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STOPPED THE PAPER.

"I've stopped my paper, yes I have; I didn't like to do it, But the editor he got too smart And I allow he'll rue it. I am a man as pays his debts, An' I won't be insulted, So when an editor gets smart I won't be consulted. I took his paper 'leven years, An' helped him all I could, sir, An' when it comes to dunnin' me, I didn't think he would, sir, But that he did and you can bet It made me hot as thunder. Says I, I'll stop that sheet, I will, If the cussed thing goes under! I hunted up the measly whelp, And for his cunnin' caper I paid 'em 'leven years an' quit! Yes, sir, I've stopped his paper!"
—Selected.

CALVE TO APPEAR AT HOUSTON

In the Grandest Concert that Has
Ever Been Given in Texas.

Mme. Emma Calve, the most celebrated singer before the public today, makes her first concert tour of America at a time when she is in the very zenith of her power and popularity. More praise has been lavished upon her in the last decade than has ever been given any artist of the operatic stage, and at this moment she more fully deserves these encomiums than at any other time of her career. There is—nay, there can be only one Calve.

In no other prima donna has there been combined the multitude of qualities—in voice, in mind, in person, in temperament, in expression, which, taken together, make Mme. Calve deserve to be called great.

Mme. Calve's company has been selected with the utmost care. Only artists worthy to be associated with her have been engaged.

M. Bouxmann, basso for the Calve Company, is an artist of great renown in France. He has a voice of great depth and power, and as flexible as a light tenor. He is a young man, and extremely handsome. M. Bouxmann is Belgian-born, and received his preliminary musical education at the Conservatory Royal, at Liege. From there he went to Paris, preparing himself for grand opera, under the most renowned teachers in the French capital. M. Bouxmann is a splendid actor as well as a great singer.

Berrick Von Norden, the young tenor, who will be with Mme. Calve's Company, has been singing with remarkable success in Germany. Mr. Von Norden is a Swedish-American, though born in this country. By many authorities he is considered the "coming" grand opera tenor. His splendid physique and handsome features make him especially fitted for the heroic role. His voice is round, mellow, and is clear, bell-like, and resonant, and he is an excellent musician.

Miss Argyra Kastron, violinist with the company, is one of the most talented young artists in Europe. For several years she was under the personal supervision of the great master, Caesar Thompson. She has enjoyed success in England, and on the continent. Beside being a finished artist, Miss Kastron has an unusual attractive personality.

Mme. Ysabel Barnard, is one of

Europe's greatest concert pianistes. She was Mme. Calve's accompanist on the latter's recent concert tour of Germany and Austria, and she has acted in like capacity for nearly all the world's greatest singers.

Calve will appear at the Houston theater February 7. Sale of seats opens at the theater Thursday, February 1; mail orders received now and accompanied by check, addressed to Mr. M. C. Michael, care of Houston Theater, Houston, Texas, will be filed in order of receipt and seats assigned as near as possible to the location desired.

Letter to Rev. G. A. LeClere, Crockett, Texas.

Rev. Sir: Three churches in Baldwinville, N. Y., had their first lesson in Devoe.

Messrs. Osterhout & Lockwood painted the Presbyterian parsonage; estimated 30 gallons; took 22.

Messrs. Slingerland & Shuttler painted the Episcopal church; estimated 40 gallons; took 28.

Same painters painted the Catholic church; estimated 50 gallons; took 39.

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Notice in Probate.

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

You are hereby commanded, that by publishing for three weeks in some newspaper published in your county, a true copy of this writ you summon all persons interested in estate of Charlotte Douglass, deceased, to answer an application filed by Everett Douglass, guardian, in the county court of Houston County, on the 16th day of January, 1906, for final discharge as guardian which will be heard by said court on the 5th day of February, 1906, at the court house of said county, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application if they see proper.

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

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett, this 16th day of January, 1906.

N. E. ALLBRIGHT,
Clerk County Court, Houston County, Texas.
By J. L. JORDAN, Deputy.

Needless Caution.

A lady had invited to dinner an old friend who had lost his nose in an accident. Taking her young daughter aside before his arrival she cautioned her to make no remarks about Mr. Robinson's nose, as he was very sensitive about it. At the table everything went well for a time until Carrie, who had been studying the guest's face in apparent perplexity, turned inquiringly to her mother and asked:

"Ma, why did you tell me to say nothing about Mr. Robinson's nose? He hasn't got any."

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Citation by Publication.

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 Angeline 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 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 on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. B. Stanton, clerk of the district court of Houston county.

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

COMFORTING WORDS.

Many a Crockett Household Will
Find Them So.

To have the pains and aches of a bad back removed; to be entirely free from annoying, dangerous urinary disorders is enough to make any kidney sufferer grateful. To tell how this great change can be brought about will prove comforting words to hundreds of Crockett readers.

W. D. Price, merchant, of Lufkin Ave., Lufkin, Texas, says: "For the past two or three years I have been troubled considerably off and on with a dull aching in my back, caused, I believe, by a cold or strain. I tried several remedies but without effect. Hearing of Doan's Kidney Pills I procured a box. Finding great relief after using the first box I purchased a second and since finishing this I have felt no return of the symptoms, and have no hesitation in recommending a remedy like Doan's Kidney Pills. They act just as represented."

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CAVE OF THE WINDS.

The Vision Carved in Stone Under Its Hills of Dakota.

The great wind cave has the form of an eight story house, each story, or stratum, containing a distinct formation of its own and each containing chambers of a size and magnificence of decoration such as have never been found in any subterranean cavern of the world.

It is a dream, a nightmare, a vision, carved in solid stone under the green hills of Dakota, stone as white as the milk the hired man used to give us to drink in the dawn of a happy June morning, stone as red as the heart of the first bloodroot that you dug in the spring when the world was all spring to you and stone that is blue with a blue that all the painters who have ever painted Venice have tried to get for generations and have failed.

Frozen fountains are there, white with the leaping foam of untold ages, sculptured cats and horses and great monsters to be dreamed about o' nights and feared in dark corners in the daytime, organs built by the hands of giant gnomes for a Titan to play wild hymns of praise upon, a kitchen for the cooking of weird dishes never thought of up here in the sunshine, all manner and all kinds of rooms, ninety miles of them, down there under the hoofs of the gallant little range horses who pound the grass into hay the year round, up there in South Dakota.

ICE FOR HEATING.

One of the Oddities of Our Modern Civilization.

The use of ice for heating purposes is one of the oddities of our modern civilization. Often it happens that a train carrying fruit from the south to the northern market encounters a cold spell while en route. If the temperature goes below a certain point the perishable merchandise will be ruined. But such a misfortune may be prevented by covering the fruit car with a coat of ice, a thing easily accomplished by turning a hose upon it and allowing the water to freeze until the whole vehicle is enveloped in a glassy and glittering blanket.

It may, indeed, be appropriately called a blanket, inasmuch as it prevents the radiation of heat from the interior of the car. The ice being a good non-conductor the warmth is retained and the fruit, or possibly it may be vegetables, goes on its way unspoiled even by zero weather.

Cars used for transporting oranges and other fruit from California to the east are often provided nowadays with large cylindrical "ice stoves," as they might be called, at each end, which, while useful in summer time for refrigeration, are filled with ice during a cold spell in winter. When the temperature outside is at zero or below, the ice, at 32 degrees F., is comparatively warm, and thus the "stoves" described act as heaters.

Physiognomy.

Dr. Barnardo, the great London child saver, was once discussing crime and criminals with a Scotland Yard expert and expressed his disbelief in the theories of heredity and criminal physiognomy. He produced two photographs of two well known men and showed the faces only to the expert. "One," he said, "is that of a once notorious criminal, and the other is that of a notably good man. Tell me which is which." Without hesitation the expert designated one of the photographs as that of the notorious criminal. Dr. Barnardo was triumphant. The expert criminologist had chosen the photograph of an archbishop of Canterbury.

A Quick Delivery Letter.

It is a curious fact that a century and a half ago a letter traveled much faster than ever it has done since. It was in 1753 that Lord March made a heavy wager that he would cause a letter to be conveyed 100 miles within an hour. His lordship engaged a score of cricketers, all expert throwers and catchers, had the massive inclosed in a ball, and, arranging his men at intervals in a circle, got them to throw the ball as swiftly as possible from one to another. At the end of the hour it was found that the letter had traveled almost exactly 120 miles.—Era Magazine.

To Spite His Wife.

A Parisian actor who formerly made a good income in his profession is now earning his living as a cab driver. He has taken this step to spite his divorced wife. Wherever he went she put a lien on his salary. The actor found that the only occupation in which his wife was helpless against him was cab driving, because he drew no wages and had to pay for the hire of the cab. He says he is making a good living and is quite happy.

Look About You.

It is wonderful how much one can learn by cultivating the habit of observation. As you walk in the street or ride in the car you pick up a surprising amount of information. Our fellow beings are intensely interesting, and they are constantly teaching us something or other. Do not get your knowledge all from books. Put it to some practical use.

BIRTHPLACE OF MASSAGE.

Queer Nubia, Where the Inhabitants Never Take a Bath.

The masseur had just returned from Nubia, the birthplace of massage.

"I didn't learn as much as I expected to," he said, "but I got hold of two movements that will eradicate wrinkles and remove fat in an incredible way.

"Nubia is a queer place. They have so little water there that they never take baths. The 'masseh,' or kneading, whence our word 'massage,' is the bath's substitute. You strip, lie down and are covered from head to foot with a lam made of mutton fat, musk, sandalwood powder and certain plant juices. Then you are kneaded, and you are massaged. I studied the Nubian movements thoroughly and learned, as I say, good things.

"The Nubians are a handsome and queer race. They hunt elephants with the sword. A hunter steals upon a dozing elephant and slashes him in the back of the leg ten inches above the hoof. This cut severs the artery, and the elephant bleeds to death.

"They cook meat on hot stones. First they build a fire, then they put big stones on it, and when the stones are hot enough they clean them of ashes and embers carefully and throw on the meat. This is a better way of cooking than the broil, for it preserves all the meat juices. But greenhorns don't know what kind of stones to use. Most kinds heated explode.

