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WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

Let Us Take Stock.

The progressive farmer and merchant takes stock once a year, and generally does it about this time, so he can determine how successful he has been the past twelve months and to start the new year with a determination to do better.

While the commercial club campaign is only ten months old, we think it proper to take stock at this time so as to begin the year on an even footing with our associates.

The foundation upon which we originally proposed to build our structure was a closer co-operative working basis between the farmer and the merchant, realizing that Houston county possessed all the essential natural elements for a highly prosperous agricultural community, and all that was needed to produce the desired results was to put in operation a plan that would bring these elements together in the proper combination.

Nothing new or experimental was to be tried out, but to simply adopt the common sense business plan of co-operation that has been so successfully put in practice in many other like sections of the south.

To Provide a Better Market.

The first essential was for the merchants to agree to provide a shipping market, for the surplus over home consumption, for all products the farmers could raise in the territory that is considered tributary to Crockett. The next move was to assure the farmers of this pledge, and a series of school district meetings was held for this purpose.

These meetings were largely attended and so convinced were they that the movement was to be honestly tested, over two hundred farmers joined the commercial club, with the understanding they were not to be asked to contribute to its financial support until it had demonstrated its helpfulness.

Our readers, in a general way, are familiar with the progress that has been made along the line of providing a more ready and profitable market in Crockett for products of the farm, and it is not necessary to go into details here. One of the best evidences that material improvements have been made is the volunteer statements from the farmers who visit the club and are interviewed on the streets, that they can now always sell for cash at a fair price anything they bring to Crockett in marketable condition. When it is remembered that less than a year ago the almost universal complaint among the farmers was to the effect they could not sell anything in Crockett but cotton, the importance of the changed conditions that have been created in this respect will be better appreciated. This feature of the co-operative plan has not attained its fullest measure of development. It is in reality only well begun and can and will be greatly enlarged upon, to the added benefit of all concerned.

The Cotton Market.

Speaking of improved market conditions, the action on the part of the commercial club, in bringing to and extending the financial support necessary to keep an outside cotton buyer in Crockett the past season, resulted in making this one of the best, and at times the very

best, cotton market in the state. It has been estimated, by those competent to judge, that this one feature of the club's work added over eight thousand dollars to what the farmers would have received had there been no outside cotton buyer here.

The Dairy Industry.

While a good beginning had been made in this department more than a year ago, the consistent support and encouragement the club has given the cause has materially assisted in developing such a growth that it is now conceded that it has been so thoroughly well launched that there can be no reasonable doubt in regard to its becoming one of the most important links in the chain that is being forged to make Houston county one of the shining examples of progressive agricultural development in the south.

Diversified Farming.

The importance of depending less upon the one crop of cotton, that was so painfully emphasized by the events of 1914, has been featured by this campaign, and we feel to the betterment of those effected. The growing of peanuts, in particular, as a money crop, has been given an impetus that should result in its being adopted quite generally and to the profit of the grower.

There is being created a sentiment of favoring more and better grade of live stock on the farm, and the growth of the dairy movement with the advent of the silo are conspicuous evidences of a healthful growth in this direction. Thus comes one of the greatest achievements of the club's efforts in arousing a greater interest in dairying and live stock raising, which is to be the corner stone in the foundation of our prosperity. Here follows another important step in this direction:

The Eradication of the Fever Tick.

As announced last week, the commissioners' court has appropriated a sum sufficient to cover one-half the cost of sixteen permanent concrete dipping vats, to be well distributed over the county and to be constructed under the direction of a representative of the government, Doctor Haag. The farmers in each locality where the vats are located, and who will have the free use of them, are to pay the other half of the cost. It is estimated by government agents, who have assisted in this work in other localities, that, with such a start as we have secured, the work will spread so rapidly that within a year from this time every head of livestock in this county should be free of ticks and the quarantine lifted, adding thousands of dollars to their value.

In the Interest of Good Roads.

The club has devoted considerable time to the betterment of the roads in the county and feels that in a degree it has been helpful, but claims special credit for effective work in connection with the bridge that is being built across the Trinity river at Riverside. It was the one essential feature that made the Red River to the Gulf Highway an assured fact. When the geographical location of this highway is considered, it will readily be seen that it is to be the logical route to the gulf ports of Texas for a number of national and international highways now being constructed and headed in this direc-

tion. At the time this article is being read, the secretary is due to be in Austin in attendance upon the annual convention of the Texas Good Roads Association, doing his best to boost the efforts made for the enactment of a law creating a state highway commission, a necessary step to the state in securing its proportion of the \$85,000,000 appropriation from the government to be divided among the states to assist in highway development. He also hopes to start a movement that will result in hard surfacing the Red River to the Gulf Highway its entire length. When this has been done, it will be in condition to be accepted by the government as a national military highway and to thereafter be maintained by Uncle Sam. If our plans work out, we will be entitled to a portion of that eighty-five million to assist in doing this work.

A County Demonstration Agent.

Here is where we do feel proud. When the commissioners' court, on Wednesday afternoon of last week, the day that witnessed the largest crowd of farmers ever seen in Crockett, voted an appropriation for the support of a demonstration agent, a progressive step was taken that should prove the 10th day of January, 1917, a genuine red letter day for Houston county, Texas.

This action paves the way for the helpful assistances of the government and state, through their wonderful agricultural organizations, in every way that this most valuable service can be used to advantage. What this may mean to the agricultural uplift of our county cannot well be over estimated.

Farm Loan Association.

We should not close our stock-taking inventory without referring to the fact that the first local to be organized in this section of the country was the one bearing the name of the Crockett National Farm Loan Association, and that the organization was legally completed and set in motion at the club rooms on Saturday last.

Most Important of All.

When the club campaign was started there existed a very marked prejudice on the part of, it is safe to say, a majority of the farmers against the merchants of Crockett. The feeling being one of lack of interest in what they were doing, and especially were the farmers outspoken with reference to the absence of a market for their products, and it required a large amount of assurance at the initial community meetings above mentioned to induce many of them to lay aside this prejudice and decide to give the merchants one more trial.

It is the pleasantest part of this recital to record the fact that the secretary is daily told by those who were most skeptical at the beginning that "The merchants of Crockett have made good." Not only frequent expressions of this kind do we hear, but the changed sentiment is so pronounced that the very atmosphere seems charged with added proof of the fact.

Farmers, you should bear in mind that, with the assistance of a competent county demonstration agent, you have a right to expect more help the present year than the one just passed, for many valuable features follow in the wake of one who can call to his aid the limitless resources of the state and federal governments.

H. A. Fisher, Secretary.

Local News Items

Tax Payers' Protective Association.

Pursuant to call, several hundred tax payers of Houston county assembled at the court house Wednesday, January 10, in solemn but earnest protest of what they conceive to be the unjust burdens of taxation in this county and for the purpose of organizing themselves in some proper form so as to put the tax reforms which they shall advocate into effect.

The meeting was called to order by Hon. R. C. Spinks, who then was elected chairman of the organization. J. K. Jones vice chairman and J. W. Madden secretary. After an appropriate address by the chairman, Hon. W. B. Page offered the following resolution as setting out the purpose of the organization, viz: "This is a mass-meeting of the tax payers of Houston county, the purpose and object of which is to organize themselves into a Tax Payers' Protective Association; to the end that the county may be fully protected in the levy and collection of taxes and the expenditure of the same to public ends.

"This organization shall be composed of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and an Executive Committee of eight members. The President, Vice-President and Secretary shall be ex-officio members of the executive committee, and the executive committee thus constituted shall convene at any time that the president or vice-president, or a majority of the committee, shall think proper.

"The executive committee shall have power and it is hereby given them to look into and consider any public financial transaction relating to taxation, the levy and collection of taxes, and the appropriation of public money for public purposes.

"The executive committee is hereby given full power and it is made their duty to look into all deals made or contemplated, and to determine whether the same have, in all respects, complied with the law. It is hereby made the further duty of the executive committee of the association to keep the tax payers of the county fully informed as to what is being done with the finances of the county, how and for what the public funds are being used, the rate of taxation levied for each fund, the indebtedness of the county, and the condition of the county generally in respect of taxable resources."

The resolution was unanimously adopted, whereupon a motion was made and adopted that eight members constitute the executive committee, and that two of the same be elected from each commissioners' precinct, and the following named gentlemen were elected, to-wit: From Precinct No. One, John Monk and J. D. Hill; Precinct No. Two, J. C. Estes and Jake Wedemeyer; Precinct No. Three, Ed Thompson and Jno. F. Gilbert; and Precinct No. Four, Tom Tunstall and W. B. Page.

