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We know of no way in which to compare the probable results of cotton farming, with and without fertilizers, than a careful study of the figures presented below. Assuming that cotton lands are worth \$3.00 per acre rent, and assuming that the average land in Houston county will produce 400 pounds of seed cotton per acre without and 800 pounds with fertilizer, we should figure about as follows:

	Without Fertilizer.
Rent on one acre.....	\$3 00
Planting seed one acre, 4 bu.....	15
Preparing and planting.....	1 50
Plowing four times.....	1 00
Hoeing twice.....	1 25
Picking 400 lbs. seed cotton.....	2 00
Ginning & wrapping 400 lbs.....	75
Marketing 400 lbs.....	25
Miscellaneous.....	10

Not fertilized, cost per acre.....\$10 00
400 lbs. seed cotton at 34c..... 14 00

Profit without fertilizer.....\$4 00

	With Fertilizer.
Rent one acre.....	\$3 00
Planting seed one acre, 4 bu.....	15
Preparing & planting 1 acre.....	1 50
Plowing four times.....	1 00
Hoeing twice.....	1 25
Picking 800 lbs. seed cotton.....	4 00
Ginning & wrapping 800 lbs.....	1 30
Marketing 800 lbs.....	50
Miscellaneous.....	10

Fertilizing.....\$12 00
Fertilized cost per acre.....\$17 00
800 lbs seed cotton, at 34c..... 28 00

Profit with fertilizer.....\$11 00

In addition to the best fertilizers for sale cheap we have a few cars of cotton seed from the Panhandle country which some claim will come earlier than the native seed and any one wanting same may buy or exchange native seed on a very liberal margin.

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La Texo.

EDITOR COURIER:

We have been having some real winter weather for the past week, sleet and ice a plenty which was a good thing for the orchards as some trees were beginning to bloom.

The Messrs. Leaverton have been delayed some in putting up their planer on account of getting some of the machinery, but will have it running in a short time now.

There has been a good deal of plowing done out here and every one thinks we will make a big crop this year. We do not hear much talk of potatoes or tobacco, it is nearly all cotton.

Mr. C. E. Hayes is doing a fine business now shipping cabbage; he is getting orders for them just about as fast as he can fill them and at a good price, too.

La Texo has a fine Sunday School now, with Dr. L. Merriweather at the head, which is a good thing for any place. Our new mail carrier passed through Saturday.

A nurseryman of Mt. Selman was here this week trying to sell Mr. Hayes a bill of trees to fill in the skips with.

Miss Freddie Luker went to Grapeland Saturday and returned Sunday. We noticed a young man of your town up here Saturday, but don't know whether he wanted to buy any mules this time or not.

A. L. Goolsby of Ash was in town Sunday, but think one vote was all he was looking for this trip.

Winford Sims has been quite sick with black jaundice but is improving some. Health generally good. KNOT.

Why He Dissented.

Not long ago King Oscar was sitting in the smoking room of a Wiesbaden hotel, where a group of gentlemen were discussing the questions of the hour, strikes, socialism, communism, the revolutionary tendencies of the times, etc. One of the parties, says Success, expatiating upon his pet theories with considerable vehemence, wound up with the remark: "The days of monarchies are numbered."

King Oscar looked up and smiled.

"Evidently you don't agree with me," resumed the speaker, "but can you give me any good reason why you think otherwise?"

"Only one; I am the king of Sweden," he replied.

John D's Partner.

Marshall P. Wilder, the storyteller, says he had a dream the other night, in which he entered into business with Mr. Rockefeller, selling potted plants. The business did not thrive, and after it became apparent that the venture would not prosper, Mr. Rockefeller suggested a dissolution of the partnership and a division of the assets, Mr. Wilder taking the pots and plants. At this juncture the innocent bystander interrupted to inquire what Rockefeller took. Surely he must have gotten something as his share. And he did. "He took the earth."

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR
stops the cough and heals lungs

City Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Crockett:

Section 1. There is hereby levied an annual tax of one dollar on each dog owned or kept within the City of Crockett, and the same shall be due and payable on the 1st day of March of each year, and shall be collected by the City Marshal.

Sec. 2. That the City Marshal shall give a receipt to every person paying the tax herein levied, which receipt shall show the name of the owner or keeper of such dog; the party paying such tax; the date, when paid; the sex and a general description of such dog; and the City Marshal shall keep a stub of such receipt, showing substantially the same.

Sec. 3. The City Marshal shall deliver to the party paying the tax on any dog, a metal tag with a number thereon, and shall also keep in a well bound book the name of the party paying tax on any dog; the date when paid; and the number of the tag issued by him to such person, and the said tags shall be numbered from Number One consecutively.

Sec. 4. It shall be unlawful for any dog owned or kept in said city or any stray dog to run at large in the city of Crockett without having a metal tag as above described securely fastened around the neck of such dog, and any dog found running at large, shall be taken up by the City Marshal and advertised for two days by posting written or printed notices in three public places in the city of Crockett, describing the dog taken up, by sex and general description, and when taken up and by whom; and if such dog shall not be claimed by some one within three days from the time of posting such notices, and the tax and fees hereinafter provided for paid on same, the City Marshal shall kill such dog in some humane manner.

Sec. 5. A dog shall be considered as running at large, within the meaning of this ordinance, when the same shall be found away from the residence of its owner or keeper; and a stray dog within the meaning of this ordinance is one found on any street of the city of Crockett whose owner is unknown to the City Marshal.

Sec. 6. The City Marshal shall provide a secure place to care for and keep all dogs taken up by him under this ordinance, and shall feed and water all dogs so taken up, and shall be allowed as compensation therefor, One Dollar for each dog taken up, and Twenty-five Cents per day for caring for each dog.

Sec. 7. The City Marshal shall buy one hundred metal tags and a book to keep said records in and such receipt books as may be necessary, and shall make report in writing each month to this Council, showing the names of the parties paying taxes or fees and the number of dogs such taxes or fees have been paid on, and the time when paid, and his other official actions under this ordinance.

Sec. 8. That this ordinance take effect, and all taxes become due and payable hereunder, on March 1st, 1906.

J. W. HALL, Mayor.
L. A. SALLAS, City Secretary.

New to Him.

The home of Joseph Jefferson at Buzzard's Bay was not far from the Wareham road. Some years ago, says the Boston Herald, when certain ladies affected bloomer costume when riding bicycles, Jefferson came upon a lady in such a garb who had evidently mistaken her road. As Mr. Jefferson approached she said:

"Will you kindly tell me if this is the way to Wareham?"
"Well," said Mr. Jefferson, "I'm sure I don't know; it's the first time I've ever seen any."

Nothing to Fear.

Just before Phillips Brooks sailed on his last trip abroad, a friend rallied him about discovering a new religion and bringing it back with him, relates Everybody's Magazine.

"You had better be careful, Bishop; it might be difficult to get a new religion through the custom house."

"I think not," observed Bishop Brooks; "we may take it for granted that any religion popular enough to import would have no duties attached to it."

A Thousand Dollars Thrown Away.

"My wife had lung trouble for over fifteen years," writes Mr. W. W. Baker, of Plainview, Neb. "We tried a number of doctors and spent over a thousand dollars without any relief. She was very low and I lost all hope, when a friend suggested trying Foley's Honey and Tar, which I did; and thanks be to this great remedy it saved her life. She is stronger and enjoys better health than she has ever known in ten years. We shall never be without Foley's Honey and Tar and would ask those afflicted to try it." Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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International in its character, located on the border line between the Great Republics, occurring at a season of the year when business cares press lightly, and at a time when weather conditions in that locality are ideal, this event offers unsurpassed inducements to the pleasure seeker.

This year the celebration will consist of five days' continuous festivities, February 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, and the program will comprise many new and interesting features, among which may be mentioned Famous Spanish Bull Fights, Cattle Roping Contest, Naval Fire works on Rio Grande River, Gen. Washington Crossing the Delaware, Military Drills, Historical Pageants and Trades Display, Flower Carnival, U. S. and Mexican Bands.

For this occasion low excursion rates will be in effect to Laredo, also for the benefit of those who desire to see more of Mexican life and customs arrangements have been made for the sale of excursion tickets to Monterey, Mexico, with ten (10) days' limit, permitting stop-over at Laredo to witness the International Celebration.

For further particulars, call on ticket agents, or write,
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The State of Texas.

To the sheriff or any constable of Houston County, greeting:

You are hereby commanded, that by publishing for three weeks in some newspaper published in your county, a true copy of this writ, you summon all persons interested in estate of Charlotte Douglass, deceased, to answer an application filed by Everett Douglass, guardian, in the county court of Houston County, on the 16th day of January, 1906, for final discharge as guardian which will be heard by said court on the 5th day of February, 1906, at the court house of said county, in Crockett, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application if they see proper.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Crockett, this 16th day of January, 1906.

N. E. ALLBRIGHT,
Clerk County Court, Houston County, Texas.
By J. L. JORDAN, Deputy.

CAN'T BE SEPARATED.

Crockett People May Learn How to Get Rid of Both.

Backache and kidney ache are twin brothers.

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"Why don't you put something over your horses this cold day?"

"Because, lady, the firm don't supply me with blankets for horses."

"Then you should cover the poor things with your coat."

"All right, ma'am, you can gimme me your seal-skin coat for this horse and I'll put my overcoat on t'other."

Winter coughs are apt to result in consumption if neglected. They can be soon broken up by using Foley's Honey and Tar. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE

Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas.

To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to

summon the heirs of Elijah Wheeler, deceased, whose names are unknown, the heirs of Mat J. Edmiston, deceased, whose names are unknown, the heirs of J. A. Dominy, deceased, whose names are unknown, and J. A. Dominy, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Houston county, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in the town of Crockett, on the second Monday in March, 1906, being the 12th day of March, 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 6th day of January, 1906, in a cause numbered 4994, wherein Angeline C. Craddock, a feme sole, H. F. Craddock, T. D. Craddock, S. J. Craddock, D. M. Craddock, Allie Craddock, a feme sole, Minnie Craddock, a feme sole, Sue Wootters, joined by her husband, J. S. Wootters, are plaintiffs, and the unknown heirs of Elijah Wheeler, deceased, the unknown heirs of Mat J. Edmiston, deceased, the unknown heirs of J. A. Dominy, deceased, and J. A. Dominy are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: That plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple and are seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Situated in Houston county, Texas, about six miles east from Crockett, being a part of the Elijah Wheeler league and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the S. E. corner of 271 66-100 acres survey sold by John H. Burnett to H. F. Craddock, on the S. B. line of the E. Wheeler league, a stake for corner, from which a post oak and pine marked x for corner. Thence North with the division line of a 553 1/2 acres survey sold by James English to Mat J. Edmiston at 570 varas set stake in the Crockett and Coltharp road. Thence with the meanders of said road as follows, N 85 W 200 varas, S 70 W 235 varas, S 85 W 290 varas, S 73 W 170 varas to the S. W. corner of J. G. Matlock's 59 acres survey, in said road, a post oak 16 in marked x bears N 26 E 11 varas. Thence South with Monk's 81 acres survey at 430 varas the S. E. corner of said 81 acres survey, a pine 12 in marked x bears N 81 W 4 varas and a Sweet Gum 3 in marked x bears N 81 E 4 varas. Thence East at 878 varas with the S. B. line of the said Wheeler league to the place of beginning, containing eighty and seven-tenths acres of land, more or less; that plaintiffs claim title to said land under the following chain of title: 1. A patent from the state of Texas to Elijah Wheeler, of date June 16, 1849, for one league of land, same recorded in book Y, page 231 of Houston county deed records. 2nd. A deed from Elijah Wheeler to James English conveying 553 1/2 acres of said league, including the land in controversy, which deed has been lost or destroyed and secondary evidence of its contents will be offered on the trial of this suit. 3rd. A deed from James English to Mat J. Edmiston, of date April 2nd, 1853, and recorded in book 9, page 159 of Houston county deed records. 4th. A deed from Mat J. Edmiston to John H. Burnett conveying the above mentioned 553 1/2 acres of said Elijah Wheeler league, which deed has been lost or destroyed and secondary evidence of its contents will be offered on the trial of this suit. 5th. A deed from John H. Burnett to H. F. Craddock, of date August 20th 1859, and recorded in book 6, page 217 of Houston county deed records. Plaintiffs claim as the surviving widow and children of said H. F. Craddock, who is now deceased, being his only legal heirs. Plaintiffs also claim title to the above described premises under and by virtue of the statutes of limitation of three years, five years and ten years. Defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of pretended claim to said land, the nature of which is not known to plaintiffs, which creates a cloud on plaintiffs' title thereto. Plaintiffs sue to remove the cloud

from their title and to be quieted in their title and possession to said land and for general relief. You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published. Herein fail not but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. B. Stanton, clerk of the district court of Houston county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at Crockett, Texas, this, the 6th day of January, A. D. 1906. J. B. STANTON, Clerk District Court, Houston County, Texas.

