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## HOUSTON COUNTY'S FINANCES.

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Additional Comment and Notes on the Financial Showing.

Editor Courier:

The people will demand and insist that the Commissioners' Court at their session in August to make the levy of the tax rate for all county purposes shall not exceed 30 cents on the \$100. We believe that by economy and sound, level-headed management the affairs of this county could be conducted with a rate not exceeding 20 or 25 cents on the \$100. With a levy of 25 cents for all county purposes there would be available some fifteen to twenty thousand dollars for use for county purposes and by judicious handling of this sum, protecting it from the looting which has been practiced in hundreds of instances in the past, there would be ample to protect every obligation of the county with 100 cents on the dollar. But there are scores and scores of avenues of waste and reckless prodigality that must be closed and nothing paid that is not sworn to and rigidly scrutinized. It is a great and comforting reflection for a Commissioners' Court to think there is a surplus in the hands of the county treasurer. It is so reassuring. But a surplus is always a temptation to extravagance and it is always spent, if not in one way in another.

Now, let the people, we repeat it, give the Court to understand that they, the people, shall demand that the tax rate for all county purposes, which is now 50 cents, shall be cut to at least 25 or 30 cents on the \$1.00 at the August term. A man who pays taxes now of, say, \$4.00 for county purposes ought not to pay over \$2.00 to \$2.50; any one who pays now \$12.00 ought not to pay over \$6.00 or \$7.00, and if the voters will give the Court to understand that they, the voters, know a few things about financing and know that they have been "euchered" out of large sums in the aggregate for years that ought to have stayed in the people's pockets and ought to be there now, the August term of the Commissioners' Court will witness a handsome cut in this rate for county purposes.

We have shown from the official figures taken from the Comptroller's book at Austin and from the minutes of the Commissioners' Court, all official, all authenticated, what the tax rate has been each year for the past twenty. If there is any member of the Commissioners' Court who challenges the correctness of any of these figures or the soundness of any of the deductions or conclusions reached by us in our discussion of them, let him or them do so right now, to-day, in print, in the columns of this paper. The Courier will publish any reply or any criticism of any of these figures that any member of the court may wish to give out. DONT WAIT

till you get on the stump and when the writer can't be present to hear and answer say what you have to say, but come to the front NOW and make public TO-DAY any criticism which you have to make of any figures in the FISCAL TABLE or of any remarks which we have made on them. We hope the voting public will notice this challenge we have made so that if any one of the Commissioners' Court from the "Boss Juggler of Facts and Figures" and keeper of the original "Blarney Stone" down gets aloft on some elevation and proceeds to pull out his hair, to lacerate his flesh and to rip his undergarments into bird-nest shreds in his denunciation of the writer and the writer's conclusions, will some one in the audience where all this screaming from the housetops is going on ask him "why he didn't accept the writer's 'defy' and do all of that in the columns of the Courier at the time the writer issued the invitation and challenge for any one to do so." We have not given a figure; we have not made a statement; we have not drawn a conclusion that we do not dare any one of the Court to question, qualify or deny. When they do so, if they dare, we will go right to their own work and produce certified copies of the official figures or records from the official minutes of the Commissioners' Court. Don't wait until you get out in the bushes to "say your say."

The next feature of the Fiscal Table to which we would invite attention is the one showing the discount which the warrants of the county sustained during the twenty years. This discount ranged from 2½ to 10 cents on the dollar. This is not shown by any official record but from personal recollections and from talking with those who made a business of buying these warrants. In 1890 they were worth about 90 cents on the dollar and from that year till 1897 there was very little fluctuation. From 1898 on there was a little enhancement in value but not much. Not until 1903 when the tax basis began to show a material increase did the warrants show an upward tendency. And in the last year of Judge Newman's administration the warrants were nearly or were practically at par dollar for dollar. In 1907 they were fully so, the special tax levy of 10 cents for jury purposes bringing the warrants fully to par.

And just here we wish to observe that it was during the last year of Judge Spence's administration that the last bond of the old series of court house and jail bonds was taken up and cancelled. This was in 1907 or '08. The payment of that bond wiped out that old, long-standing debt which the people had been carrying ever since the court house and jail were built. So that we see from the official records, and we go these for everything, that it was during a former administration—not the present one—that the last court house bond was paid and also that all county scrip rose to par.

Our last article will probably appear next week.

W. B. P.

## THE LOVELY PINK TEA.

The Most Recherche Affair of the Season—A Stag Party.

The lovely pink tea given by Mr. Charles Clinton at his beautiful suburban villa on the evening of June 10 in honor of three of his friends was the most recherche affair of the season. The honorees were Messrs. F. G. Edmiston, A. H. and R. H. Wootters. The beautiful house was decorated, the color scheme being green and pink. The honorees stood in line, each with a bunch of forget-me-nots pinned in his corsage. (It must be noted here that the wives of the three gentlemen are not at home at present.) The lovely costumes of the honorees were much admired by all. Mr. F. G. Edmiston was gowned in a black suit, style of cut like Wm. H. Taft's, long sleeve coat with a collar to it and lovely pants to match. Mr. R. H. Wootters appeared most charmingly in a soft gray broadcloth, which enhanced, if that were possible, his beautiful figure. The coat had pockets in it and the trousers were turned up at the bottom. It was regretted that Mr. A. H. Wootters was not present. The report to that effect in another paper is a mistake. Space will not permit description of all the lovely clothes worn by the guests, but it will be sufficient to say that for elegance and good taste they were never surpassed at any gathering in Crockett or elsewhere. The guests were invited to be present at half past eight and they were all there on time. Each guest was received at the door by the genial host and prince of good fellows, Mr. Chas. Clinton, and taken then by his able assistant, Mr. Moses Bromberg, (young Mr. Mose, we mean) and presented to the honorees. After a warm greeting they mingled with the other guests in witty conversation. Soft music was being rendered all the time by some talented musician, of which there were many. The punch bowl was presided over by his honor, the mayor, assisted by Mr. Jas. Shivers, and the delicious, cool orangeade was a grateful treat. After all had arrived and greetings were over, small tables were arranged and those who so desired entertained themselves with the fascinating game of forty-two. Others talked, all smoked who wished to and others made music. At half past ten the guests were invited to the dining room, where delicious refreshments were served in Mr. Clinton's happiest style, in courses. The menu was too long to print, but it is not too much to say that it was fashioned after Delmonico. The toast master then took charge and a number of the guests were called upon and responded. Mr. Dave Nunn, in his usual happy vein, made a few brief remarks suitable to the occasion. Mr. C. C. Warfield was then called upon. At first he would not talk, saying that he was too modest, but afterward, when the mayor prodded him, he talked considerable, much to the amusement of all. Mr. John LeGory responded, and Mr. Jim Young went into the realms of poetry with a rendition of

"Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" as follows:

"Coruscate, coruscate, diminutive stellar orb! How inexplicable to me seems the stupendous problem of thy existence! Elevated to such an immeasurable distance in the illimitable depths of space, apparently in a perpendicular direction from the terraqueous planet we occupy! Resembling in thy dazzling and unapproachable brilliancy and impenetrability glittering in the ethereal vault, whose boundless immensity we endeavor to bring within the compass of the human intellectual grasp by the use of the concrete term firmament!"

Others followed, but it remained for Mr. J. W. Hail to make the speech which seemed to find an answering chord in every noble breast. Mr. Hail said the occasion was delightful, and he wished to thank Mr. Clinton personally for inaugurating something in Crockett that had filled a long felt want—the stag party. He said the ladies have their gatherings every week and drink pink tea and play forty-two. Why should not the men go and do likewise? Such gatherings promote harmony and good feeling. He sat down amidst a storm of applause, showing how he had touched the hearts of his hearers. So the evening wore on, but all good things must come to an end, and as each guest departed he grasped the hand of the genial host and went away feeling that he was a better man than he was when he came. A Guest.

## Announcement.

To the Democratic Voters of Houston County:

In making my announcement as a candidate for the office of county attorney, I wish to say that when I was defeated for this same office 4 years ago, I then said I would not offer again. But after being very strongly solicited to again offer myself to the people, and also after giving the matter due consideration, I have decided to again ask the democracy of this county to allow me to serve them in the capacity of county attorney. And in doing so I feel that I am not asking for a position that I am not qualified to fill, for I have represented both Mr. Spence, while he was your county attorney, as his deputy two terms of his service, and also I have been representing the present attorney, Mr. Earl Adams, Jr., who had the commissioners' court to appoint me as his legal deputy, in which capacity I served until I requested Mr. Adams to consent to my resignation in order to not debar me from the defense of such cases as chose to employ me, which he agreed to do.

Now as to my qualifications to fill the county attorney's office, I am perfectly willing to let these gentlemen say, and I have never asked their permission to refer to them, but I am willing for the public to take what they say, let it be yea or nay.

Now I will admit that the county attorney's office in this county is a very important one, and the man that holds such position would naturally feel his responsibility. But no man could feel such keener than I did when I was representing those gentlemen as their deputy, because I was acting under their bond, and not under any that I made, for I made none. And I want to say that if the peo-

## THE LYCEUM THEATRE

will be open when the lights are on.

WATCH FOR THE SIGN.

ple want me in this capacity and place me there, I will serve the people and serve them to the best of my ability.

Respectfully submitted to the democratic voters of Houston county. J. A. Ragland.

