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NOTICE.

As required by Article 3, Section 57 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, notice is hereby given that the International & Great Northern Railroad Company and the Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans Railroad Company and the Houston, Oaklawn and Magnolia Park Railway Company intend to apply to the Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Texas, to assemble in biennial session, on the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1905, for a local or special law to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to purchase, own and operate as a part or parts of its line, the railroad constructed or to be constructed of the Houston, Beaumont and New Orleans Railroad Company and also the railroad constructed or to be constructed of the Houston, Oaklawn and Magnolia Park Railway Company, or either of them, as defined in their respective charters, together with all franchises and property incident or appertaining to said railroads or either of them; and to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company and said Houston, Oaklawn and Magnolia Park Railway Company each to sell its railroad as defined in its charter, together with all franchises and property incident or appertaining thereto, to said International & Great Northern Railroad Company, and to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to issue and negotiate its bonds secured or to be secured by mortgage or mortgages, subject to the laws of the State of Texas governing the issuance and negotiation of bonds by railroad companies; and to authorize said International & Great Northern Railroad Company to construct, own and operate, as a part or parts of its line, the unfinished portion or portions of said railroads, or either of them, between the termini as defined in their respective charters, and to construct, own and operate, as part or parts of its line, extensions and branches of said railroads, or either of them, under or as authorized in and by the charter of said International & Great Northern Railroad Company or any amendment thereof made or to be made in pursuance of general laws of the State of Texas; to regulate reports relative to the railroads, franchises and property, authorized by this act to be purchased and sold, and the operation thereof; and to prescribe the conditions upon which said purchases and sales shall take effect and be dependent; and to authorize said companies and each of them to execute all necessary contracts, agreements and conveyances to accomplish said purchases and sales.

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ANNUAL REUNION.

THAT IS WHAT TEXAS METHODIST CONFERENCES ARE, IN ONE SENSE.

They Go Where Their General, the Bishop, Dictates.

Special to the Galveston News.

Crockett, Texas, Dec. 3.—This morning at an early hour ministers and lay delegates from the East and the Texas conferences were gathering in the Methodist church, extending greetings, renewing old acquaintances and welcoming new recruits to their ranks. In fact, conference may in one sense be regarded as an annual reunion to Methodist ministers, and is always an event of importance in the lives and careers of these good and pious men, as well as in the lives of the loved ones left behind them. Like good and true soldiers of the cross, they are here to receive orders from their general, the bishop. Devoted to the principles and teachings of their church, uncompromising in their warfare with the vices and sins of the world, and with hearts overflowing with the "milk of human kindness" and love to God, they are ever ready to take up the line of march when the bishop's appointments are announced, and go wherever they are assigned and duty calls them. Whether their appointments fall in hard or pleasant places it is all the same to them; they shoulder their crosses, ignore their trials and privations and without a murmur they go forth to duty with that zeal and earnestness born of the great cause in which they have enlisted for life. As they bring to conference the annual reports of their stewardships, which are laid upon the altar as "golden sheaves from the harvest field" of their labors, they are inspired with new thoughts of God and higher hopes of heaven, and they return to their fields of usefulness reinforced with spirituality and confidence that will bear them up and lead them triumphantly through all their battles with sin in his strongholds. Though we may not always agree to all the teachings and policies of these devout men, whose characters in morals and in their daily walks and conversations are "without spot and without blemish," yet we must admire and hold in high esteem their pure and Christian lives and must admit that the world at large is made better through their efforts and labors. Following through their paths and footprints through the wilderness of our own loved country, which the servants of God, with the bible and hymn book as their shield and armor blazed out, we find churches, schools, colleges, universities and happy homes springing up as everlasting monuments to their good works. The little lump of leaven of missionary zeal and wisdom which the immortal Wesley planted amid persecutions near Savannah, Ga., in colonial days has never ceased to grow and never will until the whole lump is thoroughly leavened; yea,

not until the servants of God shall see the sword beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, and not until wars shall be no more will the violent soldiers of the cross ever relax their efforts to plant the banner of Christ in all the remotest parts of the earth.

At 9:15 this morning Bishop Hendrix, fresh and vigorous, though carrying the banner of thirty-five conferences which he has held on his annual rounds upon his shoulders, entered the building and called the conference to order, and thereupon the Texas and East Texas conferences merged into one and will hereafter go under the name of the Texas conference.

In looking over and scanning the personnel of the conference one striking feature forcefully presents itself in the number of strong, intelligent and progressive young men who compose a greater part of the general make-up in this body as a whole. Thoroughly equipped and possessing the requisite amount of enthusiasm for doing excellent work for the cause in which they are enlisted, they are bent and determined on great achievements for the work of the church. Already the influences of their work and teachings are visible in a general way upon the body politic, and the time is rapidly coming when men who would fill public offices and be influential among the masses must be men of good moral character and spotless reputation.

Rev. John E. Green is one of the unique characters of the conference and is known as the "Railroad Engineer Preacher." He was born in Alabama and was educated at Southern University at Greenboro. His father wanted him to go to college, but he wanted to go to railroading and he went, but afterwards returned to college. He then returned to railroading again, serving ten years, seven and a half of which being as an engineer. During this service he became converted and was granted license as a local preacher. He then ran an engine and preached, too, often hauling the high officials over the road and preaching to them when opportunities offered. Finally he came to Texas to escape the entreaties of the Alabama preachers who wanted him to throw up his job and join the ministry. But whenever he considered the suggestion to preach the thought always presented itself: "If I swap jobs the pay car will cease to follow me." Finally, however, under the promptings of the Spirit he exchanged the engine for the pulpit and now wears a snug set of ministerial Methodist harness. He preached twelve years in Houston, in which city he has built three churches, on the "pay as you go policy." He never has a church festival or other church entertainment for raising money, and yet his enterprises when completed are always out of debt. He entered the ministry dependent upon his salary and the first year \$500 was fixed as his compensation, but a part of it was not paid. He is the son of a preacher and the promise that the seed of the righteous shall never beg bread is fully exemplified in his case. He says at the right

time the nickels, dimes, dollars or whatever else may be essential for himself and family invariably come in at the right time. In comparison, he says the wealth he owns in the Master's Kingdom makes the children of J. Pierpont Morgan and other multi-millionaires seem like "Poor white trash." He still keeps up his membership in the Locomotive Brotherhood, in division 336, and it is said that he is universally popular with railroad men in all the departments of the service.

To Fight the Boll Weevil.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 4, 1902.
To the Honorable Mayor,
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting held yesterday by the boll weevil committee, appointed by the Dallas Commercial Club, it was determined to call a state convention to meet at the Commercial Club Rooms in the city of Dallas, Texas, at 10 o'clock, Wednesday, December 17th, 1902, for the purpose of determining the best plan for the farmers to pursue in fighting the boll weevil; and also what laws should be requested of the next legislature which will assist in the extermination of the much-dreaded pest.

It was determined that the mayor of each town in Texas should be requested to appoint a committee of three representative citizens of his city to attend this convention and now we desire that you immediately make such appointments and advise the committee as quickly as possible your appointees.

As it is desired that as wide publicity as possible be given to this subject and to the convention proposed to be held, we request that you advise us briefly your ideas on the subject, with a view of our having same published generally throughout the state. We also desire that you have this communication published in your local papers, together with your views on the subject, and in every way possible assist in creating the sentiment in favor of the passage of immediate laws to assist the cotton growers of Texas, which sentiment is absolutely necessary in order for the desired result to be obtained.

The ravages of the boll weevil have already caused such incalculable destruction to a large portion of our state that the committee do not feel it necessary to more than call your attention to the immense gravity of the situation. Those sections of our state which have not yet been visited, can expect to be reached with absolute certainty within the next two years. Not only are the cotton growing communities immediately affected, but every merchant, banker, jobber and professional man in the state is interested.

We ask your earnest co-operation in this matter. Address all communications to the chairman of this committee.

HENRY D. LINDSLEY,
Chairman.

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Creek Cleanings.

We have had quite a busy week in the community. Hog buyers have been here and several sales were made, also a gentleman from Llano county has been in here with a drove of good mules selling them to the farmers on time, and reasonably cheap.

Mr. J. W. Gilbert told us that he had yet three crops of ribbon cane to work up.

One death to record. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Curry died last Tuesday. Did I say died? Well, it's just gone to Heaven, for it never knew sin.

