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## MANY MILLIONS

Are at the Disposal of the Rockefeller Crowd Yearly—What the Big Figures Show.

Total Paid by Corporation in Twelve Years Nearly Four Times the Capital Stock.

New York, January 3.—Recently there have been many reports and rumors of the spreading of the influence of the Standard Oil crowd. The vast capital controlled by the Rockefeller "crowd" must needs find an investment, and in nearly every line of industry it is being placed to such advantage as to control the situation. This is true of coal mining, copper mining, the oil industry, steamship lines, railroads and many small projects which are not heard of by the public at large.

From the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the great lakes to the Rio Grande the Standard's money is being used to the end that the Standard Oil financiers are the power. The Standard has lately captured the great billion-dollar steel trust and its methods are now being put into practice to the end that the plants return dividends. It is an endless chain process. The dividends from the Standard's shares are put into other enterprises, which are made to yield dividends of large proportions, and that capital is also to find an investment. Where it is to end no one can foresee.

How vast this sum is may be seen from the figures given. The fourth and last dividend for the year 1903 amounted to \$12,000,000, checks for which were mailed on the last Monday in December.

The dividend disbursed amounted to \$12 a share, which is an increase of \$2 over the dividend declared at this time last year. This brings the total dividends for the year to 44 per cent, or \$44,000,000 in dividends for the full year.

John D. Rockefeller is credited with owning 38 per cent of stock of the Standard Oil company, and his receipts from the earnings of the corporation during the current year were approximated at \$15,000,000.

The increase of the dividends in the last quarter to 10 per cent was due to larger earnings, resulting from a sharp advance in the price of oil. According to an official of the Standard Oil the corporation carries no surplus, giving the benefit of all earnings to the stockholders.

The Standard Oil company is now disbursing more money to stockholders than any other corporation in the world. The United States Steel corporation held first place as a dividend power previous to the reduction in the common dividend and the conversion of preferred stock into bonds.

It now ranks second to the Standard Oil company, and the money flows into the same coffers. Since 1891 the disbursements of the corporation ran close to \$375,000,000, or nearly four times as great as the \$100,000,000 capital stock.

In view of the fact that oil has

been advancing on the strength of reports that production is falling off very rapidly, the present increased dividend of the Standard Oil company has caused considerable interest in financial circles. People in close touch with the situation say that it is very unlikely that Rockefeller interests would agree to an increase in disbursements to stockholders if they believed that an oil famine was threatened.

### Citation.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Thomas R. Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Ann P. Albright, deceased, the unknown heirs of William Albright, deceased, the unknown heirs of Morris Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mrs. Morris Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elijah Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Susan A. Read, deceased, the unknown heirs of Sarah E. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of James M. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Andrew H. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of James W. Stanley, deceased, all of whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County to be held at the court house thereof, in the town of Crockett, on the first Monday in March 1904, being the 7th day of March 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 6th day of January 1904, in a cause numbered 4839 wherein W. V. Berry's plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Thomas R. Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Ann P. Albright, deceased, the unknown heirs of William Albright, deceased, the unknown heirs of Morris Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mrs. Morris Townsend, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elijah Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Elizabeth Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Susan A. Read, deceased, the unknown heirs of Sarah E. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of James M. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of Andrew H. Chairs, deceased, the unknown heirs of James W. Stanley, deceased, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and in right and is seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land to-wit: Situated in the County of Houston and State of Texas, about five miles S. W. from the town of Crockett, being a part of the T. R. Townsend league, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a stake in old field, same being the N. E. corner of a ten acres tract now in possession of H. W. Moore. Thence N 35 W. 736 yrs. corner. Thence S. 55 W. 1102 yrs. to corner. Thence S. 35 E. to corner on a Pin Oak mkd. X at 785 yrs. Thence N. 55 E. 1102 yrs. to the place of beginning; that the defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of claim or title to said land that casts a cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto,

wherefore plaintiff seeks to remove such cloud from his title and to be quieted in his title and possession of said land.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court in the town of Crockett, this 6th day of January 1904.

J. B. STANTON, Clerk District Court Houston Co., Texas.

### COTTON SEED DISTRIBUTION.

Prof. Knapp Says About 150 Tons of Early Maturing Varieties Are to Be Given to Weevil District Farmers in an Effort to Beat the Boll Weevil.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 30.—Dr. S. A. Knapp, special agent of the Agricultural Department of the General Government and president of the Rice Association of America, arrived here this morning from New Orleans. He was one of the principal speakers on the program for the meeting. His subject naturally was on the rice industry of America, of which he is perhaps the ablest representative in the country. The doctor, after having fulfilled his engagement on the program, took the Southern Pacific for this city to look after the distribution of cotton seed for the Texas planters. In reply to urgent questions the doctor stated that ten cars of cotton seed shipped here by the Agricultural Department for farmers would reach here in eight or ten days, and that he had come over to arrange for the care and preservation of the seed until it should be distributed. In further answering he said:

"Mr. Secretary Wilson, with his good judgment in such matters, arranged it so that the Congressmen of the several districts will have the direction of the distribution among the farmers. My work here is to see that a secure and safe place shall be found to hold the seed until it is distributed. I have secured the large house of the Merchants & Planters' oil mill on the north side of the bayou among the net work of railroads that center in this city. The seed are the King and Shine varieties of New Orleans and the John Parker seed of Mississippi, the earliest maturing and best that we know of. Of course the Government's aim is that these seeds should be distributed so as to do the most good to the farming and therefore to the greatest interests of the people. Of course there are several factors to be considered in reaching this decision, such as energy, wisdom, reliability,

land and locality, the ultimate object being to head off the boll weevil in its movements of devastation.

"Yes the cars will bring about 150 tons, fifteen to the car. Of course it cannot be stated now how many farmers will be given these seeds, but it will be done to get the best proof of its effectiveness against the boll weevil. The cars of seed will be accompanied by Mr. Scribner or some other employe of the Agricultural Department to look after the safe transportation and unloading of the seed."

Dr. Knapp spoke very favorably of the outlook for the future of the farmer and, of course the country generally. He seems to be in excellent health and manifests his usual interest in the agricultural conditions over the whole country.

### If Unwell,

Try a 50c bottle of Herbine, notice the improvement speedily effected in your appetite, Energy, Strength and Vigor. Watch how it brightens the spirits, gives freedom from indigestion and Debility!

Isaac Story, Ava., Mo., writes, Sept. 10th, 1900. "I was in bad health. I had stomach trouble for 12 months, also dumb chills. Dr. J. W. Mory prescribed Herbine, it cured me in two weeks. I can not recommend it to highly, it will do all you claim for it." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

### Rev. Carlisle P. B. Martin, L. L. D.

Waverly, Texas, writes: "Of a morning, when first rising, I often find a troublesome collection of phlegm, which produces a cough and is very hard to dislodge; but a small quantity of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will at once dislodge it, and the trouble is over. I know of no medicine that is equal to it, and it is so pleasant to take. I can most cordially recommend it to all persons, needing a medicine for throat or lung troubles." Price 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle at Smith & French Drug Co's.

### "Splurges" and Persistency.

There is something to be said, perhaps, in favor of advertising on a large scale with intervals of repose; but there is also merit in steady, inglorious persistency. According to a successful business man, "steady advertising, though on a smaller scale, is accumulative in its results, and builds up a more valuable prestige than occasional "splurges" can give.—Philadelphia Record.

### Accept No Substitute.

There is nothing just as good for Malaria, Chills and Fever as Dr. Mendenhall's Chill and Ever 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.

### Best Liniment on Earth.

Henry D. Baldwin, Supt. City Water Works, Shullsburg, Wis., writes: "I have tried many kinds of liniment, but have never received much benefit until I used Ballard's Snow Liniment for rheumatism and pains. I think it the best liniment on earth." 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at Smith & French Drug Co's.

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, of California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it effected a complete cure. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

### A WEAK STOMACH.

It May Be Strengthened by Wearing a Wide Flannel Bandage.

All who suffer from poor digestion should wear a ten inch width of flannel bandage next the skin, pinned fairly tight round the body over the stomach. No liver or digestive pill or peptic preparation helps the stomach a twentieth part as much as his flannel prescription. A poor circulation in the stomach, causing that chilly, "miserable" feeling, is at the root of half the indigestion that mortals are heir to. That is why hot water drinking gives relief. It helps the circulation. A flannel bandage worn day and night all the year round cures the faulty blood circulation of the stomach; consequently it cures dyspepsia. Five hours' interval between meals, avoiding fried foods, made dishes and mixtures and observing three or four "Lenten meals" in every week are golden rules for good digestion. A good dinner at night is necessary for those whose pleasure or work keeps them up very late, but for ordinary folk who dine at 7 and go to bed about 10:30 only a light, wholesome repast should be taken at the end of the day, when the muscles and nerves are more or less exhausted. A "tired stomach is a weak stomach" is a golden rule to remember, yet how often one hears people say:

"I've been rushing about all day and am tired to death. I must have a big meal to make up for it." You may put the big meal into the stomach, but you cannot make the stomach digest it.—Exchange.

### Killed Him in Cold Blood.

It was after dinner in the little cafe beloved by literary Bohemia and the diners at the end table were swapping stories of their most startling experiences. Each had told a thriller, and all eyes turned to the long haired poet who wrote only martial lays.

"I had a terrible experience once," he said. "The memory of it haunts me now. I inflicted the most awful fate possible to imagine upon a fellow creature. It was in Germany. I didn't know the language very well, and I suppose I must have made some blunder in addressing a very looking chap at a hotel there. What it was I don't know, but at any rate he declared he had been insulted and demanded a duel on the spot.

"One of us," he cried in tones of fearful wrath, "shall never leave this room alive!"

"I knew him to be an expert swordsman. But was I afraid? No! 'So let it be,' I said. And then I rushed out of the room, locked the door behind me and left him there to die!"—New York Press.

### A Boarding House Superstition.

"Speaking of bad luck," said a landlady the other day, "did you ever hear that it was bad luck to go back to a house you had once lived in? Well, it is. I heard some one say that when I was a little girl, and some way it has always remained in my mind. If any person who has lived in my house goes away and talks of coming back I always try to dissuade him. One young fellow scoffed at the idea, yet the day after he came back to live with me he lost his position and did not get another until he moved away from my house. He would have stuck it out only I told him I would have to have my room. So he went away, and at once secured another and better position than the one he had when he first came to me."

### The Best Bargain on Record.

Probably never in the history of the world was a better bargain made than the purchase of the island of Grenada, in the British West Indies. It was bought by the French from the Caribs by a solemn treaty in the middle of the seventeenth century, and the price paid was two bottles of rum. Eau's mess of pottage was a good stroke of business by comparison. The Caribs soon regretted having sold their birthright and vainly tried to get the island back by force. It is now one of England's most prosperous colonies in the West Indies, with a population of over 50,000 and a big trade.

### Why He Quit.

Hal—What you've stopped calling on the girl with the plaid waist!

Tom—Yes; it's all over there.

Hal—Why? Father object?

Tom—Bless you, no! And I had nerve enough to dodge all her hints about popping the question, also, but the last time I called she had the sign "Do It Now" stuck on the center table. That scared me, and I've quit.—New York Times.