On motion the association adjourned and the executive committee retired, with instructions to organize and get down to work at once. It was the consensus of opinion that this organization is a very timely one, and the meeting was very enthusiastic and evidently

meant business by the organization thus perfected. The view was expressed that the levying, collecting and expending of public funds is a most sacred trust, one which is of deep interest to the whole people who pay these taxes, as well as one which is too often grossly abused to the public detriment. Every dollar levied and collected should be used only for some legitimate and necessary object, and before levying any heavy burdens on the people, those charged with this responsibility should always remember that they represent the people who intrusted them with that duty, and they owe it to their masters, the people, to take them into their confidence, be honest and fair with them, and seek to know the public view with reference to the object contemplated. Publicity has a great power for honest dealings, while "secrecy" in the handling of public moneys is always fraught with danger. It is there that "jobs" are concocted, "graft" engendered, and the public "plundered." Any man or set of men who are afraid of "daylight," who fear publicity in their dealings, and who are too much "swelled up" with a little "brief authority" to take the people into their confidence, are a menace to the public welfare and deserve to be hurled from power.

R. C. Spinks, Chairman.

J. W. Madden, Secretary.

Open House.

The Cadman Club kept "open house" to its friends and the musical public at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Shivers on Saturday afternoon, January 13, and afforded all a most delightful hospitality. The callers were received by Mrs. Shivers and Mrs. S. L. Murchison, who presented them to the guests of honor, of whom may be mentioned Mrs. John Dunwoody of New Mexico; Misses Partlow of Liberty (guests in the Shivers home); Miss Bess Long of Ohio, Miss Durst of Houston, Mrs. J. P. Hail and other members of the club. Mrs. Fain presided at the punch bowl, after which the guests were conducted to the dining room, which was a symphony of American Beauty roses and ferns. Delicious refreshments were served by Misses Kathleen and Lillie Hail and Mary Aldrich.

Victrola music was dispensed during the afternoon, also Miss Long of Ohio played numbers by Grieg, Sinding, Olsen and Liszt with sympathetic interpretation and showing excellent musicianship.

Miss Miriam Partlow delighted every one with her rendition of the songs, "Mavis" and "Bonnie Sweet Bessie," disclosing a mezzo-soprano voice of much purity and sweetness.

Miss Wall sang the ballad of Marguerite at the Spinning Wheel, from the opera "Faust." This plaintive air was very appropriate and much appreciated, the club having just finished the study of this opera.

The afternoon was a most enjoyable one, and the Cadman Club feels greatly indebted to Mrs. Shivers for her generous hospitality.

L. W.

The Houston county cotton crop for 1916 was 2,234 bales short of the crop of 1915. The figures for the two years are 19,066 and 21,300 bales, respectively, as furnished the Courier by the cotton census department.

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE READ TO BOTH HOUSES

ASKS FOR APPROPRIATION OF \$2,000,000 FOR THE SCHOOLS OF THE STATE.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE

Message Was Shortest on Record, But Many Recommendations Were Made for Things Most Needed for Betterment of Conditions in State.

Austin, Tex.—The shortest governor's message on record was read in both houses of the legislature Wednesday. Governor James E. Ferguson told of the needs of the state and made his recommendations briefly. The message in full says:

I need you and you need me, and the people need us both to accomplish those things which represent their will. Therefore, with a full sense of our obligations to our respective constituencies, I respectfully ask your earnest consideration of the following matters which under our laws I am permitted to call your attention. The subject can not better be considered than by addressing ourselves to two questions: What has been done and what can be done.

By laboring together in a spirit of friendly feeling, the thirty-fourth legislature and this department passed many laws that are of great good to the great masses of our people whose honor it is mine and yours to serve.

The thirty-fourth legislature of Texas was the first lawmaking body in the history of legislation to take notice of the rights of the tenant farmers, who produce over half of the wealth of the country, and a law was passed to prevent that sturdy class of our citizenship from being oppressed by extortionate rents. It may be that the law is being violated in some cases, but from many parts of the state letters have come to me from tenant farmers testifying to the benefits that have accrued to them as a result of the law. The agitation of this question and the passage of this law have directed serious attention to the land question and, to our great gratification, our own national administration has established a farm loan bank in our state, at which institution the tenant farmer, who, having been protected from extortionate rents by the tenant law, has an opportunity to accumulate something and then go to the farm loan bank and obtain a liberal loan on long time at very liberal rates of interest with which to buy his own home.

The thirty-fourth legislature was the first legislature to pass a law for special aid to country schools.

The thirty-fourth legislature was perhaps generous to a fault to the cause of higher education.

Many other wholesome acts were passed by the thirty-fourth legislature as a result of a patriotic desire of all parties concerned to do something for the real good of the people. I have every reason to believe that the present session will be attended with the same friendly impulses and influences. As a general rule, the state institutions and departments have been managed in a conservative, economical and efficient manner, and your special attention is invited to the official reports of the various institutions which have been printed for distribution to the public.

The Penitentiary System.
Under the present administration the penitentiary system has been more than self-sustaining. The thirty-fourth legislature appropriated \$465,000 for the support of the system for the year 1915-1916. On January 1, 1917, the system had on hand in cash and unsold cotton and sugar the sum of \$400,000, and sufficient corn, syrup and potatoes for use of the system worth at least \$100,000.

This administration purchased 17,300 acres of land situated in Trinity and Madison counties for the penitentiary system at \$25.00 an acre. The land was paid for by the execution of the Prison Commission notes due in ten annual installments, bearing 6 per cent interest per annum and secured only by a vendor's lien on the land and the credit of the state was not and could not have been pledged to secure the payment of said purchase price of the land. But how the payment is to be made is of small moment, because this 17,300 acres of land is worth \$400.00 an acre and there was made for the state in this purchase more than a quarter of a million dollars profit, and the land will yet be made more valuable. There was also purchased for the penitentiary system 1,800 acres adjoining what is known as the Shaw farm of about 2,500 acres, on Red river, for approximately \$14.00 an acre, and paid for in the same way as the other purchase. While this 1,800 acres, in my opinion, is not worth in its present state very much more than was paid for it, yet as the state already had purchased the Shaw farm and erected 400 acres and prison buildings thereon,

it was decidedly advantageous to the state to buy this 1,800 acres adjoining the 2,500 acres, so that the state would have a farm large enough that could be economically farmed under one management.

No appropriation for the support of the penitentiary system will be asked for, and, excepting a few matters relating to hours of work, control of its finances, and the transfer of prisoners, there need be no material changes in the present penitentiary law.

Now the second question: What can be done?
There are planks in the platform which I desire to specifically call to your attention. Plank 5 is as follows: "We urge upon the legislature in making appropriations for the support and maintenance of the various departments and institutions of our state, to clearly itemize all such appropriations, so that the people may be fully informed as to the purpose for which any appropriation is made."

This recommendation is absolutely essential. It now costs millions to run our state government, and if we can not tell the people what we are going to do with the money and then in good faith do what we say we are going to do with it, the people will rightfully distrust us and as a result some meritorious needs will be denied.

If there are small contingencies that can not be foreseen, provide for them in a contingent fund, and itemize the main budget.

Special consideration should be given to plank 6, "demanding farm legislation."

The demands of labor set forth in plank 7 of the democratic platform should be carefully considered and respected. In order that our ranks of labor may be generally employed, I ask your special consideration of what is known as the "Buy-It-Made-in-Texas Movement."

In accordance with our platform, let us continue a liberal policy toward the foreign investor. We need him, and he needs us.

It is imperative that we build a new asylum to care for the rapidly increasing number of the insane. All our present institutions have been enlarged to where it is not sanitary, healthful or safe to further enlarge them. Hence, the demand for a new institution.

Your attention is specially directed to the demand of our party that the sum of \$2,000,000 be appropriated to aid the county schools. Under the appropriation of \$1,000,000 made by the thirty-fourth legislature about 1,450 country schools have been helped from average terms of four and a half months to more than a six months' term. The appropriation of \$2,000,000 for the same purpose will enable every country school in Texas to get much needed relief.

I have been charged with being against higher education. The charge is untrue and the record will show that it is untrue. As long as higher education remains democratic and does not seek any more rights than the average citizen, then I am for higher education. But when higher education becomes either autocratic or aristocratic in its ways or customs and begins to arrogate to itself an unwarranted superiority over the great masses of the people, who make higher education possible, and wants to rule with a college diploma alone, then I am against higher education and I consider it "book learnin'" gone to seed.

I am in favor of liberal appropriations for the support of our universities and colleges, but for every dollar appropriated for such purposes there should be at least three dollars set aside for the aid of the high schools in the towns and graded schools in the country. "The greatest good to the greatest number" is a sacred tenet of democracy. "Special privilege to none" is the foundation of republics.

Urges Highway Commission.
Another and very important demand of our party is that a highway commission be created, intrusted with the power of building and maintaining state and county highways. The cost of said department to be paid by an occupation tax on motor vehicles.

This legislation is needed for two good reasons, at least. First, as the national government has appropriated money for the building of highways in those states where a highway commission is created, it is necessary to create such a commission so that federal aid, which will amount in a few years to millions of dollars, may be obtained for Texas. The other reason is that a state tax is the only way to equalize the cost of state highways. The man living in Dallas who would enjoy the luxury of a fine car on a good pike road from Dallas to San Antonio ought to pay part of the maintenance of that road and all the cost should not be borne by the taxpayers of Ellis or Williamson county just because that road passed through their county.