"The Nubians are shapely and handsome. They never wrinkle, they never get fat, their skin is smooth and fine. They impute these graces to the 'masseh'—the massage—that they take regularly three or four times a week. Every masseur ought to go to Nubia if he wants to learn his business thoroughly."

GLOBULES.

One-third of the land surface of the globe is covered with trees.

A Birmingham man named Batchelor has just married a young lady named Widow.

A penny is estimated to change hands about 125,000 times in the course of its life.

A paper chimney fifty feet high and fireproof is a curiosity to be seen at Breslau, Germany.

Cats are licensed in Berlin, and every cat in that city must wear a metal badge bearing a number.

Gibraltar may fairly be called the land of tunnels, there being over seventy miles of burrowed rock.

London has only one mile of tramways to every 30,000 of her population. Manchester has one to every 5,000.

The China Times of Peking is issued in seven languages—Chinese, Japanese, English, French, German, Russian and Italian.

The Nile is noted for the variety of its fish. An expedition sent by the British museum brought home 3,000 specimens.

Glasgow has the largest tramway system of any town in the British Isles. Manchester stands second, while Liverpool makes a bad third.

Lion tamers frequently perfume themselves with lavender. There is, it is said, no record of a lion ever having attacked a trainer who had taken the precaution of using this perfume.

In Fiji the coinage consists chiefly of whales' teeth, those of greater value being dyed red. The natives exchange twenty white teeth for one red one, as we change copper for silver.

Where Vessels Have Eyes.

Painted on the prow of nearly all the junks, or Chinese sailing vessels, are to be seen huge eyes. It is believed by the superstitious inhabitants of China that if the eye, which is raised as in relief, was not there the vessel could not see where to go and would therefore come to destruction. Even if when at sea the eye got destroyed or damaged another would have to be painted in at once. No Chinaman will sail on a junk which is not adorned by an eye, and even an English passenger boat which plies between two Chinese towns has a huge eye painted on each side of her paddle boxes.

Whitman on Emerson.

I often say of Emerson that the personality of the man—the wonderful heart and soul of the man, present in all he writes, thinks, does, hopes—goes far toward justifying the whole literary business—the whole raft, good and bad; the entire system. You see I find nothing in literature that is valuable simply for its professional quality. Literature is only valuable in the measure of the passion—the blood and muscle—with which it is invested—which lies concealed and active in it.—From Horace Traubel's "With Walt Whitman in Camden" in Century.

Better Than References.

"Can you give me references from your last place?"
"No, ma'am. The last woman I worked for was Mrs. Libby that used to live next door to you. She an' I couldn't get along at all. You don't know how mean she is. I could tell you over so many."
"You may come."—Chicago Tribune.

STOCKHOLM.

The City of a Thousand Islands and Rocky Reefs.

From Sweden's capital an enthusiastic visitor writes: "The sky has an almost Italian radiance as the sun shines clear and bright on the glittering levels of the lagoon that divide the new town from the old. Across the water, on which a fleet of white ferryboats ply, rises the broad front of the palace, the stern outline of which is relieved by the russet glow which time has lent to the brickwork. In front of the palace runs a broad quay crowded with shipping, behind which one may catch peeps of narrow, winding streets, with sloping roofs and painted houses bent with age. The square front of the palace rises above the red and gray roofs, seeming to command the old city. On my right the waters narrow to a swift rushing stream, over which a stately bridge has been thrown, uniting the palace with the picturesque pile of the opera house, or, rather, with the broad square in which it stands. Behind the opera house lie broad streets of modern houses, in which there are unexpected glimpses of waterways crowded with shipping.

"Stockholm is built on a series of islands formed by Lake Malaren. It is, indeed, the city of a thousand islands and rocky reefs, which are sown broadcast many miles beyond the mainland, where the lake and river join the sea. The steamers which ply up and down the lake afford endless excursions. Seaward you may sail a day among the islands until you reach the long, low reefs on which the Baltic beats.

"In spite of their cold climate the Swedes delight in the open air. After the indoor life of English or American cities it is a great pleasure to take one's meals out of doors, although it may sometimes be necessary to dine wrapped in an overcoat. We have seen people dining in the Tivoli gardens beneath awnings and umbrellas in the rain. This habit may explain the health and vigor of the Swedes."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Crazy people never think they are crazy. Are you crazy?

The average person places too much confidence in an apology.

People are not so much interested in your grievances as you think they are. It is one thing to appreciate a compliment and another thing to swallow it.

A woman never used powder that a man didn't notice it. But women say, "Men are so easily fooled!"

Men don't like men very well; women don't like women very well either. And men quarrel with women sometimes.

When a man regrets that he didn't get much schooling in his youth, somehow his sons who have to go to school don't sympathize with him as much as he expected.—Atchison Globe.

Fighting Shows Race.

"By the way they fight I can tell men's nationality," said a policeman. An Englishman, when he is going to fight, throws his hat and coat in a blustering, bluffing way on the ground. A Scot pulls his hat down tight on his head and buttons his coat carefully. The canny Scot is not going to endanger any of his property. An Irishman appeals to the crowd to hold his coat. The Celtic nature desires sympathy and tries to build it up. A German, methodical, precise, folds his coat in a neat bundle and lays his hat on top of it to hold it down. An American is so anxious to pitch in and have the thing over that he starts fighting without giving a thought to hat or coat.—New York Press.

The London Police.

When the scheme was first broached fierce opposition developed to the establishment of London's metropolitan police, in September, 1829. Police to patrol the streets of London? Such a scheme was "repugnant to the spirit of English law and to the theory of free government," according to an editorial in the Standard of the day. "As a system of clandestine intelligence the thing is complete," it went on. "The low constable is instructed to make himself acquainted with the inhabitants of every house within his beat. And how is this information to be obtained but by the pumping of the servants?"

Doubled.

Mabel—Is she as happy as when she lived with her husband. Molly—Twice as happy. He used to allow her only \$9 a week, and now he has to pay her \$18 a week alimony.—Kansas City Independent.

You can get a very good idea of "natural selection" in its practical workings by viewing a celery glass after it has been once round the table.

NELSON'S FIGHTING MEN.

Had Few Pleasures and Faced Death With a Jest.

Of the "wooden walls of England," the great sailing ships in which Admiral Nelson won his victories, and of the men who worked them, a critic writes: "Though beautiful to behold and terrible to fight with, those old men-of-war were more often than not abodes of tyranny and wretchedness. The violence of the press gangs, which seized men of all ages and occupations, was but a prelude to the oppression that followed. Decent men were herded indiscriminately with ruffians, the rights of free born Englishmen were rudely snatched from them—for them thenceforward there was no law save the will of the captain and the dread articles of war. Shore going leave was nonexistent, the food was atrocious and scanty, punishments were barbarous, and the only thing served out with any liberality was rum, on which the men got drunk and then were flogged for that offense at the gratings next morning.

"In Nelson's time the seaman had few pleasures save the prospect of a hot fight and his daily pint of rum. But to these must be added the vain-glorious satisfaction he took in his clothes. When rigged out in his best he frequently wore rings in his ears and silver buckles on his low shoes, his short blue jacket would be decorated with gold buttons and colored ribbons sewed down the seams to give an additional gayety, his waistcoat might be red or canary, and a black silk handkerchief would be knotted loosely round his throat. As the finishing touch his hair would be hanging in a cue down his back. The broad collars were first worn as a protection against the grease and pomatum used in dressing the pigtail.

"But all these fripperies were discarded when the guns were cast loose from their lashings and the linestocks were lighted. It was the custom of the men when going into action to strip to the waist. They took their black silk handkerchiefs and bound them very tightly round their heads over their ears, so that the roar of the guns might not deafen them for life. It was remarked that men going into action always wore a sullen frown, however merry they were in their talk.

"Methods followed in that day were curiously primitive and toilsome, but the results were undoubtedly satisfactory save to the nameless and numberless sailors who met grim death on the black and blood stained decks or in the dark horror of the cockpit. That those hardy and careless men often faced death or disablement with a jest or a cheer only renders their unconscious heroism the more impressive."—Chicago News.

Four Good Reasons.

An amusing incident happened the other day at a club which had hospitably thrown open its doors to two other clubs. A certain well known officer in the brigade of guards was guilty of the offense of smoking in the morning room. As a matter of fact, he was under the impression that it was the smoking room. A brother officer told him of his mistake. He went up to the only other occupant of the room, an old gentleman dozing in a corner, and apologized for having inadvertently broken one of the rules of the club. The old gentleman replied, without haste, as follows: "My dear sir, pray do not apologize. In the first place, I am sure you would not have smoked had you known that it was prohibited; in the second, I should be the last person to blame you if you had done so; in the third, I am not a member of the club, and in the fourth, I have just been smoking myself."—London Globe.

The Empire of Dollars.

Wall street is the capital of the empire of dollars. Like all other capitals, it has its intrigues, its favorites, its duels, its cabals and its camarillas, and, like all other capitals, it gives its color to those who spend their lives there. It has even a sort of patriotism—"wolf honor"—which brings its citizens together at times in defense of the dollar and of property rights. The empire of dollars is not altogether a noble spectacle. We are not thrilled at the mere thought of those Venice bankers who "financed" the crusaders. We do not like to think of those Wall street manipulators who tried to corner the gold supply during our civil war, when the nation needed gold.—Samuel Merwin in Success Magazine.

The Game of Life.

Life is a queer game of blind man's buff, played in a mist on a mountain top, and the players keep dropping over the precipices. But nobody heeds because there are always plenty more, and the game goes on forever.—H. Rider Haggard.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas.