Advertisement.

## Our Citizens.

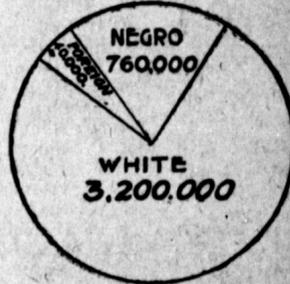
The density of population and the activity of the citizenship has largely to do with the prosperity of a community. We must look to the stork and the immigration agent to increase our population. Texas has the largest families of any State in the Union. The size of the average Texas family is 5.25, and the size of the average family in the United States is 4.75. We have in Texas 122,000 births annually, which is a birth every four minutes.



Texas Stork.

We have 43,734 deaths, which is one death every twelve minutes. We have a net gain in population of nine per hour, or 78,266 per annum. Our birth rate is 33 per 1,000 population per annum, and the death rate 11 per 1,000 population per annum, making a net natural gain of 22 per 1,000 population per year. We find that 30 per cent of the people born in Texas go to other States, which leaves us a net gain in population of 16 per 1,000 population per annum, or a total of 56,000 per year. It would take the stork sixty-five years to double the population of a community, says the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association. The stork is a splendid bird, but too slow for Commercial Club work.

Ninety-eight per cent of the population of Texas speaks English. We have 107,110 more males than females. Seventy-one per cent of our population is native born white; 19 per cent is negro, and 10 per cent foreign born.



Race Comparison.

There are 325,000 unmarried women in Texas of marriageable age, and any one desiring a wife should not fail to investigate our opportunities and advantages along matrimonial lines. We have 869,864 children of scholastic age. In 1900 Texas ranked sixth in population in States of the Union. We had twelve counties that show a population of less than 100 people in 1900. The annual increase in white population is relatively 2 per cent greater than the colored population.

The stork can travel faster over good roads, and the improvement of our public highways will encourage an increase in population.

THE BIG STORE

# Our Great "Shovel-'Em-Out" Sale

Beginning On Saturday, June 11, and Continuing Until  
the Close of Business Saturday Night, June 18th.

Will show timely opportunities for the people of Houston county and vicinity. Extraordinary values in high class, seasonable, desirable and dependable merchandise. Every department in our store presents a vast number of bargains, and it will be found upon comparison that the prices quoted during this sale are at least 25 per cent lower than the regular prices asked for the same merchandise elsewhere. All goods will be placed on exhibition and will be ticketed and marked down in plain figures so that every one may get the same price on every article. Be sure to attend this sale and look for price tickets all over the store.

YOURS TRULY

## Jas. S. Shivers & Company

THE BIG STORE

### Obituary.

Crockett, Texas, June 14, 1910.  
The alwise God in his wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our friend, John Jones, and his beloved wife, Florence, whose deaths occurred within the short space of a month of each other, leaving several little children without father and without mother. We desire to express our sympathy for them in this hour of their bereavement. Thrown upon the cold charity of the world, there is nothing that appeals to our sympathy more than the conditions of these little ones. Yet with everything we could do we can not supply the aching void in their little hearts. Their loving father and mother had happily provided for them to a certain extent by carrying policies in the American Yeomen which amounted to about \$1000. Mrs. Jones' policy has already been allowed and as soon as proof of death can be made Mr. Jones' will also be collected. What a fortunate thing that their parental love prompted them to make this wise provision in case of death, and now as the gaunt wolf makes his appearance at the door there stands an archer from the Homestead of the Brotherhood of the American Yeomen, ready to drive him away. May God bless these little ones and be their stay and guide throughout their lives in the prayer of  
A Friend.

### What a Summer Cold May Do

A summer cold if neglected is just as apt to develop into bronchitis or pneumonia as at any other season. Do not neglect it. Take Foley's Honey and Tar promptly. It loosens the cough, soothes and heals the inflamed air passages, and expels the cold from the system." Will McLean.

### THE WRECK MASTER.

He Does Some Tall Mustling When the Line Is Blocked.

When a wreck blocks the line the wreck master is the biggest man on the railroad. Even the president, if by unhappy chance he happens to be there, steps aside and keeps silent after the wreck train halts with a jerk of grinding brakes and hissing air before the indescribable confusion of shattered wood and twisted steel which clutter the tracks. The wreck master's feet are on the ground before the shrieking wheels have ceased turning. There follow at his heels a half score of men, all experts, but of less degree than their leader.

He shouts an order that seems as unintelligible as a drillmaster's command, then another and another. There is instant action. At one end of the train a locomotive begins to creep cautiously away with the coaches that have stayed on the rails. An express car up toward the forward end of the passenger train is tilted tremblingly on its trucks. It is loaded with bales of silk perhaps or with other costly merchandise. The wreckers do not stop to inquire. To them it is simply an obstruction that has to be removed immediately. There is a heaving chorus, and it plunges down the embankment. A hundred yards away a loaded freight car in the opposite train is hanging over the edge. Fifty crowbars give it a tip that sends it down to the foot of the hill. As it lands there is a crash of discordant, tortured strings, an inharmonious outburst as though half a hundred cats had landed simultaneously on half a hundred keyboards. "Pianos," remarks one of the panting workmen to another standing at his shoulder. They do not pause even to grin. An instant later they are heaving away at something else.—Thaddeus S. Dayton in Harper's Weekly.

### CHINA'S GREAT WALL.

It Would Be a Mighty Task to Duplicate It Today.

What man has done, we are told, man can do. But to erect today a great fortification comparable to the Great wall of China would be a heavy tax on both the resources and the resolution of Europe. A score or two of warships are all very well, but the cost of labor and the will involved in building fleets can hardly be compared to those devoted to the building of that great barrier about two centuries

before the coming of Christ, when Rome was struggling with Hannibal.

Two thousand five hundred and fifty miles, including spurs, arms and loops, is the length ascribed to it by Dr. W. E. Gell, the only white man, we believe, who has traveled the whole length of it. It has been said that the Great wall is the only object of man's handiwork which could be discerned from the moon, and one calculation has it that if the material of the wall were disposed about the globe at the equator there would be a wall girdle eight feet high and three feet thick around the earth.

One can believe that to this day the name of the Emperor Chin is cursed all along the wall by the posterity of the wretches who were forced to the gigantic task of building it. In the days of its greatest importance, when it was still holding back the Tartar hordes, it is believed to have had on its line 25,000 towers, each capable of holding 100 men, and 15,000 watchtowers. Even today there remains 20,000 towers and 10,000 watchtowers, with some 2,000 miles of wall that could, with moderate repairing, be made into a formidable military work.—London News.

### CAUTION IN THE MINT.

They Almost Strain the Air to Save Particles of Gold.

It has been aptly said that no miser guards his treasure more religiously than Uncle Sam watches over the precious metals that pass through his mints. Then, too, the precautions against waste are almost innumerable. Every evening in each of the mints of the United States the floors of the melting rooms are swept cleaner than a New England housewife's kitchen. The dust is carefully put aside, and about once in two months the soot scraped from every flue is transferred to the same precious dust heap. This is then burned, and from its ashes the government derives no inconsiderable income. The earthenware crucibles used in melting are employed no more than three times. They are crushed beneath heavy rollers, and in their porous sides are found flakes of the precious metal.

In the melting room when the casters raise their ladles from the melting pots a shower of sparks fly from the molten surface of the metal. For the most part they are bits of incandescent carbon, but clinging to the carbon is often a minute particle of metal. Lest such particles should escape, the ashes and clinkers below the fur-

naces are gathered up at night. This debris is ground up to powder by means of a steam crusher and then is sold to a smelter, like ordinary ore, at a price warranted by the assayer.

The ladies that stir the precious metal, the big iron rods, the strainers and the dippers, all are tested in a most curious fashion. After considerable use they become covered with a thin layer of oxidized silver, closely resembling a brown rust. The implements are then laid in baths of a solution of sulphuric acid, which eats away the iron and steel and leaves the silver untouched.

Gradually the ladle, or whatever the implement is, will disappear, and in its place remains a hollow silver counterpart of the original, delicate as spun glass. These fragile casts reproduce the ladle with perfect accuracy in all its details, although their surfaces are perforated with innumerable little holes. Scarcely have they been molded, however, before they are cast into a crucible to become in time dollars, quarters and dimes.

In one corner of the melting room there is a large tank into which newly cast silver bars are dropped and left to cool. Infinitesimal flakes of silver scale off and rise to the surface of the water, which acquires the metallic luster of a stagnant pool. Here is silver that must not be lost, so beneath the pipe through which the tank is emptied is banked a thick layer of mud. As the water filters through it the mud retains the precious residuum. Four times a year this mud is removed, and each experiment discloses the fact that some \$50 has been saved.—Baltimore American.

### His Text.

The three-year-old son of a Methodist minister was with his mother at a gathering of ladies. At the proper time he was given a cookie. He ate it in short order and asked for another. The hostess said:

"I'll give you another if you will sing for us."

"Can't sing," was his reply, "but I know something I can say."

"That will do all right," the lady answered, expecting to hear "Twinkle, twinkle, little star," or some other nursery classic.

But the little fellow drew himself up in real Sunday school fashion and said his piece:

"God loveth a cheerful giver."  
The lady gave him the cookie, and the whole company seemed to be very cheerful about it.—Harper's Magazine.