### Citation.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of John C. Hagan, deceased, the heirs of Rosanna Hagan, deceased, the heirs of R. N. Read, deceased, the heirs of Susan A. Read, deceased, the heirs of John M. Murchison, deceased, the heirs of William A. Atkinson, deceased, the heirs of Nancy Atkinson, deceased, the heirs of Mary Rosamond, deceased, the heirs of Lucy Wright, deceased, the heirs of Corinne Combs, deceased, all of whose names are unknown and C. B. Robinson and John G. Wright, whose residences are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the town of Crockett, on the first Monday in March, 1904, being the 7th day of March 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 6th day of January 1904, in a cause numbered 4838 wherein W. V. Berry is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of John C. Hagan, deceased, the unknown heirs of Rosanna Hagan, deceased, the unknown heirs of R. N. Read, deceased, the unknown heirs of Susan A. Read, deceased, the unknown heirs of John M. Murchison, deceased, the unknown heirs of William A. Atkinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Nancy Atkinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary Rosamond, deceased, the unknown heirs of Lucy Wright, deceased, the unknown heirs of Corinne Combs, deceased, C. B. Robinson, John Robinson, Harriet McManners, Doss McManners, Josephine Huffman, John G. Wright, B. F. Read, C. B. Read, John T. Read, Sarah Beeson, Emma Wortham, F. M. Wortham, Luella Stafford, R. N. Stafford, Louisa Giles, R. P. Giles, J. G. Chappell, Mrs. U. C. Murchison, Jas. W. Murchison, Minnie M. Hamby, Robt. M. Hamby, Carrie M. Hart, W. D. Hart and L. Meriwether are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and right and is in the possession of the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Situated in the County of Houston and State of Texas, about four and one-half miles S. W. from Crockett, being a part of the John Hagan league and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the S. E. corner of the T. R. Townsend league and the S. W. or Western corner of the John Hagan league on the John Moore league and its North boundary line, a Red Oak 30 in mkd S. T. hrs. S. 12 W. 5 3 5 vrs, a Black Jack mkd X hrs N. 51 E. 5 vrs; this corner is on the Huntsville road 5 miles from Crockett; thence N. 35 W. with the Townsend and Hagan league line at 950 vrs. corner a Hickory 6 in mkd. X hrs. S. 20 W. 11 3-10 vrs.; same being Mrs. L. Wright's S. W. corner; thence N. 55 E. with her S. B. line at 1090 vrs. her S. E. corner, a large red oak mkd. X; thence N. 35 W. with her and Mrs. Rosamond's E. B. line 2130 vrs. to corner in San Antonio road an Elm mkd. X; thence with the meanders of said road N. 37 E. 145 vrs.; N. 61 E. 293 vrs.; N. 45 E. 640 vrs. to corner in said road, a P. O. 10 in mkd. X; thence S. 35 E. with the line of survey No. 4 465 vrs. pass the S. E. corner of No. 4 and with the E. B. line of 69 1-5 acres survey on the N. B. line of 500 acres survey to corner, a Sweet Gum mkd. X; thence N. 55 E. with said survey and the Haslett tract 355 vrs. to the N. E. corner of said 500 acres survey, bearing trees gone; thence S. 35

E. with the E. B. line of said survey and J. Cason's 343 acres survey, 1473 vrs. to his S. E. corner; thence N. 55 E. 7 vrs. the N. W. corner of Cayson's South survey; thence S. 35 E. with said survey 389 vrs. the S. E. corner of the Woodson or Murchison survey; thence S. 55 W. with Allbright's N. B. line 1245 4 10 vrs. pass the S. W. corner of 500 acres survey, at 1537 vrs. pass S. W. corner of 49 acres survey, at 2486 vrs. in all to the place of beginning; that defendants are setting up some kind of pretended claim or title to the said premises which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title to said land; wherefore plaintiff sues to remove said cloud from his title and to be quieted in his title and possession, for costs and general relief.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published. Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Crockett this the 6th day of January A. D. 1904.

J. B. STANTON,  
Clerk District Court Houston Co. Tex.

### Citation.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Joseph Hodges, deceased, the heirs of Henry Raguet, deceased, the heirs of William G. Logan, deceased, the heirs of Jacob Snively, deceased, the heirs of C. O. Barton, deceased, the heirs of Matthew Cartwright, deceased, the heirs of Louisa C. Coleman, deceased, the heirs of Cornelia Alford, deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be held at the Court house thereof, in the town of Crockett, on the first Monday in March 1904, being the 7th day of March 1904, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 7th day of January 1904, in a cause numbered 4840, wherein W. V. Berry is plaintiff and the unknown heirs of Joseph Hodges, deceased, the unknown heirs of Henry Raguet, deceased, the unknown heirs of William G. Logan, deceased, the unknown heirs of Jacob Snively, deceased, the unknown heirs of C. O. Barton, deceased, the unknown heirs of Matthew Cartwright, deceased, the unknown heirs of Louisa C. Coleman, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Cornelia Alford, deceased, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: that plaintiff is the owner in fee simple and in right, and is seized and possessed of the following described tracts or parcels of land, to-wit: Situated in the County of Houston and State of Texas, about five miles S. W. from Crockett, on the Pennington road, being a part of the Joseph Hodges league, and bounded and described as follows: First tract, Beginning at the S. E. corner of the Joseph Hodges league, in the field, a stake for corner; thence N. 55 E. with the Hodges league line at 950 vrs. pass the corner of Box league, at 2190 vrs. the N. E.

corner of the Coleman survey; a Hickory mkd. X; thence N. 35 W. with the old fence row, at 1900 vrs. to Nelson Seaton's N. E. corner in old field; thence S. 55 W. with Seaton's line at 1040 vrs. to corner; thence N. 35 W. with Seaton's line 177 vrs. to Peter Haden's corner, a pin oak 6 in mkd. X; thence S. 55 W. with said Haden's line at 1159 vrs. to the Hodges league line; thence S. 35 E. with said league line 1400 vrs. to the place of beginning.

Second tract, also being a part of said Joseph Hodges league, beginning in the Crockett and Pennington road, where the Nelson Seaton's N. B. line crosses said road; thence with the meanders of said road, S. 65 E. 300 vrs. S. 55 E. 365 vrs. to corner on Matlock's fence; thence S. 10 W. with Matlock's line at 390 vrs. to corner on W. V. Berry's line; thence N. 35 W. with Berry's line at 880 vrs. to the place of beginning.

That defendants are setting up some kind of pretended claim or title to the above described premises which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title thereto, wherefore, plaintiff sues to have such cloud removed from his title to said lands, and that he be quieted in his title and possession of same, and he prays for costs and general relief.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, in the town of Crockett, this the 7th day of January A. D. 1904.

J. B. STANTON,  
Clerk District Court Houston Co., Texas.

### 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.  
This is to certify that one bottle of the Texas Wonder, Hall's Great Discovery, cured me of kidney and bladder trouble and I can cheerfully recommend it to others suffering in same manner. Respectfully,  
J. A. BRICKER.

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### Simple Colds.

Cease to be simple, it at all prolonged. The safest way is to put them aside at the very beginning. Ballard's Horehound Syrup stops a cold and removes the cause of colds. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 bottle at Smith & French Drug Co's.

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Mrs. P. Brunzel, wife of P. Brunzel, stock dealer, residence 3111 Grand ave., Everett, Wash., says: "For fifteen years I suffered with terrible pain in my back. I did not know what it was to enjoy a night's rest, and arose in the morning feeling tired and unrefreshed. My suffering sometimes was simply indescribable. When I finished the first box of Doan's Kidney Pills I felt like a different woman. I continued until I had taken five boxes. Doan's Kidney Pills act very effectively, very promptly, relieve the aching pains and all other annoying difficulties."



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The villages near the north Italian lakes are in summer inhabited almost entirely by women, who till the fields, which do not yield much. The men go to Switzerland and bring back their earnings in winter.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers, that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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The man that is guided by intellect is sure to achieve something.

Official statistics also show that the income of the agricultural laborer in average Indian districts is from \$1 to \$2 a month, and with that income the poor man has to support himself as well as his wife and children.

The sinking of shafts through wet ground has recently been successfully accomplished by the aid of artificial freezing. The ground is hardened in this manner to prevent a sudden rush of water.

In Italy the government permits an old warner to act as money lender to the convicts. He advances them money to buy luxuries in the shape of sugar, butter and oil, and in return he receives an order on the amount they earn.

The lack in our spiritual life of the hope of an existence beyond the grave is like the hopelessness for recovery from a disease of the flesh, only infinitely more terrible.

The London Engineer says that the production of potatoes in Germany will be even more important in the future on account of the increasing consumption of potato alcohol for automobile purposes.

The longevity and elasticity of the ever increasing list of the descendants of William the Conqueror would point to the conclusion that the victorious William was not only a Norman but also a Mormon.

Treat failures as stepping stones to further effort.

The truly humble hide their humility.

### KNOWS NOW

Doctor Was Fooled by His Own Case for a Time.

It's easy to understand how ordinary people get fooled by coffee when doctors themselves sometimes forget the facts.

A physician speaks of his own experience:

"I had used coffee for years and really did not exactly believe it was injuring me although I had palpitation of the heart every day.

"Finally one day a severe and almost fatal attack of heart trouble frightened me and I gave up both tea and coffee, using Postum instead, and since that time I have had absolutely no heart palpitation except on one or two occasions when I tried a small quantity of coffee which caused severe irritation and proved to me I must let it alone.

"When we began using Postum it seemed weak—that was because we did not make it according to directions—but now we put a little bit of butter in the pot when boiling and allow the Postum to boil full 15 minutes which gives it the proper rich flavor and the deep brown color.

"I have advised a great many of my friends and patients to leave off coffee and drink Postum; in fact, I daily give this advice." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Many thousands of physicians use Postum in place of tea and coffee in their own homes and prescribe it to patients. "There's a reason."

A remarkable little book "The Road to Wellville" can be found in each package.

Within the past three years more than \$3,000,000 worth of pearls have been taken from the waters of the Mississippi valley. At least three-fourths of the pearls have come from the Black and White rivers of Arkansas.

According to the official returns there were 275 sugar mills in operation in European Russia last year. The beet crop of the country amounted to nearly 9,000,000 tons, while the area under cultivation was 1,310,000 acres.

The sun dial, that old-time favorite in the garden of the past, has been revived, and it is stated on good authority that no garden will be considered complete without it.

The number of stars visible to the naked eye is fewer than 6,000. The number of stars visible through the largest telescope is probably not fewer than 100,000,000.

"De good things er dis life is hard ter come by," says Brother Williams. "De fattest possum always roosts de highest, but he's all de jucier w'en he's cooked on de table fer de trouble you had in makin' his acquaintance.

### Good News From Minnesota.

Lakefield, Minn., Jan. 4.—Mr. William E. Gentry of this place is one of the best-known and most highly respected men in Jackson County. For 45 years he has suffered with Kidney Trouble and now at 77 years of age he has found a complete cure and is well.

His cure is remarkable because of the length of time he had been suffering. Cases of 40 years' standing might be considered incurable, but the remedy that cured Mr. Gentry seems to know no limit to its curative power. Mr. Gentry says:

"I have suffered with misery in my back for about 45 years and had all the troublesome symptoms of Kidney and Urinary disease. I tried various kinds of remedies, but all to no effect until I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. Now I have no pain in my back, and feel quite well in every way.

"I am 77 years of age and I feel better than I have for the last 40 years. I attribute it all to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

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### The Sweet Gum.

The exudation you see clinging to the sweet gum tree in the summer contains a stimulating expectorant that will loosen up the phlegm in the throat. Taylor's Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein cures coughs and croup.

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The chiton, a sort of shellfish, holds the record of possessing 11,000 eyes.

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Col. Robert Hunter of the judge advocate's department of the United States army, has been placed on the retired list for age.

