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Beginning of New Year With Tyler College Best in History—Phenomenal Success.

The Tyler Commercial College begins the New Year under circumstances which permit anticipation of even the greatest year which will have been recorded in its history at the expiration of 1906. The phenomenal extent of success to be attained needs not to be referred to in comparison with past years before the Tyler reading public.

Suffice it will be to relate a few particulars incident upon the opening of this year at this institution. During the past three days—the first of the New Year—the Tyler College has enrolled students from nine different States, and Prof. H. E. Byrne, president of the rapidly becoming noted Byrne System of Colleges, and personally manager of the Tyler branch, states that it is the best opening that has ever crowned their efforts to bring the up-to-date systems to the front.

The rate of enrollments for the first few days therefore justifies the belief that the attendance for 1906 at the Tyler College will exceed that of any former year by sufficient odds to evidence the good, substantial growth which this institution is experiencing.

Tyler people are proud of this institution, and justly so. It is one of the biggest things in Tyler and advertises this city over many States. The great benefit derived from the presence of several hundred students in this city—an average of nearly 1000 for a year—is unquestioned.

The college is in most capable hands, and the management, at the beginning of this year, deserve to be crowned with honors for the phenomenal success attained since the establishment of the college here some seven years ago. In behalf of our citizenship as a whole, we salute the Tyler Commercial College, and express the hope that future successes will dwarf those of the past.—Democrat-Reporter, January 4th.

Cured His Mother of Rheumatism.

"My mother has been a sufferer for many years from rheumatism," says W. H. Howard of Husband, Pennsylvania. "At times she was unable to move at all, while at all times walking was painful. I presented her with a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications she decided it was the most wonderful pain reliever she had ever tried, in fact, she is never without it now and is at all times able to walk. An occasional application of Pain Balm keeps away the pain that she was formerly troubled with." For sale by S. L. Murchison.

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School Notes.

Our weekly school proceedings we enclose herewith Mr. Editor as nearly as we can secure them, along with our New Year resolutions, many of which will be broken we are sure, but the habit alluded to being a good one we rest in the assurance that our lives are chiefly bundles of habits. We feel that by close application until our final examinations on our fall work in the latter part of the month we shall be able to pass them creditably. Tests we have received from time to time since our school began, but candidly speaking, we are not going to put ourselves on record as devoted to the examination idea. The fair examination serves to show us, however, our own student worth, a fact not only individually interesting but profitable too with its historical setting, for time out of mind, the doctrine of "Man Know Thyself," is, as Pope expressed later, "the chief study." We feel, somehow, that individual worth, and its inseparable accompanying responsibility, comes by honest self study to self realization. A practical means to this end is the exercise of our literary and debating society.

The last meeting was interesting. The literary program was worthily executed. Among the features was a recitation by Miss Blanche Johnson and a declamation by our jovial gentleman, Mr. Sonley Lemay. Miss Essie Kennedy sang a sweet song, yes two of them and Miss Mary Langston artistically rendered a choice selection. Miss Albertine Wilson played a pretty solo also. Many encores called for enjoyable repetitions. As a special privilege and honor to Miss Ethel Wootters, who was visiting us, the society requested her to sing. Complying gracefully, Miss Ethel sang two pretty vocal solos much to our appreciation and liking. Certainly a true assertion was made when some one said that a sweeter singer than Miss Ethel Wootters never came to Crockett.

With the exhausting of the literary program the debating exercises began. The bill for discussion was as follows: "Resolved, that foreign immigration should be abolished"—the conservatives maintaining the proposition, the liberals denying. Debater after debater took the floor and the very cool headed liberals waxed warm. Their invectives weighed not heavily in the serried ranks of the conservatives, however, and returned unto them void, for by a majority of one vote the bill carried and amid the rejoicing of conservatives that followed could be easily distinguished the voices of Earle Adams and Dan Craddock as lustily and strong as when they had returned the emotionally aimed thrusts of Jim Lipscomb in repartee.

The critics report was made and adopted and with the introduction of a bill for next debate the society adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Coming Grand Opera Festival.

That this section of the country is to have a grand opera festival at the Houston Theatre on Jan. 16th and 17th will be a welcome announcement to local music-lovers and theatre-goers generally. Henry W. Savage's famous English Grand Opera Company and Orchestra, that scored such an enormous success on its first trans-continental tour last season, and his famous "Parsifal" organization have been united into one splendid company, with the favorite artists from both retained. Mr. Savage may truthfully claim the best English singing organization ever formed for presenting the works of the master composers in the vernacular. With the assistance of its superb all-American chorus and full Grand Opera Orchestra under three conductors, the company will be heard in some of the most popular works in grand opera literature. A special train of twelve cars is required to carry the immense equipment of scenery, and the operas will be given exactly as in the Metropolitan centers.

The Operas to be sung in Houston will be selected from Mr. Savage's repertory, that includes Wagner's "Valkyrie," being sung for the first time in English in America, "Lohengrin" with its beautiful "Wedding March" and Gounod's immortal "Faust," at Wednesday matinee.

Sixteen Valkyrie Maidens are carried by the Savage English Grand Opera Company this season to sing the roles of the eight Valkyries, in the first English production of the Wagner "Ring" opera in this country. These two sets of picked voices are given an opportunity to sing the pretty roles at alternate performances, affording a friendly rivalry that is no doubt largely responsible for the beautiful ensemble results obtained by Manager Savage. He followed the same rule last year with the talented young women who took the part of "Flower Maidens" in "Parsifal."

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Married at Grapeland.

The marriage Monday at noon of Mr. J. B. Calvert of this city to Miss Maud Sorey of Grapeland was a genuine surprise to their many friends in Lufkin. The important event took place at the home of the bride at Grapeland and immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left for Eagle Lake to visit the mother and other relatives of the groom. Mr. Calvert is one of Lufkin's most popular and enterprising young business men and a member of the firm of Calvert-Smith company has won the confidence and esteem of all with whom he has come in contact. The bride is well known in Lufkin, having visited here frequently, and enjoys the esteem and admiration of all who know her. She is possessed of all the womanly graces and virtues that go to make womanhood attractive, and Mr. Calvert is accounted fortunate indeed in winning her to share his joys and sorrows, prosperities and adversities. The happy couple will arrive in Lufkin in a few days to make their future home, and the Tribune joins in extending them a hearty welcome.—Lufkin Tribune.

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston. Henry M. Trueheart vs. J. E. Hollingsworth. No. 25,068. Fi. Fa. No. 16,795.

In District Court, Galveston County, 10th Judicial District, State of Texas. By virtue of an order of sale to me directed in the above entitled cause from the clerk of the District Court, in and for the County aforesaid, dated 8th day of November 1905 and numbered 25,068, Fi. Fa. No. 16,795, I have, on the first day of January, 1906, levied upon, and will proceed to sell, without appraisal, for cash, to the highest and best bidder on the first Tuesday in February, 1906, that being on the 6th day of February, 1906, at Public Auction, at the Court House Door of the County of Houston, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 p. m., all the right, title and interest of J. E. Hollingsworth, as it existed on the 29th day of December, 1902, or at any time thereafter, in and to the following described Real Estate, to-wit: A tract or parcel of land in Houston county, Texas, originally granted to the heirs of Frederick Heminger, as per Patent No. 300, Vol. 24, issued January 28th, 1885, Abstract No. 491, for 2,090,190 square varas of land, but containing by actual survey 343.6 acres of land, as are more fully described in said Order of Sale, &c.

A. W. PHILLIPS,
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The United Daughters of the Confederacy held their first meeting for 1906 with Mrs. Nunn. There was full attendance and a most delightful program. At the recent state convention there was a change made in the time for election of officers, the month of October instead of January being the time selected; so agreement was made that the present officers hold over until October. Also, in accordance with convention rules, dues must be paid first month of the year, so that all Chapter obligations can be promptly met. The convention made a law that no member who fails to pay dues is entitled to Chapter privileges.

PROGRAM AS RENDERED.

Dixie—instrumental, Mary Langston.

I'm Dreaming—recitation, Margaret Woodson.

Piano solo—selected, Miss Albertine Aldrich.

Report of Chapter work for 1905—read by Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb.

Vocal solo—Mrs. Pinckney Hall.

Vocal solo—Miss Ethel Wootters.

Mrs. Hattie Raguet of Tyler read an able and interesting report of the proceedings of the Waco convention. Also told of the work we are doing for the Home for wives and widows of the Confederate veterans. As chairman of the East Texas district for this work, she made a most touching appeal for help from the D. A. Nunn Chapter. Mrs. Raguet then alluding to work done by Mrs. Nunn in the division, quoted the secretary's report of action of the division: "That in consideration of her distinguished services to this division and the South, that Mrs. Nunn be made the one and only Past President of this division, ranking all acting presidents, ex-officio member of all committees, and a member of the executive board for life, with a vote on all matters of the division."

I am glad to report our Chapter has taken front rank in the division. One of the ex-presidents writes: "Your charter has been a credit to the division in every single instance."

Jan. 19th the Chapter will meet with Mrs. McLean to celebrate the anniversaries of the birth-days of Gen. Robert E. Lee and Stonewall Jackson.

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The State of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Elijah Wheeler, deceased, whose names are unknown, the heirs of Mat J. Edmiston, deceased, whose names are unknown, the heirs of J. A. Dominy, deceased, whose names are unknown, and J. A. Dominy, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Houston county, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in the town of Crockett, on the second Monday in March, 1906, being the 12th day of March, 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 6th day of January, 1906, in a cause numbered 4994, wherein Angelina C. Craddock, a feme sole, H. F. Craddock, T. D. Craddock, S. J. Craddock, D. M. Craddock, Allie Craddock, a feme sole, Minnie Craddock, a feme sole, Sue Wootters, joined by her husband, J. S. Wootters, are plaintiffs, and the unknown heirs of Elijah Wheeler, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mat J. Edmiston, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. A. Dominy, deceased, and J. A. Dominy are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: That plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple and are seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Situated in Houston county, Texas, about six miles east from Crockett, being a part of the Elijah Wheeler league and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of 271 66-100 acres survey sold by John H. Burnett to H. F. Craddock, on the S. B. line of the E. Wheeler league, a stake for corner, from which a post oak and pine marked x for corner. Thence North with the division line of a 553 1/2 acres survey sold by James English to Mat J. Edmiston at 570 varas set stake in the Crockett and Coltharp road. Thence with the meanders of said road as follows, N 85 W 200 varas, S 70 W 235 varas, S 85 W 290 varas, S 73 W 170 varas to the S. W. corner of J. G. Matlock's 59 1/2 acres survey, in said road, a post oak 16 in marked x bears N 26 E 11 varas. Thence South with Monk's 81 acres survey at 430 varas the S. E. corner of said 81 acres survey, a pine 12 in marked x bears N 81 W 4 varas and a Sweet Gum 3 in marked x bears N 81 E 4 varas. Thence East at 878 varas with the S. B. line of the said Wheeler league to the place of beginning, containing eighty and seven-tenths acres of land, more or less; that plaintiffs claim title to said land under the following chain of title: 1. A patent from the state of Texas to Elijah Wheeler, of date June 16, 1849, for one league of land, same recorded in book Y, page 231 of Houston county deed records. 2nd. A deed from Elijah Wheeler to James English conveying 553 1/2 acres of said league, including the land in controversy, which deed has been lost or destroyed and secondary evidence of its contents will be offered in evidence on the trial of this suit. 3rd. A deed from James English to Mat J. Edmiston, of date April 2nd, 1853, and recorded in book 9, page 159 of Houston county deed records. 4th. A deed from Mat J. Edmiston to John H. Burnett conveying the above mentioned 553 1/2 acres of said Elijah Wheeler league, which deed has been lost or destroyed and secondary evidence of its contents will be offered on the trial of this suit. 5th. A deed from John H. Burnett to H. F. Craddock, of date August 20th, 1859, and recorded in book 6, page 217 of Houston county deed records. Plaintiffs claim as the surviving widow and children of said H. F. Craddock, who is now deceased, being his only legal heirs. Plaintiffs also claim title to the above described premises under and by virtue of the statutes of limitation of three years, five years and ten years. Defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of pretended claim to said land, the nature of which is not known to plaintiffs, which creates a cloud on plaintiffs' title thereto. Plaintiffs sue to remove the cloud from their title and to be quieted in their title and possession to said land and for general relief. You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published. Herein fail not but have you before said court, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. B. Stanton, clerk of the district court of Houston county. Given under my hand and the seal of said court at Crockett, Texas, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1906. J. B. STANTON, Clerk District Court, Houston County, Texas.

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Wherefore, plaintiffs sue to remove such cloud from their title to said land and to be quieted in their title and possession of same.
You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published. Herein fail not but have you before said court, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
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Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett, this 10th day of January, 1906.

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A back that aches all day and causes discomfort at night is usually worse in the morning. Makes you feel as if you hadn't slept at all.

Can't cure a bad back until you cure the kidneys. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys—make you feel better, work better, rest better and sleep better.

