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From Grapeland.

EDITOR COURIER:

As the Christmas holidays are things of the past, and everything is resuming its former channel, I thought I would let your numerous readers know some of the happenings in and near our city.

At 12 o'clock Saturday night we were aroused from our peaceful slumber by the ringing of bells, blowing of horns and shooting of pistols, to notify us that 1904 was expiring and that 1905 was a "bornin." We soon realized that another year was numbered among the things of the past, and a new one upon us. There has been a time in our life that these were merry times with us, but alas, so many of them has passed over our head that we feel sad instead of merry, as we realize the fact that our race is nearly run and that things are so different in this up-to-date age than when we were boys, and went to the candy pullings and played "old sister Phoby, etc." But enough of this.

Boykin & Murchison, dealers in drugs and hardware, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy Friday. Assets and liabilities not obtainable at present.

J. J. Brooks has opened up a new stock of general merchandise in the Dr. Woodard building with James Evans in charge.

W. Totty is now moving to Palestine, having rented the hotel for this year to Rev. W. H. Caldwell and daughter, Miss Sallie.

Mr. Jack Lewis and brother have bought the 60 acres of land joining Grapeland from Wm. Totty, and have also bought the former residence of W. Totty. They will, I learn, plant the culture tract in Irish potatoes.

Rev. John Green, known as the railroad preacher, is conducting a series of sermons at the Methodist church this week. He has established for himself a considerable reputation as a preacher.

Mr. Lee Satterwhite, editor of the Messenger, will leave this evening for Austin, where he will probably remain during the entire session of the legislature.

The Baptist church has called Rev. Dr. Woodard to be their pastor this year.

Mr. Rush Aldrich has moved his family here.

Mr. W. B. Taylor and wife are now in Nacogdoches where they will probably remain for awhile.

Mr. Ed Stowe, formerly of this place, now of Waco, and Miss Lura Hollingsworth of this place, were married at high noon yesterday at the Christian church, Rev. Dickey officiating. They took the 2 o'clock train for Waco.

At the same time and place, Mr. T. H. Leverton and Miss Ella Brimberry were married, Rev. J. H. Morgan officiating.

J. J. Brooks has bought the fine residence of Geo. R. Whitley, and will occupy the same in the near future.

Misses Estiss and Yardley spent the holidays at the home of Miss Estiss at Porter Springs.

Dr. Frank Chambers of Palestine, was in attendance on the wedding at the Christian church Sunday.

The following parties were in attendance on the wedding at the Christian church Sunday: Albert

Smith and sister, Jack Clark, Troupe Gammage.

Miss Nannie Cain, who is teaching at Stark Switch, spent the holidays with home folks.

Miss Lela Howard, who is attending the State Normal at Denton, came home and spent the holidays. She returned to school yesterday.

Prof. Cain attended the state teachers' institute at Corsicana. He reports the attendance very slim, considering the large number of teachers that there are in Texas.

W. B. Bean, brother of Rev. J. E. Bean, and a resident of Jasper, Texas, spent the holidays here with his brother. Mr. Bean is a surveyor, having been surveyor of Jasper county several times.

Mrs. Lorena Blalock of Livingston has been with us during the holidays, visiting relatives and friends.

Rev. Arthur Dickey left for his home in Corsicana Sunday night, after spending several days with relatives and friends.

Hubert Toller of Hico came in with Mr. Ed Stowe to attend Ed's wedding.

Rev. A. O. Reials and son of Augusta were here in attendance on the weddings Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Prichard of Crockett spent the holidays visiting her father, Mr. S. T. Anthony.

Mrs. Olga Woods, nee Olga Sadler, after spending the holidays with her parents at Ioni, came in Saturday and took the train for her home at Hearne.

Mr. John Berry and sister, Miss Cottie, were visiting their relatives here, Mr. S. T. Anthony and family, during the holidays.

COTTER BOY.

ing sold all of their crop early season when 10c was easy to get. The impression is becoming general that more money can be made in the cultivation of almost any product of the farm. It is the opinion among those informed next year will see the diversified idea put to the test.

Grayson's Cotton Crop. Sherman: Grayson County its quota toward making a 13,000 bale crop of cotton not only probable. An authentic report from the cotton gins of the county to the close of Dec. 13 shows even then there had been ginned 226 bales in this county, against the less than 60,000 altogether year. It is believed that the total will be 1,000 to 1,500 bales than the showing on Dec. 13.

Master and Vessel Go Down.

Port Arthur: Capt. James master of the steamship North going to pieces on Diamond was too unwell to sail on her went out under charge of the pier. Capt. Wilder rapidly worse and died at 6:40 p. m. His death was due to aggravating chial trouble. It is considered a strange coincidence that and vessel perish so far apart.

In Bed Four Weeks With La Grippe.

We have received the following letter from Mr. Roy Kemp, of Angola, Ind. "I was in bed four weeks with la grippe and I tried many remedies and spent considerable for treatment with physicians, but I received no relief until I tried Foley's Honey and Tar. Two small bottles of this medicine cured me and now I use it exclusively in my family." Take no substitutes. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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The Long-Murchison Wedding.

From the Kingston, Ohio, Tribune.

Beautiful in its simplicity was the wedding of Miss Nellie Belle Long to Mr. Sydnor Livingston Murchison, Wednesday, December 28th, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Long, in the presence of about 100 guests.

As an introduction Miss Blanche M. Freshwater sweetly sang "O Promise Me," and as the hour hand pointed to high noon the bridal party slowly descended the stairs to the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March played by Miss Bell Long, entered the back parlor, which was decorated in green and white, and took their places. Palms, asparagus, fern and white carnations forming the background to the party.

First came Rev. William M. Reese of the Presbyterian church, the groom and attendant, Mr. Arch Baker of Crockett, Texas. Next the bridesmaid, Miss Ethel Long, sister of the bride, followed by little Marguerite Kellenberger bearing the ring in a white rose on a silver tray. Then came the bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Fred Long, who gave her away.

The bride who is a decided brunette looked lovely in her gown of white silk crepe, relieved with a deep bertha of real lace and pearl ornaments. She also carried a bouquet of Bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore a gown of white crepe de chene and carried red roses.

Immediately after the ceremony the bridal party led the way to the dining room, where a three course dinner was elegantly served. The decorations here were holly, Christmas bells and smilax. The center piece in the bride's table was a large basket of red roses, from which ropes of smilax trailed across the white linen to the corners of the table where they were held in place by butterfly bows of white tulle.

Around this table were seated Mr. and Mrs. Murchison, Mr. Baker and Miss Ethel Long, Mr. Fred Long and Miss Lillian Socin, Mr. Robert May and Miss Blanche Freshwater.

The other guests were seated at small tables. After dinner congratulations were received. Mr. and Mrs. Murchison left on the 4:01 train for Crockett, Texas, where the groom is prosperously engaged in business. Mrs. Murchison will be missed by her many friends here but all wish them a long life of happiness.

Those present from out of Kingston were Mr. and Mrs. Cox and daughter, Carolyn, of Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kellenberger, Mrs. Virginia Clough, Misses Billian and Daisy Socin, Harriet, Elizabeth and Mary Kel-

lenberger, Chillicothe, Miss Laura Brundige, Columbus, Mrs. Harry E. Hunt, Newark, Mr. E. J. Leist, Circleville.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

(Real Estate.)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Houston county, on the 12th day of December, A. D. 1904, in the case of Louis Atkinson vs. G. C. Hamlin and J. C. Atkinson, No. 4902, and to me, as sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 15th day of December, A. D. 1904, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on the first Tuesday in February, A. D. 1905, it being the 7th day of said month, at the court house door of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which J. C. Atkinson had on the 14th day of September, A. D. 1904, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property to-wit: 46 1/2 acres of land out of the John Welsh league of land situated in the county of Houston, State of Texas, about 17 miles S. W. from the town of Crockett, and known as the J. C. Atkinson place on Nevils' prairie, and being the place on which J. C. Atkinson formerly resided, said property being levied on as the property of J. C. Atkinson to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$1174.34 and costs of suit in favor of Louis Atkinson against G. C. Hamlin and J. C. Atkinson. Given under my hand this 15th day of December, A. D. 1904.

A. W. PHILLIPS,
Sheriff Houston Co., Texas.

In Bankruptcy.

On Saturday at 12 o'clock noon, January 14th, 1905, at Grapeland, Houston county, Texas, I will offer for sale at sealed bids to the highest bidder for cash, the bankrupt stock of general merchandise and fixtures of Faris & Spence which invoices \$5600.00. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved and sale to be made subject to approval of court.

I will be in Grapeland all morning on day of sale, to show stock etc. Inventory subject to inspection. For any further information prior to sale, address, Lee Butler, Trustee, Tyler, Texas, or Adams & Adams, Attorneys, Crockett, Texas.

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THE TIRED COWBIRD

DOWNRIGHT LAZY IS THIS BLACK HOBO OF THE ORIOLE TRIBE.

It Builds No Nests of Its Own, but Lays Its Eggs in the Nests of Other Birds and Never Troubles Itself About Rearing Its Young.

The cowbird was born so tired that if he could compel any other bird to gather his food for him he would do so, but he cannot, so he scratches about all day among the herds of cattle and sheep and goes to roost at night in great bands of hundreds of his relatives, always selecting a bushy tree, such as a cypress, for a night's perch. All up and down the Mississippi river valley is the common summer home of these birds, for only in the depth of winter do they retreat to the warmer mesas of Mexico, whither most of the other birds have preceded them. In the spring following such a winter they are the first to return, filling all the new year air with their chatter and lining the barnyard trees.

You must not think that the glossy black and brown birds so plentiful around southern California barnyards during the winter months are cowbirds, for they are not. They are called "grackles" and seem to be more like crows than blackbirds. You can find their nests, big, bulky affairs, in the orange and cypress trees of almost any of your ranch homes. There are many, many members to the blackbird family, the sweet voiced meadow larks and the gorgeous golden orioles as well as the more sober colored blackbirds and grackles, and of all these but one forces the hatching of her eggs and the feeding of her young on to another bird mother.