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## Correctives for Swine

Prof. W. H. Henry, in his book on feeds and feeding, says: Every stock man that has kept pigs in confinement has observed their strange craving for seemingly unnatural substances—sand rock, soft brick, mortar, rotten wood, charcoal, soft coal, ashes, soap suds and many other articles being greedily devoured when offered. Such objects lie outside the range of nutritive substances, and we are puzzled to know why they should be so eagerly consumed. In the wild state the hog ranges through the woods and open tracts, living upon small animals, larvae and vegetation generally. This material is of such character and is gathered in such manner that some of the soil is swallowed with it. With rings in its nose to prevent rooting while in the pasture, confined on board floors during the fattening period and given feeds containing little ash, the pig's life is passed under unnatural conditions. Another cause for this craving may be the intestinal worms, which are checked or destroyed by some of the substances consumed. Unsatisfactory or incomplete as such explanations may be, the fact remains that the pig seeks out these unnatural substances and greedily consumes them. The feeder would best supply what the pig craves in this direction and search for explanations later if he wishes.

Ashes either from wood or coal will always be in place in the feeding pen and even in the feed lot. It is surprising how much of these will be consumed by a bunch of pigs. Feeding trials show that pigs when confined to an exclusive corn diet are greatly benefited by ashes, this substance causing the feed to be more effective and adding to the strength of the bone—the latter result probably being due to the lime in the ashes. Bone meal is another substance useful for strengthening the bones of pigs. By saving the droppings, substantially all the value of this high-grade fertilizer may be secured for field and garden after it has served its purpose with the pigs.

### Application of Fertilizers.

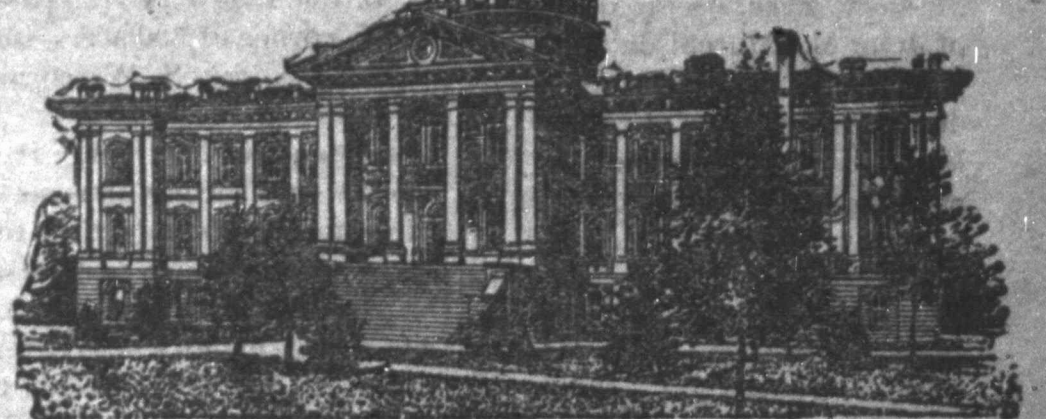
The question as to how fertilizers should be applied is somewhat difficult to answer because it depends on a number of conditions, especially the kind of fertilizer and the amount to be used. Phosphoric acid and potash, even in water soluble forms, do not leach out of the soil to any appreciable extent. On the contrary, they do not distribute themselves well enough, and therefore should be applied to some depth. Nitrogen, on the other hand, finally leaches out of the soil unless taken up by the roots of plants. In some materials, however, it is much less readily soluble than in others. Tankage, for example, should be applied deep, and it is well to mix cotton-seed meal and blood with the soil; but nitrate of soda and ammonium sulphate should nearly always be applied as surface dressings. Only one application is advised for ammonium sulphate, but when large quantities, over 200 pounds to the acre, of nitrate are to be used, two applications of 100 pounds each are often made to advantage, one when the plants are first coming up and the other two or three weeks later. Potash salts when used in quantity, 100 pounds or more to the acre, are well applied in the fall, so that the winter rains may take out the chlorine, which when combined with either lime or magnesia acts in a detrimental manner to plant growth. Lime is also well applied in the fall. Acid phosphate when used as a top dressing may be applied either in the fall or in the early spring. When a small amount of fertilizer is to be used it is best applied as the seed is sown or as the plants are set out, in the row or in the hill or, when practicable, drilled with crops which are drilled. As a general rule only a heavy application of a complete fertilizer, say 1,000 pounds or more to the acre, is recommended to be applied broadcast and worked into the soil for crops which are planted in rows.—Bulletin of Tennessee Station.

### Wisconsin Butter Makers.

The Wisconsin Butter Makers convention is to be held at Eau Claire on February 2 to 4. Secretary F. H. Fulmer writes us that a great convention is expected, as the people seem generally interested and enthusiastic. The city in which the convention is to be held is located on three lines of railway, which means that it is readily accessible. The citizens have already raised a purse of \$300, which will be used in swelling the prizes to be awarded for good butter. The sessions are to be held in the Knights of Pythias Hall, newly erected, and which has a seating capacity of 600. A good exhibit of butter-making machinery is also being arranged for.

Potash is the dominant ingredient in peas, beans, clover, alfalfa and potatoes.

## GOVERNOR OF OREGON Uses Pe-ru-na For Colds in His Family and Grip.



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### A Letter From The Governor of Oregon.

Peruna is known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Letters of congratulation and commendation testifying to the merits of Peruna as a catarrh remedy are pouring in from every State in the Union. Dr. Hartman is receiving hundreds of such letters daily. All classes write these letters, from the highest to the lowest.

The outdoor laborer, the indoor artisan, the clerk, the editor, the statesman, the preacher—all agree that Peruna is the catarrh remedy of the age. The stage and rostrum, recognizing catarrh as their greatest enemy, are especially enthusiastic in their praise and testimony.

Any man who wishes perfect health must be entirely free from catarrh. Catarrh is well nigh universal; almost omnipresent. Peruna is the only absolute safeguard known. A cold is the beginning of catarrh. To prevent colds, to cure colds, is to cheat catarrh out of its victims. Peruna not only cures catarrh, but prevents it. Every household should be supplied with this great remedy for coughs, colds and so forth.

The Governor of Oregon is an ardent admirer of Peruna. He keeps it continually in the house. In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman, he says:

STATE OF OREGON, EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.: Dear Sirs—I have had occasion to use your Peruna medicine in my family for colds, and it proved to be an excellent remedy. I have not had occasion to use it for other ailments.

Yours very truly, W. M. Lord.

It will be noticed that the Governor says he has not had occasion to use Peruna for other ailments. The reason for this is, most other ailments begin with a cold. Using Peruna to promptly cure colds, he protects his family against other ailments. This is exactly what every other family in the United States should do. Keep Peruna in the house. Use it for coughs, colds, la grippe, and other climatic affections of winter, and there will be no other ailments in the house. Such families should provide themselves with a copy of Dr. Hartman's free book, entitled "Winter Catarrh." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus Ohio.

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Every tidy housekeeper appreciates nicely starched clothes and linens. No starch under the sun gives so good a finish as Defiance Starch. It is absolutely free of the chemicals which other starches contain. It never sticks to the iron or causes the clothes to break. It does not rot them. For 10 cents you get 16 ounces of the best starch that can be made. Get Defiance.

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The Waco mayoralty campaign is on with four candidates now in the contest.

Near Mountainview, Ok., Dick Barber, aged 14, was accidentally killed while on Rainey Mountain hunting.

While returning from a social gathering near Rockwood, eighteen miles south of Santa Anna, Tuesday night, Willie Livingstone's horse fell and fatally injured him.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tate, living in the Caddo Mills community, died Friday from the effects of burns received Tuesday by falling into the fire.

Several oil land deals have taken place recently at Nacogdoches. There are six or eight rigs in the oil territory, some of which are preparing to begin operation.

Fire destroyed the dwelling of Prof. W. B. Miller at Belton. Loss on building about \$1500, on household goods about \$300, insurance on house \$1000, on household goods \$600.

The large hardwood band saw mill owned and operated by C. R. Cummings & Co., at Wilsons Switch, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$15,000; insurance \$8000.

The residence of Henry Morrison, fifteen miles northwest of Paris, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night, together with the contents, while the family was away from home.

W. D. Keith, of Ennis, came home from Beaumont sick, and when he was visited by his physician his ailment was pronounced a well-developed case of smallpox. The patient has been isolated.

T. Sisk, a farmer who lives eleven miles west on the Benbrook road, killed a large black eagle. The eagle measured seven feet one inch from tip to tip of the wings, and the talons measured eight inches in the spread.

A stranger in Pecan Gap, passed a bill on R. D. Humphrey that had been raised from \$1 to \$10. Mr. Humphrey discovered his mistake shortly afterward, but the man who passed the bill has not been caught.

Jim Hamkins, a popular young merchant at China Springs, died and his place of business was closed, pending arrangements for winding up the business. Burglars entered the place and took a part of the stock away.

Judge Silas Hare, formerly congressman from the old Fifth district of Texas, and Miss Mary L. Kennedy were married at Baltimore, Md., Judge Hare having come from Washington to meet his bride.

William Johnson, negro porter for the Southern Pacific, who was shot while his train was standing at the depot of El Paso city, died of his wounds. State Sanger J. B. Bein, after a preliminary hearing, was bound over to the grand jury on the charge of shooting the negro.

The gunboat Bennington and the torpedo boat destroyers Peble and Paul Jones and the transports Shershan and Buford, have sailed for Panama in accordance with instructions received from the navy department.

Mrs. Emma G. Anderson, of Waco, according to New York papers, has been robbed of a thousand dollars by a confidence man in Newark, New Jersey, through a clever ruse. Mrs. Anderson is now in New York.

The deficiency in the state treasury has affected Confederate pensioners. Comptroller Stephens has announced that the treasurer will not be able to pay their warrants for thirty or forty days and advises Confederate pensioners to register their warrants.

Will Caba, while walking on the Missouri branch track at Greenville, was manhandled and robbed by two men of \$170. Caba lay unconscious for two hours before he was found and cured for.

Sam Kase was killed by shooting at the range in the Brazos district. Mrs. Amanda Bentley, widow of the late Judge James Bentley, for many years lived in the community for the late Judge, and at her home a large number of children were raised.

# 564 PERSONS LOSE THEIR LIVES IN BURNING OF CHICAGO THEATER

## FIRE STARTS ON STAGE AND BURNS FROM PIT TO DOME

### With a Whirlwind of Flame Enveloping Floor and Galleries, Holiday Crowd of Pleasure Seekers Fight Way to Exits—Awful Scenes of Horror as Scores Leap to Street or Fall from Escapes—Exits Closed and Doomed Victims Pinned in Blazing Prison.

We must go back to the convulsions of nature for a more dreadful story of swift death than occurred at the Iroquois Theater at Chicago in the matinee hour of Dec. 30. The statistics show 560 humans dead, and scores injured. There have been greater horrors by flood, by volcanoes, by the uprising of nature's forces, but if there was ever a more appalling chapter traced to man's hand history fails to tell it save in the records of battle alone. Of fire horrors, as they are commonly known, certainly nothing like it ever occurred in this country or any other.

There is an ornate million-dollar theater, assured, of course, as thoroughly fireproof. Within were 2,300 women and children, and a few men—a typical, merry, holiday matinee audience. One thousand were in the galleries. There were many entrances offering the usual number of exits, all, of course, sufficient to depopulate the building in case of fire. We have all seen that often enough on the programs. There were five men in uniforms in the aisles, provided by the city government. It was a pretty, happy scene. There was a darkened

jewels were torn from the owners, jorquettes and purses were tossed on the floors.