In order that the general public may enjoy the use of the public highways with reasonable safety, I am in favor of a law making it a jail penalty to run an automobile in any incorporated town more than ten miles an hour, or more than twenty-four miles an hour

on a country road. There is an imperative demand that the speed maniac be dealt with in some drastic way.

The platform calls for judicial reform and present conditions demand that something be done.

I recommend especially that an act be passed to immediately relieve the crowded condition of the supreme court.

I recommend that all statutes relating to practice and procedure in the courts be repealed and the supreme court be given power to establish rules of practice and procedure. This will be the means of doing away with many useless laws that are responsible for the law's delay.

Our party is especially committed to the passage of legislation that will foster and encourage the live stock industry. I know of no one thing that would add more to our wealth in as short time as the eradication of the tick. For this, and many other reasons, liberal appropriations should be made for the support of the live stock sanitary commission and the general upbuilding of the sheep, goat, cattle, horse and swine herds of the state.

We are daily appalled at the increase of homicides. The pistol toter must go.

The law permitting the traveler to carry arms was passed when Texas was a frontier and when travel was attended with dangers that do not now exist. This law should be repealed.

I would also favor a law that would make it a jail penalty to unlawfully carry a pistol, and I would go further and make the law so that a killing with a pistol, unlawfully carried, would deprive the defendant of the right to plead self-defense.

Conditions in Mexico do not appear to improve, and as a result our border troubles will be with us for perhaps years to come. For this special reason, as well as others, I recommend that liberal appropriations be made to provide a ranger service of maximum efficiency.

The salary should be made of sufficient amount to get and keep the best men for this service obtainable.

The thirty-fourth legislature wisely provided a fireproof building in which to educate the blind children of the state. The blind labor under many difficulties. Even when they are competent, very few people will employ them because they are blind. Many blind people have grown up without the education usually obtained in blind schools. They have no way to make a living and are forced upon the charity of society.

A government can perform no greater work than that of humanity to man. I therefore recommend the establishment of an industrial institution for the adult blind of the state, where they may learn a trade and where a factory can be operated by adult blind people under the supervision of the state. Such an institution could be made self-sustaining and it would take from the streets of our cities many deserving people who want a chance to live by their own labor.

There appears to be a pressing need for some changes in our election laws, and I especially invite your careful consideration of the question.

At least one reform in the election laws should be made. The traveling men and the railroad men represent a very large and worthy part of our voting population. Their occupations very often call them away from home on election day, and they are prevented from having the voice in our elections that they are entitled to.

There can be no objection, legal or constitutional, to the passage of a law permitting the railroad and traveling men, or any other citizen, detained away from home on election day and otherwise qualified to vote, to vote by a sealed ballot duly deposited with the election judge one or two days before the election day, to be opened and counted on election day.

In order that the people may have that representation in the national congress which the framers of the constitution intended, the matter of redistricting the state into congressional districts should be given proper consideration, already long delayed.

There were few deficiency appropriations for the year 1915. The deficiency appropriations granted by this department within the last year amounted to a total of \$239,297.69. I trust that this matter will receive your early consideration, as the appropriations were made to meet, in the main, pressing demands. An itemized statement of this amount will be obtained and furnished immediately.

In conclusion, let me again say that I need your help to perform the duties of my department. While the law has divided the government into three departments, yet the functions of each have such direct relation with each other that the successful operation of each department is based upon a friendly relation and co-operation with the other. So guided by this duty, and impelled by this impulse, I most cordially invite every member to a closer personal and official relation, in order that we may more properly do those things which we are sent here to do.

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TEXAS NEWS

Federal inspectors are on the watch for signs of the Egyptian boll weevil in Texas cotton seed.

A shingle mill is being installed at Trinity that will have a capacity of 30,000 shingles per day.

During the month of December six sets of triplets were born in El Paso. It is a world's record for the time.

The Joe Cavitt home, located near Bryan, a noted landmark, and built in 1851, was destroyed by fire last week.

Improvements worth \$100,000 are to be put upon the Epworth League encampment property at Port O'Connor.

Oil prospectors are preparing to operate on the Jackson ranch between Double Bayou and White's Station, near Anahuac.

According to the statement issued this week by the state health officer, more boys than girls were born in Texas last year.

Texas farmers at this time are making heavy purchases of farming implements, preparing for the big crops to be planted soon.

A decision was reached at a meeting in Austin Friday to hold the annual state suffrage convention at Waco, to convene May 15.

J. B. Weiborn of Palestine has been appointed manager of the Texas State railway, to succeed C. H. Hurdleston, by Governor Ferguson.

A force of about three hundred men is at work on the lock and dam which the government is building at Port Sullivan, on the Brazos River.

Peanut raising will be encouraged in Washington County by the local compress agreeing to furnish the farmers with peanut seed at cost.

It was announced in Fort Worth this week that the contract had been let by the Santa Fe for the construction of a branch from Lubbock to Blythe.

Material is being placed at Port Bolivar, adjacent to Galveston, to protect the north and east lines of the seawall from the wash of coast storms.

Lloyd Lochridge, official messenger of the Texas electoral college, personally delivered to President Wilson an invitation to visit Texas in the near future.

The proposed Waco-Beaumont railroad was discussed a few days ago at a meeting in Waco, and the matter will likely be given further attention at another meeting, probably in Beaumont.

Governor Ferguson has granted C. C. Quillan, former chief bookkeeper in the comptroller's department at Austin, a conditional pardon for the sake of the needs of his wife and nine children.

Two oil paintings of the San Jacinto battleground, done by Colonel Andrew Jackson Houston, son of General Sam Houston, have been presented to the Sam Houston normal at Huntsville by the painter.

According to Senator R. M. Johnston, those who have claims against the Texas penitentiary system will not find it necessary to place the accounts in the hands of someone to collect. Neither should the bills be discounted.

The controversy over the confiscation of coal by the Texas & Pacific and the Orient railroads was amicably adjusted last week at Austin at a conference between the railroad commission and representatives of the railroads.

The contract for the erection of a \$50,000 postoffice building in the center of the public square at Nacogdoches has just been awarded. The structure is to be of light colored sandstone except where granite is specified, and to be completed within 12 months.

At a meeting of the board of county commissioners of Galveston county, at Galveston, an order was adopted setting Tuesday, February 6, as the date upon which an election is to be held to authorize the issue of \$600,000 in bonds to cover the county's proportion of cost of constructing the causeway.

The annual report of the Texas railroad commission for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1916, completed this week, shows a total track mileage, main line and branches, of railroads operating in Texas of 15,655.09 miles, compared with 15,636.74 miles in the previous year, a net increase of 19.35 miles, and 4,386.53 miles of yard track and siding, compared with 4,304.64 miles, a net increase of 77.89 miles.

BILIOUS, HEADACHY, SICK "CASCARETS"

Gently cleanse your liver and sluggish bowels while you sleep.

Get a 10-cent box. Sick headache, biliousness, dizziness, coated tongue, foul taste and foul breath—always trace them to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach.

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A Cascaret to-night will surely straighten you out by morning. They work while you sleep—a 10-cent box from your druggist means your head clear, stomach sweet and your liver and bowels regular for months. Adv.

CAN'T GET BEAR OUT OF CAGE
Newly Arrived Bruin Presents Problem to the Attendants at Brooklyn Zoo.

How to get Brooklyn's new bear out of the cage that he came here in is one of the problems that is confronting the Prospect park zoo authorities, according to the Eagle of that city.

"The case is so strong that it looks as if nothing less powerful than dynamite would open it," one officer explained. "It is made of very heavy planks, spikes, together with shipbuilders' spikes. The cage was built by the same men who make Norwegian sailing vessels, the most durable in the world."

The difficulty of getting Bruin out of the box led to a question as to how the Norwegians, who sent him, managed to get him in. The only hole in the cage is barely big enough to let him get his nose out.

"I guess they must have tied his feet, or wrapped him up in a net and then built the cage around him," one of the tall Scandinavians on the Christiania fjord said.

Dr. B. F. Jackson, Celebrated Physician, handed down to posterity his famous prescription for female troubles. Now sold under the name of "Femina." Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

A Severe Mother.
Boston Mother—Do you know Willie Bump?

Little Son—Sure. I soaked that bone-headed shrimp on the brazier the last time I seen him.

Boston Mother—What awful language! You should say "I soaked that bone-headed shrimp on the brazier the last time I saw him."

A Comprehensive Comment.
"This is our baby," burred Proudpop. "What do you think of him?"

"Ah! A very seldom sort of infant. I should say," politely replied Philo Pumpelly.—Kansas City Star.

When Work Is Hard

That kidney troubles are so common is due to the strain put upon the kidneys in so many occupations, such as: Jarring and jolting on railroads, etc. Cramp and strain as in barbering, moulding, heavy lifting, etc. Exposure to changes of temperature in iron furnaces, refrigerators, etc. Dampness as in tanneries, quarries, mines, etc. Inhaling poisonous fumes in painting, printing and chemical shops. Doan's Kidney Pills are fine for strengthening weak kidneys.