On last Monday morning Mr. Hal Goodwin, the only son of old Uncle Jimmy Goodwin, was seen on the streets of Creek in rather a somewhat jubilant state of mentality. On investigation we learned that on the previous evening there had arrived at his residence an immigrant of the masculine contingency, being the first of that gender. No wonder Hal's exuberance!

The Rev. Mr. Arnold of Groveton, pastor of the Congregational Methodist church at this place, filled his pulpit Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m.

The Creek choir sang in the Methodist church Sunday evening. A good many of the young folks and old ones came out and helped. The preacher condemned the practice of going to socials, such as candy breakings, dances, conversational parties, &c., and advised the attendance at prayer meetings, musical entertainments and Sunday Schools, all of which we endorse, but how can you expect the young folks to take part in the prayer meetings, Sunday Schools and musical entertainments when the older church members hardly know what a prayer meeting is and have more fuss over the Sunday School than the young folks have at the dances and the candy breakings?

The public school is in full blast with 96 pupils in attendance. The November examination developed a good progress in the various grades. The honor roll list for this month is as follows:

Misses Lela Furlow, Quilla Taylor, Florence Balthrope and Masters Edward Hallmark and Grady Furlow, fourth grade.

Master Hester Wood and Miss Ione Currie, third grade.

Misses Mamie Barbee, Ruby Furlow, Maude Hallmark, and Master Frank Jordan, second grade.

Miss Nora Hallmark, first grade.

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Coughing Spell Caused Death.

"Harry Duckwell, age 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duckwell died of suffocation.—St. Louis Globe Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901." Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00.

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SOME OF THE APPOINTMENTS.

Rev. Ellis Smith Goes to Houston.
Rev. Crawford Comes to Crockett From Galveston.

Crockett, Texas, December 8.—The conference closed at 11.30 a. m. after the announcement of the following appointments:

Houston district, G. A. Leclere, presiding elder—Houston, Shearn church, S. R. Hay; Washington Street church, S. Thomas; McKee Street church, G. H. Collins; Tabernacle church, Ellis Smith, J. R. Warlick, supernumerary; McAshan chapel and Braner, S. S. McKinney; Galveston, Central church, A. J. Weeks; West End church, R. C. George; Richmond Station, Nathan Powell; Columbia and Brazoria circuit, J. W. Kellerick; Wharton and Hungerford, R. L. Bridges; Cedar Bayou circuit, W. H. Brooks; Rosenberg, to be supplied by J. M. Murray; League City, L. P. Davis; Alvin station, G. W. Davis; Angleton, E. L. Ingram; Bay City, C. N. Morton; White Oaks, to be supplied by L. L. Hursty; Sandy Point, to be supplied; Mont Bellevue, J. M. Gaul; assistant missionary, Secretary Seth Ward.

Beaumont district, J. B. Cochran, presiding elder—Beaumont, First church, V. A. Godbey, C. M. Davenport, supernumerary; Northend, J. E. Green; Cartwright chapel, A. G. Scruggs; Port Arthur, F. M. Boyle; Orange station, J. W. Johnson; Liberty circuit, J. I. Weatherby; Wallisville mission to be supplied by S. D. Hargar; Livingston circuit, to be supplied by E. Pangell; Leggett mission, J. C. Key; Woodville and Colmesniel, R. O. Bailey; Kountze circuit, J. E. Short; Silsbee mission, to be supplied by H. R. Taylor; Jasper and Kirbyville, to be supplied; Jasper mission to be supplied by L. E. Christian; Burkville, J. T. Kirkpatrick; Call circuit, M. W. James; Sabine Pass and Port Neches, B. R. Anderson; China and Sour Lake, to be supplied; student at Southwestern university, J. G. Pollard.

Brenham district, C. F. Smith, presiding elder—Brenham station, L. M. Fowler; Bellville mission, Allen Tooke; Caldwell, H. R. Kember; Lyons circuit, H. G. Williams; Lexington circuit, J. C. Stewart; Cameron station, J. L. Massey; Cameron circuit, S. L. Burke; Mayfield circuit, J. D. Burke; Pleasantville circuit, T. R. Cain; Fulshear circuit, W. W. Horner; Hempstead, A. J. S. Haygood; Waller circuit, C. H. Adams; Montgomery and Plantersville, J. Cameron; Willis and Cenroe, W. T. McDonald; Dodge City circuit, J. H. Huddleston; Cold Springs circuit, E. S. Hurzey; chaplain to State penitentiary at Huntsville, S. H. Morgan; chaplain in United States army, E. P. Newsom; Waverly mission to be supplied; Midway mission to be supplied.

Palestine district, J. B. Sears, presiding elder—Palestine station, H. C. Willis; West Palestine mission, H. J. Hayes; Beaver Valley circuit, Jesse Lee; Brushy Creek circuit, J. W. Bridges; Elkhart, J. E. Morgan; Grapeland, C. M. Cagle; Augusta mission to be supplied by F. E. Luker; Kennard circuit to be supplied by J. W. Albritten; Crockett station, E. L. Crawford; Crockett circuit, W. S. Easterling; Trinity and Lovelady circuit, J. W. Mills; Groveton circuit, G. E. Parsons; Alto circuit, I. F. Pace, J. B. Luker supernumerary; Rusk station, L. B. Elrod; Jacksonville station, B. H. Greathouse, A. A. Wagon, supernumerary; Jacksonville circuit, J. N. Smith; Mt. Selman circuit, to be supplied by J. W. Griffin; chaplain East Texas penitentiary,

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From now till Jan. 1st will be a favorable time for you to make your purchases, because we want to sell the goods and you need them; therefore we are making the prices quite interesting.

Discount on Millinery.

In order to dispose of the winter stock, in this department, we are giving some very attractive discounts. The trade we have had on Millinery proves that our goods were selected with unusual care, and that our trimmer is undoubtedly an artist. 25 per cent discount on all Trimmed Hats 10 " " " Ready-made Veils 25 " " " " all Wings and Feathers.



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- Heavy Crocheted Cape, with ribbon draw string and bows, red only... **1.95**
- Fancy Crocheted Fascinators, beaded, all colors, each... **20c**
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—GOLDSMITH.

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SURVIVAL OF PIRACY

SEA ROBBERS STILL MAKE OCEAN TRAVEL UNSAFE.

Unchecked by the Government, Fighters Under the Black Flag Practice Their Vocation Off the Fukien Coast of China—Slay all Who Oppose Them.

Mail advices report that pirate craft are now thicker than ever off the Fukien coast of China, which is at the present day a most dangerous highway for junks traversing the coast between Canton, Swatow and Amoy. Piratical junks, well manned and well armed, cruise about the Tungshan coast in squadrons of three and four, lying in wait for trading junks laden with rich cargoes bound from Amoy and neighborhood to Swatow or Canton or vice versa; in some cases stripping the merchant craft of all their cargoes, sails, rigging, food supplies, armament, etc., and leaving the crews just so much as to enable them to navigate their junks to the nearest seaport, while in other cases leading the crews at some spot on the coast, and taking away the junks and all that is in them.

Resistance means death at the hands of the pirates, who seldom massacre the trading junk crews, unless the junks show fight and cause severe loss to the pirates. Then there is no mercy shown; every surviving member of the trading junk's crew being thrown into the sea. Hence, unless well armed and strongly manned, merchant junks seldom show fight to a superior force of pirates, preferring to show their sterns to the latter, if they can. If, however, the forces are equal, two to two, or three to three, a battle often ensues, and if the resistance be a stubborn one, small chance is left to the junk's crew to survive the conflict should they be worsted by the pirates.

The custom, therefore, is to show fight, and if the pirates persist in fighting to a finish, the traders generally heave to and prudently allow the pirates to board them and "do whatever may seem best in their sight," for more often than not reinforcements for the aid of the enemy sail in sight not long after a battle is commenced. This, has, therefore, encouraged the pirates of the Fukien coast, between Amoy and Swatow, to make that place their constant ground, so that unless it be stopped, the junk trade between Fukien and Kuangtung provinces will soon be a thing of the past, so great is the terror inspired by the pirates in the crews of trading junks.