To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Levy W. White, deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Houston County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the town of Crockett, Texas, 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 4993, wherein Angelina C. Craddock, H. F. Craddock, T. D. Craddock, S. J. Craddock, D. M. Craddock, Allie Craddock, Minnie Craddock, Sue Wootters, and J. S. Wootters are plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of Levy W. White, deceased, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: Plaintiffs allege that they 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, on the waters of Speer Creek, about six miles east of Crockett, being the Levy W. White survey No. 1080, containing 320 acres of land, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the S. W. corner of the J. W. Brent 640 acres survey, a white oak bears S 65° W 9-10 varas. Thence West with Greenberry Mathews N. E. line at 950 varas his N. W. corner. Thence South at 10 varas corner. Thence West at 64 varas corner, a white oak and ash marked X. Thence North at 940 varas intersects the J. M. Kennedy 240 acres survey. Thence with said survey N 55° E at 78 varas the S. E. corner of same, a pine marked X bears S 57° W 2-8-10 varas. Thence N 25° W with said Kennedy's line at 115 varas corner 2 large pines marked X. Thence North at 1242 8-10 varas set stake for corner. Thence East at 442 3-10 varas set stake for corner. Thence South with said Brent's line 820 varas an ell corner of the J. W. Brent survey. Thence S 25° E with Brent's line at 330 varas to the place of beginning, containing 320 acres of land; that plaintiffs are the owners of said land and as the surviving widow and heirs of H. F. Craddock, deceased, who in his lifetime purchased from Levy W. White an interest of 320 acres in Bounty Land Warrant number 8560 issued to said Levy W. White, May 22, 1838, by B. E. Bee, Secretary of War, and by virtue of which the above described land was located, surveyed and patented by the state of Texas; that said Levy W. White on or about the day of _____, 1856, duly conveyed an interest of 320 acres in said bounty land warrant, number 8560 to said H. F. Craddock, and that said conveyance has been lost or destroyed, and plaintiffs will offer secondary evidence of its execution and contents on the trial of this suit; that plaintiffs and those whose estate they have, holding under title and color of title from the state of Texas, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of the above described premises for more than three years next before the commencement of this suit; that they also claim title to said land under and by virtue of the statute of limitations of ten years; that defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of pretended claim to the above described premises, the nature of which is not known to plaintiffs; that the loss of the above mentioned conveyance from Levy W. White to H. F. Craddock and the claim of defendants to said land creates and constitutes a cloud upon plaintiffs title thereto.

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.

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.

The Place for Her.

A woman once told Lord Palmerston that her maid, who had been with her in the Isle of Wight, objected to going thither again because the climate was not "bracing" enough. "What am I to do with such a woman?" she asked. "You had better take her to the Isle of Man next time," said Lord Palmerston.

Bryan Abroad.

Caj. William J. Bryan was discussing the war in Manchuria with Gen. Oyama.

"Were you ever under fire, Colonel?" asked the old warrior. "No, General," answered the Nebraskan, "but I've been over one many times."

But Oyama didn't know how W. Jennings had been roasted.

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AGRICULTURE



Losses by Ditches and Gullies.

One of the noted weaknesses of American farming is the tendency to permit a considerable per cent of the land to lie idle on account of gullies and ditches. In countries where land has been high in price for a century or more the land is more carefully looked after in the way of keeping it all in use. Habits of farming are hard to break up, and the American farming habit is not to put a high value on the land even after the price in the market has come up.

Ditches and gullies in fields can be seen in every part of the country where the land is rolling or hilly and the rainfall is considerable. The old open ditch is disappearing but slowly. If the farmer that owns a few will take his tape measure and find out the amount of land kept out of use by these ditches and gullies he will come to the conclusion that it is far cheaper for him to purchase tile and abolish the open ditches. The land actually comprised in the ditch is considerable, but to it must be added a still greater quantity comprising the unused parts along the edges.

The writer has in mind a meadow on a farm devoted to mixed farming. The meadow is cut crosswise by an open ditch that takes the water from a ditch by a roadside and conveys it across the meadow into another open ditch in a pasture. Whenever a wagon has to be taken to one end of the meadow it must be taken into the public highway again before reaching the other end. Haying operations on one side of this open ditch cannot be extended to the other part of the field without all the implements being taken around the ditch. If this meadow is ever plowed up, and it should be, the amount of land lost to cultivation will be large. The amount of water going through this open ditch is too large to permit of the use of ordinary sized drain tile, but the larger sizes can be used, and if that is too expensive stone may be used, which exists in abundance in the neighboring pasture.

One of the most expensive ditches that we know of exists in a 24-acre pasture of a farmer that we know. The ditch runs the length of the pasture and increases its length by not running straight. It is about three feet deep and the bottom is about three feet wide. The rains of the years have modified the abruptness of the top and now the ditch is not less than eight feet wide at the top. After every rain there are innumerable caverns of the sides, and some changes in the windings of the channel. This winding channel is largely the cause of the cave-ins, as it sends the flood waters with great force against certain points in the sides, just as do the great rivers in the west. It is bad to have an open ditch in a pasture; it is worse to have it crooked and give it the power of boring like an augur.

An Experimental Garden.

A seedsman and florist near here, who has customers all over the United States and Canada, has adopted a most sensible plan for checking off his seeds by means of an experimental garden on his home grounds. He has a large tract of land set aside for that purpose, and through the vegetables grown there are never sold, very seldom used and no seed saved from them, the owner considers it a paying crop. The seed is planted at the proper time in spring in carefully prepared ground, and close watch is kept and a record made of any that do not germinate properly. The rows are eight feet long, each one being plainly marked with a stick bearing a number which corresponds with that variety in the record kept by the head gardener. All are cared for, weeded, thinned and cultivated so that the result of the crop when properly cared for can be shown. When a report comes from a customer saying that a certain kind of seed failed to grow, that variety is looked up in the experiment garden, and the seedsman can tell at once if the complaint is well founded, in which case restitution is made. All varieties are allowed to come to maturity to determine if the sort is true to name. During the past season 1,200 varieties of vegetables have been grown in that department, ranging through all the kinds of edible ones and taking in grasses of all kinds, grains, sugar cane, tobacco, asparagus and rhubarb. There is also an experiment garden devoted to flowers in connection with this. Though not so large, it takes in all kinds, and besides the usefulness of the plan it makes a beautiful display in the garden.—Myra Bradshaw in Farmers' Review.

Scratching sheds for winter use are very profitable. The exercise they make possible keeps the hens in health and increases the number of eggs.

St. Helena.

St. Helena is one of England's most-bund colonies, according to the report of the governor. It has a cable station and a garrison, but that is all. Only three British warships called in during last year. Considering the proximity of St. Helena to the West African coast, and the splendid climate of the island the government wonders that it is not used as a sanitarium by the navy.

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 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 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Glory may be but another name for greed.

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If "Defiance Starch" does not please you, return it to your dealer. If it does you get one-third more for the same money. It will give you satisfaction, and will not stick to the iron.

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Glasgow, Scotland, spends on drink \$16,000,000 a year.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

Better a blushing cheek than a black heart.

FITS permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. R. H. Kane's Nerve Tonic. Send for FREE \$2.00 trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KANE, Ltd., 251 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The reckless extravagance of women's dress at the present day is little short of criminal insanity.—Marie Corelli.

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Swift & Company

Year 1905 Sales.
The total distributive sales for 1905 exceeded \$200,000,000.

This total is realized from the sale of fresh meats (beef, mutton and pork), provisions, produce (poultry, butter and eggs), soaps, glues, oils, bones, fertilizers, feathers, casings, hides, wools, pelts and other by-products derived from cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry.

Margin of Profit.

The industry is operated on a margin of less than 2 cents to each dollar of sales. Swift & Co. do not sell at retail. Their entire output is sold at wholesale to many thousands of dealers in various parts of the world. There are hundreds of local slaughterers throughout the United States, who buy their live stock in competition with the packer doing an interstate and international business. Likewise the packer must sell in competition with the local slaughterers. There are no secret processes in the industry, no complicated and expensive factories, and as live stock can be purchased in almost every hamlet and city, and the preparation of meats is simple in the extreme, local slaughtering will long remain a factor in the production of fresh meats and provisions.

Economic Advantages.

The large packing houses will, however, always have these advantages: Locations at the chief live stock centers, with the opportunity to buy the best live stock; manufacturing in large quantities, at the minimum of expense; utilization of all waste material; refrigeration; mechanical appliances; highly efficient business management. These advantages are reflected in the quality of the packer's output, a quality that has reached its highest development in the products bearing the name and brand of "Swift."

Purchasing Live Stock.

The principal live stock centers are Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha, St.

Louis, St. Joseph, St. Paul and Fort Worth. The same methods of purchasing cattle, sheep and hogs prevail at all cities. At Chicago, which is the largest market, there are about two hundred and fifty buyers, representing packers, local slaughterers in various cities and exporters. Of this number, less than a score are employed by Swift & Company.

The farmer ships his live stock to Chicago, consigns them to a commission firm at the Union Stock Yards, who sees that they are unloaded and put in pens. Then the buyers inspect them, make their offers to the commission dealer, who accepts or rejects as his judgment dictates. All buying must be finished at 3 o'clock each day, and the buyer must pay spot cash. If the commission man has no satisfactory offers, he can hold his stock over to the next day. He gets his commission from the farmer, and naturally strives to get the highest possible price for his client.

Wholesale Distributing Houses.

A wholesale distributing house is a giant refrigerator, but instead of shelves there are trolley rails, from which are suspended hooks to hang the carcasses. Some of the houses cost as much as a hundred thousand dollars to build and equip. As a rule they are of pressed brick, the insides being lined—floor, walls and ceiling—with highly polished hardwood. The floors are covered daily with fresh sawdust, and all are kept spotlessly clean. There are over three hundred of these wholesale houses in various cities of the United States, and the public is always welcome to visit them.

Packing Plants.

All the Swift & Company plants are located at the great live stock markets, in the heart of the great agricultural sections, where can be purchased the finest grades of cattle, sheep and hogs. We have seven packing plants, employing at each from two to eight thousand persons.

The following gives the locations and sizes of the different plants:

Packing Plants.

	Buildings, Acres.	Floor Space, Acres.	Land, Acres.
Chicago	44 1/2	87 1/2	47
Kansas City	7 1/2	30	19 1/2
Omaha	6	26	23
St. Louis	7 1/2	19 1/2	31 1/2
St. Joseph	6 1/2	25 1/2	19 1/2
St. Paul	5	12	16
Fort Worth	3	15	22

Employees.

