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## Dan G. Kennedy Says:

We are Making Fine Headway with the Jim Brown  
BANKRUPT STOCK of MERCHANDISE,

But \$3500 worth of merchandise can't be retailed out in few days or even in a few weeks, and especially so when the stock is being continually increased as fast or faster than it decreases. We have added more to the stock from the other stores than we have sold from it up to the present time, and we have much more to add to it yet. In fact we will not let the stock run below \$4000 to \$5000 as long as we find it pays. All goods sold there are SOLD STRICTLY AT COST. As explained before we make a handsome profit on the bankrupt stock and reduce surplus in the other houses, and convert merchandise into cash to buy new, fresh goods with. So don't get scared and in your sympathy for us quit buying these goods at cost—we are not going to fail. If we do lose a few dollars in reducing our surplus merchandise stocks, and get them down to where they should be, it would be money well spent. Every merchant overbuys and gets surplus goods and stickers on his shelves that he is anxious to get rid of, and we are doing our best to clean this all out.

Very respectfully,

**YELLOW FRONT AND RACKET STORES,**

**DAN J. KENNEDY, Proprietor.**

### Boll Weevil Can be Poisoned.

Referring to the item I placed in the papers week before last, I beg to submit the following experience together with a few thoughts as to the best method of combating the weevil.

Last Tuesday I made a cage of wire netting about 12 inches wide, two feet high and six feet long, same being long enough to cover about six stalks of cotton. I then poisoned a few stalks of cotton and covered the ground about the cotton with white wrapping paper, fitting the paper close, using mucilage to stick the joints of paper together and after laying the paper full length of the cage, I placed the cage over the cotton stalks very carefully and fitted it to the ground so that the weevil would not crawl out under the bottom. After that I placed 20 live weevils in the cage through a small door, provided in top of cage, the cotton as stated was first poisoned very lightly, but thoroughly by shaking paris green over the small stalks through a heavy thick rag.

Tuesday morning I found six weevils dead and the same evening, about 24 hours after poisoning, I found 15 weevils dead, two nearly dead and three missing. The same evening I placed one dozen more weevils in the cage and found all weevils dead the following evening, when I placed 12 more weevils in the cage and the next evening found them all dead, and after keeping this up for five days, I find every weevil killed, with the exception of three or four, which in some way had escaped from the cage and probably were dead on the outside. I did not poison the cotton but once and killed them as well, if not better, the last day as it did on the first day.

We have also found that the weevil eats every part of the cotton, even the stalk, while the cotton is small, before it begins to put on squares, but that they eat of the bud more than any part of the stalk as it is tender and juicy. I have placed them on the stalk and watched them eat holes through the leaf and also eat of the stalk in tender places. I find them in the fields eating the leaves and buds and some fifteen or twenty business men and farmers went

with me and can testify to the fact that the weevil eats heartily.

Marston says that  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound of paris green per acre is sufficient dusted on through a thick pouch or sack slipped over a stick three or four feet long so that a person can walk along without bending and shake over the small stalk, taking but one row at a time. He says that mixing anything else with the poison is not good and advises the use of pure dry powder. And I am inclined to agree with him except that I believe it will take a little more than  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound per acre, say one third of a pound.

I have given the matter quite a little thought during the last two seasons and since we find that paris green will kill the pests, I am firmly convinced that, if we could get a thorough and business-like organization of all farmers and business men of the boll weevil district, that they could be controlled and probably exterminated entirely within five years, but for all practical purposes for the present I would suggest the following method:

Let every farmer poison his cotton judiciously, but thoroughly, and as often as his cotton will stand it. Say, once a month for dry weather and oftener if there should be much rain to wash off the poison, until the cotton is fully matured and about fifteen days before frost, let every farmer go into his field and put on enough paris green to kill the cotton thoroughly.

I believe if this was prosecuted diligently, that when the time came for killing the cotton there would be but few weevils to poison, but those few left would eat of the little green shoots, as some parts of the stalk would die more slowly than the other, but would be poisoned sufficiently to kill every weevil and should any weevils not be on the stalks they would come in within a very short time to eat and like his mate would be no more.

It has been said that poisoning the cotton after it begins to put on squares would do no good as the weevil then would live off the tender squares and not from the foliage. Whether or not this would be the case, I am not prepared to speak so positively as to poisoning while the cotton is small, but I

think there is a feature that most all of us have overlooked and that is, that the young weevil eats his way out of the square. Now, what does it matter to us, whether he is poisoned eating out of the square or when he is eating into the square? Why not poison from beginning to end, it does not cost much and if there should be a few old weevils escape the poison while the cotton is young and deposit their eggs in the square, let the square be poisoned, when the young weevil eats his way out he will get the poison in greater quantities than his illustrious parent a few days before.

I have a letter from Mr. J. O. Monday at Loyelady and he tells me that they are trying paris green with great success and that he believes it to be the salvation of the cotton crop.

Great care should be exercised to keep stock from eating the poisoned cotton. THOS. SELF.

P. S.—I find after further experiment that it will take over a pound of paris green per acre on small cotton and more as the plant grows large. I would urge all farmers who intend to use poison to apply it when the cotton is small and before it begins to put on squares, otherwise I am afraid it will be too late to be of great benefit to the plant.

THOS. SELF.

### That Tired Feeling.

If you are languid, depressed and incapable of work, it indicates that your liver is out of order. Herbine will assist nature to throw off headaches, rheumatism and ailments akin to nervousness and restore the energies and vitality of sound and perfect health. J. J. Hubbard, Temple, Texas, writes, March 22, 1902: "I have used Herbine for the past two years. It has done me more good than all the doctors. When I feel bad and have that tired feeling, I take a dose of Herbine. It is the best medicine ever made for chills and fever." 50c a bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

### Accept No Substitute.

There is nothing just as good for Malaria, Chills and Fever as Dr. Mendenhall's Chill and Fever Cure. Take it as a general tonic and at all times in place of quinine. If it fails to give satisfaction mail the front of the carton to J. C. Mendenhall, Evansville, Ind., and get your money back. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

## W. V. BERRY,

Prop. Pickwick Hotel AND REAL ESTATE DEALER

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

List your lands with me, as I am in a position to find ready sale.

### From the Indian Territory.

DURANT, I. T., May 30, 1904.

ED. CROCKETT COURIER:

I have been thinking for some time that I would write you a letter and tell you of the country where I live and how the people are getting along in the great Indian territory.

Crops were never better so all farmers say and to one who has seen good crops they look like they were too good to be true. I had the pleasure of a trip to the country last week and was over twenty miles or more of the richest land you nearly ever saw. Corn is as black as a cloud and cotton is looking as well as it could possibly look; then the oat and wheat crop will be immense, though the wheat will only be small compared with oats as our people do not plant as much.

The secretary of the interior has about removed all restrictions in the sale of Indian lands and the people are flocking in to buy the fertile lands of them. Then our country will blossom and the cheery call of the farm boy will make music that tells so well of prosperity.

Our city is as busy as a bee today, and sitting in my office I can see the men at work digging trenches for our new system of waterworks that will not be equalled by anything in the Territory when completed. We get our water from Blue river and it is as clear as a crystal—as pure and limpid as the dew drops. The system will cost the city something over \$85,000 when completed and will furnish all the water necessary for any factories or other public works that the city may install in the future.

Durant is getting to be quite a convention town. This year we have had the Odd Fellows, the K. of P's, and on the 16th of next month we are to have the democratic Territorial convention. This is the time that all the eager politicians get to vent their spleen and tell how much they think of the dear people and what relief they will give if we have a democratic year and the pie is turned over to us. We have a candidate from this place in the person of Hon. R. L. Williams. He is a bright young lawyer and we think Bob is all of it. I have put in quite a little time myself in his behalf, and we feel that we will land him for the office he seeks (national committeeman), and if we do, then Durant will burn powder and shout just the same as if we were in the states.

Oh! by the way, I saw the great Nebraskan the other day as he passed through our city on his way to Muscogee from Dallas and heard him for about ten minutes at the train. I voted for Bryan

both years that he ran and always thought he was a good man even if I did not agree with him altogether in his ideas as to silver, etc., but when I heard the direct question put to him the other day as to whether or not he would support Parker for president if he was the nominee, and when he said that he was not talking or paying any one to express his views, I was disappointed and felt that the six million voters who cast their votes for him had a just cause for complaint as the democrats naturally look to their leader, and when he fails to come out and say that he is democrat enough to support the nominee, then I think it is time that we have a reorganization, and those who are not loyal should be asked aside. When Mr. Bryan was cast the direct question, would he support Parker if he was the nominee of the party, he replied by asking the gentleman who asked the question, if he voted for the ticket in '96 and 1900, to which the questioner replied that he did, and that he had told the people here that he (Bryan) would support the ticket this year, it making no difference who was nominated. To this Mr. Bryan replied—that he was not paying any one to do his talking, that he could do all of that himself, that Mr. Parker nor any other representative of Wall street would be nominated. Oh! Billy, dear Billy, hast thou departed from the faith of the party and cast thyself in the camp of the enemy? I have enough of Mr. Bryan, and I am not the only one who is saying as much. He had plenty of friends at the train, but after this remark and as the train pulled out, some one suggested that we give three cheers for the great man, and when it was over you could not tell that you had seen such a man. The cheers were faint and fell flat.

I am getting along very nicely here and like the country and people better all the time. I am sure that you are tired ere this so I will quit for this time and tell you more in the future.

With best wishes for the COURIER and with the hope that all the boys in Houston county will have a pleasant campaign, I am,  
Yours etc.,  
S. H. KYLE.

### Thrown from a Wagon.

Mr. George K. Babcock was thrown from his wagon and severely bruised. He applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm freely and says it is the best liniment he ever used. Mr. Babcock is a well known citizen of North Plain, Conn. There is nothing equal to Pain Balm for sprains and bruises. It will effect a cure in one-third the time required by any other treatment. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

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YOU will find us keeping open house next door to Chamberlain's drug store, and you are most cordially invited to come and bring all your friends to see our elegant new stock of everything that belongs in a first-class dry goods house. Every day is bargain day here.

## Reliable Shoes and Clothing.

Even the most fastidious dressers can't fail to be interested in these departments, if they will only let us explain the merits of the goods and quote prices.

## Dress Goods and Trimmings.

There's not a merchant in town who can outdo us in this line, for we have a carefully selected lot of new, attractive things that are priced to please you.

## Hats for Everybody.

We had a streak of luck when we bought these. It happened to be bargain day with the wholesale people and we took advantage of it. You get them the same way.

## Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Goods.

If you don't feel like sewing, pay us a visit and we'll show you these elegantly made garments that will cost no more than the goods alone would cost elsewhere.

If You Don't Already Know Us, Let's Get Acquainted.

And when you know us you'll find us always anxious to accommodate you in any way. We haven't told you about half of our goods, we'll tell you more if you'll come to see us. No matter whether you want to buy or not—we'll be glad to show our goods.

Your Patronage will be Appreciated by **Henry Bloch.**

### About Spanking Wives.

Should a man spank his wife? Such is an interesting question which has just been raised in Michigan. Judge Mandell of Detroit in adjusting the differences between August Sobke and Mrs. Sobke, said: "A husband should spank an unruly wife; it is his right to do so."

Sobke had petitioned the court for an injunction restraining his wife from beating him. The judge informed the poor man that the best thing he could do would be to take his wife over his knee and give her a good spanking. But that seemed to be a beautiful theory so far as Sobke was concerned. Mrs. Sobke was his physical superior. Whenever she became vexed at her spouse it was her practice to beat him nearly to death, and the last time she "punched his slats" for him, he was laid up a week.