The cause of all this is the absence of government ships and war junks. Before the war with Japan (1894-95) there was a respectable number of war junks quite able to cope with the formidable sea pirates, but since then "retrenchment" has been the motto of the Fukien officials, and a cruising squadron of war junks on the Fukien coast has of late years been rather the exception than the rule—except the annual cruise (in a steam sloop) of the "admiral" of the Fukien province, whose headquarters are at Amoy—and he usually cruises away from the pirates' preserves.—Portland Oregonian.

Mark Twain's Parents.

The local tradition remembers the father of the humorist, "Squire" Clemens, as a good and peaceable citizen. He brought to the town with him his wife and children and nothing unusual is remembered of the family, except that Mrs. Clemens had a peculiar and interesting drawl in her speech. When her son lectured in the town theater she called the attention of the neighbors to the fact that "Sam had a mighty long drawl to his talk," and she wondered where in the world he got it. Whereupon an old farmer remarked: "If the dam is a pacer, you will very likely find an amble in the colt." They brought their children up as well as circumstances would allow, considering three things—the civil war, the west on the river, and the children. It is generally believed that Aunt Polly in "Tom Sawyer" was "Sam's" own mother, and that Tom was Sam. If this is so, one can almost read the family history in that captivating little book.

Her Practical Mind.

He always said that she had a mind, too severely practical for an author's wife. He could be optimistic on very slight provocation, but she wanted something tangible to inspire optimism.

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To shear the head of a Frankish king was to depose him. The Venetian ladies who really ruled the mercantile republic wore abundant tresses. The wives of Henry VIII, poor subjects! were hooded like nuns. Their hair was as invisible as their influence. The emancipated ladies of the French court showed well their hair, as they showed their independence. Francis I, who gave supremacy to them, had a close-clipped head says the New York Press. So had Charles V. Queen Elizabeth wore much hair; her courtiers wore as little as possible, and so did Henry IV. The women of our own time seem to enjoy a perfect equality of rights with the men, as the hair shows. The scale has not yet tilted to either side. When it does we shall be forewarned by the hair. No self-respecting white man nowadays wears long hair. Paul says: "Doth not even nature itself teach you that if a man have long hair it is a shame unto him." Absalom cuts his hair once a year and the clippings weighed 43,800 grains over 100 ounces. It would be a fine head of hair which weighed five ounces.

By the Cunard steamship Saxonia, which sailed from Boston Monday, an enormous quantity of apples were shipped, the total being 28,508 barrels, which is said to be the largest number that ever left this country on any one ship.

Experiments in the drying of peat for fuel from the inexhaustible bogs of the province of Ontario, Canada, have cost about \$100,000, and met with only fair success. The product brings \$1.25 a ton in Toronto.

In the village of Petruffe, in Luxembourg, Germany, stands the largest single span of any masonry bridge in the world, with a length of 277 feet and a height of 102 feet.

Italians are organizing Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist, Congregational and Episcopal churches in this country in considerable numbers. Some of these Italians are Waldensians when at home, but most of them were reared as Roman Catholics.

Progressive Canada estimated that the desire to save on clothes to buy something for the house is never born in a woman until after she is married. "The population capacity of Canada cannot be less than 100,000,000." There are 1,300,000 square miles of arable land.

It is strange, and one of the things a father can never understand, but

Alderman Manton of Birmingham, England, who is now in his 94th year, has been a member of the city council for half a century.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

ALL OVER TEXAS.

Colds are prevalent.
Builders say the outlook for 1903 is good.
Texarkana reports eight inches of snow.

Ervey street, Dallas, is to be paved with asphalt.

The Texas and Pacific is building a new depot at Merkel.

A small strike among coal miners at Bridgeport was soon settled.

It is said that the recent cold snap has not injured the sugar cane.

Four rural free delivery routes were inaugurated in Cook county Dec. 1.

Christmas stocks are unusually heavy and trading is unusually lively.

Miss Mattie Beck of McKinney slipped on the snow and dislocated her knee cap.

The city council of Corsicana ordered a special census of the city taken with a view to making application to the legislature for a special charter.

The Rock Island railroad will commence letting contracts in a few days for its extension from Dallas to the gulf.

Mrs. Mary Callen, born in Limerick, Ireland, 80 years ago, died in Dallas, Thursday, where she had resided thirty years.

Dave Wilson, col., was sent to the pen for five years from Burleson county, for assault with intent to kill upon his wife.

It is reported that the International & Great Northern will begin work on a \$50,000 passenger depot in San Antonio early in 1903.

Receipts at Dallas postoffice for November, 1902, were \$21,380.94, a gain of \$2,090.41, or 10 per cent, over the corresponding month last year.

Two Delta county farmers have invested over \$300 in a lawsuit over a bunch of hogs not worth \$25, and are still plugging away at the case.

Texas, with sixteen members in congress, begins to cut some ice in matters. This ties Texas and Missouri on the number of members.

The prohibitionists of Johnson county are taking steps to employ eminent counsel to assist in fighting the local option case in the higher court.

The cornerstone of the Girls' Industrial school, Denton, will be laid about January 1 with appropriate ceremonies, under the auspices of the Masonic order.

The right of way for the Belton & Temple air line road has been secured at a cost of \$1353 and will be two miles shorter than the present crooked one.

The Roby schoolhouse, to cost \$8000, is rapidly approaching completion and will be ready to use at latest by the new year. It will be quite an ornament to the town.

There were only three or four sunshiny days during the month of November, and if December holds on like it has started out it will be equally as void of sunshine.

It will require more drastic measures than commercial club resolutions to rid Texas of the boll weevil. The gist of the matter is that Texas doesn't have to raise cotton.

The turkeys that Thanksgiving did not get have gone the way of Ward's ducks. The butchers in Dallas hold turkey meat at 20 cents a pound, and eggs 20 cents a dozen.

Ohio's eight hour labor law is found to be unconstitutional.

Newspaper correspondents at Shanghai and Hong Kong say trade is at a standstill and that the depreciation of silver, the current money of China, is the beginning of a panic in the Orient.

New bids for equipping the state epileptic asylum at Abilene with waterworks, electric lights and power plant will be opened Jan. 1, 1903, the bids opened Dec. 1 being unsatisfactory.

Wm. E. Larns, druggist, formerly of Abilene, suicided in Galveston with morphine.

Total shipments of Beaumont oil from time of discovery until Dec. 1 were nearly 12,000,000 barrels.

GALLAGHER TRIAL.

CHARGED WITH MURDERING HIS MOTHER.

CRIME FIVE YEARS AGO.

A Jury was Secured Quickly and Agreement Made to Use Stenographer's Notes on Certain Testimony.

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 9.—Virgil Gallagher, who has been in jail five years and four months, charged with the murder of his mother, Mrs. Kate M. Gallagher, in Galveston, on August 15, 1897, was arraigned in the Thirty-seventh district court this morning, the case having been brought here from De Witt county, where it had been taken from Brazoria county, to which court it had been taken from the Galveston district court on the alleged ground that a fair and impartial trial could not be had in either of the counties named.

The first move of the defense after the case was called for trial was to file a motion for continuance on the ground of the absence of Mrs. W. Casey of Dallas, Mrs. Otton Yancey of Galveston and Joe Bell whose whereabouts are unknown, it being claimed that these parties are material witnesses.

After the presentation of the motion, the attorneys for the State and defense got together and agreed that the stenographer's report of the evidence taken at a former trial in Galveston and as embodied in the record which went before the criminal court of appeals, should go before the jury in this trial without impeachment, whereupon the motion for a continuance was overruled. At three o'clock this afternoon the work of selecting a jury was commenced and by 7 o'clock, at which hour court adjourned, twelve men, who are to try Gallagher for his life had been secured. Of the twelve, three are from the city and nine from different neighborhoods in the county.

A large number of witnesses in the case are here from Galveston and other points and it is expected that the trial will consume the entire week if not run over into next week.

Murder and Suicide.

Tyler, Texas, December 9.—Saturday afternoon late, a horrible tragedy occurred six miles northwest of Garden valley, Smith county. A young man named Davis, about 21 years of age, killed Mrs. Wynne, a bride of three days, in the public road near her home. He ran a few yards and then fired a shot into his brain, which killed him instantly.

Davis was a rejected suitor of the lady, and after her marriage last Thursday night was repeatedly heard to threaten the lives of both Wynne and his wife. Davis went to Mineola Saturday and returned under the influence of whisky. He met Mrs. Wynne her sister and Mr. Wynne in the road. The ladies thinking Wynne would be the one assaulted, prevailed upon him to step out of the road, which he did. Davis approached to within a foot of Mrs. Wynne and fired. The ball took effect in the heart and caused instant death.