The total number of persons employed in all the Swift packing plants and branch houses aggregate over 26,000 persons. Conditions for employees in the various manufacturing and operating departments is continually improving with the construction of new buildings and the installation of new and up-to-date equipment.

Sanitation and Hygiene.

The housewife makes no greater effort to keep her kitchen clean than we do to keep in sanitary and hygienic condition our abattoirs. They are thoroughly scrubbed at the close of each day's operations, and automatic appliances are used wherever possible in order to eliminate the personal handling of meats. Rigid rules governing these points are strictly enforced; laxity means dismissal.

Visitors Always Welcome.

No other industry in the world gives such a cordial welcome to visitors as Swift & Co. We keep open house the year around, and maintain a corps of specially trained guides, with special elevators and rest rooms. In one year we have entertained over a quarter of a million of men and women; in one day—Grand Army Day, 1901—we entertained 23,000. Among our visitors have been ambassadors from foreign governments, princes, noblemen and distinguished citizens from all lands and eminent folks from every state in the Union. We wish to familiarize the public with our methods, and the best way to do that is to let the public see for itself. We have no secret processes or methods in any department.

Swift's Premium Hams and Bacon. Swift's Premium Hams and Bacon are more widely and favorably known

than any other brand. Their popularity is due to the uniform quality and flavor of the meat, and to their fine appearance when received from the dealer. Each piece is branded on the rind, "Swift's Premium U. S. Inspected," and wrapped in cheesecloth and white parchment paper.

Look for the brand, "Swift's Premium," when buying hams and bacon.

Swift's Silver Leaf Lard

Is a strictly pure lard, kettle rendered, and put up in 3, 5 and 10-pound sealed pails. It is America's Standard Lard, and enjoys a high reputation and an enormous sale.

Swift's Soaps.

An interesting feature of a trip through the Chicago plant is a visit to the soap factory, one of the largest and most complete in this country. There we manufacture numerous toilet and laundry soaps, and washing powders.

Among which are:

Wool Soap, widely and favorably known; for toilet and bath, and washing fine fabrics.

Crown Princess Toilet Soap, highly perfumed.

Swift's Pride Soap, for laundry and household use.

Swift's Pride Washing Powder, unsurpassed for all cleaning purposes.

Swift's Specialties.

Swift's Premium Ham
Swift's Premium Bacon
Swift's Premium Sliced Bacon
Swift's Premium Lard
Swift's Winchester Ham
Swift's Winchester Bacon
Brookfield Farm Sausage
Swift's Silver Leaf Lard
Jewel Lard Compound
Swift's Cotosuet
Swift's Jersey Butterine
Swift's Beef Extract
Swift's Beef Fluid
Swift's Premium Milk-Fed Chickens

Swift's Soaps.

Wool Soap
Scented Toilet Soaps
Swift's Pride Soap
Swift's Pride Washing Powder

THE CROCKETT COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Ed. and Proprietor.

CROCKETT, - - - TEXAS.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

Controler J. W. Stephens has made formal announcement for renomination and re-election for controler.

The Bank of San Luis Obispo, the oldest institution of the kind in that city, has closed its doors by order of the bank commissioner.

According to advices a mutiny has again broken out at Vladivostok. No details are available, the censorship being operative over press and private telegrams.

Three hundred and eighty-two patents were issued to Texans during the year. Ninety-seven were obtained by residents of Oklahoma and thirty-six by those of Indian Territory.

It seems that the rumor that France had sent warships to Venezuela was premature, inasmuch as the cruisers alleged to have gone to Venezuela waters really went to Martinique.

Nathan Wesley Hale, a republican congressman from Tennessee, can claim descent from Oliver Cromwell, and one of his ancestors, General Nathan Towson, was a quarter master general under George Washington.

Francis Murphy, who for thirty-four years has pleaded throughout the English speaking world for the cause of temperance, is dying in Southern California. He is 69 years of age, was born in Ireland and came to America when he was 16 years old.

Captain Bertin, a French army officer, who was attached to the Russian army during the late war, arrived in San Francisco last week, on his way home. He said the damage done to the city of Mukden had been exaggerated, and that there had been no serious destruction of property there.

Announcement has been made by Alvan F. Barrett of Chicago, that the new Orchestral Band will come to Dallas in the latter part of April for the purpose of giving a grand spring musical festival. Mr. Barrett has been in the city several days making preliminary arrangements.

The board of directors of the Waxahachie Chautauqua met in called session Friday and arranged attractions for the Chautauqua, which is to be held July 24 to Aug. 8. There were present Rev. J. C. McConnell of Ferris, Rev. J. C. Smith and O. H. Chapman of Waxahachie and Rev. W. B. Preston of Mesquite.

In a home two miles south of Thorndale, Pa., were born three sisters, who are still living and whose combined ages surpass those of all trios recently published. They are Mrs. Hannah Witmore, now of Philadelphia, aged 97; Miss Ester Steel, aged 88, and Miss Dorothy Steel, 86, a total of 271 years for the three sisters. The last two named reside in the house where they were born.

Thomas A. Edison is somewhat of a joker. A correspondent was looking over the inventor's laboratory when his eye was caught by a curious model. It looked like a cradle with some kind of telephone attachment. "What on earth is that?" inquired the visitor. "I hope to make my fortune of that invention," said Edison, gravely. "It is a motor to run by sound. You attach it to a cradle and the louder the baby cries the faster the cradle rocks."

District Attorney Jerome in the near future will move against officers of various insurance companies which were under investigation by the legislative committee. A special grand jury is to be called to consider the cases.

Since the snows have fallen wolves, have become very troublesome in the Territory.

It is generally thought that the extra session will be called to meet about March 19.

Permanent organization has now been effected by the International Jewish League formed in San Francisco last month for the purpose of aiding Jewish communities in any part of the world in the attainment of civil and religious liberty.

Asked about the report that he would resign as insurance arbitrator, former President Cleveland said: "There is not a particle of truth in the report, nor any excuse for its circulation."

LAST SAD RITES

GEN. JOSEPH WHEELER BURIED IN NATIONAL CEMETERY.

PROCESSION WAS IMPRESSIVE

Couth's Cavalry Commander Conducted to Grave by Militia, Veterans and Civilians.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Accompanied by military officers, representatives in Congress and distinguished civilians, the body of Gen. Joe Wheeler, the South's great cavalry commander, was borne to the National Cemetery at Arlington yesterday, and was laid to rest on a grassy slope near the historic Lee mansion, one of the most beautiful, picturesque sites in the great National home of the dead. Both the blue and the gray paid homage to the dead soldier.

At 2 p. m. very brief services were conducted at St. John's Episcopal church by Rev. Dr. Ernest Stires of



Major-General Joseph Wheeler.

St. Thomas church, in New York, who conducted the funeral services held in New York yesterday, and who accompanied the body to Washington to perform the last sad rites here.

The president attended the services at the church. When these services were concluded the solemn procession to the cemetery was started.

First in line were United States troops detailed by the War Department as the military escort. In the absence of an infantry organization in the immediate vicinity of Washington, a battalion of engineers from Washington Barracks represented that branch of the service. A squadron of cavalry from Fort Meyer, and the cavalry band and a battery of field artillery also from Fort Meyer, completed the escort. With the cavalry was led a riderless horse, denoting that one of the country's soldiers had been lost from the ranks. The body was borne on a caisson by four horses, and the casket was draped with the Stars and Stripes.

Following the caisson came the veteran organizations, as follows:

United Confederate Veterans' Association of Washington, under command of John T. Callaghan; Grand Army of the Republic, commanded by Corporal James Tanner, commander in chief; Spanish War Veterans, commanded by the department commander, John L. Lewis; Company A of Wheeler's Confederate Cavalry of Atlanta, the Army and Navy Union and Longstreet's Corps, R. E. Lee Camp No. 1, Savannah.

These were followed by the citizens.

Only Female Chinese.

El Paso, Texas: The police of El Paso, while raiding this city's Chinese colony of 300 to gather in Oriental gamblers, were surprised last night to find in the leading gambling place El Paso's only female Celestial, Mrs. Mar Lee, garbed as a man and conducting the faro game with a layout of \$675 in gold. Eight Chinese were overhauled in the raid.

J. S. Jones Named Receiver.

Covington, La.: J. S. Jones, president of the parish school board, has been notified of his appointment as receiver of the Bickham Mercantile Company, of Hackley. This firm, with assets of about \$135,000, lately failed, owing parties in New Orleans and elsewhere about \$140,000. Mr. Jones has selected Hon. B. M. Miller of this place as his legal adviser, and hopes to soon have the business reorganized.

CHRISTIAN IX. DEAD.

Denmark's King, Aged 84, Collapsed After Long Audiences.

Copenhagen, Denmark, Jan. 30.—Christian IX., the aged King of Denmark, dean of the crowned heads of Europe, father of King George of Greece, Queen Alexandra of England and of Dowager Empress Mary Feodorovna of Russia, grandfather of King Haakon VII. of Norway and related by blood or by marriage to most of the European rulers, died with startling suddenness at Amalienborg Palace yesterday afternoon. The accession of his successor, Prince Frederick, his eldest son, will be proclaimed today.

The following official bulletin was issued yesterday evening:

"His Majesty died at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. After His Majesty had brought this morning's audience to a conclusion he appeared to be quite well and proceeded to luncheon as usual. Toward the end of the meal he gave evidence of indisposition, and was compelled to retire to bed at 2:30 p. m. His Majesty passed away peacefully, the symptoms indicating heart failure."

Will Float Bond Issue of \$40,000.

Baton Rouge, La.: At a meeting of the Choctaw Basin Drainage Commission at Port Allen it was decided to issue \$40,000 worth of bonds. Local parties took \$20,000 of these bonds, and the balance will be placed on the market when needed.

