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## FRISCO ROAD IN HANDS OF RECEIVERS

Unable to Meet \$2,250,000 Bonds. System Heavily Boded.

St. Louis, May 27.—Thomas H. West, chairman of the board of directors of the St. Louis Trust Company, and B. L. Winchell, president of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company, were appointed receivers in the Federal District Court here late today for the road.

Appointment of the receivers here took place about an hour after appointment of ancillary receivers for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois, a subsidiary of the Frisco, before the United States District Court in Chicago.

Application for appointment of receiver for the Frisco was made to Circuit Judge Walter H. Sanborn, who came here from St. Paul today especially to hear the Frisco matter, by the North American Company, which is said to be a creditor of the Frisco to the extent of \$400,000. A receivership was urged as the only solution of the financial difficulties of the road by James Campbell of St. Louis, president of the North American Company.

The immediate cause of the receivership was the maturing on June 1 of short time notes issued by the road for \$2,250,000, which bear 5 per cent interest.

## Money for Horsemen and Exhibitors.

The Houston County Fair Association is going to spend some money on its racing program for the third annual fair to be held September 30, October 1, 2 and 3. Twenty-five hundred dollars in purses have been hung up for the fall race meet. Four days of racing, five races each day, complete the program, which includes a free-for-all pace, a free-for-all trot, a 2:10 pace, a 2:20 trot, a 2:18 pace, a 2:30 trot, a 2:25 pace and a trot or pace for three year olds. The running races include distances all the way from a quarter to three quarters of a mile. There are seven purses of \$200 each, five purses of \$90 each, three of \$70 each, two of \$100 each, one of \$150 and one of \$40. Houston county horses will be looked after in a quarter-mile dash. So get ready for the fair. And the racing program is not all. Attractive premiums are offered on farm products, home products and livestock. Racing is only a sideline. Every man, woman and child in Houston county should try for a premium on something. It must be remembered that the fair is for the whole of Houston county and not alone for the town of Crockett. An important point is that the

Houston County Fair Association has taken membership in the Texas Agricultural Fair Circuit and will have all the attractions that the other fairs have.

## The Truth About Bottled Soda Water.

Thousands of good people have robbed themselves and their children of the great delight and the positive health giving benefit of bottled soda water because they did not know what modern bottled soda water was. Some still think and are confusing this delicious drink with the old time "Pop." Now let us tell you what the modern soda water properly put up is composed of: Pure filtered water, pure cane sugar syrup, pure flavors and last but not least, clean, sanitary bottles. The Crockett Bottling Plant, under the management of Mr. A. M. Carleton who has unlimited experience, pride themselves on the purity and healthfulness of their products. Their up-to-date machinery and high grade soda water warrants the confidence of the entire public. We had the pleasure of going through their plant a few days ago and find it just as stated above.—Adv.

Paducah—The Cottle county commissioners have ordered an election on the issuance of \$50,000 bonds for good roads in Precinct No. 1.

## PECOS MAN SHOT DOWN.

E. H. Davis Thought to Be Dying at Fort Worth—M. J. Delaney Surrendered.

Fort Worth, Texas, May 25.—E. H. Davis, a real estate dealer from Pecos, may die from a bullet wound in his neck, inflicted Sunday morning. M. J. Delaney, a stockman, also of Pecos, was arrested. The shooting occurred at 7:30 o'clock in front of the Quick Service Cafe on Ninth Street, between Main and Houston Streets.

Davis is at the Medical College Hospital. He has been conscious but once since being wounded. His recovery is not expected.

Delaney was first taken to the city jail. After a conference between Delaney, Police Chief Montgomery, County Attorney Baskin, Assistant County Attorney Hoyer and Delaney's attorney, Delaney was transferred to the county jail. He is charged with assault with intent to murder.

The shooting is alleged to have resulted from a long-standing dispute concerning certain lands.

Davis went to the Quick Service Cafe for breakfast at 7:20 o'clock. While eating he saw Delaney pass the cafe. Davis ran to the door and called out to Delaney. The latter stopped and Davis approached him. The dispute was reopened, it is said. But few words had been spoken by either when Mr. Delaney drew a revolver and fired.

The bullet entered the base of the neck on the right side and came out through the right shoulder. It then passed through the screen door of the cafe and buried itself in the wall.

Davis ran back into the cafe, screaming: "For God's sake, get a doctor, quick; I'm shot!"

He sank to the floor, rolled over several times in great pain and then lost consciousness. Delaney made no effort to escape, and when officers arrived at the cafe he was waiting to give himself up.

Davis was taken to the Medical College Hospital. He recovered consciousness once during the day. Then, in answer to a question, he said his wife was in Pecos.

Delaney had placed his wife on a train at 7 o'clock. She was going to Crockett to visit her mother. Immediately on being taken to the city jail Delaney sent several telegrams to her at various stations between Fort Worth and Crockett. One of the messages informing her of what had happened reached her at Terrell. She hurried back to Fort Worth on the next train, and is here now.

## How Others See Us.

A gentleman at Timpson, according to the Center Champion, has received the following letter from the County Judge of Anderson county, where they have been very successful in building roads:

"Our sand-clay roads are a success in every particular, and every man in the county will tell you this. All our citizens are pleased with them. We spent \$150,000 and wish we had a million to spend, because it did so much good. Cost us about \$3000 per mile, figuring in all cost. They are built of dirt exclusively—sand-clay. We employed a competent engineer, who is able and honest, and knows his business. We then got up specifications and

let the work out by contract. The contract way is the only way. Don't try to do it yourselves. Houston county is trying to do it by day labor and force account and are making a mess out of it. Contract the work out, and if you have a good reliable engineer you will be pleased.

"Come over and we will be glad to show you.

Yours truly,  
E. V. Swift,  
County Judge."

## First of the Season.

Popular excursion to Galveston via I. & G. N. Ry. Saturday, June 7. Low rate excursion tickets on sale Saturday, June 7, and for trains arriving Galveston Sunday morning, June 8. Returning, leave Galveston Monday, June 9. For particulars see ticket agent of I. & G. N. 2t.

## Confederate Reunion.

The Confederate veterans of Crockett Camp, No. 141, are cordially invited and earnestly expected to meet in reunion at Crockett, Texas, on Tuesday, the 3rd day of June, 1913.

E. Winfree,  
Commander.

## U. D. C. NOTES.

Memorial Day in Crockett to Be Observed June 3rd, 1913.

June 3rd, 1913, legal holiday in the state of Texas, and all over our Southland, declared so in honor of our one and only President of the Southern Confederacy, will be observed in Crockett by the Confederate Veterans of Houston county and the D. A. Nunn Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, Crockett.

Meeting of the Veterans held at court house, Tuesday morning, 3rd of June, 1913. Dinner prepared for them and families.

Memorial exercises by the D. A. Nunn Chapter and Winnie Davis Auxiliaries will be held on same day at the Baptist church, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m. The citizens of Crockett and Houston county are specially invited.

All members of the D. A. Nunn Chapter are requested to be present at the monthly meeting of the Chapter with Mrs. John Cook, Saturday, May 31st, 3:30 p. m.

## Ice Cream Factory.

An industry in Crockett that is coming into prominence is the ice cream business. There was a time when ice cream in large quantities had to be ordered from the larger towns. That time is now a thing of the past. Mansfield's ice cream factory, with C. L. Mansfield as proprietor, is supplying the home trade with the best of high-grade creams and making a specialty of brick creams. His special effort is toward the local trade of Crockett, but small shipments are beginning to be made to other points. Plain and special ice creams are made by this factory and those of our citizens desiring to patronize a home industry should ask their dealer for Mansfield's cream. This cream is on sale at the various cream parlors and soda fountains in this city. Just ask for Mansfield's and you will never regret it.—Adv.

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**Is Opposed to New Jail.**

Belott, May 27.

Editor Courier:

I understand that petitions are being circulated throughout the country, advising the citizens and taxpayers that a proposition which calls for the erection of a new jail, at a cost of perhaps fifteen to twenty-five thousand dollars, is pending before the commissioners' court. Knowing it will be impossible for everyone to see the petition, and believing that in a matter of such importance as the erection of a public building everyone is concerned, I take this means of circulating it more widely. We do not think the commissioners' court would have the county incur such a debt without being so authorized by the people of the county. Whether bonds are issued, or a contract is let, the effect will be the same. In either case it means a big tax rate for about forty years. Surely the county judge and the court will not take steps that will bring about such a state of affairs. We believe they will do as the majority wishes, and in signing the petition we feel that we are working for the good of all, rather than the especial benefit of a few. Besides, the whole county, almost, is under bonds of some kind. There are bonds for school houses, roads, etc., to say nothing of the fact that the old jail has bonds that are still unpaid—so I understand.

We favor anything that tends toward progress, but we must take things as we can stand them. What some of us need is a tax rest. We do not want a cushioned chair to take it in either. We can take it while standing. Yours truly,  
Dreamer.

**King's Highway and Other News.**

Weches, May 26.

Editor Courier:

Weather fine—with a few more days of sunshine the farmers having war with "General Green" will have the battle won. Crops are looking fine and we expect an abundant harvest.

Rev. Day filled his appointment Sunday night and gave a fine lecture on education.

