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UNCLE SAM TRYING TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES.

Abandonment of Rivers and Harbors Bill Suggested—Radical Action Proposed.

Washington, January 27.—The administration has up in earnest the question of how the government's expenses shall be brought within its income during the coming fiscal year.

A cabinet conference today debated the situation at length and tomorrow President Wilson will go over the problems involved with Secretary McAdoo of the treasury department, Postmaster Burleson, Representative Underwood, democratic leader in the house, and Representative Fitzgerald, chairman of the appropriations committee.

Estimates of expenditures for the year far exceed the most extravagant hopes for revenues, and administration leaders are agreed that something must be done to prevent the deficit they are facing. While no final conclusions were reached by the members of the cabinet, it is understood that most of them could see no way of avoiding the necessity of extending the time limit on the war tax law unless congress would:

Reduce all appropriation bills as much as possible without impairing the efficiency of the government; abandon the \$34,000,000 rivers and harbors appropriation bill and adopt Postmaster General Burleson's plan for reducing the cost of rural free delivery service by putting carrier's on a contract basis.

The cabinet officers realize that congress will not easily be persuaded to eliminate the river and harbor bill entirely. Mr. Burleson proposed to congress that it reduce rural free delivery expenses from \$52,000,000 to \$35,000,000, but the proposition was rejected by the house.

It was also said to be likely that congress might be asked to cut the current army and navy bills, both of which exceed the estimates of the administration. Another plan which might be brought forward would be to lower the income tax exemption below \$3000. This, however, probably will not be considered except as a last resort.

A Correction.

Editor Courier:

If you will allow me a few lines in your paper I would like to call the attention of the public to a fact that seems to be misunderstood regarding the nomination and election of our present representative, Mr. John LeGory.

In regard to an article appearing in your paper last week written by C. L. Edmiston, stating that Mr. LeGory did not agree to follow "all" the policies and the platform upon which our present governor was elected. As a member of the Democratic Executive Committee, and being present at the time, I will give these proceedings as near as I can remember them at this time:

When nominations were in order, the name of Hon. John LeGory was placed in nomination, and the name of Hon. W. B. Page was also put before the committee for nomination. This put two men's names before the committee for nomination. Mr. LeGory was then asked to come before the committee and make a

statement, which he did, and made a very nice talk. After his short speech, Mr. Page was also asked to come before that body, and he also made a nice talk, stating that while he would accept the nomination, he would rather not have it, giving his reason that he did not wish to break up his business at this time, and stated further this proposition, viz:

"If Mr. LeGory will come before this committee and say that he will follow the policies of Mr. Ferguson laid down in his platform and will abide by policies upon which Mr. Ferguson was elected, he (Mr. Page) would ask that his name be withdrawn."

In answer to this proposition, Mr. LeGory came again before the committee and stated that he could not conscientiously follow all the policies, but would do all in his power in the interest of Houston county and her people, etc., and as this did not seem to be a direct answer to Mr. Page's proposition, he was asked to either answer in the negative or affirmative to Mr. Page, and he gave the affirmative answer to the above proposition.

I may be wrong in the above, but if I remember aright, the above is as it transpired at the meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee which met at the court house in Crockett on January 6, 1915.

Frank L. Weimar.

Ratcliff, Texas.

Bankruptcy Court Sale.

In pursuance of an order made and entered in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas, by the Hon. J. W. Fitzgerald, Referee in Bankruptcy, I will sell on the premises of the bankrupt at Weldon, Texas, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1915, at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, subject to the approval and confirmation of the court, the stock of merchandise consisting of dry goods, shoes, groceries, etc., invoicing \$2655.94, furniture and fixtures invoicing \$317.00; said assets belonging to the bankrupt estate of B. E. Goodrum.

For further information, address Thos. D. Bonner, Trustee, It. Tyler, Texas.

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For further information, address Thos. D. Bonner, Trustee, It. Tyler, Texas.

Seventy-Seven Years Old.

George W. Clough, Prentiss, Miss., who had suffered greatly with kidney trouble, writes: "Foley Kidney Pills are the only remedy that ever did me any good at all." Just think of the relief and comfort that means to him. Foley Kidney Pills are recommended for sleep disturbing bladder troubles, pain in sides or back, rheumatism, and kidney and bladder ailments.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

76,000 TONS OF FOOD NEEDED IN BELGIUM

Present Relief Tendered is Costing \$2,800,000 Each Month and Destitution Increases.

New York, January 27.—A shortage of 76,000 tons of food for the relief of Belgian refugees must be made up within the next three months by the commission for relief in Belgium, or many people will perish, Vice Chairman Lindon W. Bates announced today to relief committees throughout the United States.

The commission here was informed of the inadequacy of the food supply by a cable message from London, which read:

"The commission is actually short in the department for the feeding of destitute Belgians, 21,000 tons for February, 25,000 tons for March and 30,000 tons for April. The enforced transfer of food from the department for provisioning those who can still pay something for rations during these months is bound to eat into its provisioning capital seriously.

"There are now 1,400,000 destitute and the actual cost of supplying and administering the canteens for the destitute now is \$2,800,000 per month. The number of the destitute daily increases."

Notice, Peanut Growers.

At the meeting last Saturday about 400 bushels of seed were subscribed for. However, we did not make the order then, but put it off until next Saturday, February 6, to accommodate the associations at Lovelady, Weldon and other points. These places had written us asking to get in on our seed order. Now, if you want seed, be at the court house next Saturday, February 6, at 1:30 p. m., with the money to pay for the amount of seed you wish to buy.

Quite a number of the negroes are wanting to plant peanuts for market, but seem to not understand the purpose of our organization. They seem to think they cannot get their peanuts thrashed. I will say that we have made arrangements to let all negroes, who wish to have their peanuts thrashed, have them thrashed by our thrasher. So go ahead and plant your peanuts, and if you have no seed and wish to order, come to the court house next Saturday with your money. Subscribe for this paper and you can keep up with what we are doing. Yours truly,

O. C. Goodwin, President, Crockett Peanut Growers' Association.

A Kindly Reprimand.

County Attorney J. J. Strickland, though speaking kindly, uttered a most important truth when he told an audience of men Sunday afternoon that the better class of citizens, through their indifference and thoughtlessness, were frequently responsible for the disregard of law on the part of the lawless element in the community. He summed his meaning up by saying that the better class of people, the law abiding people, often encouraged the criminal by not lining up positively against him and his acts. And that is true. A town's citizenship usually measures up to its leadership, and if it elects to follow a class who

have not proper regard for the higher and better things in community life, the community spirit is of a doubtful character. But when strong and clean men take the lead and declare they are for the better things they usually impress the majority of the community to follow them. And Palestine is waking up to the call of a better leadership. The people here are not going to longer tolerate many things that have been tolerated in the past, and in the course of time, and that immediately, we are to see a much better standard of morals among this people. Palestine people, in the very great majority, are a high minded people, and this element is going to take the lead and say to the man of loose morals that he must clean up or find a location more suited to his tastes.—Anderson County Herald.