In England the cuckoo has this same habit, but the American cuckoo builds her nest and sits on her eggs as nicely as any robin or dove could do. Sometimes our road runner so far forgets herself as to lay her eggs in the nest of a quail or a meadow lark, but not often, but when she does the bird upon whom Mrs. Road Runner tries to impose generally breaks the strange egg or else goes away and leaves the nest alone. Then the field mice and the wood rats have a feast, to which sometimes the road runner comes herself, for she is very fond of eggs as long as they are not her own.

But the cowbird never makes any such poor job as that. She always selects the nest of some smaller bird—in regions where warblers are plentiful the home of one of these little singers is most frequently chosen—and there as many eggs as she thinks the owner of the nest will submit to are laid. Sometimes the warbler goes right on incubating the intruder, but now and then the two old birds get together and dump the egg out on the ground. Nests have been found in which the warblers put a mud floor over the first nest and built another one on top of it, leaving their own eggs to spoil because they knew no other way to rid themselves of the cowbird. If the cowbird comes back by the repaired nest she will put another egg in it, and generally this egg is hatched and raised by the foster pair on whom it has been forced.

It requires about ten or eleven days for the young cowbird to break the shell, while most other birds of its size are two or three days longer, and thus he has a good start on the other nestlings in point of growth. When hatched the cowbird is larger than the sparrow or the warbler and consequently gradually crowds them into the background, taking all the food that should belong to them. As they grow weaker from this he grows stronger, and it is not long until he tips them out of the nest and is sole master of the two old birds, who work ceaselessly to satisfy his awful appetite. In a very few days he gets too large for the little nest and goes out into the branches, where the old birds still continue to feed him in a way they never do their own young after they have left the nest. In Mexico and South America there is a cowbird that sometimes builds a nest of her own and sits upon and hatches her own eggs, but no such thing ever happens among the black hoboes of the oriole family found farther north.

How many eggs a cowbird lays no one knows, but as many as seven have been found in one nest of the oven bird, a kind of thrush found in the eastern states. Usually, however, only one egg is laid in each nest, especially if the birds to whom the nest belongs are small and the nest too little to hold more than one of the cowbird's young in comfort. The parent cowbird never disturbs the eggs of any of the birds in whose nests she leaves her own, knowing full well that if she did so the nest builder would in all probability desert her home or throw the strange egg out. Oftentimes more than one cowbird lays in the same nest, and, as no two eggs of these birds are ever exactly alike in color, you may be sure that no cowbird knows her own egg half a minute after she has laid it.—Los Angeles Times.

Behind Wooden Ships.

Behind wooden ships, a "very old" sailor, with a strong preference for wooden ships, says that in 1811 he saw "Twenty" ships in the harbor.

clared himself "too old a dog to learn new tricks." In the Mobile fights his flagship was the wooden ship *Hurtford*, though he was urged to take the new ironclad *Tecumseh*. It was a noteworthy coincidence that the *Tecumseh* was the only vessel lost in the battle. She was sunk by a torpedo and went down with her captain and more than a hundred of her crew.

Every man has just as much vanity as he lacks understanding.—Pope.

NATIONAL ELECTION DAY.

Why It's the Tuesday After the First Monday in November.

Why should the law prescribe "the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November" instead of saying "the first Tuesday?" Like many other small things this provision introduces an interesting picture of the past.

Although the constitution requires the electors in all the states to meet and choose a president on the same day, it was not until 1845 that a law was passed by congress providing that the electors should be chosen on the same day throughout the United States. When William Henry Harrison was the Whig candidate, in 1840, New York began to vote on the first Monday in November, and the polls were kept open until Wednesday night. Election day in Massachusetts was the second Monday, but before that day, in this instance, enough states had voted to decide the contest. The National Intelligence of that year records that several thousand aged and infirm Whigs in Massachusetts did not bother to go to the polls.

Delaware voted a day later than Massachusetts. Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania were among the early voting states. Alabama was one of the last. This diversity, combined with slow methods of transmitting news, left the election results in doubt for many days.

The system was not satisfactory. The states that voted early had an undue influence on the result. Especially was this true as communication became more rapid, and by 1840 an enthusiastic editor told how the news from Pittsburg had been brought to New York in thirty-five hours. "This," he added significantly, "is a sign of the times."

Congress accordingly decided to establish a uniform day. The original bill named the first Tuesday in November, but it was found necessary to harmonize this with the requirement that not more than thirty days should elapse before the meeting of the electoral colleges in the different states, which had been set for the first Wednesday in December. When Tuesday is the first day of November, December will have no Wednesday till the seventh. The interval is thirty-seven days. Under the law as it was passed in 1845 not more than twenty-nine days can elapse between election day and the first Wednesday in December. Under the law of 1887 the electors do not meet to give their votes until the second Monday in January.—*Youth's Companion*.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

If you don't want to jeopardize friendship don't lend money to friends. When we hear of a person who refused to submit to an operation and got well we feel like cheering.

The youngest girl in a family is liable to put on princess airs long after her sixteen-year-old complexion fades.

Elderly men should not judge young men by themselves. Young men and elderly men are entirely different propositions.

The colors in a tree don't appeal to a man so much as the lumber in it, and all the poetry in the world will not change him.

Families should be good and large, so that every member will hear the real truth about himself from at least a half dozen persons.

Old fashioned hospitality is dying out. Perhaps you are to blame for killing off some of it. Did you ever visit often and too long?—*Atchison Globe*.

Japanese Courage.

The little men of Japan can give the world many thrilling stories of courage and many of clever stratagem as well.

One of the powerful nobles of the olden time was forced to flee from his enemy in haste. He hid in a barrel and was borne away by servants, who, meeting the enemy, declared that the barrel contained food.

"If there is anything living in it there will be blood on my sword," said the nobleman's enemy and thrust his weapon into the barrel. It went through the hidden man's legs and made a terrible wound. But he, with quick thought, wiped the blade on the hem of his garment as it was drawn out, so that it went out clean, and he was not discovered.

A Vast Fortune Is Not Riches.

To be engulfed in one's occupation, swallowed up in a complicated life, harassed by the striving and straining, the worry and anxiety which accompany a vast fortune, is not to be rich. Time and opportunity and inclination to help others are the most valuable things in the world, and if you cannot seize these, if you cannot utilize them to your own enlargement, your own betterment, you are poor indeed although you may be rich in the bank.

MAHOGANY WOOD.

The Way It Came to Be Used in the Making of Furniture.

Chippendale owes his reputation to the fact that he published a book of designs with over 200 copperplate engravings, so that today any one who wishes may get them and reproduce them exactly or with such changes and improvements as suit his fancy. That they are capable of improvement Chippendale himself was the first to declare. Chippendale was one of the first makers of mahogany furniture. Before his time this precious wood was valued only for the medicinal qualities it was supposed to possess.

The idea of making furniture of mahogany wood appears to have been the result of chance. A certain physician in London had a great many mahogany planks, and, wanting a candle box, he sent for a cabinetmaker and instructed him to use the mahogany for the required article of furniture. The man objected that the wood was too hard for his tools, and the doctor told him to get harder tools. The man did so, and when the doctor saw the box he was amazed at its beauty. Patients and friends talked about it, and at last the Duchess of Buckingham came to see it. She was enraptured and persuaded the doctor to give her wood for a similar box. As a result mahogany got to be the fashion.

HORSEPOWER.

The Unit as It Was Originated and Defined by Watt.

When steam engines were employed to drive mills, pumps and other machinery which had been previously driven by horses, it was natural to attempt to express the work done by them in terms of the working power of the horse.

James Watt was the first to define the unit of horsepower, which by experiment he found to be 33,000 foot pounds a minute. In other words, a one horsepower engine would raise 33,000 pounds one foot every minute, and so on proportionally to the number of "horsepowers" indicated by the engine.

He arrived at this conclusion by observing the work done by heavy dray horses in breweries working eight hours daily and found that a horse going at the rate of two miles and a half an hour could raise a weight of 150 pounds by a rope led over a pulley, which is equal to 33,000 pounds raised one foot in one minute.

Watt, for the credit of his engines, selected horses of more than average power.

THE ELDER TREE.

In Days Long Gone by It Was Held in Disrepute.

In olden days to be crowned with elder was a disgrace. In an old play we read, "Laird for a garland and elder for disgrace." This may have been due to the story which Shakespeare has noticed that Judas hanged himself upon an elder tree: Well follow'd; Judas was hanged on an elder.—"Love's Labour's Lost."

This legend was generally accepted. Ben Jonson in "Every Man Out of His Humour" has, "He shall be your Judas, and you shall be his elder tree to hang on," and Nixon in his "Strange Footsteps," "Our gardens will prosper the better when they have in them not one of those elders whereupon so many covetous Judases hang themselves." Shakespeare also makes it an emblem of grief:

Grow patience
And let the stinking elder, grief, untwine
His perishing root with the increasing
vine.—"Cymbeline."

—London Telegraph.

Miseries of the Red Sea.

In the waters of the Red sea the cessation of the engines on a steamer for an hour means extreme physical suffering for passengers. For a day it would involve absolute torture. The wind which prevails every day is a hot, asphyxiating blast, and its continuous directions are from north and south toward the center. As a result every passing vessel is subjected to two days of almost intolerable heat, followed by two days of comparative comfort, but instances have been known of crowded liners being compelled when traveling with the wind to turn round and steam back for an hour or so in order to give the passengers even a brief respite from the sufferings induced by the dull, dead, unbearable atmosphere.—*London Tit-Bits*.

Defiance.

A little boy in Deering, Me., was brought before his father recently and accused of killing a chicken. "Who told you about it?" asked the boy. "The hen did," said the father. Nothing more was said that day, but the next morning the hen was found dead, and the boy, being accused of killing it, admitted it, saying in defense, "Yes, I did kill the hen, and I'll kill every hen that tells on me."

Justified.

City Editor—Why do you say he ran into the police station "puffing and blowing?" "Puffing" and "blowing" are synonymous. Reporter—Not at all. There's a vast difference—for instance, between puffing a man up and blowing him up.—*Philadelphia Ledger*.

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Woman witness—Can't answer it. If the court doesn't care to hear what I think there's no use questioning me, for I am not a lawyer and can't talk without thinking.—Boston Bulletin.

Too Much to Expect.
"See here, landlord, must I sit here forever before I get the half chicken that I have ordered?"

"Oh, no, sir! I'm only waiting till somebody comes and orders the other half. Of course, I can't kill a half a chicken!"—Fliegende Blaetter.



Very Essential.