Mrs. Jennie Sample and her mother from Alto were among their many friends around Weches last week.

E. H. Pyle purchased a pair of very fine matched mares last Saturday from Mr. A. M. Farrar, paying \$450.

We are expecting a large crowd at Weches the 10th of June to meet the trade excursion from Crockett.

Say, what has become of the boom that was started some time ago at San Antonio to build the King's Highway? We should never



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and ornament them to order. If you have some old family recipe, you can mix the cake yourself and we'll do the baking. We make birthday cakes, too. We even put the proper number of candles on, if you say so. Order one for the next celebration at your house. Rest assured it will not have a chance to get stale.

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**TALES OF JUJUTSU.**

An Expert at This Japanese Game is a Dangerous Opponent.

In his book on "The Fighting Spirit of Japan" E. J. Harrison says of jujutsu: "The word is written with two ideographs, the first 'ju' meaning to obey, submit to, weak, soft, pliable, and the second meaning 'art' or 'science.' The use of the first character is intended to imply that 'jujutsu' relies for its triumphs not upon brute strength, but upon skill and finesse, the ability to win by appearing to yield. Thus in 'jujutsu' the opponent undermost may have the other at his mercy, though to the novice he may appear to be defeated. 'Jujutsu' is the art which every samurai (noble or warrior) under the feudal regime was compelled to learn, and it was often a point of honor among the higher minded ones, if attacked by a vulgar opponent, whether with or without a weapon, to try first to overcome him by means of jujutsu before drawing their own sword. Nowadays, however, jujutsu is no longer a monopoly of the military class, and the various 'dojo' or schools in the large cities render it possible for any respectable person to practice it."

Mr. Harrison tells of an expert who was sitting in a restaurant when he "fell foul of a coolie and promptly threw him downstairs. The coolie returned to the fray with fourteen comrades, but the expert calmly sat at the head of the stairs, and as fast as the coolies came up in single file, owing to the narrowness of the passage, he simply choked them in detail and hurled them down again. In the excitement of the moment he was rather more rough than was strictly necessary and so broke one man's neck. The rest fled in terror, carrying off their dead and wounded. The 'judo' expert was arrested, but as he was easily able to prove that he had been one man against fifteen he was, of course, acquitted. Nevertheless the kodokwan temporarily suspended him for his conduct, which was deemed unduly violent."

Violence above what the combat calls for is condemned in jujutsu. Mr. Harrison quotes a native exponent, who says: "The employment of violent physical strength in jujutsu is not desirable, but is sometimes admissible. The pupil, however, who has not completely mastered his art must avoid the reckless use of force, which tends to hamper the free movements of the body and limbs and therefore to prevent him from learning the mystery of the art."

**Oldest Dogs in the World.**

Greyhounds can boast of very ancient lineage and are probably the oldest family of dogs in the world. They figure on Egyptian frescoes of the early pharaohs, were used for coursing by the Greeks, and a fine Antonine sculpture in the British museum of two greyhounds fon-

ding each other proves they were appreciated by the Romans. They were favorites with almost all the English kings, from Canute to Charles I., and King John repeatedly took greyhounds in payment for the penalties he inflicted. Until modern times they were aristocratic dogs, which only "gentlemen" freeholders were permitted to keep. A trace of this snobbish regulation can be found in the fact that until 1853 a special tax of 22 shillings each was placed on greyhounds to place them beyond reach of democracy.—Westminster Gazette.

**She Indorsed It.**

She advanced to the paying teller's window and, handing in a check for \$50, stated that it was a birthday present from her husband and asked for payment. The teller informed her that she must first indorse it.

"I don't know what you mean," she said hesitatingly.

"Why, you see," he explained, "you must write your name on the back so that when we return the check to your husband he will know we have paid you the money."

"Oh, is that all?" she said, relieved.

One minute elapsed. Thus the indorsement: "Many thanks, dear. I've got the money. Your loving wife, Evelyn."—Everybody's Magazine.

**Acts of Kindness.**

Might we not all resolve that every day we will do at least one act of kindness? Let us write a letter in such terms that the post will bring pleasure next day to some house; make a call just to let a friend know that he has been in our heart; send a gift on some one's birthday, marriage day or any day we can invent. Let us make children glad with things which they long for and cannot obtain, and a thousand other things which we could do within a year if we had eyes to see and a heart to feel and had the will to take some trouble.—Ian Maclaren.

**Romance of a Necklace.**

Some years ago an old Frenchwoman died in a poor part of Dublin, and her little effects were put up for auction. Among other odds and ends was a necklace of dirty looking green stones, which did not attract much attention. However, a shrewd pair of dealers thought there might be "money in it" and decided on purchasing, clubbing together £5 for the purpose. On taking it to a well known jeweler he promptly offered £1,500, which sum they refused and sold the necklace of purest emeralds for £7,000 in London, where Lord Rosebery on his marriage purchased it for some thing like £20,000. The old Frenchwoman's mother had been attached to the court of France, and the emeralds had once formed part of the crown jewels.—London Answers.

**His Limit.**

The absentminded customer had bought something on one of the upper floors of the big department store and had started for the elevator. Happening to notice that the movable stairway was running, however, he decided to use it instead. It carried him down to the next floor, where another movable stairway was in operation, and he kept on going. At last he came to a floor where there appeared to be no stairway of any kind. An elevator stood not far away, with the door invitingly open, and he stepped inside.

"Going down?" he asked. "I hope not, just yet," said the elevator boy. "This is the basement."—Chicago Tribune.

**Sugar.**

It is not known who invented or discovered sugar. Sugar has, it seems, been known since the dawn of history, but not in all countries. The Chinese appear to have delighted their palates with some sort of sugar for more than 3,000 years, and it was known in India earlier than in Europe, being made from a juicy reed or cane. One of the generals of Alexander the Great is said to have carried sugar to Greece in the year 325 B. C., as Sir Walter Raleigh, some 2,000 years later, carried tobacco from Virginia to England. But even so late as A. D. 150 sugar was still a rarity in Greece. The famous physician Galen used it as a remedy for certain maladies.—Exchange.

**Probably She Would.**

Mrs. Newbride came hurriedly into her husband's study one morning.

"Herbert, dear," she said, "this recipe for lemon pie says to sit on a hot stove and stir constantly."

"Well, Alice," replied the doting husband, "if you do sit on a hot stove I think you will find that you will stir constantly."—Ladies' Home Journal.

**His Name.**

"Who is that long haired fellow?" "Uriah Rembrandt Peiggs. He's making quite a name for himself."

"I should think he would. If my parents had given me a name like his I'd have started to make one for myself at once."

**The First Waltz.**

The waltz in its present form was introduced about the year 1785, but similar dances based on the same principle ("walzen" or "to turn") were popular many years before that time. On Nov. 17, 1786, a new opera by Vinzenz Martius, "Una Cosa Rara," was performed in Vienna. In the closing scene of this opera a dance, which was called "Langaus," was introduced, and this became the waltz, which soon invaded not only the public places, but the palaces, and became fashionable.

## "AFTER DINNER" TRIALS.

Quick "Justice" Under the Old Criminal Code in England.

In these days of criminal trials long drawn out it may not be uninteresting to glance back at a time when, in England at least, complaint ran in the opposite direction. Such were the earlier years of Queen Victoria, when the old criminal code still survived in much of its archaic barbarity and the picturesque legal procedure inadequately compensated for its cruelty, says London Tit-Bits.

The late Lord Brampton, better known as Sir Henry Hawkins, refers in his reminiscences to the scandal of what he calls the "after dinner" trials of that period. It was then the custom for the court to adjourn for dinner at 5 o'clock, at which meal there was no lack of conviviality, so that when the bench and bar returned to their duties they were in no mood for protracted toil.

In Lord Brampton's own words, "judges and counsel were exhilarated and business was proportionately accelerated." In confirmation of this he notes that these "after dinner" trials did not occupy on an average more than four minutes apiece and in illustration cites an actual case, the paltry nature of which, contrasted with the enormity of the punishment involved, throws a lurid light on the inhumanity of the times.

The case was that of a pick-pocket, in which the prisoner had inconsiderately pleaded "Not guilty," and therefore had a right to be heard. We may quote Lord Brampton's account, beginning with the examination of the witness for the prosecution by the prosecuting counsel:

"I think you were walking up Ludgate hill on Thursday, the 25th, about 2:30 in the afternoon and suddenly felt a tug at your pocket and missed your handkerchief, which the constable now produces?"

"Yes, sir."

"I suppose you have nothing to ask him?" says the judge. "Next witness."

Constable stands up.  
"Were you following the prosecutor on the occasion when he was robbed on Ludgate hill, and did you see the prisoner put his hand into the prosecutor's pocket and take this handkerchief out of it?"

"Yes, sir."

Judge (to prisoner)—Nothing to say, I suppose? Then to the jury: "Gentlemen, I suppose you have no doubt? I have none."

Jury—Guilty, my lord.

Judge (to prisoner)—Jones, we have met before; we shall not meet again for some time. Seven years' transportation. Next case.

Time—Two minutes fifty-three seconds. As this seems to be a record it is only fair to add that the judge's name was Muirhouse.