The parties belong to families of good standing in the community.

A Texan Died Suddenly.

Pittsburg, Kan., Dec. 9.—A. R. Marston, assistant general manager of the Texas-Pacific Coal company, of Thurber, Texas, died suddenly yesterday at the Stillwell hotel. He fell to the floor in convulsions while playing billiards and died a few minutes later. A coroner's jury found that death was caused by poison. There is no evidence of suicide. Mr. Marston had been here several days, securing miners to send to Thurber, Texas, and expected to leave last night with a party of forty men.

Governor of Colorado in Texas.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 9.—Governor-elect James Peabody, Secretary of State-elect James Cowie and John C. Gieghorn, penitentiary warden, of Colorado and party of friends arrived here this morning in a special car in charge of W. R. Freeman, treasurer of the Colorado Midland. The governor's party is in Texas sight-seeing and will probably visit all the leading cities in the State.

Barn Near Nacogdoches.

Madisonville, Texas, Dec. 9.—The barn of W. A. Price, with its contents, was burned this morning about one o'clock. The loss is \$400, with insurance of \$100.

DEAUMONT DEPOT BURNED.

Southern Pacific for Third Time Has Lost its Freight House.

Beaumont, Texas, Dec. 9.—For the third time within nine months the freight depot of the Southern Pacific has been burned to the ground.

Yesterday morning at 3:40 o'clock flames were seen emanating from the southeast corner of the building. A hurry alarm was sent in and the fire boys responded.

Owing to the condition of the street it required some time for the department to reach the scene by which time the entire structure was wrapped in flames.

About half an hour after the flames were discovered a dull smothered explosion was heard and a tongue of fire showed skyward with a roar similar to an iron furnace blast.

The detonation shook every building within ten squares and windows in the McFadden building opposite the depot were shattered, two immense plate glasses in the saloon below being totally destroyed.

The railway company is at a loss to account for the fire, but the general supposition is that it is of incendiary origin.

The freight house was filled to overflowing with costly goods and the total loss entailed will reach at least \$40,000.

Incendiarism—Murder.

Livingston, Texas, December 9.—Some mischief shot into the residence of Pat Laramore about 8 o'clock last night, but did no damage further than tearing up one window.

About the same time or soon after an attempt was made to set fire to the stores of C. J. Gerlach & Bro. and J. W. Cochran & Co., the fire in each case being set under the building, but discovered in time to be extinguished without damage to buildings.

Mack Zimmerman was shot in the left temple and is thought to be fatally wounded. Five others were shot, but not seriously hurt. The shooting was evidently done by the persons who started the fire at Gerlach's store, and to prevent its extinguishment. Efforts are being made to procure dogs to hunt them down, but so far without avail.

Ex-Speaker Reed's Funeral.

Portland, Me., Dec. 9.—The body of ex-speaker Thomas B. Reed was taken to the First Unitarian church, where it will remain until after the funeral at 2 p. m. tomorrow.

Mr. Hinds said that the trip from Washington had been without incident. In compliance with the wishes of Mrs. Reed, the funeral services today will be without any attempt at display. It is doubtful if there will be music, other than selections by the organist. Rev. John Carroll Perkins, the pastor, will officiate. Seats will be reserved for the Loyal Legion, Cumberland bar, Cumberland club and Mr. Reed's Bowdoin college classmates. The burial will be at Evergreen cemetery. All public offices, including the local and Federal offices will be closed.

Hearing Again Postponed.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 9.—The open hearing fixed by the railroad commission of Texas for the case of the Ira O. Wyse Oil Company of Beaumont vs. the Kansas City, Beaumont and Southern Railroad company, for refusal of the railroad company to furnish oil cars for points not on its line, set for December 11, was postponed today for the next regular hearing of the commission in January.

An Ultimatum for Venezuela.

London, Dec. 9.—Premier Balfour announced in the house of commons today that an ultimatum had been sent to Venezuela and that in the event of a satisfactory reply not being received by the British and German governments, they would take measures to enforce their claims against that country.

Burglary at Smithville.

Smithville, Texas, December 8.—Some party or parties entered the saloon of J. C. Leszkar here last night and secured a watch and silverware. The money drawer was broken open, but no cash was found. No clue to the perpetrators.

Louisiana Cane All Right.

New Orleans, December 8.—Reports from the Louisiana sugar belt show that very little damage was done to the cane crop by the recent cold snap. The warning given by the weather bureau enabled the planters to protect the cane from the freeze.

Having had experience with fleas, we object to the expression, "as lucky as a dog."

REED IN NO MORE.

INTERMENT TAKES PLACE TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

CEREMONIES AT HOME.

By Request There Was no Display of Any Kind—Obsequies to be of a Simple Character.

Washington, December 8.—The remains of Thomas Brackett Reed, who died Saturday night, left here yesterday afternoon for Portland, Maine, his former home, where the interment will take place on Tuesday afternoon. They were placed aboard a special train leaving Washington at 4:50 o'clock and running as the second section of the Federal Express, scheduled to arrive at Portland today. Accompanying the body were Mrs. Reed, the widow; Miss Catherine Reed, the former speaker's daughter; Hon. Amos L. Allen, Mr. Reed's successor in the house of representatives; Mr. Asher S. Hinds, Mr. Reed's parliamentary clerk while speaker; and Mr. Augustus G. Payne of New York, a life-long friend. At Mrs. Reed's request there were no ceremonies of any kind, and at Portland they will be of a simple character.

During the entire day there was a stream of sympathetic callers at the Arlington hotel, where the body of Mr. Reed lay awaiting removal to the railroad station. They included President and Mrs. Roosevelt, members of the cabinet and of the senate and house and of the diplomatic corps. Many persons in private life also called. Neither Mrs. Reed nor her daughter saw any of the visitors, who simply left their cards. It was not generally known that the body of the deceased would be taken from the city yesterday and President Roosevelt had invited Mrs. Reed and her daughter to be his guests at the White House pending its removal, which invitation, under the circumstances, they were compelled to decline.

The body was enclosed in a casket with heavy oxidized extension handles, and on the top was a solid silver plate, on which had been engraved the following simple inscription:

THOMAS BRACKETT REED.
October 18, 1839.
December 7, 1902.

The casket remained at the hotel until about 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when it was brought down stairs and lifted into the hearse, the undertaker's assistants and the employees of the hotel acting as body bearers. Then, without ceremony or display of any kind, it was removed to the railroad station. On the casket rested two floral offerings, one of them from the widow and the other, enclosed in a long pasteboard box, from Mrs. Roosevelt.

Soon after the body left the hotel Mrs. Reed and her daughter, Mr. Payne, Mr. Allen and Mr. Hinds, who accompanied the body to Portland, were driven to the special train in waiting. Among those at the railroad station when the train departed were Senator and Mrs. Lodge, Justice McKenna of the supreme court, General Draper of Massachusetts and Representatives Hitt and Littlefield. Mr. Littlefield expects to go to Portland to attend the funeral and Representative Burieligh, who is there already, also expects to be present.

House to Honor Reed.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The house will adjourn soon after assembling today as a mark of respect to the late Speaker Reed. This course was decided on last night. Immediately after the approval of the Journal Representative Sherman (N. Y.) will be recognized to present a resolution of condolence and then the house, after adopting it, will adjourn.

Another Trance Victim.

St. Louis, Mo., December 8.—Mrs. James R. Abernathy, who suddenly dropped to sleep while reading a newspaper aloud to her husband Friday morning, is still in a somnolent state. The attending physician this afternoon applied an electric battery and for a moment the sleeper's eyes opened. She made a slight effort to sit up, then sighed and fell asleep without a word. Her breathing is deep and regular and her heart action is pronounced. The physician says he believes her condition is due to cerebral hemorrhage, and thinks she would awaken of her own accord about next Thursday, after a period of six days.

Home Rule for Ireland.