### The Fishing Otter.

The otter used by Scottish poachers is one of the most deadly fishing instruments known. In some waters it is far more effective than a net. It may be described as a water kite, which serves to take out over the water a line bearing fifty or more flies. The otter itself is a floating piece of board leaded along one side to keep it upright. The poacher walks along the side of the loch or river, letting out the fly decorated line as he goes, the otter board gradually working out toward the center. An enormous area of water is fished at one time and numbers of fish are killed.

## HILDA THE HELPER

### I.—The Town Can't Do Without Her

Hilda the Helper is a girl who has a way about her that makes her precious as a pearl. THE TOWN CAN'T DO WITHOUT HER.



She's always ready on the spot where anything is doing, with all the energy she's got her share of work pursuing.

Hilda the Helper HELPS THE TOWN in many lines of action. (No wonder young Philander Brown admits she's his attraction.)

## TO ONE DEPARTED.

I stand where thou hast stood in other days.  
 Amidst the cares of daily life thine own;  
 I see familiar forms that met thy gaze  
 And tend them carefully when thou art gone.

The busy feet that tread the flowery paths.  
 Alike the hands that toil in wanton play;  
 The eyes that close on playful tasks undone  
 In sweet repose their errors fade away.

The prattling tongues that lisp thy very name,  
 The sweetest words that end in love of mother;  
 Will linger in the heart of one that knows  
 Their hopes and fears have bound them to another.

The tiny love links one within another  
 Hath formed a chain that God alone can sever;  
 And by His aid their steps are guarded well,  
 With faith and hope to lead them on forever.

A guardian angel with its constant vigil  
 And smiles that crown the little happy band,  
 With inspirations as a gift from heaven,  
 Supported by thy watchful spirit hand.

Thy first and fondest hopes in boyish form,  
 A living thought of life's tempestuous sea,  
 Has left its impress in its early morn,  
 In dreams of love of home and heaven and thee.

Thy baby's face a mirror of thine own.  
 In tranquil light thy heart hath smiled upon;  
 Till love and care and duty one by one,  
 Yes hundreds more its victory has won.

O'er graves the grass will wave and suns  
 Will sink to rest,  
 The hand of time its wounds will try to smother;  
 Their hearts will beat in keeping with thy name,  
 Their voices speak the cherished name of mother.

—Mrs. C. R. Stephenson.

## Mrs. Ella May Thompson.

On Monday evening, June 6th, 1910, the immortal spirit of our much loved friend, Ella May Thompson, (nee LaRue) winged its flight to its maker in the glory world. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. LaRue of Lovelady, whose hearts are sad at the unexpected demise of their loved one.

Sad, sad, are our hearts when we think of the brief illness, the unexpected death and the ever separation from our beloved friend.

Sadder still do our hearts become when we think of one so young, just twenty two years, just entered into womanhood, and the happy future anticipated before her with her young husband who led her to the marriage altar only five short months ago, only for the peaceful dreams for the future to be thus disturbed. But God knows best. It was His will, and we must submit. He says, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter." And some day, in the sweet by-and-by, when the mists have cleared away, we will meet her where she waits beyond the skies eternal in the heavens. For she assured us before her spirit went to God that she was willing to go. She hated much to leave the husband who had been so true and faithful to her during their brief life together, and the dear mother who never tired of doing all in her power to aid and to ease during her illness, the father, brothers and sisters, and friends who were not few. But she realized that her brief mission on earth had been completed, so she calmly submitted to His will who doeth all things well.

She was a member of the Methodist church and a great worker in the Sunday school and Missionary society, and shall be missed by all inexpressibly, for those who knew her best loved her most.

She was laid to rest Tuesday evening in the Center Hill cemetery to await the resurrection of

the dead. But some day we shall meet her again, yes, earth hath no sorrow that heaven can not heal, so may the bereaved ones be ever faithful to the God whom she loved and finally became reconciled to His will. For we know that if we are faithful we shall meet her again, we know where to find her, for she expressed not only a willingness but a desire to go home to God, where no pain, no sorrows nor partings ever come.

A Friend.

## Endorses Hawkins.

Midland, Texas, June 2, 1910.  
 Editor Courier:—Through your columns I desire to say a few words to my friends in Houston County relative to the candidacy of Hon. A. S. Hawkins of Midland, for the office of Lieutenant Governor.

I have known Mr. Hawkins intimately for 20 years and know him to be a man whose life is above reproach. He is a man of ability, as is shown by his standing as one of the leading lawyers of West Texas, where he has practiced law for 20 years, and by his legislative record, he having been the author of a State law of statewide importance at each of the three sessions of the legislature of which he has been a member, besides being instrumental in the passage of other wholesome laws. He has made a success in business and can be depended upon to attend to the affairs of the State. He is honest and courageous and will do all in his power to carry out the demands of his party and to wipe out graft in all its forms.

He is not seeking election for vindication nor on account of persecution, but stands on his record as a citizen and as a public man. His aggressiveness and his experience in legislative matters especially qualify him to fill the position of Lieutenant Governor. He has the confidence of the people who have been his neighbors, clients and constituents for 20 years, and I as one of them recommend him to the people of Houston County as a man in every way worthy of the position he seeks.

Adv. J. W. Hollingsworth.

## A GOOD REASON.

### Crockett People Can Tell You Why It Is So.

Doan's Kidney Pills cure the cause of disease, and that is why the cures are always lasting. This remedy strengthens and tones up the kidneys, helping them to drive out of the body the liquid poisons that cause backache, headache and distressing kidney and urinary complaints. Crockett people testify to permanent cures.

E. L. Simpson, of Crockett, Texas, says: "A few months ago my back became so lame and painful that I could not stand, and often had to go around with my hands pressed tightly against my loins. I was also annoyed by a frequent desire to pass the kidney secretions. When a friend advised me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, I procured a box from I. W. Sweet's Drug Store and they helped me so much that I obtained a further supply. Since using the second box I am feeling like my former self. It gives me pleasure to endorse such a splendid remedy as Doan's Kidney Pills."

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

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

## Scared Into Sound Health

Mr. B. F. Kelley, Springfield, Ill., writes: "A year ago I began to be troubled with my kidneys and bladder, which grew worse until I became alarmed at my condition. I suffered also with dull heavy headaches and the action of my bladder was annoying and painful. I read of Foley Kidney Pills and after taking them a few weeks the headaches left me, the action of my bladder was again normal, and I was free of all distress." Will McLean.

## THE CABMEN OF PARIS

Hailing One Is the Same as a Declaration of War.

### THEY ARE INSOLENT ROGUES

Sneers and Caustic Advice Are Showered Upon Those Who Engage Them. On Wet or Festal Days the Cabbies Spurn Those Who Want to Ride.

Among Anglo-Saxons there is a general and instinctive desire to do business on the basis of an entente cordiale. In Paris the hailing of a cabman is looked on by both parties to the transaction as an implied declaration of war. The cabman takes your measure, and you take his number if you are wise. At once he will give you a reason to remark that he has a rooted and premeditated objection to drive you where you wish to go. Perhaps he prefers the opera quarter because it is central, or should the weather be fine his heart is probably set upon driving in the Bois, while you may have business at the bourse. He explains his views on the subject selfishly and rudely.

A foreigner alighted recently from the Calais train at the Northern railway station in Paris and ordered a typical Parisian cabman, bloated, pale and absinth soaked, to drive him to the Rue Blomet, which is a street in the relatively distant Vaugirard quarter. "Peut on habiter la Rue Blomet?" ("Is it possible to inhabit the Rue Blomet?") exclaimed the ragged ruffian in an epigrammatic note of disdain which would have done honor to Beau Brummel.

But it is when the Paris cabman has once started on his "course," a war-path in the strict sense of the term, that he proves to what a limitless extent he is the enemy of mankind. His hatred of the "bourgeois," the "man in the street," in spite of and indeed because of his being a potential client, is expressed at every yard. He constantly tries to run him down, which makes strangers to Paris accuse the Paris cabman of driving badly, while in point of fact he is not driving at all, but playing with miraculous skill a game of his own which suggests cannon billiards in the hands of a world's champion.

But it is not with the public alone that he is at war. On all other cabmen whose path he crosses, on omnibus drivers, motorcar men, bicyclists, private coachmen, costermongers with barrows and (sotto voce) the police he heaps deadly insults, the least outrageous of which are "Ours!" ("Bear!") and "Fourneau!" ("Oven!"), the latter containing a subtle double meaning, intelligible only to those who have Paris "argot" or slang at their finger ends and too long to explain.

The cabman's wild career through the streets, the constant wavering and slashing of his pitiless whip, his madcap hurlements and collisions, the frenzied gesticulations which he exchanges with his "fare," the panic stricken flight of the agonized women whose lives he has endangered, the

ugly rushes which the public occasionally makes at him with a view to lynching him, the sprawlings and fallings of his maddened, hysterical, starving horse, contribute as much as anything to the spasmodic intensity, the electric blue fire diabolic, which are characteristic of the general movement of Paris.

All that can be said in mitigation of the Paris cabman's method is that "he has them in the blood." Every Parisian (and the cabman is no exception) has the soul of a dictator and the spirit of an artist. To exercise autocratic power and, falling this, to enjoy the maximum of personal freedom from all restraint, moral or social, is the goal at which he is ever aiming, openly or secretly.