We are not interested in Mr. Sobke's troubles, however. We are merely amazed at Judge Mandell's theory as to the privileges of the head of a house. Wife-beating is a serious thing in most States, and in Texas it is not tolerated, either by judicial warrant or anything else. Moreover, a Texas wife, unlike the Michigan sister, is a thoroughly unspankable proposition. If there is spanking to be done she does that herself. Texas wives are past masters in the art and have been from the beginning, as every native son of Texas knows.

We fear Judge Mandell has laid the foundation for a great deal of trouble for Michiganders. No doubt many of them will be encouraged after this advice from the bench to attempt to rule the roost in their domestic establishments. If they do there will be

fun in Michigan, unless we are greatly mistaken.

The history of the world abundantly proves that in domestic friction it is always the better part for the husband to lay down his hand and bow to the inevitable. The husband is only the technical head of the household after all, as nine out of ten husbands know. Why, then, should he rebel against the real authority and undertake to regulate things by force? Anyhow, if wife-beating is to become a Michigan custom, we warn Michigan men not to marry Texas girls. The husband who attempts to spank a Texas-raised wife will find that Sobke's bitter experience will not be a marker to what will happen.—Houston Post.

### Triumphs of Modern Surgery.

Wonderful things are done for the human body by surgery. Organs are taken out and scraped and polished and put back, or they may be removed entirely; bones are spliced; pipes take the place of diseased sections of veins; antiseptic dressings are applied to wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries before inflammation and in one-third the time required by the old treatment. Chamberlain's Pain Balm acts on this same principle. It also allays the pain and soreness. Keep a bottle of Pain Balm in your home and it will save you time and money, not to mention the inconvenience and suffering which such injuries entail. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

### Kentucky News.

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

### Program.

Song service at the Methodist church, Sunday evening, at 8:30 o'clock, June 5:

1. Organ voluntary, Gloria..... from Mozart's 12th Mass Miss Foster.
2. Chant..... It is Well Choir.
3. Invocation.
4. Solo, A Dream of Heaven..... Margo. Mrs. Pink Hail.
5. Hymn, Coronation..... Holden Choir and congregation.
6. Solo, The Vesper Prayer..... F. B. Brackett Miss Foster.
7. Solo and chorus..... The Sinner and the Song Solo, Mr. B. B. Warfield; Chorus, Mesdames Arledge and Stokes, Misses Cunyus and Lacy, Messrs. Paine, Robinson and Beasley.
8. Anthem, The Lord is Great..... Porter Choir.
9. Offertory, Traumerel..... Schuman. Miss Foster.
10. Solo, Face to Face..... Johnson Mrs. Fisher Arledge.
11. Hymn, Rock of Ages..... Toplady Choir and congregation.
12. Anthem, The Strife is O'er..... Ashford. Choir.
13. Duet, One Sweetly Solemn Thought..... Mesdames Johnson and Fisher Arledge.
14. Solo, Consider the Lilies..... Topliff. Mrs. Pink Hail.
15. Hymn, Nearer My God to Thee..... Mason Choir and congregation.
16. Quartette, O Salutaris..... J. Wiegand Mesdames Hail, J. Arledge, Stokes, F. Arledge. Recessional; Postlude in D..... Loybach Miss Foster.

### BOLL WEEVIL FOES.

Entomological Work is Being Vigorously Pushed by the Experts Now in State.

From the Houston Post.

Prof. W. D. Hunter, who has charge of the entomological work in this State, and who is conducting a laboratory at Victoria in connection with directing the movements of the experts on the thirteen boll weevil experimental farms in the State, was in the city yesterday morning en route from San Antonio to Victoria. He was seen by a Post representative and asked for information concerning the Central American ant that the department hopes to accomplish great results from. He stated that while he had no official notification of the discovery, he learned that there was a 200-word message awaiting him in Victoria, and he supposed the message had reference to the ant. He knew nothing of it save what he had read in the Post, though he was not surprised that the agricultural department had found something in Central America, for men had been making investigations there for years.

There are many insects which prey on the boll weevil, he stated. There are two kinds of ants in this country which do considerable damage to the insect. They are the little red and the little black ant. Formerly these ants did not prey on the weevil, but of late years, owing to the great increase of the weevils, they have appeared to prey upon nothing else. After all, he states, no matter what kind of a parasite they have tried, no matter what method of poisoning has been used, everybody returns to cultural methods.

### Newspaper Advertising

**COSTS YOU TOO MUCH**

When you try it today and stop it tomorrow. So would clerks cost you too much if you hired them a day now and then. Same way with delivery wagons. The wheels of your business must never stop; and the whole machinery is out of gear unless the big advertising wheel is always turning.—Tampa Tribune.

More has been accomplished by intense cultivation than by any other method tried.

In his laboratory at Victoria, he states, his men are continually trying new poisons that have been submitted to them. These poisons come from all points of the compass, though most of them come from Liverpool. Every poison sent is given a thorough test and a report is submitted. After these reports have been received by those sending the poison they send back another, either stronger or diluted. The people of Liverpool, he states, appear to be determined to get that \$50,000. Paris green has been found to be more efficacious than any poison yet used, and he believes that experiments that are now being made with this will accomplish good results.

For sick headache take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and a quick cure is certain. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

# RHEUMATISM

Bone or Back Pains, Swollen Joints  
**CURED**

## THROUGH THE BLOOD

By Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.)

**TO PROVE IT, B.B.B. SENT FREE.**

We want every reader of this paper who has rheumatism to send us his or her name. We will send them by return mail a bottle of Botanic Blood Balm, the wonderful Blood Remedy which has cured, to stay cured, more old deep-seated, obstinate cases of rheumatism than all other remedies, doctors, hot springs or liniments combined. Botanic Blood Balm kills the uric acid poison in the blood, in its place giving pure red, nourishing blood, sending a rich, tingling blood of warm blood direct to the paralyzed nerves. Joints had been swollen so long they were almost brittle and perfectly rigid and stiff yet B. B. B. unlimbered the joints, straightened out the bent back and made a perfect, lasting cure after all other remedies had failed.

**Leading Symptoms.**

Bone pains, sciatica, or shooting pains up and down the leg, aching back or shoulder blades, swollen joints or swollen muscles, difficulty in moving around so you have to use crutches, blood thin or pale, pale skin (aches and burns), shifting pains, bad breath, etc. Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) will remove every symptom give quick relief from the first dose and permanently cure in a few weeks' time.

**Weak, Inactive Kidneys.**

One of the causes of Rheumatism is due to kidneys and bladder. Pains in the loins and a feeling of a dull, heavy weight in lower parts of the bowels, uric acid taste in mouth or disagreeable odor of the urine are some of the leading symptoms. For this trouble there is no better medicine than B. B. B. It stimulates all the nerves of the kidneys into action, opens up every channel resulting in healthy natural flow of urine, the passing off of the uric acid and all other diseased matter and a lasting cure made. B. B. B. makes the kidneys and bladder strong and healthy.

**OUR GUARANTEE.**—Take a large bottle of Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) as directed on label, and when the right quantity is taken a cure is certain, sure and lasting. If not cured your money will promptly be refunded without argument.

Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) is Pleasant and safe to take. Thoroughly tested for 30 years. Composed of Pure Botanic Ingredients. Strengthens Weak Kidneys, cures Rheumatism, Dyspepsia, etc. Sold by all Druggists, \$1 Per Large Bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample sent Free by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe your trouble, and special free medical advice, to suit your case, will be sent in sealed return.

**Wherrett's CHIGGER Cure**  
For RED BUG, SPIDER, MOSQUITOES and other INSECT BITES.  
PIMPLES, RASH, PRICKLY HEAT, POISON IVY, ECZEMA and all ERUPTIVE SKIN DISEASES yield quickly to its soothing influence.  
At Druggists. Price 25 cents.  
The O. E. Wherrett Co., Atchison, Kans.

# FOR WOMEN

## Especially Mothers

The Sanative, Antiseptic, Cleansing, Purifying, and Beautifying Properties of

# Cuticura SOAP

Assisted by CUTICURA Ointment, the great Skin Cure, are of Priceless Value.

For preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales, and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening, and soothing red, rough, and sore hands, for baby rashes and chaffs, in the form of baths for annoying irritations, ulcerations, and inflammations of women, and many sanative, antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves, as well as for all purposes of the toilet, bath, and nursery, CUTICURA Soap and CUTICURA Ointment are priceless.

Sold throughout the world. Cuticura Soap, 25c. Cuticura Ointment, 50c. (The form of Cuticura Soap, 25c. per box of 40.) Depot: London, 17, Chancery Lane; Paris, 1, Rue de la Paix; Boston, 10, Cornhill Ave.; New York, 10, N. W. Cor. of Broadway; San Francisco, 10, Market St.; Chicago, 10, N. Dearborn St.; Philadelphia, 10, N. 5th St.; St. Louis, 10, N. 7th St.; Portland, 10, N. 5th St.; Seattle, 10, N. 5th St.; Tacoma, 10, N. 5th St.; Vancouver, 10, N. 5th St.; Victoria, 10, N. 5th St.; San Francisco, 10, N. 5th St.; Portland, 10, N. 5th St.; Seattle, 10, N. 5th St.; Tacoma, 10, N. 5th St.; Vancouver, 10, N. 5th St.; Victoria, 10, N. 5th St.

Under the caption, "The Union Pacific Railroad and Louisiana Territory," the new World's Fair folder issued by the advertising department of the Union Pacific, which has attracted such general attention, recites these interesting facts:

"While the construction of the Union Pacific Railroad, its trials and triumphs, are a part of the history of the United States, the important part played by this railroad in the development of the Louisiana Purchase can hardly be estimated. In the building up of this vast domain it has been one of the chief factors.

One hundred years ago the population of the region was estimated at 20,000. Up to the inception of the Union Pacific (in 1866) it had increased to 3,233,529. In 1900 it numbered over 13,000,000 of inhabitants. In this wonderful growth, with its stupendous increase in all the many-sided phases of commercial, material and intellectual prosperity, the Union Pacific—as a glance at the map will show—has had a conspicuous share. It has opened vast regions of fertile country to settlers, and brought great areas of an unknown and unproductive wilderness into close communion with metropolitan centers and markets. Thriving cities, towns and hamlets, through its efforts, have sprung up in every direction.

It may be of interest to know that the total number of manufacturing plants, and the value of their outputs, combined with that of the national products as reported in the census of 1900, give an aggregate production for the Louisiana region of \$3,500,000,000 annually, or 23 times the original purchase price. The same census reports (1900) also show the total population to be 13,343,255, of which 8,303,096 inhabitants are living in the states and territories reached by the Union Pacific. On the 1900 census figures, it is estimated that the true wealth of the Louisiana purchase can be stated at about \$13,051,868,359, of which \$9,360,621,387 is represented in the states reached by this great railroad."

Half a century ago five times as many men committed suicide as women. Now the proportion is two and a half to one. The number of suicides among children is increasing rapidly.

**Where Others Failed.**  
"Each spring for five or six years I broke out with a kind of Eczema, which nothing seemed to relieve permanently. Finally I tried a box of Hunt's Cure, which promptly cured me. Two years have passed by, but the trouble has not returned."  
Mrs. Kate Howard,  
Little Rock, Ark.

The hunting and collecting of pearls in this country has developed into a steady business, which is good for nine months in the year, the thousands of pearls gathered finding a ready market in New York city and in European centers.