Washington, December 8.—A largely attended mass meeting and reception in honor of Mitchell Davitt, Edward Blake and John Dillon, the Irish envoys now in this country, was held last night at the Lafayette theater. Mr. Dillon, however, was not present, having been detained by illness. Senator Thomas M. Patterson of Colorado presided, while on the platform and in the audience were seated a number of representatives in congress. Among them were Messrs. Sims of Tennessee, Gilbert and Goech of Kentucky and Bellamy of North Carolina. Addresses which provoked hearty applause from the audience were made by Senator Patterson and Messrs. Davitt and Blake, the meeting concluding with a vote of thanks to the speakers, proposed by T. V. Powderly. All the speakers dwelt on Ireland's struggle for relief from English rule, of the willingness of her patriots to suffer in her cause and of the prospects for legislation which will give home rule to the Emerald Isle.

Senator Patterson declared the struggle going on was a bloodless one and that home rule for Ireland with a landed proprietorship must come ultimately. The results of the struggle, which was just twenty-one years old, had been an English church in Ireland, a more liberal educational system and better land laws, and Michael Davitt had made his prediction that before the close of the present parliament the laws advocated by the Land league would be passed.

The New Orleans Mint.

New Orleans, December 8.—New Orleans is making a determined fight to retain the United States mint. Director Roberts, in his annual report, recommended that the machinery be moved to Denver, Colo., and the building converted into an assay office, and he has followed this up with the statement that he will go before the house and senate committees and urge congress not to make an appropriation for its maintenance. The report of Mr. Roberts and his attitude toward New Orleans has aroused all the business organizations of this city, and they are using every means possible to prevent the director's recommendations from being carried out. The Louisiana delegation in Congress has entreated the support of the Mississippi and Texas delegations and a number of other Southern congressmen and senators and they propose to make a vigorous fight.

M. I. Will Pay Americans.

Eagle Pass, Texas, December 8.—The machinists and boiler makers in the Mexican International railroad shops, C. P. Diaz, have just been notified that from the first instant they will be paid standard American wages on a gold basis. The machinists to receive \$3.30 and the boiler makers \$3.50 per day in gold or its equivalent in Mexican money at the average rate of exchange during the month for which they worked. This is a new departure in Mexican railroading and illustrates President Mescal's quick discernment of a situation that had become critical owing to the serious fall in silver, it being impossible to hold American machinists or get new ones at a rate of pay which grew less from month to month. The advance applies only to foreigners.

The Pacific Cable.

San Francisco, Cal., December 8.—Clarence Mackay, president of the postal Telegraph company, and Vice-Presidents Baker and Ward of the Commercial Cable company, arrived here last night. They said that they had come to witness the beginning of the laying of the cable at Honolulu and that they expected that event to take place the latter part of this week. Mr. Mackay said he believed the branch from Honolulu to Yokohama, via Guam, would be in working order July 1, 1903.

Louisiana Oranges.

New Orleans, December 8.—The growers on the Louisiana coast have reaped a harvest this season. The yield has been large and the prices realized for the fruit have been higher than any time within the past ten years. The growers have learned by past experience to protect their orchards, with the result that the cold snaps of winter cause very little damage. Hundreds of new trees will be put out during December and January and the yield next year promises to be much greater than that of the present season.

Marion, Mass.—There is no apparent change in the condition of former Acting General Hosea M. Knowlton, who was stricken with apoplexy.

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It is a wise man that knows when he is playing the fool.
Henpeck says that a'ncense makes the heart grow fonder of liberty.
It takes a woman to make a man sit up—and a baby to make him walk.
What the lover lacks in common sense he more than makes up in happiness.
Where the fat woman is on exhibition there may truly be said to be a big fair.
Many a youth neglects to go home to roost just to prove that he is no chicken.
All the world loves a lover on the principle that fools like misery, love company.
Many a good-looking shoe resembles the land of Egypt in the matter of corns.
When eyes are twin stars it is not hard for a man to become enamored of astronomy.
Reading maketh a full man, but it isn't to be compared with the man with the apron.
It is the province of the strenuous to prevail on the man on the fence to get a gait on.
Things are becoming serious on the tight little island when the American invaders capture the British war office.

Striking miners may console themselves that at least they were not risking their lives daily when they read of mine explosions elsewhere.
All the wisdom of the world fades so nothingness when compared to a pair of bright eyes.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

LITTLE JOTTINGS.
Natives of Greenland are a cold and distant people.
Things that make a woman cry make a man swear.
Beware of the man who owns a soft, persuasive voice.
A spoiled child is to be pitied because of its foot, parents.
All the world's a stage and all the women thereon want speaking parts.
He is a wise son who knoweth when his own father will stand for a touch.
That woman doesn't live who can lose at a social card game without getting mad.
An evening call is productive of pleasure—either when you come or when you go.
When a short young man gets sweet on a tall girl he immediately buys a high silk hat.
Paint looks all right on an old house, but on an old woman—well, that's quite another story.
It makes a spinster grit her teeth every time she encounters a widow who has planted three husbands.
If a man knew what his acquaintances really thought of him he would go away somewhere and do the hermit act.
A woman's idea of a dutiful husband is one who will stay at home and look after the baby while she spends the afternoon shopping.

WHAT ONE WOMAN OBSERVES.
To the world we may appear insignificant but to ourselves we are all powerful.
Worrying is mostly habit annoyances, largely the product of an excited imagination.
There is nothing that women and men like so much in each other as sympathy and appreciation.
There is only one thing meaner than a person who never apologizes, and that is a person who will not accept one.

PALMER IS TO ACT.

WILL NOT PERMIT THREAT TO GO TO THE HOUSE.

IT WILL BE SIGNED SOON

This is Understood to Be a Hostile Body, Hence Reason for Refusing to Let It Act on Measure.

Havana, Dec. 6.—After a conference with Secretaries Zaldo and Montes last night, President Palma said: "My commissioners, Zaldo and Montes, will sign the reciprocity treaty with General Bliss probably on Monday or Tuesday next. It will then be sent to Washington, where the treaty will be signed by Secretary Hay and the Cuban minister, Quesada. After confirmation by the United States senate I will send the treaty to the Cuban senate for approval. I shall not send it to the house of representatives, because the executive has, with the approval of the senate, the right, according to the constitution, to make a treaty which does not affect the tariff. This agreement provides for certain reductions in the duties from imports from the United States, but the tariff on these articles is not changed. After the approval of the treaty I intend to send a message to the senate and the house of representatives, asking for a revision of the tariff, in order to keep up the revenues, which necessarily will be lessened by the treaty."

A senator who supports the administration gives as his opinion that the reciprocity agreement must be approved by the house of representatives.
The matter of issuing a loan of \$35,000,000 is again before the senate.
Washington, Dec. 6.—The message from President Palma that he will sign the reciprocity treaty has greatly relieved the members of the administration, who had been informed that the matter was practically lost and would be referred to the Cuban house of representatives, which has a majority hostile to the United States. If it should be forced into the house it is nearly certain that the measure would be so amended as to become distasteful to the United States and be rejected.

McDowell's Case Presented.
Washington, Dec. 6.—C. K. McDowell, who is an applicant for the position of marshal of the Northern judicial district of Texas, left last night for Del Rio in answer to a telegram informing him of sickness in his family. Mr. McDowell's case has been fully presented to the administration. It is understood, and it should not be surprising if some action were taken in the matter during the early part of next week. Mr. Hawley has been expected here daily during the present week, but he has not arrived up to date.

Mrs. Nation Jailed Again.
Topeka, Kans., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Carrie Nation was jailed yesterday on the charge of disturbing the peace. She was forcibly ejected from several drug stores and one of the most prominent hotels in the city. Some saloons let her walk in and she was closely watched she attempted no smashing. Toward the last a hooting mob followed her and druggists and "jointists" slammed the doors in her face.

Gulf and Interstate Matters.
Galveston, Texas, Dec. 6.—There is no foundation for the report that the visit of the Katy officials here day before yesterday had any connection with the reconstruction of the Gulf and Interstate. The story that the Katy wants the Gulf and Interstate is an old one and has been dropped several months ago.

Negroes Abandon Homes.
Shreveport, La., Dec. 6.—The river situation at Shreveport shows no improvement. Hundreds of negroes in Shreveport have been forced to abandon their homes in the bottoms on account of the high water. A number of plantations have been submerged and the loss of property is large. So far, however, there is no loss of life.

Texan Succeeded on an Old Scheme.
Hot Springs, Ark., Dec. 6.—A wealthy man from Taylor, Texas, was yesterday swindled out of \$12,000 on the old time foot race fraud. Nine men were in the deal and four were arrested. The old game was worked without deviation, but it all seemed new to the Texan.