## WENT BEFORE HE WAS READY.

A Riding Master's Effective Way of Discouraging an Adventurer.

Many a good story has come out of Bath, that most famous of English watering places a century ago. This amusing tale of an impudent man's discomfiture is retold by Thormanby in his book called "Sporting Stories."

Among the adventurers at Bath on the lookout for impressionable heiresses was a certain Captain O'Flanagan, who followed with great assiduity the daughter of a rich soap boiler, who was taking lessons of Seffart, the riding master. As a recent sensational elopement had already got Seffart into hot water, he kept a sharp lookout and enforced strictly his rule of separating the sexes during exercise hours. One day Captain O'Flanagan, who had purchased a ticket for the season, strolled in at a quarter to 12.

"You can only ride fifteen minutes, sir," said Seffart.

"All right," was his reply.

Doubting his sincerity, however, Seffart put him upon a tricky horse called Fortunatus. As the clock struck 12 the trainer said, "Time's up, captain!"

"I shall not go. I pay for two hours, and two hours I shall have," was the cool reply.

"But you agreed to go at 12."

"Then I've changed my mind."

"But I haven't," said Seffart quietly. "Now, am I to treat you as a gentleman or a blackguard?"

"What do you mean, you scoundrel?" roared the captain.

"The ladies are waiting," pur-

sued the trainer. "Will you go?"

"Not till I'm quite ready," was the angry response.

Seffart said no more to the captain, but called: "Hi, Fortunatus! Up, lad!" and made a sign with his whip. In an instant Fortunatus reared bolt upright and the next moment was on all fours again, striking out with his hind legs. The most perfect equitation could not stand such a trial, and the captain alighted on the tan on his head.

"Now, take that fellow out!" said Seffart, and before O'Flanagan knew where he was two grooms caught him up in their arms like a bundle of straw and, carrying him thus through the waiting ladies, dropped him into the road. When he picked himself out of the mud he had the mortification of seeing "Miss Soap Boiler" laughing heartily at his discomfiture.

## An Odd Walking Match.

An extraordinary walking match was arranged in 1807 by a Captain Bennett, who undertook to trundle a hoop from Whitechapel church to Ongar, in Essex, a distance of twenty-two miles, in not more than three hours and a half. The stakes were 100 guineas, and Bennett won with nearly an hour to spare. Two years later a Cambridge man bet a considerable sum that he would walk on stilts twelve miles in four and a half hours, no stoppage to be allowed and his feet not to touch the ground any time. He did his journey in just three hours and fifty-five minutes.—London Chronicle.

## Guilty!

In a certain small village the justice of the peace in the pursuance of his duties had to hear and judge cases that were brought before him and also to perform occasional marriage ceremonies. He found it difficult to dissociate the various functions of his office. The instance given by the Berliner Illustrirte Zeitung was a wedding. Everything had gone smoothly until he asked the bride, "Do you take this man to be your husband?"

The bride nodded emphatically. "And you, accused," said the justice, turning to the groom, "what have you to say in your defense?"

## Sam's Diamond.

Sam, the chore man, returned from the city with a scarfpin that contained a "diamond" of no unusual size. It was the pride of his heart and the envy of his village companions. He treated all inquiries from them as to its value and its authenticity with high scorn.

His employer, after a week of basking in its radiance, asked Sam about its history.

"Sam," he said, "is it a real diamond?"

"Waal," said Sam, "if it ain't I've been skun out of a half dollar."—Judge.

## Youthful Misinformation.

Among the answers to questions at a school examination were the following interesting examples of youthful misinformation: "Gross ignorance is 144 times as bad as just ordinary ignorance." "Anchorite, an old fashioned hermit sort of a fellow who has anchored hisself to one place." "The liver is an infernal organ." "Vacuum is nothing with the air sucked out of it put up in a pickle bottle. It is very hard to get."

## Magna Charta.

It was a lucky chance that led to the preservation of the Magna Charta from destruction. The story runs that Sir Robert Cotton had one day entered his tailor's shop precisely at the moment when the tailor was about to cut up for patterns an ancient looking document whereto were attached many large and imposing seals. Sir Robert arrested the hand of the tailor, even though he did not immediately recognize the value of the document, which he purchased for a few cents. Today the priceless manuscript is in a glass case at the British museum, most carefully guarded.—Boston Post.

## Neither Any Good.

A crusty tenant of a Scotch landlord pressing him to complete some piece of work which had long stood over, the landlord craved further delay, adding that he would give his word of honor—nay, his written bond—to have the thing done before a certain day.  
"Your word!" exclaimed the tenant. "It's well known that will do me little good, and, as for your writing, nobody can read it."—Er

## A GLIMPSE OF ANCIENT ROME.

Customs of the Time When Caesar Dined With Cicero.

The correspondence of the great men of the ancient Greeks present little that is not philosophical, political or didactic in its character, and it was not until the age of Julius Caesar that the Romans began to reflect in their letters something of the incident and spirit of their times. The following letter of Cicero to Atticus gives an interesting account of a visit by Julius Caesar very shortly before the tragical death of the great soldier:

"Oh, this visit, so much dreaded! And yet one which I am not sorry to have received, for it went off most pleasantly. When he came the evening before, on the 18th, to my neighbor Phillipus, the house was so crowded with soldiers that there was scarcely a vacant room for Caesar to sup in. There were about 2,000 of them, which made me feel a little uneasiness for the next day. But Barba Cassius set me at ease. He assigned me a guard, made the rest encamp in the fields, so that my house was kept clear.

"On the 19th he stayed with Balbus until 1 o'clock, but admitted no one. He was settling accounts, as I suppose, with Balbus. He then walked by the shore to my house. At 2 he took the bath. The verses on Mamurra were then read to him. [These are supposed to be a satire on Mamurra's debauchery and luxury, in which Caesar also was satirized by Catullus.] His countenance was unchanged.

"He was rubbed and anointed and then disposed himself at table after taking an emetic (a habit considered by the Romans of that time as conducive to health as well as to luxurious gormandizing) and ate and drank in a very free and easy manner, for he was entertained hospitably and elegantly, and our discourse resembled our repast in its relish and seasoning. Besides Caesar's table, his attendants were well provided for in three other rooms, nor was there any deficiency in the provision made for his freedmen of lower quality and his slaves, but those of the better sort were elegantly entertained. Need I say more? I acted as man to man. Yet he was not the man to whom one would say at parting, 'I pray you, let me have this visit repeated when you come this way again.' Once is enough.

"Not a word passed between us on business, but much literary talk. To make short of the matter, he was perfectly pleased and easy. He talked of spending one day at Puteoli, another at Baiae. You have thus the account of the day's entertainment—an entertainment not agreeable, but still not troublesome to me. I shall stay here a little longer and then to Tusculum.

"As he passed by Dollabella's villa his troops marched close by the side of his horse, on the right and left, which was done nowhere else. I had this from Nicias."—Hallam Winter in National Magazine.

## ANIMAL ORGANS OF TASTE.

Easier to Say Where They Are Not Than to Locate Them.

Many experiments have been made in order to find out what and where the organ of taste is in the lower creation, but it is easier to say where it is not. Crawfish and worms seem to have very decided preferences in the matter of food, though no special taste organ has yet been found.

Snails and slugs show a decided preference for certain kinds of food, as garden lovers know to their cost. Peas and cabbages, dahlias and sunflowers are great favorites, but they will not touch the white mustard. Some prefer animal food, especially if rather high. Spiders have only a slight sense of taste. Flies soaked in paraffin seem quite palatable to them, though one species, the diadema, is somewhat more particular and refuses to touch alcohol in any form whatever.

The proboscis of the fly and the tongues of bees and ants are furnished with numerous delicate hairs set in minute pits. These are perhaps connected with the organ of taste, but though the exact locality of this sense in insects is uncertain we know that groups of cells in the tongues of animals called taste bulbs form in part the ends of the organ of the higher animals. They are very close and exceedingly numerous in man, while the tongue of even the cow has some 35,000

taste bulbs.

It would be interesting to know whether each special taste excites a special group of nerves.

These curious little taste bulbs were discovered in 1867. Each one consists of two kinds of cells, one set forming an outer protective covering through an opening in which project from five to ten of the true taste cells. Though important, they are not apparently an essential part of the organ, for birds and reptiles have none, but neither have they a keen sense of taste.—Boston Herald.

## Hotel Clerk's Queer Job.

"Ha-ha! Te-he! Ho-ho! Haw-haw!"

These and various other varieties of giggles and langins rang out in the lobby of the Hotel Pfister. It was not a humorists' convention, however, that resulted in the merry chuckles. Investigation showed that the guests lined up in front of the clerk's desk were laughing at stunt being pulled off by the clerk. He was peeling potatoes; hence the loud peals.

"I thought they peeled the potatoes in the kitchen," said one fat drummer.

"The potatoes you eat are peeled in the kitchen," said the clerk, "but I'm peeling these for penwipers."

Then the wise ones sat down.—Milwaukee Journal.

## Inquisitive.

The teacher was hearing the class in arithmetic. One of the pupils, a rather stupid boy, watched the figures on the blackboard with a great deal of interest, much to the teacher's satisfaction. The teacher did several sums on the board especially for this pupil, and as he erased the last figure he turned to the boy:

"Well, Andrew, do you understand those examples that I have just been doing?"