The sunniest place in the earth is either the great Sahara or the desert of Arabia. The cloudiest place is Northern Russia, the southwest coast of Peru, or the coast of the French Congo Africa, all being about the same in this respect.

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

The largest gold nugget ever found was the "Welcome Nugget," discovered in 1858, at Bakery Hill, Ballarat, Australia. It weighed 2,317 ounces 16 dwt., and sold for £10,500.

## Ask Your Doctor

If he knows of any better laxative and stomach remedy than

## Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

If he is not prescribing it in his practice, he knows what it is, and if he is honest, he will satisfy you and us with his reply to your question.

### Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin

is not sold in bulk, but all druggists sell it in 50c and \$1.00 bottles and refund your money if you receive no benefit. Fair, isn't it?

L. E. Cover, M. D., Savannah, Tenn., writes under date of Aug. 1, 1900: "I have used Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin in both my own family and in my practice, and unhesitatingly state that I have got better results from it than any other form of pepsin I have used. I consider it a most excellent preparation."

Dr. T. Jones, of Osgood, Mo., writes under date of Oct. 23, 1896: "I have used Syrup Pepsin for some time and find it gives most excellent results and is one of the greatest selling preparations I have ever carried in stock. I do not hesitate to recommend it."

Your Money Back  
If It Don't Benefit You  
**PEPSIN SYRUP CO., Monticello, Ill.**

## TICKLE GRASS

BY BYRON WILLIAMS

There's heaps o' joy  
In this life o' ours!  
Forget th' thorns,  
An' 'st pluck th' howter!

**Naughty Uncle Rubie.**  
Deacon Hardscrabble—"I s'pose ye heerd about Uncle Reuben Contable's disgrace daown to th' metropolis?"  
Deacon Squeezethair—"Law s'y sakes, no! Do tell what's cum over Uncle Reuben?"  
"Wen t' Chickedwo last week, an' by mistake he drunk water off fr'm th' fire extinguisher!"  
"Yes!"  
"Yes. It was at th' howtel ye know."



**"FOR THE LAND SAKE!"**  
an' he thought it was one o' them there new fangled ice-water jiggers—an' when he cum hum an' told about it they churched him!"  
"Churched him?"  
"Yes, fer drinkin' fire water!"

Somehow May I always reminds us of our boyhood days down on the Cedar river. May I we always began drying the cow to pasture. These were hard and trying days for mother, as it invariably took three calls and a threatened whipping to get us up in time to make a respectable showing with the neighbors' boys. Ah! Sweet days of Arcadia, they are gone forever!

A Chinaman bought a wife for \$300, paying \$3 a week, and when the last \$3 was paid, John declared he was not sick of his bargain. It might be well to add, that he didn't get the maid until he had paid for her! Otherwise—Ouch! Lemme go!

**Making the Garden.**  
Oh gee! such luck I never saw!  
A boy is just a slave to-day!  
He's got to dig and work like sin,  
Most every time he wants t' play!

Why darn th' luck! my ma she sez,  
This garden simply MUST be made:  
Now she's gone in t' sit th' seeds,  
An' let me workin' with this spade!

Oh my! I wonder which'll win,  
With Skinny Jones t' play my base?  
I wish there wouldn't nothin' grow  
(Not anywhere upon this place!)

Doggone th' garden anyhow,  
Just now when I have got a kite,  
That sails most like a airship down,  
Away up high, clean out of sight!

An' here's a lot of fish worms, too,  
An' suckers bith! gee! what fun!  
But I can't never go to fish,  
'Til this here garden work is done!



**"DOGGONE THIS GARDEN ANYHOW!"**  
There never was a game of ball  
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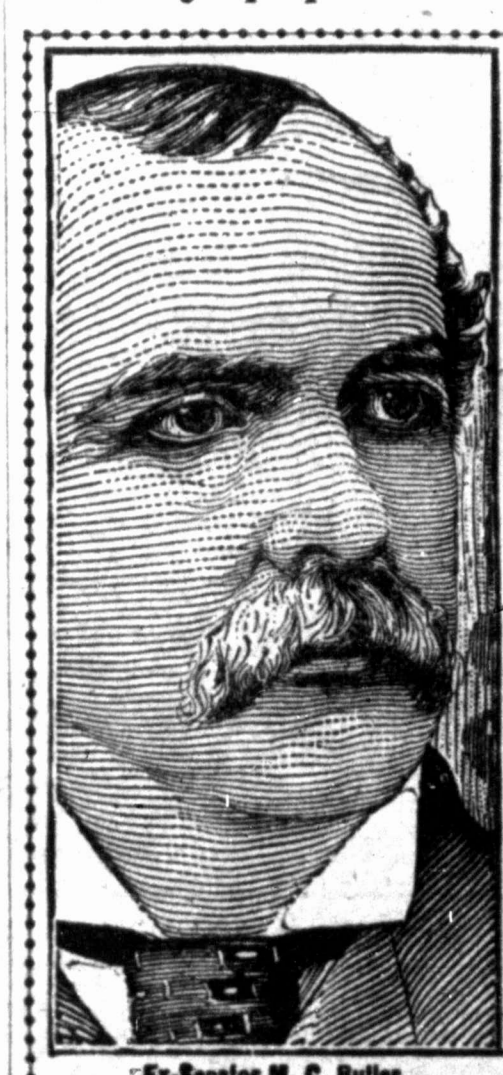
An' when th' crens is in town  
I better leave there, ma allows,  
About an hour before its dark  
To go and hustle home them cows!

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EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

The First State Bank of Hillsboro opened a branch bank at Osceola, with R. L. Watson, cashier.

Any man who can hold a baby for an hour without saying naughty words is in the same class with Job.

Texas Hotel Keepers' Association in session at San Antonio last week selected Dallas as the next meeting place.

Boll weevils have been discovered in great numbers and of all sizes around Athens. Steps have been taken to lay siege to them.

State Health Officer Tabor is advised of the appearance of yellow fever in a suburb of Tampico, and also in the town proper.

The Farmers' Hotel at Lawton, Ok., was burned early Friday morning. John Brennan and Pat McCabe were burned to death and some others were injured.

Cardinal Satoli left Rome Friday morning for Naples on a journey to the United States. At Naples he will take the steamer Princess Irene for New York.

Albert Bettis, white, aged twenty-five, has been arrested, charged with threatening to white cap negroes on the farm of L. C. Penry and Captain Sedberry, near Elm Mott.

The great fire at Yazoo City on last Wednesday swept away twenty-eight blocks in the center of the city, at a loss estimated all the way from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

Not willing to take chances on losses through wire tapping under the present method of gathering racing news, one of the largest pool rooms in Hot Springs has suspended.

Five \$1000 treasury notes have been found in an old, moth-eaten coat purchased by Elmer Eskerson of Bogota, N. J., at an auction sale of unclaimed baggage in a railway station.

The district court of Austin has awarded a judgment against the city of Austin to F. H. Forbis for injuries alleged to have occurred while the plaintiff was electrician for the city.

The Santa Fe has granted a lease of Venus property to Dr. Young of Moody for the erection of a gin. The enterprise will consist of a square-bale gin with a round-bale compress in connection.

Ed Blackman, a nine-year-old Shreveport negro, shot and killed Arthur Cook, a playmate, aged fourteen, while at play, the weapon used being a shotgun. Blackman claims the killing was accidental.

Wall street is having such a period of business depression as it has not experienced in several years, and one result of it is that hundreds of clerks have received notice of reduced pay there have been many dismissals.

After having toiled thirteen years at \$2 a day as a custom house weigher in a sugar refinery, Patrick J. Hennessy of Brooklyn, has suddenly found himself heir of \$400,000 left by an uncle who died in Australia.

An electrical equipment concern of New Jersey, has notified its 1200 had been cut 10 per cent. The cut takes effect on June 1 and begins with the president and extends without exception to the lowest priced employe.

The Pope has conferred decorations on two officeholders of a Catholic student association who are deprived of their posts, says a Times dispatch from Vienna, for refusing to accept challenges to duels.

The Austin Rifles, commanded by Capt. Joe Gilbert, are drilling early mornings and in the evening in order to be in condition to compete for the \$5000 prize at the World's Fair.

A new revolution has broken out in San Domingo.

The Presbyterian general assembly of the United States at Buffalo has declared in favor of union with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church by a vote so nearly unanimous that it was not counted.

The Texas and Pacific Railway made a \$2.50 rate to the Confederate route at Nashville, via St. Louis. Other roads will meet this price.

France after a full discussion of the monetary question, has adopted a

# A Significant Victory At a Frightful Sacrifice

Tokio, May 30.—The Japanese assault on Nanshan Hill was one of the fiercest and bloodiest affairs in modern warfare. In the earlier rushes of the engagement every man participating was shot down before he reached the first line of Russian trenches. It was found necessary to stop these infantry charges and renew the artillery fire from the rear before the final and successful assault on the Russian position could be made. The success of this assault was brought about by one detachment of Japanese troops more intrepid than their comrades who succeeded in piercing the Russian line.

A splendid stroke of fortune was the discovery and destruction by the Japanese of the electric wires leading to the mines at the eastern foot of Nanshan Hill. This prevented the Russians from exploding these mines when the Japanese infantry crossed the ground where they had been planted. It is possible that the fortune of the day hinged upon these mines. If the Russians had been able to explode them at the right time the losses among the troops would have been tremendous, and it is possible, also, that the Russians would have been able to hold the hill.

The Japanese began the fight by bringing all their field guns into action and concentrating their fire on the emplacements on the hill. By 11 o'clock in the morning the principal Russian batteries had been silenced. The two Russian field batteries then withdrew to Nan Quan Ling Hill, and from there continued to fire on the Japanese until nightfall.

After the Russian batteries had been silenced the Japanese artillery opened on the enemy's trenches, Japanese infantry advancing meanwhile to