AMERICAN MUTINEERS.

Shot Two British Officers and Escaped on a Raft in Mid-ocean.
Queenstown Dec. 6.—The British ship Leicester Castle from San Francisco arrived here yesterday. Her commander reported that on Sept. 3 three American seamen mutined and Captain Pettie and his second officer were shot, the latter fatally, after an encounter with the mutineers who left the ship on a raft in mid-ocean.
The captain gave the names of the mutineers as W. A. Hobbs, Ernest Sears and Turner. They were all shipped in San Francisco.

The second officer, Nixon, was shot while attempting to rescue the captain. In the darkness the mutineers got a few planks and coops, formed a raft and launched it from the ship, which was then about 300 miles north of Pitcairn Islands. The captain searched for the raft the next day, but it was not sighted, and it was surmised that it went to pieces.
Captain Pettie added that Hobbs was the actual murderer of Nixon, whom he shot through the heart. The captain himself was shot twice, but he had quite recovered when he arrived here.

When the chief officer discovered that the three men had mutinied he mustered the rest of the crew on the poop, intending to await daylight and capture the mutineers, but the latter escaped in the interim.
The captain is unable to account for the mutiny. He supposes it was the intention of the mutineers to murder the officers and the men who refused to join them and take the ship to Pitcairn Islands. It is said Hobbs came from Illinois, Sears from Idaho and James Turner from Portland, Ore.
The mutineers took a week's provisions with them on the raft.

Alfonso Deliberates.
Madrid, Dec. 6.—The cabinet crisis continues. The king has given an extensive hearing to the views of all the political leaders, showing himself acquainted with the details of the situations and apparently anxious to avoid a dissolution of the chamber, which, owing to the divided state of the liberal party, is regarded in some quarters as inevitable. With this idea the king yesterday evening again summoned Senator Sagasta to a conference. On leaving the palace the former premier said that the king declared that he would announce his decision today.

School Fund Paid.
Austin, Texas, Dec. 6.—On the 11th day of October, this year, the school board made a supplemental appropriation of 10 cents per capita for the scholastic population of Texas for terms of 1902. The aggregate scholastic population for the year being 754,639. This additional appropriation for the support of the public schools of the state amounted to \$75,968.90. The controller has just finished forwarding this amount, payments being made directly to county treasurers in independent school districts.

San Antonio Strike Off.
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 6.—The strike inaugurated by the electrical workers and linemen in the employ of the San Antonio Traction Company, which threatened night before last to tie up the entire trolley system of the city and shut off the supply of gas as well as electricity, was amicably settled at a conference yesterday, the men returning to work at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Gould's Next Move.
Denver, Colo., Dec. 6.—It is understood from a reliable source that Geo. Gould will, in the next few days, apply for an injunction for the purpose of preventing certain persons from voting stock at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company directors' meeting on next Wednesday, which is in their names, but which, in reality, belongs to him. This injunction will be asked for in New York.

Guilty of Manslaughter.
Caldwell, Texas, Dec. 6.—The jury in the case of the State of Texas vs. Tom Brownlee, in the district court, after being out over twenty-four hours, brought in a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, and gave defendant two years in the penitentiary.

Aurora, Ill.—The remains of Miss Kate Hossett, the actress, who was killed last Monday by Barry Johnstone, the actor, arrived here on Friday.

Lexington, Ky.—A jury was secured Friday to try Claude O'Brien of Memphis, charged with complicity in the murder of merchant A. B. Chas. on October 11 last.

EVENTS OF EVERYWHERE.

France has reduced the tariff on sugar.

Kansas City is figuring on building a wax watch factory.

A Cuban reciprocity treaty is being gotten into shape to be presented to the house.

Ex-Speaker Thomas B. Reed's condition is not improved. He has catarrhal appendicitis.

Twelve men are missing as a result of an explosion on the steamer Progresso at San Francisco.

The house passed a bill appropriating \$50,000 to pay the expenses of the coal strike commission.

Rockford, Ill., had a \$275,000 fire a few days since in which a big department store was involved.

Sagasta has resigned as premier of Spain, alleging that the opposition treated him with distrust.

Several Texas congressmen are urging the president to appoint Governor Sayers on the canal commission.

The anthracite strike commission has convened at Scranton and the hearing of testimony is resumed.

Caleb Powers, convicted of complicity in the killing of Governor Gobel of Kentucky, has been granted a new trial.

The government cotton estimate report given out Wednesday places the crop for 1902 and 1903 at 10,417,000 bales.

Seattle is undergoing a reform wave. Bawdy houses, slot machines and all sorts of film flum schemes are closed up tight.

Ex-Speaker Reed has been ill several days at Washington. Thursday night it was reported that his condition was critical.

Senator Lodge introduced a bill in the senate providing for a system of currency based on the gold standard for the Philippine islands.

The senate paid honor to the memory of the late Congressman Sheppard and De Graffenreid by adjournment from Wednesday till Friday.

In the event of the retirement of Van Hulleben as German Ambassador at Washington, Prince Henry of Prussia will probably succeed him.

In ten months of 1902 American manufacturers have exported \$319,000,000 worth of their products, or twice as much as in the same months in 1893.

Great Britain has ordered warships to Venezuelan waters, where German war vessels are already present, and Venezuela will be coerced into paying claims.

Governor Ferguson refuses to approve the contract for construction of waterworks at Lawton, Okla. He claims charges of fraud have been filed.

A heavy wind storm passed over West Tennessee Tuesday, leveling fences, blowing down trees and destroying many buildings. Cold weather followed.

It is probable that the canal treaty negotiated with Colombia will be concluded before Christmas, but the Colombian government can not legally sign it till July 1.

Telegrams from all parts of Europe record severe weather and snow, the temperature being several degrees below freezing point. The Dutch canals and the harbor at Copenhagen are frozen.

The house committee on appropriations has agreed on the pension bill. It appropriates \$119,506,000, which is \$5,370 more than for the current year.

United States Minister to Japan, Buck died of apoplexy while on an imperial duck hunt near Tokio.

During twenty months preceding November 1 there were 1159 homicides committed in Texas on which there were but 699 indictments. Of the number indicted there were only 385 convictions.

The convention of the Five Civilized Tribes, held at Eufaula, T. T., took a strong stand against interference with present conditions. The omnibus bill is opposed. A memorial will be presented to congress.

Mrs. Jennie M. Leys was awarded judgment for \$100,000 against the New York Central railway company for the death of her husband, who was killed in a collision in the tunnel last January.

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When the attacks were in the acute stage it was difficult to sit down, and when down it was just as hard to regain an erect position, on account of the twinges of pain in the kidneys. I can only describe some of the pangs as similar to that received from a knife thrust.

In time, distressing and terribly inconvenient urinary weakness resulted, causing annoying embarrassment during the day and loss of sleep during the night.

I took everything which came to my notice from reading, from observation, and which my friends and acquaintances advised. I consulted physicians, but none of them were able to relieve the trouble, let alone stop it.

It became so well known that I had a pronounced case of kidney complaint that I often received circulars from medical companies offering to cure me, and one day eighteen letters were handed to me by the mail carrier.

When Doan's Kidney Pills attracted my attention I wanted to try them, just as I had tried everything else, and Mrs. Rigler went to Durban & Wright Co.'s drug store for a box. Relief followed.

I knew after a dose or two that the medicine was acting directly on the kidneys from the altered condition of the kidney secretions, and, encouraged, I continued the treatment. Finally, the backache and other complications stopped.

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Four Years After.

"Lapse of time has strengthened my appreciation of Doan's Kidney Pills. I gave this remedy my unqualified endorsement in the summer of 1896, because of the results I obtained from a course of the treatment. I can now add to my original endorsement the experience of a number of others who are just as enthusiastic, when they express their opinion of Doan's Kidney Pills, as I."

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A monster rattlesnake, fried, boiled and stewed, was the principal delicacy at a banquet given by Capt. Dabney of Hot Springs, Ark. It was fattened on rabbit, chickens and larks. The guests pronounced it delicious.

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HUMOR OF THE DAY.

MERRY JESTS ABOUT ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING.

Uncle Cy Finds a Fellow-Unfortunately

—Politician Knew It Was Not His Wife Who Had Been Interviewed—Onion as a Remedy.

