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## Texas To The Front.

EDITOR COURIER:

Sixty years ago a little band of colonists scattered over a large area then a wilderness invaded at regular intervals by hostile and bloodthirsty savages, contemptuously threw off the yoke of Mexico and declared Texas a free and independent republic. The heroic manner in which they fought and bled for that independence challenged the admiration of the world. The boldness of this handful of hunters—scarcely enough to settle an organized county—in fixing the boundaries of their claims, was something unparalleled in history. The gall of the Saxon adventurer who bought a bushel of British dirt, sowed it over Great Britain and claimed the whole island on account of it, sinks into insignificance compared with the audacity of Houston, Austin and their compatriots in delineating the boundaries of the republic of Texas. Taking the Sabine and the Gulf of Mexico as their bases, their westward sweep was so grand that the only wonder is that they paused at the shores of the "Rio Bravo" instead of planting their little flag of defiance upon the shores of the Pacific. This they literally did a few years later. For had it not been for the revolution in Texas "Old Glory" might never have floated above the hills of the Golden Gate and the harbor of San Francisco. Yet, vast as was the empire mapped out by those heroes in their log hut for a land office, not one foot of this immense area was ever yielded to their enemies or even alienated by the treaty of annexation, except by sale for value received, as in the transfer of New Mexico to the United States by the state of Texas. But the grandest stroke of statesmanship in all the thrilling history of Texas was the act of a single man.

After the president of Mexico had been vanquished at San Jacinto, and was captured by the Texans, General Houston did for Texas what I believe no other mortal man would or could have done. Imagine the thirst for revenge that rankled in the hearts of the Texans when they beheld within their power the person of him who had raised the black flag of "no quarter" at the siege of the Alamo, and by whose orders Col. Fannin and his men, prisoners of war, were murdered at Goliad. The Texans, an army of irregulars, untamed to restraint, strangers to discipline, flushed with victory, intoxicated with the blood of recent conflict, who else on earth but Sam Houston could have saved the skin of Santa Anna from being perforated with a thousand bullets?

It was a supreme moment in the history of Texas. Houston lay under a tree suffering from a painful wound, but Houston was a man whose presence of mind never forsook him. Count Von Bismarck, negotiating the surrender of Napoleon III at Sedan, was no greater statesman or diplomat than was the wounded hunter of Texas at San Jacinto. Houston knew the eyes of the civilized world were upon Texas. The Texans had acquired no belligerent rights. They were regarded as adventurers and rebels and their execution as felonies by Santa Anna met with no

resentment at any court. His was a war of extermination. Ours one of despair.

The Mexicans still had a large army in Texas ready to avenge the death of their president. Had he been lynched the Texans would have forfeited every claim to civilized sympathy. The rash discharge of a single gun might have sealed the doom of Texas forever. Houston alone saw the crisis. With the wisdom of a great statesman he weighed all the international questions involved. With the eye of an eagle he saw the gravity of the situation. With the shrewdness of a Caesar he estimated the value of his hostage, and with the boldness of a Napoleon, he dictated terms of peace. The treaty was signed, Santa Anna was released, but Texas was free!

Again, in forming our first constitution, the fathers of Texas showed a degree of sagacity commensurate with the greatness of the empire they ruled. By magnificent donations of public lands they founded the best system of public education in the world. While living in the rudest huts and clothed with the skins of wild animals, they provided for the University of Texas, an endowment unequalled by that of any state university in the South.

Most of those heroes have passed away. Many of them, like Caleb and Joshua, lived to see the fruits of their wisdom and bravery. The survivors have now before them the grandest state in the Union with its network of railroads riveted together by hundreds of thriving, up-to-date cities, its immense crops of cotton, corn and wheat, its variety in climate, soil and people, producing somewhere within its bounds, in the greatest perfection, nearly every agricultural product known to the American farmer, its vast areas of grazing lands covered with innumerable herds of cattle, sheep and horses, its great lumbering region and untold, but now dormant, mineral wealth. Texas has no equal in resources on the globe. Every resident in this state, whether it be the land of his birth or adoption, from the colored cotton picker of the river bottom to the governor of Texas, should feel proud that he is a Texan and go to work and try to contribute something of his own creation to the material prosperity of this great state. Those who leave Texas come back, and those who stay here and work can never fail to prosper.

## NATIVE.

### A Quorum Wanting.

The Democratic Executive Committee of the county were summoned to meet at Crockett on Monday last, at 10 a. m. Of those living in the county only the following were present: Dr. F. C. Woodard, W. P. Kyle, E. M. Calher, W. J. Murchison. A quorum of the committee necessitates the presence of ten. Failing to get a quorum, those present adjourned and a call was issued for a meeting for Friday, the 28th inst., when it is hoped a full committee will be on hand.

### Strayed.

One black horse 15 hands high, heavy mane and tail, little white on hind feet, scar on left thigh.  
E. W. CLARK.  
Grapeland, Texas

## The Good Work Goes On.

One enterprise is hardly completed in Crockett when another is begun. Step by step all the accessories of a live, wideawake city are coming, and within a few years Crockett will be equipped with all the substantial evidences of a progressive civilization. J. B. Smith has begun work on the ice factory, and within sixty days he expects to be making ice. The plant will be of the most recent type, embodying all the improvements which have been made in this line of mechanical skill. The capacity of the factory will be six tons a day, and ice will be sold to local consumers at one half cent per pound. The price will put this luxury, or rather necessity, within the reach of all.

Another enterprise is on foot, or rather, sufficiently advanced to enable us to say that it will be established. Monk Brothers are preparing to put up and have in operation by fall, a ginning and compressing outfit of the latest and most improved pattern. This enterprise will be located at or near the present planing plant, and will include a battery of gins of the best and most improved type with all attachments for hauling, cleaning, ginning and compressing cotton with ease and dispatch. They will introduce the Bessonette system of compressing cotton and putting it in cylinder bales. Heretofore cotton bought in Crockett was compressed at Houston or some other point. After Monk Brothers put in the new method of compressing cotton, this will be done here which will prove a very decided benefit to Crockett as well as to the producers of cotton. The eyes of foreign capitalists are turning towards Crockett as a field for investment.

A gentleman representing eastern capitalists was in our town last week looking over the situation with the view of establishing waterworks. He spent but a short time investigating and sounding the public on the matter. He will return and look into the matter again. He wants the city to take and pay for a certain number of hydrants and the citizens to subscribe for hydrants for their homes. He met with a great deal of encouragement from our people, and the prospect for getting the system put in is good if the people will subscribe as liberally as they now talk of doing. The plant will cost from forty to fifty thousand dollars, and it is evident to the most casual observer that it calls for liberal patronage. The decrease in insurance rates alone, which are now so high as to be almost prohibitory, will make up a sum that will go a long way toward paying a fair dividend on the cost of a system of waterworks.

Besides the above, on all hands are to be seen and heard evidences of improvement and progress. New residences are going up in nearly every quarter of the city. Property changes hands almost daily, and every one who has a family or a fair prospect of getting one, is trying to buy a home or a lot on which to erect one. The Loan and Investment Company of Crockett, with a capital stock of fifty thousand dollars, will organize in a few days, and within sixty days will

be lending money, and in this way helping to build up the city. The stock is subscribed for liberally by nearly all to whom it is offered, thus showing the confidence of our people in the undertaking, as well as their willingness to do all in their power to help on the spirit of enterprise which is now more pronounced than ever before in the history of the city. Without adventurous aid in the matter of railroad shops, like Palestine, or the profuse drippings from the treasury of the state in the matter of a Normal School and a State Penitentiary, like Huntsville, to help us, our little city, relying on the public spirit of the citizens and the incomparable resources and advantages of the country surrounding and tributary to it, is forging to the front at a gait that makes her people proud of her.

## Cheap Metropolitan Papers.

There is no excuse nowadays for a citizen to subscribe for a great metropolitan paper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "Twice-a-Week" Republic of St. Louis, which is credited with the largest circulation of any weekly paper, is only \$1 a year, and for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 copies a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns this year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" Republic will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities.

The Daily and Sunday Republic can now be had by mail for a little more than one cent and a half a day, or \$6 a year when paid in advance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has increased its value two-fold by adding many valuable features.

## Election Notice.

It is ordered by the commissioners' court of Houston county, Tex., that an election be held at the residence of John McIver on the 31st day of March, 1896, for the purpose of enabling the freeholders of each subdivision to determine whether or not hogs, sheep and goats shall be permitted to run at large within the following boundaries: Beginning at the mouth of Rackard's creek where it flows into the Trinity river, thence up said creek and with the southeast boundary line of the John Durst survey to the northeast corner of said survey, thence with the north line of said John Durst survey to the northwest corner of said county, thence with the west line of said John Durst survey to where it crosses Stewart's slough the second time about one mile from Trinity river, thence down said Stewart's slough to where it empties into the Trinity river, thence down said river to the place of beginning. It is ordered by the court that L. L. Hall be appointed manager of said election.

Given under my hand and seal of office, February 26, 1896.  
A. A. ALDRICH,  
County Judge H. C.

## Is It Worth while to Establish a College in Crockett?

EDITOR COURIER:—Since I threw out the suggestion of a college in a former article, quite a number of good citizens have expressed to me their desire to have such an institution, but no tangible movement has been made. I have made no canvass of the matter and do not expect to do so. I will say, as I intimated before, that if the citizens are in earnest and will subscribe liberally—say donate ten acres of ground and \$20,000 for a building—I will do all I can to have the Presbytery establish a college here. If an offer should be made to bring a new railroad to Crockett on condition of raising \$20,000, I believe the amount would soon be raised. But such a college as we have in view might be worth as much financially as a new railroad, and much more in a social point of view. Besides the money that a large number of boarding students would bring to the town annually, such an institution would be likely to lead a number of good families to move to Crockett. Then the college, once established, even in a small way to begin, the Presbytery would exert itself to add to it and enlarge its advantages. Patronage and funds from abroad would be likely to flow in from time to time. Even if it should require twenty or fifty years to fully equip such an institution, the town would be abundantly repaid for all the money invested at the start. To illustrate how such things sometimes work, I append the following extract from the late papers in regard to a female college in South Carolina:

"Converse College has lately received donations amounting to over \$100,000. Mr. D. E. Converse heads the list with a gift of \$70,000, the board of directors, the citizens of Spartanburg and other friends of the college give over \$30,000. The gifts to the college are in perpetuity and the management of the college is vested by special charter and incorporation in the hands of a self-perpetuating board of trustees, and the college is made a perpetual gift to the cause of education. The college is not yet six years old, but its success has been phenomenal. The enrollment of students this year is 350, from sixteen states and Canada."

If our citizens are much interested in this matter would it not be advisable to call a public meeting at the court house to consider and decide what action should be taken?  
S. F. TENNEY.