Fire at Port Allen destroyed the cooerage of Henry Cohn and the residence of O. G. Toup and damaged adjoining buildings. No insurance was carried on the residence. On Cohn's cooerage \$600 insurance was carried, while the damage is estimated at \$1,500.

A \$2,000,000 Hacienda Sold.

Guadalajara, Mexico: The Atiquiza hacienda, twenty-five miles south of here on the line of the Mexican Central, has been sold for \$2,000,000. The purchaser is Rafael Ariza, owner of the Santa Cruz and El Cortijo sugar haciendas. The Atiquiza hacienda is one of the finest in the republic, and President Diaz has been entertained there on more than one occasion.

Shot Off Both His Arms.

Leesville, La.: News was received here of a shooting affray which occurred at Hornbeck, sixteen miles north of Leesville. Town Marshal Perry of that place attempted to arrest "Bill" Perry, who was drunk and creating a disturbance. Perry drew a gun and struck the officer several times, but inflicting no serious injury. Gentry then secured a shotgun and fired twice at Perry. Both arms were so badly shattered that amputation was necessary.

Protection Against Robberies.

Austin, Texas: Since the numerous safe robberies in this section of the country, the several express companies are on the qui vive, and are providing protection at all weak points. Old safes are being examined and many recommendations carried out as to burglar alarms, etc., and introducing modern attachments.

Gen. Openheimer Returned.

Austin, Texas: Maj. Gen. Openheimer returned yesterday from Washington, where he attended a meeting of the National Board for the Encouragement of Rifle Practice, and reports that only routine matters were transacted.

Eight State Printer Applicants.

Austin, Texas: There are eight applications on file to be appointed expert printer for the State. The printing board is expected to meet tomorrow, provided Treasurer Robbins returns, and consider the matter.

Issued 2,500 Poll Tax Receipts.

Beaumont, Texas: At the close of business at 10 o'clock tonight the County Tax Collector had issued over 2,500 poll tax receipts. In addition 179 certificates of exemption have been issued, of these 174 are in the city of Beaumont.

Mrs. Robert Goelst's Guest.

New York: Miss Alice Roosevelt and Congressman Nicholas Longworth arrived yesterday from Philadelphia. Miss Roosevelt will be the guest of Mrs. Robert Goelst while in this city.

WITHOUT A RULER

AFFAIRS IN KOREA ROCKING ALONG WITH NO HEAD.

FEELING BETWEEN THE RACES

Japan Has a Large and Delicate Job On Its Hands to Establish the Protectorate.

Seoul, Korea, Jan. 29.—The political situation here has been one of extreme interest. It seems to be undoubtedly true that the Japanese have been able to put through their program with greater celerity than they had expected, and that once their protectorate has been established they are rather at a loss as how to proceed. There is really no head to anything. The Cabinet Ministers are afraid to leave their houses, and they do business when necessary by telephone. The Emperor refuses to see any one, and Mr. Morgan, the American Minister, left before the farewell audience because the Emperor wanted to avoid seeing the Japanese Minister.

By their treaty the Japanese have established a protectorate and declared that there shall be a resident general, who shall outrank every one and replace the Legation and Minister, and that he shall attend all diplomatic affairs. These provisions would seem to necessitate the abolition of the Foreign Office, as it has already entailed the withdrawal of several of the foreign Ministers. Mr. Hayashi is supposedly acting resident general, although still holding his position as Minister, as no notification has been sent to the Legations of the change in his status. While nominally supreme he is outranked by the commander in chief, Gen. Hasegawa, and while invested by the treaty with the control of "diplomatic affairs," he still permits the Foreign Office, now under the direction of Mr. Stevens, for no Korean will accept the billet of Minister for Foreign Affairs, to exist. His Majesty still fails to grasp the situation and continues to seek the advice of any one who will tender it.

The problem which the Japanese have in working out the establishment of a protectorate over Korea in all its details is a difficult one. The feeling between the two races and the keen competition between the lower orders of the two peoples, increase the difficulties of the already delicate situation, for it must be solved, not only from the standpoint of the Japanese, but of the Korean people as well.

Rogers Contempt Case.

New York: Henry Wellman of No. 74 Broadway, in whose law office Attorney General Hadley of Missouri took his testimony in his proceedings against the Standard Oil Company, states that he has no information as to when Justice Gildersleeve would announce his decision in the contempt proceedings against H. H. Rogers, who refused to answer certain questions put to him by Mr. Hadley. It had been intended by Attorney General Hadley to resume taking testimony in this city Tuesday, but important matters in Missouri have caused him to adjourn the case to Feb. 12.

Governor Refused to Sign.

Baton Rouge, La.: Gov. Blanchard has refused to sign the patents of land claimed by J. D. Fisher and once occupied by the North American Land and Timber Company of Lake Charles and the M. T. Jones Company, which were located by these companies on script issued to the state by John McEnery, which locations the state land register recently declared worthless. The governor will make a thorough investigation into it.

Nail Mill at Birmingham, Ala.

Birmingham, Ala.: The nail mill of the United Steel Company, formerly known as the Alabama Wire and Nail Company, controlled by Messrs. Schuelers, was destroyed by fire at Eastley Sunday night, entailing a loss of between \$75,000 and \$90,000. Adjacent property valued at millions was jeopardized, but hard work on the part of the firemen prevented a spread of the flames. The origin of the fire and insurance are not obtainable.

A British Constitutional Association has been formed for the purpose of promoting personal liberty and limiting the functions of governing bodies accordingly.

DOCTOR CURED OF ECZEMA.

Maryland Physician Cures Himself—Dr. Fisher Says: "Cuticura Remedies Possess True Merit."

"My face was afflicted with eczema in the year 1897. I used the Cuticura Remedies, and was entirely cured. I am a practicing physician, and very often prescribe Cuticura Resolvent and Cuticura Soap in cases of eczema, and they have cured where other formulas have failed. I am not in the habit of endorsing patent medicines, but when I find remedies possessing true merit, such as the Cuticura Remedies, do, I am broad-minded enough to proclaim their virtues to the world. I have been practicing medicine for sixteen years, and must say I find your Remedies A No. 1. You are at liberty to publish this letter. G. M. Fisher, M. D., Big Pool, Md., May 24, 1905."

Those who attempt to level never equalize; the levelers only change and pervert the natural order of things.

"Nails."

"Nails are a mighty good thing—particularly finger nails—but I don't believe they were intended solely for scratching, though I used mine largely for that purpose for several years. I was sorely affected and had it to do. One application of Hunt's Cure, however, relieved my itch and less than a box cured me entirely."

J. M. Ward.

Index, Texas.

The average man's religion unfortunately fits so loosely that it seldom interferes with business.

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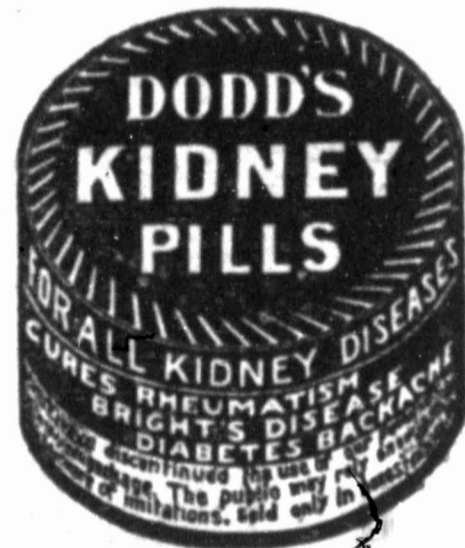
The world's production of coal in 1880 was 370,000,000 tons.

Oil and Lime Water for a Scald.

Heads of other families may like to know what one mother did in an emergency. Her five-year-old boy upset a pitcher of boiling water over one shoulder, and, while she sent post-haste for the doctor, she also ran to the storeroom for salad oil and to her washstand for a bottle of lime-water, a dentist had recommended for the teeth. Mixing equal parts of the oil and lime-water, she soaked a cloth in the resultant and bound up the wound. When the physician arrived he said she had done really all that was necessary, and her prompt action had saved the little patient much suffering which his later arrival could not have averted wholly.—Presbyterian.

An Auto-Lighted Tree.

The family were afraid to have candles on the Christmas tree because of all the little children, so they used colored electric lights. The tiny little batteries that can be bought in a store did not make a sufficiently powerful light, so they hired a 40 horse-power gasoline automobile to come and stand outside the door, attached the electric bulbs to the batteries and got all the light they wanted.—Country Life in America.



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Spiritual Life.
If any one is troubled with doubts about prayer, those two simple words, "Our Father," if he can once really believe them in their full richness and depth, will make the doubts vanish in a moment and prayer seem the most natural and reasonable of all acts.—Kingsley.

Though they may wound your feelings, these three you have only to forgive—the breeze that scatters your flowers, the cloud that hides your moon, and the man who tries to pick quarrels with you.—From the Japanese.

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Nervous Distortion of Face Cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

What appears to be a slight nervous attack may be the forerunner of a severe disorder. No nervous sufferer should neglect the warning symptoms, but should see that the starved nerves are nourished before the injury to the delicate organism has gone to an extent that renders a cure a difficult matter. The nerves receive their nourishment through the blood, the same as every other part of the body, and the best nerve tonic and food is Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. The experience of Mr. Harry Bemis, of Truthville, Washington county, N. Y., substantiates this.

"I had been feeling badly for a long time," said Mr. Bemis, "and in the early part of September, 1902, I was compelled to quit work on account of my ill health. My trouble was at first extreme nervousness, then my sight became affected and I consulted an oculist who said I was suffering from paralysis. He treated me for some time, but I got no benefit. I tried another doctor and again failed to obtain any relief. My nervousness increased. Slight noises would almost make me wild. My mouth was drawn so I could scarcely eat and one eye was affected so I could hardly see. I had very little use of my limbs, in fact I was almost a complete wreck. That is because I followed my wife's advice and took Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She had used the same remedy herself with the most gratifying results and she persuaded me to try them when it appeared that the doctors were unable to help me. They acted very surely in my case, my face came back into shape and in time I was entirely well."

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PATRICK IS CHEERFUL.

Is Very Busy on His Case and Frequently Consults with Lawyers.