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas.

To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county—greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon the heirs of Levy W. White, deceased, whose names are unknown, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Houston County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the town of Crockett, Texas, on the second Monday in March, 1906, being the 12th day of March, 1906, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 6th day of January, 1906, in a cause numbered 4993, wherein Angeline C. Craddock, H. F. Craddock, T. D. Craddock, S. J. Craddock, D. M. Craddock, Allie Craddock, Minnie Craddock, Sue Wootters, and J. S. Wootters are plaintiffs and the unknown heirs of Levy W. White, deceased, are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows: Plaintiffs allege that they are the owners in fee simple and are seized and possessed of the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: Situated in Houston County, Texas, on the waters of Crockett Creek, about six miles east of Crockett, being the Levy W. White survey No. 1080, containing 320 acres of land, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the S. W. corner of the J. W. Brent 640 acres survey, a white oak bears S 80 W 28-10 varas. Thence West with creek to Mathews N. E. line at 900 varas to S. W. corner. Thence south at 10 varas corner. Thence West at 64 varas corner, a white oak and ash marked X. Thence North at 50 varas intersects the J. M. Kennedy 240 acres survey. Thence with said survey S 20 E at 70 varas the S. E. corner. Thence East at 441 2/10 varas set stake for corner. Thence South with said line 520 varas an old corner of the J. W. Brent survey. Thence S 28 E with Brent's line at 330 varas to the place of beginning, containing 320 acres of land; that plaintiffs are the owners of said land as the surviving widow and heirs of H. F. Craddock, deceased, who in his lifetime purchased from Levy W. White an interest of 320 acres in Bounty Land Warrant number 2500 issued to Levy W. White, May 22, 1838, by B. E. Bee, Secretary of War, and by virtue of which the above described land was located, surveyed and patented by the state of Texas, that said Levy W. White on or about the day of 1859, duly conveyed an interest of 320 acres in said bounty land warrant, number 3500 to said H. F. Craddock, and that said conveyance has been lost or destroyed, and plaintiffs will offer secondary evidence of its execution and contents on the trial of this suit; that plaintiffs and those whose estate they have, holding under title and color of title from the state of Texas, have had and held peaceable and adverse possession of the above described premises for more than three years next before the commencement of this suit, that they also claim title to said land under and by virtue of the statute of limitations of ten years, that defendants are setting up and asserting some kind of pretended claim to the above described premises, the nature of which is not known to plaintiffs; that the loss of the above mentioned conveyance from Levy W. White to H. F. Craddock and the claim of defendants to said land creates and constitutes a cloud upon plaintiffs' title thereto.

Wherefore, plaintiffs sue to remove such cloud from their title to said land and to be quieted in their title and possession of same.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published. Herein fail not but have you before said court, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness J. B. Stanton, clerk of the District Court of Houston county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at Crockett, Texas, this the 6th day of January, A. D. 1906.

J. B. STANTON, Clerk District Court, Houston County, Texas.

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An old bachelor's idea of a fool is a man who attends his own wedding. A new type of bullet is being served to the French Infantry.

Woman's Trials.

The bitter trail in a woman's life is to be childless. Who can tell how hard the struggle may have been ere she learns to resign herself to her lonely lot? The absence of this link to bind marital life together, the absence of this one pledge to mutual affection is a common disappointment. Many unfortunate couples become estranged thereby. Even if they do not drift apart, one may read the whole extent of their disappointment in the eyes of such a childless couple when they rest on the children of others. To them the largest family does not seem too numerous.

In many cases of barrenness or childlessness the obstacle to child-bearing is easily removed by the cure of weakness on the part of the woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been the means of restoring health and fruitfulness to many a barren woman, to the great joy of the household. In other, but rare cases, the obstruction to the bearing of children has been found to be of a surgical character, but easily removable by painless operative treatment at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., over which Dr. Pierce of the "Favorite Prescription" fame presides. In all cases where children are desired and are absent, an effort should be made to find out the real cause, since it is generally so easily removed by proper treatment.

In all the various weaknesses, displacements, prolapsus, inflammation and debilitating, catarrhal drains and in all cases of nervousness and debility, Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is the most efficient remedy that can possibly be used. It has to its credit hundreds of thousands of cures—more in fact than any other remedy put up for sale through druggists, especially for woman's use. The ingredients of which the "Favorite Prescription" is composed have received the most positive endorsement from the leading medical writers on *Materia Medica* of all the several schools of practice. All the ingredients are printed in plain English on the wrapper enclosing the bottle, so that any woman making use of this famous medicine may know exactly what she is taking. Dr. Pierce takes his patients into his full confidence, which he can afford to do as the formulae after which the "Favorite Prescription" is made will bear the most careful examination.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the best and safest laxative for women.

Wisdom is the natural ally of virtue. Ignorance is the natural ally of vice.

One Of The Results

of liberally using our fertilizer, is to pay off a mortgage on the old farm. Read the following from Messrs. Wherry & Son, or men of the Magnolia Fruit Farm, Durant, Miss.:

"We made saw from one acre strawberries, on which your fertilizer was used. Eight years ago we bought this place at \$20 per acre. It was then considered to have been worth out twenty years before, but by liberally using

Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers under peas and velvet beans, we can now grow almost anything, and have been offered \$200 per acre for the place. We experimented with a great many brands of fertilizers, but find the highest per cent. cheaper." Now don't you think Virginia-Carolina Fertilizers would enable you to pay off a mortgage if you had one? Well, don't use any other.

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Best Cough Syrup. Tastes Good. Use in time. Sold by druggists.
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"The majority of city men, when choosing a typist, give the preference to the dark girl," said the manager of a London employment agency. "They apparently think the brunette more energetic and business-like."

It Will Stay There.

"In my family medicine chest no remedy is permitted to remain unless it proves beyond doubt the best to be obtained for its particular purpose.

"For treating all manner of skin troubles, such as Eczema, Tetter, Ringworm, etc., Hunt's Cure has held its place for many years. I have failed to find a surer remedy. It cures itching instantly."

R. M. Swann,
Franklin, La.

Missouri at the Showdown.

Missouri is taking a hand in the New York insurance investigation, and when Missouri takes a hand in anything it is always well for the other players to keep their eyes glued on the table.

More Flexible and Lasting,

won't shake out or blow out; by using Defiance Starch you obtain better results than possible with any other brand and one-third more for same money.

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.
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Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Hoodwinked.

Arizona Young Man—Isabella, how do you stand on the statehood question?

New Mexico Girl—Why, I'm for union, of course—stop, Dick! You're taking an unfair advantage of me!

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

Matrimony.

From a recent examination paper on religious instruction at a boys' school: "Holy matrimony is a divine institution for the provocation of mankind."

Try It Once.

There is more actual misery and less real danger in a case of itching, skin disease than any other ailment. Hunt's Cure is manufactured especially for these cases. It relieves instantly and cures promptly. Absolutely guaranteed.

Only Agree on One Point.

First Citizen—Then we both believe in municipal ownership.
Second Citizen—Yes, but we differ on the point of which party should own the municipality.

You never hear any one complain about "Defiance Starch." There is none to equal it in quality and quantity, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now and save your money.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle.

When you tell a girl she is pretty, it is a sign she will think she is prettier than she is.

FITS permanently cured. No return necessary after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. Send for FREE 60c trial bottle and treatise. DR. R. H. KLINE, 153 N. 3rd Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Our purposes are often the results of God's plans.
Defiance Starch is guaranteed biggest and best or money refunded, 16 ounces, 10 cents. Try it now.

There wouldn't be any fun in being bad if the preachers wanted you to be.

Worth Knowing

—That Alcock's are the original and only genuine porous plasters; all other so-called porous plasters are imitations.
Friendship which must be bought is never worth the price it costs.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY
Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GILROY'S signature is on each box. 25c.
It is the person with the most nerve who most frequently gets on the nerves.
The London Zoo has just received its first humming bird.

He'd Seen 'Em.
"Where in this country do we find the idle classes?" shouted the orator.
"At the matinees!" shouted back a small boy on the edge of the crowd.

In the Composing Room.
Slug 19—What do you understand by the Standard Oil crowd?
Slug 47—It's the attempt the Standard Oil fellows are making to crowd everybody else off the earth.

Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullen is Nature's great remedy—Cures Coughs, Colds, Croup and Consumption, and all throat and lung troubles. At druggists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 per bottle.

The Hardy Carp.

Certain fish show great power of endurance when taken from water. For instance, in Holland carp are frequently alive for three weeks or a month after being caught, the fish, wrapped in wet moss, being placed in a net kept in a cool spot.

Don't It Jar You?

To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

It sometimes happens that the man who considers his wife one in a thousand imagines her mother is the other.

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.
Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy Defiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

Before raising the dust with an automobile it is usually necessary to raise the dust for one.

A joker is near akin to a buffoon; and neither of them is the least related to wit.

Garfield Tea, Mild Laxative,
Regulates the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach and Bowels, cures Constipation and Sick Headache. Send this notice with your name and address to the Garfield Tea Co., Brooklyn, N. Y., for free sample package. Sold at all drug stores. Send us the name of your druggist.

We never know a greater character unless there is in ourselves something congenial to it.

Pink's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure—J. W. O'BRIEN, 323 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1906.

Lacking.

Customer—When was this chicken killed?
Waiter—We don't furnish dates with chicken, sir. Only bread and butter.

A TRAINED NURSE

After Years of Experience, Advises Women to Regard to Their Health.

Mrs. Martha Pohlman of 55 Chester Avenue, Newark, N. J., who is a graduate nurse from the Blockley Training School, at Philadelphia, and for six years Chief Clinic Nurse at the Philadelphia Hospital, writes the letter printed below. She has the advantage of personal experience, besides her professional education, and what she has to say may be absolutely relied upon.



Many other women are afflicted as she was. They can regain health in the same way. It is prudent to heed such advice from such a source.

Mrs. Pohlman writes: "I am firmly persuaded, after eight years of experience with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that it is the safest and best medicine for any suffering woman to use."

"Immediately after my marriage I found that my health began to fail me. I became weak and pale, with severe bearing-down pains, fearful backaches and frequent dizzy spells. The doctors prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I would bleed after eating, and frequently become nauseated. I had pains down through my limbs so I could hardly walk. It was as bad a case of female trouble as I have ever known. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, however, cured me within four months. Since that time I have had occasion to recommend it to a number of patients suffering from all forms of female difficulties, and I find that while it is considered unprofessional to recommend a patent medicine, I can honestly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, for I have found that it cures female ills, where all other medicine fails. It is a grand medicine for sick women."

Money cannot buy such testimony as this—merit alone can produce such results, and the ablest specialists now agree that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most universally successful remedy for all female diseases known to medicine.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful periods, weakness, displacement or ulceration of the female organs, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles.

No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. The needless suffering of women from diseases peculiar to their sex is terrible to see. The money which they pay to doctors who do not help them is an enormous waste. The pain is cured and the money is saved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. It is well for women who are ill to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. The present Mrs. Pinkham is the daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, her assistant for many years before her decease, and for twenty-five years since her advice has been freely given to sick women. In her great experience, which covers many years, she has probably had to deal with dozens of cases just like yours. Her advice is strictly confidential.