The exposure to all sorts and conditions of weather that a lumberman is called upon to endure in the camps often produces severe colds which, if not promptly checked, result in congestion or pneumonia. Mr. J. O. Davenport, ex-manager of the Fort Bragg Redwood Co., an immense institution at Fort Bragg, Cal., says they sell large quantities of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at the company's store and that he has himself used this remedy for a severe cold and obtain immediate relief. This medicine prevents any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia and insure a prompt recovery. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

Mrs. Charles Stokes has returned from Trinity, where she was visiting her son, R. E. Stokes, who has been quite ill, but is now better.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

The clock has been ordered and it is expected to be up and in working trim by the middle of April or the first of May. The full amount of five hundred dollars has not been all raised, but we are depending on the city council helping to the amount of one hundred dollars, and, relying on this, the contract has been closed and the clock ordered.

Crap shooters had their day in Justice Ellis' court last Friday and they got the worst of it. Six negroes, who had been caught in the act, pleaded guilty to the offense of "shooting" the spotted cubes and the fine and costs amounted to \$23.75 each. Four of them made convict bonds and two paid up.

District court opens here next Monday. The docket, both civil and criminal, is light. It is probable that criminal business will not be taken up until the fourth week, as the first week will be devoted to civil business and there are no jurors drawn for the second and third weeks.

Some time ago Mr. Simon Goldbaum of San Luis Rey, Cal. was troubled with a lame back and rheumatism. He used Chamberlain's Pain Balm and a prompt cure was effected. He says he has since advised many of his friends to try it and all who have done so have spoken highly of it. It is for sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

We hear of several weddings in the near future, about the time of dogwood blossoms, we presume. It is the season when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love. It always affords great pleasure to chronicle nuptial events, but it will afford us a degree of infinite pleasure to chronicle some hinted at. In fact, we would write them up in a vein of more pleasure than than we would or could our own if such an event were to come off—an event, from present indications, infinitely remote.

Last Sunday night at the residence of his mother, seven miles northwest of the city, H. D. Waller, a young man well known in Crockett, died of pneumonia after an illness of two weeks. He was the nephew of Sheriff Waller and had recently married Miss Hattie Webb. He was a young man of excellent character, a good and useful citizen, respected by all who knew him and his death is greatly deplored by a large circle of friends.

In a recent editorial the Salem, Oregon, Independent says: "Time and again have we seen Chamberlain's Cough Remedy tried and never without the most satisfactory results. Whenever we see a person afflicted with hoarseness, with a cough or cold, we invariably advise them to get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy; and when they do, they never regret it. It always does the work, and does it well."—For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, druggist.

This Democratic Executive Committee of Houston county, on the occasion of their meeting to day, (Friday) invites expression from all democrats who wish to make their views known respecting the financial issue and the method which should be adopted to test the sentiment of the party. All who have convictions on the subject should come forward at the meeting and make them known. The committee have no settled plan in view but will gladly listen to all who desire to be heard. After doing so, they will then proceed to discuss the matters among themselves and to agree upon plans for organizing the party and inaugurating the campaign.

Watch this space,  
S. H. OWENS, The Grocery Man.

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**J. E. DOWNES**

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**Estray Notice.**  
Taken up by J. T. Bridges, at his residence near Grapeland, Texas and estrayed before J. A. Davis, Justice Peace Pre. No 5, on Feby. 7th 1896. The following described animal: One sorrel pony mare about 2 years old, 14 hands high, Spanish brand on jaw, left hip and shoulder and appraised at \$15.  
Given under my hand and seal of office 13th day of Feb. 1896.  
N. E. ALBRIGHT,  
Co. Cl'k H. Co. Tex.

**Election Notice.**

It is ordered by the city council of the city of Crockett, Texas, that an election be held within the corporate limits of the city of Crockett on Tuesday, the 7th day of April, 1896, for the election of a mayor, two aldermen and a city attorney of said city to serve for two years.

Passed February 11, A. D. 1896.  
J. C. WOOTTERS,  
Mayor of Crockett, Texas.  
Attest:  
JOHN SPENCE,  
Sec. City of Crockett, Texas

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T. C. Jively, of Augusta, was in town Tuesday.

The Huntsville Item of last week had a brilliant write-up of the masquerade ball in our sister city on the evening of St. Valentine's day. The occasion must have been one of rare charm, from the attractive style in which it is described. One of Huntsville's bright and accomplished young ladies reported the event for the Item. She evidently wields a facile, graceful pen, and in a manner to command admiration.

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For sale by J. G. Haring, Druggist.

There is some talk of having two primaries for nominating a county ticket.

Mrs. Bettie Smith has been quite seriously sick for some weeks and is still so.

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## BALTIMORE HORROR.

SEVEN PEOPLE ASPHYXIATED BY A FIRE.

One Fatally Hurt by Jumping From a Window—Five Others More or Less Injured—Disposition of the Dead and Injured—Other News.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 24.—Seven were asphyxiated, one fatally hurt by jumping from a window and five others more or less injured by a fire in the residence of James R. Arminger, a prominent jeweler, at 1806 Charles street, yesterday morning. The house in which the holocaust occurred is one of a row of granite-front residences belonging to the A. S. Abel estate, on Charles street, just north of Lafayette avenue. It is four stories high and contained much rare bric-a-brac, plate and unique jewelry, of which Mr. Arminger was an enthusiastic collector. In the house were just thirteen people. Of these ten were members of the Arminger household, two were servants and the other, Mr. Manuel, was a guest who had been visiting the Arminger family for the past two or three days. It was his purpose to have returned to his home in New York Saturday night, but Mr. Arminger prevailed on him to remain until Monday. All of these were in their bed rooms on the upper floors, some being partially dressed, when at 7.45 the fire was discovered. The inmates of the front rooms crowded to the windows, making most pitiful appeals for help. The people shouted to them not to jump, but Alice Williams disregarded their warnings, and with an appalling shriek sprang from the fourth story window and struck the stone steps full upon her forehead, fracturing her skull and sustaining other injuries from which she will die. The firemen soon reached the scene and the remaining inmates of the doomed house were carried down the ladders. In a front room the firemen found four bodies, two women, one man and one child. The injured were taken to the home of neighboring friends. The dead were carried to the residence of Dr. K. B. Bachelor, where every effort was made to resuscitate them without avail. The fire originated from an overheated furnace and was soon under control.

### Satoli En Route.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 22.—Cardinal Satoli, legate of the sovereign pontiff, Leo XIII, accompanied by his private secretary, Father Osban, both of Washington, left here last night over the Southern Pacific for Galveston, where his eminence will celebrate pontifical high mass next Sunday. They go to San Antonio Monday and will be in El Paso Wednesday. Three days will be spent with the Pueblos at the Indian villages, Isleta and Albuquerque, where Indian festivities will be celebrated. Three days will be spent at Santa Fe, then on to Denver, where receptions and religious exercises covering two days have been arranged. From Denver the route leads to Kansas City, where another pontifical mass will be celebrated Sunday, March 8. Then Cardinal Satoli goes to St. Louis. One month will be consumed in this tour of the southwest.

### Total of Prisoners.

HAVANA, Feb. 25.—The men arrested on the charge of stealing ammunition were tried here yesterday by court martial. They are being protected from the populace by civil guards, as a great deal of bitter feeling has been expressed against them. Small bands of insurgents have appeared at Baccarano, Santa Fe and Gallego, near this city. The insurgent leader L'Englisito, whose real name is said to be Alfred Godoy, or God, and who is reported to be a native of Illinois, has been brought here from Guinez with sixteen other prisoners of war. Nine of the latter are to be sent to the African prisons and the remainder to the Isle of Pines.

### Suicide After Prayer.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 25.—After a prayer with a fervent "amen" on his lips, Bruno Bodeman early yesterday morning sent a bullet plowing through his breast. Bodeman was until a short time ago a wealthy real estate dealer in this city. A divorce suit was followed by business troubles, and a month ago he fled. Sunday night he came back, called on his wife, bade her good bye, kissed the children, went to the outskirts of the city, prayed and fired a shot into his breast, inflicting a fatal wound.

### Wife Murderers to Hang.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 25.—John Coleman, convicted of the murder of his wife and another woman near Russellville last November, was yesterday sentenced to be hanged on April 13, at Bardanelle. Marshal Anberson, colored, will be hanged at Malvern, Ark., on April 13 for the murder of his wife last September.

Senator Caffery has given notice of an amendment he intends to offer to the tariff bill.

### A Later Report.

NEW CASTLE, Col., Feb. 20.—Yesterday when the work of rescue was temporarily suspended the Vulcan mine had, all told, yielded up four of its dead, and that was the work of exactly twenty-four hours. How many more bodies are yet in the mine is still a matter of conjecture, although the most reliable figures make the number forty-seven. The officials of the Vulcan fuel company have checked up fifty-one lamps in all that were given out Tuesday. Probably it will be found out that there are four or five more, but without any apparent question the number of victims will not exceed fifty-six. Work was temporarily stopped about noon yesterday for the purpose of flooding the slope and the chambers of the mine, with the hope of driving out by air flooding gases that remained after Tuesday's explosion. All night shifts of men working twenty-four hours each, were kept employed putting up an air fan. Simultaneously crews of five to ten men were sent into the death trap by way of the main slope entrance and the air passage to work their way, if possible, to where the bodies of the dead men lay. This work was accompanied with the most imminent peril, owing to the black damp with which the mine is filled. Fully twenty men were carried into the outer air overcome by the gases. The work being thus impeded, progress was slow and the results discouragingly small. At noon yesterday 500 feet of the main slope had been penetrated and three bodies brought out. The first body was that of Abel Doer, a boy. The second was that of Joe Doer, brother of Abel, and the third was that of Frank Konkitchky, a carpenter, brought out at 2.30 o'clock yesterday morning. As the work goes on it becomes certain that the mine has not caught fire.

### A Horrible Hanging.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 21.—The hanging of James Fitzgerald yesterday for the murder of his sweetheart, Anne Naessens, on November 23, 1893, was one of the most horrible affairs that has ever happened in this city. At 10.12 the prisoner stood upon the gallows. The black cap and nose were soon adjusted. Fitzgerald's legs were bound and with a protestation of innocence on his lips, his body was launched through the trap at 10.17, but not to death. A cry of horror went up from the crowd about the yard as the body of the law's victim fell sprawling, struggling and strangling under the doctors below. The rope had broken. The horror-stricken doctors picked the man up and stood him on his feet. "Loosen the rope, for God's sake! I'm choking!" he gasped. Bound hand and foot, and with the black cap still drawn tightly over his head, he was carried into the morgue and laid on a slab. For fifty minutes the condemned man endured terrible agony. Outside in the jail yard an angry, horror-stricken crowd watched the exciting scene. From pity or the dying man their expression turned to immense disgust as the horror of the situation dawned upon them. Then angry murmurs arose, and imprecations were hurled at the men on the scaffold. As a measure of safety a detail of police was sent to the jail yard. A new rope was procured after much delay and finally strung up. Five deputies carried Fitzgerald to the gallows and supported him until the drop fell at 11.03 o'clock, just an hour and five minutes after the trap was first sprung. He was pronounced dead, his neck having been broken. Fitzgerald's father, mother and sister died of grief as the result of his conviction.