This was the first scene. On the main floor the panic was quite as fierce as elsewhere, but escape was easier. It was in the balconies that the battle for life was hardest, and there, indeed, was scarcely a chance for escape. The galleries were, within no time at all, heaped with a helpless, struggling, insane mass of people. As the flaming circle crept higher and higher, choking the audience with black masses of smoke, many were literally too paralyzed for movement, so that at the end and after it was all over, there was the strange, gruesome picture of a score or more dead leaning silently over the rails as if still glancing at the play.

But down at the doorway it was a wave backward of human beings fighting for the blessing of life. What heroism was shown of man for woman or of woman for children will never be known, for the tragedy was but of minutes.

The details of the awful happenings inside have never been exceeded in the

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E. Eberstein, Frank B.; Eisenstead, Herman; Eldridge, Mort; Espen, Emil; Espen, Miss Rosa; Elkahn, Rose.

F. Fitzgibbons, Anna; Fitzgibbons, John J.; Fox, George Sydney; Flannagan, Thomas J.; Frady, Leon; Falke, Miss Ada; Foley, H.; Foltz, Helen; Folkenstein, Miss Gertrude R.; Foltz, Miss Alice; Foltz, Mrs. C. O.; Fox, Hoyt; Fox, Mrs. Emile Hoyt, Winnetka; Foltz, Helen; Frackelborn, Miss Edith; Frackelborn, Ella; Frady, Mrs. E. C.

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H. Hall, Emperly; Harbrough, Mary

ses, Esple; Muir, F. A.; Morehouse, H. P.; Moore, H. P.; Mendel, Mrs. A. M.; Middleton, Catherine; McKee, —; Morton, Edmund W.

N. Newby, —; Norton, Edith; Norton, Edward W.; Nuhr, —.

O. O'Donnell, Mrs. Patrick P.; Olinger, Mrs. Beatie; Olson, Mrs. Oscar; Owen, William Murray; Oxman, Miss Florence.

P. Page, Harold; Page, Charles T.; Patton, Lillian; Peterson, Fornetta; Poultz, R. H.; Phacker, Walter; Pottlitzer, Jack, Lafayette, Ind.

R. Rattey, William; Rattey, J.; Reiter, Mrs. G.; Regensberg, Hazel; Regensberg, Miss Helen; Remington, Thomas; Ross, Ellen; Robertson, Minnie; Reed, W. M.; Richardson, Rev. H. L.; Roberts, Theodore; Rogers, Rose K.; Rathey, William; Robinson, Minnie; Ross, —, 16 years old, daughter of Dr. Ross.

S. Saville, Warren E.; Sayore, Carrie J.; Spring, Mrs. W. A.; Stangler, Mrs. J. H.; Sayre, Miss Carrie



Death Trap at Main Balcony Exit.

stage, there were a dozen singing maidens and a popular comedian singing a popular air, entitled "In the Pale Moonlight."

Now what happened? A fuse or two blew from the calcium light that made the pale moon. The spark struck the ginger-bread scenery; the scenery blazed to the stage.

An Urn of Fire in Five Minutes. And then! Well, then in five minutes this costly playhouse became a red urn of fire and a great, heart-breaking cry, such a cry as splits the stone of a Caesar's heart, arose in that building.

It was the cry of the man or woman, clinging to a storm-swept raft, who sees the others go down before him.

The scene was something that no human pen can tell. A circle of flame swept from the stage around the balcony and galleries, driven into a whirlwind by six great automatic ventilators and the open doors.

It moved faster than the calcium of the pale moonlight and as fierce as a blazing meteor.

There was a wild, zand, raging, scrambling rush for life. It is not easy to fancy what one would do in such a scene, but all seemingly acted together. Men and women fought like unshackled lions for the first exit; little children were crumpled in the arms of their mothers; clothes and

awfulness of sudden death in agony in all the history of modern times.

From the balcony and galleries, where there was no more safety from the flame heat ascending than on the floor below, people hurled themselves downward in their terror. All, or nearly all, of those in the rear met a fearful death. Firemen, the fire practically extinguished, found they were but pouring water on heaps of human beings.

#### LIST OF THE DEAD.

A. Adaneck, Mrs. John; Austrian, Walter D.

B. Barker, Miss Ethel; Barnheisel, Charles H.; Bartlett, Mrs. C. D.; Bartlett, Ill.; Beurtel, William C.; Beyersloth, Helen; Biesinger, Walter B.; Brindley, Mrs. H. G.; Bodice, N. W.; Brewster, Miss Julia; Brinckley, Mrs. Emma; Euehmann, Margaret; Bickford, C. M.; Boise, Beans; Buschwah, Louise; Beyers, —; Butler, Mrs. Rosa; Butler, Rose; Bymfurth, Ruth.

C. Cahn, Miss Lucy; Clark, E. D.; Clayton, Vinion; Cohn, Mrs. Jacob; Corcoran, —; Cooper, C. L.; Couell, Thomas; Cooper, Helen; Coultz, R. H.; Curran, May; Crook, E. S.; Caldwell, A. B.

E. Haviland, Miss Lee; Haviland, Lee; Harbaugh, Mrs.; Hickman, Mrs. Charles; Holland, John; Howard, Mrs. Mary E.; Hart, E. D.; Henning, —; Henry, Mrs. G. A.; Higginson, Miss Jeanette; Holmes, Mrs.; Higginson, Roger; Holst, Allen; Holst, Gertrude; Hooper, W. W.; Kenosha, Wis.; Howard, Miss Helen; Holland, Leigh; Horton, Edith; Ontonagon, Mich.; Howard, Ray E.; Hudson, Harry; Hehn, Otto.

J. Jones, Ethel; Johnson, J. C.

K. Kaufman, Alice; Kelly, Otto; Kieley, Harvey; Kennedy, Agnes; Winnetka; Kennedy, Frances; Winnetka; Kochens, J. A.; Koll, Charles H.; Kisser, Louis and wife; Ketchem, Mrs.; Kranz, Mrs. Sarah; Racine, Wis.

L. Lake, Mrs. Lena; Lake, Mrs. A.; Lang, Irene; Lang, Hortense; Lange, Miss Agnes; Linden, Ellen; Leatin, Fred W.

M. Maloney, Mrs. James D.; Martin, Harold; Martin, J.; Martin, W.; Maloney, Alice; Ottawa, Ill.; Martin, Robert; McCaughan, Helen; McClellan, Joseph; McClelland, James; McClurg, Roy; McKenna, Bernard; McKenna, Bernard; Muir, Annie; Peoria, Ill.; McMillan, Mabel; Meade, Lillian; Merril, Mrs.; Merrien, Mildred; Mo

A. String, Mrs. Winthrop; Spindler, Burdette; Studley, Rev. George H.; Sutton, Harry D.; Sawyer, —; Sedill, Warner, 12 years old, Kankakee, Ill.; Smithbarry, Wilma; Smith, Mrs. —; Des Plaines, Ill.; Smith, Miss Murine; Des Plaines, Ill.; Sheppard, Lola, 12 years old; Scott, Burr; Shabbard, Myrtle; Shabbard, Lulu; Sherr, —; Sprang, W. N.; Stern, Mrs.; Sutton, Harry P.; Squier, Olive; Saville, Arthur; Spring, Winthrop; Schmidt, Rosa.

T. Tayson, Ruth; Torney, Edna; Turner, Mrs. Susan; Turbush, C. W.; Thatcher, W.

V. Valley, Bernice; Valley, Mrs. J. T.; Vanzege, Edward T.; Valley, Miss Bernice; Van Ingen, John; Vlen, Herman.

W. Wells, Donald; Wolf, Mrs. Leo, Hammond, Ind.; Waldman, S.; Wolmann, Otto; Williams, H.; Winslow, C. A., Three River Falls, Minn.; Wells, Donald; Windes, Paul; Wolff, Harriet; Weiskopf, Emma.

Z. Zelsier, Walter B.

Unidentified Dead Are Many. In addition to the foregoing, there are seventy bodies at the various morgues awaiting identification.



# NOTABLE EVENTS OF THE YEAR 1903.

The year 1903 will be known as the record year of prosperity in the United States.

Some few crops have not yielded so largely as they did in former years, but the prices received were so much higher that the shortage was more than made up for.

Cotton reached the highest figure at which it has been sold since the war. Beef and leather have been unprecedentedly high. Petroleum and its products advanced in price 25 per cent.

Iron and steel were sold at high prices and the demand was so great that orders could not be filled within a reasonable time, and seaport cities made large purchases abroad because deliveries were so much delayed.

The production of precious metals will probably turn out to be nearly 7 per cent greater than last year.

The rice crop of Texas, a new industry practically, was remarkably large and sold for high figures.

Tremendous discoveries of petroleum on the Pacific coast enabled that part of the country to substitute six million dollars' worth of oil for coal, which was previously imported either from Great Britain or Australia.

The total destruction of the fruit crop in Great Britain and in southern Europe made an unexpected market for American green fruits. More than 70 per cent of all the fruits sold in the London markets to-day is American.

The average increase in the cost of foodstuffs to the consumer in the United States was 10 per cent.

In nearly all of the large cities throughout the country the population has increased, and the price of real estate has done more than keep pace with the general march of prosperity.

Under the circumstances, the country has every right to look forward to a continuance of prosperity.

Our granaries are overflowing with the products of an abundant harvest. Our savings banks overflow with the reserves of the people. Our scale of expenditure is the highest the world has ever known.

The area of land which will be plowed and seeded this winter and next spring will exceed the area tilled last year.

It is inevitable that a prosperous harvest brings a greater seed sowing. The greatly increased demand for cattle and horses means more stock. Breeding pastures will be fuller next year than they were ever before.

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW.

### Momentous Events That Have Signaled the Past Twelve Months.

The all-absorbing topic of January, 1903, was the Venezuelan imbroglio. The active events of that affair belong, of course, to 1902, though as late as Jan. 23 the German ships bombarded the fort of San Carlos, but on Jan. 3 President Castro rested Venezuela's side of the case entirely in the hands of Minister Bowen, who set sail for home Jan. 11. After that the whole matter was thrashed out in Washington, and the interest in the affair remained keen to the very close, because many thought they saw in the warlike action of the allies, especially Germany, a determination to attack on Venezuela as much as Uncle Sam's famous Monroe doctrine. The attempt, if it were really so intended, completely failed, for, though pitted against some of the most astute diplomats of Europe, Minister Bowen persistently upheld the real rights of the weaker country and negotiated terms of settlement favorable to Venezuela without calling the time-honored doctrine into question or dispute.

**The Great Coal Strike.**  
The anthracite coal strike belongs even more to the history of 1902 than does the Venezuelan affair and the deliberations of the arbitration commission attracted even less general interest than their importance justified. The commission entered into the matter most thoroughly and systematically. The last witness was not called until Feb. 5 and the arguments of the opposing counsel consumed the following week. President George F. Baer represented the operators and Clarence Darrow the miners.

After a month's deliberations the commission reported.

The miners won a portion of increase in wages and reduction of hours of work demanded before the strike, were granted a better system of measuring their work and a practical, if not a formal, recognition of their union. The decision was a victory for the miners especially as they would willingly have accepted the terms allowed before they began the strike had not the mine operators refused to concede arbitrator's negotiatio.

**The Panama Canal.**  
The Panama canal was the burning question, and at the beginning, as at the close of this year, it seemed a certainty. For years the agitation in

favor of a canal across the Isthmus of Panama had been agitated, and recently with increased interest. Thousands of dollars had been spent surveying the possible routes, and it at last seemed assured that the United States, in conjunction with Great Britain, would undertake the Nicaragua route.