Watch a Paris cabman, for instance, on a wet day or on some festival occasion, such as the New Year, when there is a big demand for his services. With what haughty disdain does he drive along the streets, deaf to every appeal, refusing every fare, rejoicing in the discomfort and inconvenience he is causing, triumphant in the thought that at last he has "the bourgeois" at his feet; that the clientele which he detests and which detests him is now a humiliated, bemuddled or bedraggled mob of supplicants waiting on his will, whom he can engage to boiling point with his sneers and his silence or lash with his sarcasms as cruelly as he beats his horse.

Cheerfully does he sacrifice half a day's earnings to the enjoyment of this exquisite revenge, for at least he can say to his hungry wife and children when he gets home, "J'ai vecu." They may not have dined, but he has lived.

It is because the Parisian recognizes in himself a certain community of sentiment with the cabman in this attitude toward life that he tolerates him, though he does not forgive him. —Harper's Weekly.

## MODERN CHESS.

The Game Vastly Different From That of the Ninth Century.

Chess is but a game, a pastime, a relaxation, but it has at times absorbed the faculties of the intellectual in every clime. Perhaps the greatest eulogy on the game was the remark of Sir Walter Raleigh, "I do not wish to live longer than I can play chess." It is certain that those who do not play the game are quite unable to form any conception of the high intellectual delights experienced by the chess enthusiast.

The origin of chess has been sought in vain. The fact is the game has so changed, developed and improved down the course of centuries that in its present form it would not be recognized by its inventor, if there ever was one. The oldest chess problem on record is thought to be that contained in an ancient Persian manuscript attributed to Caliph Kalifen Mutasin Billah, who reigned in Bagdad A. D. 833 to 842. But the reader would have to learn the old rules before it was intelligible. For example, the queen could make a move of only one square at a time and that on a diagonal, but a queen promoted from a pawn was allowed to make a move of two squares diagonally. The bishop had no power over any square except the third from which it stood on its own diagonal line, but it was allowed to vault over any piece that happened to be between. In short, it was a totally different game. Chess in the precise form in which we know it and play it today is a comparatively modern game. —London Strand Magazine.

## Amending a Proverb.

There are a lot of silly proverbs knocking about. Take, for instance, "If pigs had wings they would fly." Now, this is absurd if you like. Do you know what sized wings a pig weighing eighty pounds would require in order to fly? They would measure about thirty yards from tip to tip. A nice state of things to keep pigs in an aviary with wings of that size! The proverb would run much better:

If pigs could fly  
 Pork would be high.  
 —London Scraps.

## The Right Way.

Little Willie liked ice cream, but he objected to turning the freezer. One day his mother was agreeably surprised to find him working at the crank as if his life depended on it.

"How did you get Willie to turn the ice cream freezer?" she said to her husband. "I offered him 2 cents to do it, and he wouldn't."

"You didn't go about it the right way, my dear," replied her husband. "I bet him a cent he couldn't turn it for half an hour!"

## Pretty Ancient.

"What is the oldest form of literature?"  
 "I dunno, but I guess some of the musical comedy jokes must reach back pretty nearly that far." —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Adam's Kick.

Eve—What makes you look so cross?  
 Adam—I wish you wouldn't be so loud in your dresses. It isn't necessary for you to pick the most highly colored autumn leaves. —New York Press.

## The Evolution of Booster Bill

### IX.—How Many Bill Blues Have We?

Old Bill Blue's knocking was so bad  
 He knocked out everything he had.  
 Then he grew wise and muttered  
 "Stung!"  
 So "Booster Bill" a new song sung.

How many Bill Blues have we here  
 Who knock and try the town to queer?  
 If you are one, then, like Bill, pray  
 To see the error of your way.



For he who runs his own place down  
 Injures himself more than the town,  
 And who to lift up does his best  
 Lifts up his fortune with the rest.

This is the golden law: WE GET  
 What we give out. Time pays the debt.  
 If you shed sunshine it will fill  
 Your own life. Be a "Booster Bill."

## Appreciated.

Tubb—Old boy, I want to congratulate you on your speech at the banquet last night. O'Sudds (after waiting a moment)—I know you do, pard, and you're awfully sorry you can't do it truthfully. I appreciate the effort, just the same. Nasty weather, isn't it?—Chicago Tribune.

## The Sybarites.

The Sybarites were the inhabitants of the ancient city of Sybaris, in southern Italy, founded 720 B. C. They were so greatly addicted to voluptuousness and self-indulgence that their name became a byword among the peoples of antiquity. The word "sybarite" is used at the present day to denote a person devoted to luxury and pleasure.

## Sometimes There Isn't.

Flubbe—I'm going into the manufacture of something there ought to be money in.

Dubbe—What are you going to manufacture?

Flubbe—Pocketbooks and purses.—London Telegraph

## Why He Couldn't Work.

The Lady—My husband, sir, has sent me to say 'e won't be able to come and do the little job you arst 'im to. 'E's promised to go round the town with the unemployed.—London M. A. P.

## One More Disappointment.

"Poor old Myer is dead, I see. He led a life full of disappointments."  
 "How glad he would have been to see his name in print!"—Fliegende Blatter.

## Wealth Creators.

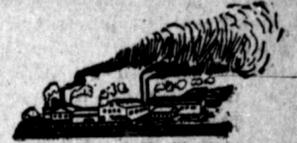
In building a house we must use material that is stable and durable, and in building a community we must use lines of industry that are constructive and active. The former promotes and the latter perpetuates prosperity. Among the classes of property that constitute building material for empires are public highways, railroads, factories, mines, irrigating canals, etc. These industries create and thrust values upon adjoining property, and the amount of unearned wealth they distribute depends upon their native characteristics and upon their surroundings, but it is more than likely that the irrigating canal makes the largest gift of permanent values to contiguous property. It takes the desert and swamp lands and makes fertile fields and gardens and fills uninhabited places with happy and prosperous homes.



Irrigating Canal.

All lines of industry that build countries have characteristics equally as meritorious as the canal.

Activity in property is as important as constructiveness. The factory, the railroad, the mine and the canal have not a single fiber of idleness in their construction, and inactivity inflicts upon them self-destruction. The land owner may let his farm lie idle and it will increase in fertility and value, but the manufacturer must run his factory as fast as the wheels will turn or his property decays and declines in value.



Industrial Activity.

What we have said of the factory is also true of all lines of constructive industry. The irrigating canal builds farms, the factory makes cities, and transportation facilities build both farms and cities, and any sort of property that has inherent characteristics of generosity and activity should be encouraged. Improved public highways constitute a most convincing invitation to industry, as the farm, the factory, the railroad, the mine and all the people are vitally interested in public highways, says the Texas Commercial Secretaries' Association.

A character study of property and an analysis of the requirements of a community are essential to the intelligent development of a locality. A commercial club is the architect of empires, and every citizen should join the local club and study property and ability to develop the community.

# HOUSTON COUNTY'S FINANCES

## A FISCAL EXHIBIT FOR TWENTY YEARS PAST, 1890 TO 1909 INCLUSIVE.

This Table Shows the State and the County Tax Rate for Each Year. It Shows for What Purpose Each Rate Is Levied; the State Tax Rate for General Revenue and School; the County Tax Rate for General Revenue, for Court House and Jail, for Road and Bridge, for Special Jury. It Also Shows the Tax Basis or Total Assessed Wealth for Each Year