R. E. Morris, retired, of 240 Church Street, Palestine, Texas, says: "For three years I suffered a great deal from a steady pain across my back. I could sit still for only a short time when the backache always became almost unbearable. In the morning when arising I felt lame and sore and had to make quite an effort to dress myself. I doctored a good deal and used a great many different medicines without receiving much benefit, until I got a box of Doan's Kidney Pills which had been persistently recommended to me by a friend. I must confess that I had little confidence in them, but I was relieved at once. I took five or six boxes, all told, and my back was made stronger than it had been for a long time. Doan's Kidney Pills are the best remedy I ever used, and I am pleased to testify to their merits."

For sale by S. L. Murchison. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

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. Smith & French Drug Co.

The Egg Cure For Felons.

A Chicago doctor says that for the last fifteen years he has used egg to cure felon and has yet to see a case it will not cure. The way to apply the egg is as follows: Take a fresh egg and crack the shell at the larger end. Make a hole just large enough to admit the thumb or finger, whichever it may be, and force it into the egg as far as possible without rupturing the shell. Wipe off the egg which runs out and bind a handkerchief or soft cloth around the finger or thumb, leaving the egg on overnight. This will generally cure in one application, but if not make another application.

Burmese Girls.

In every Burmese household the daughter has her appointed work. In all but the richer merchants' houses the daughter's duty is to bring the water from the well evening and morning. It is the gossiping place of the village, this well, and as the sun sets there come running down all the girls of the village. As they fill their jars they lean over the curb and talk, and it is here that are told the latest news, the latest flirtation, the latest marriage, the little scandal of the place. Very few men come. Water carrying is not their duty, and there are proper times and places for flirtation, so the girls have the well almost to themselves.

Almost every girl will weave. In every house there will be a loom, where the girls weave their dresses and those of their parents, and many girls will have stalls in the bazaar. Other duties are the husking of the rice and the making of cheroots. Of course in the richer households there will be servants to do all this, but even in them the daughter will frequently weave either for herself or for her parents. Almost every girl will do something, if it be only to pass the time.

POLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
For children; safe, sure. No opiate.

AN EQUINE MYSTERY.

What Became of the Ancient Horses of This Continent.

Though vastly more is known of the ancient history of the horse than of our own origin and descent, there is one mystery connected with equine annals that bids fair never to be solved. It has to do with the cause of the total disappearance of the quadruped from America a few thousand years ago, where previously it had roamed in countless numbers not only over the whole of the United States, but all the way from Patagonia to Alaska.

When Columbus landed he found no horses. The earliest Spanish conquerors when they came saw none. In fact, the Indians regarded with affright the horses which the Spaniards brought. Not only had they never beheld such brutes, but their traditions gave no account of anything in the least resembling them. All of the horses in America today have been bred from European stock.

What became of the ancient American horses whose bones are dug up in great quantities in various parts of the United States, especially in central Oregon and along the banks of the Niobrara river in Nebraska? To what cause did they owe their extinction? Nobody can even offer a plausible guess. They were too numerous and too swift to be exterminated by savage hunters. The glacial epoch could hardly have frozen them out, for the great ice sheet extended only as far south as Philadelphia and St. Louis.

Nevertheless they vanished utterly, leaving behind them, however, a wonderfully complete record of their family history. In the Bad Lands of the west, in the Niobrara rocks and elsewhere their skeletons, scattered through strata representing successive epochs, tell the story of the development of the horse from an animal no bigger than a cat to a creature much like the modern equine quadruped. It is an object lesson in evolution, singularly complete, the fossil remains thus far discovered illustrating no fewer than twelve stages in the life progress of man's four footed friend and helper.

The evidence thus obtained shows that the horse had its beginning about 3,000,000 years ago, which implies, of course, that it is a far more ancient animal than man. About the size of a cat, with teeth like a monkey's, four toes on each forefoot and three on each hind foot, it dwelt in the dense forests which covered all of this part of the world in that epoch when the gulf of Mexico stretched far up the valley of the Mississippi and the climate of North America was moist and tropical.

Printing Chinese Newspapers.

In an ordinary newspaper in China they have at least 4,000 different characters in type. The type is arranged in boxes and placed in a semicircle from the floor to as high as an ordinary individual can reach. The men are on their feet all the time, for every few minutes they may have to go to the entire length of the room to find a character in some other circle, and the types are continually running around each other. It made one think of a walking match. Though they keep 4,000 characters made up, still there is a continual demand for some special one from the workmen, and this order is given to some men, who take a plank and with a few digs of a sharp steel turn out the desired character. The proprietors of one of the papers stated that very few of his typesetters could read; that they simply set the matter from copy without any idea of what the matter was about. The best papers will not take an advertisement by the inch or line, but at so much per character an insertion, and want the money in advance. They will not, as a rule, give any position, but place each advertisement as it comes in to them in regular rotation after the reading matter, so gradually you are moved from one place to another as new advertisements appear.

Great Scheme.

"He makes love to summer girls in the winter time and to winter girls in the summer."
"What's the idea?"
"Thinks they come a little cheaper when they're out of season."—Cleveland Leader.

Powerful Helps.

"I have given up smoking."
"Why, you tried before you were married to give it up, and you couldn't."
"I had no wife and mother-in-law to help me then."—Houston Post.

POLEY'S KIDNEY CURE
Heals Kidneys and Bladder Night

DOES YOUR BACK ACHE?

Cure the Kidneys and the Pain Will Never Return.

Only one sure way to cure an aching back. Cure the cause, the kidneys. Thousands tell of cures made by Doan's Kidney Pills.



John C. Coleman, a prominent merchant of Swainsboro, Ga., says: "For several years my kidneys were affected, and my back ached day and night. I was languid, nervous and lame. In the morning, Doan's Kidney Pills helped me right away, and the great relief I found has been permanent."

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Ironized Water.

There is no drug that has been so wrongly used and unjustly condemned as iron. It has been taken in huge doses and has then been rejected as causing headache or other trouble.

The truth is that iron does most service as a tonic when the dose is very small and as it is taken over in extended periods. The following is an excellent way of making an ironized water: Place a teaspoonful of dilute perchloride of iron in an eight ounce bottle, fill up with water and shake. Add a tablespoonful of this to sufficient water to make one pint. This may be taken freely as ordinary water.

WOMEN WHO SUFFER

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the One Remedy Particularly Suited For Feminine Ills.

To women who suffer Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are worth their weight in gold. At special periods a woman needs medicine to regulate her blood supply or her life will be a round of pain and suffering.

"It was three years ago last spring that my health failed me," says Mrs. Arthur Conklin, of No. 5 Coldwater street, Battle Creek, Mich. "I suffered from leucorrhoea and other troubles that, I presume, were caused by the weakness it produced. I had sinking spells, nervous headaches, was weak and exhausted all the time and looked like a walking skeleton."

"My back and limbs would ache almost continually and there were days when I was absolutely helpless from sick headache. I tried one doctor after another but cannot say that they helped me at all. My liver was sluggish and I was troubled some with constipation."

"One day a physician who has now retired from practice met my husband on the street and inquired about my health. He advised my husband to get some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for me, said they were a good medicine, better for my trouble than he could put up. I tried them, improved steadily and soon was entirely cured. As soon as the leucorrhoea was cured the headaches and other pains stopped. I am entirely well now but intend to continue to use Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a spring tonic."

The genuine Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists and by the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

Modern Ways of Love.

There is, says the Ladies' Pictorial, ever increasing evidence that people no longer lose their heads because they have already lost their hearts. It is only servant girls and grocers' assistants and the heroines of penny novelettes who fall desperately in love and behave with extra foolishness in consequence.

UNABLE TO WALK.

Terrible Sore on Ankle caused Awful Suffering—Could Not Sleep—Cured by Cuticura in Six Weeks.

"I had a terrible sore on my ankle, and had not walked any for eleven months. I tried nearly everything without any benefit and had a doctor, but he didn't seem to do any good. He said I would have to have my limb taken off, and that I would never walk again. I suffered awful, and at night I could not sleep at all. I thought there was no rest for me, but as soon as I began to use Cuticura Soap and Ointment it commenced healing nicely. I bathed the ankle with warm water and Cuticura Soap, and then applied Cuticura Ointment to the affected part, and laid a cloth over the sore to hold it in place. After two weeks I could walk around in my room real good, and in six weeks' time my ankle was entirely cured, and I was walking around out of doors. Mrs. Mary Dickerson, Louisa C. H. Va., April 22, 1905."

The population of the United Kingdom, according to a census just taken, is 43,219,778. England and Wales had 24,152,977, Scotland 5,676,603 and Ireland 4,390,208.

Some books are to be tasted, others swallowed and some few are to be chewed and digested.—Bacon.

Mahomet's tomb is covered with jewels worth \$12,500,000.

FARM MISCELLANY.

Our Expanding Agriculture.

Never before in the history of the world has the agriculture of a nation expanded so rapidly and to such an extent as has the agriculture of the United States in the past few decades. Even the men that were most enthusiastic in their prophecies were not able to foresee the great strides that American agriculture was to make in this generation in which we live. Within the lifetime of men still living this whole western country was a trackless wilderness so far as the work of the plow or of the agriculturist was concerned. This vast country is now filled with the wealth of agriculture in a thousand forms. It is an inspiring sight in the summer time to stand in any road running through the corn belt and note green fields of waving corn on every side as far as the eye can reach. It enables one to call to mind the fact that one can travel for hundreds of miles east or west and never be out of sight of a corn field.

American agriculture is expanding to such an extent that it is affecting the economic conditions of the world. It insures to the United States every year a balance in the international trade. Every European nation that produces grain or meat to any considerable extent is compelled to realize that its great competitor in the markets of the world is the United States, and that it must meet that competition even in its own markets. Never before were American stock-breeders so earnestly looking beyond the borders of their own country for markets as now, and never before were they so successful in finding them. This is not because they have not an immense market at home, but because they have an ever-increasing supply of good stock that is sufficient to fill all home demands and leave a surplus for shipment abroad. Our agriculture is expanding in every direction, and America is fast becoming the world's leader in agricultural thought.

Dry Bran Mash.

Last summer in a visit to the Maine experiment station, the writer noticed that the fowls had a constant supply of bran. This was placed in a long trough that was fed by a hopper from above. As fast as this bran was eaten by the poultry a new supply worked down from above. It was only necessary to keep this hopper full of bran and the filling need only be done once a week or at longer periods. The manager of the poultry department said that they used this instead of the ordinary wet bran mash. They believed that they received all the benefits from this that they could from the ordinary wet bran mash. The poultry were permitted to eat as much of this as they wanted, and it is certain that large quantities were consumed. This system of feeding bran to poultry seems to be an admirable one. Bran is very rich in nitrogen, just the element that is needed to balance up the corn. It is so light that there is no danger of the fowls eating more than they should. This relieves the gizzard from doing the very large amount of work that is put upon it when grain is continually fed. Too much grain results in digestive troubles before the end of winter. The bran mash greatly relieves this work as it is in shape to be acted upon at once by the digestive juices.—Farmers' Review.

Laying Down Peach Trees.

In some parts of the west the laying down of peach trees is being practiced on a considerable scale. A hole is dug around the tree and this hole is filled with water. This softens up the ground and the trees can then be bent at the roots. They are laid down all almost level with the ground. Some coarse material, like gunny sacking, is thrown over them, and over this is piled the earth. In the spring, after the danger of hard freezes is past, the trees are taken out of their protection. This must be done before growth starts. The trees, when righted, have to be propped up and kept propped throughout the season. The results have been very good so far, and much is hoped for from the experiments carried on.

Rusty Cans.

No rusty cans should be used for the holding of milk. Rust soon creates a sponge-like, honey-comb condition in the texture of the iron and in these cells the casein lodges. If hot water is used, it merely coagulates the casein, and if cold water is used, it does not remove all of the casein, which is in turn coagulated when hot water is placed in the can after the cold water. Only the best kind of tin should be bought, and that should be so carefully handled that rust cannot start. When the can begins to rust

OPEN PUBLICITY THE BEST GUARANTY OF MERIT.

When the maker of a medicine, sold through druggists for family use, takes his patients fully into his confidence by frankly and fearlessly publishing broadcast as well as on its bottle wrappers, a full list of all its ingredients in plain English, this action on his part is the best possible evidence that he is not afraid to meet the searchlight of investigation turned full upon his formula and that it will bear the fullest scrutiny and the most thorough investigation. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription for the cure of the weaknesses, periodical pains and functional derangements of the organs distinctly feminine, is the only medicine put up for sale through druggists for woman's special use, the maker of which is not afraid to take his patients into his full confidence by such open and honest publicity.

A glance at the published ingredients on each bottle wrapper, will show that it is made wholly from native American medicinal roots, that it contains no poisonous or habit-forming drugs, no narcotics and no alcohol—pure, triple-refined glycerine, of proper strength being used instead of the commonly employed alcohol, both for extracting and preserving medicinal properties found in the roots of the American forest plants employed. It is the only medicine for women's peculiar diseases, sold by druggists, that does not contain a large percentage of alcohol, which is in the long run so harmful to women's delicate, nervous system. Now, glycerine is perfectly harmless, and serves a valuable purpose by possessing intrinsic value all its own, and besides it enhances the curative effect of the other ingredients entering into the "Favorite Prescription."