A Texas Case

R. B. Mitchell, Lindell hotel, Celeste, Texas, says: "Exposure caused my kidney trouble. I suffered from such severe pains in my back that I was almost doubled up. My feet and hands swelled and I wasted away to a mere skeleton. Doctors gave me up and I had almost lost hope myself, when I heard of Doan's Kidney Pills. They cured me and during the past six years, I have been free from kidney complaint."

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Thin, brittle, colorless and scraggy hair is mute evidence of a neglected scalp; of dandruff—that awful scourge. There is nothing so destructive to the hair as dandruff. It robs the hair of its luster, its strength and its very life; eventually producing a feverishness and itching of the scalp, which if not remedied causes the hair roots to shrink, loosen and die—then the hair falls out fast. A little Danderine tonight—now—any time—will surely save your hair. #7

Get a 25 cent bottle of Knowlton's Danderine from any store, and after the first application your hair will take on that life, luster and luxuriance which is so beautiful. It will become wavy and fluffy and have the appearance of abundance; an incomparable gloss and softness, but what will please you most will be after just a few weeks' use, when you will actually see a lot of fine, downy hair—new hair—growing all over the scalp. Adv.

CO-EDS SPURN SMALL INCOME

Wouldn't Marry Man Who Gets Less Than \$1,500 a Year, Girls Say.

If any of the gay young Lotharios or Romeo of this bustling and enterprising village have designs on the charming co-eds at the University of Omaha, they are warned to look to their check books. Big, black eyes, pompadoured locks, glistening white teeth and neatly manicured nails don't cut any ice with the Omaha co-eds.

An income of at least \$1,500 annually is the first inducement bachelors with an inclination to leap into the matrimonial sea with an Omaha co-ed must make. So the co-eds answered Prof. Harry De Lamatre, instructor in economics, when he asked them what they considered a suitable salary for a man who is going to be married, says the Omaha Bee.

When De Lamatre said he believed an income of \$1,000 a year was quite sufficient from an economical standpoint, the fair young things burst forth with a simultaneous shout of protest and incredulity. "Who would want to live on that?" they demanded.

The Omaha co-eds don't demand luxurious limousines, birds of paradise for their hats, ermine coats or bejeweled shoes, but they insist it takes \$1,500 a year to keep a home going.

Upon hearing the views of their fair schoolmates the boys at the university promptly held an indignation meeting and decided to boycott what they called the extravagant co-eds and find girls who aren't filled with "high-falutin" ideas.

SYRUP OF FIGS FOR A CHILD'S BOWELS

It is cruel to force nauseating, harsh physic into a sick child.

Look back at your childhood days. Remember the "dose" mother insisted on—castor oil, calomel, cathartics. How you hated them, how you fought against taking them.

With our children it's different. Mothers who cling to the old form of physic simply don't realize what they do. The children's revolt is well-founded. Their tender little "insides" are injured by them.

If your child's stomach, liver and bowels need cleansing, give only delicate "California Syrup of Figs." Its action is positive, but gentle. Millions of mothers keep this harmless "fruit laxative" handy; they know children love to take it; that it never fails to clean the liver and bowels and sweeten the stomach, and that a teaspoonful given today saves a sick child tomorrow.

Ask at the store for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly on each bottle. Adv.

Common-Sense Method.
"What did you do, sah, when big Brudder Tump called you a hah?" "Uh-well, sah," replied small Brother Slink, "as de gen'tleman am six feet high and weighs mighty nigh a ton, what could I do but move dat we make it noanant-mous?"—Judge.

Naturally.
"That explorer did not go far when he struck the Arctic regions."
"No; I guess he got cold feet."

ALL LATEST NEWS

NEWS THAT IS NEWS, WHEN IT IS NEWS, FOR ALL.

STATE, NATIONAL, FOREIGN

happenings in the Wide World Over of Important Events Condensed to Good Reading.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

President Wilson has not yet decided on his next move for peace following the receipt of a note from the entente allies.

The entente allies have replied to President Wilson's peace note, giving a resume of what they are fighting for. It is intended, they say, to free civilization of German domination before peace is discussed.

Despite the bitter cold, the twelve suffrage "silent sentinels" kept watch about the White House Friday with their banners. President Wilson returned their salute.

Lloyd P. Lochridge reached Washington Thursday with the twenty electoral votes of Texas to be cast for President Wilson.

William Phillips of Massachusetts, third assistant secretary of state, was nominated Friday by President Wilson as assistant secretary of state to succeed John A. Osborne, who recently resigned. Breckenridge Long, a St. Louis lawyer, was nominated as third assistant secretary of state.

The senate Wednesday confirmed President Wilson's nomination of Winthrop M. Daniels to succeed himself as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

One and two dollar greenbacks of the war between the states will be issued by the treasury department, according to announcement Wednesday.

Congressional approval of federal cooperation in vocational education, a step advocated by labor leaders and educators and recommended by President Wilson in his address at the opening of the present session, was given Tuesday when the house passed the Hughes bill, similar to a measure passed by the senate at the last session appropriating for the training and employment of teachers in state schools to help prepare boys and girls for useful employment.

Secretary Daniels Tuesday appealed to congress for \$12,000,000 to add to navy yard construction facilities because of the failure of private builders to submit bids for the battle cruisers and scout cruisers.

STATE AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

Sleet and snow was reported Sunday from North, Central, and even South Texas points, and in Oklahoma.

The West Sunday bade farewell to all that was mortal of Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) and the West in its own words, did, itself proud" in its parting with the man who helped to make its history. From the moment the body of the scout was brought into the capitol building to lie in state, at Denver, Colorado, until it rested in the vault of an undertaker to await final burial on the summit of Lookout Mountain, all honors were accorded to the departed plainsman.

A statement that the fire and explosions which wrecked the plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company at Kingsland, N. J., Thursday was "possibly, if not probably, of incendiary origin," was issued this week by the officials of the company. The total loss, it was stated, was \$16,000,000.

A move to clothe the speaker of the house of representatives with unusual power was defeated at Austin Friday. Resolution to force lobbyists to register was also voted down.

The governor of Kentucky hurried to Murray, Ky., Thursday on a special train to prevent a mob from lynching a negro charged with killing a peace officer.

Inquiries have been received at Austin, Texas, for samples of Texas rabbit fur to be tested in making hats.

Harry K. Thaw, who was wanted in connection with a charge of kidnapping and assault, attempted to commit suicide Thursday at Philadelphia, Pa., when officers came to arrest him. He will recover.

Confirmation of the complete defeat of the Villa forces at Jimenez, Mexico, last Friday has reached El Paso, Texas, through refugees.

Four automobile bandits robbed the First National bank at Harrah, Okla., Friday and escaped with \$3,500.

Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill), famous as a soldier and scout, died Wednesday at Denver, Colo.

A resolution calling for the submission of a prohibition amendment was presented in the Texas senate Wednesday and a similar measure presented in the house Thursday.

Only 274 deaths have occurred among the more than 150,000 national guardsmen and regulars in the Southern department in the past seven months.

Governor Ferguson, in his message read in both houses of the Texas legislature Wednesday at Austin, Texas, urged liberal appropriations for the public schools of the state.

A bill has been filed in the Texas house which provides for the creation of a committee to examine into the history and nature of all claims against the state penitentiary.

An oil well flowing 6,000 barrels was brought in by the Gulf Refining Company in the Ederly, La., fields Tuesday.

Forty-one bills were introduced in the Texas senate Wednesday by the members.

The Texas legislature convened at Austin last Tuesday and F. O. Fuller was elected speaker of the house and Senator J. M. Henderson was named president pro tem of the senate. Organization of the two houses was perfected and the governor notified.

The Webb-Kenyon law, designed to prevent shipments of liquor from wet to dry states, was upheld by the supreme court of the United States Monday.

According to authentic reports received at El Paso, Texas, this week, Villa has been driven from the state of Durango. Three cities have been retaken by Carranza troops.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Japanese battle cruiser Tsukuba was destroyed by an explosion Sunday in the harbor of Yokohama, Japan. One hundred and fifty-three members of the crew of the ship were killed and 157 injured, many of them seriously. Numerous members of the ship's crew were rescued from the water.

The British have been successful in raids north of Arras and the French have captured prisoners in a sortie in the Vosges mountains.

Germany handed neutral governments a note Thursday concerning the answer of the entente to the German peace proposals explaining the government's position.

The Mexican constitutional assembly has agreed on statute that military offenses shall be tried by military courts and civil offenses by civil courts.

General Pablo Gonzales, with the de facto forces, defeated a column of Francisco Villa's followers at Pilar de Concho, sixty miles west of Santa Rosalia, Mexico, and forty miles north of Parral, it was officially announced this week. Many Villa prisoners were captured and the Villa losses were said to have been heavy. No date was given for the battle.

At sea the entente allies have suffered additional losses. The sinking of the Italian battleship Regina Margherita, of 13,000 tons, on December 11, with the loss of 675 men, is announced officially in Rome this week. Two hundred and seventy of the crew escaped. A Turkish official report of January 11 says a British cruiser of the Juno type, measuring 5,600 tons, was sunk by Turkish gunfire during an attack on the island of Kasteloriz, in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In the Oltuz Valley, in Moldavia, the Austro-Germans continue to advance against the Russians and Roumanians, while in the Suchitza Valley they repulsed attacks by the Russians. Roumanian troops attacked the Austro-Germans in the Kassina Valley and drove them back more than a mile, Petrograd states.