### A Big Prize Fight.

LANGTRY, Tex., Feb. 22.—Fitzsimmons is champion of the world in the heavy weight class. It took a little more than a minute of fighting for him to knock Peter Maher out and win the title. The fight was sharp while it lasted. Both were confident, Fitzsimmons so much so that he seemed a trifle careless. Peter seemed a trifle nervous. Fitzsimmons took the aggressive from the call of time and forced Maher toward his (Maher's) corner. There Maher made a stand. His head fell short and he clinched. Maher led twice after he had been broken away by the referee, landing lightly on the chest. Fitzsimmons smiled as he evaded the blow. Two clinches followed, then Fitz led with his left, landing lightly. He followed quickly with a short half-arm swing with his right, landing upon Maher's left jaw point. The Irishman fell upon his back, his head hitting the floor with a thud and a thump. His eyes rolled glassily and the fight was over. There were four clinches and then more than a half dozen exchanges followed. The fight took place in the state of Coahuila, Mexico, just across the river.

### Child Killed by a Tree.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 19.—I. K. Rogers and his son, who live five miles north of this place, were sawing down a very large tree. Mr. Rogers' little daughter, 3 years old, was standing near, unknown to him, until the tree had nearly reached to the ground. She was caught under the top of the falling tree and killed.

## A TRIPLE TRAGEDY.

A BOHEMIAN SHOTS HIS WIFE AND SON.

He Then Commits Suicide by Hanging Himself—Wounded Parties May Recover—Ex-Treasurer of Comanche Co. Convicted of Forgery.

WEIMAR, Tex., Feb. 24.—Joe Machel, a Bohemian, about 50 years of age, living about three miles east of Weimar, was in Weimar Saturday purchasing some goods, got full of whisky and went home. He became frenzied, shot his wife near the left nipple, wounding her seriously, shot his fourteen year old boy in the right side, and then committed suicide by hanging himself. The wife and son were still living at last reports, and may recover.

### Wanted in Alabama.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 22.—A. H. Draper has been arrested here, charged with the theft of court records on January 10, 1895, from United States circuit court of the northern district of Alabama. The papers he is alleged to have stolen were witness pay rolls, certified to by Robert Chariton, then a United States commissioner. The papers stolen were part of the evidence against Chariton, charged with rendering false claims against the United States and who was arrested here last week. Draper has waived further proceedings for his removal to Birmingham, where the indictment against him was drawn.

### Says He Was Robbed.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Feb. 24.—Yesterday morning Collins Adams, who runs a small grocery store on East Twelfth street, reported at the police headquarters that he was sitting in his store Saturday night, when a man entered, pointed a pistol at his head and ordered him to hand over all the money he had. Adams promptly complied, when the stranger backed out of the door, closed it, held his pistol against the glass until he saw his way of escape clear and then left. He threatened to kill Adams if the latter made any outcry. Adams said he was afraid to get out to summon help until the man had escaped.

### Convicted of Forgery.

COMANCHE, Tex., Feb. 24.—In the case of the state of Texas against A. J. Caffey, ex-treasurer of Comanche county, in which he was charged with forgery, in the district court Saturday the jury brought in a verdict of guilty and assessed his punishment at three years in the penitentiary. Mr. Caffey stood high in the public estimation up to the time of his indictment. There are several cases still pending against him of a similar character. Mr. Caffey is about 75 years old.

### The Cardinal in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Feb. 25.—Cardinal Satoli, accompanied by his Secretary Dr. Orban and several members of the Catholic clergy from Galveston, arrived in San Antonio yesterday afternoon at 4.25 o'clock. Notwithstanding the rain and muddy condition of the streets a large delegation of Catholic societies and prominent laymen met the cardinal at the depot and escorted him to San Fernando cathedral, where a short service was held. Bishop Forest welcomed him to San Antonio in a short address, which was replied to by the cardinal in an eloquent speech in Italian. The cardinal was then escorted to the episcopal residence, where Edward Dwyer, esq., delivered an address of welcome on behalf of the laity, after which the cardinal blessed the assembled crowd. Cardinal Satoli leaves here tomorrow morning for Santa Fe, N. M., continuing his tour of the country.

### His Mission Successful.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 25.—Governor Culberson left here for Washington a few days ago to see Secretary Morton in person, and, if possible, get him to restore the Texas quarantine line as it formerly was. That his visit was not in vain the following telegram received yesterday evening by the governor's private secretary will show: "Washington, Feb. 24.—J. W. Madden, Governor's Office, Austin, Texas. I called on Secretary Morton to-day and he has adopted the Texas quarantine line. C. A. CULBERSON."

### Land Levied On.

MARLIN, Tex., Feb. 25.—Two tracts of land in this county were levied on yesterday by H. Kemper in suit against W. B. Glasson of Bell county for debt in Galveston county, one of 533 acres in the Hannon survey, and the other of 611 acres in the Cook survey.

### Negro Man Killed.

PLANTERSVILLE, Tex., Feb. 25.—A young negro man named John Price jumped off the Santa Fe train while it was running near this place last Friday and was killed.

A. O. Hall was severely beaten and robbed of \$275 in cash by two Mexicans near Aransas Pass several days ago.

### Landlady Strabbed.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 20.—Tuesday night there arrived in the city from Georgia a man by the name of J. T. Crow. He was accompanied by his wife. A hotel runner showed them to the Palmer house, kept by Mrs. F. M. Prear and her husband. They were shown to a room by the porter, without the knowledge of the landlady and her husband. During the night Mr. and Mrs. Crow were alarmed by a noise in the hall, and being unacquainted with the ways of the world and having just arrived in Texas, they imagined they were in danger of having their room invaded. There was no lock on their door, so Mr. Crow got out of bed and prepared to defend his rights. Shortly after the noise in the hall was heard Mrs. Prear, the landlady, went to the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Crow, no dreaming that the porter had placed anybody in there. As she opened the door Mr. Crow, before seeing who it was, plunged a knife into Mrs. Prear's breast, inflicting a very painful and probably serious wound. The occurrence was a most unfortunate one and is deplored by none more than Mr. and Mrs. Crow. It was their first night in Texas, and they were en route to Bluff Springs, this county, where they expected to locate. Soon after the cutting Officer Jim Grizzard was sent for and conducted them to the police station, where they are being held, awaiting the result of Mrs. Prear's wound.

### Successor For Crain.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 19.—Much opposition to a special election to elect a successor to Mr. Crain in the Eleventh district is manifesting itself and unless it is compulsory with the governor it is more than probable that he will comply with the wishes of the people by not ordering a special election, as all know this is a busy time with the farmers and an election now would put them to no little trouble and inconvenience. Another argument is used, that a congressman elected at a special election would have but little time to serve before the regular election would come on, and that the expense incurred in holding a special election would be greater than the emergency, if emergency it can be called, demands. At the regular election the man can serve both his own term and the remainder of the unfinished term created by Mr. Crain's death, and while the governor has not expressed himself on the subject, it is very likely that no special election in the Eleventh district will be called for the purpose of electing a successor to Mr. Crain.

### Killed His Father.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 22.—E. R. Campbell, ex-clerk of the United States district court, was killed by his son, Robert Campbell of this city yesterday. Young Campbell had been regarded as mentally unsound for some time. Mr. Campbell was walking down North Vine street with his son, E. R. Campbell, jr., when the latter suddenly drew a revolver and shot his father just over the right ear, the bullet entering the brain. Mr. Campbell fell and expired. Young Campbell was immediately taken into custody and conveyed to the police station. He is 26 years old and has been a patient at a private sanitarium in Michigan and in this state at different times. It is thought the killing was due to the belief on the part of young Campbell that his father intended to send him back to an asylum for treatment. Deceased had been a clerk of the United States court for many years and was well known.

### Woman Reported Killed.

GALVESTON, Tex., Feb. 20.—Thursday morning at 2 o'clock Robert Magnolia, colored, called at the drug store on Tremont and Avenue O and notified Mr. Keene that a few minutes before a colored man living on avenue P 1-2, between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth street, had shot and killed his wife and run away. Magnolia could give no coherent account of the tragedy. Mr. Keene at once telephoned the police station and the patrol wagon was sent out on the run. Coroner Barry was also notified by Night Clerk Wheeler. The woman referred to has been sent to the hospital, seriously wounded, but not dead.

### Killing at Pursley.

CORSICANA, Tex., Feb. 21.—A killing occurred at Pursley, this county Wednesday evening. Deer Dorff was shot and instantly killed with a double barreled shotgun. Rube Rice gave himself up to the officers and was brought to this city and jailed to await the action of court. Both parties are white.

### Editors Under Bond.

FRANKLIN, Tex., Feb. 21.—H. S. Morehead and Hill Calvert, editors of the Bremond Star, were arrested and had an examining trial before Justice R. J. Lloyd here yesterday, charged with criminal libel. They were each placed under a \$200 bond to appear before the March term of the county court.

Lee McMillan, the young man who was shot in Houston Saturday night, died from his wounds on Sunday.

## TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

Deatur has a literary club. Hunt county only owes \$14,250. Ward county has just had a jail delivery.

The railroad shops at Tyler are to be enlarged. The Prohibitionists will nominate a state ticket.

Wichita county will issue \$9000 of bridge bonds. Hillsboro has another local option election on hand.

C. H. Sappington, a liquor dealer at Dallas, has failed. Fannin county owes \$48,648, with \$38,518.89 on hand.

Grayson county has issued \$15,500 of record vault bonds. A. J. Brown, doing a grocery business at LaGrange, has failed.

A student clubbed a professor at Waxahachie recently. Ed Tipps took too much morphine at Houston recently and died.

Fort Worth is to entertain the big cattle convention next month. The Populist state executive committee will meet in the near future.

Mills county has just paid \$1200 interest on bonds held by the school fund. Nolan county recently redeemed \$2000 of bonds held by the school fund.

The Fannin county Alliance men want the next State Alliance held at Bonham. The Populists have nominated candidates for county officers in several counties.

Comanche county has just redeemed \$1000 of courthouse bonds held by the school fund. The postmasters in the larger towns and cities did a rushing business on St. Valentine's day.

The officers are still pursuing the "blind tiger" and "malt tonic" people in Johnson county. The Texas Division American Cotton Growers' Protective association met at Waco on the 18th inst.