Some of the ablest medical writers and teachers endorse these views and praise all the several ingredients of which "Favorite Prescription" is composed—recommending them for the cure of the very same diseases for which this world-famed medicine is advised. No other medicine for women has any such professional endorsement—worth more than any number of ordinary testimonials. If interested, send name and address to Dr. R. V. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., for his little book of extracts from the works of eminent medical writers and teachers, endorsing the several ingredients and telling just what Dr. Pierce's medicines are made of. It's free for the asking.

A Monument to Livingstone.

A committee has formed in England to raise funds for a monument to Livingstone. It is to be placed in Chitambo at the place where he expired.

No Use.

You may have the moral right to do so, but it is not necessary. Hunt's Cure will instantly relieve and promptly cure that itching trouble in whatever form. It is made solely for that purpose.

The public executioner of the Grand Duchy of Hesse has been fined \$20 for "casting a disdainful glance" at the judge of the supreme court of Darmstadt.

When Your Grocer Says

he does not have Defiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. Defiance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

Candles should be stored for six or eight weeks before being used; they will burn more brightly and more slowly than when lighted at once.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every false or untrue advertisement published by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1898. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

An obstinate man does not hold opinions—they hold him.—Bishop Butler.

Important to Mothers.

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

Beware of cheap imitations. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

All sizes and qualities of diamonds seem to be in demand.

A GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES. Itching Piles. The only medicine Druggists are authorized to refund money if PAIN OINTMENT fails to cure in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

The richest bed of nitre in the world is at Actama, Chile.

Don't Be Irritable.

"An irritable skin makes an irritable person, and an irritable person gathers much trouble unto himself or herself, as the case may be. Moral: Use Hunt's Cure, one box of which is absolutely and unqualifiedly guaranteed to cure any form of skin trouble. Any kind of itching known is relieved at once and one box cures."

In a recent burglary in London the robbers used a new weapon.

Robbed in Church.

Just think what an outrage it is to be robbed of all the benefits of the services by continuous coughing throughout the congregation, when Anti-Gripine is guaranteed to cure. Sold everywhere. 25 cents.

The handicraft must be becoming—so many people wear it.

Pet dogs in sunbonnets and blue glass spectacles are to be seen following their owners through the streets of Berlin in hot weather.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease. "I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable, and I would not be without it now."—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J. Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

There was a stair climbing contest on the Eiffel Tower, Paris.

Try me just once and I am sure to come again. Defiance Starch.

An ounce of sincerity is worth a ton of blarney.

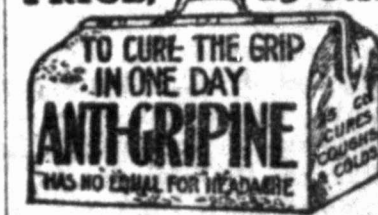
Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRIEN, 323 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

King Leopold of Belgium is said to be the most frugal of monarchs.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

Queen Alexandria has in all fifteen ladies in personal attendance upon her.

PRICE, 25 Cts.



ANTI-GRIPINE

IS GUARANTEED TO CURE GRIP, BAD COLD, HEADACHE AND NEURALGIA.

I won't sell Anti-Gripine to a dealer who won't guarantee it. Call for your MONEY BACK IF IT DON'T CURE. F. W. Diemer, H. D., Manufacturer, Springfield, Mo.

Put faith in truth as mightier than error, prejudice, or passion, and be ready to take a place among its martyrs. Feel that truth is not a local, temporary influence, but immutable, everlasting, the same in all the worlds, one with God and armed with His omnipotence.—Channing.

Cure Cancer, Blood Poison and Scrofula.

If you have blood poison producing eruptions, pimples, ulcers, swollen glands, bumps and risings, burning, itching skin, copper-colored spots or rash on the skin, mucous patches in mouth or throat, falling hair, bone pains, old rheumatism or foul catarrh, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.). It kills the poison in the blood, soon heals cancer of all kinds, cures the worst humors or suppurating swellings. Thousands cured by B. B. B. after all else fails. B. B. B. composed of pure botanic ingredients. Improves the digestion, makes the blood pure and rich, stops the awful itching and all sharp, shooting pains. Thoroughly tested for thirty years. Druggists, \$1 per bottle, with complete directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and free medical advice also sent in sealed letter.

Among elephants both sexes of the African species have ivory tusks, while in Asia these are generally restricted to the male. Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3/4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

A farm house near Minehead, England, is situated in so deep a hollow that for three months in the year the sun's rays do not fall upon it.

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

Pleasant sales are the rule in the diamond market.

There is a railway over the Egyptian desert. McCANE'S DETECTIVE AGENCY, Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South. They render written opinions in cases not handled by them. Reasonable rates. London has increased during the year 1904 by 374 new streets.

You do not get berries by beating about the bush.

What makes life dreary is the want of motive.—George Eliot. Courage of soul is necessary for the triumph of genius.—Madame de Staël.

The more we know of our ills, the easier and sooner relief will come. Pains and aches of the flesh, joints and muscles are

Rheumatic



The mission of the Old-Monk-Cure

St. Jacobs Oil

is to cure, and the world knows it does it safely and surely.

Price, 25c. and 50c.



Brighter Prospects

We have many actual photographs of cotton fields on which no fertilizers were used and pictures of fields on which "other makes" of fertilizers were used. Result? These crops were dismal failures. There are much "brighter prospects" ahead for the progressive farmer of the South. Feed and three halves the acre are only ordinary yields where

Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers

are used with proper cultivation. Make your cotton mature early, and thus escape the boll weevil and other damaging insects. You can easily do this, as well as increase the number of bolls and their size on your plants by plentifully using Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers. This method will tremendously "increase your yields per acre." Don't be fooled into buying a substitute.

Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. Richmond, Va. Norfolk, Va. Durham, N. C. Charleston, S. C. Baltimore, Md. Macon, Ga. Savannah, Ga. Montgomery, Ala. Memphis, Tenn. Shreveport, La.

DEFIANCE STARCH never sticks to the iron.



UNSEEN IN A SAW

There are unseen things about this Saw. You cannot see the fine texture of the Steel; takes a sharp, cutting edge and holds it longer than any other Saw. You cannot see the toughness of the blade without a break or a kink. SILVER STEEL, the finest crucible steel in the world, is made on the Atkins formula, tempered and hardened by the Atkins secret process, and used only in Atkins Saws. You cannot see the perfectly graduated taper of the blade; runs easily, without buckling. But you can see the Atkins trade-mark and it is your protection when you buy a Saw. We are saw-makers and our trade-mark on a Saw means that it is our own make and that we are justly proud of it. We make all types and sizes of Saws for all purposes. Atkins Saws, Chain Knives, Perfection Floor Scrapers, etc., are sold by all good hardware dealers. Catalogue on request. E. C. ATKINS & CO., Inc. Largest Saw Manufacturers in the World. Factory and Executive Office, Indianapolis, Indiana. BRANCHES: New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, Portland, Oregon, Seattle, San Francisco, Memphis, Atlanta and Toronto, (Canada). Accept no Substitute—Insist on the Atkins Brand.

SOLD BY GOOD DEALERS EVERYWHERE.

DEFIANCE Cold Water Starch

makes laundry work a pleasure. 16 oz. pkg. 10c.

I PAY SPOT CASH

For Military Bounty Land Warrants issued to soldiers of any war. Write me at once. Address FRANK H. RIGGS, Bank Block, DENVER, COLORADO.

DEFIANCE STARCH—16 ounces to the package—other starches only 12 ounces—same price and "DEFIANCE" IS SUPERIOR QUALITY.

Refreshed with Thompson's Eye Water

When Answering Advertisements Kindly Mention This Paper.

W. N. U. HOUSTON—NO. 2, 1905

PISO'S CURE FOR

CHILLS WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS. Best Remedy for Malaria, Fever, and Consumption.

THE CROCKETT COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Ed. and Proprietor.

CROCKETT, - - - TEXAS.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

A Jim Crow street car law went into effect in Dallas Friday last.

Triplets were born to Silas Fairbanks and wife in an immigrant wagon at Red River crossing Thursday night.

The swimming and water polo championships of the Amateur Athletic Union of the United States will open in the natatorium of the New York Athletic Club in February.

Manuel Carbajal, of El Paso, is dead from a pistol wound received Sunday night. Julie Baldon is under arrest.

While skating Monday night on roller skates Mrs. C. C. Walton of Cleburne, fell and fractured one of the bones of her arm at the wrist.

A new Texas fire insurance company, which will have its headquarters at Austin, is being organized and will begin business the early part of the present year.

C. A. Booker, roadmaster of the Rock Island, with headquarters at Chickasaw, was run over by a train at Enid Thursday night and his body cut in two.

Duluth has been the center of a blizzard, commencing Wednesday. Navigation, steam and electric roads are put out of service, and many wires are down.

The court-martial having the charge of hazarding under process of trial at Annapolis, Mich., is deliberately grinding away, and the public awaits the decision with interest.

The House and Senate met Thursday, after the holiday adjournment. Senator LaFollette, of Wisconsin, was sworn in. He was introduced by Senator Spooner.

A tornado struck the school house of Rose Bell, near Troy, Ala., and two boys were killed by falling timber. None of the pupils escaped without some injury.

Gov. Higgins of New York State, denied an application for a reprieve for Albert T. Patrick who is under sentence of death for the murder of Wm. M. Rice, a Texas millionaire.

Leslie Nelson, 10 years old, an inmate of the Home for the Homeless, of Galveston, died at St. Mary's Infirmary from lockjaw Monday. His death was the result of a terrible wound in the hand received at the hands of a playmate on last Tuesday.

The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business Dec. 30, 1905, the total debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$94,869,718, which is a decrease as compared with Dec. 1, 1905, of \$4,885,113.

Superintendent Hawks of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad states that the motor cars now in use between Houston and Galveston are proving very satisfactory and that soon two more will be put on between Dallas and Denison.

At Benzano, a town of 5,000 inhabitants in the province of Potenza, the earth suddenly opened Thursday, engulfing ten houses and shattering many others which threaten to fall. Many persons were buried in the ruins. Fourteen dead bodies have been recovered.

An Asheville, N. C., special reports the destruction by fire of the Bennett and Morgan Rectifying plant at Marlboro, N. C., the largest in the state, situated in the south. The loss is put at from \$200,000 to \$250,000, with \$150,000 insurance.

Frederick A. Burnham, president of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association is, according to a report prepared to resign his office if such action should prove advisable.

George Phillips Mississippi, a Choctaw Indian, was shot and killed south of Ardmore, while riding along the road singing Indian songs. Three white farmers, named Ewing, Smith and Stephens, have been placed in the Federal jail at Ardmore charged with the crime.

Cable advices from San Domingo announce the revolution is practically at an end. The troops are dispersing to their homes and the country is being pacified.

A TEXAS BLIZZARD

WEATHER THROUGHOUT STATE IS BLIZZARDY.

LOW TEMPERATURE PREDICTED

Skies Were Cloudy, but No Juice Was Squeezed Out—it Followed a Springlike Day.

Alvin, Texas, Jan. 9.—There is a cold northwest wind blowing here, accompanied by a drizzling rain and freezing temperature. The weather bureau predicts a temperature as low as 28 degrees by Tuesday morning.

Austin, Texas, Jan. 9.—What was akin to a howling blizzard swept down on this section early yesterday morning, and yesterday proved the coldest day of the winter. The skies are cloudy, but no rain accompanies the high, cold wind.

Brenham, Texas, Jan. 9.—The norther that struck here at an early hour yesterday morning has continually grown colder until the freezing point has almost been reached.

Cameron, Texas, Jan. 9.—Yesterday was almost as warm as a spring day, but during the night a strong wind from the north began blowing, and it has been cold and blustery since, with some sleet falling about noon.

Louise, Texas, Jan. 9.—For the past ten days plowing and preparations for the coming season's crop have progressed nicely, but at this writing a heavy gale is blowing from the north that renders conditions for work on the farms very unsatisfactory. The acreage in all classes of farming will be increased, but to what extent your correspondent can not determine at present.

San Marcos, Texas, Jan. 9.—A blizzard struck this section at an early hour yesterday morning, and increased in fury during the day. The temperature fell thirty-five degrees in eight hours. A bad freeze is imminent.

Sublime, Texas, Jan. 9.—A very cold norther struck this place yesterday morning. The weather is threatening to sleet. Much suffering among the cattle is anticipated, as the stockmen are unprepared for so severe a spell.

Temple, Texas, Jan. 9.—As a consequence of a norther that blew up yesterday morning following a day of almost summery weather, it is not thought much damage will be inflicted on winter grain, as the ground has had several days in which to dry out from the recent wet spell.

Guthrie, Ok., Jan. 9.—A norther which began after dark last night and has continued since with severity, froze everything in its path. All streams are frozen over. The thermometer fell sixty degrees from noon Sunday until noon yesterday.