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For further information, address Thos. D. Bonner, Trustee, It. Tyler, Texas.

If a better cough syrup than Foley's Honey and Tar Compound could be found, we would carry it. We know this reliable and dependable medicine has given satisfaction for more than forty years; therefore we never offer a substitute for the genuine. Recommended for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, bronchial and lagrippe coughs. No opiates.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

MORE RECEIVERS APPOINTED \$36,000,000 LIABILITIES.

Twelve Coal Land Operators at Uniontown, Pa., in Receivership. Big Bank Failure.

Uniontown, Pa., January 30.—Receivers were appointed today for William Barton, the twelfth coal land operator whose property has gone into receivership in this country since the closing 12 days ago of the First National Bank of Uniontown, a \$100,000 institution. The assets of the 12 operators total more than \$36,000,000, according to court records, and their liabilities about \$12,000,000.

One of those for whom receivers were appointed is J. V. Thompson, with assets of \$21,000,000 and liabilities of \$7,000,000. Others whose assets reach more than one million are I. W. Seaman, Jasper Augustine, Fuller Hoggset and W. M. Thompson. The Bower Hill-Connellsville Coke company, owning 1700 acres of coal land, the Union Lumber company and the Union railway also are in receiverships.

The First National bank had deposits of \$2,500,000. Last year the directors declared a cash dividend of 700 per cent to place its affairs in suitable shape for entering the federal reserve system.

Five Cents Proves It.

A generous offer. Cut out this ad., enclose with 5 cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., and they will send you our trial packages of Foley's Honey and Tar Compound for coughs, colds, croup, bronchial and lagrippe coughs; Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. For sale in your town by W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

Hundreds of health articles appear in newspapers and magazines, and in practically every one of them the importance of keeping the bowels regular is emphasized. A constipated condition invites disease. A dependable physic that acts without inconvenience or griping is found in Foley Cathartic Tablets.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

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WHAT A DOLLAR WILL DO

This is the time of the year when many people begin to approximate their expenditures for the ensuing twelve months.

What of YOUR expenditures?

Have you considered what a single dollar will buy, and what a FEAST OF INFORMATION it will give you?

Let us think a few thoughts.

A dollar will pay for fifty-two issues of the Crockett Courier.

And what will the Crockett Courier do for you?

It will be a regular weekly visitor to your home—rain or shine—in good weather or foul—in prosperity or adversity. It will tell you what the town and county authorities are doing, of the improvements they are making, of the manner in which they are expending the people's funds. It will tell you of business conditions, of crops, of the state of the markets, of all that is needed in the conducting of public and private affairs.

It will tell you of the births, of the marriages, of the deaths, and of the sickness of your relatives and friends. It will tell you of the business opportunities of the community, of the public sales, of the transfers of real estate, and of many other such details in which you have a personal interest.

It will report conditions among the stock, and the chickens, and the hogs, and of everything that walks on feet. It will tell you what your neighbors are doing, what others farther away are doing, what the community at large is doing. And it will tell OTHERS what YOU and YOUR FAMILY are doing. It will tell you of the activity of the churches, and of the societies, and schools, and of public gatherings of every nature.

It will tell you of the strangers within our gates, and of your visits to other climes. IT WILL TELL YOU OF EVERYTHING WORTH KNOWING IN OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY, throughout your circle of acquaintances, and it will tell you all of these things FIFTY-TWO TIMES A YEAR.

Is there any place where you can spend a dollar to better advantage than to invest it in a year of the Crockett Courier?

W. H. S. Notes.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Crockett M. E. church has begun another year of enthusiastic work with the following officers:

President, Mrs. W. A. Norris; first vice president, Mrs. Joe Adams; second vice president, Mrs. D. H. Hotchkiss; superintendent of study and publicity, Miss Minnie Craddock; superintendent of social service, Mrs. Roy Deupree; superintendent of supplies, Mrs. Frank Driskell; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John McConnell; recording secretary, Mrs. E. B. Stokes; connectional treasurer, Mrs. Walter Buttrell; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Homer Calloway; treasurer pipe organ fund, Mrs. Henry Powers; agent of Missionary Voice, Mrs. D. J. Austin.

The special work in hand is the installment of a \$3,500 pipe organ, but the connectional work is not being lost sight of. Once each month three ladies, acting as hostesses, will entertain the society and ladies of the church. In January Mrs. Dan McConnell, Mrs. Roy Deupree and Mrs. E. B. Stokes entertained at the home of Mrs. Roy Deupree. Almost a hundred ladies were present, who expressed themselves as having enjoyed the affair thoroughly.

Publicity Superintendent.

Colds and Croup in Children.

Many people rely upon Chamberlain's Cough Remedy implicitly in cases of colds and croup, and it never disappoints them. Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I have found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best medicine for colds and croup I have ever used, and never tire of recommending it to my neighbors and friends. I have always given it to my children when suffering from croup, and it has never failed to give them prompt relief." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Barton Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of Dan Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. W. Wilkerson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Vinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Burrell Morris, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Jeff Stubblefield, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1915, the same being the 8th day of March, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1915 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 5543, wherein J. S. Jackson is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Barton Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of Dan Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. W. Wilkerson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Vinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Burrell Morris, deceased, the unknown heirs of Jeff Stubblefield, deceased, and all other persons owning, claiming or having any interest in the land herein sued upon, and Robert Stubblefield, Gable Stubblefield, Sherman Gains, Nettie Gains, Francis Stubblefield, Mary Ivey, and Polly Stubblefield, are defendants, and said petition alleging:

That the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, same being a part of the Barton Clark league, and the Burrell Morris survey, situated about 22 miles South West from the city of Crockett and more particularly described by field notes as follows: Beginning at a rock for corner on the East boundary line of said Barton Clark league, a P O 11 inches mld X hrs N 28 E 8 7/8 vrs, do 28 inches mld X hrs S 20-12 degrees W 7 vrs. Thence South 161 6-10 vrs to a stake for corner on the South bank of Kellerson Creek. Thence up said creek with its meanders as follows: N 89 1/2 E 188 1/2 vrs, S 6 1/4 W 47 9-10 vrs, N 71 1/4 E 79 3-10 vrs, S 75 1/4 E 149 1/4 vrs, to the junction of Cedar Creek with Kellersons Creek. Thence up Cedar Creek with its meanders as follows: S 88 1/2 E 88 1/4 vrs, S 16 E 10 1/4 vrs, to a rock for corner on the West bank of Cedar Creek from which a Pin Oak 14 inches mld X hrs S 53 W 3 1/4 vrs. Thence South 510 vrs to a rock for corner, from which a P O 25 inches mld X hrs N 77 W 5 vrs, do 24 inches mld X hrs S 16 E 3 2-10 vrs. Thence South 58 1/2 West 575 vrs to a stake for corner from which a P O 28 inches hrs N 10 E 10 vrs, an ash 10 inches mld X hrs S 10 W 2 9-10 vrs. Thence North (var. 11-15 degrees E) 173 vrs to rock for corner on the North bank of Kellerson's Creek. Thence North 89 1/2 West 736 vrs to a rock for corner from which an elm 12 inches mld X hrs N 79 E 7 1-10 vrs. Thence North 40 1/4 vrs to a stake for corner on South bank of Kellerson's Creek from which an ash 10 inches mld X hrs E 1/4 v. Thence down said creek with its meanders as follows: N 32 W 65 vrs, N 9 E 90 vrs, N 40 1/4 E 57 1/4 vrs, N 22 E 107 vrs, N 8 1/4 W 71 1/4 vrs, N 41 W 60 1/4 vrs, S 83 1/4 W 107 vrs, S 85 1/4 W 83 vrs, N 34 W 30 vrs to the junction of Nell's Branch with Kellerson's Creek. Thence up

said branch with its meanders as follows: N 72 1/4 E 84 1/4 vrs, N 37 E 37 vrs, N 15 1/4 E 76 vrs, N 10 1/4 E 109 1/4 vrs, N 19 1/4 W 85 vrs, N 35 E 75 vrs to a stake for corner on East bank of said branch from which a sweet gum 14 inches mld X hrs N 73 E 5 1-10 vrs, do 8 inches mld X hrs N 3 W 3 1-10 vrs. Thence East 775 vrs to the place of beginning, containing 179 6-10 acres of land, and the same being out of the Jeff Stubblefield homestead tract on said surveys, by instruments duly executed, which are fully set forth in plaintiff's petition; plaintiff further alleging that he and those under whom he claims title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon for a period of 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this suit; and that plaintiff and those under whom plaintiff claims title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, for a period of ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years Statutes of Limitation in bar of any claim asserted to said title by the defendants; that there is no title out of either Barton Clark or Burrell Morris, the original grantees of the above surveys, to that part of same owned and claimed by plaintiff, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that in one of the deeds to plaintiff's vendors, it is recited that said land was conveyed by J. W. Wilkerson and wife, and that said deed from J. W. Wilkerson and wife, has been lost or destroyed, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that the deed records of Houston County, Texas, show that that part of said Burrell Morris survey out of which the plaintiff's land is taken, was decreed by judgment of the District Court of said county to Mary E. Vinson, and that there is no title out of said Mary E. Vinson, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that the other defendants herein assert some claim to said land, which is unknown to plaintiff, and that any other or further claims of the defendants in and to said above described land are unknown to plaintiff; and plaintiff sues, prays citation in terms of the law, and that upon trial he have judgment for the said land, removing all clouds therefrom, for costs of suit, and general and special relief.

Herein fail not but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 5th day of January, A. D. 1915.

John D. Morgan, Clerk.
St. District Court, Houston County.

After Many Years.

J. L. Southers, Eau Claire, Wis., writes: "Years ago I wrote you in regard to great results I obtained from Foley Kidney Pills. After all these years I have never had a return of those terrible backaches or sleepless nights; I am permanently cured." Men and women, young and old, find this reliable remedy relieves rheumatism, backache, stiff joints and ills caused by weak or diseased kidneys or bladder.—W. A. King, successor to I. W. Sweet. Adv.

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night—everything."

As Kennedy paused after his quick recital, she seemed to tremble all over. Slowly she began to speak. We stood awestruck. Kennedy had been right!

The girl was now living over again those minutes that had been forgotten—blotted out by the drug.

And it was all real to her, too—terribly real. She was speaking, plainly in terror.

"I see a man—oh, such a figure—with a mask. He holds a gun in my face—he threatens me. I put on my kimono and slippers, as he tells me. I am in a daze. I know what I am doing—and I don't know. I go out with him, downstairs, into the library."

Elaine shuddered again at the recollection. "Ugh! The room is dark, the room where he killed my father. Moonlight outside streams in. This masked man and I come in. He switches on the lights.

"Go to the safe," he says, and I do it—the new safe, you know. "Do you know the combination?" he asks me. "Yes," I reply, too frightened to say no.

"Open it then," he says, waving that awful revolver closer. I do so. Hastily he rummages through it, throwing papers here and there. But he seems not to find what he is after and turns away, swearing fearfully.

"Hang it!" he cries at me. "Where else did your father keep papers?" I point in desperation at the desk. He takes one last look at the safe, shoves all the papers he has strewn on the floor back again and slams the safe shut.

"Now, come on," he says, indicating with the gun that he wants me to follow him away from the safe. At the desk he repeats the search. But he finds nothing. Almost I think he is about to kill me. "Where else did your father keep papers?" he hisses fiercely, still threatening me with the gun.

"I am too frightened to speak. But at last I am able to say, 'I—I don't know!' Again he threatens me. 'As God is my judge,' I cry, 'I don't know.' It is fearful. Will he shoot me?"

"Thank heaven! At last he believes me. But such a look of fabled fury I have never seen on any human face before.

"Sit down!" he growls, adding, "at the desk." I do.

"Take some of your note paper—the best." I do that, too.

"And a pen," he goes on. My fingers can hardly hold it.

"Now—write!" he says, and as he dictates, I write—

"This!" interjected Kennedy, eagerly, holding up the letter that he had received from her.

Elaine looked it over with her drug-laden eyes. "Yes," she nodded, then lapsed again to the scene itself. "He reads it over, and as he does so says, 'Now, address an envelope. Himself he folds the letter, seals the envelope, stamps it, and drops it into his pocket, hastily straightening the desk.

"Now, go ahead of me—again.

Leave the room—no, by the hall door. We are going back upstairs. I obey him, and at the door he switches off the lights. How I stand it I do not know. go upstairs mechanically into my own room—I and this masked man.