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There is only One
Genuine-Syrup of Figs,
The Genuine is Manufactured by the
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The full name of the company, California Fig Syrup Co., is printed on the front of every package of the genuine.

The Genuine-Syrup of Figs- is for Sale, in Original Packages Only, by Reliable Druggists Everywhere

Knowing the above will enable one to avoid the fraudulent imitations made by piratical concerns and sometimes offered by unreliable dealers. The imitations are known to act injuriously and should therefore be declined.

Buy the genuine always if you wish to get its beneficial effects. It cleanses the system gently yet effectually, dispels colds and headaches when bilious or constipated, prevents fevers and acts best on the kidneys, liver, stomach and bowels, when a laxative remedy is needed by men, women or children. Many millions know of its beneficial effects from actual use and of their own personal knowledge. It is the laxative remedy of the well-informed.

Always buy the Genuine-Syrup of Figs
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Color more goods brighter and faster colors than any other dye. One 10c package colors all fibers. They dye in cold water better than any other dye. You can dye 1 1/2 garments without rinsing apart. Write for free booklet—How to Dye, Bleach and Mix Colors. MONROE DRUG CO., Unionville, Missouri.

THE CROCKETT COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Ed. and Proprietor.

CROCKETT, - - - TEXAS.

At last reports Mr. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Fitzsimmons were still loving.

The czar needs \$240,000,000. So do we, but you don't hear us making any fuss about it.

Any man who can fasten his suspender to a brass button is a general in Santo Domingo.

The Rev. Madison C. Peters says, "Money is not success." Still, nothing seems to succeed like it.

You could never make a woman who owns a pearl necklace believe she could catch a sore throat.

Yachting shares with football one great advantage—in the off season there are the rules to fight over.

A rubber trust, capitalized at \$30,000,000, has been organized in New Jersey. Here's your elastic currency.

An English poet sings: "My soul is like some quiet pool." Strange to say, the compositor set it up "pool," too.

One of the railroads in Russia is called the Novorossiysk Rostoff. The Lord only knows what the stations are called.

This nation has a sweet tooth. There was an average of sixty-five pounds of sugar consumed in this country last year.

The West Virginia man who has just been enjoined from making love to his wife undoubtedly wants to more than ever now.

Geronimo, the Apache warrior, at the age of 84 has just married his eighth wife. The wise man learns wisdom by experience.

"Take care of the baby when he begins to cut his teeth," says an expert advising mothers. Why not take care of the baby all the time?

Mr. Schwab is still delayed in getting into his new mansion in New York. It takes time to spend \$6,000,000 on a private residence.

Mrs. Chadwick is helping to do the laundry work in the Ohio penitentiary. Useful employment for her hands has been found at last.

The marriage of Princess Ena of Battenberg and King Alfonso is set down for June by the society journals, which certainly ought to know.

Dr. Thomas Hipton took care of winning the cup next year. But Mother Shipton was equally sure the end of the world would come in 1881.

"A wife is a luxury," said Judge Gary, but he didn't pretend to give an exhaustive definition. That would require several pages of the dictionary.

Looking around the horizon of South American republics, manufacturers of ammunition can see no reason to fear a break in the present wave of prosperity.

Two hundred years ago Ben Franklin was born and since then more has been done with electricity than he ever dreamed of when he was flying his kite.

A Chicago couple have been married three times since last November. What makes the case remarkable is that they were married every time to each other.

Several generals were killed in a battle in Santo Domingo the other day. One army is reported to have lost a toe, while the other lost a part of his left ear.

Apropos of Ben Franklin, it may be recalled that that practical one once advised his pious father to say grace over the whole barrel of herrings and save time.

Dynamite has been found under the snow on the Neva river, where the czar was going to bless the waters and it is believed that he will consequently Neva go there any more.

It is said that a letter may be sent from New York to San Francisco and an answer received, all within seven days. Of course, the man who gets the letter has to be more prompt than most of us.

Will the coming man marry? asks a New York minister. Bernard Shaw would say that that will depend entirely on the coming women.

TO FIGHT FEVER.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., HEALTH CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY.

GENERAL FUMIGATION PLANNED

Dr. Kohnke Will Show Stegomyia and Wiggletails on Screen—Women Delegates.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 13.—The sanitary forces of Louisiana, with representatives from Texas and Mississippi, are headed for Alexandria, Rapides parish, on Red river, for the state health convention, which will be called to order in the Alexandria Opera House Wednesday morning, Feb. 14, at 9:30 o'clock. The conference will last two days.

Alexandria has made preparations to entertain a thousand delegates. Fifteen hundred invitations have been sent out and it is believed very nearly five hundred delegates will be present. Dr. C. H. Irion, president of the state board, will call the convention to order and preside over the sessions. He is the author of this convention; it is his scheme.

His Excellency, N. C. Blanchard, Governor of Louisiana, will be present. The mayors of every important town in the state, health officers of towns and parishes, coroners, presidents of police juries and business men will make up the personnel of the gathering.

In an interview last night President Irion outlined the objects of this conference, namely:

First, to secure concerted action of all interests in Louisiana for the protection of the state from any possible recrudescence of the yellow fever.

Second, to launch an active campaign of education and sanitation in every city and parish of the state.

Third, to form a state health association, to be directed under the auspices of the state board of health.

Fourth, to lay the foundation for an auxiliary health association in every parish of the state.

Fifth, to arrange for the fumigation of every house in every previously infected district in the state.

Sulphur will be secured by the carload. The plan of operation is to get the community to bear the cost of such fumigation, with the state board of health furnishing an expert to direct it.

A feature of the Alexandria conference will be practical demonstrations in fumigation, screening and pasting of houses preparatory to fumigating, conducted by Dr. A. I. Metz, chemist of the state board. He will carry a corps of experts with him from this city in order to give the county sanitarians practical lessons in how to do this work effectively.

Dr. Quitman Kohnke, City Health Officer, will be there and deliver his famous illustrated lecture on the stegomyia mosquito, showing live mosquitoes on the screen, also wiggletails, and the effect of oil upon them, as in oiling cisterns.

Prominent women from all parts of the state will be on hand, a large delegation going from this city, representing the Women's League.

M. T. McKee of the Texas railway sanitation committee of Waco will attend the convention, having been in Mississippi with Dr. Hunter in an effort to secure uniform regulations between the three states.

Coming from Panama.

Panama: F. W. Pearne, Panama agent for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, sails via the Royal Mail today for New York.

It is said that he has been ordered to Washington to give testimony in refutation of the charge that his company was partly responsible for the blockade of freight on the Panama Railroad.

Prisoners Burned to Death.

Eastman, La.: Friday night the city barracks caught fire, the building, together with its three inmates, who were placed there for being drunk and disorderly, being consumed. The inmates were D. A. Cooper, Elbert Mills and John B. Hart, all white men.

From the Mikado.

Washington: The Japanese legation yesterday received advices that the present of the Empress and Emperor of Japan to Miss Roosevelt arrived at Seattle on the 9th inst. and was immediately forwarded to this city. The character of the gift will not be disclosed until its arrival here.

HARVIE JORDAN'S DEAL.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 13.—President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association made announcement yesterday:

"I have secured an agreement with a syndicate of Eastern capitalists, headed by E. R. Thomas, well known banker and financier of New York, to take 500,000 bales of middling from Southern planters at a minimum price of 13c per pound, delivered at interior points or ports by or before July 1, 1906. The deal will be closed as soon as options on the syndicate's requirements shall have been secured. The agreement further provides for the taking of all cotton ready for the market next August and September from the crop of 1906 at the then market prices, to be not less than minimum prices fixed by the Southern Cotton Growers' Association. This agreement is not intended to affect hundreds who are demanding the maximum of 15c at the present time. New York bankers are prepared to finance fully all Southern bankers in assisting holders of cotton for higher prices. Option contracts will be forwarded at once upon application to all cotton growers.

STAMP OUT ASSASSINATION.

Attempt to Kill or the Possession of Assassins' Tools Means Death.

Odessa, Feb. 13.—Gen. Kaulbars, Governor General of Odessa, yesterday issued a proclamation declaring that every one attempting to kill or killing any official by means of explosives, arms or otherwise, or who is found in possession of deadly implements, will henceforth be condemned to capital punishment without inquiry or trial.

Two Were Slashed.

Houston, Texas: Last night Luther Tucker, colored, was cut and died a few minutes later. The police were notified and went in search of Jim Jenkins, also colored. Jennie Jenkins, colored, was badly cut but not fatally. She was taken to the infirmary and later on in the night was reported as being in a critical condition. The police were in chase of the offender last night, but at a late hour had made no arrest. The trouble grew out of jealousy between the men. The woman was cut six times, but none of the wounds appeared to be very bad.

Seven Bullets in Reed.

Timpson, Texas: In a shooting fray at Ragley's Mill Emmett Hodge shot Will Reed seven times, killing him instantly. Both men were engineers on the Timpson Northwestern Railroad. The cause of the killing is not obtainable now.

Hodge surrendered to the deputy sheriff of Panola county. Both men have families.

Germany Won't Budge.

Rome: Most pessimistic official news has been received here from Algeiras causing considerable apprehension. It is reported that France is determined to consider a Franco-Spanish organization of the Moroccan police as her ultimate concession to which Germany refuses to agree, thus breaking up the conference.

Diphtheria Deaths at Killeen.

Killeen, Texas: The 6-year-old daughter and 8-months-old son of E. E. Mosshart died last Saturday of diphtheria.

These being the first cases reported, considerable excitement prevails here, as this disease is nearly always fatal.

Glorious Rain at San Marcos.

San Marcos, Texas: A glorious rain fell here all day yesterday. It began at an early hour in the morning and continued all day with slight intermissions. The rain will do great good, coming just at this time. The soil is thoroughly wet.

Lake Charles Hoo Hoos.

Lake Charles, La.: The vice regent at Latcher has called a meeting of the Hoo Hoo at Lake Charles on Feb. 24. Members of the order from various points in Louisiana and Texas will participate, and about 100 new members will be initiated.

Meriweather Pardoned.

Washington, D. C.: Midshipman Minor Meriweather, Jr., of Louisiana, a member of the third class convicted and sentenced to be dismissed for hazing, has been pardoned by the president.

Barn at Lake Charles.

Lake Charles, La.: Fire, originating from some unknown cause, at the Calcasieu farm last night destroyed two barns and their contents. Loss \$2,000.

WHARTON KILLING

G. R. HIGGINBOTHAM WAS SHOT AND KILLED.

SELF-DEFENSE IS CLAIMED.

Daughter Had Never Known Father Until After Her Marriage—He Had Been Drinking.

Wharton, Texas, Feb. 12.—G. R. Higginbotham, who has been visiting this section for several years, representing the L. R. Price Mercantile Company of Houston, was killed Saturday night at the Watts Hotel, on one of the principal streets in town, the shot taking effect in the upper part of the left cheek and coming out below the right ear, evidently breaking his neck and killing him instantly.

W. L. Jackson, a son-in-law of Higginbotham, and supposed to be representative of the same firm in Houston, is now in the Wharton county jail charged with the murder.

The dead man was carried to the court house and placed in charge of Undertaker F. B. May, who, with the assistance of the officers, is attempting to locate some of his relations, while the daughter of the dead man and wife of the accused is at the Watts Hotel, and is on the verge of collapse from hysterics, she being the only eye witness to the shooting.

Lynce McFarlane was the nearest man to the house, and on hearing the shot was among the first on the scene of the tragedy. On entering the house and going to Jackson's bedroom, where he had already retired, he saw the lifeless body of Higginbotham lying directly in the door with a pistol in his hand. The pistol afterward, on being examined by County Attorney W. L. Hall, was found to be a perfectly new Smith & Wesson, thirty-eight calibre, loaded all around, and had apparently never been fired. Jackson had partly dressed himself, and, in company with his wife, had gone to an adjoining room in the hotel. He was taken and disarmed by McFarlane, and in a few seconds turned over to the officers, who at once placed him in jail.