"No, sir," replied the boy, "but I would like to ask a question about them."

"What is it, Andrew?"

"Where do the figures go," asked Andrew, "when they are rubbed out?"—Everybody's.

## He's of Somber Plumage.

In a country school, says the Glasgow News, a teacher who was dissatisfied with the home lessons of one of his boys called him out to the front and, having applied chastisement to his stinging palm, remarked, "You are like the curate's egg—good in parts." The boy returned to his seat, blowing through his hands in the approved school-boy fashion, and presently, through sobs which rendered audible what was intended for a whisper, he was heard to inquire of his neighbor, "Whit kin o' bird is a curate, Wullie?" Wullie was evidently totally unable to supply the information, for he looked puzzled and shook his head.

## Mixed Metaphors in the Commons.

The house of commons is never so amused as when a member is betrayed in his enthusiasm into a mixed metaphor. Mr. Balfour one time spoke of an "empty theater of unsympathetic auditors," while Lord Curzon remarked that "though not out of the wood we have a good ship." Sir William Hart Dyke told how Mr. Lowther "had caught a big fish in his net and went to the top of the tree for it," while a financial minister assured the commons that "the steps of the government should go hand in hand with the interests of the manufacturer."—London Strand.

## Ancient Surgery.

The first surgical implements of which we have any record date back to 4000 B. C. They were splints found in the Nubian desert. In one place a graveyard was found, and here were remains of bodies with fractured limbs that had been set with bark splints. One was a right thigh bone that had been broken and was still held in position by a workmanlike splint and bandages. All the knots were true reef knots, and the wrappings showed how the strips of palm fiber cloth were set just as a good surgeon would set them nowadays, so as to use the full strength of the fabric.

## Revising the Declaration.

"All men were created equal, were they not?" asked Mr. Meek-ton.

"Equal among themselves," replied his wife, "but, as between themselves and us, distinctly inferior."—Washington Star.

## A FAMOUS QUIT PLAYER.

Chief Justice Marshall Was a Husky Expert at the Game.

Quoits is not so active a game as tennis or even golf, but it is nevertheless one of the oldest and most widely known of games. Justice Marshall belonged to the famous Richmond Quoit club, which included among its members the leading men of that city. The club used to hold meets once a week in a beautiful grove about a mile out of the town.

Marshall, besides being one of the very cleverest pitchers, always threw heavier quoits than any of his opponents. The quoits in general use were of smooth, highly polished brass, but his were made of rough iron.

Mr. Marshall always entered into a contest with his whole heart. Nor on occasion did he decline the perilous duty of a referee. It is amusing to read of the great chief justice of the United States "down on his hands and knees, with a straw and a penknife, the blade of the knife stuck through the straw, holding it between the edge of the quoit and the hub, and when the decision was a very close one pinching or biting off the ends of the straw until it would fit to a hair."

There is an entertaining contemporary account of a meet in which Marshall led one side and a Rev. Mr. Blair the other.

Marshall played first and straightaway "rang the meg." Parson Blair did the same, his quoit coming down plump on top of Marshall's. There was uproarious applause, and the match then and there stopped until the controversy as to what should be the effect of this exploit could be settled.

Marshall, vigorously presenting his own side of the argument, began by proposing the question, "Who is winner when the adversary quoits are on the meg at the same time?" He then stated the facts and remarked that the question was one of the true construction and application of the rules of the game. The one who first rings the meg has the advantage. No other can succeed who does not begin by displacing this first one. The parson, he willingly allowed, deserves to rise higher and higher in everybody's esteem, but he must not do it by getting on another's back in this fashion. That is more like leap frog than quoits.

Mr. Wickham, one of the counsel who defended Aaron Burr, then undertook to present the opposite side of the case. No rule, he said, required an impossibility. Mr. Marshall's quoit was twice as large as any other, and yet it flew from his arm like the iron ball at the Grecian games from the arm of Ajax. It was impossible for an ordinary quoit to move it.

After animated voting the decision of the majority of those present was in agreement with Parson Blair's side of the case. It was one of the rare occasions when the chief justice was worsted in an argument. Another playoff of the point was had, however, and that time Marshall clearly won.—Youth's Companion.

## Old Bridal Pairs.

A wedding at Wolborough between a couple whose ages are respectively seventy-five and seventy suggests the question of the greatest age at which men and women have married. An entry in the parish register of Greenwich sounds like the record, for it tells how in 1685 John Cooper, aged 108, wed Margaret Thomas, a spinster of eighty. After this it is not surprising to find the death of "Old Cooper" recorded the following year. Greenwich, too, can claim another elderly bridegroom in William Keith Ball, who was born there in 1788 and did not marry until 1870.—London Chronicle.

## Ancient Hunger Strikes.

"Hunger strikes" were not unknown in seventeenth century England. John Evelyn in 1656 found martyrs to their beliefs in Ipswich and entered the fight and its sequel in his diary. "I had the curiosity to visit some Quakers here in prison," he noted on July 8, 1656. "A new fanatic set of dangerous principles, who show no respect to any man, magistrate or other. One of these was said to have fasted twenty days, but another, endeavoring to do the like, perished on the tenth, when he would have eaten, but could not."

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### Jefferson Davis.

For the Crockett Courier.

Mrs. Davis, in the life of her husband she published, brings out the fact that when Mr. Davis was in the government service at Washington City, he was secretly approached by Cuban leaders, desiring him to lead a revolution to free Cuba, and offering him a payment of one hundred thousand dollars, with the promise of as much more if successful. He declined the offer, saying, "I deem it inconsistent with my duty." Mrs. Davis also states that General Robert E. Lee (who was then a major in the U. S. army) declined the same offer. She describes Major Lee at that time as "the handsomest person I had ever seen—his manner, too, was the impersonation of kindness." Mrs. Davis shows that while Mr. Davis and some of his generals did not always agree, yet his relations with General Lee were always kindly and cordial and harmonious.

It will be remembered that Mr. Davis was before the war a member of the lower house in Congress, and afterwards Senator, and was Secretary of War in the cabinet of President Pierce. Mr. Forney, (if I mistake not a Northern man), speaks of Mr. Davis as "undoubtedly a great Secretary of War." Another writer in a Northern paper speaks of the many improvements Mr. Davis introduced into the army while he was in the President's cabinet. As a Senator, as he solemnly declared, he always spoke from honest convictions, defending the doctrine of State Sovereignty, and the right of the South to conserve slavery as it existed. The Confederate States constitution, which he as president of the Confederacy swore allegiance to, condemned the Africa slave traffic, and forbade the importing of slaves from Africa, only allowing the maintaining of slavery as it then existed in the South. The farewell address of Mr. Davis, when, after the secession of Mississippi, he resigned his place as United States Senator, must be read in full to be appreciated. It seems one of the grandest specimens of true patriotic, statesmenlike eloquence, and

shows the deep, true feeling of the great man. It was delivered before an immense audience that thronged the halls of Congress. His wife states that the night after this farewell to the U. S. Senate she heard his often reiterated prayer: "May God have us in His holy keeping, and grant that before it is too late peaceful councils may prevail."

Mr. Davis was not an office seeker,—reluctantly accepted the presidency of the Confederacy, and believed then that a fierce and fearful struggle was before the Southern people. He was not a leader of secession, but believed the states had the right to withdraw, and when his state seceded felt that his first duty was to his own state. His public service to his country never made him rich, but greatly impoverished him by his neglecting his private interest for the public welfare. There were after the close of the war insinuations that a long wagon train of gold and silver belonging to the Confederate Treasury had mysteriously disappeared, and that Mr. Davis might have enriched himself in that way. Capt. Clark of Clarksville, Tenn., was the last Confederate Treasurer. In 1882, in the Louisville Courier-Journal, he clearly explains what became of the silver and gold of the Confederacy, it being paid out to soldiers of the Confederacy, and a small amount to the officers of the Government who were with Mr. Davis, Mr. Davis himself when arrested having nothing but Confederate money.

I will close with a brief reference to his Christian character. When he was arrested, as his little daughter was distressed, "he comforted her with tender words from the psalms of David, which he repeated as calmly and cheerfully as if he were surrounded by friends." Dr. Craven, the U. S. army surgeon who attended him while he was a prisoner, and who was very kind and considerate of Mr. Davis, says: "There was no affectation of devoutness in my patient; but every opportunity I had of seeing him convinced me more deeply of his sincere religious convictions. He was fond of referring to passages of Scripture, comparing text with text. . . . The Psalms were his favorite portion of the Word, and had always been. Evidence of their divine origin was inherent in their text. . . . There were moments, while speaking on religious subjects, in which Mr. Davis impressed me more than any professor of Christianity I had ever heard. There was a vital earnestness in his discourse, a clear, almost passionate, grasp in his faith; and the thought would frequently recur, that a belief capable of consoling

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such sorrows as his, possessed, and thereby evidenced, a reality which no sophistry of the infidel could discredit." The same writer speaks of him "as one whom, in my judgment, no more devout exemplar of Christian faith, and its value as a consolation, now lives, whatever may have been his political crimes." This testimony is valuable because it comes from an official in the Federal army, and one who had opportunity to know. I could further speak as to how he bore his family afflictions in the death of his children, and of his trust in God in the dark days of the Confederacy, but I have said enough. S. F. Tenney.