Year	County Judge	Commissioners' Courts	County tax rate on \$100 for each year					Total assessed wealth of Houston county for each year—basis of taxation	Total taxes paid each year to state revenue and schools	Total taxes paid each year to county	Total taxes paid each year for general revenue purposes	Total taxes paid each year for general road and bridge purposes	Total taxes paid each year for road and bridge sinking fund	Total taxes paid each year for court house general fund	Total taxes paid each year for court house sinking fund	Total taxes paid each year for special jury purposes	Price of scrip each year—road and bridge and general	Price of scrip each year—jury	
			State tax rate on \$100 for each year for state revenue	State tax rate on \$100 for each year for schools	County tax rate on \$100 for each year for general revenue	Court house purposes	Road and bridge												Special jury
1890	W. A. Davis	J. J. Brooks J. K. Chandler E. H. Calloway J. B. Harkins B. S. Hearn	20c	12c	25	15			\$2,598,775	\$8,446 01	\$10,395 10	\$6,496 90					90	90	
1891	W. A. Davis	W. E. Hail A. Adams J. B. Harkins B. S. Hearn	16c	12c	25	15			2,638,893	7,696 75	10,547 57	6,597 25					90	90	
1892	W. A. Davis	W. E. Hail A. Adams J. B. Harkins J. S. Newman	15c	12c	25	15			2,636,307	7,249 84	10,545 20	6,597 60					90	90	
1893	A. A. Aldrich	G. R. Murchison W. J. Davis T. W. Craddock J. S. Newman	15c	12c	25	15			3,037,829	8,354 05	12,151 30	7,594 60					90	90	
1894	A. A. Aldrich	G. R. Murchison W. J. Davis T. W. Craddock E. T. Murchison	15c	12c	25	10	5		3,057,163	8,407 18	12,228 65	7,642 90	\$1,528 50	3,057 15			90	90	
1895	A. A. Aldrich	W. E. Hail W. J. Davis C. B. Isbell R. T. Murchison	25c	20c	25	5	10		3,239,528	14,577 87	12,958 10	8,098 80	3,239 50	1,619 75			90	90	
1896	A. A. Aldrich	W. E. Hail W. J. Davis C. B. Isbell T. C. Lively	20c	18c	25	5	10		3,102,517	11,789 56	12,410 05	7,757 00	3,102 50	1,551 25			92	92	
1897	E. Winfree	W. E. Hail G. M. Thompson C. B. Isbell T. C. Lively	20c	18c	25	5	10		2,950,450	11,211 70	11,801 80	7,376 10	2,950 45	1,475 20			90	90	
1898	E. Winfree	W. E. Hail G. M. Thompson C. B. Isbell Wm. Robinson	20c	18c	25	5	10		3,070,250	11,666 95	12,281 00	7,675 60	3,070 25	1,535 10			92	92	
1899	E. Winfree	J. M. Porter C. H. Barbee C. B. Isbell Wm. Robinson	20c	18c	25	10	15		3,172,340	12,054 90	15,861 70	7,930 85	4,758 50	3,172 30			92	92	
1900	E. Winfree	J. M. Porter C. H. Barbee C. B. Isbell T. C. Lively	16c	18c	25	10	15		3,448,695	11,953 40	17,243 47	8,621 00	3,448 70	1,524 35	1,524 35	1,524 35	92	92	
1901	E. Winfree	Henry Kent E. H. Calloway J. E. Smith T. C. Lively	16c	18c	25	10	15		3,568,600	12,381 15	17,843 00	8,921 00	3,568 60	1,784 30	1,784 30	1,784 30	92	92	
1902	E. Winfree	W. E. Hail E. H. Calloway J. E. Smith H. P. Almond	16c	18c	25	10	15		4,156,375	14,408 75	20,781 87	10,390 90	4,156 30	2,078 10	2,078 10	2,078 10	92	92	
1903	P. Newman	W. E. Hail A. Thomason H. W. McCelvey H. P. Almond	16c	18c	25	10	15		5,014,443	17,383 40	30,086 65	12,536 00	5,014 44	2,507 22	2,507 22	2,507 22	93	93	
1904	P. Newman	H. F. Craddock A. Thomason H. W. McCelvey H. P. Almond	16c	18c	25	20	15		4,962,954	17,204 90	29,777 70	12,407 40	7,444 40	2,481 50	4,962 90	4,962 90	93	95	
1905	P. Newman	G. R. Murchison A. Thomason C. B. Isbell Jno. Sewell	20c	18c	25	20	15		4,470,800	16,989 05	26,824 80	11,177 00	4,470 80	2,235 40	7,600 00	1,341 25	93	95	
1906	P. Newman	G. R. Murchison S. M. Hallmark C. B. Isbell S. H. Lively	20c	18c	25	20	15		5,063,555	19,239 60	30,378 33	12,657 50	5,063 00	2,530 50	8,607 20	1,518 90	93	97	
1907	Jno. Spence	G. R. Murchison J. A. Harrelson C. B. Isbell S. H. Lively	12c	20c	25	20	15	10	6,286,765	20,431 98	44,007 30	15,716 90	6,286 75	3,143 80	10,687 50	1,886 00	6,286 70	97	97
1908	Jno. Spence	G. R. Murchison J. A. Harrelson C. B. Isbell S. H. Lively	6c	16c	25	34	15	6c	6,894,755	15,800 50	34,473 75	17,286 50	6,894 75	3,447 35	2,357 53		4,086 40	97	1 00
1909	E. Winfree	G. R. Murchison J. A. Harrelson J. M. Crenay	5c	16c	25	5	15	5	7,169,367	12,533 62	35,846 80	17,923 40	7,169 36	3,584 50	3,584 50		3,584 53	1 00	1 00

### Numerous Drug Fiends in Dallas.

That in Dallas there are at least 200 "down-and-out" cocaine, morphine and opium users and that the number is being constantly increased is the statement of police officers of the city. This estimate is only inclusive of the number that the officers see in their daily and nightly rounds, and the drug slaves who still maintain a reputable appearance are not listed in the estimate.

What are regarded as the most prolific sources of disease in the city are the resorts of the drug users. In the places where they eat, sleep and carouse conditions so appalling exist that, in the opinion of charitable agencies who are informed of conditions, when the people know the situation they will act promptly and effectively for the remedy of the trouble.

Several months ago the grand jury corralled a number of drug users and subjected them to a severe interrogation, and as a result of that campaign the drug was sold more warily, it is stated. The present extensive use of cocaine, morphine and opium for purposes other than medicinal in this city is unquestioned, agents of the United Charities assert.

It is declared by the police that a number of the inveterate users of the drug find profit in retailing the trinity of drugs which, in the opinion of the police, are the most vicious—cocaine, morphine and opium. These drug peddlers are said to sell unadulterated drugs to the long-time and experienced users, but to the uninitiated, the persons who are novices in the use of the drug, it is claimed, they retail a mixture of cocaine and Epsom salts, and, the police say, novices are hardly able, and frequently not at all able, to detect the adulteration. The experienced drug users are known to abhor such adulterations. They reject any diluted mess and seem resentful of any effort to tone down either the quantity or quality of

their dope.

Opium, more commonly called hop, is peddled liberally in Dallas, it is claimed. Some Chinese have been arrested therefor.

Officers say negroes are taking up the use of the "pipe," and that the recruits to this sort of dissipation are principally negroes. The Dallas police report the sale of "hop" on cards at 50c and \$1 per card. Because "hitting the pipe" is regarded by the police as more expensive than other forms of drug dissipation, wonder has been expressed that the negroes are the principal local recruits to opium slavery.

Several pipe outfits have been seized by the authorities of Dallas in the last year. In these raids, which have been made in obscure parts of the city, all the utensils of completely furnished "hop joints" have been confiscated.

The habitat of the drug addicts is in the river bottoms and in vacant houses and lots of the city. One woman adopted for her domicile a wagon at a down town blacksmith shop, and her care appeared to be the fear that the officers would run her out.

In some of the "coke" establishments there is unreserved mingling of whites and blacks, who share with many dogs their rag pallets and their bread crusts. In a recent raid, flashing an electric lantern on the inmates, the police officers found three people in the room. A young woman, described as pale and emaciated, lay in bed. She was contentedly puffing a cigarette, and in her hand she held a rotten orange. Three people found in the room were sleeping in their clothes (it was then 11.30 p.m.) and their household effects, what little they had, were in the utmost confusion. The air in the room was close and vitiated. The inevitable "coke" implements were at hand. There were two women and one man in the room. The man, who told the officers he was very sick, groaned

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miserably. A woman besought the officers to remove a negro man from a rear room.

In tumble-down houses of obscure districts little frequented by the general public, the drug users are mainly congregated. Some "coke" users build for themselves little shelters, and these are said to be more numerous in the river bottoms than elsewhere. The shelter of two women drug slaves, who in the last year camped within the city limit, was a piece of quilting on a pole between two trees. Their valued utensils were their dope outfits.—Dallas News.

### An Entertainment.

On the dates hereinafter named, and places given, there will be a musical entertainment given, absolutely free, consisting of songs with accompaniment by guitar, solos, etc.

There will be no charges or collections taken. This will consist of songs, accompanied by music, both religious and comic. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

After the entertainment I only ask that I be given about fifteen minutes time, in which I shall attempt to explain to the public my competency, qualifications and ability to fill the office of Commissioner of Houston county in and for precinct No. 2.

In these meetings I cordially invite both my opponents, G. R. Murchison and J. C. Estes, to be present and promise them that they are welcome to a division of time. I will also give the public a reading from the Bible, printed for the blind, printed in raised letters, and give them an opportunity of examining for themselves such Bible, and comparing the same with the original, if they wish to do so.

Will be at Ash, Monday night, 20th, at 8 p. m.; Porters Springs, Tuesday night, June 21st, at 8 o'clock p. m.; Reynard, Wednesday night, June 22nd, at 8 o'clock p. m.; Daly's, Thursday night, June 23rd, at 8 o'clock p. m.; Hays' Springs, Friday night, June 24th, at 8 p. m.

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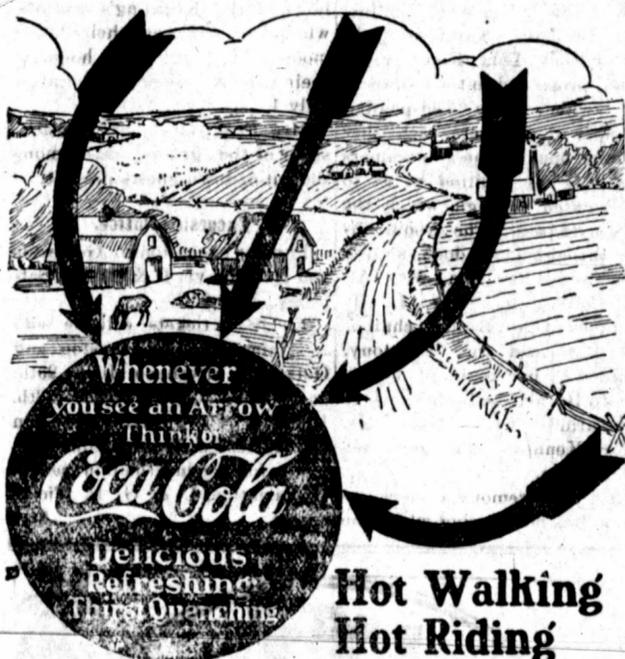
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## A JUNE WEDDING.