His wife's pleadings were pathetic in the extreme as she pleaded with the officers not to handcuff her husband, and prayed that they not mistreat him, exclaiming hysterically that "Will had killed poor father, but he had to do it." Mr. Jackson's statement is that he fired the shot in defense of his own life, all of which is borne out by the facts in the case. The substance of his conversation in regard to the matter is, that he married Higginbotham's daughter in Coldwater, Miss., about ten years ago. He nor his wife had never seen her father, as he left that country and came to Texas when his wife died, leaving his infant daughter with her grandmother, who reared the child, she therefore never having seen her father.

Capt. Webb a Suicide.

Birmingham, Ala.: Capt. Norman E. Webb, a well known capitalist, took his life at his home by firing a pistol through his forehead while his family were at breakfast. Capt. Webb had been in ill health for some time and arose from his bed Sunday morning to commit the deed. He was one of the wealthy and public spirited men of the district. Webb formerly lived in Selma, Ala.

Big Diamond Robbery.

Vancouver, B. C.: The jewelry store of F. A. McMillan was robbed of \$20,000 worth of diamonds Saturday evening. When McMillan closed the store an unknown man smashed in the plate glass window, seized a tray of diamonds and darted around the corner.

Baby Played With Matches.

Lawton, Ok.: By the innocent playing with matches by the 3-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McMany of Elie, another death has occurred. The accident befell the child within a short distance of the home, when its clothing was entirely burned from its body.

Territory Lumbermen.

Oklahoma City, Ok.: The convention of the Lumbermen's Association of Oklahoma and Indian Territory closed Saturday night with a banquet. The next meeting will be held in this city. The association passed resolutions and took a decided stand against pooling lumbermen's interests.

KILLING ON PLANTATION.

White Manager Had Trouble With a Negro and Latter Was Shot.

Marlin, Texas, Feb. 12.—Alex Jones, colored, about 50 years old, was killed on the farm of Foster brothers in the Brazos bottom, about seven miles south of Marlin, yesterday morning. He was shot in the side and shoulders, one off he wounds being with bird shot and the other with buck shot. The dead man had a difficulty with Mr. Luke Russell, white, manager of the Foster farm, and another negro, Ed Shields, came to Mr. Russell's assistance. This is when the killing took place.

County Attorney Carter and Justice Frazier have just returned from the scene of the killing. No arrests have been made as yet, but Mr. Russell and Ed Shields are said to be virtually in custody of the officers. Ed Shields came to town and reported the matter and returned with the county attorney and justice of the peace. Mr. Russell received a slight gunshot wound in the hand by the accidental discharge of the gun while struggling with the deceased.

Stillwell in San Antonio.

San Antonio, Texas: A. E. Stillwell, president of the Mexico & Orient railroad, passed through San Antonio yesterday on one of his monthly excursions to Mexico. Mr. Stillwell brought something like one hundred persons in a special train composed of eight coaches. He left almost immediately after arriving, bound for the Republic. The guests will be shown the progress on the Orient in Mexico and the resources of the country, and will then be asked to buy stock.

Caught With the Goods.

Huntsville, Ala.: Abraham Dolberry, son of the postmaster at Alto, in Jackson county, was arrested and brought here on a charge of robbing the mails. He was bound over to the Federal grand jury, after a hearing before Commissioner Greenleaf. Dolberry was employed at the postoffice in Alto and several registered letters passing through that office have been tampered with recently. Decoy letters were sent through the office by inspectors Laking and Lewis and Dolberry was caught with them.

Disappeared with Funds.

St. Joseph, Mo.: Henry Angus Rogers, said to be the son of a rich baron of Denmark, has disappeared, and the police report that there is a shortage in his accounts of \$700. He was cashier of the Benton Club. It is believed that he took the funds of the club to enable him to return to his home in Denmark. The police of the Atlantic seaports have been notified to apprehend him.

Medium Located Crenweige.

Fredericksburg, Texas: Nat Crenweige was found dead under a tree Sunday evening five miles from home. Five hundred men were out for several days looking for him. Saturday Peter Ehrens consulted a medium at Kerrville. He said he was six miles from home and told in what direction to go, and they found him near the place where he had directed them.

Inducting Waschka into Office.

Beeville, Texas: Prof. Edward C. Green of the chair of horticulture at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, spent several days of the week at the Beeville experiment station, outlining the work for S. A. Waschka, the recently appointed superintendent, who took charge last week.

Soldier Charged With Robbery.

Brownsville, Texas: Private Harry Smith of Company L, Twenty-sixth Infantry, at Fort Brown, deserted and went to Mexico Saturday and Sunday was captured by the civil officers and turned over to the military authorities at Fort Brown. He is charged with deserting and robbery.

Victoria Cattle Shipments.

Victoria, Texas: Only one shipment of live stock consisting of two cars of cattle from Beeville to Napoleonville, was made from the entire Victoria branch of the G. H. & S. A. during the past week. The inactivity was due to the cold spell of the past week.

Hand Broken by Logs.

Cameron, Texas: While moving some cord wood near town Mr. Pat Lampkin had his left hand caught between heavy logs and broken.

To be Given Colored School of Methods.

Austin, Texas: Samuel Huston College, the school for the colored here, is to be recognized and given the colored school of methods.

Some Hope.
He—Can't you give me any hope?
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Houston, Texas, operates the largest force of competent detectives in the South; they render written opinions in cases not handled by them. Reasonable rates.

Don't take any stock in the fellow who is a laughing stock.

An old bachelor's idea of a fool is a man who attends his own wedding. A new type of bullet is being served to the French infantry.

Woman's Trials.

The bitter trail in a woman's life is to be childless. Who can tell how hard the struggle may have been ere she learnt to resign herself to her lonely lot? The absence of this link to bind marital life together, the absence of this one pledge to mutual affection is a common disappointment. Many unfortunate couples become estranged thereby. Even if they do not drift apart, one may read the whole extent of their disappointment in the eyes of such a childless couple when they rest on the children of others. To them the largest family does not seem too numerous.

In many cases of barrenness or childlessness the obstacle to child-bearing is easily removed by the cure of weakness on the part of the woman. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been the means of restoring health and fruitfulness to many a barren woman, to the great joy of the household. In other, but rare cases, the obstruction to the bearing of children has been found to be of a surgical character, but easily removable by painless operative treatment at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., over which Dr. Pierce of the "Favorite Prescription" fame presides. In all cases where children are desired and are absent, an effort should be made to find out the real cause, since it is generally so easily removed by proper treatment.

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Missouri is taking a hand in the New York Insurance investigation, and when Missouri takes a hand in anything it is always well for the other players to keep their eyes glued on the table.

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Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 4-pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 oz." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

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It is the person with the most nerve who most frequently gets on the nerves.

The London Zoo has just received its first humming bird.

He'd Seen 'Em.

"Where in this country do we find the idle classes?" shouted the orator. "At the matinees!" shouted back a small boy on the edge of the crowd.

In the Composing Room.
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Certain fish show great power of endurance when taken from water. For instance, in Holland carp are frequently alive for three weeks or a month after being caught, the fish, wrapped in wet moss, being placed in a net kept in a cool spot.

Don't It Jar You?

To have a cough that you can't leave off—even when you go to bed? Put it away for good by using Simmons' Cough Syrup. It heals inflammation of the throat and lungs—gives you rest and peaceful sleep.

It sometimes happens that the man who considers his wife one in a thousand imagines her mother is the other.

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Some grocers say they don't keep Defiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because Defiance contains 16 oz. for the same money.

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Lacking.

Customer—When was this chicken killed?
Water—We don't furnish dates with chicken, sir. Only bread and butter.

A TRAINED NURSE

After Years of Experience, Advises Women to Regard to Their Health.

Mrs. Martha Pohlman of 55 Chester Avenue, Newark, N. J., who is a graduate Nurse from the Blockley Training School, at Philadelphia, and for six years Chief Clinic Nurse at the Philadelphia Hospital, writes the letter printed below. She has the advantage of personal experience, besides her professional education, and what she has to say may be absolutely relied upon.

Many other women are afflicted as she was. They can regain health in the same way. It is prudent to heed such advice from such a source.

Mrs. Pohlman writes: "I am firmly persuaded, after eight years of experience with Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, that it is the safest and best medicine for any suffering woman to use."

"Immediately after my marriage I found that my health began to fail me. I became weak and pale, with severe bearing-down pains, fearful backaches and frequent dizzy spells. The doctors prescribed for me, yet I did not improve. I would bloat after eating, and frequently become nauseated. I had pains down through my limbs so I could hardly walk. It was as bad a case of female trouble as I have ever known. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, however, cured me within four months. Since that time I have had occasion to recommend it to a number of patients suffering from all forms of female difficulties, and I find that while it is considered unprofessional to recommend a patent medicine, I can honestly recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, for I have found that it cures female ills, where all other medicine fails. It is a grand medicine for sick women."

Money cannot buy such testimony as this—merit alone can produce such results, and the ablest specialists now agree that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the most universally successful remedy for all female diseases known to medicine.

When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful periods, weakness, displacement or ulceration of the female organs, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excita-

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Succeeds Where Others Fail.



Mrs. Martha Pohlman

bility, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement.

The needless suffering of women from diseases peculiar to their sex is terrible to see. The money which they pay to doctors who do not help them is an enormous waste. The pain is cured and the money is saved by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

It is well for women who are ill to write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. The present Mrs. Pinkham is the daughter-in-law of Lydia E. Pinkham, her assistant for many years before her decease, and for twenty-five years since her advice has been freely given to sick women. In her great experience, which covers many years, she has probably had to deal with dozens of cases just like yours. Her advice is strictly confidential.

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W. W. AIKEN, Ed. and Proprietor.

CROCKETT, - - - TEXAS.

At last reports Mr. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Fitzsimmons were still loving.

The czar needs \$240,000,000. So do we, but you don't hear us making any fuss about it.

Any man who can fasten his suspender to a brass button is a general in Santo Domingo.

The Rev. Madison C. Peters says, "Money is not success." Still, nothing seems to succeed like it.

You could never make a woman who owns a pearl necklace believe she could catch a sore throat.

Yachting shares with football one great advantage—in the off season there are the rules to fight over.

A rubber trust, capitalized at \$30,000,000, has been organized in New Jersey. Here's your elastic currency.

An English poet sings: "My soul is like some quiet pool." Strange to say, the compositor set it up "pool," too.

One of the railroads in Russia is called the Novorossiysk Rostoff. The Lord only knows what the stations are called.

This nation has a sweet tooth. There was an average of sixty-five pounds of sugar consumed in this country last year.

The West Virginia man who has just been enjoined from making love to his wife undoubtedly wants to more than ever now.

Geronimo, the Apache warrior, at the age of 84 has just married his eighth wife. The wise man learns wisdom by experience.

"Take care of the baby when he begins to cut his teeth," says an expert advising mothers. Why not take care of the baby all the time?

Mr. Schwab is still delayed in getting into his new mansion in New York. It takes time to spend \$6,000,000 on a private residence.

Mrs. Chadwick is helping to do the laundry work in the Ohio penitentiary. Useful employment for her hands has been found at last.

The marriage of Princess Ena of Battenberg and King Alfonso is set down for June by the society journals, which certainly ought to know.

Sir Thomas Lipton feels sure of winning the cup next year. But Mother Shipton was equally sure the end of the world would come in 1881.

"A wife is a luxury," said Judge Gary, but he didn't pretend to give an exhaustive definition. That would require several pages of the dictionary.

Looking around the horizon of South American republics, manufacturers of ammunition can see no reason to fear a break in the present wave of prosperity.

Two hundred years ago Ben Franklin was born and since then more has been done with electricity than he ever dreamed of when he was flying his kite.

A Chicago couple have been married three times since last November. What makes the case remarkable is that they were married every time to each other.