Mamie—Tain't ther clothes what makes ther man, Jimmy.
Jimmy—What! Say, did you ever have yer clothes swiped when you was in swimmin'?

A Changed Woman.
"Well, well," said the returned traveler, "and so you zre married now. It seems only yesterday since you left school. How time does fly!"

"Yes," replied Mrs. Younger, "only a short time ago I never clipped anything from the papers but poems, and now I clip nothing but recipes."

Too Bad.
"Hello, Ragsey!" said the first newsboy, sarcastically, "I didn't see yer at de Astorbilt' weddin' last night."

"No," replied the other, "I wuz all ready to go, but me bloom'n' wuz didn't show up in time to mannyure me fingernails."—Philadelphia Press

An Envious Life.
"Who is that lazy-looking man over there with the broad shoulders and the high cheek bones? He never seems to do anything."

"That man? He doesn't have to do anything. He's a famous baseball player."



Visible Proof.

The Judge—Who was present when the prisoner knocked you down?
The Victim—I was, your honor.

Those Hind Feet.
First Farmer—Thet's not the way to ride a mule; why don't yer set farther front?
Second Farmer—Say, don't I know which end of this here mule I want ter keep on ther ground?—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Not All Accounted for.
Gerald—"There's a fool born every minute."
Geraldine—"But that would be only sixty an hour."

The small girl was asked if she believed the earth turned around. "Yes, I know it does," she answered; "I just wiggle my feet when I walk, and the earth runs out from under them."

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For children's teething, soothes the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

The trouble is that fretters aren't content to fret by themselves. They want to be accompanied by a large chorus.

There is no organized community of Jews anywhere in Japan excepting at Nagasaki. The synagogue there was built by a Japanese woman who had married a Jew. When he died she built the synagogue in his memory.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.
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FRANK J. CHENEY.
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—Sisters of Charity.

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THE CROCKETT COURIER.

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ALL OVER TEXAS.

The V. P. Kearly Bakery Co., of Paris, has decided to move to Dallas, where a line of specialties will be manufactured.

Friday fire was discovered in the cotton yard at Carbon and before the fire could be put out eleven bales of cotton were pretty badly burned.

A negro named John Taylor took a fancy shot at a negro preacher of the Methodist denomination at Waco some time Monday morning grazing the preacher's hand.

The State Convention of the Y. M. C. A. will meet at Hillsboro on the 19th, 20th and 21st of March, 1905. About 200 delegates will be in attendance.

The official count of the votes cast in the prohibition election in Navarro County on Dec. 16 shows that there were 2,270 votes for prohibition and 1,386 against.

Thieves entered the home of F. W. Overstreet at Ector Tuesday night, and stole \$535 in cash that Mr. Overstreet had earned by hard work, and laid away for a rainy day.

Rev. R. C. Pender of Paris, who has been engaged in evangelical work for a number of years, received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church at Bowie.

William Jennings Bryan arrived in Galveston Friday on a visit to Col. W. L. Moody. Some time will be spent in hunting and fishing. Mr. Bryan is accompanied by his son William.

The 9-year-old daughter of W. H. Chittum of Commerce, on a visit to her grandparents a mile northwest of Paris fell down a stairway and broke her arm while walking in her sleep.

Dennis Call, organizer of the Beaumont National Bank and prominent in financial circles of the State, died Friday morning. He was a prominent Mason, and was buried by that order.

The Harrison County Grand jury adjourned, retracing twenty bills of indictment, mostly against gamblers. It is believed the new year will be ushered in with a strenuous reform move.

The Controller of the Currency has authorized the American National Bank of El Paso to begin business, with a capital of \$200,000. A. P. Coles, president; W. J. Harris, vice-president; John M. Wyatt, cashier.

The thermometer reached 22 degrees at Laredo Wednesday. Heavy frost and ice showed up next morning. The onion crop was not hurt, but many garden vegetables were completely destroyed.

Several of the largest ranchmen of that section have entered into an agreement to extend vast sums in establishing orange groves on their property between Corpus Christi and Brownsville.

Dr. J. L. Vowel, a prominent physician, died at Sunset Thursday. The deceased, who was about 73 years of age, resided in Grayson County many years, having settled at Farmington soon after the Civil War.

The body of Henry Push, aged fifty-three years, was found hanging from a limb of a tree near the poorhouse in Travis County Thursday morning. He was an inmate of the poorhouse. He stated that he would suicide.

The Star flour mills at Galveston will improve their capacity from 800 barrels to 1,000 barrels of flour per day. The additional machinery to be installed will approximate in value between \$25,000 and \$30,000.

Dennis Call, one of the leading bankers and lumber men of East Texas died at his home at Beaumont after a long illness of Bright's disease.

The State teachers in session at Corsicana chose San Antonio as the next place of meeting.

Capt. Robert L. Howze of the Sixth Cavalry, who has just been appointed commandant of the cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point, is a Texan. He is a brother of Dr. Howze of Austin.

The faculty of the State Normal School, San Marcos, has decided to conduct a summer session beginning about June 1, and continuing eight weeks.

PORT ARTHUR HAS FALLEN

End Written of Most Dramatic Incident of Modern War Periods.

THE NEGOTIATIONS ENDED.

Fall of the Fortress Properly Dates From May 27, When Stoessel Was Forced Back--Operations Marked by Almost Ceaseless Fighting.

Tokio, Jan. 2, 10 p. m.—The text of General Nogai's telegram announcing the capitulation of the Russian forces at Port Arthur is as follows: "The plenipotentiaries of both parties concluded their negotiations today at 4:30 o'clock. The Russian commissioners accepted on the whole the conditions stipulated by us and consented to capitulate. The document has been prepared and signatures are now being affixed. Simultaneously with the conclusion of negotiations both armies suspended hostilities. It is expected the Japanese army will enter the city of Port Arthur tomorrow."

Port Arthur has surrendered. Exhausted by months of almost constant fighting, decimated by disease and casualties and hopelessly sealed in its rocky fortress, the gallant garrison has yielded to its gallant besiegers, and the end is now written of the most dramatic war incident of modern times.

At 9 o'clock last night General Nogai, commanding the Japanese army of investment, received from the Russian commander, General Stoessel, a note saying that he found further resistance useless and asking for a meeting to arrange terms of capitulation. The note was simple and direct and the Japanese general immediately named commissioners to confer with representatives of the Russian commander. They met at noon today to arrange the conditions of surrender.

The nature of the terms agreed on is not yet known, but dispatches from Tokio indicate that they will be of the most magnanimous character.

The emperor of Japan himself, through the chief of the imperial staff, has given public expression that "General Stoessel has rendered commendable service to his country in the midst of difficulties," and that it is his wish that "military honors be shown him." A dispatch from Tokio quotes military authority as believing that the entire garrison will be allowed to march out under arms and may be sent to Russia on parole.

Late dispatches from Japan have shown that the gallant defense of Stoessel and his men has nowhere been given a finer appreciation than in the land of his foes, and it is more than likely that Japan will embrace the opportunity to show her magnanimity and admiration of the gallantry of Port Arthur's defenders by allowing them all the honors which war permits a victorious army to bestow on the vanquished.

The siege and the defense of Russia's stronghold in the far East have been marked by bravery, gallantry and desperation unequalled in modern warfare and hardly excelled in military history.

Submarines for Russia. Newport News, Va.: The situation last night indicated that the predicted holdup of the German steamship Ardia, with the two Lake submarine boats reported to be destined ultimately for the Russian navy on board, has occurred. Just after a pilot had boarded the steamer, which was scheduled to sail at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, a stranger, whose identity was not learned, appeared within the ship yard, and a few minutes later it was announced that the vessel would not sail. Information as to the cause of the change of program, the destination of the submarines and the identity of the messenger is refused.

Two Children Burn to Death. Diamondville, Wyo.: Two children of John McPhee, one of them 7 years old and the other a babe, have been burned to death in a fire that destroyed the McPhee home. The parents were absent at the time and did not learn of their loss until they returned.

THE COLORADO ELECTION.

Returns to Go Through the Mills of the Supreme Court.

Denver, Colo., Dec. 31.—Stretching its hand so as to cast a shadow over every man and woman in any way connected in election frauds of the city and county of Denver on or before or after November 9, the supreme court today ordered an investigation so sweeping in its scope that every phase of the election may be scrutinized and everything that bears in any way upon the election may be made known by judicial inquiry.

Alva Adams, Democratic candidate for Governor, who appeared from the returns to have been elected, but who has declared that he does not want the office tainted with fraud, asked the court to open every Denver ballot box but the order of the court goes beyond the mere examination of the ballots and provides for an investigation of the registration lists, the campaign expenditures and, in brief, all election matters.

Attorneys Samuel Bedford, for Adams, and A. H. Jersey, for the Republicans, asked the court to make its order of such breadth that the court need not stop at anything in the investigation. The court said that was what it intended to do, and asked the lawyers to agree upon the wording of the order and present it to the court for approval next Tuesday morning. As there were 204 ballot boxes it is evident several months will be consumed in the examination of their contents by the two handwriting experts to be appointed for this work.

It is expected that the supreme court will be asked to make an order placing special watches at the court house to guard the registration books until such time as the investigation is made.

There are probably 20,000 fraudulent registrations on the books of the city and county of Denver, said Attorney J. H. Brown, the principal advisor of the Republican city central committee, today.

F. A. Williams, chairman of the Republican committee, has issued the following statement over his signature:

"Our investigation into the conduct of the recent election in Denver has developed the fact that approximately 20,000 fraudulent votes were cast or counted for Alva Adams in this city. There is now no reason to doubt that Gov. Peabody and the Republican State ticket was fairly elected on Nov. 8 by the votes of a large majority of the legal voters of this State."

Fatal Train Wreck on the Choctaw.

Oklahoma City: A west bound passenger train on the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf railway collided head-on with an east-bound freight train twenty miles west of here early Friday. Both trains were demolished and the cars piled up. Frank Curry, engineer of the passenger train, and three of Shawnee, O. T., are dead. Several passengers were injured, none fatally.

Traveling Not Educational.

John Langdon and James Decey recently printed extracts from the "clean poet" did not indorse the popular notion that traveling has an educational value. Most tourists are, in opinion, guided chiefly by the desire to get good things to eat in the restaurants and to flirt with the foreign girls. He commends the sincerity of a party of Bavarians who played on top of a high peak to pass the time.