### Marriage of Miss Helen Richardson and Walton Burnett Wall.

Lake Charles American-Press.

A wedding of unusual beauty and solemnity was celebrated at the home of Dr. C. L. Richardson Wednesday night, at 8:30 o'clock, when Miss Helen Richardson became the bride of Walton B. Wall. The home was profusely decorated with white roses and bamboo vine, the stairway down which the bride descended being decked from top to bottom, and the parlor, where the marriage vows were exchanged, being likewise decked out. At one end of the parlor was a number of bamboo vines, banded with palms, through which white roses peeped. The color scheme was green and white and was carried out to the minutest detail, making one of the prettiest decorative effects those present had ever witnessed.

The residence was crowded with relatives and friends of the contracting parties when the bridal party descended the stairs to the room where the groom was in waiting. The matron of honor, Mrs. L. A. Sharrard, came first, followed by the maid of honor, Miss Gladys Gardner, and the bride on the arm of her father, Dr. Richardson. From the door they were preceded by the ribbon girls, little Misses Mary Bell Foster and Jeanette Guillemet, who unrolled white satin ribbons, making a pathway to the arbor.

Here the party was met by the groom, his best man, Charles Wall, and Rev. W. Winans Drake. The wedding march was played by Miss Annie Williams, and during the beautiful ring ceremony, which was employed, she played "Melody of Love" softly. After the marriage ceremony was performed the company adjourned to the dining room and Ora Reams presided over the punch bowls, from which fruit punch was served and bride's cake. The table was decked with streamers of white satin ribbons, and there was a bank of wild roses in the center.

The bride was costumed in white crepe de chine over white satin, with a train, and lace tunic embroidered in crystals and pearls. Her tulle veil was held in place by a coronet of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley and bride roses. The matron of honor was dressed in a cream crepe de chine over pale blue, and wore a tunic trimmed with lace and silver and gold and with shower bouquet of carnations.

The bride and groom left on the night train for points in the North, where they will spend their honeymoon.

Among the out-of-town guests were: Mrs. L. A. Sharrard, of Kansas City, sister of the bride; Miss Gladys Gardner, of Topeka, Kan., cousin; Judge W. B. Wall of Crockett, father of the bridegroom; J. J. Kearney, of New Orleans, an old and intimate friend of the family.

Born and raised in Lake Charles, and a member of one of its oldest and most influential families, the bride has made a host of friends in her school and girlhood days, who love and admire her, not only for her gracious and charming personality, but for the more enduring and ennobling qualities of mind and heart she has always displayed to her family and large circle of friends. Mr. Wall may well be congratulated upon acquiring such a prize for life, but the friends of the young couple feel that he is eminently

deserving of it. Since he first made his home here he has made friends by the hundred, both in his business and social relations and those who first came in contact with him in the capacity first named have always been glad to remember him among their friends. The congratulations and good wishes of the entire community are Mr. and Mrs. Wall's.

An unusually large number of handsome presents were received.

It occurs to The News that the people should consider what a candidate for a state office stands for, what he really represents, rather than the alleged shortcomings of those he might discuss. Senator Thomas made three separate re-tractations before his expulsion, two of them shown by the Journal and one in a report which he submitted to the committee which was investigating the charges he made. The people should investigate the record before supporting a man who takes no positive stand upon the great questions that are now before the public, but whose main purpose, it appears, is to gain support by attempting to blacken the character of his former associates. While The News does not pretend to say that Senator Thomas is a bad man, it does not believe that he is the proper man to preside over the senate and no good can come to the state by his election. In his present frame of mind he could not make a fair and impartial presiding officer and the state could certainly gain nothing by a perpetuation of the strife and discord which he engendered by his reckless and indiscriminate attacks upon his associates.—Rusk County News.

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## LABOR INTERESTS AND CANDIDATES.

### H. G. Wagner Says Choice is Between R. V. Davidson and Cone Johnson.

Austin, Texas, June 6.—"The representatives of organized labor must choose between R. V. Davidson and Cone Johnson for governor, if they wish to see their platform and principles adhered to and promoted," said H. G. Wagner, acting commissioner of labor statistics and secretary of the joint labor legislative board, today.

As secretary of the joint labor legislative board Mr. Wagner says that he mailed to each of the three candidates for governor on May 13 a series of questions, asking them to state their position on the labor platform adopted at Galveston at the convention of the Federation of Labor. He says that he has received replies from Cone Johnson, Davidson and Poindexter, but not from Colquitt. He adds that last week he registered to Candidate Colquitt another list of the questions which were addressed by him to all candidates for governor, that he holds the receipt register card showing that Mr. Colquitt received the questions, but that he has received no reply whatever from Mr. Colquitt to the questions.

In speaking of the replies received by him from Candidates Johnson, Davidson and Poindexter, Mr. Wagner said:

"The replies of R. V. Davidson and Cone Johnson on the demands of organized labor are in every respect satisfactory, and the labor men can not expect more. Candidate Poindexter has replied to my letter asking the questions, but he has dodged every question but one in his replies. He has answered favorably to the laboring men relative to the repeal of the law concerning the garnishment of wages, but every other question he has answered in a reply to this effect: 'If in the proper form, I will approve it.' Such a reply means nothing, and Candidate Colquitt could have answered the questions that way. If he is against the measures advocated, they can never be gotten in form

that is proper according to his idea."

Previous dispatches showed the substance of the questions asked the various candidates by H. G. Wagner, acting commissioner of labor statistics and secretary of the joint labor board. They asked the candidates to express themselves on the labor platform adopted by the Galveston labor convention, and asked for an expression on the so-called "spider bill," an amendment to the anti-pass law allowing railroad employees and families passes while in search of occupation on railroads, an amendment to the full crew law requiring two brakemen on long passenger trains and three on long freight trains, requiring railroads to maintain hospitals in which the railroad men may have something to say about their operation, and a number of other laws and amendments.

Who pays for the advertising of merchants and other business men? Not the advertiser, for the cost is returned to him twofold in increased profits. Not the purchaser, for he buys cheaper from the advertiser and has a better assortment and fresher goods to select from. Who then really pays the advertising bills? The non-advertiser, of course. A just proportion of the money he loses by his lack of initiative and enterprise finds its way eventually to the printer, to advance the cause of education and the interests of the community. Who pays for that advertising which attracts the people of this town to other towns? The home merchant not only loses that trade, but in that loss pays for the other fellow's advertising. Isn't it plain? The "storekeeper" is a relic of the past; the merchant is an active being of today.—Lott Clarion.

#### The Conservation of Nature's Resources

Applies as well to our physical state as to material things. C. J. Budlong, Washington, R. I., realized his condition, and took warning before it was too late. He says: "I suffered severely from kidney trouble, the disease being hereditary in our family. I have taken four bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy, and now consider myself thoroughly cured. This should be a warning to all not to neglect taking Foley's Kidney Remedy until it is too late." Will McLean.

#### What a Summer Cold May Do

A summer cold if neglected is just as apt to develop into bronchitis or pneumonia as at any other season. Do not neglect it. Take Foley's Honey and Tar promptly. It loosens the cough, soothes and heals the inflamed air passages, and expels the cold from the system." Will McLean.

## White Wyandottes

Our Birds carefully pedigree bred for Standard qualifications and Unsurpassed for year-round egg production Most popular fancier's fowl Only breed on the farm None better to be had anywhere Kept under most sanitary, healthful conditions

Eggs carefully selected from pens No. 1 or No. 2, \$2.00 per 15. Seventy-five per cent fertility guaranteed. Cockerels—splendid vigorous fellows, with a long line of prize-winning, heavy-laying ancestry back of them—\$2.00 and up. Agency for "PHILO SYSTEM" of Poultry Culture, Incubators and Supplies. \$1,500 in ten months has been accomplished by this system. Complete book describing every detail of the work for \$1.00. System in use at Wosumonk. Free demonstration to book customers.

Mammoth White Holland Turkeys

"WOSUMONK"

MRS. FRANK E. KALB Crockett, Texas

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THE CHILDREN'S FAVORITE TONIC. BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. THE GENUINE PREPARED ONLY BY Ballard-Snow Liniment Co. ST. LOUIS, MO. At Murchison & Beasley's

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## Not an Enterprise for the "Quitter"

By JOHN WANAMAKER

IF there is one enterprise on earth that a "quitter" should let severely alone, it is advertising. To make a success of advertising, one must stick like a barnacle on a boat's bottom.

He should know before he begins it that he must spend money—lots of it.

Somebody must tell him that he can not hope to reap results commensurate with his expenditure early in the game.

Advertising does not jerk; it pulls. It begins very gently at first; but the pull is steady. It increases day by day and year by year until it exerts an irresistible power.

For That Tired Feeling  
and Dark Brown Taste  
Try Only One of Our  
Beasley's Liver Pills

These pills are made from a special formula gotten up by our Mr. Beasley, and if you are not perfectly satisfied after trying them call on us for your money back.

25 Cents a Bottle

YOUR FRIENDS  
The Murchison-Beasley Drug  
Company

Local News.