### How Others See Us.

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Section 2. From every traveling person selling patent medicines, fifty dollars; and no traveling person shall so sell until said tax is paid; provided, that this tax shall not apply to commercial travelers, drummers or salesmen making sales, or soliciting trade for merchants engaging in the sale of drugs or medicines by wholesale.

Section 3. From every auctioneer, an annual tax of five dollars.

Section 4. From every person, firm or association of persons keeping a shooting gallery at which a fee is paid or demanded, an annual tax of fifteen dollars.

Section 5. From every billiard or pool table or anything of the kind used for profit, ten dollars.

Section 6. From all persons keeping or using for profit any hobby horse, flying-jenny, or device of that character, with or without name, seven dollars and fifty cents.

Section 7. From every foot peddler, two dollars and fifty cents; from every peddler with one horse or one pair of oxen, the sum of three dollars and seventy-five cents; from every peddler with two horses or two pair of oxen, five dollars; provided that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to include traveling vendors of literature or traveling vendors of poultry, vegetables, fruits or other country produce exclusively, and fruit trees exclusively.

Section 8. From every person or firm who peddles out clocks, agricultural implements, cooking stoves

or ranges, wagons, buggies, carriages, surreys and other similar vehicles, washing machines and churns, an annual tax of one hundred and twenty-five dollars; provided that a merchant shall not be required to pay this special tax for selling the articles named in this ordinance when sold in his place of business.

Section 9. From every theatre or dramatic representation for which pay for admission is demanded or received, one dollar and fifty cents per day for every day they may perform; provided that theatrical or dramatic representations given by performers for instruction only, or entirely for charitable purposes, shall not be herein included; provided, however, that this tax shall not be collected where the performances are exhibited in regularly recognized opera houses or theaters; but in lieu of said tax the managers of said opera houses or theaters shall pay an annual occupation tax of twelve dollars and fifty cents.

Section 10. From every circus wherein equestrian or acrobatic feats and performances are exhibited, for which pay for admission is demanded or received, for each performance or exhibition where an admission fee of one dollar is charged, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; for each performance or exhibition where admission fee of seventy-five cents is charged, one hundred dollars; for each performance where fifty cents or less is charged, fifty dollars; provided that the amount of fee charged for reserved seats shall be considered as a part of such admission fee; provided, that where there is a combination of circus and menagerie, or circus and other exhibitions, the highest tax fixed by this law for any division or department of the combination shall be collected; provided, further, that every show or exhibition which advertises itself as a circus and menagerie, or a combination of circus and menagerie, shall be held and construed to be a circus or a menagerie, or a circus and menagerie, whether it be such or not.

Section 11. From every menagerie, wax-works, side show or ex-

hibition whether connected with a circus or not, where a separate fee for admission is demanded or received, five dollars for every performance or exhibition in which fees for admission are received.

Section 12. From every pawnbroker, an annual tax of seventy-five dollars.

Section 13. From each owner or keeper of every kinetoscope, cinematograph or similar machine or instrument used for profit, which shows the life-like motions of persons or animals, an annual occupation tax of twelve dollars and fifty cents.

Section 14. From each owner, manager or keeper of every show or company of persons giving exhibitions of music, songs, recitations, sleight of hand, gymnastic, dancing or other kinds of performances in a tent, house or elsewhere, which said exhibitions are used for profit by sale of medicines, electric belts or other articles of value, whether charge is made only for seats or not, a tax of two dollars and fifty cents for every such performance or exhibition; provided, this tax shall not be assessed when these performances are given inside the grounds of any state or county fair during the time that said state or county fair is giving its annual exhibition.

Section 15. From all dealers in cigarettes in this city, the sum of five dollars per annum, a cigarette being within the meaning of this ordinance the same as defined by the laws of the United States Government; provided that this tax shall be in addition to the occupation tax levied on merchants, and any other tax levied under the law; and provided further that each dealer shall be required to procure an annual license from the City Tax Collector of the City of Crockett, which shall be granted for no longer or shorter period than one year; and provided, further, that the license shall describe the house and locality where the dealer proposes to sell cigarettes.

Section 16. From every person, firm or association of persons dealing in lightning rods, an annual tax of eighteen dollars; and upon every person canvassing for the sale of lightning rods, an annual tax of fifty dollars.

Section 17. From every person, firm or association of persons who shall use the public square or any sidewalk or street of the City of Crockett for selling goods, medicine or any other manufactured article a tax of two dollars per day for each and every day they shall be so engaged.

Section 18. From every person, firm or association of persons who shall use the public square or any sidewalk or street of the city of Crockett for selling fruit an annual tax of ten dollars; provided that this tax shall be paid for no shorter or longer term than one year.

Section 19. The payment of the specific taxes herein provided for shall be required by the collector of taxes to be made before any person, firm or association of persons shall be allowed to engage in any occupation requiring a license under the provisions of this ordinance; all arrearages of taxes that may be due by reason of any such business having been carried on shall be a lien upon all the stock and fixtures

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The discovery was made quite accidentally by officers of our signal service in the course of experiments connected with the improvement of the field telephone system of the army. In setting up certain telephone wires it was found that a tree was an especially good conductor of an electrical current. Struck by this fact, the officer in charge of the experiments determined to find out whether he could use trees in wireless telegraphy instead of the tall masts that are usually set up. He believed that trees would catch or send the electric waves even better than masts, because trees have a multitude of "antennae" in the twigs and leaves of their outspreading branches, whereas the masthead presents only a small point.

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## FRENZIED ELOQUENCE.

An Outburst of Oratory That Enlivened a Ball Game.

"I have heard learned discussions full of high sounding phraseology," said Frank Houseman, a retired ball player, "and I must say that in my time I have encountered many men who could throw the English language around most delightfully, but I wish to say that there was once in my life when I realized the possibilities of English, the glories of our native tongue and the flexibility of the unwritten dictionary. This occasion was in Florida many years ago. I was wintering down there with a lot of other players, among them being Johnny McGraw.

"We were playing a game one afternoon, and I was on third base. McGraw had reached second and thought he saw a chance to get clean home when a safe drive went whizzing out in the field. I saw that he could do it; also that the umpire was looking after the ball, and as Mac drew nigh I gave him the hiplock and the double tackle. He whirled round and out and shot far away into the suburbs. Over and over he rolled, bringing up with his face in a clump of weeds and his mouth full of sand.

"McGraw scrambled back to the base before the ball could reach him, and I judged it best to move up the line a bit, out of his reach, and there he stuck, with his foot on the bag, and delivered an oration. And what a speech it was!

"Sometimes I wake up in the night and think I hear once more the words Johnny used. Eloquence, fire and forcefulness, complaint and denunciation, classified reference to my personal habits and appearance, my destination after death—all these were features of McGraw's oration. I listened spellbound, but I did not move. Not even when he

added persuasiveness to his elocution and offered me attractive inducements to come within his reach did I change my position.

"I have heard Bourke Cockran. I have heard William Jennings Bryan. I have heard them all. But never in all my life, before or since, have I heard anything to equal the speech McGraw delivered there upon the coral sands of Florida."—*New York World.*

### It Made a Difference.

An excited man rushed into a lawyer's office and without any preliminary burst out, "Has a husband a right to open his wife's letters?" "Certainly, sir, certainly," was the reply. "Open all you please." "Well, here is a letter my wife has written to your wife and asked me to deliver. I think there's something unpleasant in it about me. I wish you'd open it and if there is just burn it." "Humph! Does my wife know your wife is going to write to her?" "Yes." "And if my wife doesn't get this letter she'll soon find it out, won't she?" "Of course." "On second thoughts," said the lawyer thoughtfully, "I believe there is a legal finding to the effect that it is a criminal offense to open a wife's letters. I couldn't take the risk, sir; indeed, I couldn't."

### A Queer Compliment.

A nice but not especially clever young man went to a little evening party in the east end last week—so the story goes.

This young man was introduced to several pretty girls, but he showed a preference for a certain one of these, and her he led to supper and distinguished among all others by his favors. Finally he got her into a corner and stammered forth his admiration thus:

"I like you a lot!"

"Why do you like me?"

"You're the only college girl I ever liked."

"But why am I?"

"Aw—all the other college girls seem to know so much!"—*Cleveland Plain Dealer.*

### Very Much Impressed.

In the days when the sight of young America abroad was not as common as it is today a beautiful Connecticut young woman made the ascent of Mont Blanc in the company of a party of English and Americans, mostly artists. The others had given expression in awestruck whispers to the impression which the sublime scene made on them, while the young lady stood apart in silence, gazing out over the vast prospect with eyes bright and lips parted.

Finally they turned to her for some expression of her emotions, and she suddenly exclaimed: "My! Ain't I high!"—*Everybody's.*

### Filmsy Evidence.

She—But how do I know you love me?

He—Why, I can't sleep at nights thinking of you.