A Hunter Killed.
Van Alstyne, Texas: Jim Holms, near Weston, started out hunting this morning. In getting through the fence his gun was accidentally discharged, shooting him in the hip, from the effects of which he died yesterday morning at 3:30. He was 63 years of age.

Kyle Threatened with Destruction.
Kyle, Texas: Mr. R. J. Sledge's barn burned. The barn at the Methodist parsonage was torn down. The most populous part of the town for a while was fearfully menaced. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Poll Tax Payments.
Austin, Texas: The county tax collector has issued very few poll tax receipts and notice has been given that the new law authorizes the seizure of personal property in order to enforce the payment of the poll tax. Taxes on real property must be accompanied by the poll tax.

Roosevelt Grants Favor.
New Orleans, La.: Senator McEnery wired Secretary Hester yesterday from Washington that at the urgent request of the New Orleans Cotton Exchange the ginners' report would not be issued Monday, as this exchange will be closed in honor of the anniversary of the battle of New Orleans, Jan. 8.

THE WITHERSPOON PLAN.

Provides for a Gigantic Cotton Monopoly.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 9.—The Mississippi delegates to the New Orleans cotton convention, which will be held this week, will go with instructions to try to secure the adoption by the convention of what is known as the Witherspoon plan. This was decided upon at the meeting of the Mississippi division this week.

The Witherspoon plan in brief is that a corporation to be known as the Southern Cotton Company shall be formed with a capital of \$110,000,000, to begin business as soon as the capital is paid in. The shares are placed at \$100 each and are payable in cash or cotton at \$50 per bale. The corporation is to purchase \$100,000,000 worth of cotton at 10c a pound, regardless of the market price each year, and it is not to be sold till the price shall have reached 11c, when it shall be sold for 11c—no more, no less.

The domicile of this gigantic corporation is to be New Orleans, but there are to be branch houses at Jackson, Meridian, Vicksburg, Natchez, Mobile, Birmingham, Atlanta and other places over the South. Funds are to be deposited in local banks in such sums as the citizens may subscribe for stock, and are to be loaned at the highest rate of interest obtainable when not in use for the purchase of 10c cotton, but the loan is to be so arranged that it may be called in at a moment's notice should the cotton being held go below 10c.

Wounded Boy Dead.
Fort Worth, Texas: Cecil Ray, 15 years of age, who was accidentally shot near Cisco, Jan. 4, died at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at St. Joseph's Infirmary, where he had been taken for an operation in an effort to save his life. The boy was shot by a companion while they were playing with a target gun. No blame attaches to the boy who did the shooting.

Engine Cleaner Wants \$10,000.
Austin, Texas: Sam Buga has filed suit against the Houston & Texas Central for \$10,000 damages because of injuries sustained while employed at the roundhouse as engine cleaner. He claims that while climbing over the tender to the cab the engineer suddenly, unexpectedly and without cause, stopped the engine, throwing him from the tender.

Five Houses Burned.
Austin, Texas: Last night at 10:15 fire broke out in James M. Sullivan's livery stable, corner of Fifth and Trinity streets, which was totally destroyed. Among the losses were about fifty horses, many of them being boarders. Total loss over \$12,000, partly covered by insurance.

Oklahoma Accidents.
Guthrie, Ok.: Horace Chambers, aged 14, was killed near Kildare yesterday by his horse falling on him.
Samuel Welce of Wellston lost one hand, John Helliga of Ames an eye, Charles Manlove of Alva a hand, and Aubrey Miles of Calumet a hand as the result of accidental gun discharges while on hunting trips.

Turkey and Hog Shipments.
Cuevo, Texas: A car of fat hogs was shipped from here yesterday to the Houston Packing Company. This makes sixteen cars of hogs for the season and fourteen cars of dressed turkeys. In one week the poultry people paid out for labor alone \$600. The business is now ready to close for the season.

Will Phy Cut.
Bonham, Texas: A difficulty occurred here yesterday afternoon in which Will Phy was cut several times about the throat and breast and is in a critical condition, his recovery being doubtful. Sheriff Wise placed Jack Ramsey in jail.

Adams-McCormic.
Leggett, Texas: Mr. W. C. Adams of Corrigan, Texas, and Miss Fannie McCormic of Leggett, Texas, were married Sunday at the residence of the bride, Justice Pinckard officiating. The groom is a prosperous farmer. They left for his home near Corrigan, Texas.

Russell's Slayer Off for Prison.
South McAlester, H. T.: Twenty-seven prisoners were taken to Fort Leavenworth last night, including Frank Lamar, sentenced to eighteen years for killing Indian Sheriff Russell on a train en route to Denison.

DEPLORABLE BEAUMONT TRAGEDY.

Constable Holder Attempted to Force His Way Into Jail to Kill His Daughter's Assailant.

Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 8.—Madened over the criminal assault upon his baby girl on Christmas Eve, exasperated because the jury which found Wm. E. Gregerson guilty of having criminally assaulted the child and frenzied, Constable Russell Holder, a little after 8 o'clock Saturday morning, attempted to enter the county jail for the purpose of wreaking summary vengeance upon the man who committed the terrible crime, and was shot by a deputy sheriff after all efforts to pacify him had failed.

Beaumont, Texas, Jan. 8.—Constable G. Holder died Sunday morning at 9:30 from the effects of the wound inflicted yesterday from a rifle in the hands of some unknown deputy at the court house.

The city is quiet today and there is rather a feeling of gloom and absence of excitement, a sort of reaction from the strain of yesterday. All during yesterday afternoon and last night there were constant inquiries at the Beaumont Sanitarium, where the wounded officer was under the care of half a dozen physicians. After the first operation there was a hopeful report issued. Then came the announcement of the second operation and the discovery that the ball had penetrated the bladder. The doctors then said that Holder might recover, but that nine out of ten of such cases resulted fatally. During the evening powerful opiates were administered and his mind became uncertain. During the early morning hours hope was abandoned, though the doctors and nurses still

LONG STAPLE GROWERS.

Advocate 25 Per Cent Reduction of Acreage.

Lake City, Fla., Jan. 8.—The Association of Long Staple Cotton Growers, which met yesterday, adopted resolutions strongly advocating a reduction in long staple cotton acreage next year of 25 per cent. The resolutions also favored the establishment of warehouses in county seats and insisted on changing the day of paying fertilizer bills to Dec. 1 instead of Oct. 1. The farmers were urged to borrow money from banks rather than mortgage the cotton crop, and also to sell no cotton in the seed. The association holds nearly \$100,000 worth of long staple cotton.

Man and Woman Suicide.

Charlotte, N. C.: W. H. Hood, aged 33, a merchant of Raleigh, and a son of ex-Register of Deeds W. H. Hood, and a woman, aged 22, committed suicide in a rented room at Raleigh yesterday. Hood leaves a wife and two children. He left an insurance policy on the table for his wife and a ring and locket for his children. Nine empty laudanum bottles were found in the room. Hood, it is alleged, had been drinking since Christmas Day.

Newspaper Men Held.

Houston, Texas: The grand jury last evening held a couple of newspaper men, Pat Dougherty and Chas. Maes, because they would not reveal the source of information they had published in an article relating to pool rooms. They made a statement to the effect that certain steps had been taken. When they refused to divulge it, they were held for three hours. Several lawyers went to their defense, and they are free without bond.

Injuries to Americans.

St. Petersburg: Mr. Meyer, the American Ambassador, yesterday received from the Consuls at Moscow and Odessa detailed reports of the injuries suffered by American property during the recent riots. A statement of the damages will be forwarded by Mr. Meyer to the State Department for instructions.

War in China.

Washington: Revolution is feared in China, and the War Department's movements with regard to troops in the Philippines have been conducted with a view to preparing for a crisis. Within a short time it is expected American troops will have to be landed in China to protect American life and property.

fought for the powerful man of a few hours before. They hoped that his constitution might withstand the shock. Holder was considered to be the strongest man in this part of the country. He was physically perfect and almost a giant.

Sheriff Landry and his deputies returned to the city Sunday morning after having left Gregerson in Houston to be carried to the penitentiary later in the day. A complete statement together with the name of the deputy who fired the fatal shot will be given out by Mr. Landry this morning, and the mystery to that extent will be solved. The general sentiment here is that the tragedy is the most deplorable one ever enacted in this city, but coupled with this sentiment is the idea that the officers did only what they were compelled to do in carrying out their oaths of office.

The funeral of Holder will take place today at 2 o'clock from the home of the deceased, the interment taking place in Magnolia cemetery.

Taken to Penitentiary.

Houston, Texas, Jan. 8.—Capt. Siske, State Prison Agent, left at 10 o'clock yesterday morning with William Gregerson, who was brought here Saturday night by Sheriff Ras Landry of Jefferson county, assisted by Deputies Reed Tevis and Ernest Landry, convicted of criminal assault of Ruby Holder, the 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell G. Holder of Beaumont.

Sheriff Landry and his deputies spent Saturday night here, leaving early Sunday morning for Beaumont.

Killed by Train.

Weatherford, Texas: Henry Booker, aged 50, was killed by passenger train No. 25, from Dallas to Mineral Wells, yesterday morning at 2:50 o'clock. The train was just entering the city limits. Mr. Booker was walking on the track and stepped off, and being very feeble, staggered back too near the track and the pilot beam of the engine struck him, knocking him off the track and killing him instantly. He was an old settler. His son and H. L. Prentiss made an effort to save him, but were too late. The blame is attached to the crew.

Morales in Hiding.

Washington: Cable advices to the State Department from the naval couriers are to the effect that the situation in Santo Domingo continues to improve. The fugitive president, Morales, is now reported to be in hiding near the capital. There will be, it appears, no revolutionary movement in the republic save those reported at Puerto Plata and San Diego, and telegraphic communication has everywhere been re-established except with Monte Cristi.

To Plant Largely of Cotton.

Rio Grande City, Texas: A very large crop of cotton will be planted this year. Fencing of land is daily going on and improvements. Price of land has gone up 100 per cent. Weather for the last week has been very moderate—regular summer. Farmers are getting their lands ready to begin planting this month.

A Negro Killed.

Winsboro, Texas: A negro, Sol Davidson, was killed here last night at the home of Shorty Powell, a white man and citizen of this town.

Examination was held by Justice of the Peace G. M. Houston and Powell was admitted to bail in the sum of \$2,500, which he immediately gave.

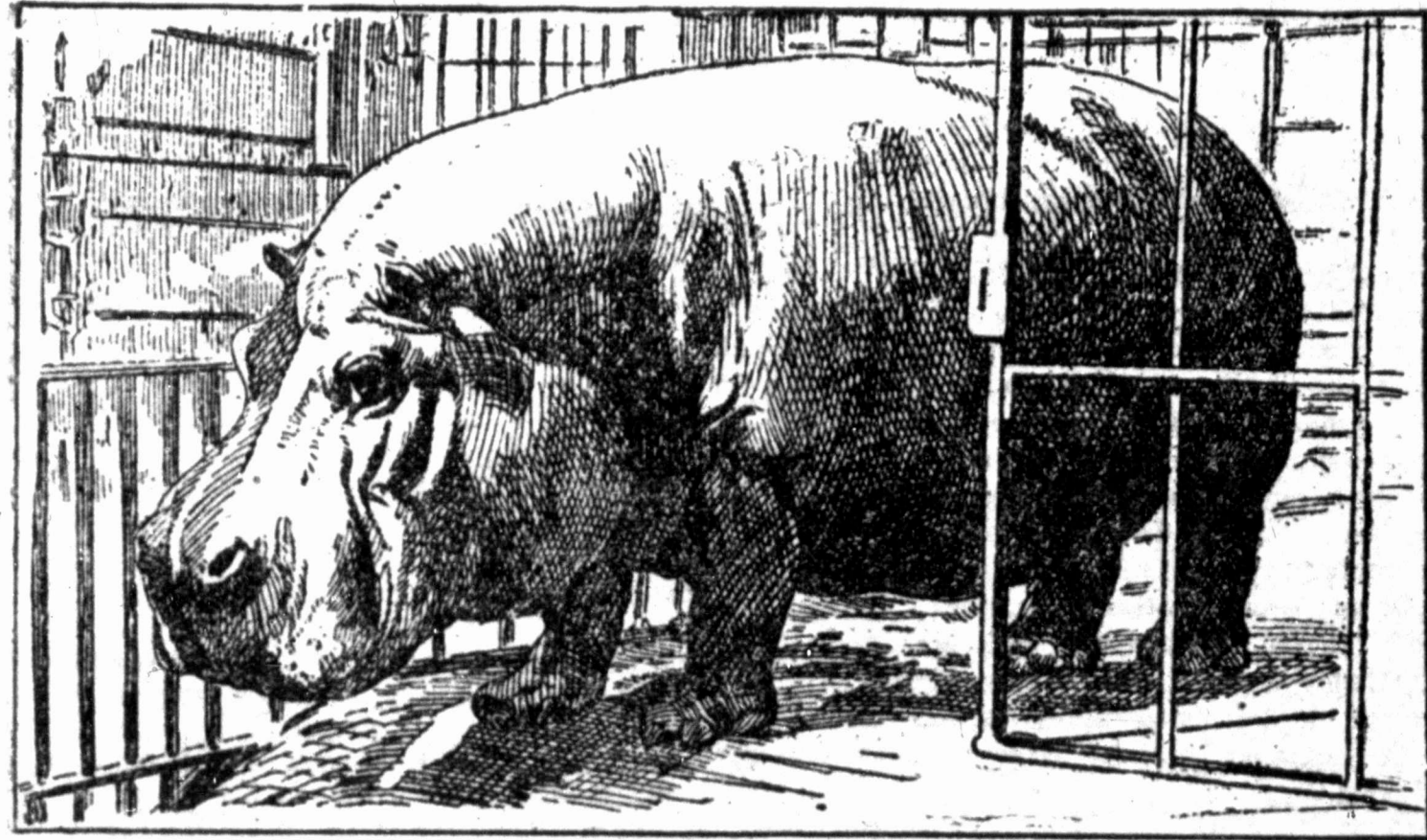
Judgment for \$82,713.24.