Carranza authorities now claim to be in entire possession of Chihuahua State, Mexico.

There is still vigorous fighting going on in Northern Russia in the region of Riga.

Another of Roumania's fortresses has fallen into the hands of the Teutonic allies. Keeping up their intensive forward movement along the railroad line northward into Moldavia, Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have taken Pokahani and with it nearly four thousand prisoners and some cannon and machine guns.

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Women of Middle Age

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The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

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Refuse to perform their regular functions,—
Play fair,—
Give Nature the help required, by trying
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His Idea.
Teacher—Johnny, what is a hypocrite?
Johnny—A boy wot comes to school with a smile on his face.

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SUBMISSION QUESTION BEFORE THE HOUSE

SUBMISSION AND PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION LINKED BY CHAIRMAN.

WOULD ABOLISH FEE SYSTEM

House Members Predict Defeat of Measure Proposing Suffrage for Women—Several Appropriations.

Austin, Tex.—Submission or statewide prohibition has been linked with the proposed constitutional convention in informal discussion and corridor gossip. Monday the intimacy of these propositions in the possible plans of some prohibitionists was discussed at the first meeting of the house committee on constitutional amendments. No committee action was taken either on submission or constitutional convention resolutions, further time being granted the sub-committees to which these have been referred. It is becoming more apparent that until the submission issue is determined other legislation will be somewhat delayed. The pro caucus last week accentuated that feeling at the Capital. Its participants went on record in favor of early action. The general sentiment is that as soon as submission is out of the way, the legislature will get very busy along many lines.

The committee reported favorably the Butler joint resolution submitting a constitutional amendment to abolish the fee system and place all officers on a straight salary.

Members who are opposed to woman suffrage declare confidently that it is certain that resolution will not pass the house.

The special committee to investigate penitentiary claims consists of Payne (chairman), Reeves, Fairchild, Bryan and Metcalf.

The special house committee to audit and report on claims against the prison system will hold its first meeting January 30, and will meet each Wednesday and Saturday thereafter. The committee issued a formal statement requesting all persons, firms or corporations having claims against the prison commission contracted prior to January 7, 1915, to file same with the chairman (W. A. Poage) immediately.

A resolution was read and referred in the house by Mr. Tillotson and Mr. Holland that the penitentiary claims committee report all convicts' claims for 10c per diem for good behavior from the time that provision was passed by the legislature until the time the attorney general held it unconstitutional.

A ruling has been made by the attorney general's department to the effect that the employment by one branch of the legislature of a relative who is a member of the other branch constitutes a violation of the anti-nepotism law. The result will be that a stenographer now employed in the senate and possibly one of the pages probably will have to give up their places.

Little work was done by the senate Monday because that body sat in joint session with the house during most of the day while the vote for governor and lieutenant governor was being canvassed.

Because of Senator McNeal's absence, no action was taken on his resolution for a constitutional convention by the committee on constitutional amendment. The committee, however, reported favorably Senator Hopkins' resolution authorizing the majority of the qualified voters of a county or subdivision of a county, paying taxes on property, to vote a special revenue tax not to exceed 75 cents on the \$100 and a vehicle tax of one cent on the dollar of tax reduction value on all vehicles for road-building and maintenance purposes.

The committee also reported a resolution to abolish the office of county treasurer and consolidate the offices of county tax collector and assessor.

The finance committee reported favorably Senator Caldwell's bill making an appropriation of \$152,500 to build an additional dormitory, and several smaller buildings at the new state school for the blind. Also \$90,000 for a new dormitory at the A. and M. College and \$41,000 for a power plant.

Monday the returns for governor and lieutenant governor were canvassed, and Tuesday at noon the governor was inaugurated for his second term.

On Tuesday at high noon Governor James E. Ferguson and Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby were escorted to the speaker's stand in the house of representatives by a joint committee of the two legislative bodies and there the oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Nelson Phillips of the state supreme court.

Senate committees are now working on about sixty bills.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the selection of chairman this week. Many names have been mentioned, such as Louis J. Wortham of Fort Worth, former Congressman John M. Moore of Houston, V. L. Shurtieff of Hillboro, Royal A. Ferris of Dallas, and others. The latest name heard is that of ex-Senator Marshall Hicks of San Antonio, who was mayor of San Antonio, and who recently received the largest vote of any Wilson presidential elector in Texas, or the United States, for that matter.

The Texas Company bill was favorably reported from the senate committee on mining Saturday. The bill is intended to give the Texas Company the same powers of oil production and refinement that the companies of other states possess. By its terms oil companies will be privileged to produce and refine oil under the same charter. They will have to divorce pipe lines, if they own any, and vest them in a separate corporation.

Two bills have already been passed, the mileage and per diem bill and the contingent expense bill. Both ran the gauntlet in the senate and were passed Thursday without a dissenting vote in the house.

An important house bill by Mr. Crudginton and others is to encourage foreign life insurance companies to invest their Texas reserves in Texas real estate. It is in effect an amendment to the Robertson compulsory investment law, although it does not affect the compulsory features in any way. The bill places the foreign life companies on the same footing with Texas life companies in the matter of taxation where certain amounts of Texas reserves are invested in Texas real estate. Where 30 per cent of the Texas reserves are invested in Texas liens, mortgages, promissory notes, etc., on Texas real estate, the annual tax shall be 2.6 per cent of gross annual premiums; where 50 per cent, the annual tax shall be 2.3 per cent; where 75 per cent, the tax shall be 2 per cent, and where the company has invested 100 per cent of Texas reserves in Texas real estate loans at a rate of interest not exceeding 6 per cent, exclusive of cost of title abstract examinations, there shall be no gross premium tax due the state of Texas.

Austin, Tex.—Both bodies of the thirty-fifth legislature settled down to business Thursday, the senate making a slight inroad on its calendar, although the house was deterred from advancing towards the passage of any bills by the fact that committees of the house had not yet been announced by Speaker Fuller.

The first measures to be passed through both houses were the mileage and per diem bills and the contingent expense bill. They were passed in both bodies under a suspension of the rules.

House sessions Saturday were devoted entirely to hearing new bills read and referred and to the reading of standing committees appointed by Speaker Fuller. Bills were read for the first time this session, there were introduced 224 bills and twenty joint resolutions, the accumulation of several days' filing.

Speaker Fuller announced Saturday committees for the following offices: Rules, criminal jurisprudence, appropriations, revenue and taxation, state affairs, constitutional amendments, education, public lands and land office, penitentiaries, state asylums, public debt, military affairs, public health, public buildings and grounds, public printing, claims and accounts, federal relations, privilege, suffrage and election, contingent expenses, enrolled bills, engrossed bills, judicial district, roads, bridges and ferries, municipal corporations, common carriers, private corporations, insurance, agriculture, commerce and manufacture, mines and mining, irrigation, forestry, games and fisheries, labor, banks and banking, liquor traffic, reforms in civil procedure, internal improvements—supreme judicial districts, senatorial districts, reforms in criminal procedure, counties, stock and stock-raising, juvenile reforms.

After a short session Friday devoted largely to unimportant matters, the senate adjourned until Monday morning in honor of the memory of the late Paul Waples of Fort Worth, who was chairman of the state democratic executive committee at the time of his death.

Short talks were made by Senators Hudspeh, Lattimore, Dayton and Bee. Similar resolutions were adopted in the house.

Several important measures were introduced in the senate during the session Thursday.

After a day of comparative rest in the house, the avalanche of bills descended Thursday, when during the day 105 measures were introduced, together with eight joint resolutions.

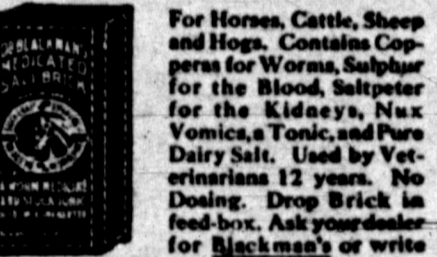
It is noticeable that many bills dealing with the clarification of the procedure in the judiciary of the state have been introduced in both branches and it is apparent that a concerted effort is to be made not only to clear up the congested condition of the dockets of the court, but also to define more clearly the jurisdiction of the lower courts in order to prevent another congestion.

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BEEES MAKE HIVE OF HOUSE
Four Swarms Removed From Building When a Fifth Arrives at Iowa Home.

Four swarms of wild bees recently have removed from the two-story house of Earl Berryman on the East side of Rockwell City, the Cedar Rapids (Io.) Gazette says. Three of them were located under the shingles on three corners of the building and one was bank of the weather boarding near the eaves on the south side of it. About three bushels of combs were removed, but the amount of white comb honey was not nearly so great as the fine yield this year from good hives in the neighborhood.

A fifth swarm arrived and endeavored to gain an entrance to the building at the eaves on the south side. Failing to find a suitable opening, this swarm clustered within and around a four-inch drain tile lying in the grass near the building.