H. J. Phillips handles cooking oil in barrels.

Delbert Standley of Trinity was here Tuesday.

H. J. Phillips will pay you cash for your fryers.

New Home sewing machine at Daniel & Burton's.

Miss Lee Arrington has returned from New Orleans.

Phone 74 when you want a nice chicken for dinner.

H. F. Moore was at Galveston Sunday and Monday.

The newest styles in shirts, collars and ties at Millar's.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Standley spent Sunday at Trinity.

H. L. Burton is attending the summer normal at Huntsville.

Quick delivery is our motto.  
Bynum & Son.

Have your clothes cleaned and pressed at Shupak's tailor shop.

Miss Lillie Scott returned Monday from a visit to Jacksonville.

A complete, up to date abstract, if Aldrich & Crook.

The best groceries in town always cheaper at the Big Store.

Miss Dora Leaverton of Kaufman is visiting Miss Oryx Moore.

Dwarf Mexican June corn and Spanish peanuts at Moore & Shivers'.

Miss Bess Fox of Palestine is the guest of Misses Nora and Della Moore.

Everything cheaper during the great "shovel-em-out" sale at the Big Store.

Mrs. Frank Harris spent Sunday and Monday at Galveston and Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wootters returned this week to their home in Lufkin.

Bring your chickens and eggs to H. J. Phillips and get top market price for them.

Miss Emmett Frick of Norman-gee, Leon county, is visiting Miss Oryx Moore.

White Crest flour, guaranteed to be the best on the market, at Bynum & Son's.

Stetson hats, neatest styles and best quality, at reasonable prices.  
Daniel & Burton.

Moore & Shivers can supply you with Mexican June corn and Spanish peanuts.

Mrs. Hagey of San Antonio is visiting her niece, Mrs. L. H. Bond, in this city.

Mrs. Geo. W. Crook and Miss Long were visitors at Galveston Sunday and Monday.

Miss Lena Bromberg returned Monday evening from a visit to her brother at Galveston.

We have just received a fresh lot of cooking oil.  
Bynum & Son.

For bath or shave go to Friend. Best equipped shop in Houston county. Cleanliness our hobby.

Mr. J. H. Burton, one of Houston county's most progressive planters, was in town Monday.

The Courier has a large stock of candidate cards and will meet the prices of any and all competitors.

Let Millar order your next suit and get a perfect fit, the best material and superior workmanship.

Now is the time to put in your order for mohair, crash or tropical weight worsted suit at Shupak's.

Cotton hose, rubber hose, hose reels, hose nozzles, hose washers, lawn sprinklers at Clinton's house of plumbing.

Daniel & Burton have just received a car load of hog fencing, barbed wire and nails. Prices cheaper than the cheapest.

Dressmaking and embroidering by Mrs. L. A. White, half mile from depot on San Antonio road on Albert Smith's place. 3t\*

Nothing but the pure cream and the purest flavoring extracts enter into the making of our ice cream. "Once our customer always our customer."  
McLean's Drug Store.

F. B. WEBB

PROPRIETOR

WEBB'S RESTAURANT  
AND  
CROCKETT BAKERY.

Nothing Too Good for Our  
Customers.

Ladies' Private Lunch Room

Mrs. Eugene Fore of Palestine and Miss Hilyer, a sister of Mrs. C. C. Stokes, are being entertained by Mrs. Stokes in this city.

Cutlery.

We have a new stock of Westholm knives. We guarantee them.  
Daniel & Burton.

Our ice cream is made from pure milk and is wholesome. You cannot eat too much of it.  
McLean's Drug Store.

We will save you money on dry goods. Come to our store and let us show you our stock.  
Daniel & Burton.

We handle baseball goods and can make you some close prices on them. Good stock to select from.  
McLean's Drug Store.

FOR SALE—Good sawed heart pine shingles, \$3.25; mixed shingles, \$2.25. Phone 216.  
B. L. Satterwhite.

Try a drink at our soda fountain. Nothing better and more wholesome on a hot summer day.  
McLean's Drug Store.

Do your shirts fit satisfactorily? If not, have the next ones made to your measure. Made-to-order shirts is one of Millar's specialties.

Nothing beats a refreshing drink at our fountain on a hot day. Come to see us when you are thirsty.  
McLean's Drug Store.

Ladies, call on Mrs. Bricker for any kind of goods or work in the millinery line. She is closing out by the 10th of July for a vacation.

Ladies, have your flowers faded on your spring hats? If so bring them to Mrs. Bricker, she will make them look new for a small sum.

If you have got any trading to do, don't overlook the "shovel-em-out" sale at the Big Store. It's the chance of your life to buy goods cheap.

The time for active campaigning is drawing near and all candidates will want and need cards in making the rounds. Let the Courier supply you.

Bargains! Bargains!! Bargains!!! In everything sold at the Big Store during the great "shovel-em-out" sale, June 11th to 18th. Come and get yours.

J. Q. Snell of Lovelady, D. J. Vance of Druso, J. C. Stockton and O. W. Ellisor are among the number remembering the Courier since last issue.

Prices will be considerably lower on all goods at the Big Store, during the great "shovel-em-out" sale from June 11th to 18th. Don't miss this sale.

Bring in your fryers now while there is a good demand. Don't wait they are sure to go down. I pay the top all the time.  
Johnson Arledge.

Don't delay any longer having your candidate cards printed, but get them now while printing is cheap and before the rush is on. Let the Courier fill your order.

Our cigars are personally selected from among the most popular brands. Give us a call when you feel like smoking.  
McLean's Drug Store.

Attention, Giners and Sawmill Men. For sale—one 50 horse power boiler, second hand, and a new smoke stack for same, cheap. B. B. Warfield, Crockett, Texas. 4t

Excursion Notice. Excursion rates via I. & G. N. railroad account Celebration National Independence Day. Excursion tickets will be on sale at I. & G. N. stations to all points in Texas, July 2nd, 3rd and 4th; limit July 6th.  
For particulars see J. B. Valentine, Agent, I. & G. N. R. R. 3t

Money to Loan.

We make a specialty of loans on land and to farmers. We buy vendors lien notes and any other good paper. If you want to borrow money you will DO WELL to call and get our terms before placing your loan. We buy and sell real estate.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,  
Office North Side Public Square,  
Crockett, Texas

Mrs. Bricker will begin a great reduction sale on the 16th to last until the 10th of July. Every hat going at cut prices—all \$5.00 hats going at \$4.00 and \$3.75 for cash.

Mr. Candidate, before making the rounds next month, let the Courier print your cards. You will need them and after you get started it will be too late to get them.

Mrs. Bricker says her beautiful stock of hats must go at some price before the 10th of July. She wants a vacation before going to market. Come quick and get your choice.

We do cleaning, pressing and repairing as they should be done. Every piece of work entrusted to us receives the careful attention of an expert tailor.  
John C. Millar.

All kinds of garden hose, lawn sprinklers, hose nozzles, hose reels. It will pay you to get my prices before purchasing. Come in and see what I have.  
C. A. Clinton.

When you are needing feed for horse or cattle, tell your feed man to send you up a sack of STOCK FOOD. Made of pure corn chops, cotton seed meal and choicest ground alfalfa, and no finer feed can be had.  
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Drop in at C. A. Clinton's plumbing establishment, next door to Nunn & Nunn's law office, and see that Fuller & Johnson gasoline engine pumping water and operating a cream separator all at the same time.

After your town is stocked with chickens and eggs what do you do? Take them to Johnson Arledge he wants them. What did you do with them before he began buying? Yes "and often took them back home."

Excursion Notice. Excursion rates via I. & G. N. R. R., account emancipation day. Tickets will be sold to all points within a distance of 200 miles at one and one third fare for the round trip.

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Scholarship for Sale.

The Courier has for sale a scholarship in the Port Arthur Business College. This is a fine opportunity for some young person to secure an excellent business education at a nominal cost.

We carry a new and stylish stock of ladies' and misses' slippers. Boy's low cuts. In fact we can please you if you need either shoes or slippers of any kind, and we will make prices to suit you.  
Daniel & Burton.

"Children's Day" will be observed at the Methodist church next Sunday from 10:30 to 12 a. m. Preaching as usual at 8:30 p. m. Dr. S. F. Tenney will be with us at the evening hour. The public cordially invited to attend both these services.  
Geo. W. Davis, Pastor.

Miss Oryx Moore entertained some of her friends Tuesday evening with a progressive conversation party complimentary to her guests, Misses Emmett Frick of Normangee and Dora Leaverton of Kaufman, and Miss Louise Moore's guests, Misses Gladys Walling and Rubie Estes of Houston.

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Flour at Retail  
at Wholesale  
Price.

Just received one  
car of the

German Mill  
Flour

Get the BEST  
flour and also  
save money.

J. E. DOWNES.

Foley's Kidney Remedy may be given to children with admirable results. It does away with bed wetting, and is also recommended for use after measles and scarlet fever. Will McLean.