"Take off the kimono and slippers!" he orders. I do that. "Get into bed!" he growls. I crawl in fearfully. For a moment he looks about—then goes out—with a look back as he goes. Oh! Oh! That hand—which he raises at me—THAT HAND!

The poor girl was sitting bolt upright, staring straight at the hall door, as we watched and listened, fascinated.

Kennedy was bending over, soothing her. She gave evidence of coming out from the effect of the drug.

I noticed that Bennett had suddenly moved a step in the direction of the door at which she stared.

"By heavens!" he muttered, staring, too. "Look!"

We did look. A letter was slowly being inserted under the door.

I took a quick step forward. That moment I felt a rough-tug at my

arm, and a voice whispered: "Wait, you chump!"

It was Kennedy. He had whipped out his automatic and had carefully leveled it at the door. Before he could fire, however, Bennett had rushed ahead.

I followed. We looked down the hall. Sure enough, the figure of a man could be seen disappearing around an angle. I followed Bennett out of the door and down the hall.

Words cannot keep pace with what followed. Together we rushed to the back stairs.

"Down there, while I go down the front!" cried Bennett.

I went down, and he turned and went down the other flight. As he did so Craig followed him.

Suddenly, in the drawing room, I bumped into a figure on the other side of the portieres. I seized him. We struggled. Rip! The portieres came down, covering me entirely.

Over and over we went, smashing a lamp. It was vicious. Another man attacked me, too.



"I've Got Him, Kennedy!"

"I've got him—Kennedy!" I heard a voice pant over me.

A scream followed from Aunt Josephine. Suddenly the portieres were pulled off me.

"The deuce!" puffed Kennedy. "It's Jameson."

Bennett had rushed plump into me, coming the other way, hidden by the portieres!

If we had known at the time, our Michael of the sinister face had gained the library and was standing in the center of the room. He had heard me coming and had fled to the drawing room. As we finished our struggle in the library he rose hastily from behind the divan in the other room, where he had dropped, and had quietly and hastily disappeared through another door.

Laughing and breathing hard, they helped me to my feet. It was no joke to me. I was sore in every bone.

"Well, where did he go?" insisted Bennett.

"I don't know—perhaps back there," I cried.

Bennett and I argued a moment, then started and stopped short. Aunt Josephine had run downstairs and was now shoving the letter into Craig's hands.

We gathered about him curiously. He opened it. On it was that awesome Clutching Hand again.

Kennedy read it. For a moment he stood and studied it, then slowly crushed it in his hand.

Just then Elaine, pale and shaken from the ordeal she had voluntarily gone through, burst in upon us from upstairs. Without a word she advanced to Craig and took the letter from him.

Inside, as on the envelope, was that same signature of the Clutching Hand.

Elaine gazed at it, wild-eyed, then at Craig. Craig smilingly reached for the note, took it, folded it, and unconcernedly thrust it into his pocket.

"My God!" she cried, clasping her hands convulsively, and repeating the words of the letter, "YOUR LAST WARNING!"

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Bringing it to a Climax.

"I know what's passing in your mind," suddenly said the maiden as the habitually silent caller stared at her. "I know, too, why you are calling here night after night, appropriating my time to yourself and keeping other nice young men away. You want me to marry you, don't you?"

"I—I do!" gasped the young man. "I thought so. Very well! I will."—Judge.

The Magic Whirlpool.

Fill a glass tumbler with water, throw upon its surface a few fragments or thin shavings of camphor and they will begin to move and acquire a motion both progressive and rotary, which will continue for a considerable time. If the water be touched by any greasy substance the floating particles will dart back and, as if by a stroke of magic, be instantly deprived of their motion and vivacity.

His Mean Trick.

White—What's the trouble between you and Green?

Brown—Oh, there's no trouble, only he refuses to speak to me. Claims I did him a mean trick about a year ago.

White—How's that?

Brown—We were both courting the same girl, and I withdrew from the race and let him marry her.

AN IMPOSTOR'S TRICK.

The Cheerful Liar That Made a Fool of the Grand Monarch.

Louis XIV. was taken in once in a most humiliating way and by an impostor whose only art was lying. In 1667, just after he had returned from one of his most dazzling military successes against the Dutch, Louis le Grand received word that an embassy from Persia had just landed at Marseilles en route to the French court to bring salutations and presents from the shah. Pleased that his fame should actually have run around the world, he sent word that all the towns on the way from Marseilles to Paris should fete the ambassador.

As a result the journey to Paris was a march of triumph. Children sang and flowers were strewn along the way. Arrived at Paris, several regiments of the Swiss guard met the shah's representative and escorted him to a magnificent suit in the old palace of the Tuileries. Louis sent no less a person than the Duc de Richelieu to welcome the potentate and invite him out to Versailles to a special reception in the hall of mirrors.

The ambassador presented himself as Riza Bey of the Persian court, and after showing his credentials advanced to kiss the hand of Louis le Grand and give him the shah's congratulations on his recent victories. A caravan of presents from his imperial sovereign were on their way and would arrive in Paris in a few days, said the ambassador.

Festivals followed at Versailles. The bey received magnificent presents from Louis and royal entertainment. He lounged gracefully on divans at the French court and smoked in Persian languor. He gave the grand monarch a few fragments of opal and turquoise, saying that they came from a Persian district bordering on the Caspian sea. The woods there were full of them, he explained, and he offered to divide with France—had planted the French flag there already, as it were!

At last the day came for the formal presentation of the shah's gifts, and on that morning early Riza Bey melted into space. He was never seen or heard of again. He had, as some one said, "gone glimmering through the dream of things that were." The gems that he had left were worth, if anything, about 15 cents apiece, being glass.—New York Tribune.

A Cruel Jest.

Samuel Rogers, the poet, resided with Lady Holland and amused himself by exacerbating her fears of illness and death. During the cholera epidemic Lady Holland was a prey to indescribable terrors. She could think of nothing but precautionary measures and on one occasion was describing to Rogers all that she had done. She enumerated the remedies she had placed in the next room—the baths, the apparatus for fumigation, the blankets, the mustard plasters, the drugs of every sort.

"You have forgotten the only thing that would be of any use," observed Mr. Rogers.

"And what is that?"

"A coffin," replied the poet.

Lady Holland fainted.—"Memoirs of the Duchesse de Dino."

A Bad Example For Trains.

"A train leaves New York," supposed the teacher, "traveling forty miles an hour. It is followed thirty minutes later by a train traveling eighty miles an hour. At what point will the second train run into the first?"

The class seemed at a loss—that is, all except Willie Green, who was standing in the aisle vigorously wagging his hand.