Since the collapse of the De Lesseps's Panama scheme a new French company had possession of and had done some work on the Panama canal, but until it became evident that this country was in earnest about Nicaragua the French company refused to sell out at a reasonable price. Then, when competition seemed likely, they authorized American lawmakers by of-

**Disastrous Floods.**  
Little can be said here of the disastrous floods of the year. In March the lower Mississippi rose higher than ever before, and on the 20th of that month passed all records. Cities along the river, especially Memphis, suffered heavily, levees gave way and miles of lowlands were inundated, causing untold damage and great suffering, especially to the poor negroes of the South. The following month and in June the Missouri and its tributaries were flooded, and Topeka, Kansas City, St. Louis and East St. Louis suffered from the rush of waters. The cotton mills in the Carolinas and Georgia were also victims of the raging waters and many other cities, notably Pater-

with the ravages of pleural pneumonia. On July 20, however, he died, and on the following day the chair of Peter was declared vacant by Cardinal Camerlengo Oreglia. The conclave to choose his successor assembled on the last day of the month, and on Aug. 4, after several indecisive ballots, chose Cardinal Sarto, Patriarch of Venice, who was elected. He chose the title of Pius X, and was crowned Aug. 4.

**Eventful August.**  
August was an eventful month. On the 5th Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, long the commanding general of the army, was retired from active service. For seven days Major General S. B. M. Young commanded in his stead, but Aug. 15 the army staff law

Even the first trial, which resulted in no race, so clearly demonstrated the superiority of the Reliance that interest began to wane at once. The Reliance won three straight races, but before the last race the public in general lost all interest in the contest. Sir Thomas, it is said, believes the effort to be hopeless for many years to come.

**Republic of Panama.**  
As in several other instances in 1903 momentous events conspired to occur on the same day, so on Nov. 3 the province of Panama declared her independence of Colombia. The following day a provisional government was established, and Colombian officials and troops were sent to Cartagena.

On the 6th the United States recognized the new republic, and on the 10th France followed our example. M. Riuau-Varilla was hurried to Washington as the minister of the new country, empowered to negotiate a new Panama canal pact. Soon after General Reyes of Colombia entered an earnest protest against the course of the administration, insisting that Uncle Sam keep his hands off the isthmus. This, after the practical breach of faith and the vacillation of the Colombians in regard to the canal treaty, was too tardy, and Uncle Sam's navy is preparing to protect Panama from threatened invasion. Already an American fleet is upon the Panama coast, and Colombia has reached a point when she confesses a fear of taking any drastic action. A new canal treaty has been signed, and once again the canal seems assured. There may, however, be some blood shed on the isthmus before Colombia finally relinquishes her claim to Panama.

**Russia and Japan.**  
For the last few months the over-lasting refrain has been of "war clouds hovering over the far east." A dozen times it has been reported that Japan and Russia had reached a point where war was inevitable. The causes of the breach are vague and indefinite. Briefly, Russia is and always has been averse to relinquishing her hold on Manchuria. Instead she desires to extend it as far as the European allies will permit. Japan looks upon Korea in the same light and the interests of the two countries conflict. There is no doubt that a rupture between the two powers has been and is dangerously near, but it is also certain that overt hostilities, should they come, will belong to the history of 1904.

It would be improper not to mention the gigantic postoffice frauds unearthed during the present year. It is not possible to so much as outline the many cases brought to light, and here the curious reader is referred to the complete report of Mr. Bristow, made public Nov. 30.

**The Honored Dead.**  
No review of 1903, even done in such sketchy outline as has been necessary, is complete without a mention of the famous men and women who have passed from the busy scenes of life. Space here allows for only a list of the most celebrated:

- Jan. 5—Sagasta, ex-premier of Spain.
- Jan. 15—Cardinal Parocchi.
- Jan. 18—Abram S. Hewitt, New York.
- Jan. 20—Julian Ralph, author.
- Feb. 26—R. J. Gatling, inventor of the famous gun.
- March 12—Dean Farrar, British divine.
- March 27—N. K. Fairbanks, capitalist.
- March 29—G. F. Swift, capitalist.
- April 10—W. H. Milburn, the "Blind Chaplain" of the United States senate.
- April 11—Brigham Young of the Mormon church.
- April 29—Paul du Chailu, explorer.
- April 29—Stuart Robson, actor.
- May 12—R. H. Stoddart, poet.
- May 16—Sibyl Sanderson, singer.
- May 24—Paul Blouet ("Max O'Rell"), author.
- June 11—The Servian assassination.
- June 19—Cardinal Vaughan, the Roman Catholic primate of England.
- July 15—Mrs. J. G. Blaine.
- July 16—P. M. Arthur, labor leader.
- July 17—Jas. H. McN. Whistler, artist.
- July 20—Pope Leo XIII.
- July 22—General Cassius M. Clay.
- Aug. 22—Lord Salisbury, ex-premier of England.
- Sept. 30—Sir Michael Henry Herbert, British ambassador to the United States.
- Oct. 13—Archbishop J. J. Kahn of St. Louis.
- Oct. 25—Mrs. Emma Booth-Tucker, Salvation Army, killed in railway wreck.
- Nov. 1—Theodor Mommsen, German historian.
- Nov. 7—Wm. L. Elkins, capitalist.
- Nov. 10—Andrew H. Green, "Father of Greater New York," killed by an insane negro.
- Dec. 3—Herbert Spencer, English philosopher and author.

## JANUARY

- 1—Fire cablegram, U. S. to Hawaii.
- 2—Nader Lothian died, Boston.
- 3—Socata died in Spain.
- 7—Moses Conney died, Georgetown.
- 9—Ex-Gov. Hastings, Penn. died.
- 14—Duty taken off rail.
- 15—Tillman shot editor of Carolina.
- 17—Cardinal Excoeur died, Rome.
- 18—Coal investigation, Mass.
- 18—M. de Blowitz died, Paris.
- 18—Abram S. Hewitt died, New York.
- 18—Marconi gram, Cape Cod to England.
- 18—Germany sent Sternberg to U. S.
- 20—Julian Ralph died, New York.
- 21—Germans shelled Yenc-huan fort.
- 22—Canal treaty with Colombia.
- 23—Col. Lynch guilty, London.
- 24—Alaskan boundary treaty.
- 25—Col. Lynch's sentence commuted.
- 25—Patrick Dwyer died, New York.
- 26—Cyrus Cobb died, Alton.
- 26—John D. Long seriously ill.
- 27—Hobson resigned from navy.
- 27—Jusserand, new French ambassador.

## FEBRUARY

- 1—Elisha Morgan died, Springfield.
- 2—Daniel B. Lord died, Salem.
- 2—\$150,000 fire, Middlebury, Vt.
- 2—Local option won, Vermont.
- 5—Henry L. Dawes died, Pittsfield.
- 5—End coal strike hearings, Penn.
- 6—Rear Admiral Wildes died at sea.
- 10—Str. Madiana wrecked, Bermuda.
- 14—Venezuela blockade raised.
- 16—Cortelyou, Secretary of Commerce.
- 16—Rear Admiral Robinson died, Phil.
- 16—Chas. Theo. Russell died, Camb.
- 17—Beef-trust injunction.
- 18—E. J. Flynn died, New York.
- 20—Pope Leo's 25th anniversary.
- 24—Cuban coal station agreement.
- 25—Dr. R. J. Gatling died, New York.
- 27—Burdick quizzed in Buffalo.

## MARCH

- 1—Gen. W. F. Smith died, Phila.
- 1—Wm. Scottans died, Brighton.
- 2—Extra session, U. S. senate, called.
- 4—End of 57th congress.
- 5—U. S. senate in extra session.
- 10—Arthur Pennell killed, Buffalo.
- 10—Woman suffrage defeated, N. H.
- 12—Car decreed religious freedom.
- 13—Maine struck to prohibition.
- 17—Shamrock III launched, Scotland.
- 17—Canal treaty ratified by senate.
- 19—\$350,000 fire at Pepperell.
- 19—Cuban reciprocity treaty ratified.
- 19—Senate adjourned sine die.
- 21—Coal commission report.
- 22—Very Rev. F. W. Farrar died, London.
- 22—License law in New Hampshire.
- 22—N. K. Fairbanks died, Chicago.
- 23—Lowell mills ordered closed.
- 25—G. F. Swift died, Chicago.
- 26—Lowell mills idle.
- 31—Young Corbett whipped McGovern.

## APRIL

- 1—Roosevelt on western tour.
- 1—Elihu B. Hayes died, Lynn.
- 7—Rear Ad. Belknap died, Key West.
- 9—Northern Securities merger annulled.
- 10—Chap. W. H. Milburn died, California.
- 11—Reliance launched, Bristol.
- 11—Shamrock III dismantled abroad.
- 12—Kishineff massacre of Jews.
- 25—W. K. Vanderbilt married, London.
- 28—China refused Russian demands.
- 28—Irving M. Scott died, Frisco.
- 29—King Edward visited the Pope.
- 29—Russia for open door in far east.
- 29—Stuart Robson died, New York.
- 30—Paul du Chailu died, Russia.

fering their holdings at less than half their former figures. They offered to sell their concessions and everything in sight for \$40,000,000, giving until March 4 for acceptance. Congress hesitated, many favoring the Nicaragua route, and when the time was about to expire President Roosevelt too, the responsibility of accepting the proposition, running the risk of defeat in the senate or in Colombia. In the meantime Secretary Hay and Dr. Herran, the Colombian charge d'affaires, signed a treaty by which the United States agreed to pay Colombia a bonus of \$10,000,000 and an annual rental of \$250,000 for such concessions as the French company had received. It was the ratification of this treaty that brought the question to the issue in the senate, and when congress adjourned without action an extra session was called. This session ratified the treaty March 17.

## MAY

- 1—King Edward welcomed in Paris.
- 1—Bishop Foster died, Newton.
- 1—Kaiser visited the Pope.
- 4—Bishop Hurst died, Washington.
- 5—Str. Saginaw sunk; 20 lost.
- 8—Russia reoccupied Niu Chwang.
- 9—Russia left Niu Chwang.
- 12—R. H. Stoddard died, New York.
- 14—Corruption inquiry, Beacon Hill.
- 14—Alphonse Sanderson died, Paris.
- 14—"Max O'Rell" in Paris.
- 25—Emerson's 160th birthday.
- 25—\$500,000 fire in Lacombe, N. H.
- 27—Machen arrested, Washington.
- 27—Shamrock III sailed for New York.

## JUNE

- 1—Lowell mills reopened.
- 1—Last play at Boston Museum.
- 1—Forest fires in New England.
- 2—Roosevelt's western trip ended.
- 7—Levee broke at East St. Louis.
- 8—Rain in N. E.; been dry 50 days.
- 10—King and queen killed, Serbia.
- 12—Gen. Alex. McCook died, Ohio.
- 14—Shamrock III arrived at New York.
- 15—Karageorgievitch, king of Serbia.
- 17—Reliance lost topmast.
- 18—Geo. Wheaton died, Washington.
- 18—Africaner won the Suburban.
- 20—Cardinal Vaughan died, London.
- 21—Maj. J. B. Pond died, New York.
- 22—U. S. squadron at Kiel.
- 22—Hooker statue unveiled, Boston.
- 23—Yale won boat races, New London.
- 28—Cornell won boat races, Hudson.