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

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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.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements subject to the action of the democratic primary:

- For Congress, 7th District  
C. C. Stokes  
of Houston County
- For Representative  
J. R. Luce  
Dr. J. B. Smith  
W. G. Creath
- For County Attorney  
B. F. Dent  
C. M. (Marvin) Ellis  
J. A. Ragland
- For County Judge  
E. Winfree
- For County Clerk  
O. C. Goodwin  
Nat E. Allbright
- For District Clerk  
J. D. (Joe) Sallas  
Joe Brown Stanton
- For Tax Assessor  
D. T. (Dave) Adair  
John H. Ellis
- For Tax Collector  
A. L. (Gus) Goolsby
- For County Treasurer  
W. H. Bayne  
D. J. Cater
- For Sheriff  
C. C. Mortimer  
O. B. (Deb) Hale  
A. W. Phillips
- County Superintendent of Schools  
John T. Crook  
J. F. Mangum
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 1  
S. H. Lively  
J. D. Hill  
R. T. Kent
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 2  
C. R. Stephenson  
J. C. Estes  
G. R. (Ross) Murchison
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 3  
John L. Straghan  
J. A. Harrelson
- For Commissioner, Precinct No. 4  
J. M. Creasy  
Calvert Hallmark  
P. D. Austin  
G. W. Blakeway
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1  
E. M. Callier
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4  
J. Q. Snell
- For Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 6  
J. G. Webb
- For Constable, Precinct No. 1  
R. J. (Bob) Spence  
P. E. Tunstall  
J. D. Sexton
- For Constable, Precinct No. 4  
Leon Smith  
R. J. (Bob) Wills

## NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of "The Courier" will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publisher.

Vote for B. F. Teague of Washington county for comptroller.

Two railroad commissioners are to be elected this year and one of them has three opponents. Commissioner Mayfield's term will expire and he is a candidate for reelection and is opposed by Theodore G. Thomas of Harris county, L. T. Dashiell of Leon county and J. W. Blake of Hill county. Notwithstanding he has three opponents, Mayfield is sticking to his office and rendering the people a service in return for their money. William D. Williams, appointed

to fill an unexpired term, is to be re elected, but has no opposition. Should Mayfield leave Austin and enter the campaign as has Colquitt, all of the official responsibility would be thrown onto Williams, and should Williams decide to enter the race and campaign for another office, the door of the railroad commissioners' office would have to be nailed up. When the tax payers of Texas stop to consider these things, they are going to vote for their faithful servant who is sticking to his post of duty and they are going to scratch from the ticket the name of their unfaithful servant who leaves his post of duty to enter the scramble for a position other than the one in which the people in their confidence have placed him.

## WHY DAVIDSON SHOULD BE GOVERNOR.

In supporting Robert Vance Davidson of Galveston county for the governorship of Texas, the Courier submits for the consideration of its readers the following reasons for so doing: Primarily, the Courier is supporting him on his record as attorney general. The Courier believes that when an official's record has as much to commend it to the voters as has General Davidson's, it should be rewarded, and that, on the other hand, when there is nothing to commend it, it should sink into oblivion. Davidson, while attorney general, placed over two millions of dollars in the state treasury as the direct result of his prosecutions of the violators of the Texas anti-trust laws, which helped to reduce the state tax rate from 12 1/2 to 5 cents on the \$100 valuation. He recovered for the people of Texas over 121,000 acres of public lands that will remain a part of our public school fund. He won for the state of Texas the suit involving the constitutionality of the intangible tax law, thus placing upon the tax rolls of each county hundreds of thousands of dollars of property that had hitherto escaped taxation altogether. His great record as attorney general and his experience gained in that office peculiarly fit him for the office of governor, and for these and other reasons the Courier believes he should be elected. Further, when he entered the campaign for the governorship he resigned the office of attorney general, which he had so ably filled for five years, feeling that it was not honest to draw the people's money without rendering them an efficient service in return. How different with Railroad Commissioner Colquitt! Colquitt runs for office regularly every two years, first for railroad commissioner and then for governor, all the while drawing pay from the state for a service which he is not rendering. Davidson is more tolerant in his views than is either Johnson or Poindexter. The principles he stands for are nearer in line with those advocated by the Courier than are those advocated by any of the other candidates. The great mass opposed to Colquitt's policies can come nearer settling on Davidson as their standard bearer than on either of the other two or three candidates.

In his Plainview speech Senator Thomas left the impression that some of Senator Brachfield's home people regarded him as a grafter. At Henderson Senator Thomas paid a high tribute to the honesty and integrity of Senator Brachfield. While many of Senator Brachfield's home people naturally may not agree with him in his position on public questions, those

among whom he has lived all his life know that he is a man of unswerving integrity. It is always the absent senator that Thomas attacks. To put it mildly his speeches abound in statements that are neither just or accurate. He appears to have no comprehension of the real meaning of words.—Henderson News.

## From Lovelady.

Miss Verne Monday left last week, first going to Houston where she spent a few days, and from there she went to Waco. She will visit several other places within the next few days and then go to New York, where she sails with a party to Europe for quite an extended stay. Her many friends wish her much pleasure during the lengthy voyage.

Claude Alexander, having returned from a trip to Austin and San Antonio, is spending this week in Palestine and other parts.

Mr. Howard Alexander has returned from Galveston where he has finished the course in pharmacy.

Miss Allie Kennedy has returned from Palacios, at which place she taught the past term.

Miss Ethel Thompson passed through enroute to her home at Weldon from Denton, where she has attended school for the past four years.

Mr. Charlie Niisse returned home Sunday after spending the past term of study in Austin.

Mr. H. L. Sims is the pleasant guest of his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Page, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Page chaperoned a party to Patterson lake last week.

Mrs. C. F. Niisse and Miss Annie Niisse have returned from an extended visit to Marlin and Mexia accompanied by their aunt, Mrs. E. J. Coleman of Memphis, Tenn.

The Lovelady "home talent" presented the "Country Minister" to quite a crowded house in Groveton last week.

Mrs. Ben F. Saye was the pleasant guest of friends in town this week again.

Little Dee Lawrence, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Lawrence, died Thursday a. m., after a lingering illness of several months. He had suffered much for several years with rheumatism, all being done that was possible in human skill, all to no avail, when finally the death angel relieved him of the anguish he had so long endured and peacefully his spirit went to God. Although but thirteen years old, he was a Christian, and requested that his little bank of savings be given to his Sunday school.

## A Card of Thanks.

Please say to the good people of Lovelady that words are inadequate to express our heartfelt thanks for their many acts of kindness and attention shown us and our dear son during his last illness and in the hours of our sad bereavement. If it were possible we would call down heaven's richest blessings upon them all. We can now fully appreciate what our Savior said: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me." May it be bread cast upon the waters for them.

Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Lawrence.

## Crockett Schools.

Patrons of the Crockett Schools living outside of the District should transfer their children to this district if they desire the benefit of this school. Hereafter six months free tuition will be allowed all children transferred to this district. Do not forget to transfer. Those who do not transfer will pay tuition for full term of nine months.

J. W. Hail,  
President of Board.

Fire Live Stock Accident

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## Kiessling-Kennedy Wedding.

An ideally charming home wedding was that of Miss Essie Kennedy and Mr. Daniel Oscar Kiessling, both of this city, which was solemnized at 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon of last week in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

The handsome rooms of the Kennedy home were fragrant with the dainty perfume of many flowers and resplendent with artistically arranged decorations. The dining room was used for the ceremony, the floor being covered with white cloth, and in the center was erected an arch of the same color from which was suspended the wedding bell.

As a fitting prelude to the marriage service, Mr. Jack Beasley sang "My Dear," which was followed by Lohengrin's wedding chorus sung by Miss Judith Arledge, Mrs. John LeGory, Mrs. Johnson Arledge, Mrs. Ralph Lundy, Mrs. Henry Baker and Mrs. Fisher Arledge. As the familiar strains of the wedding march, played by Miss Mary Langston and Mr. Thos. Collins, floated through the rooms, Misses Hallie Ellis, Brownie Collins, Susie Carleton, Kathleen Hail, Florence and Yola Kennedy, as ushers, proceeded to the entrance, over which was suspended a number of streamers, each usher selecting one of these streamers and taking her position so as to form an arch through which the bride must pass. The groom entered through a rear door accompanied by his best man, Mr. Alfred Collins, and Rev. L. T. Grumbles of the Baptist church, who performed the ceremony. Preceded by her maid of honor, Miss Jo Bayne, the bride came in on the arm of her brother, Mr. Clifford Kennedy, who gave her to the groom.

After the ceremony a short reception was held during which the wedding cake was cut and served to the guests with brick ice cream. During the reception strawberry punch was served, Miss Etta Hail presiding over the punch bowl. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mrs. Dan J. Kennedy and is of a lovable disposition and charming personage and has been one of Crockett's most popular young ladies ever since her debut. Mr. Kiessling is cashier of the Crockett State Bank, and numbers his friends by the score. The presents received were of great number and rare beauty—evidences of the high esteem in which this young couple are held by their friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kiessling left on the 9:15 train for Eldon, Mo., the home of Mr. Kiessling's parents, where they will spend their honeymoon. They will be at home to their friends in Crockett after July 1. Mrs. Fred Welch of Houston, sister of the groom, was among the out-of-town guests present.

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## Excursion Notice.

Popular excursion to Galveston and Houston via I. & G. N., Saturday, June 25th.

Excursion tickets will be sold for trains arriving Houston and Galveston afternoon June 25th, and Sunday morning June 26th. Limit for return leaving Houston and Galveston, Monday June 27th.

For further information see J. B. Valentine, I. & G. N.—Ticket Agent.

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