"Well, Willie?" said the teacher. "At the hind end of the rear car, ma'am," answered Willie.—"Woman's Home Companion."

Mutually Appreciative.

Billings (meeting Baxter, who is walking rapidly along the street)—Hello, Baxter! Why this rush?

Baxter—I'm walking fast to keep that fellow Staggs from catching me up. He's an awful bore.

Billings (meeting Staggs, who is walking slowly)—Hello, old fellow! Why are you dawdling along in this way?

Staggs—To keep from catching up with that fellow Baxter. He's the worst bore in town.

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The Exploits of Elaine

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Every "Movie" Patron
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Read the Story!

The thrilling picture play narrating the adventures of the beautiful Elaine with the mysterious criminal of the Clutching Hand is attracting thousands of people to moving picture theatres all over the country. The films will be shown in our city at the Royal theatre, following the publication of the first installment in the Courier last week.

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Call for the first installment. "The Exploits of Elaine" is a splendid romance and detective mystery. The action is swift and the interest is maintained from beginning to end. Once introduced to Craig Kennedy, the master criminal catcher, every reader will follow his scientific deductions with bated breath. Complete in 14 installments—one installment each week—to correspond with the 14 installments of the picture play. Illustrated with half-tones made from photographs of the play. The pictures at the theatre will follow the story in the Courier. Subscribe now and get the whole story.

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Racket Store's

Specials for Saturday

Follow our prices closely and let us show you that we can save you money. There are lots of stores that carry thousands of dollars' worth of goods, but our little store is going to sell goods cheaper this year than the biggest firm in Crockett. Follow these prices and convince yourself that what we say is true:

Saturday—12 yards of the best gingham for.....	\$1.00	Ten bars of laundry soap for.....	25c	Men's pants that will sell elsewhere for \$1.75, on sale here Saturday for.....	\$1.25	A 6-inch file on sale Saturday for.....	6c
Men's \$1.00 underwear, Saturday, per suit.....	75c	Three boxes of matches for.....	10c	Three boxes talcum powder Saturday for.....	25c	A granite dipper in this sale for.....	10c
Ladies' \$2.00 shoes, this sale, per pair.....	\$1.75	Seven spools of thread for.....	25c	You can buy 2½-gallon milk bucket Saturday for.....	10c	Shoe soles on sale Saturday for.....	15c
Get ready to garden—a hoe and rake for.....	25c	Men's canvas gloves on sale Saturday for.....	10c	A good pair of overalls in this sale for.....	69c	Bridle bits of all kinds in this sale for.....	10c
Saturday is the day to get a horse brush and currycomb—while they last, comb and brush.....	15c	Men's leather lined gloves on sale Saturday for.....	25c	A 10-inch file on sale Saturday for.....	10c	Rawhide buggy whips on sale Saturday for.....	25c
		Men's \$1.00 dress shirts in this sale for.....	50c			Chamois skins on sale Saturday for.....	10c

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Crockett, Texas

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor.

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With flour selling at the high price that it is now selling, it is well for our people to remember that corn cakes, syrup, butter and crisp bacon make a good breakfast; that egg-bread, vegetables and boiled meat make a good dinner, and that cold bread, cold vegetables and cold meat make a fine supper. To these must be added milk and poultry, which every farmer should have in abundance. The less flour the better.

The government reports 24,020 bales of cotton ginned in Houston county prior to January 16 from the 1914 crop and 29,500 from the 1913 crop at the same date. Prior to January 16 Texas had ginned 4,127,377 bales from the 1914 crop and 3,715,418 bales from the crop of 1913. In 1914 many West Texas counties thrived their production for 1913. These figures were reported to the national government by the ginners.

Those Houston county farmers who have a supply of meat in the smoke house, cribs bursting with corn, potatoes banked, sugarcane seed under cover, meal and lard in

barrels, canned vegetables and preserved fruit in the pantry, turnips and collards in the garden, stacks of hay and fodder, vehicles and farm implements under sheds, work stock under shelter, plenty of cattle and hogs in inclosures and an abundance of poultry on the premises are not in the cramped financial condition that the one-crop farmer is. Moral: There is safety in diversification.

If some way could be found for apportioning and applying the road and bridge money that is collected from the taxpayers within the good roads districts of the county towards maintaining the roads in those districts, and the money thus apportioned paid to the people along the roads for dragging them and keeping them in repair, the Courier believes a satisfactory solution of the road problem would be found. The road and bridge fund thus apportioned should be supplemented with the work of the road hands as provided by the road laws. If some such system is worked out, all good citizens should lend their aid towards putting it into effect.

The Courier entered last week upon the twenty-sixth year of its publication. The week before witnessed the closing of a quarter century of its existence. The Courier's progress during this time can be summed up with the progress of the community. If the community progressed, the Courier progressed. When the community got a set-back, the Courier, as a matter of course, got a set-back in proportion.

But at the beginning of the twenty-sixth year, we find the Courier's subscription list larger than it has been at any time during the seventeen years that the present editor has been connected with this paper. And as before stated, we are deeply appreciative of this loyal support from the reading public, and with the continued cooperation of our patrons, we hope to make the Courier even a better paper in the future.

There has been too much of a tendency for years, by both the national and state governments, toward the creation of new offices—toward the creation of new places for political office-holders. Every time a new office is created, an additional expense is created and more taxes must be levied. Not finding room in one state for the creation of enough offices to go around, some of the politicians down at Austin are proposing to divide Texas and make two states of it. That would double the state offices which we now have. Of course, the people of Texas would have to bear the expense of maintaining two state governments where they have to maintain only one now. But what of that! Would not the additional offices that could be added to each state give every political place hunter an office?

If the Courier is any judge of public sentiment, the people of Houston county will disapprove of any kind of prohibition agitation this year. At the ballot box last year they set their stamp of dis-

approval on another state-wide campaign for this year. Such disapproval comes from the temperate and conservative elements of both prohibitionists and anti-prohibitionists. Of course there is always the wild-eyed and fanatical prohibitionist, as well as the wild-eyed and fanatical anti-prohibitionist, who is never satisfied without reform agitation and political turmoil and then there is the professional agitator who agitates for pay—agitates according to the loosening of the purse-strings. But these are going to find themselves in the minority this year. The people want one year in which to devote their best thought and efforts along industrial lines—toward the industrial development of the country—a neglected development and a development of which the country stands so much in need just now. Let the political reform agitators give the people a chance to make a living one year, and at the proper time they will settle the political reform questions in the proper way, as they have always done. The kind of agitation now needed is the industrial kind.

PETTYFOGGING PROMISERS.

