of Dawson, at 7:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and it is expected that fully sixty-three lives were lost and thirty persons injured.

The train left Pittsburg in the evening, running a few minutes late, in charge of Engineer William Thornley of Connellsville. When approaching Laurel Run, which is a particularly fine piece of roadbed, the train was running at a high rate of speed. Suddenly the passengers were thrown from their seats by the lightning-like appliance of the air-brakes, and a moment later came the crash. The train, made up of two baggage, two day coaches, one sleeper and one dining car, was carrying at the time, at the lowest estimate, 150 passengers. The train plowed along for a considerable distance and the cars were torn to pieces, passengers jumping, screaming, falling from the wreck as it tore along. Suddenly the engine swerved to the left and the coaches plunged down to the edge of the Youghogheny river. The minute the cars stopped rolling there was a scene of wild excitement. Many were pinioned beneath the wreckage. Many were injured in their mad excitement and plunged into the river. Others, pinioned beneath the heavy timbers, pleaded for release in agonized tones. So terrific was the force of the wreck that nearly every passenger and many of the able-bodied men were unable to assist in helping the injured on account of having fainted.

The official statement of Superintendent W. C. Loree follows: "No. 12 derailed by running into some switch timbers, or timbers about that size, derailing the engine and all the cars. All the cars are badly damaged. Do not think any of the equipment will be able to get away from the accident on their own wheels except possibly the Pullman cars and the dining car. The engine lies across both tracks. The baggage car is over the bank. The first coach is partly

over the bank. The balance of the train is badly twisted. I judge thirty-five people are killed. All the people were killed in the smoker. Escaping steam from the engine went into the first coach, scalding the people. Very few of the other passengers were injured. The injured have been taken from the wreck and are lying on the bank. The engineer and fireman cannot be found."

DIDN'T WANT LORD KITCHENER.

English Soldier's Experience with Famous American Singer.

Lord Kitchener, noted as a "woman hater" and as a military hero, for whom many English mothers have laid snares on behalf of their daughters, is quoted as saying to a friend in London that Miss Minnie Tracey, the American singer, is "the only



woman of all he has met who didn't try to marry him." The friend in question says Lord Kitchener is as much of a "woman hater" as ever. He met Miss Tracey in Cairo and gave several dinners in her honor there. Miss Tracey is a daughter of Col. John Tracey of New York and Washington. She has been singing in grand opera in Europe and America for eleven years. She is 33 years old. It is said her action in refusing to receive a casket of jewels sent her by some young men of Cairo caused Lord Kitchener to seek an introduction.

REYES' ADVICE.

War in Panama Means War with the United States.

Washington, December 24.—"War on Panama means war with the United States," is the substance of cablegrams which General Reyes, the Colombian minister, is sending to the Bogota government, and to his more influential followers throughout Colombia. Realizing the gravity of the situation General Reyes is endeavoring to bring the Colombian people face to face with the situation as he knows it here. He is convinced the United States will not permit a Colombian army to land within the territory of Panama.

General Reyes has not been in a hurry to complete his mission in the city of Washington, thinking that in the meantime the war feeling in Colombia would subside. Dispatches, however, which he has received from President Marroquin and from influential Colombians have caused him to hasten his work and it is his present intention to return to Colombia and assume command of the army as soon as he has filed his statement at the state department.

Big Warehouse Near Crowley.
Crowley, La., December 24.—A large warehouse on the Stanton pasture, about ten and a half miles northwest of Crowley, was burned yesterday evening, proving a total loss.

Particulars of the fire are meager and no details were obtainable this afternoon beyond the fact that the building was filled with rice and implements. The place belonged to Illinois parties—A. R. Scott and Dr. B. F. McMenamy—and is rented by Mr. Price.

Kirby at New Orleans.
New Orleans, December 24.—John H. Kirby arrived here yesterday evening after a four months' absence in the East, and will leave for Houston in the morning.

Making School Desks.

Rusk, Texas, December 24.—At its meeting, held here last week, the State Penitentiary Board decided to go into the school desk business. Orders have been received for several thousand desks from Dallas houses. The open furniture factories are running full time and are crowded with orders. Inquiries continue to come in for water and sewer pipe. It is now expected that the new iron furnace will be completed by March 15, possibly two weeks earlier. As soon as it starts the pipe works will resume operations.

Camp Farm Abandoned.

Alvin, Texas, December 24.—The Santa Fe Railroad Company, who has been prospecting for oil at the Camp rice farm, after sinking three wells, has decided to abandon the field and are now having all the machinery, casing and derrick lumber hauled to Alvin to be shipped to some other point, presumably Saratoga or Batson Prairie.

This is a great disappointment to the people of this section, as it was confidently believed at one time that a good oil field would be developed on this farm.

Ticket Brokers Lost Case.

Jefferson City, Mo., December 24.—The Supreme Court yesterday denied Herman Ruback and other St. Louis ticket brokers a writ of prohibition against the judges of the St. Louis courts, to enjoin them from trying suits brought by the railroads preventing brokers from selling railroad tickets.

Strike Over Delayed Wages.