## JULY

- 5—Pope Leo seriously ill.
- 9—Teachers' convention, Boston.
- 10—Pope Leo operated on.
- 11—U. S. squadron, Portsmouth, Eng.
- 11—Pope Leo's second operation.
- 11—American rifleman won, England.
- 14—Crimes act revoked, Ireland.
- 15—Mrs. J. G. Blaine died, Maine.
- 17—P. M. Arthur died, Winnipeg.
- 18—J. McN. Whistler died, London.
- 20—Pope Leo died, Rome.
- 22—Cassius M. Clay died, Kentucky.
- 22—Masses for Pope, Boston.
- 27—Reliance picked to defend cup.
- 28—Magazines exploded, Tewksbury.
- 31—Cardinals in conclave, Rome.

## AUGUST

- 4—Sarto elected Pope, Pius X.
- 4—Schwab, steel trust, resigned.
- 5—Stock market slump.
- 8—Lt. Gen. Miles retired.
- 8—Lt. Gen. Young head of army.
- 8—Britshers lifted tennis bowl.
- 9—Rear Admiral Melville retired.
- 9—Pope Pius X crowned.
- 10—Rear Admiral Remy retired.
- 12—Colombia rejected canal treaty.
- 14—Jeffries knocked out Corbett.
- 14—Irish land bill passed.
- 18—Trouble in Turkey.
- 19—Dan Patch, mile, 1:59.
- 20—Gen. Black head of G. A. R.
- 21—San Parks guilty, New York.
- 21—Humberts guilty, Paris.
- 23—Reliance beat Shamrock, 7m. 3s.
- 23—Lord Salisbury died, London.
- 24—Lou Dillon, mile, 2m. flat.
- 25—Reliance beat Shamrock, 1m. 19s.
- 27—Reported assassination, Beirut.
- 28—U. S. ships ordered to Turkey.
- 28—Joseph Haworth died, Ohio.
- 28—Vice consul at Beirut killed.
- 29—Caleb Powers guilty, Kentucky.
- 29—Hamburg Belle won Futurity.

son, N. J., were inundated. Heppner, Ore., was practically devastated by a cloudburst.

### Passing of Pope Leo.

Late in June came the announcement of the serious illness of Pope Leo XIII. That aged pontiff was 93 years of age on March 2, and on March 3 celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his coronation as pope, thus putting an end to the long-honored tradition that no pontiff would "see the days of Peter"—25 years. Pope Leo's predecessor had reigned 32 years, the longest in history, and the old tradition cannot survive this second breaking of the record. On July 5 the pontiff was regarded as in a critical condition, and in a few days his life was despaired of, but though apparently frail in body, the long years of simple habits had given him a splendid power of resistance to disease, and for more than two weeks he battled

## SEPTEMBER

- 1—Revolution in Macedonia.
- 3—Reliance won 2d race; kept cup.
- 4—U. S. warships at Beirut.
- 7—Radium exhibited in United States.
- 8—Turkish massacres, Macedonia.
- 11—Major Delmar, mile, 2:09 1/4.
- 11—Eustis, Me., swept by fire.
- 14—Rear Admiral Cook retired.
- 15—Sir Thomas Kane died, Baltimore.
- 17—Chamberlain resigned, London.
- 23—Prince Albert, mile, 1:57.
- 23—Henry D. Lloyd died, Illinois.
- 29—President refused to remove Miller.
- 30—Sir Michael Herbert died abroad.
- 30—Czar visited Vienna.

## OCTOBER

- 5—Dattour named new cabinet.
- 6—W. S. Hissell died, Buffalo.
- 7—Shipyards trust disclosure.
- 8—Russia stayed in Manchuria.
- 8—Chinese-American trade treaty.
- 12—Boston, world baseball champion.
- 12—Archbishop Kane died, Baltimore.
- 15—Tillman acquitted, S. Carolina.
- 15—Sherman status unveiled, Wash.
- 16—Dowds invaded New York.
- 19—Cresceus, mile, 1:59 1/4.
- 20—Alaskan boundary fixed.
- 20—Congress called to meet Nov. 9.
- 22—Dan Patch, mile, 1:55 1/4.
- 24—Durant, British ambassador to U. S.
- 24—Lou Dillon, mile, 1:58 1/4.
- 25—Emma Booth-Tucker killed, Mo.

## NOVEMBER

- 1—Fire in Vatican, Rome.
- 1—Prof. Mommsen died, Germany.
- 1—\$1,500,000 fire, Coney Island.
- 2—Irish land act in operation.
- 3—Tammany won, New York city.
- 3—Panama proclaimed independent.
- 4—U. S. warships ordered to Panama.
- 6—U. S. recognized Panama government.
- 7—Wm. L. Elkins died, Philadelphia.
- 7—Kaiser underwent operation.
- 9—A. F. of L. convention, Boston.
- 9—Rioting, capital of Colombia.
- 9—Congress in extra session.
- 10—President's message on Cuba, 1.
- 10—May Goeliet married.
- 10—Orrin Hickok died, Cleveland.
- 13—A. H. Green murdered, New York.
- 13—Canal treaty with Panama.
- 13—Durant passed Cuban bill.
- 14—Chicago street railway strike settled.
- 25—Pittsimmons whipped Gardner.
- 27—Boy bandits captured, Chicago.
- 28—Jules Levy died, Chicago.
- 30—Brooklyn Acad. of Music burned.

## DECEMBER

- 1—Receivers for Zion City.
- 2—Panama ratified canal treaty.
- 2—Dr. Cyrus Edson died, New York.
- 4—W. M. Springer died, Washington.
- 7—Opening of 58th congress.
- 7—President's message on Panama.
- 7—Canal treaty sent to senate.
- 8—Herbert Spencer died, Turkey.
- 9—U. S. consul assaulted, England.
- 9—Langford whipped Gans, Boston.
- 9—Langley a ship failed to fly.
- 9—Zion City receivers removed.
- 10—Rear Admiral Gherardi died, Conn.
- 12—Walthour-Monroe won 6-day race.
- 14—Fleets in war paint, far east.
- 14—Dr. Hale, chaplain U. S. senate.
- 14—More marines landed, Panama.
- 15—Cuban reciprocity bill a law.
- 15—Peru re-occupied Panama.
- 19—La Centennial celebrated, N. Orleans.
- 19—Attempted assassination Max Nordau.
- 20—Iroquois theater, Chicago, burned, \$84 dead.

went into effect and General Young became chief of staff.

The event of Aug. 12 was more significant, for on that day misguided Colombians brewed trouble for themselves. On that day the Colombian senate rejected the Hay-Herran Panama canal treaty, and this unexpected action seemed for the time to put the canal farther away than ever.

Even the chagrin that accompanied the turn of affairs gave place to expectancy when Sir Thomas Lipton arrived with his third challenger for America's cup—Shamrock III.

The heat had been launched in March and even before the defender had taken definite shape news of its wonderful sailing capacity was flashed across the Atlantic. Not a few anticipated that upon this expedition the gallant Irishman would be successful in carrying back the trophy. He was, however, doomed to a crushing defeat.



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This year's ample harvest in France will be unusually short, on account of the late frosts and the ravages of the caterpillar. Prices will be even higher than those of 1902.

The fellow who always stands by his signally makes other people tired.  
 A woman can't feel dressed up and feel comfortable, too.

The delight of zero weather is to get people by the ears.

There are more fugitives from justice than there are from justice.

**MODERN TELEPHONE SERVICE.**

The use of the telephone has become so universal and familiarity with its working so general that little of the mystery which surrounded the operation of a telephone line but a few years ago is now apparent.

Not such a long time has elapsed since a telephone in a house was regarded more in the light of a luxury than a necessity, but conditions have changed radically in this respect, and in the cities and towns of the United States the telephone is now classed with other modern conveniences, such as water, gas and electric lights, and few families, even in moderate circumstances, feel that they can get along without this ever-present and faithful servant. The protection afforded a home through a telephone connection can hardly be over-estimated. It is policeman, doctor, telegraph office and fire apparatus, all in one, if proper use is made of it. In rural communities, too, the use of the telephone has been rapidly developed in these past few years until much of the loneliness and isolation which formerly surrounded the life of a farmer and his family has been eliminated. Sociability among friends and neighbors has been promoted and general news and market reports are as accessible to residents of the country districts as they are to the city man. The construction of the Long Distance lines throughout the States of Texas and Arkansas by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company has made it possible for those who are connected with this system to communicate with the utmost facility with upwards of twenty-five hundred cities and towns in these two states and to reach seventy thousand subscribers. Besides this, is the fact that connection with the system of the Southwestern Company means connection with the vast telephone system of exchanges and toll lines throughout the United States operated under license from the Bell Telephone Company and places at the disposal of the user a service that in efficiency and scope is in a class entirely by itself.

The rates now charged for telephone service are generally so low and the terms offered for connecting country lines with nearby towns so liberal as to render it possible for almost any family or community to enjoy the benefits afforded through such a convenience, and this is being steadily availed of by those who reside in the territory operated by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company, whose principal headquarters are in Dallas, Texas. This company has not only invested large sums of money in providing a comprehensive system of long distance lines, which is being constantly added to, and in installing the latest types of apparatus in its exchanges, but in many of the principal cities it has erected buildings of its own in order to secure a proper and efficient handling of its large and growing business, so it will be seen that this company has identified itself with the interests of the states in which it operates in a manner which should invite the confidence and secure the patronage of the constantly increasing army of telephone users.



**Moleskin for Coats.**

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**Veils of All Kinds.**

Veils have reached the point of exaggeration. It is nothing unusual to hear a fashionable woman asking for seven-yard lengths, three and four yards being considered quite small. Then instead of the old time black and white colors of all shades are now considered the proper thing, and instead of yin dots, small moons as large as a quarter of a dollar are not at all out of the way. The very latest veil is the accordion-plaited affair, which hangs in a curtain over the face and is more of a mask than a beautifier. The cloud veil is a trifle thinner and the shades are from deep to pale.

**A Fashionable Blouse.**

Simple blouse waists made of handsome material are much liked and are exceedingly serviceable worn with the fashionable tailored suits. This one is made of pale green panne velvet, simply stitched and held with fancy buttons, and is worn with a stock of the same combined with silk. The waist is a novel one and is tucked at the center front to give a vest effect and again at the shoulders to yoke depth, while the tucks at the back are arranged to give tapering lines. The closing is made invisibly beneath the edge of one of the wide tucks and the fitted lining can be used or omitted as may be preferred. The quantity of material required is 4½ yards 21, 3¾ yards 27 or 2¾ yards 44 inches.



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**Three Pretty Effects.**

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One of the whims of the year is to veil silk girdles with gauze, the gauze being continued in long ends reaching the bottom of the skirt.

Another novelty is the leather belts and girdles which comes in soft suede leathers and show a great variety of design, color and ornament.

**Tissue Lamp Shades.**

There is something entirely new for the woman who has tact in her fingers and delights in lamp and candle shades. They are made of tissue and crepe paper, and no one need scoff, for they are not the old time flower effects which are pretty, to be sure, but not so generally useful as might be. These newer shades are made on the lines of the silk and satin shades, have equally as good color effects, and do not entail the expense of those made of more elaborate materials.

**Velvet Skirt Buttons.**

A six-inch band of velvet is applied plainly to the bottom of the skirt like a deep hem. It may be headed by a

cluster of narrow tucks on big narrow bands of velvet, but nothing should break the velvet surface or mar the severity of the hem effect. This treatment is used more often for day frocks but it is applied to evening frocks, even to those of sheer material.

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**Girls' Gymnasium Suit.**

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4594 Girl's Gymnasium Suit, 8 to 16 years.