Hon. R. T. Milner, formerly president of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, contributes a page of interesting editorials to the Rusk County News, the following paragraph being an excerpt from a longer article:

"Rural Credits," about which so much has been written and so little is known, will not touch the man in real need of government help. Cred-

it implies a debtor, some one who is able to lend, and there can be no sensible, permanent credit system without safe, gilt-edged security. Much harm may be done by the wholesale, slipshod discussion of rural credits. The curse of agriculture today, in Texas, is the loose credit system, or better styled, the mortgage system. Credit is cheap so long as a farmer can mortgage his cotton crop, his wagon and livestock. More farmers have been ruined by credit than all the other disasters combined, and as a rule it should be avoided as far as possible.

There is an admirable frankness and much of sound reason in those few lines. Wherever the farming class, or any other class, is in the majority it is customary for agringrinding publicists to almost smother it with conspicuous attentions, praising its virtues, lamenting its difficulties, and offering themselves as sacrifices upon the altar of service. It is only the few who are willing to tell the predominating class that it must prosper or fall, sink or swim, survive or perish according to its own thrift. It is only one here and there who has the courage to say to the farmers of Texas that in themselves lies victory or defeat, and that all the fanfare concerning "government loans," "valorization," etc., is just so much chatter. A debt is a debt, and to avoid it is a sign of self-reliance in most cases, although credit is often as valuable as cash. But always the way to easy credit is to make prompt payments, and this applies to farmers as well as to merchants, bankers, blacksmiths and school teachers.—Galveston News.

Good Morning!

How Do You Feel?

We have changed the name of Decuir-Bishop Drug Company to Bishop Drug Company, the personnel of the new firm remaining the same as in the old—the only change made being the name.

Our telephone number is 47 or 140. By phoning either 47 or 140 you will always receive the best goods at a reasonable price, with the most prompt service in the city.

Bishop Drug Company
Prompt Service Store

Local News.

Drugs and jewelry at the Rexall Store.

Dry salt bacon, 11½ cents per pound at Patton's. 1t.

S. L. Murchison was a business visitor to Waco last week.

Fresh hams, 18 cents per pound, at Wm. M. Patton's. 1t.

Three-pound bagging and ties at James S. Shivers & Co's. 2t.

Miss Lois McConnell of Haskell is visiting relatives in this city.

Armistead Aldrich was here from Bay City Saturday and Sunday.

D. A. Nunn returned Saturday from a professional visit to Tyler.

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

Miss Maude McConnell returned Thursday from visiting at Palestine.

Stock and poultry food, standard brands, at Chamberlains & Woodall's. 1t.

A portion of your cleaning and pressing will be appreciated by Friend. 1t.

Moore & Shivers for hog wire, barb wire, poultry wire, nails and staples. 1t.

Judge J. A. Strozze of Creek was among our friends remembering us Saturday.

Chamberlain & Woodall have just received a fine line of pipes and tobaccos. 1t.

Miss Grace Simpson left Monday to visit friends in Palestine, Tyler and Dallas.

For this week only, 4 two-pound cans tomatoes for 25 cents at Wm. M. Patton's. 1t.

L. T. Morgan of Kennard Route 1 was among callers at the Courier office Friday.

Twenty-five cents a hundred is the price of old newspapers at the Courier office.

A fine lot of well broken mules and horses now on sale at James S. Shivers & Co's. 2t.

Superintendent J. N. Snell left Monday at noon on a professional visit to Austin.

Prescriptions accurately compounded, day or night, at Chamberlain & Woodall's. 1t.

Special for Saturday, the 6th, only—5 bottles Garrett snuff for \$1.00, at Wm. M. Patton's. 1t.

Miss Reba Rich of Lovelady will arrive Friday to visit Misses Otice and Maude McConnell.

George Lane of Route 1 is among the Courier's good friends calling at this office since last issue.

J. B. Womack of Weches was among callers at the Courier office on last Thursday morning.

Mrs. W. F. West, after visiting relatives in this city, returned Monday to her home at Reynard.

Mrs. S. L. Murchison is expecting a visit soon from her sister, Miss Hazel Long of Kingston, Ohio.

Mrs. J. P. Frank of Palestine, after visiting her sister, Mrs. Sue Smith, returned home Monday.

Wood—Ring 250. Get any kind of wood you want. 1t. J. D. Woodward.

A mixed car of barb wire, hog wire, poultry wire, nails and staples just unloaded by Moore & Shivers.

Anything you want in barb wire, hog wire, poultry wire and wire fencing at James S. Shivers & Co's.

Hon. John LeGory was at home Saturday, Sunday and Monday to recuperate from an attack of la grippe.

King's candies for American queens—fresh line of 5 and 10 cent packages at Chamberlain & Woodall's.

Lawyers can find manuscript covers for their legal documents at the Courier office—a shipment just received.

A. N. Leediker, living near Lovelady, and G. C. Russell, living near Crockett, were among callers at this office Saturday.

Mac Hale of Route 4, Morgan Brashears and J. E. Monk were among Saturday's renewals of Courier subscriptions.

We handle Hull Brothers' Umbrellas, the best made. McLean Drug Company, "The Rexall Store."

Joe Monk of Kennard, J. E. Driskell of Holly and George Calhoun were among callers at the Courier office on Wednesday of last week.

We have a nice line of jewelry and watches. Be sure to see our stock before you buy. 1t. Chamberlain & Woodall.

Farmers, make our wagon yard your headquarters free of charge when in town.

Wm. M. Patton, 1t. "The Farmers' Friend."

The ladies of the Baptist church will hold a post parcel package sale Friday afternoon, February 12, at the Bishop Drug Company's. 2t.

L. D. Shuptrine of Medina, Bander county, is among those remembering the Courier with his subscription renewal since last issue.

The Rexall Store wants to sell you all you need in their line during the year 1915. Try us. The McLean Drug Company.

J. A. Wedemeyer of Ash, D. H. Rhoden of Route 6 and J. N. Click of Lovelady were among our friends remembering the Courier Saturday.

If owner can describe the money he lost satisfactorily, by addressing P. O. Box 237, and paying for this notice, the same will be delivered him. 1t.

The office of the tax collector was crowded during the last days of January with tax payers. Poll tax payments have fallen far short of last year.

E. E. Barlow was among callers at the Courier office Thursday. Mr. Barlow is just recovering from burns received from the explosion of an oil lamp.

Mrs. Berta Wootters and Mrs. J. H. Painter made the Courier an appreciated call Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Wootters to renew her subscription for this paper.