Several generals were killed in a battle in Santo Domingo the other day. One army is reported to have lost a toe, while the other lost a part of his left ear.

Apropos of Ben Franklin, it may be recalled that that practical one once advised his pious father to say grace over the whole barrel of herrings and save time.

Dynamite has been found under the snow on the Neva river, where the czar was going to bless the waters, and it is believed that he will consequently Neva go there any more.

It is said that a letter may be sent from New York to San Francisco and an answer received, all within seven days. Of course, the man who gets the letter has to be more prompt than most of us.

Will the coming man marry? asks a New York minister. Bernard Shaw would say that that will depend entirely on the coming women.

TO FIGHT FEVER.

ALEXANDRIA, LA., HEALTH CONFERENCE OPENS TODAY.

GENERAL FUMIGATION PLANNED

Dr. Kohnke Will Show Stegomyia and Wiggletails on Screen—Women Delegates.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 13.—The sanitary forces of Louisiana, with representatives from Texas and Mississippi, are headed for Alexandria, Rapides parish, on Red river, for the state health convention, which will be called to order in the Alexandria Opera House Wednesday morning, Feb. 14, at 9:30 o'clock. The conference will last two days.

Alexandria has made preparations to entertain a thousand delegates. Fifteen hundred invitations have been sent out and it is believed very nearly five hundred delegates will be present. Dr. C. H. Irion, president of the state board, will call the convention to order and preside over the sessions. He is the author of this convention; it is his scheme.

His Excellency, N. C. Blanchard, Governor of Louisiana, will be present. The mayors of every important town in the state, health officers of towns and parishes, coroners, presidents of police juries and business men will make up the personnel of the gathering.

In an interview last night President Irion outlined the objects of this conference, namely:

First, to secure concerted action of all interests in Louisiana for the protection of the state from any possible recrudescence of the yellow fever.

Second, to launch an active campaign of education and sanitation in every city and parish of the state.

Third, to form a state health association, to be directed under the auspices of the state board of health.

Fourth, to lay the foundation for an auxiliary health association in every parish of the state.

Fifth, to arrange for the fumigation of every house in every previously infected district in the state.

Sulphur will be secured by the carload. The plan of operation is to get the community to bear the cost of such fumigation, with the state board of health furnishing an expert to direct it.

A feature of the Alexandria conference will be practical demonstrations in fumigation, screening and pasting of houses preparatory to fumigating, conducted by Dr. A. J. Miller, chief of the state board. He will carry a corps of experts with him from this city in order to give the county sanitarians practical lessons in how to do this work effectively.

Dr. Quitman Kohnke, City Health Officer, will be there and deliver his famous illustrated lecture on the stegomyia mosquito, showing live mosquitoes on the screen, also wiggletails, and the effect of oil upon them, as in oiling cisterns.

Prominent women from all parts of the state will be on hand, a large delegation going from this city, representing the Women's League.

M. T. McKee of the Texas railway sanitation committee of Waco will attend the convention, having been in Mississippi with Dr. Hunter in an effort to secure uniform regulations between the three states.

Coming from Panama.

Panama: F. W. Pearne, Panama agent for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, sails via the Royal Mail today for New York.

It is said that he has been ordered to Washington to give testimony in refutation of the charge that his company was partly responsible for the blockade of freight on the Panama Railroad.

Prisoners Burned to Death.

Eastman, La.: Friday night the city barracks caught fire, the building, together with its three inmates, who were placed there for being drunk and disorderly, being consumed. The inmates were D. A. Cooper, Elbert Mills and John B. Hart, all white men.

From the Mikado.

Washington: The Japanese legation yesterday received advices that the present of the Empress and Emperor of Japan to Miss Roosevelt arrived at Seattle on the 9th inst. and was immediately forwarded to this city. The character of the gift will not be disclosed until its arrival here.

HARVIE JORDAN'S DEAL.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 13.—President Harvie Jordan of the Southern Cotton Growers' Association made announcement yesterday:

"I have secured an agreement with a syndicate of Eastern capitalists, headed by E. R. Thomas, well known banker and financier of New York, to take 500,000 bales of middling from Southern planters at a minimum price of 13c per pound, delivered at interior points or ports by or before July 1, 1906. The deal will be closed as soon as options on the syndicate's requirements shall have been secured. The agreement further provides for the taking of all cotton ready for the market next August and September from the crop of 1906 at the then market prices, to be not less than minimum prices fixed by the Southern Cotton Growers' Association. This agreement is not intended to affect hundreds who are demanding the maximum of 15c at the present time. New York bankers are prepared to finance fully all Southern bankers in assisting holders of cotton for higher prices. Option contracts will be forwarded at once upon application to all cotton growers.

STAMP OUT ASSASSINATION.

Attempt to Kill or the Possession of Assassins' Tools Means Death.

Odessa, Feb. 13.—Gen. Kaubars, Governor General of Odessa, yesterday issued a proclamation declaring that every one attempting to kill or killing any official by means of explosives, arms or otherwise, or who is found in possession of deadly implements, will henceforth be condemned to capital punishment without inquiry or trial.

Two Were Slashed.

Houston, Texas: Last night Luther Tucker, colored, was cut and died a few minutes later. The police were notified and went in search of Jim Jenkins, also colored. Jennie Jenkins, colored, was badly cut but not fatally. She was taken to the infirmary and later on in the night was reported as being in a critical condition. The police were in chase of the offender last night, but at a late hour had made no arrest. The trouble grew out of jealousy between the men. The woman was cut six times, but none of the wounds appeared to be very bad.

Seven Bullets in Reed.

Timpson, Texas: In a shooting fray at Ragley's Mill Emmett Hodge shot Will Reed seven times, killing him instantly. Both men were engineers on the Timpson Northwestern Railroad. The cause of the killing is not obtainable now.

Hodge surrendered to the deputy sheriff of Panola county. Both men have families.

Germany Won't Budge.

Rome: Most pessimistic official news has been received here from Algieras causing considerable apprehension. It is reported that France is determined to consider a Franco-Spanish organization of the Moroccan police as her ultimate concession to which Germany refuses to agree, thus breaking up the conference.

Diphtheria Deaths at Killeen.

Killeen, Texas: The 6-year-old daughter and 8-months-old son of E. E. Mosehart died last Saturday of diphtheria.

These being the first cases reported, considerable excitement prevails here, as this disease is nearly always fatal.

Glorious Rain at San Marcos.

San Marcos, Texas: A glorious rain fell here all day yesterday. It began at an early hour in the morning and continued all day with slight intermissions. The rain will do great good, coming just at this time. The soil is thoroughly wet.

Lake Charles Hoo Hoos.

Lake Charles, La.: The vice regent at Latcher has called a meeting of the Hoo Hoo at Lake Charles on Feb. 24. Members of the order from various points in Louisiana and Texas will participate, and about 100 new members will be initiated.

Meriweather Pardoned.

Washington, D. C.: Midshipman Minor Meriweather, Jr., of Louisiana, a member of the third class convicted and sentenced to be dismissed for hazing, has been pardoned by the president.

Barn at Lake Charles.

Lake Charles, La.: Fire, originating from some unknown cause, at the Calcutten farm last night destroyed two barns and their contents. Loss \$2,000.

WHARTON KILLING

G. R. HIGGINBOTHAM WAS SHOT AND KILLED.

SELF-DEFENSE IS CLAIMED.

Daughter Had Never Known Father Until After Her Marriage—He Had Been Drinking.

Wharton, Texas, Feb. 12.—G. R. Higginbotham, who has been visiting this section for several years, representing the L. R. Price Mercantile Company of Houston, was killed Saturday night at the Watts Hotel, on one of the principal streets in town, the shot taking effect in the upper part of the left cheek and coming out below the right ear, evidently breaking his neck and killing him instantly.

W. L. Jackson, a son-in-law of Higginbotham, and supposed to be representative of the same firm in Houston, is now in the Wharton county jail charged with the murder.

The dead man was carried to the court house and placed in charge of Undertaker F. B. May, who, with the assistance of the officers, is attempting to locate some of his relations, while the daughter of the dead man and wife of the accused is at the Watts Hotel, and is on the verge of collapse from hysterics, she being the only eye witness to the shooting.

Lynce McFarlane was the nearest man to the house, and on hearing the shot was among the first on the scene of the tragedy. On entering the house and going to Jackson's bedroom, where he had already retired, he saw the lifeless body of Higginbotham lying directly in the door with a pistol in his hand. The pistol afterward, on being examined by County Attorney W. L. Hall, was found to be a perfectly new Smith & Wesson, thirty-eight calibre, loaded all around, and had apparently never been fired. Jackson had partly dressed himself, and, in company with his wife, had gone to an adjoining room in the hotel. He was taken and disarmed by McFarlane, and in a few seconds turned over to the officers, who at once placed him in jail.

His wife's pleadings were pathetic in the extreme as she pleaded with the officers not to handcuff her husband, and prayed that they not mistreat him, exclaiming hysterically that "Will had killed poor father, but he had to do it." Mr. Jackson's statement is that he fired the shot in defense of his own life, all of which is borne out by the facts in the case. The substance of his conversation in regard to the matter is, that he married Higginbotham's daughter in Coldwater, Miss., about ten years ago. He nor his wife had never seen her father, as he left that country and came to Texas when his wife died, leaving his infant daughter with her grandmother, who reared the child, she therefore never having seen her father.

Capt. Webb a Suicide.

Birmingham, Ala.: Capt. Norman E. Webb, a well known capitalist, took his life at his home by firing a pistol through his forehead while his family were at breakfast. Capt. Webb had been in ill health for some time and arose from his bed Sunday morning to commit the deed. He was one of the wealthy and public spirited men of the district. Webb formerly lived in Selma, Ala.

Big Diamond Robbery.

Vancouver, B. C.: The jewelry store of F. A. McMillan was robbed of \$20,000 worth of diamonds Saturday evening. When McMillan closed the store an unknown man smashed in the plate glass window, seized a tray of diamonds and darted around the corner.

Baby Played With Matches.

Lawton, Ok.: By the innocent playing with matches by the 3-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. O. A. McManey of Ellie, another death has occurred. The accident befell the child within a short distance of the home, when its clothing was entirely burned from its body.

Territory Lumbermen.

Oklahoma City, Ok.: The convention of the Lumbermen's Association of Oklahoma and Indian Territory closed Saturday night with a banquet. The next meeting will be held in this city. The association passed resolutions and took a decided stand against pooling lumbermen's interests.

KILLING ON PLANTATION.

White Manager Had Trouble With a Negro and Latter Was Shot.

Marlin, Texas, Feb. 12.—Alex Jones, colored, about 50 years old, was killed on the farm of Foster brothers in the Brazos bottom, about seven miles south of Marlin, yesterday morning. He was shot in the side and shoulder, one of the wounds being with bird shot and the other with buck shot. The dead man had a difficulty with Mr. Luke Russell, white, manager of the Foster farm, and another negro, Ed Shields, came to Mr. Russell's assistance. This is when the killing took place.

County Attorney Carter and Justice Frazier have just returned from the scene of the killing. No arrests have been made as yet, but Mr. Russell and Ed Shields are said to be virtually in custody of the officers. Ed Shields came to town and reported the matter and returned with the county attorney and justice of the peace. Mr. Russell received a slight gunshot wound in the hand by the accidental discharge of the gun while struggling with the deceased.

Stillwell in San Antonio.

San Antonio, Texas: A. E. Stillwell, president of the Mexico & Orient railroad, passed through San Antonio yesterday on one of his monthly excursions to Mexico. Mr. Stillwell brought something like one hundred persons in a special train composed of eight coaches. He left almost immediately after arriving, bound for the Republic. The guests will be shown the progress on the Orient in Mexico and the resources of the country, and will then be asked to buy stock.

Caught With the Goods.

Huntsville, Ala.: Abraham Dolberry, son of the postmaster at Alto, in Jackson county, was arrested and brought here on a charge of robbing the mails. He was bound over to the Federal grand jury, after a hearing before Commissioner Greenleaf. Dolberry was employed at the postoffice in Alto and several registered letters passing through that office have been tampered with recently. Decoy letters were sent through the office by inspectors Laking and Lewis and Dolberry was caught with them.