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The suit consists of the blouse and the bloomers. The blouse is shaped by means of shoulder and under-arm seams, gathered and joined to the belt. The bloomers are generously full and made to droop below the knees. The upper edge is finished with front and back belts which can be buttoned to that of the blouse.

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**Muff Chains.**

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**Dainty Work Table.**

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When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues, and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best.

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Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.

**\$5000 FORFEIT** if we cannot forthwith produce the original letters and signatures of above testimonials, which will prove their absolute genuineness. Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Too many high balls will lead you to the "three balls."

More Flexible and Lasting. won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

The rays of humility reach to heaven.

**FITS** permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. King's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE \$3.00 trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kane, Ltd., 311 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Secreting our sins will not slay them.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'Hara, 323 Third Ave., N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4, 1906.

The typewriter is more largely used in Mexico than in France.

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

Life is the laboratory of religion.

Why it is the Best is because made by an entirely different process. Defiance Starch is unlike any other, better and one-third more for 10 cents.

A small door may lead to a large room.

Those Who Have Tried It will use no other. Defiance Cold Water Starch has no equal in Quantity or Quality—15c. for 10 cents. Other brands contain only 13c.

The library of the late Prof. Virchow, some 7,000 volumes, has been presented by his widow to the Berlin Medical Society.

A cablegram has been sent from west to east round the world in forty minutes by the all-British route.

Insist on Getting It. Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch because they have a stock in hand of 13c. brands, which they know cannot be sold to a customer who has once used the 15c. pkg. Defiance Starch for same money.

The decision for the right is always more difficult than the doing of it.

At The Post  
 Up and doing, to live and help to live, the old reliable  
**St. Jacobs Oil**  
 is an universal benefactor in the cure of  
**Hurts, Sprains and Bruises**  
 Price, 25c. and 50c.



## Local Items.

Some Big Bargains in Blankets at the Big Store.

I. A. Daniel was here from Kennard last week.

The Big Store is still the cheapest for the year 1904.

M. C. Dupuy was here from Kennard Wednesday.

The Big Store can save you money on your shoes.

Dr. O'Connor of Kennard was in Crockett last week.

Buy horses and corn to feed them at the Big Store.

Six dining room chairs for \$2.70 only, at the Big Store.

Walter Stock is with the Who What When Minstrels.

Miss Verna Reed of Calvert is the guest of Miss Ollie Nichols.

The Big Store is not quitting business. "God hates a quitter."

Mrs. W. E. Welborne spent the holidays with her mother at Caldwell.

Have you secured your seats for the Who What When Minstrels?

Old Crimp is coming. Buy woolen underwear from the Big Store.

Miss Emma Fulghum of Palestine was visiting Miss Lucy Smith last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Atteberry of Kennard were visitors to Crockett last week.

Why not have that suit or pair of trousers cleaned and pressed at Kennedy's?

W. W. Gammage and Dudley Woodson left Monday night for New Orleans.

Ohver chilled plows make farming easy. Sold only in Crockett at the Big Store.

Miss Georgia Dunlop of Palestine was visiting relatives here Sunday and Monday.

Miss Gertrude Hathaway of Palestine was the guest of Miss Lizzie Howard last week.

The Big Store will sell you a handsome rug for from \$1.00 up. See them before you buy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norris have gone to Groveton where Mr. Norris has a building contract.

The Big Store buys cotton, corn, wool, hides, beeswax, and will sell you anything you want cheaper.

Blum Wootters, who was at home Christmas from school at Waco, returned Sunday afternoon.

When you have any cleaning, pressing or repairing, remember Kennedy's tailoring department.

The Big Store finds after inventory that they have a few nice dress patterns left that they will sell real cheap.

Buy a Darling stove or range and make wife happy. The Big Store is the only place in town that sells them.

### Just Received.

A car of barbed and hog fencing wire at the Big Store, and they sell it cheap.

Just as we go to press we are requested to say Kennedy's tailoring department does cleaning, pressing and repairing.

Pay your poll tax and subscription to the Crockett COURIER and thus discharge two of the duties of an American citizen.

Do you need laces? If so, go to the Big Store. They have the finest Cluny's, wood fibre, Escorial and Guipures in Houston county.

## Don't Go Wrong

This New Year, make it a point to buy your Drugs from us. It will be to your interest, because we sell you only the best. We make close prices and we give you your money's worth. Come and see us.

## B. F. Chamberlain,

THE DRUGGIST.

Everybody is going to the Who What When Minstrels. All new this season.

Now is the time for spring cleaning, pressing and repairing. Heard about Kennedy's tailoring department?

All who are indebted to me, please call and settle as I expect to move to West Texas in February.

DR. H. J. CUNYUS.

The commissioners' court met in session Monday to approve the new bond made by Horace Rodgers as constable of the Coltharp precinct.

H. Asher has bought the store formerly used by J. T. Harrison as a saloon and will move his stock of goods into it. He paid \$3,000 for the property.

Several large orchards of from 10 to 75 acres in size are being set out around Crockett in pears, peaches and pecans. Strawberries are also being planted.

J. C. Sullivan, J. C. West and R. T. Murchison were among those calling at this office Saturday. Mr. Murchison is setting out a peach orchard of from 12 to 15 acres.

Every man in the county is going to want to vote this year. Remember that if you are to enjoy that privilege your poll tax must be paid by the last day of January.

### Barber Shop Moved.

I have moved my barber shop to the Hickey old stand and solicit a continuance of the patronage of the public.

### BARKER TUNSTALL.

Miss May Pope of Trinity was in Crockett Sunday evening on her way home from a visit to relatives at Kennard. She was accompanied by Lipscomb Sherman, who returned to Kennard Monday.

A meeting of the county physicians was held in Crockett Tuesday afternoon. Tuesday night they banqueted at the Howard hotel and a feeling of good fellowship ran throughout the evening.

A. J. Knox of Lovelady and E. A. Williams of Porter Springs were in town Tuesday and called to see us. Mr. Knox says he is going to try planting early cotton this year and hopes to make a fairly good crop.

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. Subject for morning sermon: "Asked to Leave." At night the text will be "Thy God, My God." The pastor hopes to begin a series of meetings with this Sunday. All are most cordially invited to come and help us.

J. A. HOWARD, Pastor.

The COURIER hears of many candidates for county offices and matters are shaping up for an early campaign. Candidates will be announcing in a few weeks and already the people are discussing probable results.

Miss Stella Folk, a daughter of Supt. H. H. Folk of the Kennard mill, spent a part of last week in Crockett as the guest of Miss Adele Winfree at Mrs. Leaverton's. Both young ladies returned to Kennard Sunday morning.

Every man in the county is going to want a county paper when the campaign opens and there is none better than the COURIER. If you are a subscriber we will appreciate your renewal and if you are not we will appreciate your subscription.

### Lost.

A large, old-fashioned brooch or breastpin; about an inch and a half in length, irregular medallion in shape; gold, with heavy coral setting. The finder will be liberally rewarded on returning the pin to this office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jordan gave a reception Friday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jordan, who were married at Lovelady Thursday evening. Only a few friends were invited, but the affair will long be remembered by those few as one of much pleasure.

Dr. Hall Wilson of Augusta was here this week attending the meeting of the county physicians and called at the COURIER office. The doctor was in as jolly a frame of mind as usual and holds decidedly optimistic views in regard to the future of the country.

A collision occurred at Riverside Saturday night, the engine of a freight train running into the caboose of another which had stopped at the tank. The caboose caught on fire and was destroyed together with several freight cars. None of the trains' crews were hurt, as they all jumped.

Crockett's society set enjoyed a dance at the Lotus Club rooms New Year's eve. The young ladies had decorated the club rooms for the event and had made a magnificent bowl of punch which was dispensed to the delight of those in attendance. The grand march was led by Miss Stella Folk of Kennard and M. Bromberg, Jr. The dance lasted until the new year was well ushered in and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Mrs. Corrinne Corry gave a reception and card party complimentary to Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arledge Friday evening. The reception lasted from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock when the guests were invited into the dining room and served with a dainty supper. The rest of the evening was devoted to high-five. Miss Jessie Sheridan won the prize, a beautiful vase. Music was dispensed from the back hall by the descendants of some "far-away Senegambian king," as some one expressed it.

### 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. 4808 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 the 21 day of Dec. A. D. 1903.

E. B. HALE, Sheriff.

### Pay Your Poll Tax.

Voters should bear in mind that they have only about three weeks more in which to pay their poll tax. The attorney general holds that under the new law a man can pay his poll tax without paying his property tax. If you have not the money to pay your tax in full now, you can pay your poll tax and thus save your vote, and then pay your property tax at a later date. A penalty of ten per cent will be added after the last day of this month. Poll tax will have to be paid with the other tax if not paid beforehand and failure to pay by the last day of January will not relieve the tax-payer of the obligation. He will not only lose his vote, but if he has neither the money nor property to pay his taxes, he will have to work his poll tax out on the public roads under the new road law. There is no way he can get out of paying his poll tax in the long run and if it is not paid by the last day of January he loses his right to the ballot.

### Oil News.

The oil expert who was in this county last week finished his work Saturday evening and returned to Houston, from which place he will make his report in writing to the company of gentlemen here who employed him. No information has been given out, but it is believed that his report will be very favorable to some sections of the county. The report is anxiously awaited by the company, but the general public will have no access to it. A plan is now on foot to organize a \$20,000 company to bore a well on some location to be selected after the report is received.

Dr. Driskill's Corsicana company are going ahead with their organization and will soon be ready to begin operations for oil.

### Entertained at Tea.

Miss Maggie Foster entertained four of her friends at tea Sunday evening. Those fortunate enough to be the four were Miss Ida Cunyus and Messrs. Dudley Woodson, W. I. Kennedy and W. W. Aiken. The menu comprised six courses as follows:

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| Olives          | Salted Nuts   |
| Oyster Cocktail | Fried Oysters |
| Turkey          | Cranberries   |
|                 | Potatoes      |
|                 | Bread         |
|                 | Nut Salad     |
|                 | Wafers        |
| Gelatine        | Whipped Cream |
|                 | Cake          |
|                 | Chocolate     |

The courses were elegantly and gracefully served by the young lady, who was the recipient of many congratulations on the very pretty form of entertainment afforded.

One of the largest and most fashionable audiences was out last evening to see the Who What When Minstrels in their brand new production. There were forty-eight people in the first part, and it was a first part seldom if ever seen before. The clever witticisms of Burt Parker, Al Alsora, James Thornton and Gear Buckley kept the house in one continuous round of laughter. The singing of the unique comedy four and Julian Walsh was par excellence. In the olio was a love story without words, at once the most gorgeously dressed act we have ever seen. The unique comedy four was the next number on the program, and they were fine, from the heavy opera to the most lively "coon ballad." Parker and Alsora did one of the most unique acts on the bill, taking three encores. The sensational Austins, the triple bars; was a very clever and new European novelty, lately imported for this combination. Goldsmith and Hoppe made a

great hit in their musical act. A better minstrel combination would be hard to find on this side of the waters.—N. Y. Herald.

In looking over our books we are rather surprised to find that so few of our subscribers have paid up back dues and taken advantage of our most liberal magazine offer for subscriptions paid a year in advance. We hardly understand what can be the reason for this. We hardly think it possible that they have not been giving our proposition any attention. However, we feel quite sure that the proposition will yet be the means of securing many renewals as well as many new subscribers. The proposition is without question the best of the kind ever offered by a newspaper and is made with the hope of stimulating the payment of subscriptions in advance and of securing an increase in circulation. The publishers of the magazine have given the COURIER this territory exclusively and no other paper can make the offer.