Start 1915 right by buying your paint and wall paper from the McLean Drug Company. "The Rexall Store," and brighten up. Their line is complete at all times.

M. P. Warfield, one of the Courier's colored subscribers in the northern part of the county, renewed his subscription to this paper Saturday for the twenty-sixth time.

S. J. Patton Jr. of Creath was among callers at the Courier office Friday. Besides renewing for his own subscription, Mr. Patton also renewed for his father, S. J. Patton Sr.

Yes, the McLean Drug Company handle the Eastman Kodaks, Premo and Premoette Cameras and the Anso Cameras in stock. They also keep a complete line of films and supplies.

Cheap Prices.
Eight pounds roasted coffee for \$1.00; 9 pounds green coffee, \$1.00; 17 pounds granulated sugar, \$1.00; 50-pound can compound lard, \$4.20; 12 boxes Double Dip matches, 35c.; at Wm. M. Patton's. 1t.

For Exchange.
One bay mare for two cows and calves; one mare colt six months old for 2-year-old heifer; one mule for cow and calf. All may be seen on lot opposite Methodist church. 1t. A. M. Decuir.

Dr. W. B. Collins was in Crockett Saturday on his way from Lovelady to Austin, where he will assume his duties as state health officer. While his official duties at Austin will demand the most of his time and attention, he will not move his family from Lovelady.

Peas for Sale.
100 bushels or more of California Clay peas, genuine bunch. Planted about 5 acres last year and made about 30 bushels per acre. Price, \$3.00 per bushel, net. Ready for delivery in about 2-bushel sacks. 1t. Karl Porter, Crockett.

Recognized Advantages.
You will find that Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has recognized advantages over most medicines in use for coughs and colds. It does not suppress a cough but loosens and relieves it. It aids expectoration and opens the secretions, which enables the system to throw off a cold. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

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Celebration of Washington's Birthday and Piastan, Laredo, Feb. 20-23.

I. & G. N. popular low rate excursions. Tickets on sale February 20, 21 and 22; return limit February 25. For fares, schedules, etc., see ticket agent, I. & G. N. Railway. —Adv. 4t.

Blanks at the Courier Office.

The Courier job department has for sale the following blanks in stock: Mortgages, vendor's lien notes, mortgage notes and promissory notes. In addition the Courier job department can supply you with any kind of printing that can be done from movable types.

O. C. Goodwin, president of the Houston County Peanut Growers' Association, makes a good suggestion this week in regard to people subscribing for the newspapers. We want you to take this newspaper, but if you don't want to take this one, then take some other one. Every good citizen ought to take some newspaper.

Mrs. S. J. Channell, 72 years of age and a sister of our fellow-townsmen, Mr. R. S. Willis, died at the home of her brother in this city Saturday night a week ago. Interment took place in the Hallmark cemetery on the following Sunday. Mrs. Channell had made her home with the family of Mr. Willis for some time. The bereaved have the sympathy of the community.

J. D. Caskey, living near Grape-land, was a visitor at the Courier office last Thursday. Mr. Caskey told us that he had a crib of corn that he had not touched for use. He believes in making a living at home—buying nothing that the farm will produce—and what cotton he grows is a surplus over and above his living. He believes that with the proper cultivation a corn crop can be made any year.

Dyeing and Hat Cleaning.
The Crockett Steam Laundry has arranged to handle the dyeing and hat cleaning business in connection with the laundry business. Anything in the dyeing and cleaning line will be taken care of—hats cleaned and reblocked. We want the public to know that we appreciate your patronage in the laundry business, and in the same spirit we solicit a continuance and also your patronage in dyeing and cleaning. Crockett Steam Laundry.

Colored Summer Normal.

To the Colored Summer Committee: In the regular session of the colored teachers' institute you were selected to organize and maintain a summer normal school for teachers, under the directions of the state and county superintendents, to be located at Crockett, for the summer of 1915. You are hereby called to meet at the colored school building at Crockett on the 13th day of February, 1915, to attend to such normal business as may regularly come before you.

The Best Laxative I Know Of.

"I have sold Chamberlain's Tablets for several years. People who have used them will take nothing else. I can recommend them to my customers as the best laxative and cure for constipation that I know of," writes Frank Strouse, Fruitland, Iowa. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

To the Trade.
We wish to let the people know that the business of Wm. M. Patton will still continue at its same stand and in the same name as heretofore, and we will be glad for all our old customers and friends to call around when in town and you will receive the same courteous treatment and attention in the future as you have in the past. We are also going to give you advantage of all the low prices, and do not forget that we have a wagon yard with plenty of stalls and water and a place to camp, free of charge. H. G. Patton, 2t. Mrs. Wm. M. Patton.

A Card of Thanks.
To the many friends and acquaintances of the family, and to the public generally, we, the undersigned, beg to return our heartfelt thanks for the numerous kindnesses and assistance rendered us and our late husband and father, Wm. M. Patton, in his last illness. No language we can command can fitly express our deep appreciation for the loving kindness and attention shown us in those hours of anxiety and distress, and that God may send to you, one and all, plentiful showers of His richest blessings is the earnest prayer of Yours most sincerely, Mrs. Flora Patton, Gause Patton, Willie Mae Patton, Jonnie Patton.

Bankruptcy Court Sale.

In pursuance of an order made and entered in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas, by the Hon. J. W. Fitzgerald, Referee in Bankruptcy, I will sell on the premises of the bankrupt at Crockett, Texas, on the 5th day of February, A. D. 1915, at public sale to the highest bidder for cash, subject to approval and confirmation of the Court, the stock of merchandise consisting of drugs invoicing \$3,891.53, furniture and fixtures invoicing \$4,021.49; said assets belonging to the bankrupt estate of W. A. King. For further information, address Thos. D. Bonner, Trustee, 1t. Tyler, Texas.

How to Prevent Bilious Attacks.
"Coming events cast their shadows before." This is especially true of bilious attacks. Your appetite will fail, you will feel dull and languid. If you are subject to bilious attacks take three of Chamberlain's Tablets as soon as these symptoms appear and the attack may be warded off. For sale by all dealers. Adv.



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Agent for all makes of machines, new and rebuilt models. Sold on deferred payment plan without interest. J. G. Beasley, Agent

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Petition for Discharge.

United States of America, Eastern District of Texas, ss. In the United States District Court in and for said district.

In the matter of B. E. Goodrum, bankrupt. No. 1842 in bankruptcy. Petition for discharge.

To the Honorable Gordon Russell, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas:

B. E. Goodrum of Weldon, in the County of Houston and State of Texas, in said district, respectfully represents that on the 5th day of January, last past, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Act of Congress relating to bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said acts and of the orders of the court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays that he may be decreed by the court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankrupt acts, except such debts as are excepted by our law from such discharge.