Disappeared with Funds.

St. Joseph, Mo.: Henry Angus Rogers, said to be the son of a rich baron of Denmark, has disappeared, and the police report that there is a shortage in his accounts of \$700. He was cashier of the Benton Club. It is believed that he took the funds of the club to enable him to return to his home in Denmark. The police of the Atlantic seaboard have been notified to apprehend him.

Medium Located Crenweige.

Fredericksburg, Texas: Nat Crenweige was found dead under a tree Sunday evening five miles from home. Five hundred men were out for several days looking for him. Saturday Peter Ehrens consulted a medium at Kerrville. He said he was six miles from home and told in what direction to go, and they found him near the place where he had directed them.

Inducting Waschka into Office.

Beeville, Texas: Prof. Edward C. Green of the chair of horticulture at the Agricultural and Mechanical College, spent several days of the week at the Beeville experiment station, outlining the work for S. A. Waschka, the recently appointed superintendent, who took charge last week.

Soldier Charged With Robbery.

Brownsville, Texas: Private Harry Smith of Company L, Twenty-sixth Infantry, at Fort Brown, deserted and went to Mexico Saturday and Sunday was captured by the civil officers and turned over to the military authorities at Fort Brown. He is charged with deserting and robbery.

Victoria Cattle Shipments.

Victoria, Texas: Only one shipment of live stock consisting of two cars of cattle from Beeville to Napoleonville, was made from the entire Victoria branch of the G. H. & S. A. during the past week. The inactivity was due to the cold spell of the past week.

Hand Broken by Logs.

Cameron, Texas: While moving some cord wood near town Mr. Pat Lampkin had his left hand caught between heavy logs and broken.

To Be Given Colored School of Methods.

Austin, Texas: Samuel Huston College, the school for the colored here, is to be recognized and given the colored school of methods.

Cures Blood, Skin Troubles, Cancer, Blood Poison, Greatest Blood Purifier Free.

If your blood is impure, thin, diseased, hot or full of humors, if you have blood poison, cancer, carbuncles, eating sores, scrofula, eczema, itching, rashes and lumps, scabby, pimply skin, bone pains, catarrh, rheumatism, or any blood or skin disease, take Botanic Blood Balm (B. B. B.) according to directions. Soon all sores heal, aches and pains stop, the blood is made pure and rich, leaving the skin free from every eruption, and giving the rich glow of perfect health to the skin. At the same time, B. B. B. improves the digestion, cures dyspepsia, strengthens weak kidneys. Just the medicine for old people, as it gives them new, vigorous blood. Druggists, 25 per large bottle, with directions for home cure. Sample free and prepaid by writing Blood Balm Co., Atlanta, Ga. Describe trouble and special free medical advice also sent in sealed letter. B. B. B. is especially advised for chronic, deep-seated cases of impure blood and skin disease, and cures after all else fails.

A FUNNY BACKWARD PARTY.

Everything is Topsy Turvy and is Sure to Cause Merriment.

A "Backward" party will give an evening of rare fun, but ask only about 20 thoroughly congenial people. In the invitations state that masks of the plainest possible description should be worn over the face, just to allow seeing and breathing, and a very much made-up face be put on the back of the head. The clothes are to be put on so as to make the back the front, etc.

The invitation must be written on the back page of note paper and finish on the first page. When the guests arrive they will be greeted by a large placard requesting them to go to the back door. They will go up the back stairs and be received by the hostess in the kitchen. The girls will wear their dress skirts wrong side out and the men their coats in the same ludicrous fashion. Ladies will ask the men to supper and to dance. The menu will begin with the dessert and end with soup. The whole affair will be as backward as it is possible to make it, and each guest will be requested to look backward and relate some of the reminiscence. The room should be lighted with lamps and candles.

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Remit 4c and we add a package of Cosmos, the most fashionable, serviceable, beautiful annual flower. John A. Salzer Seed Co., Lock Drawer W., La Crosse, Wis.

Expanding Industry in the South.

In the race for wealth the Southern farmer is abreast of the Western granger and the Northern manufacturer. He is no longer hampered by poverty and a tradition. From all over the South come reports of expanding industries. It is computed that farm properties in the 11 states that once succeeded from the Union have risen in value more than \$1,000,000,000 in two years. The average yield of these lands since this century began is \$200,000,000 a year greater than it was in the preceding six years. The South now not only grows cotton for the world, but manages the marketing of it. The speculator, who once got all the cream, gets it no longer. The planter is strong enough to fight his own battle, which means that he can defend his own property.

Agreeable Conversation.

Conversation, to be agreeable, should be general, where many participate. If an anecdote occurs to one of the number, it should be told as briefly, as succinctly and as much to the point as possible. Then it should be dropped, and not repeated over, even once. To do so spoils the whole effect. Whenever the man or woman is noted whose reputation for telling a good story has been sent ahead, it will be found that brevity, or at least as much as is consistent with the occasion, is the rule with that individual. You can keep thoughts out, but you cannot keep them in.

If life is spent in a mad scamper after things of no real value, or even after valuable things we can grasp but superficially, it is as much wasted as if thought were dulled or opportunities neglected. The hungry mind should not injure itself by eating what it cannot digest. Wisdom lies in clearly discriminating the things worth doing, the objects worth pursuing, from those which, though perhaps good for others may not be good for us.

Tale That Was Told.

"She told me that you told her that I told you not to tell her." "Stella—She's a mean thing—I told her not to tell you I told her." "Well, I told her I wouldn't tell you she told me—so don't tell her I did."

An attempt is being made in England to popularize the dogfish. It is not by the gray of the hair that one knows the age of the heart.

ANÆMIA CAN BE CURED

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Make New Blood and Strike Straight at the Root of Disease.

Anæmia is just the doctor's name for bloodlessness. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually make new blood. They cure anæmia just as food cures hunger. They cured Mrs. Thos. J. McGann, of 17 Lincoln Place, Plainfield, N. J., and they can do as much for any other pale, weak, ailing, bloodless person.

"In the spring of 1903 I did my usual house cleaning," says Mrs. McGann, "and soon afterward I began to have the most terrible headaches. My heart would beat so irregularly that it was painful and there came a morning when I could not get up. My doctor said I had anæmia and he was surprised that I had continued to live in the condition I was in. I was confined to my bed for nearly two months, the doctor coming every day for the first few weeks, but I did not improve to amount to anything.

"Altogether I was sick for nearly two years. I was as weak as a rag, had headaches, irregular heart beats, loss of appetite, cramps in the limbs and was unable to get a good night's sleep. My legs and feet were so swollen that I feared they would burst.

"One day, while I was wondering how long I could live, feeling as I did, I received a booklet telling about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. I read it and told my husband to get me some of the pills. Before the first box was gone I felt a change for the better. I have taken about twelve boxes and although I was as near the grave as I could be, I now feel as if I had a new lease of life. I have no more headache, the heart beats regularly, my cheeks are pink and I feel ten years younger. I feel that I have been cured very cheaply and I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to lots of my friends."

For further information address the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Schuettstadt, N. Y.

Even the fellow who invents an egg-greater dreams of being a world beater.

The only mark of esteem some people appreciate is the dollar mark.

It's a good deal easier to regulate this world than it is to set your own house straight.

"Impressionistic."

The famous portrait painter, Mr. J. S. Sargent, tells of an artist in Paris who had much difficulty in getting his pupils to make use of the extremely "impressionistic" ideas of art. One evening, at a large dinner-party, he asked an elderly gentleman next to him, who was very short-sighted, how the gentleman at the foot of the table appeared to him. "Well," replied the near-sighted one, "I see a very white spot, which I take to be his shirt-front, and a flesh-colored spot, which I know to be his face." "Ah," exclaimed the artist enthusiastically, "how I wish my pupils could see things as you do!"

String to His Generosity

Edwin and Lisa are two little cousins of three who are almost inseparable and divide most of their goodies. One day Edwin had a whole cracker, unbuttered, and half a one which was buttered. He gave the former to Lisa, and his mother commended him for giving away the larger piece.

Little Lisa looked up acutely. "Yes," said she, "he gave me the biggest, but he kept the butterest."

Witness Would Begin Again.

The following incident will be appreciated by lovers of the absurd, especially in the legal profession:

Many years ago, during a trial by jury in the town of Enosburg, Vt., a witness was being questioned by one of the lawyers, and as he became very much mixed in his replies, he hesitated for some time, appearing to be at his wits' ends.

Suddenly he exclaimed: "Scratch out all I have said, and I'll begin again."

A BOY'S BREAKFAST

There's a Natural Food That Makes Its Own Way.

There's a boy up in Hoosick Falls, N. Y., who is growing into sturdy manhood on Grape-Nuts breakfasts. It might have been different with him, as his mother explains:

"My 11-year-old boy is large, well developed and active, and has been made so by his fondness for Grape-Nuts food. At five years he was a very nervous child and was subject to frequent attacks of indigestion which used to rob him of his strength and were very troublesome to deal with. He never seemed to care for anything for his breakfast until I tried Grape-Nuts, and I have never had to change from that. He makes his entire breakfast of Grape-Nuts food. It is always relished by him and he says that it satisfies him better than the ordinary kind of a meal. "Better than all he is no longer troubled with indigestion or nervousness, and has got to be a splendidly developed fellow since he began to use Grape-Nuts food." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason. Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pages.

FACED AWFUL DEATH

TO ESCAPE FROM ILL TREATMENT ON SHIP.

British Sailor, Manacled and Heavily Clothed, Plunged into Shark-infested Waters in the Harbor of Honolulu—Finally Rescued.

B. Meluett was a sailor in the ship's company of the British ship Brenda until yesterday noon. But rather than endure the treatment he feared he would be sure to receive once the ship was out of sight of land he preferred to trust himself to the mercy of the sea. So, just as the ship was clearing the channel and the officers and all hands were busy making all sail to catch the least breath of wind, he jumped overboard. He was manacled with handcuffs, or, more properly, heavy iron bracelets fastened together with a chain, but he preferred death in the bright daylight to the life he had endured aboard ship as well as to possible death in the brig after abuse and slow starvation. At least that was the impression his story gave. There was no time to get into bathing trunks or even to peel off his heavy boots or even his coat. There was but time to get a friend to break a single link in his chain, and then to jump into the sea and possibly into the waiting jaws of a shark.

If the ship or his comrades missed the man, there was no boat lowered to save him. The ship went on her course apparently unmindful of the possible fate of one of her crew.

When the Brenda was standing off some three or four miles to sea, a pleasure craft from the French ship Ernest Reyer, a whaleboat rigged with a sail and manned by two of her common sailors, found Meluett with lungs half filled with salt water desperately hugging the spar buoy.

The Frenchmen were returning from a Sunday sail when they spied the British sailor. They hove to and asked him if he wanted to come ashore, and half by signs—for his lungs were so full of water that he could hardly talk—and half by words he made them understand that he did so. So the Frenchmen hauled him aboard and sailed into the harbor to their ship, landing him on Sorenson wharf, where a captain of police took him in charge and led him to the police station, a willing prisoner on land, but not at sea.

His ship arrived in Honolulu Oct. 5, and almost immediately he tried to desert, but was roped in by the U. S. marshal and taken before U. S. Commissioner Maling, who sent him to the reef. About a week ago he was delivered to his captain on orders of the British authorities and taken back aboard ship. As the time of departure approached, the captain, fearing he would again desert, put him in the brig on a bread and water diet. Just how he got out of the brig or who broke his manacles is not known. In order to show cause for a sane man to take the risks he did it must be a fearful tale he has to tell.—Honolulu Commercial Advertiser.

Douglas Wilson's Woodchuck.