The comptroller registered a \$3500 issue of Chico, Wise county, school house bonds a few days ago. Bids will be asked for the recovering, painting and general repair of the federal building at Dallas.

Recently the team of Jesse Jones, living four miles north of Elmo, Kaufman county, became frightened, ran away, overturning the wagon and throwing him out. He was dragged beneath the wagon for several feet, fracturing his skull, breaking his collarbone and left arm near the shoulder. Mr. Jones is 65 years old and will hardly recover.

During the fiscal year just ended the total receipts of Dallas county amounted to \$253,007.64, total disbursements \$128,516.66, leaving a balance of \$70,490.98 on hand. Twenty \$1000 bonds were redeemed, leaving the bonded indebtedness remaining \$321,000, divided as follows: Courthouse bonds \$276,000, road and bridge bonds \$18,000, jail bonds \$27,000. The receipts from ad valorem and redemption taxes amounted to \$176,788.48. The county treasury is in first-class running order and fifteen more \$1000 bonds will be redeemed right away.

Parties digging a well near China Springs, McLennan county, found in a gravel stratum, twenty-three feet below the surface, an image in clay of queer shape, apparently an idol. It looks as if it was made with the fingers while the clay was soft and burned in a very hot fire, causing it to glaze from sand particles contained in the clay. It is a rather grotesque effigy, having features which might be human or ape, either. The mouth is wide and the ears sticking up above the top of the head. The nose is hooked, and the figure is in a squatting position. It is six inches from the pedestal upon which it sits to the crown of the head and the whole thing weighs four ounces.

Eugene Dalton, living near Taylor, cut off the forefinger of his right hand some days ago in a feed chopper. Burleson county has just redeemed \$1500 of courthouse and \$1000 of jail bonds held by the school fund.

Near Bartlett, Williamson county, a few days since Gus Grawunder's two children, a boy about 12 and a little girl of 3 years, were playing in a room. A gun leaning against the wall was knocked down and was discharged. The bullet pierced the head of the little girl just above the left eye, killing her instantly.

Amos Nichols, living near Van Alstyne, Grayson county, while eating dinner the other day, fell over dead. On Jan. 31 the penitentiary board had \$98,681.18 on hand, \$68,666.32 of which was in the state treasury, the remainder being in nine different banks.

Another Dallas county jury has found Dr. R. H. Jones guilty of murdering Capt. W. G. Veal and assessed his punishment at twenty years in the penitentiary.

The People's party executive committee of the Eleventh congressional district met at Rockport on the 18th inst.

# STORY OF THE DELUGE

By Virginia Horton.



HERE was a time before Jupiter reigned in heaven, when peace and love and gentleness ruled the universe. The world was full of the glory of a perpetual spring. The sun shone with kindly warmth and light, vivifying the yielding earth, which brought fresh blossom and fruit in plenty. A carpet of grass continually renewed itself, and trees were ever fresh and green.

It was one long holiday to the people, who lived in the innocence and purity of childhood. There was no need for work, for the earth, their kind mother, gave all that was necessary for their welfare, without need of their labor. It was the Golden Age of the world, and laughter and music were as common then as trouble and misery are common now.

Why did this age ever end, you wonder? It came from the desire to rule. Jupiter ascended the throne of heaven and earth; a code of laws and morals was instituted, and as heretofore the people had done right from the intuitions of their souls, they were suddenly and rudely awakened to the possibility of evil.

With this mental conception came as a result a material change. The Golden Age was succeeded by the Silver Age. The people did not suddenly become evil, but there was a gradual dropping away from the old childlike faith. The world grew older and the people, who, thus far, had been always young, began to grow old, too. The perpetual spring gave way to the four seasons, and heat and cold, in their intensity, drove the people to seek shelter in caves.

Then the earth did not yield so abundantly and man was driven to sow the seed, and for the first time the oxen were placed under the yoke to drive the furrows.

So age succeeded age, the Brazen, the producer of a warlike race, was followed by the Age of Steel, with the men hard as that metal itself.

Then the crime burst upon the world like an all-devouring fire, sweeping before it and annihilating truth, honor, justice and mercy. Fraud and cunning and violence and greed came into the hearts of men, and fathers could not trust their sons, nor husbands their wives. Not satisfied with what the surface of the earth yielded, the men must needs dig into the bowels and cruel iron and mischief-breeding gold had their birth.

Wars then broke out, and the two metals were used as weapons, and the father was not safe from his son in his greed for the inheritance. Family love lay prostrate in the mire, and so sad and heartrending was all this to the newly-ejected gods that in fear of contamination they left the earth and ascended into heaven. All save Astraea



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departed; she, the goddess of purity and innocence, still found a refuge in the hearts of some young maidens. But after a while even she was forced to leave.

And then, with no hand to stay its deadly leap to destruction, the world swept on, and blackness was too light a word to describe its state.

Jupiter looked down from his throne on high at the pitiful state of the earth, but only anger found place in his heart at the people who dared to destroy their beautiful garden and make it a prison house, dark and drear. And in his anger he called an assembly of the gods.

Then came one and all—along the Milky Way, which was the royal road to the Palace of Heaven. The abodes of the great rose on each side of this silvery pathway, the gods of lesser might dwelling remote from the central sphere.

When all had assembled a hush fell upon the com any. Jupiter sat upon his throne arrayed in all his dazzling splendor. His right hand grasped the thunderbolt, which, at his will, he hurled through the air at wrong-doers. Juno sat upon his right and shared the throne with him. Mercury, from whose face even Jupiter's dark frown could

not dispel the bright, bewitching smile, hovered over the lord of the counsel, awaiting his every command. The other gods and goddesses stood or sat around the hall, and from all faces an anxious suspense was reflected.

Could the world in its wickedness have known of the sorrow and anguish it caused the high potentates of heaven, would it have been better and refrained from evil doing? Who can tell?

After a long silence Jupiter addressed the assembled host. He told of all the glory that had been upon the earth, of all the wrong-doing, and made known his determination to destroy so unworthy a race, and to re-people the world with more grateful beings.

When he had finished he raised his hand to throw a thunderbolt which would fire the world and utterly destroy it, but Mercury held his hand.

"Sire, would you destroy heaven, too, by so rash a deed?"

Jupiter then realized how so great a conflagration might set fire to the heavenly bodies, and changed his plan. Mercury was dispatched to chain up Aquilo, the North Wind, which drives away the clouds, and to call forth Notus, the South Wind, who soon covered the land with a pitchy blackness. Then the rain descended in torrents, but Jupiter, still unsatisfied, called on his brother Neptune to let loose his waters. Then, hurling a thunderbolt, he rent the world from end to end, and thus drove up the waters from the sea in solid walls, which rose hundreds of feet in the air and fell with resounding crashes, destroying plants, cattle, houses, people.

And so the world was destroyed. The highest tree-tops were covered by the surging waters, no trace of human habitation could be seen, and the whole world was a great sea, extending where the top of Mount Parnassus rose as a little island in its midst.

When Jupiter saw his object accomplished he commanded Notus to retire, and Aquilo soon drove back the dark veil of clouds, while Apollo smiled upon the waste. Then Neptune commanded Triton to sound upon his horn, and the waters retreated. The land, rich with moisture, soon put forth its strength, and the world soon became a garden of beauty again. So out of death there a regeneration and a new life.

Iris, the goddess of the rainbow and the messenger of Juno, looked down upon the radiant garden, and saw on the top of Parnassus two beings, who were all that had been saved when the devastating waters flooded the world. Deucalion and his wife Pyrrha, both just and faithful and good, saw the goddess smile, and hope filled their hearts. With new vigor they sought the temple of the oracle, and with bowed heads and silent prayers asked guidance how they might repeople the world with a race as good and pure as their ancestor Prometheus had done long ago.

As they knelt in the temple, covered as it was with slime and ooze, a soft rushing as of distant waters sounded upon their ears. It soon became a distinct sound, which formed itself into these words:

"Depart into the woods, and with flowing hair and unloosed garments, cast behind you the bones of your mother."

Pyrrha and Deucalion thought they must have heard an avenging spirit speak, for how could they be so wicked as to desecrate the remains of the deceased. But suddenly, as they wandered dejectedly along, a bright thought came to Deucalion.

"Pyrrha, if I mistake not, the earth is our mother, the great parent of all. The stones are her bones. Let us cast them behind us, it can do no harm."

Pyrrha readily assented, and they did as the oracle commanded. And so the new races rose to life. The stones thrown upon the ground became soft and took on the shape of rude block forms which by and by appeared as living images. The stony part became the bones, the slime and moisture the flesh and blood, and the veins remained veins only with different functions. All those thrown by the woman's hand became women, and those that Deucalion cast behind him became men.

Under the guidance of Pyrrha the women became noble and good and worthy of the land they inhabited. The men, following Deucalion, were brave and honest, truthful and law-abiding, and so in those early days was laid the foundation of the principles that must ever be kept fresh and vigorous, that a nation may live.

Then Jupiter looked down upon his new creation, and he was pleased. And the smile from his countenance caused a glory to descend to the people. And they were roused from the sluggish labor of mere bodily toil, and felt the spirit within them moved.

And some, rising up beyond their fellows, looked upon the glory of the past, saw the promise that waved as a banner of light for all who would attain it, and strove to wing their souls to the fountain whence light and truth come to man.

And the reward was not held back, and we to-day feel the joy of it. For that upward flight of the spirit to those times long dead, yet living for us, has given to the world art, music, poetry, science. And we still look upon their works and listen with attentive ear to

the heavenly strains, and we are lifted up and borne in spirit to the very land, to the very time when all this wonder was upon the earth, and the wonder is not yet dead—it lives in the immortality of the race, and will continue so long as man continues to have a speck of the divine within him.

## SUPERIOR'S BLEAK SHORE.

Almost as Many Perils on the Great Lake as at Sea.

The accident to the steamer Missoula tends to show more clearly than anything that has occurred the vast area of Lake Superior, and the possibility of a vessel's crew reaching land after shipwreck, and yet being unheard of for a couple of weeks after starting on a voyage, says the Detroit Free Press. The shores of Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota on the big lake are traversed by railways and telegraph lines, and the towns and small settlements on the American side of the lake, even to the islands, furnish ready means of communication with the larger cities, but not so on that part of the Canadian shore north of the lakes, where a wilderness inhabited by a few fishermen and Indians exists. This is especially true of the Canadian shore just above Sault Ste. Marie, and for a long stretch of country to the north and east of the point where the Canadian Pacific Railway turns in to the shore of the lake and traverses it on toward Port Arthur and Port William.

When the Missoula broke her shaft and was rendered helpless, she was less than twenty-five miles from Caribou island, on the course down toward Sault Ste. Marie. She was somewhat off the regular course of vessels bound down from the head of Lake Superior, but if she had been able to make any headway toward the Sault, or care for herself at all on the course she was following, she would have been picked up very soon after the accident by some passing vessel. But a southerly wind drifted her out of the course of even the few vessels trading to Canadian ports at the head of the lakes, and she was working over toward the wildest part of the Canadian north shore territory when her crew were compelled to abandon her.