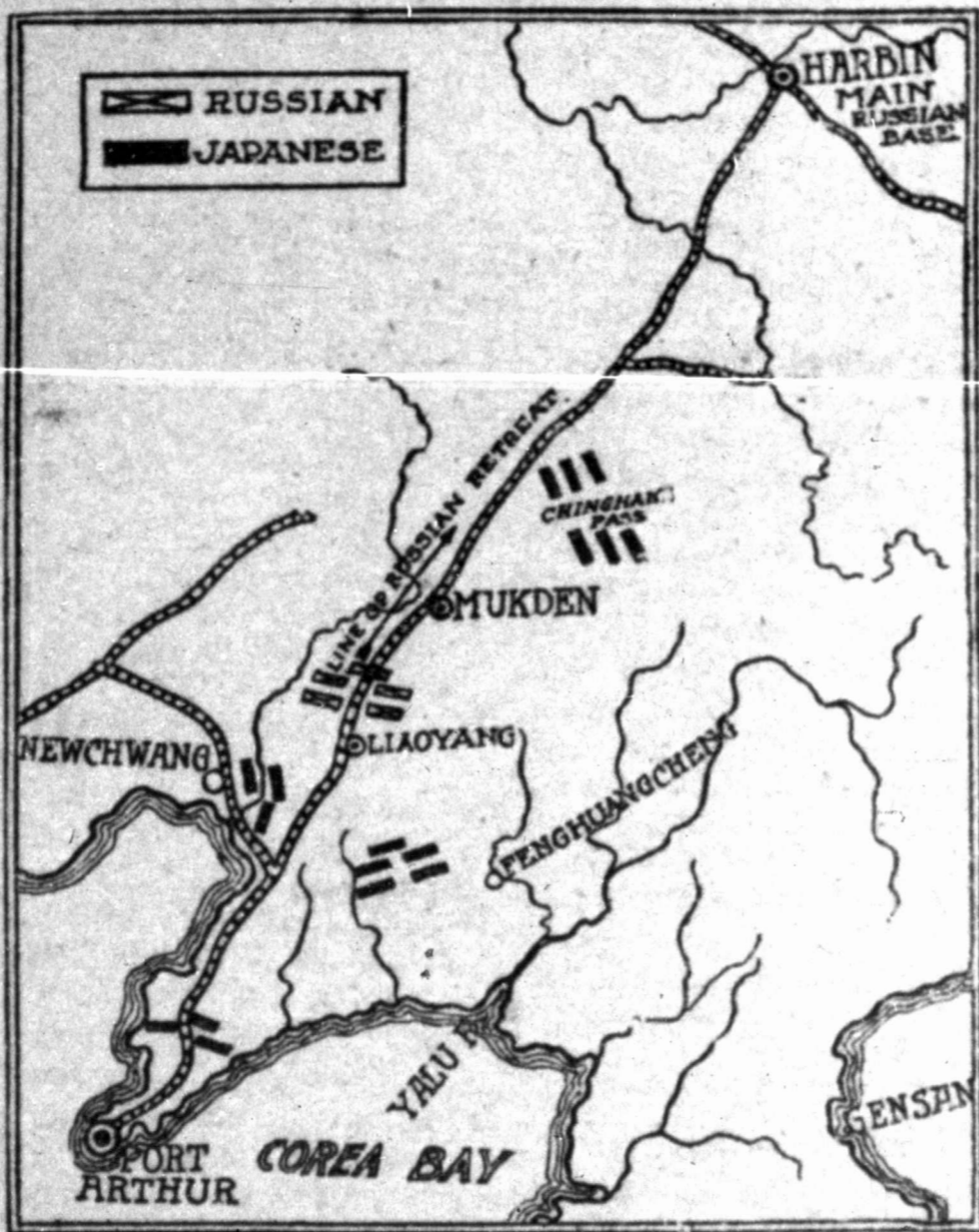
within rifle range. The Japanese gradually worked to within 400 meters of the Russian line, where they encountered wire and entanglements. They succeeded in discovering an opening in these obstacles and getting finally to within 200 meters of the Russian trenches when they pushed for the line.

Several successive charges were made, but every officer and man in the attacking parties was shot down twenty to thirty meters from the line. The charges were then stopped and the Japanese artillery renewed its preparatory fire on the enemy's position.

Toward evening a detachment of Japanese carried a section of the Russian trenches, breaking through the enemy's line. Hundreds of the comrades of these men, inspired by their success, sprang forward, and then the entire Japanese line swept up the hill, driving the Russians from their positions. It was in the desperate infantry charges that the Japanese sustained the bulk of their losses.

The latest reports from the vicinity of Port Arthur say that the Japanese have taken possession of Dalny, which it is said the Russians had fortified with the intention of making a final stand before retiring behind the walls of Port Arthur. These reports say the naval detachment bombarded the Russian position simultaneously with the attack of the troops, and although the Russians maintained a stout resistance and delivered a heavy fire, which worked great havoc in the ranks of the attackers, their position was made untenable to retire. The Japanese are now said to be preparing for the attack on Port Arthur, having mounted guns, many of which were captured from the Russians during the fighting along the peninsula.

SHOWING FLANKING MOVEMENT BY JAPANESE.



Sixty thousand Japanese with artillery are reported to have appeared thirty miles north of Mukden, having marched around through the mountains. If this is true, Gen. Kouropatkin will find his retreat to Harbin cut off.

## WHAT THE BELLIGERENTS HAVE DONE.

The Japanese have sunk or disabled fully two-thirds of the Russian fleet. They have beaten the Russians back from the Yalu almost to their interior base, Mukden.

They have cut the Russian line behind Port Arthur and driven in the first defense. Port Arthur now seems doomed. With the fall will come the end of Russia's power in Manchuria.

### THREE BIG FIRES SUNDAY.

Jersey City, New Orleans and Montgomery Suffer.

Dallas: A Jersey City, N. J., seven freight and coal piers of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railway were destroyed by fire at a loss of upwards of \$1,000,000. A number of tugs and canal boats were burned as were also several freight cars. By the burning

They have sunk or disabled several torpedo boats and destroyed the Battleship Hatsuse, sunk a transport or so and utterly failed to cripple the Mikado's navy.

They have won several trifling detached fights on land, due principally to the prowess of the Cossacks.

They have made the Japs pay dearly in human life for their victories.

of electric wires a fire started in New Orleans in the business center of the city, the Roca Saddle Factory, Slimmonds Manufacturing Company and the Meig Brady and Lincoln woodenware establishments. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. The plant and warehouse of the Montgomery Compress Company was totally destroyed together with 4000 bales of cotton. The loss in this instance being estimated at \$400,000.

## JAPANESE VICTORIOUS AT KIN CHOU.

Russian Stronghold on Nan Shan Hill is Stormed by the Little Men.

Tokio, May 28.—The Japanese Army swept the Russians from Kin Chou Thursday morning, and in a desperate night attack stormed the almost impregnable position of the Russians on Nan Shan Hill, west of Hallenwan. The battle raged in the hills all through the night, and telegrams from the Japanese headquarters report that the engagement is still in progress, and that the Japanese are still pursuing the Russians south of Nan Shan, and the head of the Tallienwan Bay.

The Russians had made elaborate preparations to check the Japanese movement south of the Liao Tung Peninsula toward Port Arthur. They had fortified the high ground on the south shore of Tallienwan Bay, their works extending to the east and west. The extreme Russian right was at Pu Shan Tao and the extreme left at Nan Shan Hill. This hill was the strongest part of the line; a series of batteries, strongly placed, crowned its crest, while rifle pits extended around its sides. Mines had been placed lower down on the hill and around the base on the northern and eastern sides were stretched well made wire entanglements. Another line of defense, which was also protected with wire entanglements, extended from Yen Chia Tung near the head of Tallienwan Bay, due north of Liu Shia Tien, which lies south of Kin Chou.

A strong Russian force was posted at Kin Chou. It consisted of infantry and artillery.

Wednesday morning at 5:20 o'clock the Japanese attacked Kin Chou, and for three hours they had an artillery duel with the batteries on Nanshan Hill. The Russian gunners searched the Japanese lines with their fire, but failed to inflict much damage. The battle was resumed at dawn on Thursday. Three Japanese gunboats then entered Kin Chou Bay, and, in co-operation with the artillery on shore, shelled the Russian position on Nanshan Hill.

A Russian gunboat in Tallienwan Bay steamed close to the shore and shelled the Japanese fleet. From dawn the batteries on both sides hammered away at each other.

At an early hour the Japanese infantry moved forward, and at 5:20 o'clock Thursday morning they entered Kin Chou, the Russians retiring to the south.

The fighting continued into Thursday night, the Japanese pressing to the south and storming Nanshan Hill. They followed the retreating Russians through the southern hills.

The reports received here fail to cover the events on the Russian right. It is probable, however, that the Russians have abandoned their positions.

No information is given concerning the losses. They probably were heavy on both sides.

The Russian resistance at Nanshan Hill was stubborn. The Japanese made a series of assaults and the Russians finally yielded the position. The Russians abandoned this hill at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, retreating toward Nanquan Ling, where it is understood a second line of defense exists.

The Russians may rally at this line of defense, unless they have been disordered by the defeat at Kin Chou and Nanshan.

The Russians had a series of mines planted at Tafangshan Station, on the railroad, which were exploded. The station was destroyed.

### Houston-Galveston Interurban.

Houston: Preliminary work on the Houston-Galveston interurban begun Tuesday. This announcement was made by President William E. Scott, who has been pushing the project for the past year or more. Most of the right of way between Houston and Galveston has been secured, and while there will be lateral lines to Laporte and Seabrook the work of construction of the main line will be completed before the lateral will be taken up.

### First Grand Engineer Drops Dead.

Los Angeles: T. S. Ingram, first grand engineer of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, dropped dead at his desk at the convention in this city Friday from apoplexy. Mr. Ingram was absorbed in his work when he lost consciousness and fell from his chair and expired immediately. His health had not been good for some time. Mr. Ingram, who was 69 years of age, has been first grand engineer since 1873.

## TO STOP THE WAR.

International Mediation Would Be Listened to Now.

Washington, May 28.—The State Department is believed to be in negotiation with foreign Powers with a view of ending the Russo-Japanese war. It is known that the war was the principal subject of business at the Cabinet meeting. No formal step will be taken, however, until there has been some general or sufficient agreement among the Powers to make the tender of good offices effective or acceptable. The United States, it is plain, is not interested in the Russo-Japanese war except insofar as its own mercantile interests are concerned. It is just now to the mutual interest of the United States and Great Britain that the war be ended.

There is another consideration which it is said entered into the discussion at the Cabinet meeting. Both powers, Russia and Japan, have repudiated the charge that they are responsible for strewing the sea with floating mines, which are a menace to the commerce of all nations. Neither the United States or any other Power is anxious to take the initiative and prove that either belligerent is responsible for the strewing of the mines.

The international point now is therefore, to stop the war for some other reason, and by the time of another war the question of floating mines will have been established by some general convention of the Powers.

Dispatches from London, Paris and Berlin indicate that there is good reason to believe that the above mentioned negotiations are now under way, for although no direct confirmation can be had from the Ministries, the report is current in these capitals that advances have been made with a view to procuring joint action on the part of these four Powers toward a peaceful settlement of the Russo-Japanese dispute, and that it is likely the United States will be depended upon to make the first move, as this Government is untrammelled by treaties or alliances and is thus in a better position to take such action than any of the foreign nations.

### San Antonian Tells of An Ant.

San Antonio: In connection with the discovery by the Department of Agriculture of an ant in Guatemala that is the enemy of the boll weevil, a recent interview published is pertinent. Charles Westerlund, a well-known mechanical engineer and a native of Finland, asserts that a few years ago the potato crop of that country was ravaged by a peculiar bug, which was finally exterminated by the importation from Russia of a species of small brown ants.

### A Boll Weevil Enemy Discovered.

Washington: The department of agriculture announced that an ant has been found in Guatemala that is an enemy to the boll weevil. It will be immediately introduced into the cotton States. The greatest significance is attached to the discovery, which was made by O. F. Cook, botanist in charge of tropical agricultural investigations. Instructions were cabled to have him report immediately to the department what assistance he needs in the way of men and money.

Nick Koster, of Houston, a man of seventy years, was found lying dead by the side of the highway near Hunting Bayou with his neck broken. Near the dead man stood the horse hitched to the wagon from which he fell.

### Mr. Bryan Speaks at Dallas.

Hon. William Jennings Bryan delivered an address to 4,500 or 5,000 persons in the Fair Grounds auditorium Friday night, the subject being "Democracy's Opportunity." He appeared under the auspices of the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club of Dallas and was introduced by Hon. W. A. Shaw, president of that organization. Mr. Bryan's remarks were along much the same lines as were those made by him in Chicago not long ago.

A feature of the commencement exercises of the Texas Presbyterian College for Girls at Milford was a piano solo by Miss Blanche Rousseau of Giddings, who has lost her left arm since starting to school last fall. She is a talented musician, both in voice and piano, and so beautifully rendered was her solo that she received quite an ovation.