Dated this 6th day of February, A. D. 1915.

B. E. Goodrum, Bankrupt.

ORDER OF NOTICE THEREON.

Eastern District of Texas, ss:

On this 6th day of February, A. D. 1915, on reading the foregoing petition, it is ordered by the court that a hearing be had upon the same on the 10th day of March, A. D. 1915, at the office of J. W. Fitzgerald, referee in bankruptcy, at Tyler, Texas, in said district, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper printed in said district, and all known creditors and other persons in interest may appear at the said time and place and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further agreed by the court that the clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Hon. Gordon Russell, Judge of the said court, and the seal thereof, at Tyler, Texas, in the said district, on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1915.

(Seal of the Court) Attest:

J. R. Blades, Clerk.

By H. C. Blades, Deputy. It.

Colds and Croup in Children.

Many people rely upon Chamberlain's Cough Remedy implicitly in cases of colds and croup, and it never disappoints them. Mrs. E. H. Thomas, Logansport, Ind., writes: "I have found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best medicine for colds and croup I have ever used, and never tire of recommending it to my neighbors and friends. I have always given it to my children when suffering from croup, and it has never failed to give them prompt relief." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

W. C. LIPSCOMB, M. D.

PHYSICIAN and SURGEON

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The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Barton Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of Dan Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. W. Wilkerson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Vinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Burrell Morris, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Jeff Stubblefield, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston County, to be held at the Court House of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett, on the 5th Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1915, the same being the 8th day of March, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 5th day of January, A. D. 1915 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 5545, wherein J. S. Jackson is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Barton Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of Dan Clark, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. W. Wilkerson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mary E. Vinson, deceased, the unknown heirs of Burrell Morris, deceased, and the unknown heirs of Jeff Stubblefield, deceased, and all other persons coming, claiming or having any interest in the land herein sued upon, and Robert Stubblefield, Gable Stubblefield, Sherman Gains, Nettie Gains, Francis Stubblefield, Mary Ivory, and Polly Stubblefield, are defendants, and said petition alleging:

That the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, lying and being situated in Houston County, Texas, same being a part of the Barton Clark league, and the Burrell Morris survey, situated about 22 miles South West from the city of Crockett and more particularly described by field notes as follows: Beginning at a rock for corner on the East boundary line of said Barton Clark league, a P O 11 inches mxd X hrs N 26 E 7-10 vrs, do 28 inches mxd X hrs S 29-12 degrees W 17 vrs. Thence South 161 6-10 vrs to a stake for corner on the South bank of Kellerson Creek. Thence up said creek with its meanders as follows: N 89 1/2 E 188 1/4 vrs, S 6 1/4 W 47 9-10 vrs, N 71 1/4 E 79 3-10 vrs, S 75 1/4 E 148 1/4 vrs, to the junction of Cedar Creek with Kellerson Creek. Thence up Cedar Creek with its meanders as follows: S 88 1/4 E 86 1/4 vrs, S 16 E 10 1/4 vrs, to a rock for corner on the West bank of Cedar Creek from which a Pin Oak 14 inches mxd X hrs 5 1/2 S 53 W 3 1/4 vrs. Thence South 510 vrs to a rock for corner, from which a P O 26 inches mxd X hrs N 77 W 5 vrs, do 24 inches mxd X hrs S 16 E 3 2-10 vrs. Thence South 58 1/2 West 573 vrs to a stake for corner from which a P O 26 inches hrs N 10 E 10 vrs, an ash 10 inches mxd X hrs S 10 W 2 9-10 vrs. Thence North (var. 11-15 degrees E) 173 vrs to rock for corner on the North bank of Kellerson's Creek. Thence North 99 1/2 West 756 vrs to a rock for corner from which an elm 12 inches mxd X hrs N 79 E 7 1-10 vrs. Thence North 49 1/4 vrs to a stake for corner on South bank of Kellerson's Creek from which an ash 10 inches mxd X hrs E 1/4 vrs. Thence down said creek with its meanders as follows: N 32 W 65 vrs, N 9 E 90 vrs, N 40 1/2 E 57 1/4 vrs, N 22 E 167 vrs, N 8 1/4 W 71 1/4 vrs, N 41 W 60 1/2 vrs, S 83 1/4 W 197 vrs, S 53 1/4 W 83 vrs, N 34 W 39 vrs' to the junction of Neils' Branch with Kellerson's Creek. Thence up

said branch with its meanders as follows: N 72 1/4 E 84 1/4 vrs, N 37 E 37 vrs, N 15 1/4 E 76 vrs, N 10 1/4 E 100 1/4 vrs, N 19 1/4 W 80 vrs, N 35 E 75 vrs to a stake for corner on East bank of said branch from which a sweet gum 14 inches mxd X hrs N 73 E 5 1-10 vrs, do 8 inches mxd X hrs N 3 W 3 1-10 vrs. Thence East 775 vrs to the place of beginning, containing 179 6-10 acres of land, and the same being out of the Jeff Stubblefield homestead tract on said surveys, by instruments duly executed, which are fully set forth in plaintiff's petition; plaintiff further alleging that he and those under whom he claims title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, under deeds duly registered, paying all taxes due thereon for a period of 5 years immediately preceding the filing of this suit; and that plaintiff and those under whom plaintiff claims title to said land have had and held the peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, for a period of ten years immediately preceding the filing of this suit, and plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years Statutes of Limitation in bar of any claim asserted to said title by the defendants; that there is no title out of either Barton Clark or Burrell Morris, the original grantees of the above surveys, to that part of same owned and claimed by plaintiff, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that in one of the deeds to plaintiff's vendors, it is recited that said land was conveyed by J. W. Wilkerson and wife, and that said deed from J. W. Wilkerson and wife has been lost or destroyed, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that the deed records of Houston County, Texas, show that that part of said Burrell Morris survey out of which the plaintiff's land is taken, was decreed by judgment of the District Court of said county to Mary E. Vinson, and that there is no title out of said Mary E. Vinson, which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title; that the other defendants herein assert some claim to said land, which is unknown to plaintiff, and that any other or further claims of the defendants in and to said above described land are unknown to plaintiff; and plaintiff prays, citation in terms of the law, and that upon trial he have judgment for the said land, removing all clouds therefrom, for costs of suit, and general and special relief.

Hereto fall not but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk of the District Court of Houston County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 5th day of January, A. D. 1915.

John D. Morgan, Clerk.
District Court, Houston County.

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