A glance at the chart will show that Brule point, where the crew of the Missoula first made land, is scarcely more than seventy-five miles from Sault Ste. Marie, where 15,000,000 tons of freight passes through a canal in a single season, and yet the men in one of the Missoula's yawl boats spent nearly two days working along the shore of the lake before they found any more sign of life than a deserted fisherman's shanty, in which they built a fire and dried their wet clothing. The fishing season had closed, but even fishermen are scarce in this territory during the most active periods. It is not strange, therefore, that the men from the Missoula were nearly a full week in finding means of communicating with the owners of the vessel after they had landed on the dreary north shore of Lake Superior.

## Has Blacklisted Insanity.

The following story is told of John Brennan of Stevens Point as a criminal lawyer. The story goes that a farmer who had killed his wife in the northern part of the state sent for Mr. Brennan to defend him, offering to deed him his farm if he would take the case. Brennan wanted his pay in advance and so the farmer made over the property to him. The murder was a most brutal and cold-blooded one and Brennan knew that there was but one plea that might save his client from a life sentence and that was insanity. The trial was one of the fiercest ever fought in a Wisconsin court. The attorney for the defense occupied a whole day in his closing address to the jury and the effort was a mastery one. The jury found the man insane and he was sent to Oshkosh. Once there he improved rapidly and in a few weeks was discharged. His first act was to sue Brennan for the recovery of his property on the ground that he was insane at the time he deeded it.

In the face of his own argument that the man was insane Brennan could do nothing and the farmer won the case. Brennan has blacklisted insanity as a defense for murderers.—Milwaukee Journal.

## Paderewski and the Banjo.

The other day, when Paderewski was dining at a hotel, a fine nickel plated banjo was sent in by a banjo player with the request that the great pianist should write a short musical sentiment on the sheepskin head. Paderewski complied with the request, and this is the sentiment to which he attached his signature: "I have not the pleasure of being a performer on this beautiful instrument; am only a plain player." Now the banjo player, asking his friends if the virtuoso was "jolly" him.

## Church Growth.

The growth of the church is not keeping pace with the growth of the cities. In 50 of our cities statistics of six large denominations show a falling off of about 37 per cent.—Rev. W. A. Stanton, Baptist, Pittsburg.

## Health in Old Age.

AN OLD LADY FINDS THE TRUE SOURCE OF VITALITY.

A Reporter's Interesting Interview With a Lady of Seventy-two Years, Who Tells a Marvelous Story.

From the Union, Port Jervis, N. Y. But a short time ago, in a distant part of the country, we heard of a cure by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which seemed almost marvelous, and more recently another substantial evidence of their value reached our ears. Being of an inquiring turn of mind, and wishing to know just how much there was in the story, a reporter was sent to interview the person said to be thus benefited. If the narrative as it had reached our ears was true, it was only simple justice to let it be known—if it proved untrue, it would be well to know it.

The person alluded to above as having been thus greatly benefited by the use of Pink Pills is Mrs. Jane Hotalen, of Hainesville, N. J., a pleasant hamlet in Sussex County, about fifteen miles from this office. The reporter had no difficulty in finding Mrs. Hotalen. After a few preliminary remarks in explanation of the call, she was asked if she had any objection to giving us the details of the case and how she came to try this now famous remedy.

"Not at all," said she. "If my experience can be of any good to others, I am sure they are welcome to it—it can do me no harm."

"When were you taken sick and what was the nature of the malady?" was asked. "It was about two years ago. The trouble was rheumatic in character—sciatica, they called it—and it was very painful indeed. The difficulty began in my hip and extended the whole length of the limb, crippling me completely. I suffered intensely from it, and the ordinary treatment gave me not the slightest alleviation. I was under treatment about a month as stated, but grew worse instead of better, and was fast becoming discouraged."

"What brought Pink Pills to your notice?" "My son called my attention to an article in a paper, in which it was stated that a Mr. Struble, of Branchville, a village in this county, had been greatly benefited by their use, and suggested that it would be a good plan to try them. But I was skeptical in regard to their value—in fact, I had no confidence in their efficacy, and rather laughed at the suggestion. But the trouble increased and I was badly crippled. A few days later my son was about to visit a neighboring town and suggested again that it might be well to try this much-talked-of remedy, and I then consented. He brought me a box of them, and I began taking them at once. At the end of a week I noted a marked improvement, and by the time I had taken the first box I was able to walk without a cane. I continued their use, taking several boxes, and am, as you see, in a very comfortable state of health."

"Have you had any return of the trouble?" "Not as yet, though at my time of life, seventy-two, it would not be surprising if I should have. If it comes I then consent to the use of the pills, suppose I inherit a tendency to troubles of this kind—my mother died from them."

"Did you ever note any ill effects from the use of Pink Pills?" "None whatever. They never disturbed my stomach in any way or caused me any annoyance. I am able, as you see, to attend to my own work. The reporter thanked Mrs. Hotalen for her courtesy and bade her good day. It is not often that one can witness such a complete recovery from such a pertinacious trouble at such an advanced age, and such instances cannot fail to produce a profound impression. Readers of the Union may rely on the absolute accuracy of all the statements here given—nothing has been exaggerated, nothing withheld. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50c per box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

No king can rule others well who is not master of himself.

A pigeon is within a fowl and both are within a goose in a Yorkshire pie.

A new feature in the flour industry has recently developed in Spokane's trade with Guatemala. The flour is packed in 100-pound sacks, which, when thus packed, is admitted free of duty to the ports of that country. The mills of Spokane have worked up quite a trade with Guatemala and Chile, which is increasing rapidly. Spokane mill will have a capacity, when the new mills are completed, of from 2,000 to 3,000 barrels of flour per day, which means a consumption of from 10,000 to 15,000 bushels of wheat daily. In round numbers a fair estimate for a year would be 3,000,000 bushels.

For Lung and chest diseases, Piso's Cure is the best medicine we have used.—Mrs. J. L. Northcott, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

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Sin will banish men from God's presence, but it can not separate them from His love.

The D. V. Sholes Investment & Mining Company, of Shippie Creek, Colorado, can furnish you strictly reliable information concerning mining properties in the Cripple Creek district. We always have options on some choice properties that are bargains and handle no others. Local and eastern bank references given on application. Correspondence solicited.

There are a good many things in every sinner's life that he tries to hide from himself.

A London paper learns that the young man who is to marry Miss Fullman is "well educated and of high birth." There must be some mistake about that. Nothing less than a double lower berth goes in the Pullman family.

Drury College needed money, and a well-known brewer subscribed \$1,000, which caused a rival brewer, who heard of the offer, to say: "Put me down for a thousand, too." The students objected, however, and it is believed that on account of the protest both brewers will withdraw their money.

New York pays her aldermen \$1,000 a year and they are striking for an increase of salaries. O'Connell should not grant this increase; Chicago pays her aldermen only \$3 a week and they are sufficiently prosperous.

A young man from Wabash, Ind., went out hunting a day or two ago and now has a story to tell of how he saw a flock of grasshoppers. It is apparent that Wabash hunters use for ammunition the same invigorating stimulant that Illinois fishermen insist on taking for bait.

The \$2,000,000 Cro in Philadelphia that drove the guests of a hotel from their beds early in the morning has had one good effect. It has shown to the world that it is possible to awaken a Philadelphian.

A St. Paul man who had kissed another man's wife some 2,000 times was assessed \$3,500 damages by a jury. If this is the regular market price for kissing f. o. b. lips in St. Paul one cannot but be glad that kind fate permits him to live in Chicago.

A woman in Fostoria, O., had the misfortune to get shut in a folding bed. She, however, kicked the end out of the bed and managed to get out. And yet there are some men who are foolish enough to think they can manage a woman.

## Public Lands in Oklahoma.

A careful investigation of the public records discloses the fact that there are yet several millions of acres of public lands in Oklahoma yet subject to homestead entry and settlement.

It has generally been understood that all the lands in Oklahoma fit for agricultural purposes are already occupied, but such is not the fact. Owl-g to the method adopted for the opening of these lands to settlement, in many cases as high as five or six persons would settle on a single track on the day of the race, and rather than stand the expense of a contest, or run the risk of other trouble, would, unknown to each other, abandon the land. Again, the main race for lands at those openings was for tracts near the cities or proposed town sites and along the lines of railroads, and thus many hundreds of almost equally as good farms as are in Oklahoma were passed over in the mad rush for homes.

It is true that a large portion of the yet unclaimed public lands are more fit for stock-raising than for agricultural purposes; yet there are still hundreds of good homes awaiting the taking in that country and undoubtedly a large number of eastern people will take advantage of the same the coming season.

The devil can make anything he pleases, out of a loafer.

## EXCITEMENT.

Rev. Frederick, of Gullard Mission, St. Louis, Writes to Veno Certifying That Wm. Hess, of 813 Choutcau Avenue, Had Been Crippled for Three Years from Rheumatism.

Three Bottles of Veno's Electric Fluid Were Rubbed Into Mr. Hess' Limbs and in 30 Minutes He Stamped His Feet, Leaped for Joy and Walked Home, Leaving His Cane.

(St. Louis Chronicle.)

Wm. Hess, of 813 Choutcau ave., St. Louis, was a cripple yesterday. Today he walks without his cane and as well as ever. Yesterday he had rubbed into his limbs three bottles of Veno's Electric Fluid before a large audience. He was taken to Veno hardly able to hobble, but in thirty minutes after Veno's Electric Fluid had been rubbed in to his limbs Mr. Hess jumped, stamped his feet and declared himself free from pain. The excitement was at its height when he started home leaving his cane with Veno. The great audience cheered itself hoarse. These cures are not performed by magnets. Veno has no faith in such nonsense. It is the extraordinary power of Veno's Electric Fluid and Veno's Curative Syrup. The above is the opinion of the St. Louis Chronicle, one of whose representatives witnessed several of the remarkable cures performed by Veno's remedies.

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How a girl likes to say to a boy  
"Oh, you're going to catch it!"

Men should not talk to please themselves, but those who hear them.



### Gladness Comes

With a better understanding of the transient nature of the many physical ills, which vanish before proper efforts—gentle efforts—pleasant efforts—rightly directed. There is comfort in the knowledge, that so many forms of sickness are not due to any actual disease, but simply to a congested condition of the system, which the pleasant family laxative, Syrup of Figs, promptly removes. That is why it is the only remedy with millions of families, and is everywhere esteemed so highly by all who value good health. Its beneficial effects are due to the fact, that it is the one remedy which promotes internal cleanliness without debilitating the organs on which it acts. It is therefore all important, in order to get its beneficial effects, to note when you purchase, that you have the genuine article, which is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only and sold by all reputable druggists.