Fort Worth, Texas: In the receivership case of the Briggs Weaver Machine Company vs. Stockmen's Oil Company of North Fort Worth, judgment was rendered in favor of the Intervenor Stock Yards National Bank against defendant for \$82,713.24.

Dr. Irion's Slogan.

New Orleans, La.: The new State Board of Health will be organized this morning with Dr. C. H. Irion of Benton, La., as president. The whole system will be revolutionized. Dr. Irion is pledged to the policy of no concealment.

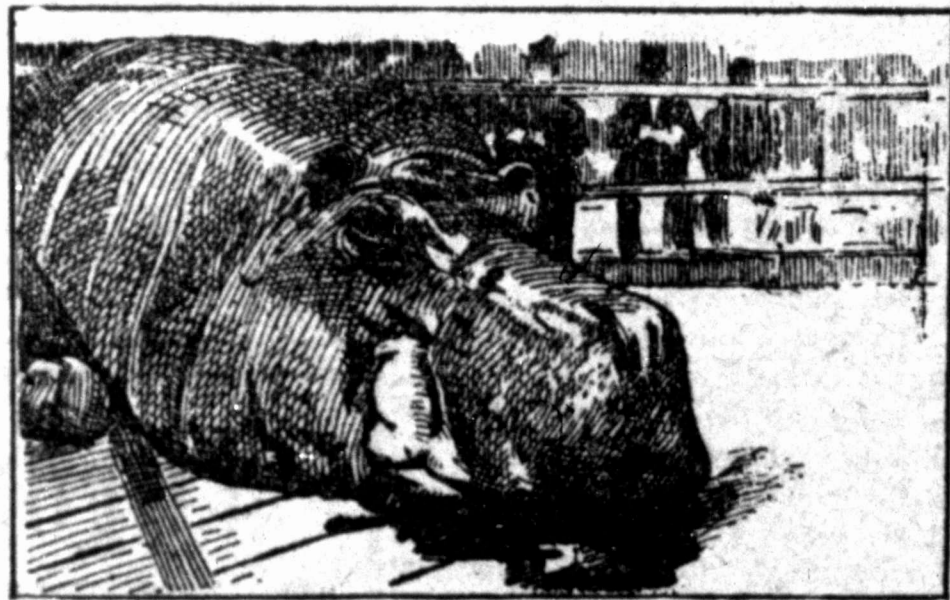
Captured Hippopotami Now in Central Park Zoo, New York



"Calluh" the Giant Hippopotamus of the Central Park Menagerie, New York City.

While few menageries or zoological gardens include hippopotami among the members of the animal world which they contain, the general public is nevertheless quite familiar with the appearance and characteristics of the great ungulates. They have been described in word and picture by innumerable naturalists, historians, and writers, even of the earliest times. We find unmistakable reference to them in the records of the ancient Egyptians, and to-day there is little doubt that the behemoth of the Bible was identical with the hippopotamus. The Central Park Zoo of New York City, is particularly fortunate in the possession of three splendid specimens, a pair of older animals and a young one. The pair, Calliph and Miss Murphy, are well known, not only to those directly interested in these matters, but also to the reading public, for the huge brutes have been described and pictured in various publications.

Calliph, the great male which is the subject of the accompanying interesting engravings, has been in the Central Park Zoo since 1883, while his mate, Miss Murphy, has been included in the collection for a somewhat shorter period. These two have proven remarkably prolific, and have presented an admiring public with eight healthy offsprings, and these, with the exception of the young one at present in the Park, have been sold to other menageries. This is not an exceptional case, for strangely enough these curious beasts thrive well in captivity, and breed not infrequently. Were it not for the difficulty formerly experienced in securing original pairs, they would to-day be far more common in zoological parks. Needless to say, it is very difficult to capture the hippopotamus in a wild state and transport the animal uninjured to civilization,



"Calliph" Musing.

though if this be accomplished successfully, he takes kindly to captivity, and often lives contentedly for many years. In fact, a single specimen existed in the Zoological Park in London for over twenty-eight years.

Hippopotami in captivity do not require the excessive care and attention which are usually necessary for the well-being of tropical animals. One factor which is of considerable advantage in this respect is the fact that the animals lack the restlessness and nervousness so commonly found in wild creatures. Though terrible fighters if aroused they are even-tempered and fairly intelligent, and learn to obey the word of command of their keepers. They appear to appreciate kindness and seldom if ever require punishment.

Hippopotami are purely herbivorous, and in the wild state feed upon grasses, various water plants, rice, millet, maize, and similar growths. This diet is approximated as nearly as possible

in captivity. They are fed every day, usually early in the afternoon, on fresh grass or hay, various vegetables, and bread. They have very healthy appetites, and one can imagine the quantity of food that a "hippo" can consume, when one considers that the stomach of a large specimen will measure as much as eleven feet in length.

The hippopotamus is heir to few troubles. Natural attrition keeps his teeth, which grow throughout his lifetime, within proper bounds. As he not only spends most of his waking hours in the water, but often sleeps there also the frequent immersions keep his thick skin in a healthy condition. The water must have a temperature of not less than fifty-five degrees, and must be maintained at this point the year around. With the exception of the usual attention regarding the cleanliness of the habitation, other necessary care includes merely the preparation of his food and the regulation of the temperature.

Farmers' Co-Operative Union of America.

WE ARE NOT GAMBLERS.

The Farmer's Union is not a gambling institution. We want stability of prices. We set a minimum price on cotton of 11c. We did not ask the membership to sell for 11 cents. The prices reached 11 cents several weeks ago and it has never been below the mark since. Our great National Convention at Texarkana refused to change this price and place it at 15 cents, as was advocated by certain other people. These same people tried to get us to reduce the price to 10 cents a few weeks ago, but we very properly and positively refused to do so. In less than 15 days these same people are telegraphing us to place our minimum at 15 cents. This, we very properly and very positively refused to do—because we are not gamblers and believe in stability of prices. We believe in sizing up the situation as we did this year, setting minimum prices and then stand by them, leaving the membership free to act on their best judgment, but always advising never to sell below the minimum. This, we will do till we can make a contract to sell direct to the spinners at a certain fixed price. Then, we will have a certain, a stable price and every cotton farmer will know exactly what he is doing. This price can be fixed before the cotton is planted. If a few gamblers can fix the price of our cotton before it is planted, why can not we, all the farmers, combine and fix a price just to us and everybody else? By this means we will know exactly what we are doing and all classes of people will be benefitted, except, perhaps, the gambler, and he would be benefitted, too. He can then engage in some honest calling and by hard work he may regain his conscience and be a useful citizen again. **WE ARE NOT GAMBLERS. Co-Operator.**

LESS LAW AND MORE JUSTICE.

Now comes a new and wonderful remedy for the oppressions and exactions of the monopolist and secret freight-rate sandbaggers and operators of faked or stolen franchises. Their offenses are all clearly defined on our statute books. They are thieves—just plain, grand larceny thieves. They have violated the law against larcenies. One would say: "The way to stop this business is to enforce the laws." Not at all! Not at all. Here is the proper procedure: Since these men have violated existing laws, we must get at them by passing law forbidding men to violate laws. And should that dire threat fail of its purpose, then let us assemble Congress or the Legislature, and pass laws forbidding men to violate laws. More laws, and still more laws, yet again more laws, until the sheep on ten thousand hills can not give skin enough to engross them upon or to bind them in.

About the best thing that could happen would be to repeal all our criminal statutes, and in their place enact a selective few of the Ten Commandments, with appropriate sanctions attached by way of clinchers. Saturday Evening Post.

Frederick A. Burnham, president of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Association is, according to a report prepared to resign his office if such action should prove advisable.

There are those who believe that the old law of supply and demand alone regulates the price of articles of sale. In the days when no large corporations existed such was the case. But no man of intelligence would contend for a minute that the law of supply and demand control the price of coal, iron, oil, meat, lumber and nearly all manufactured goods. Then why should the Southern farmer rest his financial salvation on the idea that every pound of cotton he raises brings its full value according to that old rule? Even if supply and demand ruled the price, then it is in order for the farmers to regulate the supply. The men who manufacture our cotton are too smart to believe one moment in that old rule, and hence, they are able to fix the prices on their goods regardless of the amount of cotton made. When cotton sold for 8 cents and again for 16 cents per pound, the price of the manufactured article varied so little that no one ever noticed it.

TRUE UNION BROTHERHOOD.

A number of members write the Signal to know where they can get loans of \$100 to \$200 on approved security. We want all Unions to take up this matter of providing our members with loans when it is necessary that they must have money. Help to keep your brother farmers out of the clutches of the money lenders. If you find a brother in the Union who needs a loan, go around among the members and find out who can favor him with the money. Take security that will protect the loan just as the bank would do, but make the rate of interest low and give the brother a chance to regain his feet. Don't take advantage of a brother member because he happens to need money and don't fail to help him out when he needs your help. Another thing you must do, and that is, go to some bank and have an understanding with the management that they are to loan money to your members at a certain low rate of interest and if they refuse then act together and take your business to the bank that will favor you. It is your right to deal for your members the best way you can and the bank that refuses to favor you, you must draw out from it. Remember you must stand by your brother members before all others.—Union Signal.

While you are making provision for this year's work, do not forget that you will need some good reading matter for the family and yourself, too. We are not here to tell you what papers to take, for the number of good papers is unlimited, and almost all of them are worth the price. The price for almost any sort of an entertainment is from 50 cents to one dollar, but for the same money that the dollar ticket cost for the entertainment of one person for an hour you can buy a first rate weekly newspaper or any of the popular monthly magazines and thus obtain entertainment for hours and hours every week for an unlimited number of people, and what is more to the point, the entertainment furnished by the paper is clean, and that is more than can be said of the average show. This is not saying that all papers are absolutely clean and wholesome, but the average paper is cleaner and more wholesome in its subject matter than the average person is in his conversation. This is not because the editors and reporters are better men, but because the postoffice department has narrowed down the mailing privilege to that point that you are almost certainly assured of the moral cleanness of what you get by mail. Take the papers and read them.

Now that the candidate is among us, don't get too "biggitty" to talk it over with him. Don't hesitate to find out whether he is the man you want. Tell him plainly whether you will support him or not. If you have made up your mind, but don't get in too big a hurry about making up your mind. Officialism isn't the most important thing on earth, but it is worth while to have good men in the official places, and you can't do this by any carelessness or pig-headed, preconceived opinions.

History continues to repeat itself in spite of the fact that two-thirds of it isn't worth repeating.

Don't allow yourself to get into a stew over the Texarkana organization. There is trouble and discontent. Some ambitions have been sat down on, and there always will be some who don't carry their points, and they will always kick up a row about it. But remember that the fiercer the ebullition and the ferment, the sooner the mass will be purified. The object of the Union is to help the farmers, and the fight of the politicians inside the ranks will ultimately result in good rather than in harm. Just "keep your shirt on," and don't say anything mean about anybody, and it will all come out all right. God Almighty has run this universe for some time and He has had no recent illness of which we have seen any account.

A political party that will give basins at 10 cents a plate will fill a bucket with water.

Country Editor's Day of Triumph

Very likely you have not heard of Chula, Mo. This is not strange, because Chula has not recently been placed upon the maps of a state whose citizens insist upon being "shown" and who refuse to give proper cultivation to their credulity.

It is not exactly correct to say that Chula has been placed upon the maps, for on one bright red-letter day in its lexicon it was thrown upon the maps in a bright red splotch by a country editor. This editor came to the city the other day as the guest of the St. Paul railroad. He occupied an entire drawing-room car, ate rich food and drank sparkling wines and received adulations from the colored porter all the way from Chula and back again at the expense of a "soulless corporation."

The man who compelled the map-makers to take notice of Chula enjoys the not uncommon name of Smith E. H. Smith.