She—That proves nothing. Pa can't sleep at night thinking of you, but I hardly think it is love.—*London Telegraph.*

### Shoppers' Confidence Game.

"I find fault with women," grumbled the man in the checking room of a large store, "because they have a habit of leaving things in my care and expecting me to send them home.

"By no means all the women who check goods in a department store are patrons at that shop. Whenever a woman finds herself downtown burdened with anything that she doesn't want to carry she makes for the nearest department store and checks it. According to the rules of the office, she is supposed to call for it, but half the time she doesn't.

"She writes the next day saying she forgot it and asking us to send it home. Delivering checked goods is not a part of our legitimate business, but a department store has got to be accommodating above all things, so of course we send it."—*New York Times.*

### His Deceased Relative.

Mrs. Boynton noticed that her colored gardener was wearing mourning clothes.

"I see you have met with a loss, Henry," she said, glancing at the band of crape on his hat.

"Yes, ma'am," was the reply.

"Was it a near or a distant relative?" inquired the lady.

"Well, kind o' distant," said Henry, "bout twenty-five mile, ma'am."

## TREATING A FEVER.

The Proper Way Is to Find Its Cause and Attack That.

When a person has a fever the temperature of his body is greater than the normal heat that it maintains in health; therefore fever is not a definite disease, but a physical symptom that indicates disease. It accompanies many different kinds of illness, from a fleeting indisposition, such as a cold in the head or an attack of indigestion, to such prolonged and severe diseases as typhoid fever and acute rheumatism, which often menace and very often actually take life.

We have had the clinical thermometer with which to test temperature for less than a hundred years, but in ancient times doctors well understood the importance of the symptom. They judged it by the pulse rate and for many years treated it by blood letting.

After the clinical thermometer was invented there was a time when physicians gave to fever itself too much importance. The whole treatment was directed to beating it down without sufficient regard to its exciting cause. Then came a reaction. Fever took its proper place as one symptom among others, and its value as a means of diagnosis was at last recognized.

That can be seen clearly in the case of typhoid fever. When a high fever persists for days and weeks or when it suddenly rushes up to an alarming point it means that there is some condition at work that the physician must search for and combat.

The fact that there is something wrong whenever any degree of fever appears suggests at once what you should do. The first thing is to put the patient in bed in a well ventilated room until a diagnosis can be made. A fever patient needs all his strength merely to sustain his temperature without trying to do anything more. Bed is the best place in which to preserve his forces.

The room should be well ventilated and cool because the patient is miserably conscious of being too warm. The fear of "catching cold on a fever" often causes well meaning friends to torment a sufferer with heavy bedclothing and stuffy air. On the other hand, keep drafts away from him and watch carefully for any chilliness in his extremities. His diet must be very light. Further treatment depends upon the cause of the fever and is a matter for the doctor to decide.—*Youth's Companion.*

## LABRADOR'S ICEBERGS.

An Almost Endless Procession of All Shapes and Sizes.

It is the icebergs that make Labrador fascinating. They greet you when you steam out of the strait of Belle Isle, the northern gateway of the gulf of St. Lawrence, and head northward up the coast of Labrador. They come floating from the north, an endless procession, all shapes, fantastic, colossal, statuette, even grotesque—a magnificent assemblage of crystal domes and turrets and marble fortresses. Your steamer picks her way carefully among them lest they be jealous of her intrusion and fall over upon her. And in the midst of this glorious company you come to Battle Harbor.

The settlement is on an island perhaps 200 yards in diameter, which is the outpost of a larger island, and plows the waves of the ocean like the prow of some gigantic ocean liner. In storms the spray leaps almost across its ledgy surface. A cove hides behind the bluff sea wall, and on its rim nestles a tiny village of whitewashed cottages. You climb the hill to the lookout. Away to the north and south spreads out the vast procession of the icebergs. They come out of the north, the fog surrounding their tops and streaming like smoke from their pinnacles. They move slowly southward, perhaps three or four miles a day. Some go directly south down the Newfoundland coast; some turn west as they approach the strait and are swept by the tide into the gulf of St. Lawrence.

Day by day from the hilltop you note their slow progress. Each day sees new forms emerging on the northern horizon, while old familiar bulks are lost to view in the south. Each month's icebergs are natives of a more northern region; hence the bergs of the late summer, though few in number, are individ-

ually larger than those of the earlier part of the season, because they have been longer in the making, coming from farther north.

June's icebergs are Labrador's own product and have broken off from the ice field that has filled the bays and extended far into the ocean in the previous winter. July's bergs come from Baffin Land, while the huge bulks of August are natives of Kane bay and the far northern rim of Greenland.—*Boston Transcript.*

### Curious Wells.

A curious form of water hole is found in the deserts of Western Australia, dry by day, but yielding an abundant supply of water by night. The flow of water is preceded by hissing and sounds of rushing air. The phenomenon is discussed by Dr. Malcolm MacLaren, who has located and examined one of these wells. He found the water supply occurred in a long, narrow trench, at the bottom of which was a thin plate of gneiss separated by a cavity from the main rock mass beneath. Apparently the heat of the day causes this plate to expand in the form of a depression, into which the water retreats. When it cools and contracts at night it forces first air and then water back into the trench.—*Scientific American.*

### Elizabeth's Genealogy.

At Hatfield there is a genealogical tree going back still farther than the one treasured by the Kaiser. This tree, which is forty-two feet long, was drawn up for Queen Elizabeth and traces her descent back to Adam. In the more modern portion of the pedigree admirably painted coats of arms are attached to all the names, together with the dates of birth and death. It is curious to note that Queen Elizabeth's coat of arms is filled up on one side only. The other side is left blank, presumably for the arms of the husband, whom it was thought the queen would some time or other deign to accept.—*London Chronicle.*

### Discoverers of America.

According to the best information we have, the first white man to lay eyes on the American continent was Leif Ericson. In the year 1000 Leif discovered Greenland and probably touched at various points of the coast as far south as Newport, R. I. From this it follows, naturally, that Columbus was not the discoverer of America. In fact, Columbus never set foot on continental America, although it is perfectly true that it was from his voyage that the first reliable knowledge of America was first given to the world.—*New York American.*

### Wouldn't Dance Upside Down.

A young lady rushed into a drug store and asked for some floor wax. The clerk told her they had no floor wax, but had some sealing wax. She replied, "We are going to give a dance and want to wax the floor, not the ceiling."—*Exchange.*

### Almost an Accident.

The old gentleman who came upon a badly dazed person in a by-street of London inquired—so the Daily Mail says—the cause of his agitation:

"My good man, what is the matter?"

"Matter, sir!" repeated the confused individual. "Matter, sir! Gentleman's loss run away with a brougham, sir—never see hanythink like it in all my life—down 'e comes the 'ill with the sharves a-dragging all about 'is legs—knocks a butcher's cart into a linen draper's shop—bang against a carriage and pair and smashes the panel all to bits—upsets a phaeton, and, if 'e 'adn't a-run agin this 'ere cab an' dashed it right over an' stopped 'issel, blowed if I don't think there'd been an haccident!"

### Soundless Zones.

Zones of silence such as the one in the Alps have been known to scientists for a long time. Some years ago a committee conducted a series of experiments in the English channel with the loudest and most ear piercing sirens, whistles and hooters they could procure. It was found that sometimes on the clearest and quietest day a sound was unaccountably inaudible at a short distance. This demonstrated conclusively the existence of soundless zones and incidentally suggested an explanation of certain ocean disasters.

## SCARED FROM DEATH.

After Being Almost Frightened Into a Watery Grave.

"I have often heard of persons being scared to death, but only once have I heard of a person nearly dead being scared back to health and strength, and I happen to have personal knowledge of that one case," recently related a retired warship barber, now living in Washington.

"It was right after the Franco-Prussian war, and I was a barber on the federal transport Supply, a vessel that had been captured from the British and rebuilt. Barbering in the navy was a little more strenuous in those days than now and not so well paid. I got a dollar every three months from those I shaved.

"The Supply sailed for France with a cargo of food donated by this country for the relief of French war sufferers, if needed. The food did not seem to be needed, so it was afterward sold in London. On board was a raw recruit whose first trouble was seasickness. Then the vessel encountered icebergs and storms, and for some time we were in danger of going down. The recruit was scared just as nearly to death as is possible for a person to be and still live. A strange result was he completely lost his appetite. The ship's doctor did all he could, but the recruit could not eat a thing and was slowly starving to death.

"An effort was made to keep him on his feet with liquid foods when the thing happened that scared him back to his appetite. Just after we got out of the storm a man died, and the recruit, who had been helped on deck into the sun, witnessed the burial. The sight of the man being sent overboard to the sharks scared him so he couldn't stand up, and he had to be carried below and put into his bunk. But at supper time that night he ate some solid food, and from then on his appetite came back till he was normal.