If in the enjoyment of good health, and the system is regular, laxatives or other remedies are then not needed. If afflicted with any actual disease, one may be commended to the most skillful physicians, but if in need of a laxative, one should have the best, and with the well-informed everywhere, Syrup of Figs stands highest and is most largely used and gives most general satisfaction.

### Ornamenting

It recently occurred to Tiffany & Co., the New York jewelers, to ornament a bicycle elaborately with gold, silver, and precious stones, believing that some wealthy customer would esteem so handsome a mount. They preferred to pay \$100 each for

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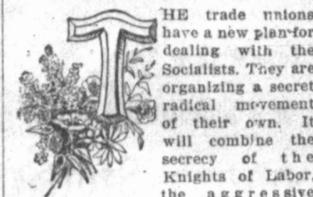
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### NEW SOCIAL REFORM.

TO PROTECT TRADE UNIONS FROM SOCIALISM.

Careful Selection of Members—Leaders Say the New Movement is Educational, but It May Control the Unions—Secret and Aggressive.



THE trade unions have a new plan for dealing with the Socialists. They are organizing a secret radical movement of their own. It will combine the secrecy of the Knights of Labor, the aggressive methods of the Socialists and the stability of the trade unions. It is intended to satisfy the progressive people and their friends, and yet preserve the trade union movement from the influences of the Berlin school of Socialists. "Social Reform" is the title of the new movement. It will be officially chartered by the American Federation of Labor under the guise of educational work, but it really contemplates much more. It has already four clubs doing active work. Among those promoting the organization are John McBride, August McCraith, President W. B. Prescott, of the International Typographical Union; J. C. Elderkin, National Recording Secretary of the Seamen; J. T. Morgan and E. Zimmerman, of the New Jersey Labor Bureau; James Duncan, National Secretary of the Granite Cutters; Frank Valesh, Deputy Labor Commissioner of Minnesota; Eva McDonald Valesh, of Minnesota; James Hollister, Chicago; Lee Hart, National President of the Theatrical Employees, and many others of prominence. Some of these people were members of the old International Socialist movement. They all claim to be Socialists, only they put the trade union first. Two preliminary conferences have been held and there will be another before the close of the convention, when P. J. McGuire, Adolph Strasser, Henry Weissman, Samuel Gompers, C. F. Reichers, J. F. O'Sullivan and other Eastern leaders will be invited to attend.

The clubs scattered through the country have followed the same general plan of work, though with some difference as to detail. An effort is now being made to give the movement a national character—a uniform plan of secret work and a platform for publication. The Social Reform movement started in the West. The Western labor people claim they can give the members of trade unions and their friends all necessary education and political advancement without going outside to the Socialist camp. The movement is really Socialistic, but the trade unions propose to manage it for their own advancement.

The Phoenix Federal Labor Union, of Chicago, began the Social Reform movement. It includes among the members trade unionists, men holding withdrawal cards from unions and people in sympathy with the trade union movement. The Phoenix Club has a charter from the American Federation of Labor. It is nominally educational in character, but has acquired supremacy in Chicago labor circles. Social Reform Club No. 1, of Indianapolis, was organized some months ago, with President McBride, of the American Federation of Labor; Secretary August McCraith, of the same organization, and President William B. Prescott, of the Typographical Union, as leading members. Prominent labor people of Indianapolis joined the club. It has proved very popular.

The Excelsior Club, of St. Paul, is another. It was organized by Frank Valesh, a prominent member of the Cigar-Makers' International Union, and Deputy Labor Commissioner in that state. It claims to furnish a model constitution for the new order. Two other clubs are reported, one from Western New York and the other from New Jersey. Many applications for charters from the West and South furnish a good basis for the proposed national organization.

#### Women Stevedores.

Some of the good people of London are disturbed by the fact that women are employed as stevedores at the East India docks. They have been loading and unloading vessels. So far the experiment has been confined to vessels used for the transit of mineral water in bottles, and light articles of a similar nature. Down to the present the men stevedores have manifested no opposition, but are inclined to regard the new departure with amusement. The women stevedores have already formed a distinct union of their own.

#### The Stomach, Not the Heart.

Nothing is more common than for persons to imagine that they have heart disease, and they often make themselves dreadfully uncomfortable in consequence. In the overwhelming majority of cases, more particularly in young, nervous, fanciful people, the heart is as sound as a bell, but the stomach is out of order.

### "THE WOODEN HEN."

We have heard of wooden horses and wooden ducks, but a wooden hen is something new under the sun—and its purposes are different from those of either of the other wooden animals mentioned. It is a not a toy, though it will please a boy. It is a hen, at least it will hatch chickens from hens' eggs.



It is 10x15x8 inches and will take care of twenty-eight eggs. It is an incubator and costs only \$6.00.

This wooden hen is made by George H. Stahl, Quincy, Ill. If you want to find out more about it before you buy one write to Mr. Stahl for catalogue "W," which gives a full description, and mention this paper.

Living without a plan is as foolish as going to sea without a compass in the ship.

#### THE WORLD'S EARLIEST POTATO.

That's Salzer's Earliest, fit for use in 28 days. Salzer's new late tomato, Champion of the World, is pronounced the heaviest yielder in the world, and we challenge you to produce its equal! 10 acres to Salzer's Earliest Potatoes yield 4000 bushels, sold in June at \$1.00 a bushel—\$4000. That pays. A word to the wise, etc.

Now if you will cut this out and send it with 10c postage you will get, free, 10 packages grains and grasses, including Teosinte, Lathyrus, Sand Vetch, Giant Spurry, Giant Clover, etc., and our mammoth seed catalogue, w.n.

God is not praised at all unless it is done with the whole heart.

#### Deafness Can Not Be Cured

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists; 75c. Hall's Family Pills, 25c.

Avarice is a robber that keeps people from becoming rich.

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If the Baby is Cutting Teeth. Be sure and use the best and wisest remedy, Mrs. WILSON'S SOOTHING SYRUP for Children Teething.

No woman ever grunted her way to glory.

Every one knows how it is to suffer with corns, and they are not conducive to graceful walking. Remove them with Hindercoats.

The greatest danger in youth lies in a determination to have its own way.

Many influences combine to reduce health to the danger limit. The reviving properties of Parker's Ginger Tonic best overcome these ills.

Angels are God's servants, but redeemed men are His sons.

The trend of inventive thought is shown by 1,704 electric patents granted in the United States, and 1,130 in England, last year.

If Troubled With Sore Eyes Jackson's Indian Eye Salve will positively cure them. 25c at all drug stores.

Young man, don't be afraid to sell your hands at honest toil.



The coming Artist who knows enough to paint a popular subject.

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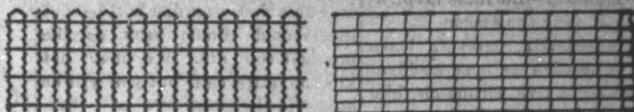
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There's all sorts of grades of tobacco plant. The best comes from Havana. There's all sorts of grades of sarsaparilla plant. The best comes from Honduras. If you want cheap tobacco, all right—provided you get value for your money. Cheap tobacco's not as good to smoke—but it don't cost as much.

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Any doubt about it? Send for the "Curebook." It kills doubts but cures doubters. Address: J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

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For the North and East, Via MEMPHIS OR ST. LOUIS, In Pullman Buffet Sleeping Cars. This is the Short and Quick Line.

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# THE CROCKETT COURIER.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

An Illinois man who died recently had thirty-two coals. And still they say there's no style in the west.

The freeman who struck Corbett the other day is surprised to find he has made one of the most pronounced hits of the season.

A royal duke is said to have reached this country by way of San Francisco. This must be regarded as a very serious affront to New York.

English liberals are said to be after Lord Salisbury's scalp. If one can judge from photographs they will have need to chalk their fingers.

New York's financial condition cannot be so bad as has been supposed. She is purchasing weekly large quantities of horse meat in Canada.

Belva Lockwood has been disbarred for charging too large a fee. This, however, is a contingency which many a woman lawyer need not worry about.

Prof. A. C. Totten of New Haven has issued a calendar good for 67,713,250 years. It is said to have a very simple key, and is evolved on a cycle of 1,600,000 years.

The thoughtful student of current events can scarcely doubt that England, maddened by the designing god, is fanatically pursuing her land-grabbing policy to her own destruction. For now comes the astounding revelation that she has nipped off the top of Minnesota. No nation that had not grown reckless to the degree of irresponsibility would take liberties with the boundary of the state of Knute Nelson, Ignatius Donnelly and Jim Hill. Any one of those gentlemen should be sufficient to ward the integrity of a state. That an assault was made upon the commonwealth which contains all three of them shows that the assailant is simply crazy.

A writer in Harper's Weekly states that Cripple Creek, Colo., embraces an area with a radius of not more than three miles. It contains, all told, perhaps eight or ten square miles of ground. This at the outside would yield six or seven hundred full claims. On these there would be a possibility of finding rich veins enough to bear the cost of working. There are in the district, so far, some twelve thousand located claims, from which one may judge of the probable value of most of them. Of these twelve thousand claims, of course the many are merely fractional. About thirteen hundred are patented and have title established, but only two hundred are shipping ore. "In other words, there are ten thousand odd claims in the district that so far as developed are practically worth nothing at all."

There is no other country in which forest products are so lavishly used as in the United States. On the other hand, no other country was originally so well supplied with forest growth. The census returns show that the per capita consumption of lumber in this country has increased for every decade since 1860 at the rate of from 20 to 25 per cent. The United States consumes of forest products for each inhabitant double that consumed in Russia, ten times that of Great Britain, four times that of France, five times that of Germany, and eight times that of Italy. Never mind what our forest resources are, we are using them up at so rapid a rate that the next generation will find heavy forest growth as scarce in the United States as in Europe, and commanding fully as high a price. The consumption of saw logs and pulp wood is far ahead of their growth, though cord wood and spout growth are increasing faster than the cutting demand.

The San Francisco Chronicle has special information from San Diego as to important railway building enterprises on the west coast of Mexico, from which the conclusion is drawn that another year will see the completion of a road to the ports of Tepic and Mazatlan, and possibly San Blas. It is learned that the Central Railway is about to be extended to a Pacific port, either Mazatlan or San Blas, probably the former. The country between Guadalajara and San Blas is full of tremendous barrancas, which have thus far defied the highest engineering skill, and railroad builders, after attempting repeated surveys, have given up the task, calling that strip of country the roughest in North America. The present plan is, therefore, to avoid this section and work northward from the port of Tepic. The Central, after reaching Tepic, will then extend its line north and northeasterly to connect with a branch of the International, which will connect Durango with Mazatlan. The International is at work on this branch and it will soon open up a rich mining and sugar country.