Smith's great opportunity came when the St. Paul put the Southwest Limited train into service between Chicago and Kansas City. The train passes through Chula on its eastward and westward flights, and there were three stops. It made a great impression upon Smith's imagination. He watched the flight of the Southwest Limited as it tore great holes in the atmosphere of Chula, and then wrote this about the train:

"The new train on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway passed through Chula for the first time Sunday night, about three hours after dark. There was no hesitation at Chula town, at least none perceptible. There are no high places in Chula town, hence we question whether she ever touched the track. She just ripped a great fiery hole in the darkness and left the atmosphere heated steam hot for a second, then whistled for Niantic or Chicago, we are not cer-

tain which. If 'Central' had not been closed, we would have telephoned to Chicago to see if she hadn't run clean through the Union station. She is sure 'nuf a 'hurry-up train.' Chicago is only about three miles up the track now. She is a gleam of summer sunlight, vestibuled and electric lighted from the cowcatcher clear back a hundred yards behind the last coach. She is knee deep with velvet carpets, and her cushions are as soft as a girl's cheek. She is lighted to a dazzle and heated to a frazzle. She was built to beat the world and her gorgeous splendor makes us chuckle to think we have a pass on her. She goes so fast that the six porters look like one big fat nigger. She is called 'The Southwest Limited.' She stops, going both ways, at Chillicothe, and you can get on her there, but you'll have to hurry."

In the gratitude of his heart the general passenger agent wrote the poet-editor that whenever he desired to come to Chicago he would be more than pleased to cause the Southwest Limited to pause long enough at Chula to take him on and again to let him off. The offer was accepted by wire, as Editor Smith does not believe in toying with fortune nor flirting with opportunity. Then he wrote a piece for his paper, as everything that happens, if anything does happen, in Chula is news, and told the citizens that he was going to Chicago on the limited and as the guest of the general passenger agent and of the road.

As might be expected, the entire business of Chula was suspended the following day and every man, woman and child not bedridden was down to the depot bright and early. The Chula band in full uniform was there playing suggestive pieces about conquering heroes, and Chula's mayor revised his last Fourth of July "oration" to fit the occasion. It was a gala day

for Chula, and the editor had to tell them with becoming modesty how he had achieved greatness.

About the time he reached the spread-eagle stage of his address there was a long, mournful wail pitched in a minor key which sounded like the expiring war whoop of an Apache Indian. It was the Southwest Limited halting Chula, Mo. Editor Smith grasped his new \$2.75 suit case firmly by both straps and waited, all a-tremble with excitement. The band began a furious fanfaring and the citizens of Chula held their breaths. There were two more long wails, followed by two short ones, as the limited's mogul swept down upon Chula's only grade crossing, a cloud of blinding dust, an answering "toot" to the tower man as he dropped the semaphore indicating a clear track and a faint moan was borne upon a passing breeze to Smith and to Chula's population as the mogul whistled for "Niantic or Chicago, which?"

Smith, standing disconsolate with grip in hand, and with Chula's population gazing seemingly with a million eyes clear through him, didn't care much which it was. Without so much as a look at his fellows the Chula News' editor turned and hastened to his sanctum, where he sent a telegram which read: "When it comes to four flushes there are others."

Needless to say that it was all a mistake. The general passenger agent apologized by wire, the limited did not forget to hesitate at Chula the following day. And thus was Chula, Mo., placed upon the map.—Chicago Record-Herald.

Guilty of Espionage.

A Russian woman, named Zanaida Smolianhoff, who had moved in the highest circles in the German capital, has been sentenced at Leipzig to nine months' imprisonment for espionage.



Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

is a positive cure for all those painful ailments of women. It will entirely cure the worst forms of Female Complaints, Inflammation and Ulceration, Falling and Displacements and consequent Spinal Weakness, and is peculiarly adapted to the Change of Life. It will surely cure.

Backache.

It has cured more cases of Female Weakness than any other remedy the world has ever known. It is almost infallible in such cases. It dissolves and expels Tumors in an early stage of development. That

Bearing-down Feeling, causing pain, weight and headache, is instantly relieved and permanently cured by its use. Under all circumstances it acts in harmony with the female system. It corrects

Irregularity,

Suppressed or Painful Periods, Weakness of the Stomach, Indigestion, Bloating, Nervous Prostration, Headache, General Debility. Also

Dizziness, Faintness,

Extreme Lassitude, "don't-care" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feeling, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, flatulency, melancholy or the "blues," and backache. These are sure indications of Female Weakness, some derangement of the organs. For

Kidney Complaints

and Backache of either sex the Vegetable Compound is unequalled.

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Too Small.

Great Magnate—What! You want a million! I can give you but a hundred thousand!

College President—That won't do. As long as we're going to accept tainted money, we must have enough to pay for the damage to our reputation.—Life.

Sold Grant of Land Cheap.

The immigrant who was first in Australia to receive a grant of land was a German named Schaffer. He was given fifty acres in the city of Sydney, and sold them in 1807 for twenty gallons of rum. Shortly afterwards the land was valued at \$500,000.

Do It Now.

There is a time for all things. The time to take Simmons' Cough Syrup is when afflicted with sore throat, hoarseness, coughs or colds. It is guaranteed to cure.

Philippine Cities.

There are four towns in the Philippines with a population exceeding 10,000 each, and thirty-five with a population exceeding 5,000. Manila is the only incorporated city in the islands and its inhabitants number 219,928.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, more and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

In New York.

"I'm afraid I ain't really in society, after all," moaned the multi-millionaire. "Why not?" "Nobody has attempted to black mail me yet."

It Will Cure.

When racked with Rheumatic pain, so walking is an effort and running an impossibility, just try Hunt's Lightning Oil. The result will please and astonish you.

No matter how sensible a woman is, she is not insensible to flattery. In the whale tribe there is no evidence externally of any hind limbs.

Taylor's Chocokoo Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullin's Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 30c., 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle.

Many German women's clubs are now producing cooking boxes.

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THE LAXATIVE BRONCO QUININE TABLETS. Drug stores return money if it fails to cure. E. W. BISHOP'S signature is on each box. 25c.

Our joy is a good exchange for many 1914.

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YEAR ONE OF GREAT PROSPERITY

All Records Broken by the Harvests, Manufactures and Commerce of the United States.

It has been a year of glistening national prosperity and its brightness is reflected into the year that is to come.

Nowhere on the horizon is there visible a cloud of doubt that next year will be as generous-handed as has the year whose bell has just tolled. All records of prosperity for this and for any other country have been broken by the harvests, manufactures and the commerce of the United States of America for the twelve months which now have slipped finally into the past.

The North has had a prosperity in which the West has shared, and the South simply is fat with plenty. No principal crop in the United States has failed. For the bushel sown, the earth has returned its twenty fold. It is not necessary to give the figures in order that the great fact may be grasped. In all the staples of life the year has broken the record of yield. It is possible that in the case of cotton an exception should be made, but of the southern staple there has been a production as large as the people of the cotton-growing sections could have wished. The prices are high; everyone had some cotton and everyone has a share of the selling price.

The Secretary of Agriculture has said that the well-being of the American farmer is a matter of the profoundest interest to the entire country. He might have gone farther and have said that the well-being of the entire country depends upon the well-being of the American farmer. It has been a year of unsurpassed prosperity to the agriculturists of the country. Production has been unequalled, and as the wealth and the happiness of all depend upon that which springs from the ground, we go back to the basis and the proper place for the prophecy of happiness when we stand upon the farm.

By the time that the new year has run half its course it is probable that there will be a fuller and better understanding between the sister countries of North and South America. The third conference of the pan-American states is to be held in Brazil, and there the Secretary of State of the greatest of the American countries will meet with the officials of the smaller republics, and out of their conferences and discussions it is believed will come plans which, when put to the working test, will make secure upon a firm foundation the peace of two continents.

It is probable that before the first session of the Fifty-ninth Congress sees the day of adjournment that a national quarantine law will be passed which will reduce to a minimum the danger of yellow fever epidemics in the South.

It is probable that before the new year becomes an old year two stars will be added to the flag of the United States, Arizona and New Mexico, joined to become one state, and Oklahoma and Indian Territory, joined, to become the other. When this end is accomplished, there will be no territories left in the Union, and of the year 1906 will go down in history as the year which saw the fulfillment of the dream of the fathers.

To go again into the immediate past it may be said for the last of the old years that it saw the making of a record for American commerce in both matters of exports and of imports. The year 1905 produced the first billion dollar record for imports; the year 1906, saw a material increase, and during each one of its twelve months the value of the imports amounted to practically \$100,000,000, against an average of less than half that amount only a score of years ago.

The exports of the United States, as an official puts it, "never touched the billion dollar mark until the year 1895, and have never in any calendar year been as much as a billion and a half dollars in value; but, this year they have considerably exceeded that figure and will approximate a value of \$1,600,000,000." None of the officials who make a study of trade conditions has been able to discover anything in the future which should prevent a like marvelous growth of the commerce of the United States during the coming year.

The manufactures of the country increased their share during the last year in both imports and exports of the United States. The increase in the importation of manufacturers' materials in the ten months ending Nov. 1, 1906, amounted to \$81,000,000, an increase of 21 per cent over the corresponding period of last year, while the increase in all other imports amounted to but \$54,000,000, an increase of 12 per cent over the corresponding months of 1904.

In the matter of exports of manufactures the value of increase during ten months of 1905 was \$58,000,000, an increase of 14 per cent, while the gain of all other exports was about \$50,000,000, an increase of 7 per cent over the same months of last year.

The Washington officials who deal in the statistics of manufacturers hold that there is every apparent indication that the prosperous showing of the last year is to be more than duplicated in the year that is to come.

It is a fairly well established fact that coming unhappy events cast long shadows before. The students of the situation look not only at the matter immediately in hand, but they look at all the conditions of commercial life: the state of the country's finances, the likelihood of tariff changes, the possibilities of commercial wars, and, in fact, at all other things upon which government agents make reports.

They look at all these things before they attempt anything of prophecy, and when they do consent to prophecy they do not put it in black and white because there is always a chance of the arising of something hitherto unknown; but they do consent to give an expression of their belief in the future, founded upon the best knowledge which is given to them from all available sources. It is only the crop expert who in the winter, the time of the death of vegetation, refuses to say one word as to the future, for the time of long distance weather forecasts has not yet arrived.

The view of the coming year as it touches exports and imports and the manufacturers of the country is to be expressed only by the much-used and apparently well-liked word, rosy.

Should there be those who look only to the purse as the standard of a people's happiness, it may be said that there is more money in circulation among the inhabitants of the United States to-day than ever there has been before. Despite bank troubles here and there the financial institutional solidity and prosperity of the country seems to have a foundation of rock which cannot readily be worn away. The light shines ahead.

DISASTERS DURING THE YEAR.

Earthquake in Italy the Worst Calamity Recorded in 1905.

Disasters were numerous during 1905, though there was no calamity involving such great loss of life or such horrors as accompanied the burning of the Iroquois theater at Chicago in 1903, or of the steamer General Slocum at New York in 1904. Leaving out of consideration the Russo-Japanese war, the greatest disaster of the year occurred in Calabria, Italy, where 400 lives were lost through an earthquake Sept. 8. Nearly as many deaths were recorded as due to the collapse of a partially constructed reservoir near Madrid, Spain, April 8.

The most serious disaster in the United States was the tornado in Texas, April 29. At Laredo 100 lives were lost. A tornado in Oklahoma, May 11, caused nearly as many deaths in the town of Sidney. A fire in a shoe factory at Brockton, Mass., resulting from an explosion, March 20, also resulted in 100 deaths.

Railroad accidents probably have not caused so many deaths as in 1904, but several serious ones occurred during the past year. In a collision on the Western Maryland railroad, twenty-eight miles from Baltimore, June 1, twenty-three persons were killed. In each of three other wrecks twenty lives were lost, and two wrecks caused twelve deaths each.

By an explosion in the Rush Run and Red Ash coal mines, near Thurmond, W. Va., March 19, twenty-four lives were lost. A gas explosion in a mine at Ziegler, Ill., April 13, entombed fifty miners. July 11 more than 100 miners were killed by an explosion in the pits at Wattstown, Wales.

Of disasters on the water the most serious was the wreck of the Southampton Railway company's steamer Hilda, off St. Malo, English channel, in which 100 lives were lost. The explosion of the boiler of the United States gunboat Bennington in San Diego harbor, July 21, caused the death of sixty of the crew.

LYNCH LAW LESS IN EVIDENCE.

Fewer Victims of Mobs Than in Any Year Since 1885.

The lynchings reported for 1905 are but 66, the smallest number since 1885. The following table showing the number of lynchings since 1885 will be of use to those studying this particular feature of criminology:

1885	184	1896	131
1886	138	1897	168
1887	122	1898	127
1888	142	1899	197
1889	174	1900	115
1890	127	1901	125
1891	192	1902	96
1892	225	1903	104
1893	250	1904	87
1894	190	1905	66
1895	171		

The lynchings in the various states and territories were as follows: Alabama, 3; Arkansas, 5; Florida, 1; Georgia, 11; Kentucky, 4; Louisiana, 4; Mississippi, 17; Missouri, 1; Nevada, 1; North Carolina, 1; South Car-

olina, 3; Tennessee, 3; Texas, 11; Virginia, 1.