Bakersfield, Cal., December 24.—In accordance with a notice served last night on Master Mechanic French, about 200 shopmen employed in the Southern Pacific shops at Kern quit work today as a consequence of the nonarrival of monthly checks, which have been unavoidably delayed in San Francisco.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

Port Worth lawyers have organized an association.

The flour mill belonging to E. T. Nickels of Mount Calm was burned early Friday morning. The loss was \$4000; insurance, \$1500.

Mrs. John Green, daughter of Jim Bush, a well-known citizen of Allen community, died Monday afternoon at the age of nineteen years.

E. B. Smith's warehouse, with goods and machinery at Shepherd, was destroyed by fire. Loss is in excess of \$1000, with partial insurance.

The election in San Antonio Saturday for municipal ownership of light and power plant resulted in defeat of the proposition by three to one.

A new well in Batsor's Prairie, 1100 feet deep, is said to be the best oil producer in Texas, yielding 25,000 barrels a day of a very high grade oil.

L. F. Swift while in Fort Worth a few days since denied the story that a canning factory will be built in connection with the company's plant there.

Thomas Cullom of Marshall, a Texas and Pacific brakeman, was killed while switching cars at Relsor Junction, La., Thursday night. His body was terribly mangled.

Thursday night burglars blew open a large safe in the Parker-Lowe dry goods store in Fort Worth, but failed to open the inner drawer in which was a considerable sum of money.

Mrs. Green Cheatham died suddenly at the home of her son at Hillsboro, L. Cheatham. She was ill only two days and at the time of her death was sitting up in bed. She was about 60 years old.

Earnest Thompson, a negro, convicted of raping an eleven-year-old white girl at Adkins Station and given the death penalty, was sentenced by Judge Clark to be hanged January 29.

J. B. Roberts, a restaurant keeper at Uittsburg, Tex., mourns the loss of a pocketbook containing \$479 in currency. He placed the book in an inside vest pocket before starting on a journey to Willsboro, and it was not until he arrived there that he missed the money.

Bob Dunlass, a Katy brakeman, had been injured at Cason, on the Shreveport division, by a rail which ran into the caboose of a moving train and struck Dunlass in the back. The rails were being unloaded from a car on a sidetrack at the time. Mr. Dunlass is reported badly hurt.

Folk & Young, proprietors of the Killen Roller Mills, are having constructed a modern steel fireproof elevator, to be fitted with scourers, cleaners and separators; capacity, 25,000 bushels. This will be a great convenience to the farmers here, as they can store their wheat in the summer and get flour at any time of the year.

Cumby feels proud of her new \$7000 brick up-to-date schoolhouse. It has just been finished, and school will be opened up in it after the holidays. It is a Hopkins county enterprise out and out. It was built by a Hopkins county man, with Hopkins county brick and the bonds to furnish the money were sold to Hopkins county.

To Coleman's gin at Scurry burned Saturday night. About two cars of seed also burned. There was \$2500 insurance in the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance company on the gin and \$200 on the seed.

Frank H. Burness, who has murdered four people, will die in the electric chair in New York. Burness calmly told of the four murders while on the witness stand, discussing them as if they had been ordinary business transactions.

Earnest Fulton, state and county tax collector of Galveston county, died Sunday night. He was 31 years of age and was first elected to his political position in 1898, having since then been re-elected to succeed himself.

A case of acute tetanus has been cured at a hospital in New York by the use of anti-toxin injected in large quantities. The patient was injured by a street car. His body was bent almost double when he was taken to the institution.

E. A. McElroy, of Hill country, made \$20,000 on his farm this year. Mr. McElroy began farming twenty years ago on the halve and has accumulated 1200 acres of land, besides grain stock and money.

WHAT FASHION DECRIES FOR WOMEN



The New Bridal Fan.

At a recent New York society wedding a decided novelty was in evidence. Instead of the orthodox bouquet of orange blossoms or white and silver prayer book, the bride carried a fan of costly point lace, which was attached to her wrist by means of a narrow white satin ribbon. Her long and narrow point applique veil was so arranged as to conceal little of her hair. The top was twisted in a loose fold, which was arranged in two loops, one much lower than the other, at the side of her moderately high coiffure. A very long and full spray of orange blossoms was fastened at the left of the tulle loops and trailed almost to her shoulder. A still larger spray was used on the corsage.

PRETTY THINGS TO WEAR

Heavy white stitchings are always smart on black.
 Fur scarfs are broader and longer than last year.
 Shirtings form girde effects on many pretty frocks.
 White and pale colored ribelines are used for dressy gowns.
 The average woman looks best in a fine net veil without spots.
 Have two or three sets of lingerie sleeve ruffles for the one gown.
 Insect forms of jeweled gannet are worn at corsage and in coiffure.
 Safety lies halfway between a drooping blouse and a tight-fitting bodice.
 Yoke and sleeves of gold net add a rich finish to the white evening gown.
 Mirror velvets are the lightest and best fitted for tucking and shirring conceals.
 Most women are at their best in the dainty fussy things they call "home gowns."
 For the street there is the coat and skirt costume of navy blue velvet in walking length.
 Milliners' Ban on the Veil.
 It will not do for the pretty girl to hide her passe hat under an accumulation of gauze veillings any longer. The milliners have found her out. In convention assembled they have denounced the veil and jeered at the woman who wears it. It gives too much opportunity to economical wom-

en to look smart at a trifling expense to suit the other women who live by the hats they sell. Mme. Hunt, an officer of the National Milliners' association, says: "It is a dangerous fashion, a style which puts money in the pockets of the veil makers but takes it out of ours. Many women conceal old hats under fluffy masses of brown veiling and then forego the pleasures of a new hat. We must expose this practice."