"How Grandma Saw Lincoln," a most interesting story, never before published, based on a real incident in the life of the immortal Lincoln, will appear in the February number of Farm Life. This delightful narrative will charm every reader and the only way to enjoy it is to subscribe for Farm Life early so that you can secure the February number. This is only one of the many good features of this splendid magazine for farm folks. We are certain that every reader of the COURIER will be greatly pleased to read Farm Life for a year and those who have not already subscribed may yet secure this magazine and the Crockett COURIER for only \$1.00. Subscribe to-day.

### Sheriff's Sale.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Houston.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Justice Court in and for Precinct No. 1 of Houston County, Texas, Dec. 28, 1903, by the Justice of the Peace of said Precinct, in the case of Davidson-Pearlstone Grocery Co. vs. L. W. Baker and S. M. Bruce, No. 4490, and to me, as constable directed and delivered, I did on Jan. 4, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m., levy on as the property of said L. W. Baker, the following described property, to-wit: Lot No. 30 in the town of Crockett, being 55 by 110 feet, and also the land immediately adjoining same on the south and being 103 feet front by 110 feet deep and all known as the old Jensen homestead.

And by virtue of said execution I did at the same time levy on as the property of said S. M. Bruce the following described property, to-wit: 210 acres of land, in two tracts of 105 acres each, on the W. E. Long survey of 640 acres, situated about 18 miles east from Crockett; one tract being lot 3 of a subdivision of said survey, and all known as the Bruce place, and being same land described in timber deed from said S. M. Bruce to the Louisiana & Texas Lumber Co., recorded in Book 31, page 200, of Houston County deed records. All of said property was levied on to satisfy a judgment in favor of plaintiffs in said suit amounting to \$116.97 with 6 per cent interest per annum from Oct. 28, 1903, and costs of suit.

I will proceed to sell above property within the hours prescribed by law for sheriff's sales on the first Tuesday in Feb., 1904, the same being the 2nd day of Feb., 1904, at the Court House door in said County, for cash to satisfy said judgment.

Given under my hand this January 4, 1904. A. W. PHILLIPS, Constable,  
Pre. No. 1, Houston Co. Tex.

### Congratulations.

Mr. John H. Cullom, Editor of the Garland, Texas, News, has written a letter of congratulations to the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as follows: "Sixteen years ago when our first child was a baby he was subject to croupy spells and we would be very uneasy about him. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in 1887, and finding it such a reliable remedy for colds and croup, we have never been without it in the house since that time. We have five children and have given it to all of them with good results. One good feature of this remedy is that it is not disagreeable to take and our babies really like it. Another is that it is not dangerous, and there is no risk from giving an overdose. I congratulate you upon the success of your remedy." For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.



# THE COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Publisher



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

## The Cotton Situation.

From Dan's Trade Review.

Further sensational fluctuations in cotton have focused attention more sharply than ever on that staple, but the widest difference of opinion continues to exist as to the outcome of this speculative movement in that product. A deficient crop has been estimated, and planters have been reported as holding their cotton back for higher prices, but the receipts from September 1 to date have been heavier than for any corresponding period since 1895. The visible supply of cotton in the world is considerably ahead of a year ago. Furthermore, the demand from both northern and southern mills has been smaller than last year. All this would seem to indicate that the abnormal quotations for cotton have so far been in anticipation of a scarcity, rather than the result of any actual deficiency.

But what will the movement in cotton profit the nation as a whole? The additional profit to the South from the advance is estimated at \$200,000,000. It is beginning to appear, however, that the net profit to the country will fall considerably short of that figure. A feature of the situation is the difficulty in which many of the cotton brokers are now finding themselves in the matter of making deliveries to the mills. The brokers ordinarily send their agents through the cotton belt and contract with the growers for their yield, twenty-five bales here, fifty there and so forth. On the strength of these supposititious purchases they agree to turn in the raw material to the mills at stated prices. This year they have found the cotton coming in very slowly on their "contracts" with the growers, and they have been obliged to go into the market and buy at current quotations, or make good to the mills in cash the difference between the contract prices and those ruling in the open market. This has told heavily on profits. The losses may not have been excessive in any one case, but there have been so many instances of this sort that the aggregate cost to the brokers has been heavy.

The loss to the mills must also be put over against the enhanced profits of growers. A mill that has not a large supply of comparatively low-priced cotton can hardly secure much profit at present prices of finished goods. The latter have been advanced fractionally, but not enough to cover the advance in the raw material. The manufacturers regard the future with a feeling of great uncertainty; they hope to be able to still further mark up the quotations on goods, but they display no great confidence regarding their ability to do so. Another important factor is the export trade in cotton goods. American manufacturers generally purchase the bulk of their cotton at the beginning of the season, while foreign mill owners have hung off and paid on an average of higher prices. In this way the American mills have considerably enlarged their foothold in the markets of the world. But this year the European spinners have bought

earlier and in larger amounts than the American, and great uncertainty exists regarding the character of the movement of American cotton goods to the East during coming months. The effect of a war in the East must also be considered. War might conceivably reduce the purchasing power of China and Japan—and if continued very long of even more remote parts of the world—and thus still further retard the movements of international trade.

It is clear that whether cotton is maintained at a high level or declines, some heavy losses seem certain. It is said that a fund of \$275,000 is to be raised to conduct an educational movement in the interest of the present prices of cotton. Whether this will succeed or not the maintenance of high prices is almost certain to result in an enlargement of the area of cotton cultivation. This of course is more or less remote; but if it is true the present prices have come to stay, the search for new fields will be conducted with the greater dispatch and additional yield will follow.

The Hamilton boys, editors of the Palestine Herald, send out New Year's Greetings to the newspaper fraternity. The Herald is one of the neatest papers in East Texas.

The Hon. J. W. Stephens, appointed by Governor Lanham to fill the unexpired term of Comptroller Love, who was assassinated, has announced for election to the office.

## Improved Cotton Seed at Cost.

Dallas, Texas, December 12.—Recognizing the importance of the wide distribution of early maturing cotton seed of the improved varieties in Texas, the Dallas Jobbers' Cotton Seed Supply Company has been incorporated by forty or fifty jobbers, manufacturers and bankers of Dallas. It is their object to aid the cotton growers of Texas by bringing in improved cotton seed in car lots and less than car lots. This institution has sent one of the best experts in the country to North Carolina to carefully investigate and secure a supply of the best varieties of cotton seed, and will offer them for sale to farmers, planters and merchants at cost price, freight added.

By buying in large quantities, the company is able to secure the lowest prices, and use every precaution in selection. No margin or profit will be added. The company will lose the expenses of conducting the business in order to encourage the distribution and planting of these seeds as widely as possible throughout the State.

To those who are not posted on what has been done, we will say that through the Texas Cotton Convention there has been expended over \$5000 in thoroughly investigating improved cultural methods, and the planting of properly selected, early maturing seeds, and that the results shown by several years' work prove crops to be so much safer and surer than by old methods, that every one who is interested in business or farming should investigate and assist in this forward movement.

Owing to the fact that this company is doing business at a loss, they will ask that all patrons arrange with their local banks to secure the acceptance and payment for seed ordered of us with bill of lading attached, and that merchants or others who order of us obligate themselves that they will not resell the seed at a profit.

All seed will be shipped in three bushel sacks. Thirty thousand

pounds is a minimum carload. North Carolina seed sell at thirty pounds per bushel.

They will import and supply seed of two grades:

No. 1. Extra Select true to type.

No. 2. Select gin run.

These seed will be drawn from the best cotton growing districts of the East.

They have quotations showing that No. 1 seed can be laid down at Texas points for 75c@1.00 per bushel of thirty pounds. No. 2 will cost 60@75c per bushel laid down. The price of seed will advance with the season. Early orders will secure lowest prices.

## Ratcliff Dots.

ED. COURIER:

Farmers are beginning to stir and are wondering if the dreaded boll weevil will bother again this year. Some say they are not going to plant any cotton at all, so I don't suppose they will be bothered.

Christmas is over and the New Year has begun and the school children of New and Old Ratcliff are without a teacher. They remind one of a gang of motherless chicks—don't know what to do nor where to go except to parties.

Mr. William Crawford gave an entertainment last Tuesday evening and Mr. T. J. Hallmark gave one Wednesday evening and Mr. George Phillips gave a New Year's party Friday night, so you see they have some amusement.

The New Year's party was one grand success. The house was decorated with ferns and evergreens and all enjoyed themselves. It was quite amusing to witness Miss Gertrude Collier's indignation as she flung the finch cards from her and said she was being cheated.

Misses Josie Payne and Jerry Belle Stark visited at Timpson last week.

Mrs. A. M. Saxton is visiting her daughter Mrs. Buena Sullivan of Teala this week.

We hear the mill foremen have cut the wages of their hands, which if so, we fear they will lose quite a number who have been at work for them.

Success to the COURIER.

GYPSY.

## Four Lives Lost.

BALLINGER, TEX., Dec. 29, 1903.

ED. COURIER:

A gloom hangs over the town to-day and all business houses are closed. The large two story furniture building of J. A. Ostertag & Co. was destroyed by fire at 3 o'clock this morning and four persons perished in the flames. The lower department was occupied by J. A. Ostertag & Co., furniture dealers and undertakers, and on the upper floor were the offices of C. H. Willingham, M. C. Smith and that of the city secretary, W. O. W. and Red Men's hall. Two rooms on this floor were being occupied by J. D. McBeth and family, consisting of his wife and little 5-year-old daughter and a Mr. West, brother of Mrs. McBeth, who were all victims. It was a sad duty to help to remove the charred remains of the four people from the ruins. The bodies will be shipped to Gatesville for interment.

JOHN H. WEBB.

## Found a Cure for Indigestion.

I use Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets for indigestion and find that they suit my case better than any dyspepsia remedy I have ever tried and I have used many different remedies. I am nearly fifty-one years of age and have suffered a great deal from indigestion. I can eat almost anything I want to now.—Geo. W. Emory, Rock Mills, Ala. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

# S. MAIER,

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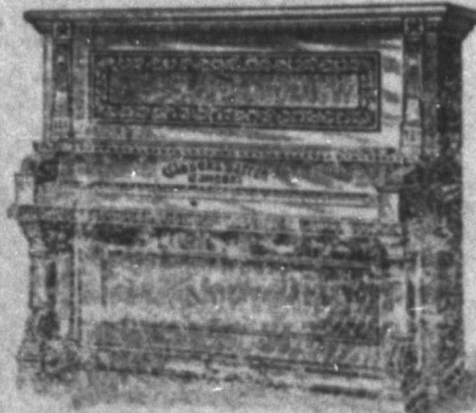
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Surveyor, Inspector  
and General Agent,  
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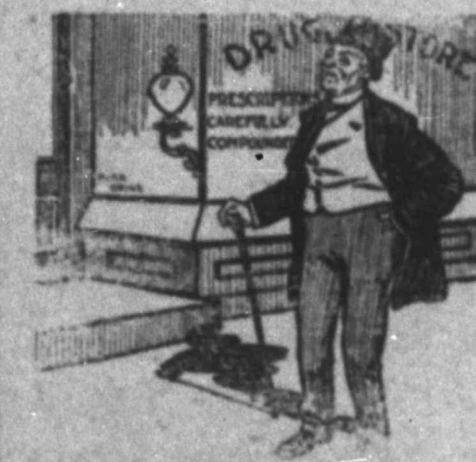
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