## MRS. WAITE'S BODY

TAKEN TO TOLEDO ON THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO.

Brief Funeral Services Over the Remains of the Widow of the Late Chief Justice—Members of the Supreme Court and Several Senators Present.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Brief funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Amelia Waite, widow of the late Chief Justice Waite, took place yesterday morning. Rev. Randolph McKim of the Epiphany church officiated, assisted by Rev. Walbridge of Toledo, O., and Rev. Mr. Hilliker, assistant rector of Epiphany. Most of the members of the supreme court and Senators Sherman, Morrill and Hawley were among those present. There were many beautiful and elaborate floral tributes sent by friends. Last night the remains were removed to the Baltimore and Ohio station and taken to Toledo on the 8:20 train. They were accompanied by Henry Waite, grandson of the late chief justice, Miss Waite, the daughter of the deceased; Mrs. Henry Waite and Mrs. T. P. Reed, a niece. The interment will take place the same time as that of the son, C. P. Waite, who died at Columbus Saturday.

Earl Gray's Appointment.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—The Times approves of the appointment of Earl Gray as administrator of the chartered South Africa company, and says: His acceptance of the post is an indication that he will co-operate with Mr. Cecil Rhodes. During his sojourn in Africa Earl Gray will cease to have any pecuniary interest, other than that inherent to the position of a director in the company, and will consider himself precluded from taking any personal interest in the pursuit of wealth. Briefly summarized, Mr. Rhodes devotes himself to developing the material resources of Rhodesia and attracting a large white population, while Earl Gray will organize and initiate the establishment of a general English community under institutions approximating to the home government.

The Republican Caucus.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The republicans of the house and senate held a joint caucus last night to select a congressional campaign committee. Representative Grosvenor of Ohio presided. A resolution was adopted for the organization of the campaign committee to consist of one member from each state or territory represented in either branch of congress, the selections to be made within ten days. Among the selections for membership on this committee announced last night were: Kentucky, Representative Colson; Oklahoma, Delegate Flynn; Tennessee, Representative Gibson; New Mexico, Delegate Catron; West Virginia, W. P. Miller.

Interest in the Cuban Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The public interest in the Cuban question was shown yesterday by the crowds which came to the senate galleries in anticipation of a continuance of the Cuban debate. The diplomatic gallery showed the largest representation since the session opened, the ministers of Chile, Brazil, Hawaii and several other countries being present. Mr. Morgan of Alabama occupied almost the entire day in a narrative and historical speech. Mr. Morgan spoke for three hours and had not concluded when the senate adjourned. A significant vote on the resolution for an investigation of recent bond issues was taken during the day.

Indian Appropriation Bill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The house yesterday in committee of the whole, after a very interesting debate, by a vote of 93 to 64, decided that none of the appropriations in the Indian appropriation bill for Indian schools should go for sectarian schools. The only sectarian schools to which money now goes is Roman Catholic in denomination, and the fight was led by Mr. Lincoln (R) of Lincoln, who is the most pronounced and openly avowed A. P. A. member on the floor. In last year's bill the appropriation was cut down 20 per cent, but Mr. Linton moved an amendment to the effect that no portion of this should go to sectarian schools.

Cullom's Armenian Resolution.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—Senator Cullom yesterday presented a number of petitions asking congress to call at once a conference of the European powers for the purpose of securing concerted action in rescuing the Armenians from their perilous position and pledging the support of the United States to any power who will undertake this work or, in case European co-operation appears to be inopportune, that our nearest relatives be authorized to request permission for this government to put an end to these unmitigated and almost unparalleled horrors.

Waller Released.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Secretary Olney received a cablegram yesterday from Ambassador Eustis, announcing that Mr. Waller, ex-consul at Madagascar, was yesterday released from jail. It is expected that Mr. Waller will join his family in the United States. As Mr. Waller is entirely destitute of means, our ambassador, Mr. Eustis, has been authorized by Secretary Olney to provide him with transportation to the United States. He has been in prison nearly a year, having been arrested by the French authorities on March 5 last in Madagascar, and afterward being kept in confinement in the military prisons in France. The authorities here feel that they have reason to be gratified at the outcome of the case, which as revealed by correspondence on the subject, came nearer than the public was aware at one time of leading to a severance of diplomatic relations between the two republics. The point at issue was not whether Mr. Waller was guilty of the offense charged against him, but resolved itself into a question whether our government had the right to insist upon satisfying itself that the American citizen had justice. As the evidence upon which he was convicted was finally exhibited to Ambassador Eustis, our government was entirely satisfied, and it was incidentally shown that there could be no reasonable doubt of the guilt of the prisoner, and was conceded by President Cleveland himself.

The Venezuelan Question.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—It is impossible to secure any confirmation from a source entitled to credit of the statement that has given rise to discussion in the British newspapers to the effect that our government has signified its willingness to join in the appointment of a joint commission with Great Britain to ascertain the facts as to the Venezuelan boundary as a basis for the settlement of the matter by the ordinary diplomatic means. A careful inspection of the correspondence that has passed between the two governments up to this time, however, will, it is said, show that the United States has from the first, been willing and anxious to agree upon any plan for the settlement of the boundary dispute that held out any promise of insuring the just treatment of Venezuela. It now appears that the British government is relying only in the hope of securing a stipulation precedent to the appointment of the joint commission to the effect that provision shall be made for the retention under the British flag of such parts of the territory that may be found eventually to be in Venezuela as are now occupied by British colonists.

Meanwhile the Venezuelan commission is proceeding with its work in a manner that seems to give the supposition that it is not expected to settle the boundary question itself. The commission has already collected, or is in the way to acquire, nearly three hundred maps, modern and ancient, and almost daily others are being heard of. Members of congress and officials and the general public have been contributors to the collection and some of the ancient charts that have come into the hands of the commission are of the quaintest character.

Silver And Tariff.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—In the senate yesterday Allen of Nebraska wanted to know from the chairman of the finance committee, Mr. Morrill, when the senate would be called on to ask a conference on the silver substitute of that body which the house kicked over a few days ago. The chairman said that the request for a conference should come from the house, and so far no such request had been made. That ended the incident for the time, but late in the day it was given out that the republicans of the two houses would have a joint caucus on Thursday. No one seems to know what the caucus is called for other than that the situation justifies the conclusion that it is for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it is possible for the discordant elements of the republican party to get together. The trouble with that party is the silver question, and following naturally the tariff question, it is supposed these two matters will be discussed. It is not seen how there can be any fopping together on these things, as the silver republicans say that they will not allow the tariff bill to pass unless silver is provided for. A silver republican stated to a correspondent that the tariff bill would never pass the senate, and that all prophecies could be based on this fact. As that is the feeling among the silver republicans it is not readily seen where a compromise can be made between the elements. As the silver republicans hold that every time there has been a compromise made for silver that metal has received the worst of it, there is no chance for a compromise there. If the caucus should amount to a disagreement that will about terminate the session, as far, at least, as these two subjects are concerned.

The interest in the Pearl Bryan murder case is steadily increasing.

The hornet, like the gossip, would not be such a bad thing to have about if it wasn't for the sting in its tail.

Our power to resist the devil becomes feebler every time we look into his face.

Saying that that there is no harm in a thing is the devil's attempt at self-defense.

In England less than ninety years ago it was not unusual for a man to sell his wife into servitude.

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By the kidneys impurities pass off harmlessly. The inactivity of the organs named not only cause these impurities to remain and poison the system, but also leads to the degeneration and destruction of the organs themselves. Prevent Bright's disease, diabetes, dropsy, gravel and other ailments which affect the kidneys and bladder with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which likewise overcomes malaria, dyspepsia, bilious, nervous and rheumatic complaints.

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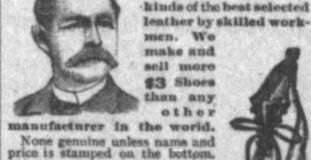
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**LOCAL NEWS.**

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

Dr. Lawrence Corley is quite ill with pneumonia.

Miss Dell Winfree is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. R. Baker, at Phelps.

Dr. E. B. Stokes, of Elkhart, was in the city this week.

Miss Clara Mitchell, of Madisonville, after a pleasant visit to friends in this city, has returned home.

Buy a fire insurance policy in one of the old line companies represented by D. M. Craddock.

After recovering from his recent illness, Mr. Charles Stokes suffered a relapse and is now in bed again.

Board and lodging \$4 per week. Day board and lodging one dollar. Single meal 25cts.

**NEW RESTAURANT.**

Mrs. Hill, of Grapeland, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Saxon, in this city.

Eat at New Restaurant. Best meals in city, 25cts.

J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Mr. Block, of the firm of Block & Romansky, has gone to New York to buy spring goods for his firm.

Family orders solicited for oysters, bread etc., at New Restaurant.

J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Rev. W. M. Gaddy is this week holding religious meetings in Lufkin. His son, Tom Gaddy, and Miss Daisy Custer are with him to assist in the choir services.

Mr. Louis Bergman, late of Nacogdoches, has been elected leader of the Crockett cornet band. He left for Nacogdoches Tuesday and will return this week with his family.

The entertainment given at the public school building last Friday night by the music class of Miss Minnie Bruner drew a very large audience and the programme was rendered with excellent effect.

J. G. Haring and H. F. Moore went over to the carnival at New Orleans. The latter returned home Friday. The former has been spending a few days at his old home, Bellville, Texas.

One hundred dollars are still needed to assure the completion of the clock contract. *Don't wait for a few, DON'T WAIT FOR A FEW, DON'T WAIT FOR A FEW* to do it all. Help. You will feel better after helping in enterprises of this kind.

At this writing the weather is all that farmers could desire, and that they are taking advantage of it to begin their spring ploughing, is evident from the fact that very few of them have been in town during the week.

Many dentists come and go, but Dr. Webb still holds the fort, and in the end you will find he serves you better than them all; besides he spends all he makes in your town, and withholds not from any public enterprise.

**CASH! CASH! CASH!**

Car TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS bright and of the very best quality 30 cent per bushel. Car FLOUR received before the big advance, sell at old PRICES. Car salt 200 lbs 90c, 100 lbs 50 cents. SHOES, SHOES, you will save money if you will price before buying. CLOTHING and spring goods coming in daily. The PROOF is calling and seeing for yourself.

R. M. ATKINSON.

Charley Tittle gave us a call Tuesday.

All parties who have cotton seed to sell please bring them in to the mill by March 15, as we will close the season by that time.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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Among those of the Executive Committee present on Monday, the spirit of conservatism was manifest. All seemed determined to do all in their power to hold the party solid in this county, at least in county matters.

Already many of the forest trees are bursting into green and the indications are for an early spring. Gardeners are busy in all parts of Crockett and the earlier vegetables will be soon in market unless Jack Frost has a card up his sleeve to spoil the game.