Dr. Irvine at Quincy, Ill.

After twenty years the contents of the verdict in the diocesan trial of the Rev. Ingram N. W. Irvine, who was then dean of the Cathedral of St. John in Quincy, Ill., has been made public in its entirety, although it remained pigeonholed during all this time, because of an understanding based on the condition that Irvine would not appeal from the decision suspending him from the ministry for one year.

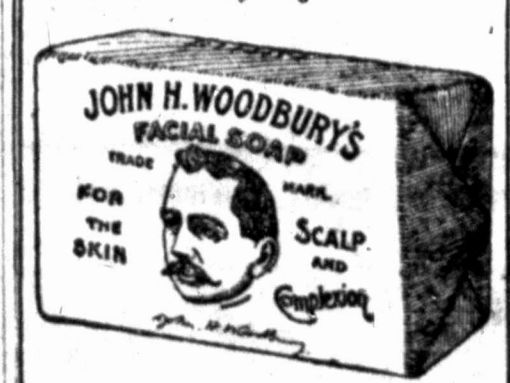
Gay New Year at Flatonia.

Flatonia, Texas: New Year's is being celebrated by all places of business being closed. A big cattle roping contest was pulled off in the afternoon. The brass band played on the public square all morning. Last night the Flatonia orchestra tendered its friends a complimentary ball at the opera house.

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ABSORBED IN HER WORK.

Woman Writer Had Most Unusual Gift of Concentration.

Mrs. Somerville, the popular scientific writer, had a wonderful gift of concentration. She wrote her books dealing with the phenomena of the universe with the bustle of family life in full swing around her. Her husband once made a wager with a friend that he would abuse her to her face while she was writing, and that she would remain unconscious of it. Accordingly, one night, as she was absorbed in composition, he said to his friend: "Would you ever imagine that my wife rouges? It's a fact. What's more she wears a wig and her teeth are false." Her daughters were in roars of laughter, but she went on placidly writing. At last her husband said: "Mrs. Somerville" in a louder tone, and paused. Then she looked up and asked innocently, "Did you speak to me, dear?"—London Globe.

A remarkable peculiarity is said to belong to the Russian cross of St. George. All who are decorated with it have the right to demand a pardon for one Russian subject condemned to death.

A man may know that he is approaching old age when he ceases to struggle to be among the first to leave a railroad car when he is in no particular hurry.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Shouting Their Praises.

Kirkland, Ill., Jan. 2nd.—(Special) —Cured of the terrible Rheumatic pains that made him a cripple for years, Mr. Richard R. Greenhon, an old and respected resident of this place is shouting the praises of the remedy that cured him, Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I had the rheumatism in my left limb so that I could not walk over ten to fifteen rods at a time, and that by the use of two canes," Mr. Greenhon says. "I would have to sit or lie down on the ground when I was out trying to walk and the sweat would run down my face, with so much pain. I could not sleep at night for about five or six weeks."

"I tried different doctors' medicines, but they were all no good. Then I sent for Dodd's Kidney Pills and almost from the first they brought relief. By the time I had taken fourteen boxes of them my rheumatism was all gone and I can truly say I feel better than I have in the last twenty-five years."

A girl does not wear many rings at her wedding, because they might interfere with her crossing her fingers hurriedly when she promises to obey him always.—Exchange.

Save Your Lungs.

Don't neglect that cough. One pair of lungs is all you'll ever have—treat them well. Simmons' Cough Syrup will soothe and strengthen them, stop the cough and give you a chance to sleep in peace.

You can no more filter your mind into purity than you can compress it into calmness; you must keep it pure if you have it pure, and throw no stones into it if you would have it quiet.—Ruskin.

A Paris burglar, in trying to escape from a shop, fell into a barrel of lard, in which he sunk up to his neck.

The people who want the earth should realize that there is enough of it to go around—on its axis.

Texas Topics

Ground to Pieces by an Engine.

Paris: Pat Mehair, a stranger, was run over and killed by the incoming Frisco passenger train, two miles north of town Friday evening. When struck he was lying on top of the track face downward. Another man was sitting between him and the approaching train. The latter jumped up and attempted to flag the train, instead of pulling his companion off the track, but the engineer was unable to stop soon enough to save the man.

Fannin Farmers Fare Finely.

Bonham: Quite a number of lead-farmers of Fannin County are on the safe side of the cotton question, having sold all of their crop early in the season when 10c was easy to get for it. The impression is becoming general that more money can be made by the cultivation of almost any other product of the farm. It is the general opinion among those informed that next year will see the diversification idea put to the test.

Grayson's Cotton Crop.

Sherman: Grayson County added its quota toward making a 13,000,000-bale crop of cotton not only possible, but probable. An authentic report from the cotton gins of the country up to the close of Dec. 13 shows that even then there had been ginned 85,226 bales in this county, against a little less than 60,000 altogether last year. It is believed that the year's total will be 1,000 to 1,500 greater than the showing on Dec. 13.

Mester and Vessel Go Down.

Port Arthur: Capt. James Wilder, master of the steamship Northeastern, going to pieces on Diamond Shoals, was too unwell to sail on her and she went out under charge of the first officer. Capt. Wilder rapidly grew worse and died at 6:40 p. m. Friday. His death was due to aggravated bronchial trouble. It is considered here a strange coincidence that Master and vessel perish so far apart and so near the same time.

To Hang for Murdering His Wife.

Paris: John Reeves, convicted of wife murder in the District Court of Red River County, and affirmed on appeal at the recent Tyler term, was sentenced by Judge B. H. Denton at Clarksville to hang Feb. 17. The defendant was unmoved when sentence was pronounced. The crime was committed near Avery on the line of Bowie County last April. The victim was buried in the yard, and the ground plowed over to conceal the burial.

Mexican Money Pouring In.

El Paso: A. L. Van Antwerp, traffic agent of the Mexican-American Steamship Company, says that Mexican pesos have been pouring into that country from foreign cities at a rapid rate since the announcement of a new financial system. After January 1 the import duty on Mexican silver money will be prohibitive, and those holding it in New York and elsewhere have hurriedly shipped large consignments to the Republic.

Mormons in Office.

Washington: Postmaster General Wynne's investigation and report on the question of polygamous postmasters in the State of Idaho is likely to open up the whole question of Mormon Federal officeholders. President Roosevelt is considering the discovery of half a dozen polygamous postmasters made by Mr. Wynne and the report to be made to the Senate, and it is not improbable that a general investigation he was 90 years old.

Railway Building in Texas.

Austin: Engineer R. A. Thon, son of the Railroad Commission gave out a statement of the number of miles of railroad built in Texas during the year to end Dec. 31, 1904, as follows: Beaumont, Sour Lake and Western ten miles; Nacogdoches and Southwestern six and one-half miles; St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico 172.4 miles; Missouri, Kansas and Texas thirty miles; San Antonio and Aransas Pass thirty-six miles; Wichita Falls and Oklahoma twenty-two miles; total 283.9 miles. Mileage built during six months ending Dec. 31, 1904, 74.9; mileage in operation June 30, 1904, 11,536.10; total railroad mileage in operation Dec. 31, 1904, 11,611.

Panhandler Made Money.

Fort Worth: O. B. Burnett, who lives near Memphis in the Panhandle section of this State along the line of the Denver road, made a fine record on his cotton farm this year. On eighty-five acres of land with no use of fertilizer he made seventy-three bales, which he marketed early in the season and for which he received 10c per pound. This land was worth before he planted at about \$6 per acre.

Mr. Burnett also kept a close account of the cost of producing the crop and figures it out, including his labor and the labor of his family with hired help, and the cost of gathering at 3c per pound. The crop netted Mr. Burnett 7c per pound. Averaging the bales at 450 pounds Mr. Burnett cleared \$2,299.50 on his investment. This was in a section of the State heretofore considered useless for any other purpose except cattle raising.

Caught by a Belt.

Taylor: About 9 o'clock Wednesday while Joe M. Holder, president of the Holder Lumber Company of this city, was adjusting some machinery at the grist mill, run in connection with the plant, his clothing was caught in the belt and stripped from the body. He was carried to the ceiling by the line shaft, a distance of 12 feet, from which he fell to the floor, sustaining painful and perhaps serious injuries.

Accidentally Killed.

Wallisville: A serious accident occurred in Wallisville Saturday evening and Carroll Fuiks, a youth of 17 years, was accidentally shot in the head with a 22-caliber rifle in the hands of his friend Ed Hill. Brain substance oozed from the wound. He promptly recovered from the shock and became conscious, although the left side was paralyzed, which improved, but he died at 8:30 Wednesday night.

Money for McKinney-Bonham Line.

McKinney: J. L. White has received a letter from Richmond Levering, the Chicago capitalist at the head of the company which is to build the Bonham-McKinney interurban railway, stating he had just returned from New York, where he had arranged with a construction company to build the road. Work must actually begin within ninety days after the money bonus is raised and right of way guaranteed.

Biggest Rain in Years.

Houston: The rain that fell Monday over South Texas was the heaviest since the Galveston storm, amounting to nearly two and a half inches. A norther swooped down at night and the cold is the severest of the winter. All streams in the coast country are greatly swollen. Buffalo Bayou is a raging torrent. Several barges broke from their moorings and were wrecked.

Traveling Not Educational.

Recently printed extracts from the diary of Adolf Pichlers show that that Tyrolean poet did not indorse the popular notion that traveling has an educational value. Most tourists are, in his opinion, guided chiefly by the desire to get good things to eat in the hotels and to flirt with the foreign girls, and in the end they are surprised to find themselves as much bored as at home. He commends the sincerity of a party of Bavarians who played cards on top of a high peak to pass away the time.

Fatal Train Wreck on the Choctaw.

Oklahoma City: A west bound passenger train on the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf railway collided head-on with an east-bound freight train twenty miles west of here early Friday. Both engines were demolished and the cars were piled up. Frank Curry, engineer, and Fireman Butts, of the passenger train, of Shawnee, O. T., are dead. Several passengers were injured, none fatally.

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HARD TO BELIEVE.

Russians Discount Recent Japanese Victories.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 31.—Many people profess to disbelieve the news of the fall of Rihungshan, which in military circles is accepted as a melancholy fact. The Japanese have thereby gotten within the wall twelve feet thick connecting the inner forts, under cover of which the Russians have hitherto been able to send reinforcements to any point. Such reinforcements must now be sent under fire of the enemy.