Of these lynchings 65 occurred in the south and 1 in the north. Of the total number 61 were negroes and 5 whites. The crimes alleged were as follows: Murder, 34; rape, 15; murderous assault, 4; attempted rape, 4; robbery, 2; race prejudice, 1; kidnapping, 1; elopement, 1; informing, 1. Two lynchings were for unknown reasons, and one innocent victim was hanged.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS OF 1905.

List of Those Attaining Pre-eminence During the Year.

The following persons stand at the head in various lines of sport: Amateur Athletics—Martin J. Sheridan.

- Automobiling—Barney Oldfield.
- Billiards—Charles F. Conklin.
- Bowling—Charles M. Anderson.
- Boxing—James J. Jeffries.
- Chess—Frank J. Marshall.
- Cycling—Frank L. Kramer.
- Golf (Open)—Willie Anderson.
- Golf (Amateur)—H. Chandler Egan.
- Golf (Women's)—Miss Pauline Mackay.
- Jockey—David Nicol.
- Rifle Shooting—Sergt. C. E. Orr.
- Skat—Herman Dietz.
- Skating (Professional)—Norval Page.
- Skating (Amateur)—Morris Wood.
- Swimming—C. M. Daniels.
- Tennis—Beals C. Wright.
- Tennis (Women's)—Miss Elizabeth Moore.
- Trap Shooting—R. R. Barber.

YEAR AS SEEN BY BRADSTREET.

Period of Heavily Increased Purchasing Power.

The year just ending has been one of almost boundless activity, according to Bradstreet's. It was a period of rich rewards to agriculture, though not of uniformly record yields; of abundance of employment for labor and of few serious strikes; of building and constructive activity in all lines; of enormously enlarged bank clearings totals, and of striking small failure damage, considering the immense business done and the unprecedented number engaged therein.

That it was, on the whole, a year of heavily increased public purchasing power seems certain, in view of the fact that commodity prices were maintained at record high levels.

Continuing the report states:

"The multitude of records broken shows that new guideposts have, indeed been set up. The revival which began in the last half of 1904, far from spending its force, as was predicted in the early part of 1905, grew as the year advanced. The commercial, financial and industrial movement surged forward, weather drawbacks and disclosures of financial rotteness in high places failing to stem the upward trend. Disregard of precedents was, perhaps, best illustrated in the persistent advance of securities despite high money prices, and the tendency to discount prosperity was irresistible."

Speaking of conditions in the latter part of the year it is stated:

"In September car shortages began to affect traffic and collections, clearings reached new high figures, while failures and liabilities for nine months were below 1904. Lifting of southern quarantines gave zest to southern trade, which was further helped by high cotton quotations when the movement was heaviest. In the last quarter open weather favored outdoor activity, but retarded retail trade, which was also hampered by farmers holding grain and cotton and the car congestion, which likewise delayed collections. Stock speculation, though lacking marked public participation and displaying manipulative influences, was of large volume at record prices, despite high money, influenced by active trade and disturbed foreign markets. Iron and steel outputs advanced; ore sales, clearings and staple prices all scored high levels in December."

Of the outlook for the new year the report says:

"If satisfaction with the past and confidence in the future are at all reliable guides, 1906 is likely to equal, if indeed it does not surpass, the year drawing to a close. The volume of orders booked ahead exceeds any previous year in the country's history, and high prices as yet seem to exercise no effect upon consumptive demand. Iron and steel of all kinds are heavily sold ahead; as are also shoes, cotton and woolen goods, lumber, hardware and a myriad of other products. Wheat enters the winter in excellent condition and with an enlarged area. Predictions as to 1906 building are even more sanguine than a year ago."

When Politeness Hurts.

"I came up in an elevator today," said the black-eyed Southern woman, "and the men all took off their hats. I was awfully proud and pleased. It seldom happens in New York elevators."

"I'd a lot rather they'd keep their hats on," observed the blue-eyed woman, "than knock my eye out taking them off. Last week I entered a polite elevator, too. Off came the hats. One jabbed me in the eyebrow, another in the left cheek, another nearly knocked my own hat off and the fourth dislocated my necktie so that I had to get out and tie it all over again. Oh, yes, it's a good deal safer, I think, to let them keep them on. I much prefer it."

English Naval Gunnery.

One of the smartest of the young gunnery officers writes: "The only way to buck up the admirals is to hustle them by competition. Golf tells you how to work the competition. Colonel Bogey has done no more to improve the play of elderly gentlemen than a gunnery bogey score will do to hustle and rouse the admirals. The fact is that the old school still clings to the notion that smart gunnery is infro digl."—Vanity Fair.

A New Being.

Shepard, Ill., Jan. 8th (Special)—Mrs. Sarah E. Rowe, who is residing here, says she feels like "A New Being," although she is in her fifty-seventh year. Why? because she has taken Dodd's Kidney Pills, that well known medicine that has put new life into old bodies, and has come as a God-send into homes of sorrow and suffering. She says:—

"No one knows what awful torture I suffered with Rheumatism and Kidney Trouble, until I got cured by Dodd's Kidney Pills. This grand remedy drove the Rheumatism out of my body, nothing else ever did me any good. Dodd's Kidney Pills are worth one hundred times their price, for they have made me, though I am fifty-seven years old, a new being. I am in better shape now than I have been for many years and I owe it all to Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Effect of the Auto Craze.

Just how badly some men have the automobile habit was shown on Broadway the other night by a man and woman who were spinning down that thoroughfare in a little open touring car. The man, who was driving the car, was in formal evening dress, a crush hat on his head and his white tie and waistcoat showing under his long gray top coat. The woman by his side wore a heavy white veil over her head and her gown was covered with a big cloak. Seated by her side at her feet on the step was the chauffeur, whose duties so far as that run was concerned, were purely ornamental.—New York Press.

Chance for Wilde's Creditors.

In Paris, where the French translation of the late Oscar Wilde's "De Profundis" has found an extensive sale, it is thought to be not unlikely that things will happen over the venacular version. The sale profits of the version, it is stated, amount, so far, to between £800 and £900. This sum is claimed by the official receiver in bankruptcy for the benefit of the English creditors of the author.—London Pall Mall Gazette.

It has been decided to construct a line of railway right across British North Borneo, at a cost of \$7,500,000. A considerable portion of the line, which runs close to the Dutch boundary, will traverse country inhabited by some of the wildest tribes of these regions.

The sassafras does not usually grow to a very large tree.

INCIPIENT CONSUMPTION.

How Food Headed Off the Insidious Disease.

The happy wife of a good old fashioned Michigan farmer says: "In the spring of 1902 I was taken sick—a general breaking down, as it were. I was excessively nervous, could not sleep well at night, my food seemed to do me no good, and I was so weak I could scarcely walk across the room."

"The doctor said my condition was due to overwork and close confinement and that he very much feared that consumption would set in. For several months I took one kind of medicine after another, but with no good effect—in fact, I seemed to grow worse."

"Then I determined to quit all medicines, give up coffee and see what Grape-Nuts food would do for me. I began to eat Grape-Nuts with sugar and cream and bread and butter three times a day."

"The effect was surprising! I began to gain flesh and strength forthwith, my nerves quieted down and grew normally steady and sound, sweet sleep came back to me. In six weeks' time I discharged the hired girl and commenced to do my own housework for a family of six. This was two years ago, and I am doing it still and enjoy it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

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Local Items.

Notice to Advertisers.

Copy for advertisements must be in this office not later than Tuesday morning to insure insertion. No deviation will be made from this rule in the future, because to do so delays publication, causes the paper to miss outgoing mails and works an all round hardship on all concerned.

T. D. Craddock has corn and oats for sale.

All kinds of Oliver plows to be found at the Big Store.

Improve streets and sidewalks and enhance property values.

You will find millinery almost at your own price at the Big Store.

Now is a good time to agitate street and sidewalk improvements.

J. W. Young has returned from a visit to his old home at Bastrop.

Bargains! Bargains in everything you will find at the Big Store.

Mrs. K. Jensen of Henning, Minn., is visiting her son, M. P. Jensen.

Mrs. W. R. Jordan will leave next week for her home at Lake Charles.

Let Moore & Harrison fill your next prescription. They want your trade.

P. E. Smith and W. E. Cannon are among those remembering the COURIER.

All dress goods are now being sold at the Big Store at greatly reduced prices.

Johnson Phillips killed two 12 months old hogs Monday that weighed 716 pounds.

County and city poll taxes must be paid by January 31 or you become disfranchised.

Miss Ethel Wootters has returned from a visit to friends at Bastrop and Smithville.

The Big Store's resolutions for 1906 are: Better values for less money than ever before.

Remember that this is the last month in which you have to pay your state and city poll taxes.

Car of Kokomo hog wire fencing to arrive in a few days.

T. D. CRADDOCK.

A man's poll taxes must be paid by January 31 if he is permitted to vote this year. That is the law.

Every man in the county is going to want to vote this year. January 31 is the last day in which you have to save your vote.

A small child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams was severely burned Sunday evening by getting its clothing caught in the fire. The wounds are not dangerous.

W. A. Ryals, E. E. Hail, J. F. Allbright and T. J. Ware were among those calling at this office last week.

Mitch Satterwhite of Whitesville and C. G. Lansford of Belott are among those remembering the COURIER Monday.

Courteous attention and a cheerful willingness to serve our patrons is the way we do it.

MOORE & HARRISON.

There are no reasons why you should not trade at Moore & Harrison's and there are many reasons why you should.

For many reasons it will be well for you to see us in regard to your prescriptions for 1906.

MOORE & HARRISON.

Ear Corn for Sale.

I have ear corn and hay for sale. Office at depot. Phone 172.

B. L. SATTERWHITE.

You are cordially invited to call at the Big Store and examine our goods and prices. We feel confident that seeing will mean buying.

American Stag Cigars.

Smoke American Stag—our leader—\$40.00—5c.

MURCHISON DRUG STORE.

Are you going to spend any money soon? If you are, it will pay you to look through the advertising columns of the COURIER and learn who wants your business.

Hosiery has advanced along with all cotton goods. Fortunate purchases early enables the Big Store to offer you splendid values at the old time prices.

Services at the Methodist church begin promptly at 11 A. M. and at 7:15 P. M. The public cordially invited.

IRVIN B. MANLY, Pastor.

Henry Dudley of Daniel, L. W. Driskill of San Pedro, Sid Smith of Arbor and W. A. Ponder were among those calling at the COURIER office Saturday.

F. A. Farris of Grapeland, J. B. Satterwhite of Whitesville, W. H. Lakey of Kennard and S. M. Holcomb of Tadmor were among those in town Saturday who called at the COURIER office.

For Sale Cheap.

2 choice registered Poland China sows, 18 months old, bred for March farrow, also 3 nice gilts and 1 boar, 5 months old.

D. T. ADAIR.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wood leave this week for Fowlstown, Ga., where they will make their home. They have many friends here who, while regretting their departure, wish for them much prosperity and happiness.

We have unloaded a car of Maine Triumph Potatoes, the best seed, and will have Armour's Fertilizer, which you know is the best. Supplies are limited, and we advise all wishing to plant this season to call on us relative to the matter.

EDMISTON BROS.

January 31 is the last day under the law in which you have to pay your county and city poll taxes. Remember that if your poll taxes are not paid by the ending of that day you will not be able to vote this year and a 10 per cent penalty will be added besides. Poll taxes can be paid separately from other taxes.

For Rent.

What is known as the Saxon place, 1 1/2 miles from depot—good 5 room cottage, 40 acres of land, fine pasture, splendid well of pure, sweet water. Will rent for current year at low figures. Apply to

W. R. PAGE.

Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of Citizen's Light Co. and Citizen's Ice Co. will take place at court house January 16, 1906, at 2 to 5 o'clock p. m. for purpose of electing officers, etc.

W. A. R. FRENCH, Sec.

J. H. Painter, formerly of Crockett, is now a citizen of Lufkin and will embark in the real estate and abstract business. He is a young man full of energy, push and enterprise, and the Tribune welcomes him to our midst. His family will arrive in a few days.—Lufkin Tribune.

Dr. and Mrs. C. O. Webb have announced the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Carrie W. Blucher, to Mr. William A. King, which event took place on New Year's day at their home in this city. The announcement cards read that Mr. and Mrs. King will be at home after January 15 at Center, Texas.

Mrs. W. C. Lipscomb entertained a few of her young friends Monday evening complimentary to the visiting young ladies. Music and games were the features of entertainment. At a late hour chocolate and cake were served. Those enjoying Mrs. Lipscomb's hospitality were Mrs. Raguette of Tyler, Miss Storey of Austin, Misses Smith of Virginia, Miss Margaret Foster and Miss Albertine Aldrich; Messrs. M. Bromberg Jr., Arch Baker, D. A. Nunn Jr., W. W. Aiken, J. D. Woodson, Alfred Collins and Douglass Cater.