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# TEXAS HAS A WEEVIL ANNIHILATOR.

## It Is a Little Red Ant, But It Puts Mr. Boll Weevil Out of Commission in Short Order.

San Antonio, Texas, May 31.—Bexar county possesses an ant that has the Guatemala weevil eating variety beaten to a standstill, with the advantages of being right on the spot now and in need of no transplanting. They are in the field by the million and waging a relentless war upon the weevil. This little red ant is rooting the boll weevil in Bexar county. According to reports from the country it will not be necessary to send to Guatemala to rid Bexar county fields of the cotton pest, and it may be that this county can furnish all the ants necessary to eradicate the weevils all over Texas.

Jose Cassiano, ex-county collector, who has several hundred acres of cotton in this county, is the bearer of the good tidings concerning the work of the ant. Mr. Cassiano's fields less than a month ago were alive with weevil and he looked forward to discouraging prospects of losing the greater part of his cotton through the ravages of the insects. Now he says that there is not

a live weevil in his fields. The rows are strewn with dead weevils, which the busy little red ants are carrying away by the thousands. Mr. Cassiano says a close inspection failed to show a single live weevil on a cotton plant anywhere else in his fields. The ants are on the plants and in the rows between in countless thousands. They seem to have completed the slaughter of the weevils and are now engaged in carrying the corpses away, probably to be stored for food.

Mr. Cassiano says that even the roads in the vicinity of his ranches are lined with ants marching in columns bearing the dead weevils from the fields.

The importance of this discovery to the cotton growers of Bexar county and probably to the whole state of Texas is inestimable.

If the ants that have cleaned Mr. Cassiano's fields can be introduced into all the cotton fields of the state, it means a gain of millions of dollars to the farmers of the state.

### A TRAGIC SUICIDE.

**R. M. McLane, Mayor of Baltimore, Sends Bullet Through Temple.**

Baltimore, Md.: Mayor Robert M. McLane of this city shot and killed himself in a bed room at his home here Monday. His bride of two weeks was at the time asleep in an adjoining room and was awakened by the discharge of the revolver, which McLane evidently used while standing before the mirror of the dressing case.

The bullet entered the right temple and crushing through the head escaped in the rear of the left ear.

Mrs. McLane and other members of the household rushed to the mayor's assistance, but he did not regain consciousness after he fell to the floor and he expired within an hour.

#### Dreyfus Affair Again.

Paris: The ministry of war has caused the arrest of an officer who is understood to have been connected with the Dreyfus affair. The officer, who is held in close confinement in the fortress of Mount Valerle, is said to be charged with using considerable sums of money during the court-martial at Rennes in order to secure the conviction of Dreyfus. All of the information concerning the officer is withheld.

### Negroes Did Battle.

Coriscana, Texas: Parties from Eureka report a bloody battle there on Sunday by two families of negroes on the grounds of the colored church. Two families, including wives and daughters of each, and three to the side, engaged in a fight in which razors and knives were used. None of them, it is reported escaped without receiving injuries, although none of them were fatally hurt. One of the women is reported to have been slashed twenty-three times. All the warriors were arrested.

### A Dead Man's Mine.

El Paso, Texas: Alfredo Chavez, a member of an engineering corps, engaged in surveying in the Ures district of Sonora, reports an important gold discovery made in a peculiar manner. While working on a hillside Chavez found an abandoned mine, and near it were the charred remains of a tent and prospector's outfit and portions of a skeleton. Chavez pre-empted the claim and took samples of the gold therefrom, which proved to be very rich. It is the prevailing opinion that the former owner and his outfit was destroyed by a forest fire.

### Put Heads Under Wheels.

Sour Lake, Texas: At Nemo Monday morning an unknown demented white man thrust his head under the trucks of the engine pulling the Sour Lake train. He was instantly killed in the presence of several parties, who were so awestruck at the man's act that they could not prevent him from carrying out his purpose. The act was committed immediately in front of the Nemo depot. Instead of the head being severed it was horribly mangled, not a recognizable feature being left.

### Territorial Torrents.

Guthrie, Ok.: Heavy rains in Eastern Oklahoma and the Indian Territory have greatly interrupted traffic. On the Fort Smith and Western Railroad, between Sparks and Paden, three miles of track went out. There are small washouts on the other roads.

### Shook Hands With Engineer.

Washington: President Roosevelt and party returned to Washington from Gettysburg at 8:20 o'clock Monday night. The run from the battlefield to the capital was without incident of any kind. On arriving at the station the president shook hands with the engineer, as is his custom.

### Petroleum Experts.

Baku: The oil firms here have signed an agreement regarding the export of petroleum.

### Inspect Baltic Fleet.

St. Petersburg: Emperor Nicholas will make another inspection this week of the ships of the Baltic fleet now under construction at Cronstadt. The guns forming the batteries of the battleships Sissoi Velky and Navarit have been installed.

### A Chinese Report.

Che Foo: From Chinese sources it is learned that the Russians have four lines between Niu Shan and Port Arthur.

### DAMAGE SUIT INDUSTRY.

The following taken from the Austin Statesman of May 16, is a live discussion of a question that is of interest to the entire state:

Few Texans, even of those who read the papers daily and are thoroughly conversant with the current affairs of the State, have a conception of the magnitude to which the "damage suit industry" has attained. Comparatively a few years ago the amount of money paid out yearly by the railroads of Texas was not large and did not excite the alarm of either the owners or the managers of the properties.

Then, as now, those in control of the various railway lines of the state knew that some just claims for damages on account of personal injuries would be presented, and a reasonable amount of their revenues was counted upon as certain to go to appease the feelings of those who had been injured, or who thought they had been injured because of the negligence of the railroad companies.

But nobody either in or out of the railroad service expected damage suits growing out of alleged personal injuries to become so numerous or to bring such rich rewards to those who instituted them. Step by step, in ever increasing progression, the list of suits and the amounts of damages became bigger and longer. Railroad managers and their attorneys saw the danger ten years ago and early began the use of every legitimate effort to check its progress.

A mistaken public sentiment, that permitted if it did not justify this practice, became prevalent in several communities of the state. Damage suits against railroads seemed to become a fad. There were lawyers who pleaded for cases of this kind and there were juries that appeared to be willing to grant heavy damages against a railroad just because it was such, and on the flimsiest of pretexts at that.

As stated before, the suits rapidly increased in number and the total amount of damages the railroads were forced to pay grew to startling proportions and became a serious menace to every railroad property in the state. With a large proportion of its revenues going out in personal injury claims and attorney's fees, there was not a railroad company doing business in Texas that felt free to extend its lines into any territory, no matter how desirable it might be; and there was not one that was at liberty to better its equipment as its managers desired. It is true that the state's railway mileage has been largely increased and the service of every line bettered since damage suits became a regular business. But the fear that the claims required to might stand as a barrier against improvement and act as a check to progress of any kind has been in the thoughts of all the railroad men of Texas for a decade. That fear still prevails. It will be present in dominating force till the public sentiment of Texas justifies only just claims against railroads and till the professional damage suit attorney is forced into another and more legitimate line of work.

Fortunately for the truth, one need not deal in generalities as to the losses because of damage suit claims the Texas railroads have suffered during the past thirteen years. It is a record of hardship on the companies that have had these enormous amounts to pay, and is at once unfriendly to the state's material advancement and not creditable to those communities where the "damage suit industry" has blossomed and thrived.

The records of the railroad commission at Austin show the amount of damages the roads have had to pay. Facts like these should command the attention of every taxpayer and every thinking man in the state, and the figures that follow tell the story of a series of happenings that have benefited a few at the expense of the general public as well as of the railroads.

In 1891 Texas railroads paid out on account of real and alleged personal injuries what now seems to have been the modest sum of \$223,749.92. A year later this personal injury fund was swollen to \$284,726.56, and the figures below prove how it swelled to its present gigantic proportions: In 1893, \$295,042.66; in 1894, \$333,338.95; in 1895, \$464,768.92; in 1896, \$487,402.93; in 1897, \$472,799.95; in 1898, \$586,646.88; in 1899, \$655,739.45; in 1900, \$1,018,637.80; in 1901, \$1,457,973.03; in 1902, \$1,765,653.11. And last year railroad losses of the kind indicated reached the stupendous figure of \$1,940,551.41. These statistics for 1903 are obtained from advance sheets of the railroad commission's report and are compiled from sworn statements.

Two million dollars is a big item in the expense account of the Texas railroads. The total of the general expenses of the Texas lines for 1903 is just slightly in excess of what the damage suit business cost them. Two million dollars would build many miles of new lines. It would go far toward bettering equipment and service on all lines. It is idle to pretend that facts warranted this immense outlay.

**TIME TO ACT.**



When the back aches and you are always tired out, depressed and nervous — when sleep is disturbed by pain and by urinary ills, it's time to act. The kidneys are sick. Doan's Kidney Pills

cure sick kidneys quickly and permanently. Here's proof.

Mrs. W. S. Marshall, R. F. D. No. 1, Dawson, Ga., says: "My husband's back and hips were so stiff and sore that he could not get up from a chair without help. I got him a box of Doan's Kidney Pills. He felt relief in three days. One box cured him."

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Marshall will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price 50 cents per box.

In Spain military men are not dolored as they are in Germany. It is considered almost a disgrace to be a soldier, and it is still customary for families that can afford to buy substitutes for their sons of military age.

A Parisian who has been much annoyed by duns, has connected his bell handle with a powerful electric battery and switches on the current at psychological moments. So far, the police have declined to interfere.

**Insist on Getting It.**

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

A successful method of making wood proof against both fire and decay is being introduced in Germany. The cells of the timber are emptied of air in a vacuum and filled with sulphate and borate of ammonia.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption is an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYAN, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

A small farmer in Dijon, France, often clears as much as \$1,500 per annum from the sale of snails, which he keeps in dry cellars or in trenches under coverings of earth.

Most folks are not only known by the company they keep, but by the things they should have done, and didn't.

We are not always gifted because we are told that we are.

When You Buy Starch Buy Defiance and get the best, 16 oz. for 10 cents. Once used, always used.

In seeking their level lots of men are compelled to slide down hill.



**A prominent club woman, Mrs. Danforth, of St. Joseph, Mich., tells how she was cured of falling of the womb and its accompanying pains and misery by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.**

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Life looks dark indeed when a woman feels that her strength is fading away and she has no hopes of ever being restored. Such was my feeling a few months ago when I was advised that my poor health was caused by prolapsus or falling of the womb. The words sounded like a knell to me. I felt that my sun had set; but Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound came to me as an elixir of life; it restored the lost forces and built me up until my good health returned to me. For four months I took the medicine daily, and each dose added health and strength. I am so thankful for the help I obtained through its use."—MRS. FLORENCE DANFORTH, 1007 Miles Ave., St. Joseph, Mich.—20000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

**FREE MEDICAL ADVICE TO WOMEN.**

Women would save time and much sickness if they would write to Mrs. Pinkham for advice as soon as any distressing symptoms appear. It is free, and has cured thousands of women on the same day.