Housewifely Hints.

Rub light gloves with fine bread crumbs after each time of wearing. If you allow them to get very dirty, home cleaning is seldom a success; but treated in this way they will look nice for quite a long time.

If lace is ironed directly after washing, first under a cloth, finishing off with nothing between it and the iron, there is no need to starch it. Ironing while wet gives it just the right amount of stiffness.

After baking a cake stand the tin directly you take it from the oven on a cloth which has been wrung out of hot water. Leave a few minutes, and then turn out. The cake will come out without any trouble.

When furnishing use the same pattern carpet in all bed rooms; then, when the carpets begin to wear, or you move to another house, the best part of one or two can be joined together, and will make quite a presentable carpet.

Inexpensive Bath Robes.

Pretty wash flannels in pink or blue are just the thing for bath gowns. They are warm and comfortable for room wear and save a more elaborate gown, says the Philadelphia Bulletin. For one of average height six yards is enough, and as they need no trimming the cost of the gown is trifling. Cut in three widths, one in back or two in front; hem, and mount on a double yoke, finishing the neck with a wide turnover collar. Gather the full sleeves into a wristband, and stitch hems, cuffs and collar. Put a big square outside pocket on the left front, and fasten the garment with pearl buttons.

Tea Punch.

Make a strong infusion of tea, pouring a quart of boiling water over a tablespoonful of Ceylon or English breakfast tea and letting it stand until cold. Strain and add to the following mixture: The juice of three lemons and the juice of three oranges, the pulp and juice of a shredded pineapple and one pint of sugar. When the sugar is entirely dissolved add one quart of sparkling water, or fresh strawberries or raspberries, fresh whole. Pour over a block of ice in the punch bowl. A cupful of claret

and a tablespoonful of curacao may be added if desired.

Contre La Migraine.

A delightful essence to inhale when suffering from headache is composed of one drachm of oil of lavender, one ounce lump camphor, three ounces liquid ammonia and one pint alcohol. Dissolve and bottle. Nervous headaches are often relieved by applying towels wrung out of hot water to the face and head. Use as hot water as can be borne.

Princess Wrapper.

No other garment yet devised means the comfort and relaxation of the well-made morning gown. This



4565 Princess Wrapper, 32 to 42 bust.

—Design by May Manton.

excellent model is well adapted to its use and is suited to many materials. It also can be made either high or with a square neck. As illustrated it is made of blue challie dotted with black, the yoke being of ecru lace and the trimming black and white braid. The wrapper combines loose fronts with a fitted back, but is made over a fitted front lining that means perfect neatness. The pointed yoke with the sleeve caps give the breadth of shoulder that is so fashionable, but the square yoke can be substituted and the sleeve caps omitted if preferred.

To make the wrapper for a woman of medium size will be required 11½ yards 27 or 7 yards 44 inches wide, with ¼ yard of all-over lace. A May Manton pattern No. 4565, sizes 32 to 42, will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents.

Make Your Own Hatpins.

Making her own hatpins is the latest fad of the smart girl who likes variety in this line of jewelry. This is simple and inexpensive, for ordinary black or white hatpins can be bought for a cent apiece. The head is removed and one, two or three Venetian beads are placed on the pin in its place. To hold in position gum-arabic is poured in the cavity of each bead. It is a pretty idea to use a large turquoise bead with a small one at each side.

One girl who possesses several Chinese garments removed the buttons which were very artistic, had the jeweler plate them, and made hatpins out of them.

The Flour Barrel.

Keep a flour barrel elevated at least two inches from the floor on a rack to allow a current of fresh air to pass under it and prevent dampness collecting at the bottom. Do not allow any groceries or provisions with a strong odor near the flour barrel. Nothing absorbs odors more certainly than flour.

Readers of this paper can secure any May Manton pattern illustrated above by filling out all blanks in coupon, and mailing, with 10 cents, to E. E. Harrison & Co., 65 Plymouth Place, Chicago. Pattern will be mailed promptly.

Name _____
 Town _____
 State _____
 Pattern No. _____
 Waist Measure (if for skirt) _____
 Bust Measure (if for waist) _____
 Age (if child's or miss's pattern) _____

Write plainly. Fill out all blanks. Enclose 10c. Mail to E. E. Harrison & Co., 65 Plymouth Place, Chicago.