A Generous Arrangement.
"Are you going to make any New Year resolutions?"
"No, I'm not going to be selfish. When I think of any improvement that's needed in my own case, I think of the many others who doubtless share the need. So I get our congressman to introduce a bill."

Before Drinking Coffee, You Should Consider Whether Or Not It Is Harmful
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The style-wise manikin is busy parading the newest thing in one-piece gowns before the practised eyes of buyers of ready-made dresses. First, he wonders how she gets into them; next, he wonders why she ever wears anything different, and finally he buys. Shortly you will be doing likewise, for the one-piece frock has made a hit with matron and maid.

The model shown here is designed for a miss who has arrived at the dignity of sixteen years, at least, or progressed somewhat beyond. It may be successfully made of any of the light-weight woolen fabrics, as serge, gaberdine, broadcloth, and other weaves. It is very effective made in small black-and-white shepherd's check, and trimmed with black braid instead of embroidery.

This dress looks too simple to need description, and it is simple, but less

than a glance conveys. It has a fitted lining under the waist, which supports the skirt and holds the waist in position.

A plaited and shirred panel is let into the plain, straight-hanging skirt, at each side.

The bodice is gathered into a belt and fastens along the shoulder and underarms with snap fasteners. The sleeves are large and gathered at the wrists into a narrow band. The easy turnover collar, faced with white, is of exactly the right character for a frock of this design.

Embroidery in rich colors brightens the bodice, girdle, and sleeves, and a little band of it appears on the panels in the skirt.

Julia Bottomley

When She Goes Bicycling



Inspiration for Clothes.

One designer has made a thorough study of the dainty portraits and groups of Watteau and has also drawn inspiration from the 1830 period.

The Chinese influence, introduced last season with the French Louis XV and XVI influence, has been chosen by another designer.

So it goes. Each of the great designers show some new note. Some even suggest Greek influence—and acknowledge it. But all the varying influences are brought together and modeled into

an interesting whole—and so presented to the American woman of fashion.

"Let Your Light Shine."

Let us always remember that hope in us kindles hope in others, that smiles, that trust creates trust, that goodness awakens goodness, that love awakens love, and that in unseen but sure ways integrity, strength and honor in us plant seeds of honor, strength and integrity in numberless other lives, many of whom we may know nothing of.—J. T. Sutherland.

ONE PEST DOOMED

SURGEON GENERAL GORGAS IS TO UNDERTAKE ANNIHILATION OF YELLOW FEVER.

BRAZIL AND ECUADOR AGREE

Guayaquil and Other Strongholds of the Dreaded Disease Are to Be Cleaned Up and Poison-Carrying Mosquitoes Exterminated.

By **GEORGE CLINTON.**

Washington.—Yellow Jack is to be annihilated.

William C. Gorgas, surgeon general of the United States army, has made a report to the Rockefeller Foundation to the effect that the governments of Brazil and Ecuador have consented that American physicians shall undertake the stamping out of yellow fever from the places in their countries where it exists, an operation which, when completed, will mean Yellow Jack is dead.

Unquestionably, within a short time, under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation, General Gorgas, with a staff of American physicians will proceed to Guayaquil, Ecuador, and to several localities in northern Brazil, there to undertake a work of the kind which in Havana and on the Isthmus of Panama made the American soldier-doctor's fame secure.

Naturally the surgeon general does not say that he will be the man chosen by the Rockefeller Foundation to undertake the grapple with yellow fever in its greatest strongholds, but the understanding is in Washington that the United States government will be asked to loan his services to the Foundation and that he will go long with his fellow physicians and scientists he will undertake the dangerous mission.

Learned What is Necessary.

From General Gorgas I have learned some of the details of his recent journey to South America. He was received with consideration by the authorities of the countries which he visited, and was given promises of help in the work which is to come. While in Ecuador and in Brazil the general made a close study of conditions. He learned enough to know thoroughly just what must be done in order to make successful the effort to get rid of yellow fever for all time.

Yellow fever exists today in Guayaquil, which is the chief port of Ecuador, a town of 50,000 people. The government is spending money to improve the sewerage system and the water supply of the town. Improvements have been made to an extent that will be helpful in the work of overcoming Yellow Jack. The fever mosquito breeds largely near human habitations in cisterns, small pools, and even in small vessels of water which are allowed to stand. Certain conditions precedent to driving out Yellow Jack must be met before the finishing work is done.

One thing will make the work of overcoming the disease difficult, but not too difficult to make success at all problematical. There are places in northern Brazil which are isolated and in which it is suspected that yellow fever lurks. Moreover, there are frequently cases of the disease which are so diagnosed, the illness of the patient being of such a light character that proper diagnosis by the local attendants is not always possible.

The American physicians must trace down every suspected case and make certain that the work is complete. The yellow fever mosquito will be exterminated in the immediate neighborhoods of the places where the fever exists. This will be done after the manner of the work in Havana and in Panama. Then all the known cases of yellow fever must be taken in charge, and it must be made certain that every one of the sick has been reached.

The experiments conducted by American medical officers have shown that it is possible for the mosquito to retain the poison from a yellow fever patient for 55 days. When it is known finally that for two months' time there has been no patient from whom it is possible for the mosquito to get a supply of poison, all danger of the spread of the disease or of its springing anew is passed, and dreaded Yellow Jack finally will be put into his grave.

National Zoo Needs Money.

Congress is to be asked to increase the appropriation for the National Zoological park located in Rock Creek park in the national capital.

The Smithsonian Institution with its record of seventy years of usefulness behind it is in charge of the zoological exhibits in Washington and it is the desire of the scientists to have the Washington zoo rank with those of other cities of the country, and if possible, to exceed them in the value of its natural history treasures.

Congress never has paid much attention to this educational institution in Washington. Year after year the

appropriation which has made has never varied from the fixed sum of \$100,000, and this amount has been appropriated regardless of what men who knew said were the "urgent necessities in the case." The Washington zoo is one of the most beautiful and most popular resorts for tourists in the District of Columbia.

The park receives many specimens from army and navy officers and from officers of the state department stationed abroad; also from foreign dignitaries, either directly or through officials of this government. Any person may feel free to present the park with birds or animals, and if the specimen be a particularly interesting one, credit to the donor usually is given in a legend hung upon the cage.

Animals received from these sources often have been rare and of especial interest and always have been gladly received; but the park officials, not having means to provide suitable permanent quarters for them, have been compelled to house them temporarily in such structures as could be built at the smallest possible cost. This is especially true of the bird collection, which includes many valuable and interesting specimens, but is exhibited in a frame building of the rudest and cheapest construction.

For years the superintendent has tried to point out to congress the urgent need of a new structure, but so far without lifting the annual appropriation above its prohibitive level. It is not even good business to continue the use of this old shack. This building, like many others in the park, is continually supplying object lessons in the ultimate costliness of cheap temporary construction. A new aviary could be built for \$80,000. Visitors often contrast this building with the houses for birds which are to be seen in other American cities, such as the one in Philadelphia zoological park, recently completed at a cost of some \$65,000; the beautiful building in Franklin park, in Boston, built in 1912-13, which cost about \$150,000, and the great general aviary building in the New York zoological park.

President a Hard Worker.

With eight-hour, immigration, corrupt political practices, and ten or a dozen other forms of important legislation confronting him in congress, President Wilson has a mentally anxious time of it, and a physically hard time of it with a score of daily duties, but he manages to find time for recreation and speech rest as recreation brings, plus a comparatively short night's sleep.

The president of the United States gets up early, sometimes as early as five o'clock, although it probably is not true that his invariable practice is to rise sometimes more than two hours earlier than at this season the sun leaves its bed. Woodrow Wilson, however, probably will go down in history, if history pays any attention to details, as the earliest-rising president in the history of the republic up to the time that the chronicle is written.

All presidents of the United States are forced to work hard. There may have been men who held the presidential position who by nature were lazy, but nature sometimes has to give way to the force of circumstances. Mr. Taft was not lazy, but he was leisurely. He had a habit of putting off things until a day or so, or perhaps an hour or so, before they must be done. Then he would pitch in and do the work of four men and do it without eating or sleeping. It is said that Mr. Taft was glad of the chance to be forced to abstain from eating because in his presidential days he was overweight.

Works Before Breakfast.

For an hour or two before he eats his breakfast President Wilson dictates letters to his stenographer. Then he has to meet callers, some of whom are on business bent and more of whom are not. An attempt has been made recently to keep down the number of mere handshaking visitors. Their ranks have been growing in recent years until something had to be done to limit the handshaking attendance during the morning hours in the White House.

When Theodore Roosevelt was president he met hundreds of visitors of the handshaking class. He had the gift of saying something nice to each one of them and getting rid of him almost instantly. President Taft could not do this. He could say the nice things all right, but he was inclined to chat on his own account, and at times almost the entire morning was given over to the job.

Woodrow Wilson does not see anything like as many visitors of this kind as his immediate predecessors in office did. Grief knows, however, that he sees enough of them. He cannot ignore the requests of members of congress who put in verbal petitions in behalf of their constituents who are sightseeing in Washington. The president, of course, is one of the sights of Washington.