In the Style.

He was a hard worker, but by effort he had secured several assistants and was having things a little easier. A friend who had not seen him lately called at his office and found him busy as ever.

"Hello, old man," greeted the visitor, "still doing seven men's work?"

"No," responded the industrious one, "I have seven men doing my work."

"Oho," laughed the caller, "so you have organized a trust, too, have you?"



Edythe—I want something to keep the chaps away from my lips.

Druggist—Certainly, miss. Suppose you try this onion.

More Material.

Mr. Newliwed—I tell you, dear, I simply can't afford to get you a new gown.

Mrs. Newliwed (sobbing)—I think you're just hateful, and you're the man who used to call me your "angel" and promise me every—

Mr. Newliwed—But it's your fault if I don't consider you an ange any more. An angel wouldn't worry about clothes the way you do.

He Had Treasure to Burn.

Capt. Kidd in his last moments announced that he had hidden his plunder.

"But why," asked his companions, "did you bury your treasure when you had money to burn?"

"I suppose cremation would have been better," replied the pirate, "but it will be all fired hard to find, anyway."

Too Proud.

"I want you to understand, sir, that my pride forbids me to accept anything from you after I marry your daughter."

"How are you going to live?"

"Well, I thought you might make some kind of a settlement before hand."



Uncle Cy—Hello, you've been skinned, too, hev you?

A Mistake Somewhere.

"What does she say?" asked the crafty politician who had referred the committee to his wife for information as to his intentions.

"She refused to talk," replied the spokesman of the committee.

"Then it wasn't my wife you met, gentlemen," he rejoined, with great positiveness. "It was somebody else."

All By Itself.

It was the first time that four-year-old Willie had ever seen a snake; and, as it writhed and squirmed along, he ran into the house to tell of his discovery. "Oh, mamma," he exclaimed, "come here, quick. Here's a tall wagging without any dog."

Salem, N. J., was recently rid of a caterpillar plague by National Guardsmen. The concussion of their rifles when discharged caused the caterpillars to lose their hold on the trees. Then they were swept up.

Extensive purchases of land on Bahrein island, in the Persian Gulf, are reported to have been made by the Russian consul at Bushire.

Jealous because she was getting more peanuts than he caused an elk in the Philadelphia zoo to chase and beat his companion.

Permission has at last been given for naval officers on duty and in uniform to ride bicycles in Portsmouth dockyard, England.

Seven children, 68 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren survive Johann Jundel, a widow who has died at Chemnitz, Saxony, aged 92.



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R. B. Rich received a car of wagons last week.

Seeded raisins, currants and citron at Baker Bros.

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Just received at Baker Bros. one barrel of sour pickles.

Prices on fireworks at the Candy Kitchen can't be beat. 3t

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Rev. S. F. Tenney is building a new home in east Crockett.

Holiday goods at the New Drug Store cheaper than ever before.

If you want the best, buy a Winona wagon from R. B. Rich.

Buy your X-mas presents at the New Drug Store. Prices right.

T. R. Cook of Porter Springs was among those in town Saturday.

Let the Big Store show you their swell line of fur and feather boas.

Miss Josephine Rogers of Leona is being entertained by Miss Denny Adams.

Mrs. Oscar Keeton of Jewett is visiting Mrs. Pink Hail near Crockett.

Come to see us and get our prices on fireworks at the Candy Kitchen. 3t

Call at the COURIER office for receipts for your subscription to the paper.

Buy an Oliver Chilled Steel plow or a middle buster at the Big Store.

Call and inspect the celebrated Winona and Rushford wagons at R. B. Rich's.

The best line of stoves and ranges is the Darling. Buy one at the Big Store.

Miss Dell Bright of Trinity was the guest of Miss Lena Kelley Sunday and Monday.

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Miss Mary Ella Pipkin and Miss Linnie Clark of Reynard were visiting in Crockett this week.

A long chance for a short dollar is what Henry Block is offering you for a few weeks only.

Buy your drugs, medicines and school books from SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

A. MacTavish of Kennard was in the city Monday, as was also M. C. Dupuy of the same place.

Mrs. W. R. Jordan of Lake Charles, La., is visiting her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. B. Wall.

The largest and nicest stock of wall paper ever brought to Crockett at Smith & French Drug Co.'s

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You can get the best and prettiest furniture in town at the Big Store.

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At the Racket Store, goods can now be bought at cost. Call and investigate. W. L. DEUPREE.

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Those in arrearage with the COURIER on subscription need not think that we will take offense if they pay up.

Miss Callie Currie and the two Misses Menton of Kosse, Texas, were visiting at the home of John Brightman this week.

Crockett entertained the conference so nicely that she now feels like she could entertain two conferences the same size.

Trains leaving Crockett Monday afternoon and evening carried extra coaches for departing members of the Texas conference.

A long list of visitors from Lovelady were registered at the hotel Sunday. There were also a number here from Grapeland.

Thinking of the canning factory being idle the past year, we take courage in the fact that the pestiferous boll-weevil may drive the truck growers to "canning" cotton altogether.

By the appointments made by conference, Rev. Ellis Smith goes to Houston and E. L. Crawford comes to Crockett from Galveston. The presiding elder of this district will be Rev. J. B. Sears.

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Notice to Creditors.

I will move permanently to Houston next week, and I want to pay every bill before I leave. Send them in at once.

ELLIS SMITH.

Howard Johnson was up from Lovelady Sunday for the first time since meeting with a severe and painful accident in the early fall. His friends regretted to see him still on crutches from a broken leg.

Among the visiting preachers here last week who are familiar to Crockett audiences were Revs. Mathis, Fowler, J. T. Smith, Whitehurst, Beagle and perhaps others who have served as pastors here at some time.

Lost.

A sorrel mare mule, about four years old, branded with a circle, resembling an O, on jaw. Will pay liberal reward for her delivery. J. C. ALLEE, Ash, Texas.

The new Methodist church building stands as a monument to the enterprise of our citizens and is the pride of the town. Its beauty drew many compliments from members of the conference and other visitors last week.

Methodist Church Dedicated.

Over a thousand dollars was raised at the Methodist church Sunday to pay off indebtedness of the new church building. After the money was raised, the church was dedicated by the bishop.

Mr. S. M. Lesesne, a special correspondent of the Galveston News, who was here reporting the Methodist conference last week, left Monday afternoon, but before leaving paid the COURIER office on appreciated visit. His home is at Edna.

Bishop Hendrix preached at the Methodist church Sunday to a crowded house. His sermon was pronounced to have been one of the ablest ever heard from a Crockett pulpit. There was also preaching at the other churches by able ministers.

Dan Williamson's friends are glad to see him up and about again, although he has not completely recovered from the wound inflicted by a pistol shot from the hand of a negro at Oakhurst, the particulars of which were given in the COURIER about two weeks since.

Trinity river is reported to be overflowed worse than for years. Planters from the river country report much loss of cotton and damage to lands. One man says he lost thirty bales and there may be others who have lost more and still others who have not lost so much.

For Sale.

My entire crop of tobacco at ten cents a pound where a whole bale is taken. A bale weighs from 12 to 18 pounds. It is genuine Havana and there is nothing better for smoking. Call at COURIER office before it is all gone. W. B. PAGE.

County Judge Newman is in receipt of the same letter as that published in another place from Dallas to the mayor, Dr. Beasley, asking him to appoint a committee of three to attend a convention at Dallas for the purpose of determining the best plan for dealing with the boll weevil problem. The judge has appointed the following gentlemen to attend the convention, which is called to meet at Dallas on December 17: Col. D. A. Nunn, Hon. C. C. Stokes and M. C. DuPuy.

Mr. H. L. Griffin of Henderson, a friend of the local editor, was among those attending conference last week. He paid this office a pleasant visit while here. Mr. Griffin is one of the most enterprising and substantial business men of his town, being largely interested in the oil mill, light and ice companies, new bank and other enterprises. Besides all these, he finds time to devote to religious affairs.

Dead From Pistol Shot.

A farmer named Jno. Humphrey, living near Lovelady, left home Sunday and failing to return Sunday night his wife had search instituted for him by their neighbors. He was found dead from a pistol shot wound in the head and the pistol still in his hands. It was thought by some that he had committed suicide. There were others who suggested foul play and the matter is being investigated. It was reported here that several shots were fired and only one took effect.