"The recruit never accounted for his sudden determination to eat and live, but the opinion of the crew, the doctor agreeing, was that the burial caused him to reflect on how disagreeable it would be to be wrapped in a sheet and fed to the sharks."—*Washington Star.*

### Ireland's "Big Wind."

The night of the "big wind" in Ireland was Jan 6-7, 1839. The storm, which attained about the violence of a hurricane, raged over Ireland and the west coast of England. In Liverpool twenty persons were killed in the crash of buildings and more than 100 were drowned along the coast. In the Irish sea the coasts and harbors were covered with wrecks, among which was the naval cutter Diligence, with the loss of Captain Sir J. Reid and fifty-six men. More than 200 houses in Limerick, Galway, Athlone and neighboring places were blown down, and fully as many more were destroyed by fires fanned by the high wind. Dublin was particularly exposed to the force of the gale and suffered severely.

### The Blessing of Work.

Blessed is he who has found his work. Let him ask no other blessedness. He has a work, a life purpose. He has found it and will follow it. How, as a free flowing channel, dug and torn by noble force through the sour mud swamp of one's existence, like an ever deepening river there, it runs and flows, draining off the sour, festering water gradually from the root of the remotest grass blade, making instead of a pestilential swamp a green, fruitful meadow with its clear flowing stream. How blessed for the meadow itself, let the stream and its value be great or small! Labor is life.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

### How Birds' Nests Are Made Round.

The little abandoned nest had fallen from the tree. The nature student lifted it from the ground.

"How round it is," he said. "No cup rim could be rounder. Don't you wonder how the bird, with neither rule nor compass, can make her nest so round? Well, she does it easily. She builds the nest about her breast, turning round and round in it, and its circular character comes spontaneously and inevitably. The circle is found everywhere in the buildings of the lower animals. The straight line, on the other hand, they can never achieve."

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The value of a prescription is not in what you pay for its compounding; it's in the good it does the patient. Have your prescriptions put up where pure ingredients and expert compounding will insure just the results anticipated by your physician.

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## Local News.

Meet me at the Rexall Store after the show. tf.

See Daniel & Burton for men's furnishings.—Adv.

Don't fail to read Mrs. Bricker's locals this week. 1t.

Miss Ruth Jensen has returned home from Trinity.

New line of boys' shirts at Daniel & Burton's.—Adv.

There are always bargain shoes at T. D. Craddock's. 2t.

R. E. Morris of Tyler was here Saturday and Sunday.

Special sale of straw hats now on at Daniel & Burton's.—Adv.

You can always get your money's worth at T. D. Craddock's. 2t.

A complete, up-to-date abstract. tf—adv Aldrich & Crook.

Miss Ruth Patton of Creath was a visitor in this city Wednesday.

Will Denny of Sherman is visiting his father, Judge S. A. Denny.

C. W. Shepherd of Dallas, the dynamite man, was here this week.

J. W. Young and Sam Smith were at Houston Saturday and Sunday.

Don't forget the date, Monday night, June 2, at the Airdome.—Adv

T. S. Brown of Kennard was a caller at the Courier office Tuesday.

A good line of boys' low quarter shoes just received at T. D. Craddock's. 2t.

R. S. Willis was here this week from Cleburne and paid the Courier a visit.

A new line of shirts for the little men just received at Daniel & Burton's.—Adv.

Mrs. Berta Wootters is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. R. Denman, in Houston.

You can buy the knee length nainsook union suits for boys at T. D. Craddock's. 2t.

Mrs. W. W. Wood and children of Groveton visited relatives here last week.

Ready-made blouses and rompers for the little fellows at Daniel & Burton's.—Adv.

Practically new No. Five Oliver Typewriter in good condition. Price \$65.00, ten dollars down and \$5.00 monthly. J. G. Beasley. 4t.

Get ready for the Houston County Fair to be held September 30, October 1, 2 and 3.

We would like to see you out Monday night at the recital at the Airdome.—Adv.

Miss Hallie Aldrich is at home from Red Oak, Ellis county, where she has been teaching.

A nice line of negligee shirts, new patterns and correct styles, at Daniel & Burton's.—Adv.

Hunter Warfield has returned from San Antonio, where he was a student in a military school.

Come in and see the ready-made blouses and rompers for the boys at Daniel & Burton's.—Adv.

There is no need of your buying toilet soap when you can get it for nothing at T. D. Craddock's. 2t.

Misses Sarah Pace and Marguerite Eastham of Huntsville are guests of Mrs. A. H. Wootters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Henry and children of Palestine visited relatives here the first of the week.

### For Rent.

Nice six-room house close in. tf. T. B. Satterwhite.

The Pickwick Barber Shop for first-class work. Cleanliness our hobby. Hot and cold baths.—Adv

New line of street pumps in white buck, black satin and gray suede at Daniel & Burton's.—Adv.

### Less Than Half Price.

Gin, grist mill and shingle mill. In good condition. Easy terms. Hail and Wilson, Crockett State Bank. tf.



"I do not think much of a man who is not wiser to-day than he was yesterday."  
—Abraham Lincoln.

You will be wiser to-morrow if in the meantime you will visit our show. The Royal is a place of instruction as well as amusement. Every week we present the everyday happenings of moment all over the world. Don't miss them.

See that new \$700 electric piano—plays all through the show.

Matinee every Saturday at 1:30. Price 10 cents.

All those buying self-heating irons should test same by use before paying balance on same.—Adv.

Miss Georgia May Patton of Creath, returning from the Sam Houston Normal, was in Crockett Wednesday.

T. D. Craddock does not forget the boys. The newest and best styles of straw hats for boys at his store. 2t.

County examinations for teachers' certificates will be held in this city Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7.

Geo. S. Bruce, traveling immigration agent for the I. & G. N. Railway Company, was in the city Tuesday.

Ladies, the biggest reduction sale on millinery ever offered in Crockett is now on at Mrs. Bricker's. Call and get bargains. 1t.

The oat crop of this county is said to be fine. Some fine samples were on exhibition this week at Daniel & Burton's store.

We have a few Kirschbaum suits left which we are offering at ridiculously low prices. These are genuine bargains.—Daniel & Burton. tf.

Mrs. Bricker has fine panamas on sale—\$7.50, \$6.00 and \$4.00 values for \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.50 and \$3.00. Call and see them. 1t.

If you have not bought that straw hat now is your opportunity. Daniel & Burton are offering their entire stock at reduced prices.—tf.

Bennie Lee Tunstall, 12 years of age, returned Saturday morning from Austin where he was a student of the deaf and dumb university.

### In the Times Office.

Where is the young man who used to go down on his knees and implore widows to marry him?—Houston County Times.

The Houston county automobile register shows another car for Crockett. It is number 34 and the property of Hunter Warfield. It is a touring car of the Ford make.

All ready-to-wear linen skirts go at special prices. The stock includes all the popular shades and white. See our show window Friday and Saturday.—Daniel & Burton.—Adv.

This is commencement week at Mary Allen Seminary. The sermon before the graduating class was delivered Sunday by Rev. H. P. V. Bogue, president of the college. Tuesday was closing day.

Mrs. Bricker is positively going to sell her stock at some price within the next few weeks. If you want a bargain call on her. All \$5.00 hats at \$3.75. Every hat reduced, some at cost, some for less, for cash. 1t.

For 30 days, beginning Saturday, May 24, T. D. Craddock will give each customer that spends as much as one dollar a nice, sweet scented cake of toilet soap, guaranteed to lather in the hardest of water. 2t.

Will Lend Money on Real Estate or take up your note and give you a lower rate of interest. We will buy your land or find a buyer. See or write Hail & Wilson, Crockett State Bank building, Crockett, Texas. Adv.

For Sale.

No. 5 Oliver typewriter that has been used only a short time, with all latest improvements, and in perfect condition. Price \$60.00, ten dollars down balance monthly. 4t. J. G. Beasley.

Farm and Stock for Sale.

I have for sale one of the best improved farms, with all conveniences, in Houston county. Work stock and cattle will be sold with or without the farm. Also my stallion, J. W. T. II, for sale. Address, Route 5, Crockett, Texas. 2t\* E. C. Satterwhite.

## 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.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

Another exhibition of the cotton chopper was made by the Planters' Cotton Chopper Company Saturday afternoon on the Bayne farm east of town. Those who saw the demonstration report a most successful one.

Mrs. D. C. Bowdoin of Palestine was the guest of Mrs. Beulah Marshall of this city for a few days last week, following a visit by Mrs. Marshall and Miss Mary Lee Benedict to Mrs. Bowdoin in her home city.

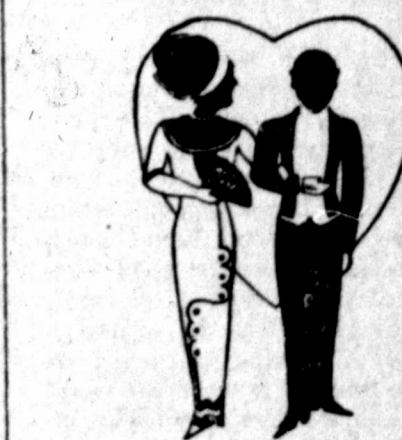
Mayor Young informs the Courier that it is the policy of the city to grade free of charge sidewalks for those who show an inclination to put in cement walks. Many sidewalks are being laid in different parts of the city.

Violin and piano recital at the Airdome Monday night given by the music classes of Mrs. L. Meriwether and V. B. Tunstall. This will be a program of the choicest selections. All music lovers should be present.—Adv.