A military authority, writing in the Novo Vremyo, says that to bring up reserves will not be a very difficult task but stiff fighting is still possible.

It is the opinion of military experts here that Gen. Stoessel will retire to Liao Tshan unless the Japanese prevent him.

At Vilna anarchists have been found distributing seditious literature among the soldiers.

The demonstration at Warsaw in which Col. Boulatoff, commander of the troops, was shot dead, was purely of an anarchist nature and had nothing to do with mobilization.

Admiral Skrydloff has been ordered home. It is reported that he will be given command of the third squadron and ultimately succeed Admiral Rojestvensky.

The navy department published a letter written by a man on the Battleship Sevastopol, which had fallen into the hands of Japanese. The writer despairs of the relief of the fortress, and tells of the destruction wrought by Japanese shells. He says the Russians are resigned to their fate and are determined to fight to a finish, rather than suffer the shame of surrender owing to starvation.

A report that the cruisers Orel and Izumrud of the second Pacific squadron has been ordered to return is current here, but lacks official confirmation. If the report should prove true Vice Admiral Rojestvensky may be obliged to await reinforcements from the third Pacific squadron.

Ground to Pieces by an Engine.

Paris: Pat Mehair, a stranger, was run over and killed by the incoming Frisco passenger train, two miles north of town Friday evening. When struck he was lying on top of the track face downward. Another man was sitting between him and the approaching train. The latter jumped up and attempted to flag the train, instead of pulling his companion off the track, but the engineer was unable to stop soon enough to save the man.

Fannin Farmers Fare Finely.

Bonham: Quite a number of lead-farmers of Fannin County are on the safe side of the cotton question, having sold all of their crop early in the season when 10c was easy to get for it. The impression is becoming general that more money can be made by the cultivation of almost any other product of the farm. It is the general opinion among those informed that next year will see the diversification idea put to the test.

Grayson's Cotton Crop.

Sherman: Grayson County added its quota toward making a 13,000,000-bale crop of cotton not only possible, but probable. An authentic report from the cotton gins of the country up to the close of Dec. 13 shows that even then there had been ginned 85,226 bales in this county, against a little less than 60,000 altogether last year. It is believed that the year's total will be 1,000 to 1,500 greater than the showing on Dec. 13.

Mester and Vessel Go Down.

Port Arthur: Capt. James Wilder, master of the steamship Northeastern, going to pieces on Diamond Shoals, was too unwell to sail on her and she went out under charge of the first officer. Capt. Wilder rapidly grew worse and died at 6:40 p. m. Friday. His death was due to aggravated bronchial trouble. It is considered here a strange coincidence that Master and vessel perish so far apart and so near the same time.

Back to First Principles.

Washington: In a report submitted to Chief Justice Alvey the Grand Jury recommended the establishment of a whipping post as a means of punishment for wife beaters. This penalty was first suggested in President Roosevelt's annual message to Congress, and the Grand Jury by a majority vote recorded its approval for wife beaters, and petty larceny offenses.

Japanese Go Step by Step 'Gainst the Strongest Fort

New York, Dec. 30.—The Herald this morning prints the following dispatch dated at St. Petersburg:

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Information of officers of the general staff is to the effect that the excessively cold nights are working havoc with Gen. Kuropatkin's forces. According to this authority, not less than 700 men have died from exposure.

Messages to the highest quarters have been received from Gen. Kuropatkin bitterly complaining of the tardiness in the commissary department in sending supplies necessary to the soldiers, who are insufficiently clothed to meet the rigors of a winter campaign, and insisting that until a better organization is made military operations are impossible.

Supplies arriving are of exceedingly poor quality and insufficient in quantity. Gen. Nevers, who was sent to Moscow to control shipments, is condemning whole train loads of supplies. He was sent to Moscow by the Emperor.

Chefoo, Dec. 30.—The Japanese line at Port Arthur is now, as a result of the general attack beginning Dec. 25, much closer to Liao Tie Mountain.

Chinese who left Port Arthur yesterday and arrived here today report that a greatly inferior Russian force defended the outermost of the trenches for three days, retiring when the Japanese artillery has secured an enfilading position. The fighting was at a range of two-thirds of a mile, the Japanese fearing mines. The Russians returned to Ching Kalkao.

Japanese who arrived at Chefoo today from Port Dainy say the recent fighting by the Japanese Yang Tsuban (possibly Keekwan Mountain), enabling the Japanese to seriously harass land communication with the Liao Tie forts and with the forts on Etse and Antse Mountains. The capture of Yang Tsuban Hill followed several night attacks, during which the Japanese became confused, killed one another and retired when the mistake was discovered by the appearance of the moon.

The Japanese here further report that severe fighting has occurred on the northern flank, principally at Rihlung Mountain.

Two steamers recently ran the blockade of Port Arthur. One of them was captured by the Japanese when emerging from the harbor.

Paris, Dec. 30.—A convivial circle of Dortmund sent Gen. Kuroki in September a card of enthusiastic congratulations on his military success and has now the following answer:

"On the Battlefield, in Manchuria, Nov. 5.—How I rejoice to be congratulated at so great a distance upon our victories. As you know we are pupils of German tactics, hence have double pleasure in being congratulated by German men. With special regards, your obedient servant,

"KUROKI"

The above letter from Gen. Kuroki removes all doubts, if any existed, that Gen. Kuroki is still alive.

Headquarters of the Japanese Army, Before Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 29.—Rihlung Fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning, with a thousand Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines exploded at 10 o'clock yesterday and made breaches in the front wall, through which a large body of Jap-

Oil Steamer Wrecked.

Norfolk: After being imprisoned on the wrecked oil steamer Northeastern bound from Port Arthur, Texas, to Philadelphia, nine miles off Cape Hatteras for thirty-six hours, Capt. Wilder and his crew of twenty-one men were taken ashore by the crews of Kinnakeet, Freeds Hill and Hatteras lifesaving stations. The big steamer is pounding Diamond Shoals under a terrific sea and the crew says she will be a total loss.

Death in a Break for Liberty.

Folsom, Cal.: Seven of the nine convicts at the State prison made a break for liberty and three are dead and three are in a critical condition from bullet wounds. Capt. R. J. Murphy, a prison official, was wounded by a shot in the leg, and received two slight knife wounds. The convicts who engaged in the break were all employed in the rock crusher, where some of the most desperate prisoners were at work.

Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment, and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped.

NATIONAL COTTON ASSOCIATION.

Its Object to Restrict Acreage and Diversify Crops.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 30.—Crop Statistical Agent Oswald Wilson gave out the following as the objects of the National Cotton Association for the reduction of the cotton acreage:

The objects of this association are "the protection and promotion of the cotton industry of the South." This will be brought about by teaching every farmer, be he landlord or tenant, white or black, first, the absolute necessity of making his crop on a cash basis; second, that the adoption of the cultural methods of growing cotton, whether his field is infested by the boll weevil or not, is imperative. The cultural methods will necessitate rotation of crops and intensive culture of cotton and one of the results will be the restriction of acreage; third, diversification—something to sell every day. This will necessitate the farmer planting more of other crops and not depending entirely upon cotton as his one source of cash revenue.

To carry out the objects of this association the active work of organizing the farmers by counties is now under way, and when organized we will have the active co-operation of the various State agricultural colleges, experiment stations and the United States Department of Agriculture.

With the execution of these plans many of the vexatious problems now confronting the cotton farmer will disappear, and the cotton industry will prosper as no other industry in the world, and the South will become the richest and highest developed section of our Nation.

Senator Depew to Senate.

New York, Dec. 30.—Senator Chauncey M. Depew said today that he had won in his campaign for re-election to the United States Senate. He made the announcement after a conference by appointment with Gov. Odell, Speaker of the Assembly Nixon and State Senators Eisberg and Maltby. The conference was not a long one, and when over, the Senator came down stairs smiling and apparently happy, went to the reporters and greeted them warmly and said: "Gentlemen, the fight is all over. A harmonious outcome has been brought about by the only man in the State that could have done it—Gov. Odell. He has done magnificently in this case, and the party is now harmonious."

Gov. Odell announced this afternoon that the case had been settled and Chauncey M. Depew would be the only one in the Republic caucus.

Accidentally Killed.

Wallisville: A serious accident occurred in Wallisville Saturday evening and Carroll Fuiks, a youth of 17 years, was accidentally shot in the head with a 22-caliber rifle in the hands of his friend Ed Hill. Brain substance oozed from the wound. He promptly recovered from the shock and became conscious, although the left side was paralyzed, which improved, but he died at 8:30 Wednesday night.

Mexican Money Pouring In.

El Paso: A. L. Van Antwerp, traffic agent of the Mexican-American Steamship Company, says that Mexican pesos have been pouring into that country from foreign cities at a rapid rate since the announcement of a new financial system. After January 1 the import duty on Mexican silver money will be prohibitive, and those holding it in New York and elsewhere have hurriedly shipped large consignments to the Republic.

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The letter of Miss Merkley, whose picture is printed above, proves beyond question that thousands of cases of inflammation of the ovaries and womb are annually cured by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Gradual loss of strength and nerve force told me something was radically wrong with me. I had severe shooting pains through the pelvic organs, cramps and extreme irritation compelled me to seek medical advice. The doctor said that I had ovarian trouble and ulceration, and advised an operation. I strongly objected to this and decided to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I soon found that my judgment was correct, and that all the good things said about this medicine were true, and day by day I felt less pain and increased appetite. The ulceration soon healed, and the other complications disappeared, and in eleven weeks I was once more strong and vigorous and perfectly well.

"My heartiest thanks are sent to you for the great good you have done me."—Sincerely yours, MISS MARGARET MERKLEY, 275 Third St., Milwaukee, Wis.—\$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be shown.

There are more counties in the United States named for Washington than for any other man. The capital, a stated and two cities exceeding 20,000 in population also bear his name.

"You never hear any one complain about 'Defiance Starch.' There is none so equal in quality and quantity, 15 ounces, 15 cents. Try it now and save your money.

"I met Mable this morning out walking with her brown collie dog. She was wearing a blue frock. Just fancy wearing a blue frock with a brown dog!"—Stray Stories.