Ossining, N. Y., Jan. 29.—Albert T. Patrick, unaffected by the fact that under the court's sentence he would have died in the electric chair at 6 o'clock this morning, devoted his Sunday at Sing Sing prison, as he is devoting all of his other days, to going over the case his lawyers will present to the courts in asking for him a new trial on the charge of the murder of William Marsh Rice.

Although the turn his case has taken in popular favor has not rendered the man more confident than he has always been, it has cheered him up. He works at his case every minute of the day possible. He has frequent interviews with his lawyers and with members of his family. Patrick's confidence has inspired the general belief among prison officials that he will obtain a new trial, from which he will not be returned to the "death house."

AGED COUPLE POISONED.

They Got Up Early, Drank Coffee, and in an Hour Were Ill.

Hillboro, Texas, Jan. 29.—Charles Arndt, a well known farmer, and his wife, were mysteriously poisoned at their home in the Huron community, this county, yesterday morning. They got up between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning and each drank a cup of coffee for breakfast, and were taken violently ill an hour afterward. Mrs. Arndt did not recover, and is dead, and in all probability Mr. Arndt will die.

Officers have left here to investigate. Mr. Arndt is 70 years of age and his wife was 65. Both are well known.

Carried a Burglar.

Comanche, I. T.: A man supposed to be one of the Wassa, I. T., or Montague, Texas, safe blowers, sold a horse and buggy at Loco, I. T., Saturday evening and fell in with three Loco parties. They drove through here at 10:10 p. m. to a saloon a mile west in Comanche county, O. T. While there he slipped out and disappeared. He left his grip in the surrey. When it was examined it was found to contain a full set of safe blower's tools, nitroglycerine, dynamite, electric battery, etc. All officers in this section have been notified.

Prisoners Burned.

McRae, Ga.: About 1:30 o'clock Sunday night the Telfair county jail was discovered to be on fire. Five prisoners in the structure were badly burned, the injuries of some of whom may prove fatal. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed to have been the work of the prisoners, who hoped to effect their escape in the confusion and excitement caused by the fire.

Drowned in Shallow Water.

Guthrie, Ok.: Mrs. Frank Mason, aged 68, was drowned in Indian Creek, near Woodward, yesterday. She started to visit relatives for the day, and in crossing the creek on stepping-stones slipped and fell into the water, only two feet deep. The chill of the water is supposed to have shocked her into insensibility.

Revolution in Tautais.

St. Petersburg: It is reported from Tautais, in Trans-Caucasia, that serious encounters have taken place at that place between the revolutionists and the troops in which several of the latter were killed. The arrival of Gen. Alikhanoff with troops from Tiflis brought about the restoration of order, the revolutionists taking flight.

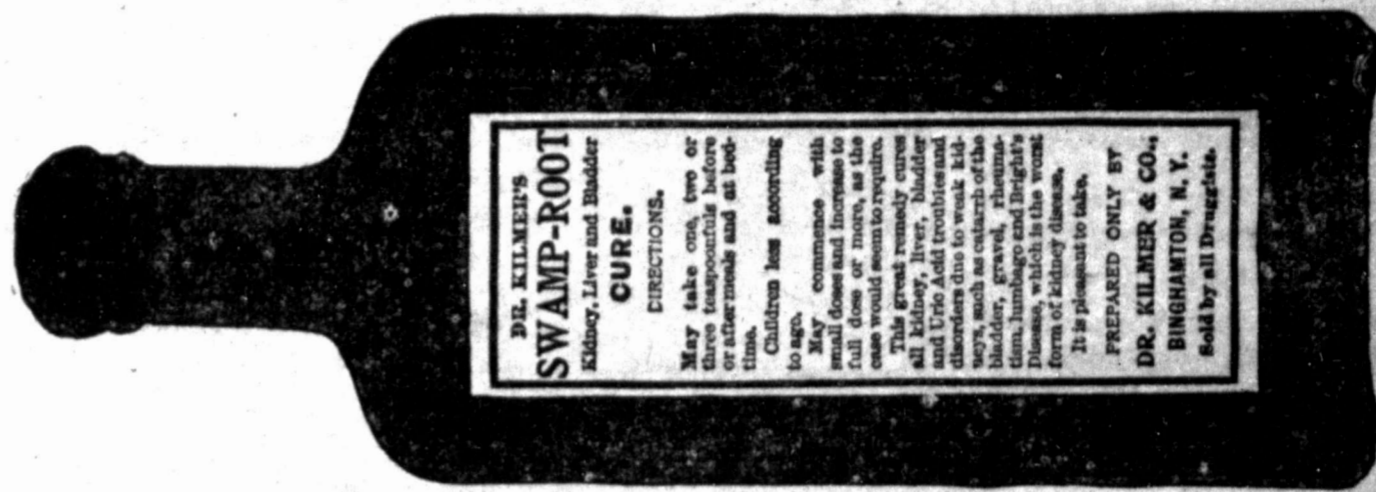
Chickasha Bonds Sold.

Chickasha, I. T.: At a meeting of the city council here bonds to the value of \$60,000, previously voted for waterworks and sewer connections, were sold to R. F. Fulton & Co. of Chicago at \$1.05 net. Work on the proposed extensions will begin within a few weeks.

Nitroglycerin Factory Blew Up.

Tulsa, I. T.: The nitroglycerin factory of the Shooters' Torpedo Company, five miles south of this city on the Arkansas river, blew up late yesterday afternoon. The two employees who were at work in the agitator, noticing that the oil and chemicals were not mixing right and threatening an explosion, fled from the building and escaped with their lives. The total loss is about \$2,000.

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This is to Certify that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney, liver and bladder remedy, is purely vegetable and does not contain any calomel, mercury, creosote, morphine, opium, strychnine, cocaine, nitrate potash (salt-petre), bromide potassium, narcotic alkaloid, whiskey, wine or any harmful or habit producing drugs. Swamp-Root was discovered through scientific research and study by Dr. Kilmer, who graduated with honors and is now actively engaged in the practice of his profession, which calling he has successfully followed many years.

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If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, risings and lumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (H. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every eruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to the skin. At the same time, H. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, \$1 per large bottle, with directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. H. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else fails.

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Read these strong letters from grateful women who have been cured:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— (First Letter.)
"In looking over your book I see that your medicine cures Tumors. I have been to a doctor and he tells me I have a tumor. I will be more than grateful if you can help me, as I do so dread an operation."—Fannie D. Fox, Bradford, Pa.
Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— (Second Letter.)
"I take the liberty to congratulate you on the success I have had with your wonderful medicine."
"Eighteen months ago my periods stopped. Shortly after I felt so badly I submitted to a thorough examination by a physician, and was told that I had a tumor and would have to undergo an operation."
"I soon after read one of your advertisements and decided to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial. After taking five bottles as directed, the tumor is entirely gone. I have again been examined by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; a Woman's Remedy for Women's Ills.

OVER TEXAS.

The State Committee of Y. M. C. A. met at Waco Thursday and Friday.

Texarkana authorities are making war on usurers and money sharks.

A. W. Grove, a M. K. & T. brakeman, had a foot severely mashed in the yards at Denison Thursday and may lose the member.

An oil excitement is brewing in Lamar County, near Chicota, where gas is abundant and traces of oil have been found in some wells.

J. V. Watkins is now closing up the details preliminary to the construction of the Corsicana-Palestine Interurban electric railway.

J. J. Hale, a prominent resident of Hunt County, was found dead Thursday night with his head blown off. The shotgun was fired by a string tied to the deceased's toe.

Dr. E. B. Blalock, of Woodlawn, Harrison County, who was a member of the Twenty-seventh Legislature, is a candidate for lieutenant-governor.

One of the truck growers of Laredo, who had about thirty acres planted to cabbage and cauliflower, reports that the freezing weather of the last week has ruined these plants.

A negro crap game in a box car at Tallys Switch, near Tyler, resulted in the fatal stabbing of one of the players. The man who did the stabbing escaped.

Over 25,000 bales of cotton were marketed from wagons at Abilene this season—a remarkable showing for a country that is not in the cotton raising business.

The first shipment of rails for the extension of the Beaumont, Sour Lake and Western was made from the steel mills Jan. 28, and will be received at Beaumont about Feb. 10.

The new gas plant for the chemical laboratory of Georgetown University is being installed and the physical laboratory also has received a shipment of new apparatus.

James Haynes has received notice that he has been re-appointed as collector of customs at Laredo.

On Wednesday the three-year-old child of W. J. Mockery, living near Granger, was so badly burned from catching fire from a burning trash pile, that it died Friday.

Col. Uriah Lott, promoter of the proposed Brownsville, Hidalgo and Northern road, states that preliminary survey will begin about Feb. 10, when two corps of engineers will be placed in the field.

The Big Sandy depot was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The Texas and Pacific and Cotton Belt lost all their freight and baggage and records. The Pacific Express company lost everything on hand.

The surveying corps locating the proposed Texas, New Mexico and Pacific Railway, a line from McKinney to Denton, reached Prosper Friday, thus completing the survey between Denton and McKinney.

Chickasha has raised a subscription for the Washita Valley Interurban Electric Railway. About \$25,000 was subscribed and assurances given that \$25,000 more would be received. This subscription secures for Chickasha the division point of the proposed road.

F. P. Sargent, chief of the Bureau of Immigration, will probably visit Galveston next month to look into the matter of providing better accommodations for the immigrants that are brought to that port.

James Fetters, who came to Orange from Beaumont three months ago, and has since been in the employ of Geo. McDonald, the contractor and builder, as timekeeper and in other capacities, was arrested on two charges of forgery.

Hon. John M. Henderson, a lawyer of DeZingerfield, has announced as a candidate for Representative from the Floridian district, composed of Morris, Titus and Red River Counties.

The 5-week-old infant of J. W. Shannon and wife, of Paris, died Friday from injuries received Tuesday. While the mother was out of the room, the infant's 27-month-old brother tried to pick it up from the bed and dropped it on the floor.

No Spelling For Him.