Douglas Wilson, who used to be at Berlin, N. H., was known to be quite a hunter. He was also known to be "a stranger to the truth." In one of his favorite stories he relates how he had been tramping around the woods considerably and had found no game until at last he espied a woodchuck sitting right at the mouth of its hole. He knew that if he just wounded it it would manage to crawl into its hole, so he decided to get as close as he could, fire, and see if he couldn't get it before it got to its hole, if only wounded. He fired, dropped his gun and rushed toward the woodchuck.

In concluding, he says: "Perhaps you won't believe me, boys, but just as I grabbed that woodchuck the charge of shot hit me in the back."

The Light Over There.

Forevermore when sorrow came thorny crowned an eye— When the black storms hid the heavens, an' the light along the way. We hear him singing—singing in valleys of despair: "The bells—the bells are ringing—the light is over there!"

The deep voiced Dark wailed around us, and not a star unfurled; Like a lost soul—sent from heaven back to a homeless world! But still that singing—singing sweet as a love thrilled prayer: "The bells—the bells are ringing—the light is over there!"

And the weedy world now list'ning took heart and courage strong; And blest him for that ray of light that glistened in his song. And an echo to his singing came from dim vales and dreat: "The bells—the bells are ringing—the light is over there!" —Frank L. Stanton.

Channel Tunnel Scheme.

According to the London Graphic, the present year will witness a revival, on the part of French engineers and commercial men of the channel tunnel scheme. The engineers and their scientific friends in the Institute of France have just given the first symptom of it, in celebrating the memory of M. Potier, the engineer who initiated the project, now more than thirty years ago.

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Don't Forget.

When you have a prescription you want filled, that it will have the personal attention of our Mr. French, if you bring it to us.

DON'T FORGET.

Your Friends,
Smith & French
Drug Company.

Local Items.

Notice to Advertisers.

Copy for advertisements must be in this office not later than Tuesday morning to insure insertion. No deviation will be made from this rule in the future, because to do so delays publication, causes the paper to miss outgoing mails and works an all-round hardship on all concerned.

Let the COURIER do your printing.

Bulk garden seed at Arledge & Deupree's.

Buy your bulk garden seed from F. P. Parker.

Cal Bay has bought the R. S. Willis saw mill.

Feed stuff sold cheap by F. P. Parker. Try him.

Heinz bulk sweet pickles at Arledge & Deupree's.

F. P. Parker buys your country produce. Take it to him.

Try a can of Victory brand preserves at Brown & Sims'.

Trade with F. P. Parker, the up-to-date fancy grocery store.

Get stuffed pickles for your entertainment at Brown & Sims'.

Miss Edna Wright of Palestine is the guest of Mrs. Dan McLean.

Read the COURIER if you want to know who is running for office.

Hog wire, the best in town. Call at the Big Store and get their prices.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warfield are visiting their daughter at Dallas.

Dr. W. C. Lipscomb has been suffering from an attack of la grippe.

The Houston County Medical Society was in session at Crockett Tuesday.

Don't forget that Arledge & Deupree are headquarters for garden seed.

Miss Rep Freeman of Lovelady is being entertained by Miss Ethel Wootters.

Mr. H. F. Moore, who has been confined to his room with erysipelas, is improving.

W. V. Clark of Mineral Wells is spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

The best seed potatoes to be found is the Maine Triumph. Call at the Big Store for them.

Mrs. J. D. Sims has been quite sick for some ten days and still in bed though some better.

See those beautiful Ladies' Lace Hose in the prettiest designs, the celebrated Wayne Knitting Mills' best output. You can see them at the Big Store.

The COURIER has all the announcements.

The COURIER prints candidates' cards in the latest styles and prices.

Crockett is again in the grasp of a stiff norther, after a few days of warm weather.

Miss Margaret Foster was the guest of Mrs. I. S. Roberts at Houston Thursday and Friday.

We have just received a fresh line of olives, pickles and preserves. BROWN & SIMS.

The COURIER's announcement columns have always contained the names of all the candidates.

We handle all kinds of feed stuffs and have an up-to-date line of groceries. BROWN & SIMS.

The skating craze has struck Crockett. The rink is filled nightly and many bruises are the result.

Have you tried our Syrup White Pine with Tar? It will stop your cough.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

Quality is long remembered after price is forgotten. If you want good fresh groceries trade with us. Arledge & Deupree.

Mrs. Estelle Wootters Smith has been quite sick for about ten days, though still confined to her bed is some better.

Bring your prescriptions to us. We fill them right and charge you only what it is worth.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

Those who went to Houston last week to hear Calve sing were delighted. More of our people should have heard her.

WANTED—Bright young man from Crockett to prepare for paying position in Government Mail Service. Box One, Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Miss Lizzie Howard, Mrs. Frank Jones and Mrs. R. C. McDowell, all of Kennard, were visitors to Crockett the first of the week.

American Stag Cigars. Smoke American Stag—our leader—\$40.00—5c.

MURCHISON' DRUG STORE.

Goats for Sale.

J. G. Matlock has a bunch of fifty goats for sale. Address or see him at Crockett, Texas. 3t

50,000

Nut Cracker Tobacco tags at 50c per hundred, in merchandise, wanted at DANIEL & BURTON'S.

Dr. Mayes of Missouri will preach at the Christian church at Crockett, next Lordsday, February 18, 1906. The public cordially invited.

With five newspapers in the county, there is no excuse for any man not being able to make a selection. A county newspaper should be in every home, and the COURIER claims your patronage by right of priority in the field, at the same time appreciating past patronage.

Mr. S. M. Hallmark announces this week for commissioner of precinct No. 3. Mr. Hallmark is now serving as commissioner, having been appointed by the court last summer to fill the unexpired term of Ab Thomasson, resigned. Mr. Hallmark is a good man for the office and will appreciate your support.

Joe Brown Stanton announces this week for re-election as district clerk. He has served two terms and has given faithful service. He is familiar with every detail of the office and believes he is entitled to the third term as a reward for efficient service. His candidacy is subject to the action of the democracy.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

For children; safe, sure. No opiates

Our friends will please remember that all announcements for office must be accompanied by the cash. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

Our cigars are becoming more popular every day. They satisfy. Try one.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

Services at the Methodist church begin promptly at 11 A. M. and at 7:15 P. M. The public cordially invited.

IRVIN B. MANLY, Pastor.

Your prescriptions are in safe hands when placed with us. We give you the very best drugs and fill your prescription just as the doctor says.

MURCHISON & BEASLEY.

Game Chickens.

I have a few trios to spare of the famous Red Cuban Pit Games, the best of all heavy weights. \$3.00 per trio. Eggs for hatching in season.

N. J. SANDLIN, Lovelady, Texas.

Precinct Chairmen.

Crockett, Texas, Feb. 12, 1906. To Precinct Chairmen, Houston County.

Gentlemen:—Please send me your name, precinct and postoffice address. Thanking you in advance, I am yours truly,

J. W. HAIL, County Chairman.

The acreage being put into cotton is too large. Depression in price is bound to be the result. A few acres in tobacco, a few in potatoes, a cane patch and plenty of field peas will help much to relieve things when the depression sets in. And don't forget your hogs. Plenty of live stock and feed are a great help in times of crop failure.

C. H. Barbee submits his name this week to the democratic voters of commissioner's precinct No. 3 for nomination. Mr. Barbee, or Cal, as he is known, served a term as county commissioner four years ago and there was no complaint as to his conduct. He has lived at Lovelady all his life, is a life-long democrat and his qualifications for the office are excellent.

The COURIER has another announcement for justice of the peace this week. Mr. C. J. Hassell announces in precinct No. 1. Mr. Hassell has lived in Houston county for about forty years and cast his first vote in Crockett. It was for the democratic ticket, and he has been voting that ticket ever since and will so continue. He is qualified to fill the office and respectfully submits his candidacy to the people among whom he has so long lived.

A young white man named Will Starkey was shot by a trap as he was trying to gain entrance into a store at Salmon, on the line between Houston and Anderson counties, one night last week. The store had been entered at night on several occasions before and the trap was set to shoot the marauder in the legs on his next visit. The shot was effective and the burglar was taken in charge by the officers of Anderson county.

Gail Clinton, at one time tax assessor of Houston county, died at his home at Reynard last week of pneumonia. For the past few years he had conducted a mercantile business and farm at Reynard, and last fall took a grading contract on one of the railroads building through Leon county, returning to his home during the winter. He represented a splendid type of the county's best citizenship and leaves a family to mourn his demise.

Money to Loan.

We Buy and Sell Real Estate.

List Your Land With Us.

Fire Insurance Written in Best Companies.

WARFIELD BROTHERS,

Office North Side Public Square,
Crockett, Texas.

Nelms-Kelley.

Miss Laura Nelms, one of Lovelady's most attractive girls, on last Wednesday evening became the bride of Mr. W. F. Kelley, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Kelley of Crockett, the ceremony taking place at the home of the bride at Lovelady. It was a very quiet wedding, only relatives and a few close friends being present. Mr. Kelley's best man was Mr. J. H. Austin of Kennard, where Mr. Kelley has been living for the past two or three years. The ceremony was performed by Rev. I. B. Manly of the Methodist church of this city. After the marriage the couple took the train for Crockett and left for Kennard Thursday morning, at which late place they will make their home. The bride and groom were both reared in Houston county and are social favorites.

To the Voters of Houston County.

In presenting myself as a candidate for sheriff for the nomination of the democratic party for a second term, I do so, believing that I have done my duty faithfully and conscientiously.

I have tried to execute the laws fairly and justly without bias or prejudice, and I ask your support as an endorsement of my record and because I believe it is an unwritten law of the democracy to give a man a second term, unless it can be shown that he has been guilty of some flagrant and intentional wrong.

I will thank you for your support.
A. W. PHILLIPS,
adv. Sheriff of Houston Co.

Letter to Marshal Waller.

Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir: The cheap paint to buy is the one that covers more than you think; the cheap one to wear is the one that is young when old.

Mrs. Moore, of Kelsey, N. Y., bought 16 gallons Devco to paint her house two coats; her painters said it would take that. Had 6 gallons left.

Mr. James Ackley's house in Cairo (Catskill Mountains), N. Y., was painted Devco; it wore 14 years; and the paint was in good condition then. He was going to paint, the last we knew, though. That's the way to preserve a house; repaint when there's no occasion. Yours truly,
11 F. W. DEVCO & Co.
S. L. Murchison sells our paint.

The I. & G. N. was not content with putting the mail into Crockett in less than twenty hours from St. Louis and on last Saturday reduced the time two hours more, the mail from St. Louis reaching Crockett in less than eighteen hours from time of starting. Saturday's schedule was only a test of speed and the schedule in vogue for the past week was resumed Sunday. The night train does not remain over in Houston now, but reaches Galveston at 4 a. m.

A magnificent steel engraving of Hagerman Pass, the most famous mountain pass in Colorado, has been issued by the Colorado Midland Railway. This engraving is 26x40 inches and suitable for framing. It will be sent to any address on receipt of 15 cents in stamps by Morell Law, traveling passenger agent, 566 Sheldley building, Kansas City, Mo., or C. H. Speers, G. P. A., Denver, Colo.

Jury Lists.

List of grand and petit jurors, selected by the jury commissioners appointed by the Hon. District Court of Houston county, Texas, at the fall term, 1905, to serve as grand and petit jurors at the spring term, 1906, of the said district court of said county, to-wit:

Grand jurors, to appear at 9 o'clock a. m., March 12, 1906.—J. E. Downes, C. A. Turner, A. H. Wootters, J. O. Monday, Z. S. Adams, W. H. Driskill, J. E. Petty, J. G. Webb, T. S. Kent, Burl Eves, W. W. Gainey, W. H. Holcomb, R. R. Harvin, E. M. Callier, W. P. Conner, Mart Howard.

List of petit jurors to appear at 9 o'clock a. m. March 19, 1906.