**CLAIM THAT INGALLS TOOK FAMOUS POEM FROM ITALIAN**

*Opportunity.*  
*Master of human destinies am I!*  
*Fame, love and fortune on my footsteps wait.*  
*Chies and fields I walk, I penetrate*  
*Deserts and seas remote, and passing by*  
*Forest and mart and palace, storm or lake*  
*I knock unbidden once at every gate!*  
*If sleeping wake, if resting vial before,*  
*I turn away. It is the hour of fate*  
*And they who follow me reach every state*  
*Chastels decree, and conquer every foe*  
*Sure death but those who doubt of fate*  
*Condemned to failure; penny and woe*  
*Seek me in vain and useless, implore*  
*I answer not, and I return no more*  
*Geo. J. Ingalls.*

The authorship of "Opportunity," on which rests the literary fame of the late Senator Ingalls of Kansas, is claimed in a June magazine article by Dr. Nicoli Gigliotti of Erie, Pa., who says he wrote the sonnet first and published it in Italian in 1887. He prints a "deadly parallel" to prove his claim. He called it "Il Fato."

**THE FASTEST WARSHIP AFLOAT.**

Proud Honor Held by the Kentucky of the U. S. Navy.

In stripping the Kearsarge of her laurels gained in her record-breaking run from Southampton to New York the battleship Kentucky, one of the great fighting ships of the navy, marked up the records for the navies of the world and demonstrated once more the supremacy of American naval architecture.

In the fighting efficiency of the modern battleship speed and endurance are important factors. The floating fortress must not only have the guns and the men behind the guns, but she must be able to cover long distances at a high rate of speed without mishap. Judged by these standards the Kentucky must be crowned queen of the American navy.

Under the command of Captain Robert M. Berry and with Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans and staff on board, the Kentucky made the run from Madeira, 3,885 knots, at an average speed of 13.82 knots an hour. The record of the trip includes 12,916 knots from Hongkong in thirty-nine steaming days, being an average of 315 knots a day, including the slow passage of the Suez canal, a record reached by no other warship of the United States. During her absence of three years and seven months on the other side of the world her total sailing was 68,157 knots.

Several years ago the Kearsarge stuck her nose in the air, and made a dash from Southampton to New York at an average of 13.50 knots under natural draught. Upon this achievement she has received the plaudits of the whole country. It was pointed out that she had steamed 5,000 miles before her record run without having made repairs. But the Kentucky, before the run completed on Saturday, had steamed 9,000 miles to Honolulu and back, making a total distance of 18,000 miles, without repairs to engines.

**WOULD NOT BE BISHOP.**

Dr. Day Rejects Honor Tendered by Methodist Conference.

The Rev. Dr. J. R. Day, whose election as bishop by the Methodist conference at Los Angeles followed an



THE REV. J. R. DAY

attack on him by the Los Angeles Examiner, created a sensation in the conference by resigning the honor. Dr. Day has been chancellor of Syracuse university since 1894.

**COMMANDS AT PORT ARTHUR.**

Gen. Stoessel One of the Foremost of Russian Soldiers.

Gen. Stoessel is the commander of the beleaguered Port Arthur garrison and has been in supreme control since Viceroy Alexieff departed for Mukden some weeks ago. Gen. Stoessel distinguished himself in the Turkish war, having fought at Plevna and



at Schipke Pass, and he also served in the Turkestan campaigns. He is held in high esteem by the officials at St. Petersburg, and, it is said, was first sent east at the special request of Alexieff. Gen. Stoessel is about 55 years of age, is of sanguine disposition and is possessed of a rugged constitution.

**HAS NO USE FOR BACHELORS.**

Joe Jefferson Recounts With Pleasure How He Hit One of Them.

One of Joseph Jefferson's pet abominations is a bachelor. The venerable actor believes in early marriages and recently advised a group of Yale juniors to marry as soon as ever they could afford it. "Bachelors—why, I have the utmost contempt for the whole breed of them," he said. "The older they grow the more conceited they grow. I took one down a peg, though, the other day. He was talking about this woman he had known, and that woman he had known, and these women, it seemed, had married. 'Why you,' I said, 'are in danger of getting left. Why, don't you, too, get married before it is too late?' 'Oh,' said the bachelor, with a chuckle, 'there are still plenty of good fish in the sea.' 'But the bait,' said I, 'isn't there danger of the bait becoming stale?'"

**Centers of European Population.**

London and Manchester are still disputing as to which is the greater European center of population. Most people would suppose that London owns the title beyond peradventure. Even if one draws a circle with a radius of thirty miles about Charing Cross station one gets a population of more than 6,000,000, as against 5,500,000 within a similar distance from the Manchester exchange. But protruding a circle with a forty-mile radius one gets a greater Manchester that shows a population of more than 8,000,000 as against a greater London of only about 7,000,000.

**Is Music a Good Thing?**

At evening parties a man's shyness is mitigated by music. In my own experience, writes Mrs. John Lane in the Fortnightly Review, when some stray man and I have stood together speechless, no sooner did the piano break into our appalling silence than ideas seemed to inundate us. The dumb man spoke as if by magic, and I, who hitherto had nothing to say couldn't talk fast enough.

**Soft Zinc.**

A method of producing soft zinc has been patented in France. Equal parts of zinc and aluminum are melted, to which a small amount of bismuth is added. This alloy is added to molten zinc until volatilization ceases. The zinc is heated to a temperature of from 900 degrees to 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit. It is stated that the soft zinc so produced is of 90 per cent purity.

**Defiance Starch**

should be in every household, none so good, besides 4 oz. more for 10 cents than any other brand of cold water starch.

The wool on the back of a sheep is the shepherd's barometer. The curlier the wool the finer will be the weather.

**Another One.**

T. W. Alexander, Brasken, Mo., says: "I had a chance to purchase and use one bottle Hunt's Lightning Oil. I think it the best liniment I ever saw." Mr. Alexander speaketh wisely and truly.

25 and 50c bottles.

The Standard Oil Company and the American Tobacco Company control the products of Japan in their respective lines.

**Could You Use Any Kind of a Sewing Machine at Any Price?**

If there is any price so low, any offer so liberal that you would think of accepting on trial a new high-grade, drop cabinet or upright Minnesota, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, Standard, White or New Home Sewing Machine, cut out and return this notice, and you will receive by return mail, post-paid, free of cost, the handsomest sewing machine catalogue ever published. It will name you prices on the Minnesota, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, White, Standard and New Home sewing machines that will surprise you; we will make you a new and attractive proposition, a sewing machine offer that will astonish you.

If you can make any use of any sewing machine at any price, if any kind of an offer would interest you, don't fail to write us at once (be sure to cut out and return this special notice) and get our latest book, our latest offers, our new and most surprising proposition. Address SEARS, ROEBUCK & CO., Chicago.

Doubts make a poor refuge from duty.

**Free Trip to the World's Fair.**

The May number of "Kiam's Store News," a monthly store paper of interest to every man, woman, boy and girl, tells how some one will get a free trip to the World's Fair. Send for a copy to Ed. Kiam, outfitter to men, women and children, Houston, Texas.

Considering the amount of praying they've done, the Russians are having mighty poor luck, it seems to us.

Ask Your Dealer For Allen's Foot-Ease. A powder. It relieves the feet. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Sore, Hot, Callous, Aching, Sweating Feet and Ingrowing Nails. Allen's Foot-Ease makes new or tight shoes easy. At all Druggists and Shoe stores, 25 cents. Accept no substitute. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The more a woman fills up a short waist the more room there seems to be in it.

**Always Ready.**

Cheatham's Laxative Tablets cured me of third day chills and rid my system of malarial poison. They do what you say they will. I now carry a package in my vest pocket. They are always ready. L. M. Duncan, Pleasant Hill, La. 25c per box.

Tibet is larger than France, Germany and Spain combined, but has only a population of 6,000,000.

**Do Your Clothes Look Yellow?**

Then use Defiance Starch, it will keep them white—16 oz. for 10 cents.

The opal is the only gem which cannot be counterfeited. Its delicate tints cannot be reproduced.

We sell DIRECT FROM THE FACTORY. Send for illustrated catalogue and price list. We pride ourselves on the durability of our trunks and valises. Houston Trunk Factory, 504 Main St., Houston, Texas.

"Don't look coy at me," said a man to a woman recently; "I am too old to enjoy it."

All Up to Date Housekeepers use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because it is better, and 4 oz. more of it for same money.

The penguin's wigga are useful only under water.

Of all weatherwise fish, the dolphin is the most remarkable. During a fierce gale or a storm at sea the mariner knows that the end of it is near if he can see a dolphin, or a number of that fish, sporting on the high sea waves.

Yorkshire, England, has a farm on which moths and butterflies are reared for sale. It is planted with trees and shrubs for the purpose. Forty thousand caterpillars are always on hand and orders can be filled at any time of the year.

Philosophy is a sword to fight with, to conquer life with. If you lack the heart to draw and wield it, then by all means discard it as a useless incumbrance, the assumption of which only makes you ridiculous in the sight of others.

A scientist says it is not true that intellectual work is a relief from physical work, or vice versa. Fatigue of whatever nature it is, accumulates during any kind of labor, and disappears only on complete repose.

The first electric railway in Peru from Lima eight miles to the Pacific and another contemplated from Lima ten miles to the seaport, Callao, will have American cars and dynamos.

**Beware the Traveling Doctor.**

St. John, Kansas, May 30.—A very peculiar case is that of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McBride of this place, as reported by Dr. Jesse L. Limes, the attending physician.

"The little boy had a severe case of malignant scarletina which left him semi-paralyzed in the right leg and right arm. He also lost the hearing in the right ear.

"I treated him and he gained slowly and had begun to try to use his limbs some when a traveling doctor came along and persuaded the child's parents that he could cure their boy in a short time. They used his medicines, but the boy grew worse and began having spells very like epilepsy.

"Mr. McBride came to me again and I proposed giving him a course of Dodd's Kidney Pills, which was commenced at once. The improvement was instant and in a week's time the epileptic seizures ceased altogether."

The working classes of England, according to the bishop of Chester, lose £2,000,000 in wages through illness in the course of a year.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 18 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm. Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALTERS, KING & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

"Her faith in her husband is beautiful," said a woman. Now what did she mean by that?

Dickey's Old Reliable Eye-water cures sore or weak eyes. Don't hurt. Feels good.

A man always knows less than he pretends and a girl more than she lets on.

A woman may have a poor memory for names and faces, but she can always remember clothes.

A clear conscience needs no filtration.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Fletcher* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Spanking has made more great men than genius.

OVERHEARD ON THE FIRE. Mr. Easy—"Why should people visiting the Exposition at night, see more Allen's Foot-Ease than in daytime?"

Miss Foose—"Because under the brilliant illumination of the grounds, every foot becomes an acre!"

Mr. Easy—"Fair, only fair! Pray, conduct me to the nearest drug store and I promise never to accept a substitute for you or for Allen's Foot-Ease."

FOOT NOTE—The train will be made one in June.

It is dumfounding how interesting a wife can be if she is somebody else's

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in ½-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Ethiopian troops on ceremonial occasions are arrayed in silks and satins, with lion and leopard skin mantles, and gold and silver-plated buckles.

## Local Items.

Panama Hats at King & Millar's.

Freshest groceries at the Big Store.

Hon. A. W. Gregg was here Saturday.

Miss Adele Winfree is spending the week at Kennard.

Leroy Moore has returned from school at Jacksonville.

You can buy a shirt cheaper at the Big Store's big shirt sale.

Car load of barbed and hog fencing wire at the Big Store.

Dr. P. R. Denman of Lufkin was a visitor to Crockett Sunday.

Those new Jap silks at the Big Store are guaranteed waterproof.

D. J. Jones & Co. are candidates for your lumber and shingle trade.

The prettiest silk and lace lisle gloves and mitts are at the Big Store.

If a tie, shirt or suspender is what you need call on King & Millar.

Picnic at Parish's tank, June 17. Everybody invited to come and bring basket.