"No, I shan't be looking for any spelling schools this winter," replied the drummer with a shake of the head.

"Last winter, as I was loafing around a country town on my route, an acquaintance informed me that an old-fashioned spelling school was to be held that night at a country school-house, and I was invited to go with a crowd. Boys and girls piled into a big sleigh filled with straw, and I naturally tried to make myself agreeable. Before we had gone a mile one young fellow said that if I didn't quit grinning at his girl he'd punch my head, and when we got to the schoolhouse another put his fist under my nose and called me too fresh.

"On top of that I was ass enough to go in and spell the whole crowd down, and I had to make my escape from the building by a window and walk four miles through the snow by my lonesome.

"I used to be fond of old-fashioned things and the spelling school headed the list, but I guess I shall have to cut it out and be satisfied with mince pie and popcorn."—Chicago News.

"Or" Not "And."

People who have had a wide experience with the ordinary summer boarding-house in a place where the season is short and hay must be made while the sun shines have learned not to expect too much. There are, however, certain limits beyond which economy seldom goes.

These limits are evidently unknown or disregarded in a mountain resort to which a meek Bostonian lately strayed.

On the morning after her arrival she seated herself at the breakfast table with the hope stirring in her heart of a meal more generous than the last night's supper. The neat, stern-featured waitress brought her a small saucer of breakfast food, and bent over her.

"We have Graham muffins or white biscuit; ham or eggs," she said, with a distinctness of articulation which left no doubt of her meaning.—Youth's Companion.

To Make Florida an Island.

"A canal of great importance which requires construction," writes Austin Bierberon in his article, "Canals We Must Dig," in the Technical World Magazine, "is across the northern part of the peninsula of Florida. Such a canal would save 700 miles between New Orleans and New York, and about the same distance between our other Gulf and Atlantic cities. Most vessels between these ports must go two days out of their way, and, when time is so important and the cost of sea transportation so great, this cannot be forever endured. Florida is level, and so can be cut without much difficulty or expense, and there are some streams which could be utilized for part of the route."

"We Have Many Similar."

The following is an extract from a letter received from Mr. H. H. Meyers of Stuttgart, Ark.: "You would greatly oblige me if you would introduce Hunt's Lighting Oil at Millidgeville, Ill., as I have many friends and relatives there, in whom I am much concerned, and I understand the Oil is not kept there. I can recommend it as the best medicine I ever had in my house. It cured me of a bad case of the bloody flux in less than one-half hour, and it cured my granddaughter of a bad case of cholera morbus in a very short time."

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I do love my country's good with a respect more tender, more holy and profound than mine own life.—Shakespeare.

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The democratic city convention of Rochester, N. Y., has nominated a life-long republican for mayor.

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When you have a prescription you want filled, that it will have the personal attention of our Mr. French, if you bring it to us.

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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.

Parker has bulk garden seed. A. M. Carlton went to Houston Tuesday night.

The Big Store sells the best herb wire in Crockett.

Buy your garden seed in bulk from F. P. Parker.

H. Asher will leave Saturday night for St. Louis.

Onion sets at T. D. Craddock's at 10 cents per quart.

Clifford Kennedy has returned from school at Waco.

Ed Foster is seriously ill at his home in north Crockett.

T. D. Craddock wants your business. Try him for prices.

Get your hog wire, the best in town, at the Big Store.

A new lot of Chase & Sanborn's coffee at T. D. Craddock's.

New spring style gingham just received at the Big Store.

E. R. Smith, representing the Houston Chronicle, was here Wednesday.

Bargains! Bargains! in everything for next two weeks at the Big Store.

Car of Kokomo wire just received at T. D. Craddock's at reduced prices.

Fresh line of National Biscuit Co.'s goods just received by Brown & Sims.

When in doubt buy the best. Parker has the best of everything in the grocery line.

The Big Store will close their entire line of clothing at greatly reduced prices.

If you want a good overcoat cheap, go to the Big Store, they are selling them cheap.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. D. Bell arrived last week from Illinois and will make their home here.

Call and see us before selling your produce. BROWN & SIMS. The Grocers.

D. F. Morgan of Kennard was in Crockett Friday and a pleasant caller at the COURIER office.

We handle the celebrated Dodson & Braun's Ketchup. BROWN & SIMS.

We can, of course, fill any prescription, no matter whether it's ours or not.

MOORE & HARRISON.

H. B. Monday of Lovelady was here Saturday having dental work done.

We carry nothing but an up-to-date and fresh line of groceries. BROWN & SIMS.

A big shipment of bulk garden seed just received at Parker's. He handles nothing but the best.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Norris spent Sunday in Crockett. They are residing temporarily at Groveton.

New goods are now beginning to arrive at the Big Store. Call and see them and get their low prices.

A. B. Woodall from Huntsville has accepted the position of prescription clerk at Crysups drug store.

Have you tried our Syrup White Pine with Tar? It will stop your cough.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

There is much diversity of opinion as to the peach crop. Some say that it is injured while others say that it is not.

Bring your prescriptions to us. We fill them right and charge you only what it is worth.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

E. A. Snell of Lovelady, E. L. Brown of Daniel and J. D. Beavers were among those calling at this office Saturday.

Mr. P. H. LeSueur, formerly connected with the Enterprise, is now employed in the COURIER composing room.

Our cigars are becoming more popular every day. They satisfy. Try one.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

WANTED—Bright young man from Crockett to prepare for paying position in Government Mail Service. Box One, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Wootters and sisters, the Misses Smith of Virginia, are spending the week at one of the Trinity river lakes.

American Stag Cigars.

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

MURCHISON DRUG STORE.

Mr. M. M. Baker, who was taken to Palestine for treatment in a sanitarium, has been brought home in an unimproved condition.

Ear Corn for Sale.

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

B. L. SATTERWHITE.

Now is the time to seed tobacco beds. All farmers having red sandy lands or the Orangeburg soil should plant a few acres in tobacco.

Goats for Sale.

J. G. Matlock has a bunch of fifty goats for sale. Address or see him at Crockett, Texas. 3t

Miss Ollie Grambling of Ruston, La., is again the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Brown. She has been visiting at Tyler since leaving Crockett.

We make a specialty of prescription work.

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The Druggists.

Volney Streeter, H. F. Craddock, Dr. M. A. Thomas, S. A. Cook and Miss Tenie Breitling are some of those remembering the COURIER since last issue.

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Our friends will please remember that all announcements for office must be accompanied by the cash. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Be sure to remember the Valentine tea and sale given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at the church parlors February 14. Fancy work and candy for sale.

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.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a Valentine tea and sale at the church parlors February 14, three to nine o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

Drugs cannot hold their virtue forever; they dry up and die like everything else. You get only live, fresh, active drugs from us. Our drugs are kept moving and have no chance to get old.

MOORE & HARRISON.

Oscar Goodwin, who is teaching the Wesley Chapel school, was in town Saturday and informed the COURIER editor that his announcement would appear soon for tax collector.

Your prescriptions are in safe hands when placed with us. We give you the very best drugs and fill your prescription just as the doctor says.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

Angora Goats for Sale.

Sixty-eight head of high grade Angora goats for sale at \$1 per head near Pennington, Texas. See DAVID MATHEWS, Pennington, Texas.

The time for paying poll taxes is past, but the time for paying your subscription to the COURIER and renewing for another year is still with us. If you have not already paid up and renewed, do it now.

Mr. Geo. W. Harris is the name of the gentleman who will be in charge of the tobacco work in Houston county this year. Mr. Harris comes from Connecticut and is familiar with every phase of tobacco culture.

Possibly you are already a patron of ours. If not, it might be well to start in now. A trial may prove mutually profitable. With a view to getting better acquainted, we invite you to call at our drug store.

MOORE & HARRISON.

D. M. Gantt of Lovelady was in Crockett Tuesday and paid the COURIER office a call. He informed us of the serious illness of Mr. J. N. Click who has pneumonia. We regret to hear of Mr. Click's illness and hope for his early recovery.

Mr. W. M. Hinson, the tobacco expert in charge of the government work for Houston, Anderson and Nacogdoches counties, was in Crockett Monday and again on Thursday. Mr. Hinson informed the COURIER that he will have a man here next week to begin work with our people and that they will be prepared to take care of seventy-five acres of tobacco.

A Thousand Dollars Thrown Away.

"My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years," writes Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainview, Neb. "We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope, when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar, which I did; and thanks be to this great remedy it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years. We shall never be without Foley's Honey and Tar and would ask those afflicted to try it." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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Show Coming.

The Cook Bros. Theatrical Show traveling in their own special train will exhibit at Crockett on Wednesday, Feb. 7th. Popular prices. Everything first-class and up-to-date. Band and orchestra. Big tent. New specialties. Fine music. Special scenery.

Game Chickens.

I have a few trios to spare of the famous Red Cuban Pit Games, the best of all heavy weights, \$3.00 per trio. Eggs for hatching in season.

N. J. SANDLIN,
Lovelady, Texas.

A magnificent steel engraving of Hagerman Pass, the most famous mountain pass in Colorado, has been issued by the Colorado Midland Railway. This engraving is 26x40 inches and suitable for framing. It will be sent to any address on receipt of 15 cents in stamps by Morell Law, traveling passenger agent, 566 Sheidley building, Kansas City, Mo., or C. H. Speers, G. P. A., Denver, Colo.

Church Notes.

Subject of the morning sermon next Sunday at the Methodist church will be, "A Good Woman."

The "Lord's Supper" Sunday morning at the Methodist church.

The Epworth League is growing in every way. The last meeting, which was led by Miss Willie Farmer, was largely attended, and the program showed careful preparation.

PASTOR.

A. L. (Gus) Goolsby announces this week for tax collector. Gus had the misfortune to lose an arm about two years ago while working at the Kennard mill and has since been teaching school. He is at present teaching at Ash. He is a young man of exceptional qualifications and, if elected, will fill the office to the satisfaction of all concerned. It is needless to here state that his candidacy is subject to the action of the democratic party.