Survey Made to Crockett.

P. A. McCarthy, civil engineer of the Eastern Texas railroad, with his assistants, E. A. Gibbs, Frank McCarthy, J. W. Holcomb, Edward Major and Walter Christopher, finished surveying the route of the Eastern Texas from Kennard to Crockett last week and returned to Kennard. They made practically the same survey as was made in the spring and located the junction with the I. & G. N. at a point between the canning factory and Berry's gin as before. The engineer made his report to headquarters and nothing is known as to the intention of the company.

The Ewing-Taylor company, playing here the first half of the week, is above the average and especially is it above the three companies preceding it. A matter for consideration is the fact that this company has played here a number of times before and the people know just what they are getting when they buy their tickets. The plays, while not reaching as high a degree of excellency as may be desired, are freer from vulgarity than those usually palmed off on the Crockett public. The one produced Monday night was very clever and showed the strength of the company, but Tuesday night's attraction did not merit a like compliment. The company was not at fault, for they did their parts well, but there was nothing in the play.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Page returned Wednesday night from Virginia.

Lovelady was well represented at each performance of the Ewing-Taylor company here this week.

J. C. Allee, a merchant at Creek, was a business visitor to Crockett and the COURIER office Thursday morning.

At Baptist Church.

There will be regular services at Baptist church next Sunday morning and evening. Regular conference of the church at close of morning service. The pastor will preach in the evening on agnosticism. All are invited to these services. W. H. SOWELL, Pastor.

A truck growers' meeting has been called by the secretary of the association for next Tuesday at the court house. It is urged that all interested will attend and hoped that a great many are and will be interested. This truck growers' meeting is of considerable importance to the county, and not only the farmers should be interested, but the business men as well. Crockett has a canning factory that stood idle last year for want of something to can and plans should be put on foot and concerted action taken in the matter of growing something for the consumption of this plant. Let all attend.

Young Ladies' Calendar Club.

Misses Adams, Hail, Murchison, Foster, LeGory and Lacy organized "The Young Ladies' Calendar Club" December 3, 1902, at the Lotus Club rooms, electing Miss Adams president, Miss Murchison secretary and treasury and Miss Hail reporter, and inviting the following young ladies to become active members: Misses Annie Stokes, Lizzie Howard, Jessie Sheridan, Mary L. Hail, Jessie Jones and Fannie Wootters. Misses Baker and Lena Bromberg were invited to become honorary members. The next meeting will be held at the home of the president Thursday afternoon from 3 to 5, December 11. E. H.

He Found a Cure.

R. H. Foster, 318 S. 2d Street, Salt Lake city, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too." 50c. at J. G. Haring's.

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AS OTHERS SEE US.

A special correspondent of the Galveston News, who was sent here by that paper to report the proceedings of the Texas Methodist conference, in writing from Crockett last week, said:

Crockett, the capital of Houston County, is one among the old towns in Texas and was laid out about 1838, and as the legend goes it takes its name from the fact that the immortal David Crockett camped one night on a spring branch which skirts the suburbs of the town while he was on his way to martyrdom in the Alamo. But be its history what it may, it is now a fine town made up of good business men with a population of about 3000 courteous, intelligent people. It has about fifty business houses, embracing all classes of trade and avocations, and its business annually approximates \$1,000,000. It is surrounded by some excellent farming lands, corn and cotton being the principal products. This year the cotton shipped from here by the close of the season, according to estimates, will be about 16,000 or 17,000 bales. Last spring about forty cars of Irish potatoes were shipped.

The pestiferous cotton weevils have made their appearance, and farmers realizing that they are confronted with a malignant foe which has come to contest for supremacy over the cotton field, are preparing for a long and vigorous warfare and will fight under the banner and tactics of diversification. Many of the farmers are already raising their own meat, and making syrup from sugar cane. From the northern portion or the county between fifteen and twenty cars of hogs have and will be shipped to the markets this season, and so far prices have been quite satisfactory. Three orchards of Elberta peaches near town of forty, forty-five and fifty acres respectively will come into bearing next summer. The acreage in fruits and vegetables will be greatly increased.

At Grapeland a broom factory with a capital of \$500 will be equipped and put in operation by enterprising home people.

Messrs. H. C. Leaverton & Sons are engaging in and making a success of the hog industry. They do not plant cotton for the weevils to destroy, but they have their farm cut into blocks of fifty acres each, and in these blocks they sow speckled peas, beginning in late spring and sowing at proper intervals until early summer, so as to get a succession of crops. At the proper season the hogs are

let successively into these blocks to fatten. Through each block they have water running. They have made one large shipment this fall with satisfactory results.

But reverting to the town of Crockett its excellent school, fine churches and other enterprises should not be overlooked.

It has a cotton seed oil mill with a capacity to crush about fifty tons of seed per day. This enterprise is operated on home capital and is proving quite profitable to its owners.

There are also here two cotton gins and presses—one a round bale with a capacity of forty and the other a standard square bale with a capacity of seventy-five bales per day.

The town is lighted with electricity and will have a system of waterworks as soon as the proper amendment to the charter can be had.

The fine school building is of brick and has large commodious rooms, halls, corridors, etc., with a fine campus. It is an honor to the people, and speaks volumes for their appreciation of the importance of intellectual advancement and progress. This excellent school is under the efficient tutelage of Prof. Walker King with a corps of assistants as follows:

Professor N. H. Phillips, assistant principal, Mrs. A. R. Spence, Misses Bunnie Arrington, Lee Arrington, Lena Kelley, Effie Hardin and Mrs. Lucy Collins as assistants.

Mrs. Corrine Corry and Misses Ethel Wootters and Minnie Craddock have charge of the music department.

The school has an enrollment of 400 pupils and its destinies have been safely and successfully directed by Professor King for the last ten years. Everything is managed with systematic order. The pupils enter and leave the building in classes, marching in and out while keeping step to the tapping of the bell. Miss Effie Hardin's class carries the banner for the best marchers. The school also has a library of 600 volumes. The county has a courteous and an efficient set of officers. From County Judge Porter Newman we obtained these figures concerning the public school interests of the county, which has a permanent school fund of \$63,378, an available fund of \$51,604, and 8000 children within the scholastic age with a per capita of \$7.

Mr. G. H. Bayne, County Treasurer, says not an acre of land in Houston County is rendered for taxation at less than \$2 per acre and much of the land is rendered as high as \$15. He also said values are constantly increasing and that this county now has the largest lumber mill, embracing

the largest area of timbered lands, in the world.

Mr. J. W. Brightman, Collector of Taxes, gives the total assessed values at \$4,156,375, of which the real estate is \$2,322,730. Among the items of assessment are noted: Horses, 10,947, valued at \$336,547; cattle, 27,667, value \$204,235; hogs, 19,224, value \$21,970; vehicles, 3002, value \$73,830; merchandise, value \$192,065; engines and boilers, \$64,555; money in banks, \$65,500; money other than in banks, \$36,600.

The Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist and Christian denominations all have good and substantial buildings. The Methodist people have recently erected a new brick building at a cost of \$8000. In a memorial window of this imposing edifice is a tribute to the valor of the late lamented Lieutenant Edward E. Downes. At the top of the window is a blazing lone star; beneath is an eagle perched with outspread wings on two United States flags drooping as insignias of mourning under these inscriptions: In memory of Lieut. Edward E. Downes. Born June 20, 1875. Killed in battle in Moray, Philippine Islands, June 22, 1901.

A sketch of this county would be far from complete without a notice of the diversified farm of W. V. Berry, which includes the Pickwick Hotel in Crockett. Mr. Berry says he raises between 300 and 400 bales of cotton, all the corn, fruits, vegetables, butter, poultry, etc., necessary for his hotel; that he keeps in separate pastures herds of Jersey, Holstein and Durham cattle. In separate enclosures he also keeps various herds of blooded swine. He preserves all the fruits and vegetables necessary for his hotel and is independent of the anthracite coal strikers because he uses wood for fuel and brings that from his farm also.

It might be incidentally remarked here that this is a climate in which eggs are well preserved as they are not much in evidence.

Report From the Reform School.

J. G. Gluck, Superintendent, Pruntytown, W. Va., writes: "After trying all other advertised cough medicine we have decided to use Foley's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective and absolutely harmless." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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