We have the genuine Imported Panama Hats at \$5.00 all shapes.

KING & MILLAR.

The big shirt sale at the Big Store closes June 4th at 8 p. m. Buy while they are cheap.

We are showing the latest things in men's hosiery.

KING & MILLAR.

Say, have you seen the lawn swings at the furniture store?

NEWTON & SIMS.

Don't forget we are headquarters for gent's fine hosiery.

KING & MILLAR.

You can have ice cream 3 in minutes if you use a Peerless freezer from the Big Store.

We are making special prices on mid-summer suits. \$7.50 up.

KING & MILLAR.

C. L. Shivers will ship a car of onions. This looks like diversification and a fight on the boll weevil.

If you want to make money plant potatoes and buy furniture from the furniture store.

NEWTON & SIMS.

The last two rains at Crockett were not general over the county. Very little rain fell at Coltharp or Kennard.

We have nice robes for ladies, men and children cheaper than you can buy the material.

NEWTON & SIMS.

H. Weinberg of Nacogdoches, in the employ of the bureau of soils, was the guest of W. J. Wood Friday.

Do you want a pretty dress cheap? See the Big Store's line of laws, mulls, dimities, mouselines and voiles.

The presiding elder, Rev. J. B. Sears, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning. Song services at night.

Miss Minnie Craddock entertained a few friends at tea last Thursday evening complimentary to Miss Edna Wright of Palestine.

A nice line of water sets, mosquito bars and bar frames, lace curtains, poles, lawn swings, at the furniture store.

NEWTON & SIMS.

Mrs. Nat Wetzel and daughters, Misses Natalie and Nellie, arrived Monday from New Orleans and will remain in this city for a few days before proceeding to Kilbourn, Wis., for the summer.

## The Soda Water Habit

THE delicious soda water drawn at our Fountain, its purity, richness of flavor, its perfection in palate pleasing qualities, are the reasons that so many people in this community are soda drinkers.

### The Real Chocolate Taste

Our Chocolate Ice Cream Soda has it. A smooth, rich, creamy dream. It's worth coming here to know how good chocolate can be made.

## B. F. Chamberlain,

THE DRUGGIST.

Coffins from five dollars up to the best metallic at the furniture store. Calls promptly answered night or day. Your business appreciated. NEWTON & SIMS.

Dr. Perry Bromberg and wife of Nashville, Tenn., are the guests of the doctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Bromberg. Dr. Bromberg is professor of physiology in the Tennessee university.

See D. J. Jones & Co. for prices on all kinds of finished lumber. They make bevelled siding, match flooring, beaded ceiling and sawed shingles. Workmanship is first-class.

Jas. H. Denton and Miss Alice DeDaines were married in this city Thursday evening of last week and left immediately for the home of the groom in North Texas.

Why spend your life on a cranky, noisy spring when you can buy a Leggett & Platt noiseless spring under a guarantee so cheap at the furniture store.

NEWTON & SIMS.

### Ladies, Take Notice.

From now on I will be prepared to shampoo ladies' hair, answering all calls very promptly.

F. P. GANDOLPH,  
Tonsorial Artist.

The series of meetings at the Presbyterian church came to a close Sunday night. The evangelist, Rev. Mr. Caldwell, preached some able sermons during last week, which drew good congregations.

C. A. Bates, C. L. Cheatham, W. D. Salmon, Frank Carter and Albert Baldock composed a party of prospectors in Crockett Thursday from Clinton, Mo. They were driven over the city by some of our local real estate dealers.

Stillwell Box died Saturday night and was buried Sunday afternoon by the Woodmen, of which order he was a member. He leaves a family, who have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

### Picnic.

Basket picnic at Tyer's lake June 27. Come and bring a full basket and let us have one more good old time. The candidates are invited to come and address the people if they wish.

J. N. TYER.

Dr. P. H. Stafford, a young physician of Augusta and partner of Dr. Hall Wilson, and Miss Fannie Kennedy were married at Augusta on evening of May 25. Miss Kennedy is a daughter of Mr. John Kennedy of Augusta and assisted Prof. John Crook in his school at Alto last year. Mr. and Mrs. Stafford left on morning of 26th to visit the groom's people at Ponta, Cherokee county.

Mrs. H. H. Folk, Misses Stella Folk, Evie Hail and Jessie Jones were visitors to Crockett Friday and Saturday. The young men of the town gave a dance complimentary to them at the Lotus club rooms Friday evening.

Nat Wetzel received a crate of the celebrated Bermuda onions from Laredo Monday. He said the man who sent them had grown forty-six car loads on forty-five acres. It cost him, according to Mr. Wetzel, \$6,500 to grow and market the onions, which sold for \$28,000, netting the grower \$21,500. The crop was grown on irrigated land. Mr. Wetzel will plant this onion next year.

The potato season is about over and most of the buyers have gone. The number of cars shipped reached the hundred mark last week. Five or six cars of cabbage will go out this week. Express shipments of tomatoes and peaches are being made daily and the Natalie plantation company was loading a solid car of tomatoes Tuesday. This stuff is bringing the top of the market on account its being early and of a superior quality.

Mrs. J. R. Howard received a telegram Monday morning announcing the death of the husband of her sister living at Los Angeles, Cal., who will be remembered in Crockett as Miss Blanche Scott and who married Mr. J. B. Shea, a graduate of the state university at Austin. After the marriage Mr. and Mrs. Shea went to California, where they have since resided. Both were well known in Crockett and his death has caused much regret.

### Love Laughs, Etc.

That "love laughs at locksmiths" has been repeatedly demonstrated. 'Twas ever thus and will continue to be thus. Time-worn as the saying is, it was again brought into play in this little city Monday when the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry accepted the hand and heart of James W. Howard and became his wife. The parents objected to the match on account of the girl's age, she being yet in school. But quotations are again brought into use in that "love finds a way." Monday before noon the young lady signed her name to an affidavit swearing that she was of lawful age and that no one had any right to object to her marriage. The license procured, the couple leisurely strolled to the house of a neighbor, and as the town clock struck the noon hour, their lives were linked together by Rev. Mr. LeClere of the Methodist church, who had been called in. The couple then took a carriage and drove to Paso, six miles south of Crockett, where they boarded the afternoon train for Houston. Messages were soon hurrying after them to return and receive the parental blessings, but it is said that their address will be Houston for several days. Both are well known and very popular among the younger set in Crockett, where both have resided the greater part of their lives. The COURIER extends congratulations and best wishes.

### Sued by His Doctor.

"A doctor here has sued me for \$12.50, which I claimed was excessive for a case of cholera morbus," says R. White, of Coachella, Cal. "At the trial he praised his medical skill and medicine. I asked him if it was not Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy he used as I had good reason to believe it was, and he would not say under oath that it was not." No doctor could use a better remedy than this in a case of cholera morbus, it never fails. Sold by B. F. Chamberlain.

## Money to Loan.

We Buy and Sell Real Estate.  
List Your Land With Us.

Fire Insurance Written in Best Companies.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office Over J. E. Monk's Store.

All county precinct chairmen should not overlook the fact that a precinct convention is called for Saturday, June 4, the purpose of which is to select delegates to the county convention to be held at Crockett a week later, June 11, at which time delegates will be selected to the state convention at San Antonio June 21, when delegates will be named to the national convention at St. Louis July 6.

### Another Party of Investors.

The following gentlemen, composing a party of capitalists, arrived in Crockett Saturday and remained over until Monday night: O. D. Jones, Fulton, Mo.; J. E. Jones, Kilbourn, Wis.; T. P. Harrison, W. E. Jameson, C. H. Richmond, R. L. Smith, Fulton, Mo.; F. McConick, Friendship, Wis.; J. S. Anderson, Fulton, Mo.; L. W. Holland, Pleasant Hill, Mo. The party was headed by Nat Wetzel. Messrs. Harrison, Jameson and Smith have been here before and invested in Houston county real estate, which some of the rest of the party did before leaving. They were well pleased with Houston county and their land investments are an evidence of their confidence in its future.

### Executive Committee Meeting.

The Houston County Democratic Executive committee met at the court house Monday afternoon. The committee is made up as follows: J. W. Hail, chairman, and A. H. Wooters, Crockett; W. H. Wall, Augusta; Dr. F. C. Woodward, Grapeland; S. T. Ratcliff, Ratcliff; Dick Johns, Coltharp; C. B. Isbell, Pleasant Grove; R. S. Hooks, Pennington; J. F. Lively, Weches; Steve Hallmark, Creek; J. B. Ash, Ash; W. H. Threadgill, Porter Springs; W. B. Cochran, Lovelady; W. W. Pridgen, Daly; J. S. Bitner, Shiloh; J. E. Driskill, Holly; E. E. Barlow, Daniel; Dr. W. H. McCall, Tadmor; S. S. Elliott, Percilla; Kirby Smith, Sunflower; W. D. Gimon, Weldon; W. J. Peacock, Antioch; Fayet West, Grounds; W. F. Bruton, Lovelady. A full attendance of the committee was not had. The chairman, Mr. J. W. Hail, presided. The following resolution was adopted as the test for the coming primary election:

"Resolved, that all white men, qualified voters in Houston county, are entitled to vote in the democratic primary election to be held July 9, 1904, provided that they pledge themselves to vote for all democratic nominees." Adopted unanimously.

The committee decided on one primary election.

### Have You a Cough?

A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will relieve it. Have you a cold? A dose of Herbine at bed time and frequent small doses of Horehound Syrup during the day will remove it. Try it for whooping cough, for asthma, for consumption, for bronchitis. Mrs. Joe McGrath, 327 E. 1st street, Hutchinson, Kan., writes: "I have used Ballard's Horehound Syrup in my family for 5 years, and find it the best and most palatable medicine I ever used." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.



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We cannot have everything in the line of drugs and medicines in view. First place many chemicals would lose their strength if exposed; second, too many thousands of different drugs to show. But we have them all safe and sure enough. "If you don't see what you want, ask for it"—you'll get it pure and at a fair figure. Physicians' prescriptions a specialty.

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### Trip to Kennard.

The editor was one of a party of young people who were chaperoned by D. A. Nunn, Jr., to Kennard Tuesday. The trip down in the morning was uneventful. The ladies of the party were Miss Nell Long of Kingston, Ohio, Miss Edna Wright of Palestine and Miss Maggie Foster. Others of the young people were Mr. Arch Baker and the writer. The party were to be the guests of Col. Folk and family at Kennard and arrived there promptly in time for dinner. The hospitality of the Folks is unbounded. At their home the greeting one receives is the warmest, the welcome the heartiest. There nothing is left undone that would add to the comfort of the guest. The first thing on arrival was to clear the dust from clothes and throats, or rather the reverse, throats and clothes. The dust removed, dinner was served, and the fair young hostess, Miss Stella Folk, was assisted in serving by Misses Evie Hail and Jessie Jones, both claimed by Crockett. After so much driving and dining a rest was needed and a rest was taken. Late in the afternoon the party was shown through one of the largest saw mills in the world by Supt. Folk. The process of manufacturing lumber was explained from the time the water-soaked log was caught by the chain until the finished product was loaded in the car. This mill shipped during the month of May 404 cars of dressed lumber, which the superintendent claims is a record shipment for any mill in the south. Life is not without its amusing features at the mill. A log train pulls up, and coming around the Y the engine stalls. A man is standing in the sun near the track, holding a stretched umbrella. The engineer, after making repeated attempts to start his train, gets off of his engine and walking toward the man with the umbrella asks him to close it as it frightens his engine which has refused to pass. The man apologetically closes the umbrella and walks away. In the evening the party was entertained with dancing at the home of the Folks and an enjoyable evening was spent. The moonlight afforded a delightful drive back to Crockett.