Due to the fact that all suffered heavy losses on potatoes last season, dealers don't know how to buy seed for this season, being fearful that they can't dispose of them. On this account it is highly important that those contemplating planting make it known without delay, so that the potatoes and fertilizer may be brought here. It stands no reason that dealers will not order either except they know that it will be wanted, so unless growers make their wants known at once, they will not be likely to be able to secure seed, for the potatoes will not be here. Indications are for a fair market, as eating potatoes are now twice as high as last season and tending higher, and growers would no doubt do well to plant a few acres at least.

Announcement Fees and Terms.

As the season for announcing for office is at hand, the COURIER desires to make its rates and terms plain, so that there may be no misunderstanding. The fee for announcing for congress will be the same that it was two years ago, which was \$15. For all other district offices the fee will be \$10. All candidates for county offices will be announced for \$5, with the exception of county commissioner, which will be \$3. Precinct offices will be \$2.50, as heretofore. The cash must accompany each and every announcement and no announcement will appear without it. Candidates have been liberal with the COURIER in the past and if the COURIER has ever made an enemy of, or aroused any enmity among, local candidates in any county campaign it knows nothing of it. It has always pursued a course that would be fair to all using its columns and expects to continue to pursue the same course. All articles published in the interest of candidates, except those written for the editor, will be marked "advertisement" and must be paid for.

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Crockett Honors Its Fair Visitors.

The past two weeks have been one continual round of gayety in honor of the visiting ladies who have wended their way from all parts of the world to our delightful town to enjoy with us the Christmas festivities.

First came a most beautiful musicale given by Mrs. C. C. Stokes, complimentary to Mrs. Morris of Tyler and Mrs. Croft of Indiana. Mrs. Stokes as hostess cannot be surpassed, and any social function at her home is always beautiful and a most enjoyable affair.

Friday, December 28, there was an informal card party at the residence of Col. Nunn, in honor of Mrs. Raguette of Tyler, Mrs. Storey of Austin, Mrs. Roberts of Houston, Misses Smith of Virginia and Mrs. Jordan of Lake Charles.

New Year's day the doors of this hospitable home were again thrown open to the public—no cards issued, and a general invitation given to everybody in the town to call from 3 to 6 P. M. Mrs. Robert Wootters and Mrs. Corry received in honor of their charming visitors. The ladies who received with them were Miss Annie Williams, Mrs. Raguette, Miss Storey, Mrs. Croft, Misses Smith, Mrs. Jordan, Miss Margaret Foster, Mrs. Estelle Wootters Smith, Mrs. H. F. Moore, Mrs. Chas. Newton and Mrs. Sydnor Murchison.

Thursday afternoon, January 4, some of Mrs. Corry's pupils tendered a complimentary musicale in honor of the visitors. The correct artistic playing of the young maidens and little misses was thoroughly enjoyed and elicited much applause.

Thursday evening Mrs. Robert Wootters invited the young people of the town to her home to meet the Misses Smith, Mrs. Raguette and Miss Storey. Mrs. Wootters' charm of manner has made for her many friends and an invitation to her house is always gladly accepted.

Friday evening Miss Margaret Foster gave the lovely visitors one of the most beautiful dinner parties that was ever given in Crockett. Covers were laid for six. Mrs. Raguette, Miss Storey, Mrs. Jordan, Misses Smith and Miss Joe Bayne were the honorees of the occasion. Table decorations were green and white, and the dinner was beautifully and artistically served in six courses. Those who are fortunate enough to enjoy Miss Foster's hospitality can not say too much in her praise. This little lady has made an enviable reputation as hostess, and the beautiful little dinner she and her mother prepared and served themselves is something of a wonder to those who know less of the culinary art. The exquisite little place cards, the work of Mrs. Henrietta Wynne, called forth many expressions of delight and admiration.

Miss Albertine Aldrich and Mrs. Geo. W. Crook entertained Saturday evening from 8 to 11 as a compliment to the visitors, and a progressive memory contest was engaged in, giving much fun and

merriment to the guests. Dainty refreshments were served. This gave a pretty close to the week of social pleasures. The visitors are very much impressed with the culture they find in Crockett, and say society here is unsurpassed in this or other states; that no prettier entertainments are given anywhere than they have enjoyed in Crockett.

A New Year's Reception.

"Ring out the old,
Ring in the new."

The New Year was ushered in at the hospitable home of Col. and Mrs. D. A. Nunn in a most happy manner by the elegant reception given by Mrs. C. N. Corry and Mrs. R. H. Wootters in honor of their fair visitors, Mrs. Raguette of Tyler, Mrs. Storey of Austin, Mrs. Croft of Indiana and Misses Smith of Virginia.

The lovely old home, with its wide halls and spacious rooms, which always seems smiling a welcome to its host of friends, was even more attractive than usual on this special occasion, when the Xmas green of holly, cedar and palms, intermingled with the red and green bells of the New Year, were everywhere in evidence.

The callers, as they entered the handsome parlors, were reminded of Tennyson's "Dreams of Fair Women," in the array of youth and beauty, bright eyes and smiling faces, together with the dignified charm and matronly grace of maturer years, and the cordial greeting and "Happy New Years" gave token of the happy hearts of the honorees and their guests.

After lingering awhile in the attractive scene, the guests were invited into the library, where sweet strains of music, rendered by our "Crockett Nightingale," Mrs. Finckney Hall, accompanied by winsome Miss Margaret Foster, entranced the ear, while refreshments of a more substantial character were gracefully dispensed by Mrs. Charles Newton, Mrs. Sidnor Murchison, Mrs. H. F. Moore and Mrs. Estelle Wootters Smith.

The charming hostesses, Mrs. Corry and Mrs. Wootters, the recipients of many congratulations upon their lovely entertainment, have given the New Year an impulse of good will and cheer, which their many friends trust will ring out full and clear throughout the three hundred and sixty-five days of 1906.

ONE OF THE GUESTS.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Best Made.

"In my opinion Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best made for colds," says Mrs. Cora Walker of Porterville, California. There is no doubt about its being the best. No other will cure a cold so quickly. No other is so pleasant and safe to take. These are good reasons why it should be preferred to any other. The fact is that few people are satisfied with any other after having once used this remedy. For sale by S. L. Murchison.

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 says "I was cured by using Foley's Kidney Cure, which I recommend to all, especially trainmen who are usually similarly afflicted." Smith & French Drug Co.

The Crockett Courier

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

For Justice of Peace, Prec. No. 1.
O. R. Stephenson.

Two of the things most to be desired of 1906 for Crockett are a new passenger station and a first-class opera house.

It is well to bear in mind that poll taxes must be paid by the last day of the present month if one is to vote this year and every man in the county is going to want to vote. So do not neglect to pay your poll taxes until it is too late and you are disfranchised. Remember that this is the last month.

This is an election year and every one is going to want a county paper. Look the field over and see if the COURIER does not suit you. It is suiting about 5000 others in Houston county, or at least that many in the county read it weekly estimating five to each family. The price of the COURIER is a dollar a year, cash in advance.

Crockett needs a first-class play house—something it has never had. The old opera house that served as an amusement place for years was lacking in many of the modern conveniences and did not represent the progress that was in evidence throughout the town. The stage was inadequate and lacked comfortable dressing rooms, and theatrical companies played under great disadvantages.

Just such verdicts as that brought in by the jury in a criminal assault case at Beaumont last week is what makes mob law in this country. A white man was found guilty of criminal assault on a little child and given fifty years in the penitentiary by the jury. The man was either guilty or he was not guilty. If guilty he should have been hung and if not guilty he should have been turned loose. What is most needed in the juries of the country is men with enough backbone to hang a few criminals. As a sequel to the jury's failure to assess the proper punishment, the father of the outraged girl was shot down and killed in the jail yard by an officer while the former was trying to kill the destroyer of his home.

The phraseology of the Kansas divorce law is such that thousands of people are technically guilty of bigamy who have been divorced and were married again. The law provides that a decree of divorce shall not be absolute until all costs in the case have been paid into the court granting the decree. Many persons who have sought and obtained divorces have remarried and attempted to evade the payment of the costs. In a recent decision, rendered by the Shawnee county district court, it was held that all such divorced people who had remarried were guilty of bigamy, and could be punished for the crime if charged with it. Since this decision the district courts are beginning to receive revenue from claims which have been outlawed for years.

A dispatch from Austin states that the general prosperity of Texas is reflected in the large increase in the number of charters of domestic corporations filed for record in the secretary of state's office during the year 1905, as compared with the number filed during the preceding year. The receipts of the department were \$295,000 for 1905, which is double that of any previous year. The class of corporations which made the largest increase is the industrial. This fact is taken to indicate that the manufacturing interests of the state have begun to develop, and that it marks the beginning of a new era in the business growth of Texas. Comparatively few corporations of large capital stock were chartered. Most of them were capitalized for \$20,000 to \$25,000.

It has been decided by the supreme court of Kansas that separate schools for whites and negroes is constitutional and the Kansas law will stand. A dispatch from Topeka says: "One of the most important decisions rendered by the supreme court in years was handed down to-day in the case of Richardson against the board of education of Kansas City, Kan. The court holds that the law providing for the separation of negro and white pupils in the Kansas City high school, enacted last winter, is constitutional. The negroes all over the state opposed the passage of this law and have fought the case through all of the courts. They regard the measure as the opening wedge for the segregation of the races in all schools of the state. It is expected that other communities will ask the next legislature for special acts separating the races in their schools. Five of the seven justices concurred in the opinion written by Justice Greene, and Justice Burch dissented, giving no specific reasons. The case raised a constitutional question, the attorneys for the negroes contending that the act was special legislation, such as is prohibited by the state constitution. The court holds that it is within the power of the legislature to extend the law to regulate the attendance of races in all schools of the state."

THE SENATOR FROM TEXAS.

Mr. Bailey regards altogether too modestly his qualifications for the leadership of the minority in the United States senate. They are conspicuous and universally recognized. It certainly does not follow that because Mr. Bailey's personality is unlike Mr. Gorman's, and because his habits of thought and of methods are quite different, Mr. Bailey would fail to command the respectful and loyal support of the democratic senators.

Senator Bailey began his career as a statesman by taking himself very seriously. He has continued so to do; and as commonly happens when the original self-estimate is no mistake, everybody else takes him seriously now. That was in former times the experience of Daniel Webster and some others.

The youthful statesman from Texas had scarcely entered public life when he began to expound the constitution of the United States. His mouth was frequently full of the text and spirit of that instrument, and for years people smiled at the fullness thereof. They have come pretty generally now to the conclusion that no body in the country has a better right to speak for the constitution from the point of view of democratic construction and traditions.

In his earlier years in the house

of representatives, and even during the period when he held the minority leadership of that body, some unimportant eccentricities and acerbities of manner detracted from the influence proper to his intellectual powers and unaffected earnestness of conviction. There has been no more remarkable instance in recent history of the outgrowing process. Mr. Bailey's ability and sincerity have compelled the admiration of both his party associates and his political opponents. He is today one of the most effective debaters in congress, one of the most sagacious leaders on the democratic side, a statesman to be reckoned with on every great question that arises.

The Sun has had fun with Mr. Bailey at times, and is therefore the more ready to express its serious opinion of him.—New York Sun.

Misstatements of Actual Facts.

Never before in the history of the cotton trade has such a multitudinous amount of "Bear" dope and intentional misrepresentation of actual facts been given to the south through paid advertisements in the columns of the press and by the distribution of circular letters through the mails. Operators who are moving heaven and earth to depress future contracts and the prices of spot cotton are cudgeling their brains in the modern art of juggling figures and making new high records in distorting statistics in the supreme effort to make a small yield of American cotton take on the appearance of a plentiful supply. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been expended in the past two months in cablegrams, telegrams, paid articles in newspapers, postage and market letters in an herculean undertaking to deceive the public, discourage the farmers and local spot holders into rushing the remnant of this crop on the market, unsettle public opinion in the South temporarily so as to break the market and induce liquidation. The spinners have threatened to withdraw from the market, which is an absurdity in the face of their enormous commitments of the entire output of their mills for the next six to eight months. Prominent "Bear" leaders take peculiar interest in daily publishing comparative estimates of this crop with years that have gone before. These tangled and much juggled statistics emanate from the offices of gentlemen who breathe the atmosphere of a climate one thousand miles from Southern cotton fields and whose eyes have not witnessed the actual condition of a single cotton field in the South this year. The statistics and daily reports which they put out in the stupendous effort for private gain are simply the nightmares of over-charged brains reflecting individual views in the forlorn hope of changing at least temporarily the law of supply and demand. The interest of the spot holder is not considered. The great desideratum is paper contracts and hot air. Thousands of people read this "Bearish Dope" scattered over the South daily and know it to be false yet they tremble in doubt and surrender their honest convictions and southern manhood before the edicts which emanate from the fine Italian hands of their enemies. This crop can no more be compared with past yields in the matter of picking, ginning and selling than could the enormous production of 1904. Let every man in the South stand pat on the actual conditions which confront him. Spurn these juggled statistics as you would an adder invading the holy precincts of your home and remain fixed and unalterable in your determination to secure higher prices for the balance of this crop, which will unquestionably prove to be one of the smallest grown in a number of years.

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