In the proper column will be found the name of John Spence for county judge. Mr. Spence is now serving his third term as county attorney which office he has filled with credit both to himself and to his constituency. He has proven himself an able lawyer and will retire from the office of county attorney with a clean record. He possesses the necessary qualifications for the office of county judge and asks that the democracy of Houston county honor him with the place.

Nat E. Allbright again announces for the office of county clerk. Nat has given such efficient service in office that it seems an impossibility for his opponents to down him. There is not an office-seeker in the county but who would rather run against any one else than Nat Allbright. He has stood for re-election time and again, and has been elected as many times as he has stood. If again re-elected, he promises to serve the people in the future with the same faithfulness to duty that has characterized his official service in the past.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
stops the cough and heals lungs

Change of Schedule.

A change of train schedule goes into effect on the I. & G. N. today. The north-bound day train under the new schedule will leave Houston at 8 o'clock and pass Crockett at 12:03, noon, running through to Longview, where it will connect with the Texas and Pacific. The south-bound day train will pass Crockett at 2:48, thirty minutes later than at present, and reach Houston at 7:05. The north bound day train will make connection at Palestine with the train for San Antonio which leaves Palestine at 1:30 in the afternoon. There is no change in the north-bound night train except that it makes only one stop between Palestine and Longview and that is at Jacksonville. It will not stop at Troupe and passengers for Tyler and Mineola should take the day train. The south-bound night train comes a little later, reaching Crockett at 10:22 p. m. and Houston at 2:30 a. m. The new schedule is more convenient to our people going to Austin, San Antonio, Tyler and Dallas on account of the through connection being made at Palestine and Troupe by the day train and its extension to Longview. We will also get the Galveston and Houston morning papers two hours earlier. The railroad company has put on a new fast mail service between St. Louis and Texas cities, which brings about a re-arrangement of trains. It has one south-bound evening train that does not make a single stop between Longview and Palestine.

Kidney complaint kills more people than any other disease. This is due to the disease being so insidious that it gets a good hold on the system before it is recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure will prevent the development of fatal disease if taken in time. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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International Celebration.

"Down by the Rio Grande"

Many years ago the citizens of Laredo, Texas, and Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, conceived the idea of fittingly celebrating George Washington's Birthday (February 22) by suitable "Mexican-American" fiestas, and from a small source this has grown to a Magnificent Annual Event unsurpassed in its splendid surroundings and interesting particulars by anything of a similar nature ever held in Texas.

International in its character, located on the border line between the Great Republics, occurring at a season of the year when business cares press lightly, and at a time when weather conditions in that locality are ideal, this event offers unsurpassed inducements to the pleasure seeker.

This year the celebration will consist of five days' continuous festivities, February 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, and the program will comprise many new and interesting features, among which may be mentioned Famous Spanish Bull Fights, Cattle Roping Contest, Naval Fire works on Rio Grande River, Gen. Washington Crossing the Delaware, Military Drills, Historical Pageants and Trades Display, Flower Carnival, U. S. and Mexican Bands.

For this occasion low excursion rates will be in effect to Laredo, also for the benefit of those who desire to see more of Mexican life and customs arrangements have been made for the sale of excursion tickets to Monterey, Mexico, with ten (10) days' limit, permitting stop-over at Laredo to witness the International Celebration.

For further particulars, call on ticket agents, or write, D. J. PRICER, GEO. D. HUNTER, G. P. & T. A., Asst. G. P. & T. A., "THE TEXAS RAILROAD," Palestine, Texas.

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 Representative
John B. Smith
For County Judge
John Spence
For County Clerk
Nat E. Allbright
For Tax Collector
A. L. (Gus) Goolsby
For Justice of Peace, Prec. No. 1
C. R. Stephenson

February is the time for seeding tobacco beds.

Every farmer in Houston county who has the soil should grow a few acres in tobacco this year and help along the movement for a new staple crop.

We cannot have too great a diversity of crops. All crops are never a failure the same year. Help along the tobacco movement by planting a few acres.

The government tobacco experts will be able to look after 75 acres of tobacco in Houston county this year. Farmers are advised to plant from one to five acres each.

Houston county tobacco is in demand. A representative of a Willis cigar factory was in Crockett last week looking for tobacco for his factory. Houston county tobacco is considered choice.

Most any of our red lands or red sandy loams or the soil known as the Orangeburg type are adapted to the growth of tobacco. The expert who will be stationed at Crockett after this week will call on any farmer desiring his service and advise as to the soils best suited for tobacco. Any one wanting information can address a letter to the COURIER and it will be delivered to the gentlemen in charge of the work.

The importance of filling county offices with an honest, intelligent set of men is of vast magnitude. It is more important to our people that the best men be selected for places of trust at home than at the state or national capital. It will not make much difference to you who is governor or president, but it will make a great deal of difference to you who your county commissioner or your county school superintendent is. These are the officials nearest to the home. The condition of the roads you travel will depend a great deal on your commissioner and the education of your boy or girl will depend much on your county superintendent. The people are learning to take more interest in these things that affect and are nearest the home and less in the race for president or governor. The county commissioner is vested with the same responsibility toward the county that the legislator is toward the state. For these reasons none but the wisest and most far-sighted men in the county should be selected for the place—men with ability and a keen sense of duty and with the courage to carry out their convictions. Much as they will depend

The national government will have an experienced tobacco grower from the tobacco state of Connecticut here this year, beginning next week, to supervise the growing of a tobacco crop for Houston county. A Chicago firm will have a representative here to contract for the tobacco grown under government supervision at 15 cents a pound. If the farmer does not wish to contract his crop at 15 cents a pound, he can grow it independently and the Chicago firm offers to bid for it in the open market. What more do the farmers of Houston county want as a guarantee for a crop and as a guarantee for a market for that crop? All that they are asked to do is to furnish the proper soil and the labor.

Our people stand in need now more than at any other time of a new crop. A big crop of cotton will likely be planted this year and as a result cotton will be cheap. The national government has established tobacco as a possible staple crop for this section and our people should take hold and reap the benefits of the experiments conducted by the government in this section during the past few years. Much time and money have been spent by the government and individuals in putting the tobacco crop on a paying basis, finding markets, etc. Now for our people to ignore what has been done will mean a clear loss of all effort in that direction in the past and will mean further that our people are not alive to their own interests and to the general welfare of the country. Let those who have the proper soil take hold and plant a few acres in tobacco this year and a further step toward the goal of diversification will thus be accomplished.

Our present system of schools is looked upon as a vast improvement upon the schools of forty years ago. This ought to be the case. Time ought to correct follies and teach wisdom. You find sensible, well informed men everywhere asking for some school of the old type of good schools that existed forty years back, in which he can place his son or daughter. One of the most manly men of our knowledge, a scholar and teacher of note and long standing, sent his son to Mibb of Tennessee to have him prepared for a University course. Mibb is a teacher of the old type with all that is good in the new. "He is a monarch of all he surveys." His word is law and implicit obedience is the condition of a place in his school. He teaches books with wonderful success, and he teaches, what is of far greater value, obedience to rightfully constituted authority. His work is not done till he has developed a strong Christian character and prepared the youth to take care of himself. We say this is of far more value because we find scores of young men who have a good knowledge of books, yet unfit for any practical purpose whatever, drones and leaches. We rarely, if ever, find a young man or girl, of strong, well developed moral character for whom the world has not a place. Under our present system of schools, the authority of the teacher is too much abridged. He has to humor the child and humor the trustees or loose his place. A student ought to know no authority back of that of his instructor, and he ought to be required to obey this readily and cheerfully or quit the room. To put it on the lowest basis, this much is due the tax payers who support the schools.—Rusk County News.

The government agricultural department has succeeded by its recommendations in interesting a large Chicago tobacco firm in the tobacco grown in Houston county. Tobacco grown here is pronounced by government experts to be the equal of any and superior to much grown at other places. The men in charge of the work in this county for the past two years have so much confidence in Houston county tobacco that they have recommended to the department that the work be kept up and the department has agreed to keep it up for another year. This may be the last year our farmers will have of growing tobacco under expert supervision and those who have the soil should avail themselves of the opportunity. A big Chicago firm stands ready to contract on the recommendation of the government for all tobacco grown in Houston county under the supervision of the department of agriculture. Time and money will be spent to firmly establish tobacco as a paying crop in Houston county and all farmers who have the soil should assist in the movement by planting a few acres.

The Public School.

The school year is half gone and the mid-year examinations have been given. Some of the work done showed quite a high order of merit, while others showed where more diligence would have been helpful. But the grind is over, and at last we are settling down to the home stretch.

The literary society gave an open session on Friday afternoon, to which the public was invited. Quite a number of visitors honored us with their presence, and the small admission fee of ten cents gave us some help on raising the rent of our piano. It is hoped that we will be able to repeat the performance once a month, so that our friends may share with us some of our literary pleasures. The program as given below was carried out to the very general approval of all who were present.

Piano duet, Misses Bella Lipscomb and Otis McConnell.
Declamation, Joe Ed Winfree.
Piano solo, Miss Nelle Beasley.
Recitation, Miss Serena Kelley.
Piano solo, Miss Oryx Moore.
Vocal solo, Miss Annie Saxon.
Recitation, Miss Otice McConnell.
Piano solo, Miss Birdie Cater.
Vocal solo, Miss Aileen Foster.
Declamation, Will Lipscomb.
Vocal solo, Jack Beasley.
Debate—Resolved, That Hannibal was a greater man and general than was Caesar.

The debate aroused quite a lot of interest and enthusiasm, and clearly showed that our boys had been diligently studying the subject. The decision of the visitors, who acted as judges, was in favor of the side which espoused the cause of Caesar.

The Shakespeare Club met in open session at the school building on Saturday, with quite a number of ladies visiting. The session was an interesting one, and showed that the members are taking hold of the subject in a masterful way. This club, composed of some of the best talent of the city, has taken a very commendable interest in the school from its opening, and have done much to beautify and adorn our walls. We certainly appreciate the kindly interest they have manifested and hope that we shall never deserve it less.

The regular monthly meeting of the board will be held next Tuesday night. A full attendance of all the members is requested.
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