# THE COURIER.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic party:

- For District Judge  
B. H. Gardner  
J. M. Crook
- For District Attorney  
Jo A. McDonald
- For State Senator  
C. C. Stokes  
John B. Peyton
- For Representative  
I. A. Daniel  
Jas. Christian
- For County Judge  
Porter Newman  
E. Winfree
- For Sheriff  
A. W. Phillips  
John C. Lacy  
Jim Barbee  
S. M. Holcomb
- For County Treasurer  
T. C. Lively  
D. J. Cater  
M. M. Baker  
E. B. Tims
- For County Clerk  
C. G. (Gershom) Lansford  
Nat E. Albright  
James Owens
- For Tax Collector  
J. W. Brightman  
J. R. Sheridan  
Ben H. Logan  
John A. McConnell
- For District Clerk  
Nat Patton  
J. B. Stanton  
John A. Goolsby
- For County Attorney  
L. A. Sallas  
John Spence  
J. A. Ragland
- For Tax Assessor  
Bailey Hatchell  
Tony Gossett  
John H. Ellis  
H. B. (Jack) Clark
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 1  
J. N. Tyer
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 2  
J. E. Bean  
Ross Murchison  
J. B. (Berkley) Ellis
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 3  
W. J. Peacock  
J. D. McCullar  
Ab Thomasson  
I. L. Jeffers
- For Commissioner Prec. No. 4  
H. W. McCelvey  
J. E. Smith  
E. D. Lockey  
J. C. Starling  
C. B. Isbell
- For Justice Peace Prec. No. 1  
J. W. Saxon
- For Justice Peace Prec. No. 3  
W. R. Sneed
- For Constable Prec. No. 1  
O. B. (Deb) Hale  
Bony Satterwhite

## Prominent Editor Here.

Mr. James E. Jones, editor of Illustrated Events, a monthly magazine published at Kilbourn, Wis., paid the COURIER office a pleasant call Monday afternoon while in the city with a party of gentlemen from his section of the country. Mr. Jones is preparing a series of articles for his magazine and his subject is Texas and its development. He and the party with him have been the guests of the Aransas Pass railroad in South Texas for the week preceding their arrival in Crockett Saturday. Messrs. Nat Wetzel and Geo. H. Campbell of this city joined the party at Palestine on its way down to San Antonio and brought them back around by Houston to Crockett. Mr. Jones expressed himself as being delighted with his trip. He saw great possibilities in store for Texas. He said that the Crockett country beat anything that he had seen in the state. He believed East Texas to be the garden spot of the world and thought that at no distant day it would rival California in its fruit production. Investigation had proved to him that anything could be grown that could be grown any-

where else. He spoke of what was being done on the Nahahe plantation and was enthusiastic over the outlook for East Texas in general and Houston county in particular. The article that he has under preparation on Crockett and Houston county will appear in two numbers of his magazine, which is widely circulated, and will be worth a great deal to Houston county in the way of an advertisement.

The press of the State is unmistakable in its condemnation of the Haden-Cranfill episode. From any standpoint, religious, social or civil, this outrageous conduct out to be condemned by all people irrespective of their religious or political associations. The conduct of these men is an insult, not only to that church, worthy of all praise, that gave them position and made them honorable before men, but it is an insult to every church and every home in the state, and to the state itself and all its institutions and laws. The religious world must condemn and denounce such conduct or dishonor itself. We are not unjust enough to hold the great Baptist church, or any church, or the christian religion, responsible for deeds like this on the part of ambitious and unworthy ministers or members. It is but the outward manifestation of sin and corruption in the heart, against which all religion wages unceasing warfare with but partial success. We all bow our heads in shame, and would fain hope this may be the last of such scenes.—Rusk County News.

## Quay Lived in Texas.

Austin, Texas, May 29.—The fact is not generally known that Senator M. S. Quay, whose death occurred yesterday, was a resident of Texas for about four years. In his early life before the civil war he came to Texas and obtained a position as a teacher of a school in Montgomery county in the heart of the negro or black belt of the state. He taught school in winter and did odd jobs of work in summer during the vacation period.

He is still well remembered by the older residents of that section. It has been frequently said by Southern friends of Senator Quay that he understood the people of the South and the negro problem better than any public man in the North. He had a kindly feeling for Texans, and at the time of the great Galveston disaster he contributed a large sum of money for the relief of the people of that stricken city. In making this contribution he did so with the express understanding that it was not to be known that it came from him.

## Governor has Returned.

Austin, Texas, May 29.—Governor Lanham returned from St. Louis this morning. He made the round trip in the private car of Colonel Leroy Trice, general manager of the International and Great Northern. The governor expressed himself as having had a very enjoyable time. He spoke in glowing terms of the prominence of Texas, of her building and exhibits at the fair.

## Judge Gardner Endorsed.

From the Fairfield Recorder.  
Hon. B. H. Gardner, formerly of Fairfield, but now of Palestine, is a candidate for district judge of that judicial district. Judge Gardner practiced law at this bar for many years and was also county attorney of this county. He has many friends here who, knowing his legal attainments and high moral character, would be glad to see him elected.

## A FRIEND OF THE FARMER.

### Department of Agriculture Report on Value of Quail as Insect Destroyer.

Washington, May 29.—The ornithologists of the department of agriculture has been making an investigation of the economic value of the Bob White, as a result of which it is now announced that that bird is "probably the most useful abundant species on the farms." Field observations, experiments and examinations show that it consumes large quantities of weed seed and destroys many of the worst insects with which farmers contend, and it does not injure grain, fruit or any other crop.

It is figured that from September 1 to April 30, annually, in Virginia alone, the total consumption of weed seed by Bob Whites amounts to 573 tons. Some of the pests which it habitually destroys, the report says, are the Mexican cotton boll weevil, which damages the cotton crops upwards of \$15,000,000 a year; the potato beetle, which eats off \$10,000,000 from the value of the potato crop; the cotton worms, which have been known to cause \$30,000,000 loss in a year; the chinchbug and the Rocky Mountain locust scourges, which left desolation in their path and have caused losses to the extent of \$100,000,000 in some years. The report urges measures to secure the preservation of the Bob Whites in this country.

## Cotton Growers Interested.

Austin, Texas, May 29.—Jefferson Johnson, chairman of the State boll weevil reward commission, has received many letters from persons who are interested in the demonstration work of the commission to take place at Floresville, beginning on June 1. He thinks that several hundred cotton growers and others will be there to witness the practical experiments which the commission is to make of the proposed remedies and devices for killing the boll weevil. Mr. Johnson is greatly interested in the announcement by the United States department of agriculture that an ant has been discovered in Guatemala which is an enemy of the weevil.

## Acute Rheumatism.

Deep tearing or wrenching pains, occasioned by getting wet through; worse when at rest, or on first moving the limbs and in cold or damp weather, is cured quickly by Ballard's Snow Liniment. Oscar Oleson, Gibson City, Illinois, writes, Feb. 16, 1902: "A year ago I was troubled with a pain in my back. It soon got so bad I could not bend over. One bottle of Ballard's Snow Liniment cured me." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

## Cures Old Sores.

Westmoreland, Kans., May 5, 1902. Ballard Snow Liniment Co.: Your Snow Liniment cured an old sore on the side of my chin that was supposed to be a cancer. The sore was stubborn and would not yield to treatment, until I tried Snow Liniment, which did the work in short order. My sister, Mrs. Sophia J. Carson, Allensville, Mifflin Co., Pa., has a sore and mistrusts that it is a cancer. Please send her a 50c bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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## VARY YOUR INTERESTS.

### The Wise Man Does Not Allow Himself to Run in a Rut.

The wise man keeps out of ruts. To be certain, however, that he will accomplish this he must begin early in life. He must not begin his life work by restricting himself absolutely to a single channel. This does not mean that he should scatter his forces and attempt everything or should not become a specialist. But the more strictly he specializes the more carefully should he see to it that he does not become narrow and bigoted. The young man should early begin the habit of reading a newspaper. He will thus get a general education that he can obtain from no other source. But he cannot get all the education he requires, even of public affairs, from the newspapers. Let him not make this error. Their news is necessarily fragmentary. He should read regularly one or two good magazines of the class devoted to the discussion of questions of public interest. He should read a little good fiction as well as history and general literature. While he should persistently seek the acquaintance of the best men of his own craft, who are usually the broadest minded, he should also seek friends outside of it. They will help him to see that there are other important crafts in the world besides his own. All this will broaden his views and help to keep him out of a rut.—World's Work.

### Elephant Ears.

"Did you ever taste elephant ears?" asked an amateur botanist of his companion as they passed a florist's where one of the plants was displayed.

"No," replied his companion, "I never did."

"It's a good thing for you," said the botanist, "although it is an experience that will remain in your memory for a long time to come. I remember—oh, it seems like a hundred years back, yet the incident is fresh in my mind and as clear as crystal—when three boys were leaning across a wall looking at the plant in a garden."

"I was one of the boys and the other two were telling me what a sweet taste elephant leaves had. At first I refused to taste the plant, but one of the boys put a piece in his mouth—at least he pretended to—and I agreed to chew some also. Well, persimmons are as sugar compared to the drawing and bitterness of the elephant leaf and for half an hour after I had put the bit of leaf into my mouth I drank enough water to float a ship."

### Why He Wept.

Helen had been only a few days in the house where Walter was the seven-year-old son and heir when it was perfectly clear that she had made a deep impression on his already susceptible heart. One afternoon he brought a footstool and, placing it in front of her, asked her if she would marry him.

Helen was a little more than four times as old as Walter, and her unmarried state was a matter of keen interest to her friends. She looked at the boy gravely for a moment and then said:

"Why, I can't answer that question offhand, Walter. You will have to wait and give me time to think it over."

Suddenly the boy dropped his head on her knee and began to cry bitterly.

"What is the matter, Walter?" she asked, patting his head.

"I was just thinking," he sobbed out, "that you'd be dead and gone before I was old enough to marry you."—New York Press.

### King Billy's Decoration.

A story told by the late Commander Edward Barrett, U. S. N., shows that plated ware when no longer useful for mess purposes on war ships can be devoted to the service of diplomacy. According to this story, some American navy officers, wishing to conciliate an African potentate named King Billy, presented him with a discarded soup ladle and a lot of gay ribbons. This so delighted the dusky sovereign that when he came aboard the ship to make a visit in state he wore the ladle tied on the front of his ample person with the variegated ribbons and also wore a dilapidated stovepipe hat.

### Why Rest is Necessary.

A belief lives strong in the hearts and minds of the majority of mankind, including persons of weak digestions, that a quick, brisk walk taken before a meal gets up an appetite and helps the stomach to digest the food. Now, this is exactly what it doesn't do. Exercise spreads the blood throughout the body. For the proper digestion of food the blood is needed in the stomach. Few realize this important fact. After a long, exhausting walk, bicycle spin or any severe physical or mental strain take a good half hour's rest in a comfortable armchair or lying on a sofa before you eat a substantial meal.

### Subject For Soft Words.

A newspaper epigrammatist says, "Every wife is the architect of her own husband." Then she shouldn't be too severe on the edifice when she botches the job.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

### Asking For Her Hand.

He—Now, if I only had three hands I could get through life so much better. She—Well?

He—I was just wondering if you wouldn't give me one of yours.

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