Members of congress, however, have learned that they must discriminate, and now none of them sends visitors to the White House unless, for sharp personal and political reasons, he is compelled so to do.

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A quarter ounce of this freezone costs little at any drug store, but is sufficient to remove every corn or callus from one's feet. This is the only way to free the feet from corns and calluses without soreness, danger or infection.

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You feel different as soon as "Pape's Diapepsin" comes in contact with the stomach—distress just vanishes—your stomach gets sweet, no gases, no belching, no eructations of undigested food.

Go now, make the best investment you ever made, by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diapepsin from any store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia or bad stomach. Adv.

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The Christmas belle is satisfied if she gets a ring on her finger.

If your eyes smart or feel scalded, Roman Eye Balm applied upon going to bed is just the thing to relieve them.—Adv.

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CARNIVALS IN GENERAL.

A great deal is being said about the carnival that is in Crockett this week and which has not been permitted to put up its shows on account of the extremely bad weather. Word has come to Crockett that this is not a good carnival—that it is wicked and "punk." That is the best advertisement that could precede a carnival. Nobody has ever gone to a carnival expecting to attend a Sunday school or a religious revival. Now, everybody will go to see how wicked and "punk" it is, and the wickeder it is and the more "punk" it is the more like a carnival it will be. Which is to say that all carnivals are wicked and "punk," and they are, from an elevated point of view. The carnival has never furnished a high order of amusement or entertainment. All that can be said for the carnival—and we are speaking of all carnivals—is that they add to the frivolity of the world and invite the casting aside of serious thought—a dangerous thing for some, and an impossible thing for others. Now we do not suppose that the carnival in Crockett this week is any worse than the carnivals that have preceded it—if it is, it is "going some." The people of Crockett should have become familiar with carnivals by this time—they should know just what carnivals are, and if they do not want any more of them, they should insist on the enactment by the city council of an ordinance prohibiting these exhibitions within the city limits in the future. Such a step could be taken at the next session of the city council. And while this step is being taken, the ordinance should include

all tated theatrical shows, which are little better than carnivals, so far as a high order of amusement or entertainment is concerned.

As to the people connected with the carnival this week in Crockett, the Courier must say, in fairness to them, that they have conducted themselves in a manner beyond reproach, and we feel safe in saying that if there is any drunkenness when the carnival shows are opened up, it will not be by the carnival people or with their sanction.

The bootlegger, like the poor, we have always with us. But, unlike the poor, his identity is hard to establish. He flourishes most at Christmas time, at carnival time and at all other times of popular celebration. Being always here, the bootlegger is neither a Christmas gift nor a carnival gift. But he is a detriment to the Christmas spirit and a thorn in the side of the carnival company.

The Courier is of the belief that the carnival now in Crockett should be given a trial and that watch should be kept to see who the bootleggers and other lawbreakers are—whether carnival people or others—and we believe the carnival people will have nothing to lose by this course. It is our understanding that the management will not tolerate drinking or other misconduct by its employes. It is also our understanding that the Jacksonville "bootleggers" and "drunks" came near putting the carnival out of business in that city.

Those who wanted cold weather last week, by waiting a few days, got what they wanted. Trees and wires have been ice covered since Saturday night. Now that everybody has had a chance to help his neighbor kill his hogs, a change in the weather may be desirable.

POLL TAXES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The subscription price of the Courier will be a dollar a year until January 31, the last day in which you have to pay poll taxes. After January 31 the Courier will be \$1.50 a year. Should the price of print paper be lowered at any time following, the Courier has improvements in contemplation that will more than offset the difference in the subscription price. The Courier expects to continue to give the people their money's worth—in the future as in the past—and when the receipts justify improvements, such improvements as are justified will be made. The Courier believes

in paying its way as it goes and in putting back into the paper whatever is gotten out of it. It cannot do more than that and does not believe that more is expected by honest people. However, there is no necessity for any subscriber paying more than a dollar for the Courier for 1917 if he will but pay now and pay for a year in advance. We hope every subscriber who has not already done so will accept this invitation.

The Courier desires to thank Senator J. J. Strickland for an invitation from the citizens of Austin to a reception and ball in honor of the inauguration of his excellency, James E. Ferguson, governor of Texas, at 9 o'clock on Tuesday evening, January 16, 1917, in the state capitol at Austin, and to express regret at being unable, on account of pressing engagements and duties, to attend.

Farm Extension Campaign.

A campaign of education has been inaugurated by the farm extension departments of the state and national governments with the view of carrying direct to the people the benefits of the farm extension work. The campaign includes one meeting in every agricultural county of the state, and the itinerary was so arranged that the speakers were placed in Crockett on Wednesday of this week. A meeting was held in the court house at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. The following speakers, representing the different departments, were on hand and made talks:

Mrs. J. L. Landrum of the state department of agriculture, organizer for women's and girls' clubs.

Dr. J. G. Steele, B. A. I., of the national department of agriculture, expert on tick eradication.

G. S. Wehrwein of the state university extension department, expert in rural economics.

A. W. Buchanan of the state service, district agent for southeast Texas.

Geo. S. Bruce of the immigration and industrial department, I. & G. N. Railway Company.

Don T. Griswold of the A. & M. extension department, associate in animal husbandry.

These meetings are in the interest of the agricultural and industrial developments of the counties and to let the people know how they may be benefited by the extension departments. The Crockett meeting was specially instructive along these lines.

TREASURY PLANS TO REISSUE GREENBACKS

One and Two-Dollar Bills of Civil War Days Will Be Circulated.

Washington, Jan. 10.—A new issue of the one and two dollar greenbacks of civil war days, discontinued more than thirty years ago, will be put into circulation probably about February 1, displacing similar United States notes of larger denomination, to provide relief from the unprecedented demand for small paper money. The treasury department announcement tonight that the issue had been decided on because silver certificates, the ordinary bills of one and two dollar denomination, could not be issued under the law in sufficient quantities to meet the demand.

A limit of \$346,681,016 to the amount of outstanding federal notes was fixed by law in 1878 after the greenback had become an issue in politics, and had resulted in the birth of a new national party, backed largely by the farmers of the West and South. No greenbacks have been issued since 1885 and the amount of outstanding one and two dollar notes of that variety now is slightly over three million dollars. There is, however, \$102,445,300 out-

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Colquitt Must Pay for Chicken Saled.
Austin, Texas, January 10.—The supreme court Wednesday refused

a writ of error in the case of H. B. Terrell, comptroller, vs. W. C. Middleton, from Travis county. This is the so-called chicken salad and punch case, and Wednesday's action of the supreme court means that chicken salad, punch and other items mentioned in a list of expenditures for the governor's mansion during the Colquitt administration must be paid for by the former governor. Pat M. Neff of Waco, attorney for Comptroller Terrell, said a motion for rehearing will be filed.

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The Texas Company is engaged in purchasing, refining and marketing petroleum, and as a part of its business owns and operates a system of pipe lines. It is incorporated under the laws of Texas and is handicapped seriously by the inadequacy of its charter powers. It has no direct power to prospect for and produce crude oil. And as the law now stands it can obtain this power only by reorganizing and taking out a charter in some other state, thus becoming a corporation of that state and ceasing to be a corporation of Texas.

Heretofore the stockholders, by a separate producing organization, have borne the burden of obtaining the necessary crude supplies; and but for this arrangement the company could not have succeeded. This was workable when the organization was small and operations were on a narrow scale. But with the growth of the business and with varying and shifting stock ownership it has become subject to too many complications. The company is now manufacturing in Texas and marketing in nearly every country in the world the various finished products of Texas crude oil. It now has more than 10,000 employees, and its stockholders number about 4,000, including approximately 2,000 employees.

The competitors of this company are engaged in all branches of the business. Two of its principal competitors in Texas operate as limited partnerships or joint stock associations and therefore may pursue any business that an individual might pursue, the only restriction being such stipulations as the shareholders see fit to make among themselves. Another principal competitor is organized as a holding company, incorporated under the laws of another state, and owns the stock of three Texas corporations, one engaged in producing oil, another in refining and marketing, and a third in operating pipe lines, so that on the whole the stockholders have the benefit of an organization which covers all branches of the business.

The statement just made is not in criticism. The plan of including all branches of a single business is logical. Moreover, as applied to the oil business it is universal in all of the oil producing states and in foreign countries. In practically every state of the Union, except Texas, a corporation of this kind has the charter power to produce oil.

And it may not be inappropriate to say further in this connection that the limitations which the laws of Texas place on the charter powers of The Texas Company do not stop at the boundaries of the state; they follow the company wherever it goes; they follow it into other states and foreign countries where its competitors carry on all branches of the business and where the state of Texas can not prevent them from doing so. If anywhere on the Globe this company should do an act in excess of its powers as defined by the laws of Texas its charter would be subject to forfeiture.