—K. D. Lawrence, J. S. Eves, J. V. Marsh, J. L. Murray, J. W. Stubblefield, J. T. English, F. M. Denton, Frank Music, Chas. Long, S. S. Smith, SE., Lem Lanna, Johnson Arledge, A. C. Downes, T. J. Ashby, M. W. Wells, J. H. Freeman, T. Mayfield, W. G. Dorsey, J. S. Burton, Jno. Morgan, L. A. Finch, J. F. Garrett, J. R. Brooks, M. L. Tittle, J. H. Harroll, W. H. LaRue, H. S. Linderman, Jno. A. McConnell, R. E. Parker, Clint Lane, D. H. Bayne, G. E. Christopher, Jno. A. Hughes, O. T. Bitner, J. S. Gilbert, W. H. Campbell.

G. W. BROXSON

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wagons, buggies, sewing machines, also furniture, office desks, iron and steel safes.

Typewriters and OTHER HIGH GRADE Dependable Merchandise

All Sold on Easy Terms

Write him a card what you want. He will call to see you.

Thought for Our Young People.

Some years ago, every young man was striving to enter the professions; now, they are going into the world of business. The fortunes of our country are in its business. The Goulds, Vanderbilts, Carnegies, Stewarts and Armours are found in the counting houses, the factories, the packing houses. The wealth of your town, young reader, is in business; it is so in every town and city. The professions are overcrowded; business will never be so. The law does not offer such prizes as merchandizing; medicine, not half the wealth of manufacturing; teaching, but a small return as compared with mining or finance. The professions require many years to insure even a living income; business pays from the start. But for business you must have a business education. Get, then, a business education, get the best, in the best school; in other words, attend the Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas, where the famous Byrne systems are taught.

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks and other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5c per line. Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to make the following announcements, subject to the action of the democratic party:

- For Representative
John B. Smith
I. A. Daniel
- For County Judge
John Spence
J. W. Madden
- For District Clerk
Joe Brown Stanton
- For County Clerk
Nat E. Allbright
C. G. (Gersham) Lansford
J. J. Collier
- For Sheriff
A. W. Phillips
- For Tax Collector
A. L. (Gus) Goolsby
Oscar C. Goodwin
- For Commissioner Precinct No. 3
C. H. (Cal) Barbee
S. M. Hallmark
- For Justice of Peace, Prec. No. 1
C. R. Stephenson
C. J. Hassell
- For Constable Prec. No. 1
J. N. Wellborn

AN ATTEMPT AT RETALIATION.

The anti-railway agitation has now taken a new form, induced perhaps by the determination of many of the larger systems to discontinue the issuance of passes to other than employes, says the Railway World. The legislatures of Ohio, Maryland and Virginia have taken up the question of passenger fares with a view to securing their reduction, and similar agitation, which has not however reached the legislative stage, is being carried on in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois. The bill introduced in the Ohio legislature is typical of the general movement. This bill provides for a general reduction in the regular rate for passengers from three to two cents per mile. It has already passed the senate and a similar measure was approved by the house.

This attempt to retaliate upon the railroads for the withdrawal of pass privileges is wholly unreasonable and flagrantly unjust. The position of the large companies upon this matter is ably set forth in the statement prepared by Vice-President James McCrea, of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg, addressed to the committee on railroads and telegraphs of the Ohio house of representatives. Mr. McCrea makes the following points against the proposed measure: (1) That if passenger traffic is charged with its proper portion of interest and dividends, the passenger business on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg in the State of Ohio is now conducted at a loss. (2) That the low average rates of fare prevailing in foreign countries and in the more thickly populated of the Eastern States of the United States, which are brought forward in support of the measure, are the result of dense passenger traffic, and furnish no basis for judgment as to the legitimacy of passenger charges in the more thinly settled sections of the middle west.

It has long been known by persons conversant with railway affairs that passenger traffic was carried on at a loss, but Mr. McCrea's statement is the first to set forth the nature and extent of this loss in convincing detail, and is likely to furnish a standard of

reference in similar controversies in other states. We do not mean to imply, says the Railway World, that the passenger business is undesirable from the railway standpoint. It is to the railway's interest to facilitate the movement of passengers in every possible manner. It is more than possible that the largest portion of long distance railway passenger traffic represents business journeys which contribute to the movement of freight. The public is interested in the steady movement of passenger facilities, more frequent and more rapid service, the elevation of tracks, the construction of commodious and beautiful stations, etc. These improvements, which should be constantly going forward, on all the important lines of the country, cost a great deal of money and, in view of the fact that passenger traffic shows so little profit, as is claimed, the necessary funds, as a rule, must be provided out of earnings. If by legislative action the profits on the passenger business are reduced so that they show a loss on the actual cost of operation, which would, it would seem, be the result of the Ohio bill, the inducement to improve the passenger service would be greatly weakened if not entirely destroyed. The Railway World contends that if the Ohio legislature follows the policy of reducing the regular rate to two cents a mile it can have no other effect than to reduce the number of trains and lower the quality of service.

FOR A MORE EFFICIENT PUBLIC SERVICE.

Some misguided organ grinder who deems it popular and profitable to pretend that there is no graft in Texas will have to take to task the Honorable County Judges recently in session in Dallas. Many timely speeches were made during the session, but none were more enthusiastically approved than the address of President Bradley of Fannin county. The speech was declared to be the most important and notable of the convention. Although entirely unexpected, the remarks were given such endorsement as is expressed only in avalanche of applause and cries of approval. During the intermission for luncheon they were made the topic of conversation among the members of the convention, and comments were favorable. Specific allegations were made against officials of a certain county and general charges preferred against the official families of some counties in Texas. Other County Judges and members of Commissioners' Courts hung in expectant approval upon the indictments as they were drawn out in the ringing words of the speaker, to break into a general applause at the periods.

The witness fee graft was exploited and it was declared that in every county thousands of dollars are stolen in this manner which should go into the county treasury. "One deputy sheriff not a hundred miles from here made \$5,000 in one year by putting his name on the backs of complaints and indictments," he said. "Too many prisoners are said to have been arrested in El Paso and Texarkana, whereas they were arrested in the very shadow of the court house. I have been reliably informed that some of the County Judges have been charging up and collecting \$3 for each case dismissed, when as a matter of fact they are only entitled to \$3 for all verdicts of guilty or not guilty rendered in their respective courts; that some judges after entering up a dismissal of a case then enter up a verdict of not

guilty and collect \$3 fee for such entrance. Such action on the part of any judge is nothing more than stealing. It is impossible to change a principle by changing the name."

Honors to all to whom honors are due. County Commissioner Ross of Delta county is said to have opened the discussion relating to the condemnation of graft. He made a strong argument in favor of having all offices and accounts checked up at short regular intervals. "A man who is not in favor of or willing to have the affairs of his office checked up and have the books examined has no business asking for public office," he declared. "It too frequently happens, however, that grand jury appoint people to do this checking up who are thoroughly incompetent. Too much care can not be exercised in the selection of these accountants." That is the proper ground to take, and while standing upon it, do not fail to keep a keen eye upon any one who stands out against fair, full and frequent investigations. All such will bear watching, whether they are in offices or out of offices.

"The speech of Mr. Ross has inspired me," said Judge Bradley. "I want to say that there is graft in Texas. * * * A man who hasn't the courage to do his duties right should be looked upon with shame." He continued:

There is graft in the clerks' offices of Texas. Thousands are being stolen from the counties that ought to go into the treasuries of the people. They get money as witnesses that they are not entitled to. It goes into the pockets of these officers. It is the duty of the Commissioners' Court to take the names and adjudicate the matter. In some instances they have never been paid. There is graft in the sheriffs' offices. It is too often that a man gets arrested in El Paso or Texarkana when he may have actually been arrested in the very shadow of the court house. There's another graft. One deputy sheriff not a hundred miles from here made over \$5,000 by placing his name on the back of every complaint and indictment that came into the court house. I say that they should not be allowed to have these fees. All the County Judges are not exempt. Some of them are practicing theft or graft when they enter a case as a plea of guilty instead of a dismissal, as it should have been entered. You can't change the principle by changing the name. When a County Judge does anything like that he is stealing \$3 he hasn't a right to steal. You may give me the laugh on that remark, but I can show you that there is such a thing as legal stealing under the decisions of our higher courts. A word about taxes—that's where we all story. I am in favor of a law, if it be constitutional, which will provide that all notes, stocks and bonds not turned in for assessment be made null and void. There's one strong stroke against the system that will result in digging up taxes that now escape. If it's not constitutional, make it so. Texas has a bugaboo of a big tax rate. I say it's a bugaboo, for enough escapes taxation to more than equalize the rate. But we ought to remove the bugaboo. We ought to make a reasonable basis and enforce it.—Galveston News.

Calls Road Overseers to Law.

Editor CROCKETT: Those who trade at Crockett sincerely hope that the grand jury, to meet in two or three weeks, will give their attention in some degree to the overseers of the roads entering Crockett. There is hardly a road entering Crockett on which there is a safe bridge. This is not only true of the San Antonio and Huntsville roads but of others. These bridges are dangerous and it is to be hoped the next grand jury will do something with the overseers of them. These overseers can't plead that the commissioners court will not

allow lumber, for they could be repaired at a trifle expense, for one pound of nails and twenty-four feet of lumber will put any one of them in safe condition. The trouble is, the indifference of the overseers. We hope the next grand jury will do something along this line. We have heard of two or three badly crippled horses as the result of such condition of the bridges. FARMER.

To the Houston County Democracy.

There are matters of vast importance in county affairs to be discussed in the approaching canvass. We have an interest-bearing BONDED indebtedness of about \$35,000.00, and a floating indebtedness (outstanding unpaid scrip) of about \$10,000.00, making a total of about \$45,000.00 indebtedness.

To pay off this indebtedness and meet current expenses, we have a total taxable property of about \$4,500,000.00, a total COUNTY tax rate of 60 cents on the \$100.00 valuation of property, which brings in annually about \$25,000.00 of COUNTY taxes, besides fines, jury fees and other sources of revenue for the various county funds. But in spite of this, there is a constantly annual DEFICIT of ex-

penses over and above the revenues or receipts, which, in my judgment, should not be the case, with the exercise of proper ECONOMY and management. With three crop failures in succession, disastrous experiments in the TRUCK industry, and the ravages and presence of the boll-weevil pest, these burdens fall heavily upon the tax payers of the county. At the proper time, I propose to discuss these matters in DETAIL, giving what I conceive to be the CAUSES which have led to this condition of affairs and suggesting REMEDIES therefor, and my opponent or opponents will be invited to join me in this discussion. Hence it may be well for the voters of the county to SUSPEND judgment upon these questions, as well as upon candidates for COUNTY JUDGE, until such discussion can be had. Respectfully, adv. J. W. MADDEN.

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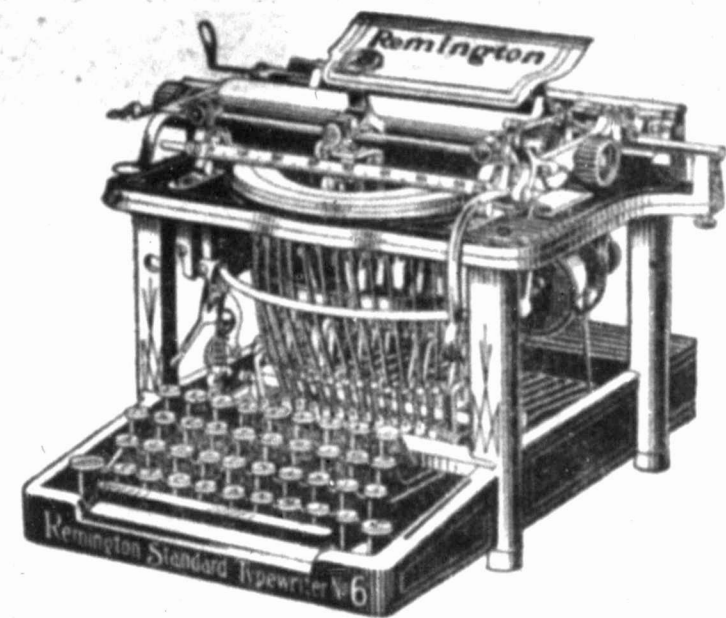
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