All Energy From the Sun.
 All the energy of life is derived ultimately from the sun. A little of this comes indirectly through lightning, which, in passing through the air, forms ammonia and oxides of nitrogen. These, being carried by rain into the ground, are the constant source of nitrogen for vegetable, and, indirectly, for animal life. A much larger quantity of energy is well known to be taken direct from the sunshine by plants and used in their anabolic processes. This energy is appropriated by animals in their food, and whether in the vegetable or in the animals, it assists in many alternations of the system before it is completely dispersed.

Five Paris policemen have passed their examination as motor car drivers. They will be put on duty with fast cars, so that they can overtake and, if necessary, arrest any other drivers of such vehicles traveling at excessive speed.

The ordinary cameo is cut from a kind of conch shell, obtainable only in the vicinity of the Bahama Islands. Very often a large shell, apparently in the best of condition, will yield but two or three morsels suitable for use.

Lord Roberts, commander in chief of the British army, has issued orders against extravagance on the part of officers. This has made the general unpopular with the ladies' men and probably with the ladies.

Mr. Grover's Case.

Frederika, Ia., Dec. 28.—Mr. A. S. Grover is now 74 years of age. For the last 30 years he has suffered a great deal of sickness and, although he is a temperate man and never used spirits of any kind, his kidneys had troubled him very much. He said:

"I was told I had Diabetes and my symptoms corresponded exactly to those of a young man who died of Diabetes in this neighborhood. My feet and limbs were bloated quite a little.

"I heard of Dodd's Kidney Pills and at last determined to try them. I took in all ten boxes before I was well and now I can truthfully say that I am all right. The bloating is gone from my feet and legs. I have gained eight pounds in weight and can sleep well at night and every symptom of my trouble is gone.

"It is some time now since I was cured and I have not the slightest return of any symptom of the old trouble."

In the Santa Clara Valley, California, five square miles are devoted to the raising of onion seeds.

TYLER COLLEGE BURNED.

Tyler College, of Tyler, Tex., burned on the 13th. The school was reopened on the 14th in the large and commodious rooms of the Armory. This building is well adapted to school work, and will make excellent quarters for the large attendance. New students are arriving daily.

When a difference of opinion arises it is sometimes wise to split the difference.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.
 Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, etc. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Cimsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

The most aggravating kind of sarcasm is the sort that is disguised behind a smile.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

The clam, like the lobster, being threatened with extinction, the United States Bureau of Fisheries is endeavoring to propagate it by careful culture, with good promise of success.

No equal on earth has Hunt's Lightning Oil for Rheumatism and Neuralgia, as well as Sprains, Cuts, Burns, Bruises and Insect Bites and Stings. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

Don't kick about the quality of what you get for nothing.

Perfectly simple and simply perfect is dyeing with PUTNAM FADE-LESS DYES.

A hair tonic manufacturer says that bald men have good heads for business.

Superior quality and extra quantity must win. This why Defiance Starch is taking the place of all others.

Count Leo Tolstoy has written a treatise on Shakespeare, whose works he criticizes adversely.

Wash your face with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. It cures the skin, restores to its natural color, and gives it a healthy glow. See a bottle.

The district of St. Etienne, in France, has for the past five years annually produced \$15,400,000 worth of ribbons.

You've got the real thing when you get Hunt's Lightning Oil for Burns, Bruises, Cuts and Sprains. The most penetrating and healing liniment known. Guaranteed. Price 25 and 50 cents.

People with the most expensive tastes usually have the least money to meet them.

No chromes or cheap premiums, but a better quality and one-third more of Defiance Starch for the same price of other starches.

If it were good for no other purpose no one could dispute that in silence there is safety.

John Morley will deliver the address at the opening of the Technical college in Pittsburg in the autumn of 1904.

That dreadful disease, consumption, is sometimes brought on by a neglected cold and cough. Do not hesitate, but try Simmons' Cough Syrup. Guaranteed. 25 and 50c.

The average wealth for the general population of the United States is \$1,236; that of the Osage Indians is \$11,500 per capita.



Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., escaped the surgeon's knife, by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to express my gratitude for the restored health and happiness Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought into my life:

"I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation.

"I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal, and so I told him that I would not undergo it. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of your Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, so I kept taking it for ten weeks, and at the end of that time I was cured. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health, and am now.

"You surely deserve great success, and you have my very best wishes."—Miss ALICE BAILEY, 30 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.—\$5000 forfeit (if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced).

All sick women would be wise if they would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and be well.

PILE CURE

There are remedies and remedies on the market for Piles, most of which are injurious rather than helpful.

Dr. Caldwell's
 (LAXATIVE)
Syrup
Pepsin

is guaranteed to cure any case of Piles or the money refunded, if you follow directions. Is that strong enough?

PEPSIN SYRUP CO., Monticello, Ill.

Ripans Tablets are the best dyspepsia medicine ever made. A hundred millions of them have been sold in the United States in a single year. Constipation, heartburn, sick headache, dizziness, bad breath, sore throat, and every illness arising from a disordered stomach are relieved or cured by Ripans Tablets. One will generally give relief within twenty minutes. The five-cent package is enough for ordinary occasions. All druggists sell them.