If a man is hard on his children he is usually an easy mark for his grandchildren.

This is No Joke.

Hunt's Cure has saved more people from the "Old Scratch" than any other known agent, simply because it makes scratching entirely unnecessary. One application relieves any form of itching skin disease that ever afflicted mankind. One box guaranteed to cure any one case.

Some women will believe things in novels that their husbands couldn't make stick with affidavits.—Galveston News.

Last you forget, again we say, Cheatham's Laxative Tablets are guaranteed to cure colds.

The outside walls of many of the houses in Mexico are from three feet to six feet thick, to withstand earthquake shocks.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. (Shooting, Itching, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Your druggist will refund money if FOLEY'S OINTMENT fails to cure you in 5 to 14 days. 50c.

"Some men," said Uncle Eben, "falls in life because dey regards work merely as 'sumpin' dat interfers wid deir goin' fishin'."—Washington Star.

True design is not constructed decoration, but decorated construction.

McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY. Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South. Give them a call.

Time is money, but it never bought any one a feather bed.

I am sure Pilo's Cure for Consumption saved my life three years ago.—Mrs. THOS. ROBINSON, Maple Street, Norwich, N. Y., Feb. 17, 1900.

The best actress gets the most flowers—if she buys them.

FITS permanently cured. No more nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FIFTEEN CENTS trial bottle and treatise. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 25 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Might in attempting to make right frequently bungles the job.

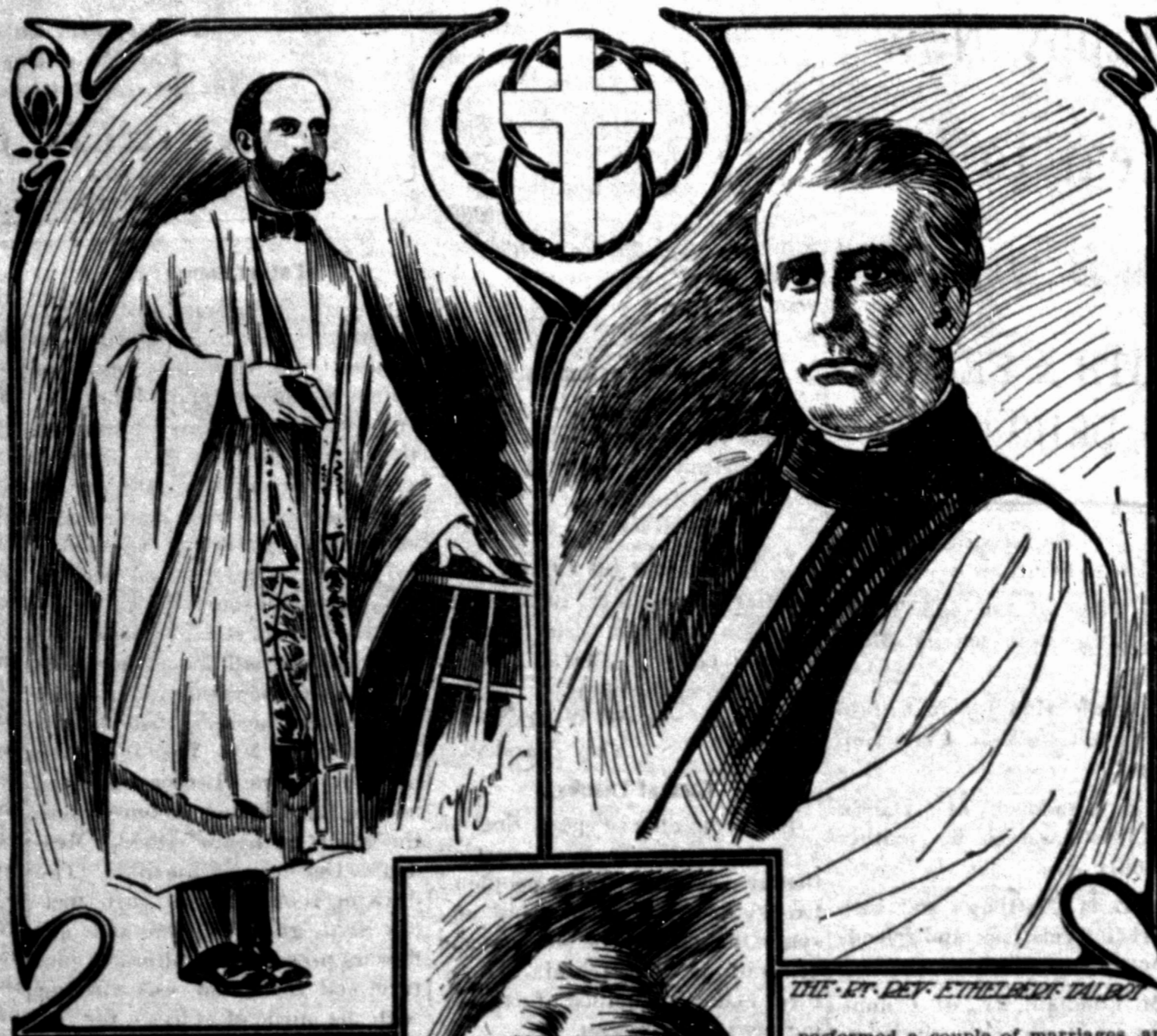
Most town folks admire their country relatives for visiting purposes only.

Defiance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best or money refunded. 15 ounces, 15 cents. Try it now.

Just the same, we enjoy the praise of people we despise.

If Satan's jailer were anything like the apartment house burglar his tenants would soon be kicking up for more heat.

CHURCH SCANDAL INVOLVES PRELATE AND OTHERS OF THE HIGHEST SOCIAL STANDING



REV. DR. INGRAM N. W. IRVINE

THE REV. ETHELBERT TALBOT



MRS. EMMA D. ELLIOTT

The charges on which influential clergymen and laymen of the Protestant Episcopal church are trying to bring to trial Right Rev. Ethelbert Talbot, bishop of central Pennsylvania, are in brief as follows: Criminal libel, immorality, false statements, the circulation of a false and malicious and defamatory reports, falsifying, breach of ordination and consecration vows and conduct unbecoming a bishop.

In a statement Herbert Noble, a New York lawyer, representing the presenters in the charge against Bishop Talbot and Mrs. Elliott to this effect: "Undoubtedly defendants combined to prefer charges against Irvine in the church court and acted to support the charges. They wanted him deposed from the ministry. That they also hated him, and by their course possibly gratified less worthy motives than those which prompt a true Christian to action, is of no moment except insofar as it might have affected their credibility as witnesses before the court which tried him."

Mr. Noble denied that Dr. Irvine was deposed for immorality, denied that for twenty years he was under the ban of ecclesiastical discipline, and that he was ever suspended or inhibited as charged in the Upjohn letter. Referring to a statement in the letter that eight bishops had held charges against Dr. Irvine, Mr. Noble said the presenters disagree with this, and added that Dr. Irvine denies that Bishop Burgess ever made a charge of any kind against him, as alleged according to a copy of the Upjohn letter.

It is made clear from the developments that the names of several women will be brought into the case. Mr. Noble says Mrs. Elliott, over whose church standing the whole controversy arose, had been pronounced "excommunicated" by Bishop Talbot "because she had married after having obtained a divorce from her husband on grounds other than adultery."

Continuing, Mr. Noble says that having deposed Irvine from office, this bishop wrote on Jan. 25, 1902, the letter complained of to Rev. Dr. Samuel Upjohn, and two years after its date sent a copy of this letter to Rev. Dr. John Fulton. The letter referred to as the letter to Dr. Upjohn is signed by "Ethelbert Talbot," and charged Dr. Irvine with immorality.

Irvine Talks of the Case. "Can a bishop or ought a bishop write defamatory letters in secret in order to injure any member of the ministry? This is the question which will be decided at the meeting of the board of inquiry," said Dr. Irvine in discussing the charges which have been made against him. "My reinstatement," continued Dr. Irvine, "is of secondary consideration when contrasted with the above query.

Of course I wish to have this unjust deposition removed, but I wish, also, entirely without malice, to be vindicated in the sight of God and my friends."

Bishop May Not Be Tried. Every one of the six men who live at Huntingdon, Pa., and who are published as having signed the presentment against Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, resulting in Bishop Tuttle calling a court of inquiry, repudiates his signature. This vitiates the presentment, as the canons require that at least three of the presenters must live in the diocese of the accused bishop.

Not only are signatures repudiated, but two of the leading residents of Huntingdon mentioned as presenters—John Langdon and James Denthorne—are decidedly opposed to having Bishop Talbot placed on trial. In fact, they have much sympathy for Bishop Talbot, although Mr. Langdon at least believes the trouble might have been satisfactorily settled long ago had the bishop co-operated with the vestrymen of St. John's church.

Much surprise was expressed by the six men whose names figure as presenters when they saw that they were published as being responsible for having Bishop Talbot threatened with trial before a court of inquiry.

Dr. Irvine at Quincy, Ill.

After twenty years the contents of the verdict in the diocesan trial of the Rev. Ingram N. W. Irvine, who was then dean of the Cathedral of St. John in Quincy, Ill., has been made public in its entirety, although it had remained pigeonholed during all that time, because of an understanding based on the condition that Irvine would not appeal from the court's decision suspending him from the ministry for one year.

The verdict found Irvine guilty of eleven out of twenty specifications which were embraced in the general charges of suggestion of what is false, suppression of truth, intention to deceive, falsification of an official document, falsehood, false swearing and lascivious conduct.

The specifications on which he was found guilty covered all of these general charges, and Irvine was suspended from the ministry for one year. He remained for several months afterward in the city, attempted to establish an independent church, and held a few meetings in the opera house,

performed a couple of marriages, and other priestly functions in defiance of the decision of the diocesan court, but finally gave up and went East.

The most serious charge against Irvine was made by Miss Maria W. Seabody, a young woman with whose family he had become acquainted in Long Island City, where Irvine was once connected with St. James' church.

On Aug. 25, 1884, she was married to J. J. Miller, organist of the Cathedral of St. John in Quincy, Ill., and two weeks later told her husband of Irvine's alleged conduct toward her while in his home. Miller caused his wife to write a statement to the bishop, and this, coupled with other alleged reasons, caused him to ask Irvine to leave the ministry. Irvine refused and the trial followed.