T. R. Deupree has shipped his pacing horse, Bobby Good, to the trainer, Mr. Case, who will put the fast pacer in condition for the racing season. Bobby Good won seventeen out of eighteen races last season and was handled by Mr. Case.

To meet Mrs. George Phillips of Tyler, Mrs. C. Bradford of Paris, Mrs. H. Craig and Mrs. W. Frazer of Dallas, Mrs. Charles Lanier Edmiston of this city has issued invitations for Wednesday afternoon. The reception will be at the Edmiston home and will be one of the largest social affairs of the season.

Assisted by Mrs. I. W. Sweet, Mrs. H. A. Fisher and Mrs. C. A. Clinton were hostesses to the Quid Nunc club Thursday afternoon at the Oaks, the Fisher home. Besides the luncheon, a musical program was furnished for the entertainment of the guests. It was the club's eleventh luncheon and one of its most enjoyable.



We have at heart your pleasure. Improve your half-hour leisure at the Royal. Matinee every day at 4:00 o'clock, Saturday at 1:30. If you are in town pay us a visit. Three reels every day. Price 10c.

The commencement exercises of the Crockett High School were held this week. The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday in the First Baptist church by Rev. S. F. Tenney, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The graduating class numbered twenty-six.

Misses Otice McConnell and Bella Lipscomb will leave Thursday for Galveston to be present at the commencement exercises of the Medical Department of the University of Texas Saturday evening. The name of William N. Lipscomb, a brother of Miss Lipscomb, appears in the class roll of the seniors.

Jno. S. Kennedy of Center reached Crockett Monday morning with his family in a six-passenger touring car. Mr. Kennedy was on his way to visit his brothers and other relatives at Lovelady and had driven across the country from his home town. The party remained in this city until the afternoon and then proceeded to Lovelady. Mr. Kennedy was at one time connected with the First National Bank here and is now engaged in the banking business at Center.

If you belch up a bitter tasting liquid it is a sign of indigestion. A dose or two of Herbine will correct the disorder. It stimulates digestion and purifies the bowels. Price 50c. I. W. Sweet.—Adv.



## Our Soda Clerk

is at your service. We have a variety of sundaes, sodas and mineral waters that number into a hundred. Everything is beautifully displayed and served, your taste is appealed to through your eyes.

Our service is prompt and polite and the whole fountain is sanitary in the highest degree. To come once is to come often.

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### 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.

The Commissioners' Court of Smith county has been petitioned to order an election on Tuesday, July 8, to vote upon the issuance of \$300,000 good roads bonds.

Potatoes grown in the Brownsville section broke all records for prices in the United States, it is claimed, when shippers marketed twenty-five carloads at from \$2 to \$2.25 per bushel f. o. b. Brownsville.

The first shipments of green tomatoes have been made from Jacksonville and pink stock will be ready to move about the first of June. From the present outlook there will be more shipping of green tomatoes from East Texas this year than ever before. Several new marketing agencies have entered the field.

At a mass meeting of citizens at Sweetwater recently the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce was organized with a membership of ninety-one. Farmers in the vicinity will be urged to become members of the club as it is the desire of the organization to become allied with the agricultural and educational interests of the community.

The copy for the catalogue of the Texas State Fair for 1913 is in the hands of the printer and the publication will be out some time in June. There are already on file at the State Fair office in Dallas applications from all sections of not alone the "Lone Star" State but the United States and foreign countries for hundreds of copies of the catalogue.

The first car of Texas new potatoes were shipped from Wharton to Kansas City and found a ready sale at \$2.75 per bushel sacked. Potato digging is now in progress at Simonton and Eagle Lake and the stock is of good quality. The Kansas City Fruit & Produce Company has made arrangements to handle about 400 cars of the new potato crop. The movement is now steady.

Press dispatches announce the completion of the Paris & Mt. Pleasant Railroad, a distance of 50.9 miles. This road was built by home people with home capital and has been paying a good dividend on the investment ever since the first section was opened for operation. One of the surest ways to get railroads is to stand behind them instead of in front of them and building railroads under our own steam is the most certain way of securing them and the surest way of understanding our railroad problems. Crockett might follow with profit the example set by Paris.

Uncle Sam has just put our merry widows on the adding machine and finds we have in Texas 116,712 "sod" and 9,283 grass-widows, a total of 125,995 of all ages. We have a total of 64,140 widowers and 57,862 are "sod" and 6,278 grass. We have 717,000 people in Texas who tread the narrow boardwalk of matrimony each year and 5,000 make their exit from wedded life through the divorce courts. A pessimist has said, "eat drink and be merry for tomorrow you may be married." Our divorce records would fare better if, like

the English sparrow, people would make themselves at home whether wanted or not. In the garden of love there seems to be weeds as well as flowers and what cupid needs most is a good pair of goggles so there would be fewer weeds plucked.

### TOO MUCH MONEY FOR FEED.

The farmers of Houston county expend \$51,207 annually for feed-stuffs. This would not be so bad if the money was not sent out of the county. According to a recent census report issued by the Federal Department of Commerce and Labor, 1287 of the farmers of Houston county report purchases of feed-stuffs, and the annual average expenditure per each farm reporting is \$40. By proper diversification of crops this money can be kept at home. And Houston county is not alone in sending away too much money for feed. The farmers of the whole state of Texas, a state rich in the requirements for feed production, do not raise enough cereals and forage crops for their own farm animals by \$10,800,000, the amount expended annually by them for feed-stuff. In discussing this very important subject, Peter Radford, president of the Farmers' Union, said: "A farmer should, as a rule, raise his own feed. While cotton is our money crop and the moisture requirements of cotton and cereals are in a measure antagonistic, and nature usually favors cotton, yet a farmer should plant enough feed to take his stock through the season." The money that is sent out of Texas goes to enrich the corn and oat growers of Oklahoma, Kansas and Iowa.

### How to Get a Sewer System.

Editor J. E. McFarland of the Jacksonville Banner, who was defeated for re-election as mayor of his town in the recent election, is getting a great deal of satisfaction out of the fact that the voters of Jacksonville in a special election voted \$25,000 sanitary sewer and \$10,000 water extension bonds, which was one of the things he had been working for during his administration. In the following he explains how his administration of the city's affairs made possible the issuance of the bonds for these improvements and incidentally shows how this was his undoing as a candidate for re-election: "One year ago the taxable values of the town of Jacksonville as shown by the assessor's books were so low that sewer bonds could not be floated. Through the work of a real board of equalization the values were prized up from a million and a quarter to more than two millions and the building of a sewer system was made possible. Raising the valuation caused some dissatisfaction, especially on the part of a few property owners who had been evading the payment of their proportion of the taxes, and it was this one thing that caused a majority of the people to vote for a change in the mayor's office." The method adopted by Jacksonville to secure a much needed public improvement might be used to advantage by other towns whose taxable values are too low to permit of them doing anything worth while.—Wills Point Chronicle.

A good, live equalization board that will do its full duty can justly raise the valuation of the taxable values of Athens sufficient to warrant an additional bond issue for a sewerage system. The extra tax thus created would not exceed the expense of present scavenger fees, and would be so much more convenient and sanitary that no one could conscientiously object to it. Let us try it any way.—Athens Review.

### Voting Bonds for Road Construction.

Belton—By an overwhelming majority Bell County Road Precinct No. 1 recently voted \$150,000 in bonds to be used in building good roads.

Donna—Hidalgo county will vote upon a \$200,000 good roads bond issue on June 18. Sentiment throughout the county favors the issue and it will no doubt carry by a large majority.

Clarksville—The voters of Precinct No. 1 of Red River county have petitioned the commissioners' court to order an election on June 28 to vote upon the issuance of \$200,000 for the construction of a system of permanent highways.

Lindale—The voters in this road precinct of Smith county carried the \$75,000 road bond issue by a vote of nearly four to one.

Bartlett—The commissioners' court has ordered an election to be held in Precinct No. 3 of Bell county on June 14 to determine whether or not bonds in the sum of \$50,000 shall be issued for road improvement.

Tyler—The commissioners' court has been petitioned to order an election in this precinct of Smith county to submit the proposition of issuing \$300,000 good roads bonds, the election to be held on July 8.

Kerrville—The taxpayers of Precinct No. 1, Kerr county, recently voted \$40,000 for the purpose of constructing good roads. The election was carried by an overwhelming majority.

Pilot Point—A good roads bond election in which \$125,000 will be submitted will be held in this precinct of Denton county on June 21.

Grandbury—A movement is under way in this precinct to petition commissioners' court to order a roads bond election in Justice Precinct No. 1 of Hood county.

Brenham—The Young Men's Business League is vigorously pushing a campaign to have the commissioners' court order an election to vote upon the issuance of \$350,000 for good roads.

Mrs. M. A. Gainey died Saturday night at her home in the San Pedro community. The remains were laid to rest in the Lookout cemetery Sunday afternoon, Rev. W. A. Craven of this city conducting the services. Quite a number from Grapeland attended the funeral. Mrs. Gainey had been in ill health for quite awhile, and while her death was not unexpected, yet it caused much grief among her host of acquaintances. She leaves a large family of boys and girls, most of whom are married, and the Messenger joins friends in sympathy.—Grapeland Messenger.



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