GAY LIFE FREE
 16 Views of Atlantic City at its best mailed to anyone sending us name and address of two or more friends who are suffering from Catarrh.
J. C. RICEY & CO.
 614 WALTON ST., CHICAGO.

DROPSY Cured. Gives quick relief. Removes all swelling in 5 to 10 days; permanent cure in 30 to 60 days. Trial treatment free.
 Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, Box 6, Atlanta, Ga.

Relieved with: **Thompson's Eye Water**

A SMART AFTERNOON BLOUSE.



No. 4557. —Design by May Manton.

Simple waists with deep yoke collars are greatly liked for home afternoon wear, both with matching and contrasting skirts. This one is made of ecru, crepe silk, and is trimmed with fancy black braid and pearl buttons. The narrow

plastron front, formed by the extensions of the yoke, is particularly smart and the drooping shoulder line marks the latest designs. A May Manton pattern, 4557, sizes 32 to 40, will be mailed to any address on receipt of ten cents.

Local Items.

Mrs. R. H. Wootters is visiting her sister at Huntsville.

Miss Gussie Worthington has returned to her home at Corsicana.

Miss Amelia Miller took Christmas with relatives at Fort Worth.

Give the White Star Laundry a trial next week. Will Gammage.

Miss Flora Prouty spent the holidays with her family at Bellville.

Mrs. Frank Parker returned Saturday from a visit to her sister at Oakwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Madden of Kennard took Christmas with their parents here.

D. M. Craddock of Dallas is spending a few days with the home folks here.

S. B. Sims of St. Louis, a nephew of Rev. S. F. Tenney, spent the holidays here.

O. C. Payne, assistant principal of the public schools, is spending the holidays at Waco.

If the White Star Laundry suits you tell your friends, if it does not tell Will Gammage.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Haskell are being entertained by Mrs. Florence J. Arledge.

The biggest, best and busiest laundry in Texas, the White Star. WILL GAMMAGE, Agt.

The name of every good citizen in the county should be on the COURIER'S subscription list.

I would like to see your name on my laundry list next week. WILL GAMMAGE.

S. J. Craddock and wife of Chickasha, I. T., are spending the week with Mr. Craddock's relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wootters visited Mrs. Wootters' mother, Mrs. Eastham, at Huntsville Christmas week.

Will Gammage is taking in washing—agent for the famous White Star laundry of San Antonio.

Pink Bayne, who has been living at Groveton for the past several months, was visiting his brothers here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Harvin Moore of Carmona were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Moore, parents of the doctor, Christmas.

Mrs. Lucy Collins and daughter and Mr. E. M. Atkinson were recent visitors to the family of Hon. John B. Peyton at Trinity.

Frank Drick, who has been attending school at Sewanee, Tenn., is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. L. M. Mathews.

Mr. A. A. Drick of Newport, Pa., grandfather of Master Frank Drick, is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mathews.

Land for Rent.

Suitable for trucking, two miles from Crockett. Apply to ALLEN NEWTON.

Barber Shop Moved.

I have moved my barber shop to the Hickey old stand.

BARKER TUNSTALL.

To my friends: Kindly include in your great bunch of resolutions to give me your laundry business next year. Respectfully, WILL GAMMAGE.

R. M. Clinkscale, D. M. Gantt, W. H. Lively, O. E. Hairston, C. W. Newberry, J. R. Hairston, A. N. Atkinson and P. E. Smith are among the COURIER'S substantial farmer friends who have remembered it since its last issue.

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.

Leave your laundry at Crysup's drug store—Will Gammage, agent for the White Star of San Antonio.

The local cotton market dropped off Wednesday from 12½ in the morning to 12¼ in the afternoon and very little is being offered for sale.

Squire Callier was here Monday and called at the COURIER office. The squire is as hale and hearty as usual, all of which we are glad to note.

Ben Janes and Miss Lillie Cloud were married Sunday at the home of the bride a few miles from town. They will make their home at Madisonville.

Mrs. T. D. Craddock and Mrs. Dan McLean are entertaining their mother, Mrs. Numsen, and sisters, Mrs. Price and Mrs. P. H. Hughes, all of Palestine.

Rev. Mr. Payne succeeds Rev. Mr. Easterling on the Crockett circuit of the Methodist church. This place was to be supplied when the other appointments were published.

The friends of Jim Brown were glad to see him down town Monday afternoon. He has not yet recovered from his recent accident and was only able to be brought down in a conveyance.

Rev. Eugene L. Crawford left Tuesday for Alabama, where he goes to enter upon his pastoral charge, having been transferred by the bishop from the Texas conference to that of Alabama. The best wishes of his congregation here follow him.

Tom Jordan and Miss Myrtle Newton will be married at Lovelady this (Thursday) evening. The bride is a popular young lady of Lovelady, while the groom is well and favorably known in Crockett and over the county. Here's congratulations and best wishes.

All matter published in the COURIER in the interest of any candidate will be charged for at advertising rates. We make this announcement in view of the approaching campaign. We will also state in connection that all announcements for office must be paid in advance.