At the trial Mrs. Miller testified at length. The verdict of the diocesan court found the following on the specification relative to alleged "lascivious conduct, unjust actions, and attempts," covering a period from May 1, 1883, to July, 1884: "Guilty as charged."

Mrs. Elliott Defies Her Enemies.

"Bishop Talbot is a good, honorable man and I am his friend. I want the world to know the truth and nothing but the truth. I shall be pleased if the newspapers will contradict the cruel things that have been published about my relations with the bishop, and will show, in his true light, the man who has made such outrageous insinuations."

Mrs. Emma Desha Elliott in her home at Huntingdon, Pa., made this statement in reference to her connection with the controversy between Bishop Ethelbert Talbot and the Rev. Dr. I. N. W. Irvine.

"I want to defend the bishop," she continued. "I am only a woman, and an old one at that. Why, I even stood as godmother to the daughter of the man who is now making my life one of misery. I have three grown-up sons and they and the good people of Huntingdon are ready to defend my honor. "Could one innocent of such untruths as have been laid at my door have a better and grander defense? My husband is with me. I've everything to make me strong and brave, but when scandal knocks at one's door it seems as if the world were trembling."

Career of Mrs. Elliott.

Mrs. Emma D. Elliott, one of the central figures in the Talbot-Irvine sensation, has had a varied social and matrimonial career. She is 60 years of age, is the daughter of Gen. Desha of Alabama and a half-sister of Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont. Thirty-five years ago she was an acknowledged belle of Newport and other society centers, and later as the brilliant Mrs. Cochran she reigned in the high society of Philadelphia. Still later, as Mrs. Coolidge, she was a welcome member of the New York exclusive set. It is said that she was divorced from her first two husbands and that later her last husband, Alexander Elliott, was divorced from his first wife. It was this divorce, on the grounds of desertion, that led to the refusal of the communion to Mrs. Elliott by the Rev. I. N. W. Irvine and to the scandal following.

THREE YEARS AFTER.

Eugene E. Lario, of 751 Twentieth avenue, ticket seller in the Union Station, Denver, Col., says: "You are at liberty to repeat what I first stated through our Denver papers about Doan's Kidney Pills in the summer of 1899, for I have had no reason in the interim to change my opinion of that remedy. I was subject to severe attacks of backache, always aggravated if I sat long at a desk. Doan's Kidney Pills absolutely stopped my backache. I have never had a pain or a twinge since."



Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price 50 cents per box.

You that are genuine Athenians, deavour with a golden epicurism the arts and sciences, the spirits and extractions of authors.—Culverwell.

When may a man be considered to be really over head and ears in debt? When he owes for his wig.

CUTICURA SOAP

The World's Greatest Skin Soap—The Standard of Every Nation of the Earth.

Millions of the world's best people use Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, the purest and sweetest of emollient skin cures, 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, itchings and chafings, and many sanative, antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves to women, especially mothers, as well as for all the purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery.

Wise Words.

Homes are beautiful only when there are equal rights; when the husband, wife and children respect and admire one another; when there is confidence and trust, and this can never be when the wife and daughters are reduced to the conditions of paupers and beggars. If the evil exists in the home there should be a readjustment of affairs and each member of the working firm be allowed his or her share of the income. Then the home business will not be robbed of the concentrated efforts of its partners, nor will the girls and women be looking elsewhere for work that will yield a cash return.—Exchange.

Lucky and Unlucky Numbers.

Thirteen is foolishly considered unlucky, likely because thirteen were at the table at the Last Supper. Number one, being indivisible, was sacred to the Egyptians and made the symbol of life; three has been considered lucky, since, in the Pythagorean system, it was made the perfect number, expressive of beginning, middle and end, and seven has been the most popular number since the Chaldeans, in their moon worship, marked each phase by that number of days.

"A good many men," said Uncle Allen Sparks, "are like one of those county fair balloons. They're regular swells, but there isn't anything in them but hot air."

The grotesque knocker on the sanctuary door of Durham cathedral, which bears a rather distant resemblance to a lion, is said to be of the Twelfth century.

HABIT'S CHAIN

Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and Hard to Break.

An ingenious philosopher estimates that the amount of will power necessary to break a life-long habit would, if it could be transformed, lift a weight of many tons.

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chains of a pernicious habit than to lead a forlorn hope in a bloody battle. A lady writes from an Indiana town:

"From my earliest childhood I was a lover of coffee. Before I was out of my teens I was a miserable dyspeptic, suffering terribly at times with my stomach.

"I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and yet I could not deny myself a cup for breakfast. At the age of 26 I was in very poor health, indeed. My sister told me I was in danger of becoming a coffee drunkard.

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast although it kept me constantly ill, until I tried Postum. I learned to make it properly according to directions, and now we can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care nothing at all for coffee.

"I am no longer troubled with dyspepsia, do not have spells of suffering with my stomach that used to trouble me so when I drank coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

Local Items.

W. T. Hail of Daniel was among those in town Monday.

Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb has returned from a visit to Belton.

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

W. B. Cochran and A. S. Cannon of Lovelady were here Tuesday.

Cal Bay and A. N. Drew of Kennard were here Christmas week.

Miss Annie Williams, teaching at Oakhurst, spent last week with her sister, Mrs. D. A. Nunn.

Miss Pauline Bromberg was at home from Alto, where she is engaged in school, for the holidays.

Miss Agnes Sears, attending college at Sherman, spent last week with Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Sears in this city.

D. F. Morgan of Kennard and John F. Rains were in to see us Monday, as was also K. J. Smith of Creek on Tuesday.

Miss Nannie Smith, attending the state medical college at Galveston, spent Tuesday of last week with her mother, Mrs. Sue Smith, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Murchison reached Crockett Monday night and are now at home at Mrs. M. E. Lipscomb's residence. Mr. Arch Baker returned with them.

Remember that we are selling no chances at that organ. We are giving them to you absolutely free with every subscription to the COURIER paid a year in advance.

J. C. Rains of Whitesville, J. N. Click of Lovelady, J. H. Beasley of Reynard, P. E. Smith and H. H. Hallmark of Arbor are among those calling at this office since last issue.

The COURIER's premium offer is worth the while. You don't get a chance free at an \$85 organ every day. The only thing the COURIER hopes to gain by it is many new subscribers and renewal of old ones.

A gentleman writes from Chicago to send him the COURIER for a year and a chance at the organ. Another, writing from the Indian Territory, says that some of his organs are slightly impaired and he desires to be entered in the COURIER drawing.

The Misses Wootters entertained the Shakespeare Club and friends on Friday evening of last week. The reputation of these charming young ladies for elegance in entertaining has previously been established, and was amply sustained Friday evening.

What was said to be a horse-hair snake was on exhibition at Smith & French Drug Co.'s this week. It was caught in a creek by Messrs. Walker King and A. M. Carlton while fishing. It was about eight inches long, and while no longer than a horse hair, had all the characteristics of a water snake. The snake was being preserved in a bottle of water.

Mrs. R. H. Wootters entertained a small party of Mr. Wootters' friends with a stag supper Tuesday evening of last week. The supper was elegantly served in courses and was thoroughly enjoyed. Mr. Wootters' friends wish that he would prevail on his wife to give more of these elegant and enjoyable affairs. Mrs. Wootters is a Virginian and has added much to the social life of Crockett since her residence here, which does not yet date two years.

A Happy New Year to All.

SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

Miss Evie Hail has resumed her music class at Lufkin.

S. T. Allee of Ash and T. J. Crofford were in to see us Monday.

Miss Addie Handley of Lufkin was the guest of Miss Evie Hail last week.

D. M. Craddock of Dallas, spent Christmas with his mother and family here.

Mrs. L. M. Matthews and children visited relatives and friends at Houston last week.

J. M. Fountain, Jr., of Columbia, Mo., was one of the city's visitors during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat Wetzel entertained a party of our young people with a dance at Latexo Saturday evening.

Miss Marjorie Foster returned to Houston Wednesday afternoon of last week and is again the guest of Mrs. I. S. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Harrison and Miss Lena Bromberg spent Christmas with Sol Bromberg and family at Galveston.

Miss Myrtle Loggins of Willis, editor of the Willis Saxon, was a visitor to Crockett last week and a pleasant caller at the COURIER office Friday morning.

A beautiful line of lace curtains and table scarfs are on display at R. L. Aldrich's furniture store, which will be sold cheaper than ever before to meet the low price of cotton.

The COURIER premium offer will be held open during the month of January, after which time we expect to draw it to a close. All subscriptions paid to January, 1906, will be entitled to a chance.

Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb gave an entertainment last week complimentary to Mrs. Early of Virginia, who is visiting Mrs. W. B. Page. As are all of Mrs. Lipscomb's affairs, the entertainment was very much enjoyed.

The young ladies of the town gave a Leap Year dance at the Lotus club rooms Wednesday evening. They did the honors quite gallantly and a merry good time was had. Waltzes and two-steps alternated throughout the evening.

Mr. Julius Deupree had trouble with a man at Oakhurst one day last week and was shot at by the man, whom he afterward succeeded in disarming. His friends are congratulating him on his good fortune in not stopping any of the bullets.

The Houston County Medical Society will meet in regular session in Crockett Tuesday, the 10th inst., at which meeting a paper will be read by Dr. R. W. Shipper of Lovelady on "Carbolic Acid." Installation of new officers will also take place.

Alec Davis is one of our colored subscribers who has taken the COURIER for years and always paid for it in advance.

The Trinity Telegraph school opens again on the 1st Monday in January, 1905. Correspondence solicited. L. B. BRIGHT, Teacher and Manager.

All subscriptions paid to January, 1906, will be entitled to a chance at the COURIER's premium drawing. The offer will be held open during this month. We want to give all a chance at the premium.

Notice to Customers.

My former customers can now find me at the barber shop of Mr. J. D. Friend where I will be glad to see them.

BARKER TUNSTALL.

Notice, City Tax Payers.

After January 31, 1905, there will be a ten per cent penalty added to taxes for 1904. You can pay at the saddle shop.

G. M. WALLER,
City Marshal.

Card of Thanks.

Not being able to speak English I cannot express my heartfelt thanks personally to the people of Crockett for their kind help and sympathy during the sickness and death of my little child. Therefore, I take this method of expressing my thanks to you.