No one would think of precluding a company engaged in the lumber business from going directly to the natural source of supply, taking timber leases or buying standing timber, and in that way acquiring its raw material. There as in the oil business the manufacturing merchant takes the raw or crude material and turns it into finished products. In each case the supply is limited as regards both locality and extent and the matter of obtaining supplies of the particular kinds needed and obtaining them at the times when needed and in the places where needed is of supreme importance. The same thought may be applied to mining or any industry where the operator must lay out large sums in plant and marketing facilities and is not warranted in doing so unless he is to have a free hand in obtaining the raw material. He must be allowed to protect his investment, otherwise he is at the mercy of hostile forces and can be destroyed at their will or upon an event of chance. To exclude an oil company from taking leases and producing oil, and thereby require it to buy from those who may happen to have wells and produce some oil, would mean to any concern operating on a large scale precisely the same that it would mean to the owner of a sawmill if he should be prohibited from acquiring standing timber and required to buy his logs at retail. And furthermore, as previously indicated, it is not a question of what might be ideal if we were at the inception of this industry; the business has pitched itself along certain lines; and these lines are universal and world-wide.

The position of The Texas Company was fully explained to the last legislature, but there was opposition to the bill introduced for its relief, and the matter was delayed and finally crowded out near adjournment. The company did not then, and it does not now, ask any special favors, or for the enactment of a law which would not apply to all similarly situated, or for any change in the settled policies of the state; but it did desire and it still desires some fair and suitable relief; such legislation as will remove the handicap and accord it those lawful corporate rights that are enjoyed by companies organized in such states as California, Oklahoma or Louisiana. It will present the matter to the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

THE TEXAS COMPANY

Safety

Is an Important Element
In Drug Store Service

There is no other line of business which demands the same care as the sale of drugs. This carefulness not only refers to an effort to avoid errors, but it includes care in buying, handling and selling of everything a druggist has in stock. The important mission of the druggist is to safeguard the interests of the public. In order to accomplish this, constant care must be exercised. We are careful, and we solicit the trade of persons who appreciate the fact that care counts. Let us be your family druggists in nineteen-seventeen.

Phone 47 or 140

Bishop Drug Company

THE PROMPT SERVICE STORE

Local News.

Miss Mary McLean is visiting in Austin.

Get your plow tools from Jas. S. Shivers & Co. tf.

Break your cold or la grippe with a few doses of 666. 50-13t.

Hon. J. D. Sallas was home from Austin Saturday and Sunday.

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

Jas. S. Shivers & Company want, in addition to their regular customers, 300 to 500 more. tf.

Rub-My-Tism — Antiseptic, relieves rheumatism, sprains, neuralgia, etc. 50-13t.

We have a complete line of the Oliver chilled plow tools now on hand. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

We have Packard Mazda lamps for automobile, home, office or store. tf The Rexall Store.

If you buy a mule, buy a good one that's broke. We have what you want. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John Towles and daughters, Mamie Nell and Annie Beth, left Monday for their home in Houston.

Oliver chilled plows, middle bursters, stalk cutters, planters, in fact everything in farming implements, at Jas. S. Shivers & Co's. tf.

For Sale.

Thirty head well-broke horses and mules—cash or credit. tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Mrs. P. R. Denman of Houston and Rev. W. H. Baker of Vernon are among those renewing for the Courier this month.

Mules, all broke and ready for work, three to seven years old, for cash or on credit. tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Mrs. Susie Stephens of Nacogdoches will get the Courier as a present from one of her brothers of the Grounds community.

G. B. Kent of Grapeland Rt. 4 and J. M. Saxon and Ben Janes are among those getting in on our dollar rate before February 1.

Buy what you need in farming implements now before the enormous advance in price goes into effect. tf. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Money to Loan.

The First National Bank of Crockett has money to loan to good farmers on well secured chattel mortgages. 52-4t.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint B. Southworth of Monroe, Mich., visiting in New Orleans, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore from Saturday until Tuesday.

Little Folks!

We have a limited number of balloons and will give one with each five-cent purchase of school supplies as long as they last. tf. Crockett Drug Company.

Mrs. Willis Higginbotham of Dallas arrived Thursday afternoon from Houston, where she has been visiting a sister, Mrs. P. R. Denman. After visiting her sister, Mrs. J. H. Painter, in this city, she will return to her home in Dallas.

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Dr. William H. Howell of Dallas is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edmiston, who also have as their guest Mrs. Chas. Whitney of New York.

A bargain if taken at once—one 7-passenger Studebaker car, in first-class condition. Cash or terms. tf. R. T. Kent, Grapeland. Farmers' Union Phone No. 5.

All successful advertisers agree that newspaper advertising beats handbills. You can't induce a successful advertiser to use a handbill if he fails to get his ad. in the newspaper.

Boot-Leggere in Jail.

Sheriff R. J. Spence has the following boot-leggers in jail: Elias Lopez, Bonifacio Munoz and Santos Rodriques, Mexicans; Will Robbins, negro.

Jas. S. Shivers & Company want to let out \$100,000.00 to \$150,000.00 to assist the farmers in making crops this year. To do this they will need 300 to 500 more customers. tf.

J. R. Luce of Grapeland Rt. 2, J. W. Hooks of Crockett Rt. 1 and George H. Denny are among those who will get the Courier next year for a dollar by paying now and in advance.

A railroad meeting will be held at the court house Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock for the purpose of considering the possible extension of the Cotton Belt from Kennard to Crockett.

J. M. James of Weldon, J. D. Caskey and David Caskey of Grapeland Rt. 1 and N. A. Grounds of Crockett Rt. 1 are among those taking advantage of our present low subscription offer.

J. E. Bean of Grapeland Rt. 3, J. A. Davidson of Crockett Rt. 3 and Avery Lovelady of Lovelady are among advance payments before February 1, when the increase becomes effective.

J. B. Ash of Creek Rt. 1, F. A. Rogers of Hutchinson, Kans., and Judge B. H. Gardner of Palestine are among those whose subscriptions will not cost them over a dollar the coming year.

Karl Porter of Rt. 2 and J. K. Jones of Rt. 1 are among the number renewing this month—before the price goes up. Mr. Jones is also sending the Courier to Mrs. H. K. Monroe of Portales, N. M.

G. W. McDougald of Creek, Walter Newman of Augusta, J. C. Patrick of Creek Rt. 1 and Hon. B. F. Dent are among subscribers paying for more than a year on account of the increase effective February 1.

The Growth

Of our business is most noticeable in our prescription end of it. Many patrons are phoning us to call for their prescriptions. You do not know how we appreciate it. Let more people favor us this way. tf. Crockett Drug Company.

For Sale.

I have some good, well broke mules, wagons and harness for sale. Also one well bred stallion that is a nice driver and does all the gaits—known as the scriber horse. 1-2t. * Available, as the Ellis. * is necessary for the modern newspaper.

Means a disagreeable lifetime. Washington Red Cedar shingles are the kind. We have a new car of extra fine quality to invite you to inspect your need to have a large supply of service next time. Prices lowest obtainable. tf. Brooke-Morris Lumber Co.

Real Estate and Loans.

We have real estate for sale and we would like to examine any vendor lien notes you may have for sale.

CALL ON US AT OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

"Anything Will Do for the Bathroom"

That is what some think when considering its wall covering. But that is wrong.

It can be made just as artistic in its conception as any part of the house. We give the same care and attention to buying wall coverings and enamels for the bathroom as we do the bedroom, hall or livingroom. We have them in stock.

The Rexall Store

J. R. Luce sold a Poland China hog in Crockett Saturday for \$51. The hog weighed 600 pounds and brought 8½ cents a pound. This was not his first one to sell and he has several hundred dollars' worth left.

Farm Loan Association.

On account of not receiving the proper application blanks, little was done at the meeting of the local association last Saturday, so the meeting was adjourned until Saturday of this week at two o'clock.

Shingle your house just once during your lifetime. Washington Red Cedar shingles are the kind. We have a new car of extra fine quality and invite you to inspect them. Also have a large supply of Cypress Clippers. Prices lowest obtainable. tf. Brooke-Morris Lumber Co.

The United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet with Mrs. D. A. Nunn Saturday afternoon. A special feature of the meeting is the commemoration of the lives of Generals Lee and Jackson. An interesting program is being arranged with the view of having a full attendance.

Coming Again.

No doubt our many patrons and the general public will be glad to learn that Dr. Shelfer will be with us again on Wednesday, February 7. Many good people of Crockett, this county and east Texas are wearing glasses fitted by Dr. Shelfer with best results. Remember, please, Dr. Shelfer has no "partners" at all and does business through responsible druggists only. Don't forget the date, as he will be with us one day only this trip, Wednesday, February 7. Come to see us and have your eyes fitted. Bishop Drug Company, Crockett, Texas. 1t.

This New Year

Means much to us. We are looking forward to a larger clientele. You, Mr. Customer, who never think of us, it would make us feel mighty grateful if you would fifty-fifty on the drug part of your business. Give us a call once in awhile. We appreciate your patronage. tf. Crockett Drug Company.

Depository Notice.

Notice is given that the commissioners' court of Houston county, Texas, at its next regular February term of the said court, will receive sealed bids from any banking corporation or association as depository for handling the county funds for the two years next, and the highest rate of interest they will allow on daily balances.

E. Winfree, County Judge, Houston County, Texas.

B. F. DENT

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