G. W. Allbright of Lovelady returns to his first love. He was one of the COURIER'S first subscribers, but fell out with the paper a short time back and quit. He now sends us a dollar with best wishes for the new year and says "let her come." We are glad to have Mr. Allbright's name back where it belongs.

To the Ladies.

It will be all up with the wash woman if you will give the White Star Laundry a trial with your pillow slips, shirt waists, counterpanes, etc. WILL GAMMAGE.

Looking Out a Location.

Mr. C. H. Richmond from Fulton, Mo., was in Crockett the first of the week looking out a location for a colony of Missourians. He was quite favorably impressed with the country and its climate, and if his report is received favorably by those whom he is representing, he will buy several large bodies of land near Crockett.

At the Baptist Church.

Next Sunday there will be services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School at 9:30 a. m. Young People's Union at 3:30 p. m. Sunbeams from 4:30 to 5 p. m. All the members are especially urged to be present at the morning services, as it will be the first Sunday in the new year.

J. A. HOWARD, pastor.

George Smith and Miss Myrtle Bricker were married at Atlanta, Texas, on Wednesday evening last. The young lady had gone there on a visit for the holiday season. While this wedding had been anticipated, it was somewhat of a surprise just at this time. The young couple are now at home at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bricker.

New Barber Shop.

I take pleasure in announcing through the COURIER to my city and country patrons that I will open a new barber shop next month in the building where Kennedy's racket store is at present located, adjoining Jim Brown's store. Thanking my customers for their patronage in the past and soliciting a continuance of same, I am respectfully yours,

F. P. GANDOLPH.

You only have one more month in which to pay your poll tax if you expect to vote in the next election. When you pay your tax then come right across the street and renew your subscription to the COURIER. A man owes it to his country to pay his tax and vote and he owes it to himself and family to not let the subscription to his county paper run out. Do these things and at the end of another year you can say with a feeling of pride that you have discharged the duties of an American citizen.

"Uncle Philip" is the title of a splendid Christmas story by Lavilla E. Allen in the December issue of Farm Life. "The Farm as a Laboratory of Nature," by J. T. Willard of the Kansas Agricultural College, and "Improving the Dairy Herd," by Fred S. Cooley of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, are two very instructive articles in the Christmas number—and there are numerous other good features. By sending in your subscription now you can secure both the Crockett COURIER and Farm Life one year for \$1.00, our regular subscription price.

The distressing news reached Crockett Monday evening by telephone of the serious burning of Miss Ora Dent at Porter Springs, where she was teaching school. Standing in front of a fire at her boarding place, her clothing ignited and burned to her waist before they could be extinguished or torn from her. The young lady's condition is critical, but at last account she was resting easy. She is a daughter of Mr. W. F. Dent, a prominent citizen of Lovelady. The affair is deeply deplored, all the more on account of the victim having just developed into young womanhood.

A CHRISTMAS KILLING.

Jesse Buggs, a Negro, Shot to Death by Dave Moore, Another Negro.

Wednesday before Christmas was pay day at the coal mine and the night following high carnival was held. All the negroes in the country who ever gambled it seems congregated at or near the mine and gambled all night long. During the early morning a dispute arose over the winnings and Dave Moore pulled his pistol and attempted to use it, claiming that the money was his when he was not permitted to take it. One of the negroes, Lee Bynum, took Dave's pistol away from him before he could use it, but the row broke up the game. A part of the crowd, Sol Dickson, Lee Bynum, Bob Wright, Jim Cotton and one other, started up the railroad to come to Crockett. Dave Moore, angered over losing the money and nettled by Bynum's act in carrying off his pistol, secured a Winchester and started in pursuit. He overtook the crowd two miles from town and opened fire on them. The crowd took to the woods, where Jesse Buggs was afterward found with a bullet through his head and his brains running out on the ground. The negroes all scattered and not one of them knew the fate of the other. Dave Moore went back by the coal mine and said that he had killed Lee Bynum and had taken his pistol. He made his escape. Justice of the Peace Saxon went down on a hand car Thursday and held an inquest, bringing the corpse back on the hand car.

Murdered a White Man.

Two negro men were brought to Crockett Thursday morning last by Sheriff Dave Chandler and Will Hassell from Groveton and placed in the Crockett jail for safe keeping. They had participated in the murder of a white man, a millwright, at Groveton. Five negroes were arrested by Sheriff Chandler for the crime, two of whom were women. The two women were jailed at Groveton, one of the men sent to Huntsville by a deputy and two brought to Crockett as above stated. The report is current that when the white man and the negroes met one of them shot him down in cold blood, claiming that he had insulted one of their women, both of whom were of questionable character. The negroes' story of the insult is discredited. The public feeling against the negroes was so strong at Groveton that the sheriff deemed it wise to place the men in jails away from Groveton.

Prospecting for Oil Lands.

Mr. J. Opperman, a man of practical experience in the oil regions, arrived in Crockett Sunday and is spending the week making a thorough examination of the oil indications in Houston county. He is in the employ of a company of local capitalists organized for purposes of prospecting. He was out north of town Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and the remaining three days will be spent east, south and west of town. On finishing his work he will make his report in writing to the company employing him, which report will remain strictly the property of the company.