Gratefully yours,
JOSEPH YOUNAS.

Car of Trees for Crockett.

The first full car of nursery stock ever delivered at Crockett will arrive about the 20th of December and will consist of over 65,000 fine selected trees. All interested parties should be sure to go to the car, personally inspect the stock and inquire as to prices. Our Mr. Boshway will be at the Hotel Howard when car arrives. ALVIN FRUIT AND NURSERY CO., Algo, Texas.

A Poetic Subscriber.

The COURIER is in receipt of a postal money order for one dollar and the following poetry, which, coming from one of the paper's best friends and supporters, is heartily appreciated. We extend to him the compliments of the season:

I dreamed a dream the other night,
When all was clear and still;
I dreamed I saw the editor
Come tearing down the hill.
My paper bill was in his hand,
And blood was in his eyes;
Says he "young man, the cash produce,
Or else prepare to die."
I gazed old Eddie in the face
And studied out my chance,
And the only way to get the paper
Was to pay up in advance.

A Christmas Wedding.

Mr. Frank Shupak and Miss Ada Simpson were married on Christmas eve at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Simpson. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Hodges, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, and was witnessed by only a small party of relatives and friends of the couple. Miss Ada is the youngest daughter of the Simpsons, and is very pretty. She was attended by a cousin, Miss Ada Haile, of this city. The groom was escorted by his best man, Mr. M. Bromberg, Jr. The groom has lived here three years or more, and has established himself with our people as a young man of many fine traits of character. He and his bride will make their home here.

The prevention of consumption is entirely a question of commencing the proper treatment in time. Nothing is so well adapted to ward off fatal lung troubles as Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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Entertainment.

One of the pleasantest entertainments given in some time in Crockett was that of Mesdames James S. Shivers and John LeGory at Mrs. Shivers' home on the afternoon of the 2nd from 3 to 5, in honor of Mrs. DeCuer of New Iberia, La., and Mrs. Luckett of Bastrop, two of Crockett's former favorites, whom we are always glad to see.

Mrs. Shivers stood to greet the guests at the hall door, where soft music charmed the ear, and with her gracious manner wished each of us a happy New Year and many of them. Mrs. LeGory showed us into the drawing room where the guests of honor stood, Mesdames DeCuer and Luckett. The drawing room with its soft mellow light, graceful palms and cut flowers presented a pleasant picture, and the room was ringing with the music of voices, for all had responded to the invitations, knowing full well that a pleasant time awaited them. In the back parlor we wandered, and here guest met guest, to chat, to speak of New Year's resolutions and the bright year with all its pleasantness before us. Miss Mildred McGill awaited us in the dining room, where the color scheme of red and green was carried out, which made the handsome cut glass sparkle the brighter, and the soft light made the coloring perfect. Here we were served to a dainty salad course with crackers, stuffed olives and coffee. After leaving the dining room we were shown to the guests' book in the hall where we were to register.

As we took our leave we felt that we had a store of sweet memories to begin the new year with, and we hope the pleasant afternoon will only be a prelude to the many to follow. I. C.

A Christmas Party.

Invitations were sent by Miss Louise Matthews to her friends to "come meet Santa Claus, at home, Dec. 24, 1904."

Miss Louise was assisted by Miss Kathleen Hail, who stood at the door to usher in the guests. The house indeed wore all the signs of Christmas times. Holly and mistletoe were very effectively arranged; the Christmas tree stood just inside the parlor. What a wonderful and beautiful sight for the children, loaded with presents for all. Just underneath the tree Santa Claus lay asleep on a sofa pillow, quite tired and worn out from his long journey, but he was soon awakened by children, who could not withstand the pleasure of talking to the real Santa. Whether he had come from the warm sunny climes of the south or the polar regions of the north, it was alike to them—he was Santa Claus; but he awoke in his good jolly humor, for nothing ever ruffles him, not even when Buster Brown and Tige steal his bags of toys. He always has innumerable stocks that seem to be inexhaustible. He made the children quite an interesting talk, relating to them the many other places he had to visit and how extremely cold it had been where he left, but with his rosindeer miles were swiftly counted. On Daaber,

on Donner, on Blitzen! The words were hardly spoken ere he was miles away. Distance seems to count little where Santa is to go. He seemed to be perfectly acquainted with each little one and on reading each name delivered the present himself, making the little ones feel like they would like to leave mamas and papas and go flying over snow and ice with Santa Claus. But then he couldn't stay much longer with them, for he has many places to visit, but with great reluctance he bade them goodnight, wishing each of them a merry Christmas and parting instructions that if they were good little boys and girls that 1905 would find him wending his way to their homes with a store of as many pretty gifts as 1904 had brought. The children were in high glee over their presents and excitement ran high. But in time it came to bid Miss Louise goodbye and thanking her for one of the most delightful evenings that could have been spent, proving her wonderful ability and gracious personality to captivate Old Santa Claus for an evening of pleasure.

E. H.

Children Poisoned.

Many children are poisoned and made nervous and weak, if not killed outright, by mothers giving them cough syrups containing opiates. Foley's Honey and Tar is a safe and certain remedy for coughs, croup and lung trouble, and is the only prominent cough medicine that contains no opiates or other poisons. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

The many friends of G. H. Hausan, Engineer L. E. & W. R. R., at present living in Lima, O., will be pleased to know of his recovery from threatened kidney disease. He writes: "I was cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure, which I recommend to all, especially trainmen who are usually similarly afflicted. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co."



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How You Can Get the Organ

In order to induce cash subscriptions the COURIER makes the following offer: To every new subscriber paying one year in advance we will give free a chance at an \$85 organ. To all old subscribers paying up all back dues and to January 1, 1906, we will give a chance at the organ. We make this offer for no other reasons than to stimulate cash subscriptions and to increase our subscription lists. The COURIER is \$1.00 a year. Two years in advance entitles the payer to two chances—one chance for every year paid in advance. You can send the paper to a friend for a year and get an additional chance. The organ is a beauty and is now on exhibition at the COURIER office. It was bought of Mr. Jas. DeDaines of Crockett who guarantees it to be as represented. Our plan of deciding the result will be by drawing, unless some better plan should present itself in the meantime. The date of the drawing is to yet be determined, but all holders of chances will be given due notice in advance.

We are simply making some one of our subscribers, and those who join the army of readers that now peruse the columns of the COURIER weekly, a present of this handsome and useful household article.

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

Publisher's Notice.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks or other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5 cents per line.
Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

U. D. C. Department.

The Daughters of the Confederacy held their last meeting for 1904 with Mrs. Chas. Shivers Saturday, Dec. 31. The house was bright and attractive in its holiday attire; the Christmas decoration lending the cheer and good spirits, that always come at this season of the year. Mrs. Shivers graciously received her guests at the door. Miss Amelia Miller, with her usual charm, assisted by her beautiful sister, Mrs. Luckett, guest of honor, presided over an immense punch bowl. Before we entered the parlor we were invited to partake of this delightful refreshing drink.

The meeting was promptly called to order by Mrs. Wootters, president of the chapter. Usual business transacted, after which she and Mrs. Nunn gave an interesting account of the state convention recently held at Waxahachie. The Crockett delegates were warmly welcomed and delightfully entertained by the state historian, Mrs. Watson. Mrs. Earle Adams, secretary, has already given the COURIER and its readers a beautiful and graphic account of this convention.

Mrs. Wootters reported that five dollars contributed by the D. A. Nunn Chapter for the Winkler fund, was paid over to the treasurer of the division. This money

is being raised by Mrs. Winkler for a memorial window in honor of Gen. John B. Hood in Texas room, Confederate Museum, Richmond, Va.

The committee appointed to investigate and report on chapter dues, found nearly all have paid. Those members who have not paid for 1904 will please send amount to committee appointed to collect, Mrs. Norris or Mrs. Corry, or bring to next meeting. We are taxed ten cents state and ten cents general dues for every member, so it is important that all meet this obligation as soon as possible.

Mesdames Madden, Norris and Corry were appointed to extend invitation to all who are eligible to join the chapter and be with us at our first meeting for 1905.

Mrs. Shivers' guests who were invited to meet the ladies of the chapter and who enjoyed the hospitality of the afternoon, were Mesdames Luckett, Bastrop, Addie Madden Boone, Weatherford, Miss Annie Williams, Oakhurst, Mrs. Jas. Shivers, Mrs. Will Shivers.

Mrs. Wootters invited the chapter to meet with her Saturday, January 9th. All members are urgently requested to attend, as there will be election of officers and general reorganization of the chapter for 1905.

MRS. CORINNE N. CORRY,
Cor. Sec. D. A. Nunn Chapter.

Stop It.

A neglected cough or cold may lead to serious bronchial or lung troubles. Don't take chances when Foley's Honey and Tar affords perfect security from serious effects of a cold. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale.

(Real Estate.)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the honorable District Court of Houston county on the 20th day of December, A. D. 1904, in the case of W. E. Mayes versus Alford West, No. 4878, and to me as sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1905, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on the first Tuesday in February, A. D. 1905, it being the 7th day of said month, at the court house door of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which Alford West had on the 11th day of October, A. D. 1904, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property to-wit: A part of the Piney Blanchard league, about 7 miles S. E. from the town of Crockett, and bounded as follows: Beginning at the N. W. corner of the Cal Beeson survey out of said Blanchard league, a post oak 10 in hrs. N. 55 W. 3 5-10 vrs. Thence S. 42 3 vrs to the N. W. corner of a survey sold to Craddock & Co. Thence E. 1332 vrs Craddock's N. E. corner. Thence N. with the division line to Alvis and Cal Beeson corner, a post oak 16 in hrs S. 45 E. 3 vrs. Thence E. 210 vrs to S. W. corner of a school lot, to branch from which a sweet gum 18 in hrs S. 45 E. 2 vrs Do. 24 in mkd X. hrs N. 3 vrs. Thence N. at 416 9-10 vrs with meanders of branch to the N. W. corner of said school lot, a post oak 18 in hrs S. 40 E. 6 vrs. Thence with said N. B. line to the place of beginning, said property being levied on as the property of Alford West to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$428.76, in favor of W. E. Mayes and costs of suit. Given under my hand this 2nd day of January, A. D. 1905.

A. W. PHILLIPS,
Sheriff Houston county, Texas.
By JOHN ESTES, Deputy.

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