The Democratic Executive Committee meets to day (Friday) in the court-room. The committee will be pleased to hear from representative democrats, on either side of the great disturbing and dividing issue between the people, after which it will proceed to business.

A. W. Ewing, a well known lawyer of Palestine, is announced in this issue of the COURIER as a candidate for the office of district attorney of the 3rd judicial district. He is now serving his third term as county attorney of Anderson county and is a native of the county.

**If You Buy DRY GOODS**

It will pay you to read this space every week for the next twelve months.

We are now receiving and opening our new Spring Goods—all of the newest and latest styles, patterns and colors which we will take pleasure in showing and pricing, feeling sure you will feel well paid for your call.

See our line of light weight woolen Dress Goods in patterns, (no two alike) the latest styles for early spring wear, trimming and a full line of large dress buttons to match each piece, also lining and stiffening of every kind. Call and see our line of silks for trimming and shirt waists all of the very newest and latest styles and colors. Examine our line of kid gloves and silk mitts, the cheapest and best line in town.

Try our elastic belt they make a perfect fit, feel comfortable and always look nice and neat. We also have the cloth and leather belts. Silk belting in colors and buckles to make them of.

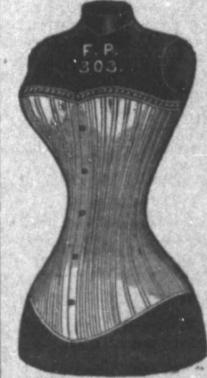
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When you buy thread don't take 7 spools for 25cts, but go to McLean & Wilson's and get 3 for 10cts or 8 for 25cts of Merrick's or Chadwick's best six cord. We also have a line of Borbour's inen thread.

If you need a pair of towels it will pay you to examine our line before buying. Gentlemen if you want a nice, neat, up-to-date shoe, shirt, tie, collar, pair cuffs, suspenders, hose, Scriven's patent drawers or under-shirt go to McLean & Wilson's where you will always find them. You will hear from us again.



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# THE COURIER,

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the democratic party: For District Attorney of Third Judicial District:

A. W. EWING,  
of Anderson County.

For District Clerk,  
JOHN H. ELLIS.

For County Judge,  
J. F. DUREN.  
A. D. LIPSCOMB.

For Assessor of Taxes:  
D. J. CATER.

For Tax Collector,  
JOHN R. FOSTER.

For Commissioner Precinct No. 1.  
T. C. LIVELY.

We found, a few days since, a populist monstrosity, if we may be allowed to use the term. We found a populist who is opposed to the free coinage of silver and is an out-and-out advocate of the gold standard. Ingersoll preaching from the Sermon on the Mount would not have astounded us more. And yet it is just as we have stated it. The gentleman who entertains these heretical views will have to be disciplined, and in a summary manner.

HORATIO SEYMOUR, in a speech delivered in New York twenty years ago, appealed to his listeners to look after their local government first and above all things. He dwelt with special earnestness and emphasis on the proposition that the nearer the office was to the people, the more interest the people had and should feel in such office. He held to the theory that the people were more concerned in the government of their county affairs than they were in their state and national governments, and urged them to guard their nearest and dearest interests by choosing honest, capable and faithful county officials. The force and strength of these remarks have lost none of their aptitude in the lapse of time, nor in their application to government matters in this state. The people of Houston county are more deeply concerned in their local government than in any other, and have more interest in the election of a competent and efficient sheriff, county judge and clerks, than in that of governor or president.

## LOVELADY.

ED. COURIER:—Business is splendid, considering the season.

We exceedingly regret to learn of Mr. B. Speer's serious accident of last week, a tree falling on him and injuring him both internally and externally. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery. (Mr. Speer has since died—Ed.)

Mr. J. O. Monday, and Mr. N. M. Rayburn accompanied by his charming daughter, Miss Della May, made a flying trip to Galveston this week.

Miss Nannie Emerson, one of Lovelady's beautiful and attractive young ladies, who has been for the past two years with her sister, Mrs. Vinson, at Huntsville, is now at home, much to the delight of her many friends. The young people were most royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton at their new home, on St. Valentine's day. Most appropriate and delicious refreshments were served in their usual charming manner, and euchre and other entertaining games were indulged in until the wee sma' hours when all bid Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton good-night, feeling that it had been an evening long to be remembered. The following couples were present: Miss Berta Worth-

ington and Mr. Alex Hutchings; Miss Nannie Emerson and Mr. Glover Worthington; Miss Blanche Adams and Mr. Jack O'Keefe; Miss Maggie Williams and Mr. Will Rayburn; Miss Jennie Garner and Mr. Ervin Atkinson; Miss Annie Garner and Mr. Clyde Mainer; Miss Lula Hogg and Mr. Otis Smith; Miss Lilla Gantt and Mr. Frank Christian; Miss Myrt Mainer and Mr. Herbert Speer; Misses Stevenson and Messrs. Tigers; Miss Anna Collins and Mr. McArthur; Miss Ella Murchison and Mr. W. Skipper.

## SUBSCRIBER.

## CREEK.

ED. COURIER:—We are still in the land of the living if we were reported a corpse. We notice in your paper that some one reported the Elenberg scrape as being at Creek; that is a mistake, as it happened in the Post-oak settlement. There is some sickness here. Mrs. Frank Taylor has been sick for some time, but is now better, also a child of Mr. Steve Hallmark. The farmers are busy at work preparing their land for five cent cotton. Our school will close in a week. We have had a splendid teacher, Mr. Starling, assisted by Mrs. Lena Guinn. We ought to try to keep him. Rev. Mr. Pickett preaches for the Baptists, and Rev. Mr. Stovall for the Methodists at this place. Mr. Nat Atkinson runs the mercantile business here. We hear of land being bought and sold here. Mr. Louis Morrow has to put in a few more acres. There is a fine girl at his house. The saw-mill will soon be in full blast here. The roads are in very bad fix as there has been more rainfall than common. There is one thing that Creek can boast of, and that is that there are more pretty girls here than anywhere else, and it is hard to say which is the prettiest; besides, it would not be good policy to say. We learn that some one said we had turned third party. Whenever I turn from being a democrat you can say that a leopard can change his spots. Misery loves company with some, and when some see that they are in the soup they want others to be in the same row of stumps. Your liver is out of order, my friend. Try a dose of good old democratic voting in June at the primary, and I know you will be a new man. We hope to redeem the Creek box next election. It fell short twenty votes at the last election, in favor of the third party, but at the next it will come out all right for democracy, for our colored friends will vote their old ticket and grandpa and grandpa will be out in the cold. Come back as the prodigal son did. We may not kill the fatted calf, but you will be happy in the sweet bye and bye. We are for Culberson for governor. We hope no one will scratch his ticket this election, but vote for the candidates and show our honorable judge under. Wonder if he will run on a republican or a third party ticket? Straddle the fence, I suppose. It is a long lane that has no turning saith

## O'LEARY.

## AUGUSTA.

ED. COURIER: Augusta seems to be on somewhat of a boom, as improvement may be seen in almost any direction, and the hammers are heard ringing most of the day.

Mr. A. McMillan's new residence will soon be completed and will add materially to the looks of our little city when finished.

The contractor will begin in a few days to paint and paper the church and put it in nice shape generally.

Mr. Sam Long is also improving his place in the western part of the city. In fact an improvement mania seems to have become general. May the good work go on.

Social notes are somewhat scarce, as the visitors during the holidays have all returned to their homes, and once more the town falls into the same old channel.

Mr. J. E. Smith, one of our old time citizens, now living at Groveton, was in the city last week, representing Mensing Bros., of Galveston.

From the general talk there will not be much increase in cotton acreage in this section. Farmers are getting crops planted and everything will be late.

Not much talk of politics, though we expect an exciting campaign.

## TOBE.

## Death of Henry Waller.

EDITOR COURIER: I was called to attend the funeral services of Henry D. Waller last Monday. He was the son of Jack Waller and Mrs. P. E. Waller, nee Phillips. He was born in Houston county, December 31, 1871, married the daughter of Webb, one of the best citizens of Houston county, October 28, 1895; departed this life February 23, 1896, of pneumonia. The death of this young man was doubly sad on account of his recent happy marriage and their bright future. Henry was a good young man and those who knew him best loved him most. He acted as deputy sheriff under his uncle, George Waller, the present incumbent, for more than a year, and his deportment toward all who had dealings with him was courteous, kind and gentlemanly. His father having died when Henry was quite a boy, left a widow and a large family without means, but with the frugal management of deceased's mother, and his industry and moral habits, with his brothers and sisters, they were all in a good financial condition at his death. His friend,  
H. W. M.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, PALESTINE, TEXAS, Feb. 6, 1896.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 6th, 1896, at 11 o'clock A. M., pursuant to the By-Laws of the Company, for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.

Notice is also hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 6th, 1896, at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to the By-Laws of the Company, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.

A. R. HOWARD,  
Secretary.

## An Unique Entertainment.

The Young Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will give a conundrum supper Feb. 29, at the stand recently occupied by Mr. J. M. Dunn. Admission 25cts.

All who can guess our riddle bill of fare can choose a supper both palatable and rare.

## MENU.

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SALADS. Foul Play. Ayessel, an indefinite article and part of a foot.  
RELISHES. Greased Staff. Billy Goat. Fireworks and Ball for Rodens.  
FRUIT OF THE VINE. BEVERAGES. A convulsion of the lungs and a reward. Boston's Overthrow. Spring Offerings.  
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We are determined to bring the prices of goods down to suit the scarcity of money and if the good people will help us we will help them in these times of adversity and START THE BALL TO ROLLING toward prosperity. We will take their produce in exchange at the market value, such as chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, eggs, skins, beef-hides, beeswax, tallow, etc., etc.

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## PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH.

SPECIAL:—Blessed is he who buyeth goods cheap for his money holdeth out to supply his wants and maketh him happy together with his household.

Bob Sissell, a white convict on the state convict farm in this county, known as Eastham farm, made his escape last Sunday night, and in order to make his absence more deeply regretted if possible, stole a horse at the same time, and at this writing is still at large. Sissell was serving a five years' sentence, and as his conduct was good and his time nearly out, he was made a "trustee" at the farm, the officials not believing that he would skip when his legal release was so near at hand. Justice Ellis, on Tuesday, issued a warrant for his arrest on a charge of horse stealing, and when he is caught he will not only lose his commutation of time for good conduct, but will have another long sentence to serve for his latest felony. Mr. Sissell is not a profound reasoner—unless he makes his escape permanent.

LATER—On Wednesday, after the above was in type, Sheriff Waller received a dispatch from the city marshal of Palestine stating that he had arrested Sissell that day and that he had also secured the stolen horse. Mr. Waller went to Palestine the same day and brought the prisoner back.

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