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."

Entertained at Dinner.

Miss Evy Hail made Christmas day one of great pleasure to a few friends whom she entertained at a course dinner. The guests were Misses Foster and Barbee, Messrs. Bester, Fuller and Morrison. The menu was as follows:

Manhattan cocktail
Oyster cocktail
Olives Salted nuts
Clam bullion
Turkey, cranberries, peas
Potatoes, celery bread
Chicken salad, wafers
Gelatin, whipped cream and cake.
Coffee noir.

The guests spent a most delightful day and left wishing Christmas came twice a year instead of once, provided the fates were always in their favor as they had been that day.

Capt. V. J. McDonald of the State Rangers was in Crockett Friday night and went out to Kennard Saturday morning where it is said he arrested Jack Sims, wanted for raising a disturbance on the train between Crockett and Palestine last summer. Sims was under bond for violating the local option law at the time and has been in hiding ever since. The officers at Crockett were asked about the arrest, but claimed to know nothing about it. They said that if Capt. McDonald arrested Sims he took him to some other jail besides the one here. They admitted that Sims was wanted and had been wanted for some time, but said that his whereabouts were unknown to them. Sims was once special officer at the mill and will be remembered as having killed Gus Kennedy in a street fight here two years ago.

Mr. E. B. Hale and Miss Lillie Webb were quietly married Thursday evening last at the home of the bride's parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Webb. Rev. S. F. Tenney performed the ceremony. Both Mr. Hale and his bride are well-known, Miss Lillie having been raised here and being prominent in social and church affairs. Mr. Hale is now serving his third term as sheriff. He and his bride have gone to house-keeping in their home recently built and start married life with the best wishes of a large acquaintance.

The shipments of cotton on Tuesday of this week amounted to 4,580 bales since the first of September. On the same day last year there had been shipped 10,446 bales, leaving a shortage of 5,866. The total shipments from Crockett last year from September to September were 13,380 bales. Two round bales are counted as a square bale. The COURIER believes that this is the shortest cotton crop the county will ever experience.

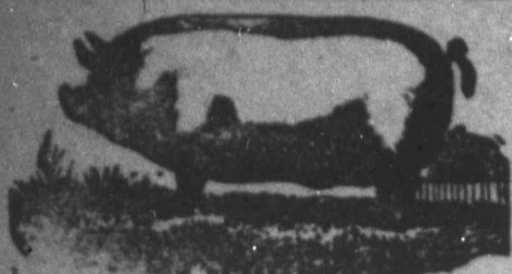
About twenty negroes left Monday for Louisiana to work on cotton plantations. Labor agents have been working the county for two months and it is estimated that in all between sixty and seventy negroes have left Crockett while more have left from other parts of the county. These labor agents were warned some time ago to leave the county, which they did, but one of them returned, and has been secretly plying his vocation since.

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.

THE COURIER.

W. W. Aiken, Editor and Publisher



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

THE ISTHMIAN CANAL.

LETTER FROM HON. W. B. PAGE TO SENATOR CULBERSON.

Favors Ratification of Treaty and the Cutting of the Canal—An Era of Progress and Prosperity for the South.

A short time since Mr. Page wrote Senator Culbertson, expressing the hope that the senators from the South would not be opposed to the ratification of the treaty with Panama, but would exert themselves to secure ratification and thus conclude the final step preliminary to work on the great waterway. Senator Culbertson replied briefly, and while not committing himself to the position of antagonizing the treaty, forwarded to Mr. Page the speech of Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, which clearly and unequivocally shows a spirit of antagonism on Mr. Hoar's part, and indirectly and incidentally on the part of Senator Culbertson. The following is the reply of Mr. Page and we publish it that the public mind may be called to this important matter and be giving it consideration:

CROCKETT, TEX., Dec. 26, 1905.
Hon. C. A. Culbertson,
Washington.

MY DEAR SENATOR:

Both of your favors received in due course of mail, as also the printed matter bearing on the subject. I regret exceedingly to see you and the senators from the South occupying the position you do in reference to the canal treaty. In view of the magnitude of the proposition and the incalculably great and beneficial results to follow such an enterprise, the paramount question presenting itself is not one of partisanship, party advantage, international comity or rules of international law, but since the Panama government is DE FACTO, A FAIT ACCOMPLI, ratification of the treaty, and thus secure for the South the one great auxiliary needed to insure the South's material development and commercial supremacy.

You were very kind in sending me Senator Hoar's speech to read, but I beg to be excused from following his leadership or seeking justification for rejecting the treaty in anything which this eccentric though learned old gentleman may have to say. He comes from a section which is loyal to itself first and which has but little affirmative interest in the cutting of an Isthmian canal and is vastly more concerned in maintaining New England commercial and manufacturing supremacy than in seeing it pass to the South as it will most assuredly do if we can ever get that great waterway completed. Then, if you will reflect a little, my dear senator, the democratic party hardly three years ago applauded and acclaimed the leadership of this same New England senator and his coterie of constructive

traitors on the question of imperialism as presented by the Philippine policy of the administration. Crushing and humiliating defeat followed. So before again yielding to inspiration and incentive from such a source, those so inclined would do well to study the lessons of the past.

The people want the canal and they want it at once. They feel that no time should be lost in consummating all preliminary conventions and stipulations necessary to an immediate and speedy construction of this work. The opportunity to secure it is present, at hand, and we feel that it should not be lost or sacrificed in a play of politics with spectacular shifting of stage effects for securing party advantage. It is not a time for the display of strategy to the end that the president or the republicans may be put in a hole. It is not a political question, but a great industrial one, affecting the South, its interests or its future more than any other section. There is more of section in it than of politics, and thus viewing it, I can understand why Senator Hoar and others possibly from that section might oppose the canal. I can understand why the transcontinental railroads and all who are interested in them should oppose the building of the canal and urge the rejection of the treaty, but it passes comprehension that the honored and trusted representatives of the South, the immediate and principal beneficiary of such a waterway, should be otherwise than in favor of all measures which tend to build up their section.

Recurring again to your suggestion that I read Senator Hoar's speech, I beg to say this: I prefer to look nearer home for an expression as a guide and respectfully call your attention to the recent action of the Louisiana legislature and to the speech of Governor Terrell of Georgia. These people are nearer home, they are of the same kind as myself, they are from a section which recognizes the importance of taking favorable action on the treaty. They are from a section, too, that hasn't been the spawning ground of a speckled progeny of civic, social and political heresies from the treasonable proceedings of the Hartford convention to the present day.

I beg to repeat it again, that the question is not one of a political nature, there is nothing in it that calls for the exercise of the party caucus. And if it were, I can conceive of no party advantage accruing from the rejection of the treaty and the consequent failure of the canal that will compensate for such loss, to be felt by the South more than by any other section. The defeat of the treaty will surely make the question a political one. It will be certain to place that which is now but an industrial proposition before the people in the next campaign as a political issue. And the party responsible for the defeat of this treaty can never expect to go before the people and triumph. The great mass of the people want the canal built and care nothing for the subtle abstractions of international law or the rainbow visions of self-constituted party leaders. The rank and file of the democratic party have been led about, hither and thither, in pursuit of this political phantom and that, with assurances of a glorious victory from this leader and that; they have been fed on the Dead Sea apples of disaster so long after all the glowing, rosy promises of seats at the banquet board; they have been led into the bog of defeat so often, first on one

kind of a platform and then another, until they are squarely in the middle of the road up against a huge chunk of disgust, humiliation and mortification, and in open-eyed wonder and consternation gaze at the facile indifference and plastic, self-adjusting ease with which their leaders push the pendulum from the extreme of Bryanism to the extreme of Gormanism and no questions asked. Is it any wonder in view of these things, this embarrassing, contradictory status of party affairs and fealty that the bulk of democrats ask themselves, "Where are we at?" Is it any wonder that they revolt at the program to invest this great industrial proposition of building a canal with political and party significance and thus make what is nothing more than a business matter the shuttlecock of party politics? If it is to be made a political or party question, by all means let the democratic party get on the right side; let them act on principle and under the guidance of maxims of broad statesmanship. Let them not be placed in the attitude of obstructionists and as advocating a policy of negation. There is no surer issue to win on before the people than the affirmative of both the canal and the treaty. The republicans have taken that side. There is no surer issue to lose out on before the people than the negative of the same issue. Are the democratic senators by caucus going to commit the party to it?

And the people may well wonder and democrats very properly ask, "how much longer are the leaders of the party going to pursue the policy of 'Drift and Shift,' with no higher aspirations and no loftier mission than that of opposing whatever the opposite party may initiate?"

In conclusion permit me to say this: I believe if the Texas legislature were in session and the issue made, they would second the action of the Louisiana legislature. In any event an overwhelming majority of the intelligent, thinking people of the state, as of the South, are in favor of the construction of the canal and the ratification of the treaty. And I know of no way by which the representatives of the South in congress can render greater service to their section and to their party than by making sure and certain the immediate cutting of the canal. And the honored representatives of the South in the senate can build no monument to their memory that will typify a more grateful and lasting remembrance in the hearts of their constituents or reflect more honor on their names than by their votes, contributing to the completion of the great waterway to the south of us. Therein lies the South's golden opportunity. And when it is realized, then will begin an era of unparalleled progress and prosperity for the South. Then we shall see a shifting of transportation lines and a readjustment of manufacturing and commercial centers. The commerce of the country will no longer then move along lines of latitude, but along those of longitude. The outlets for the products of the continent will no longer be on the Atlantic seaboard but on the gulf. Boston, New York or Baltimore, as places of import and export will be rivaled, surpassed by Galveston, New Orleans and Mobile. The manufacturing centers will no longer be north of the Ohio and Potomac but to the south of these lines. These are not idle speculations, psychical effects from a too assiduous gazing at rainbow colors, but reasonable certainties war-

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