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## GEN. WILLIAM H. CARTER LEFT FOR NEW COMMAND

Mass Band Bid Farewell to Commander at Texas City on Eve of His Departure.

Texas City, Texas, February 1.—Major General William H. Carter, accompanied by his two aides, left Texas City and the command of the second division this afternoon, going direct to Chicago where he will wind up his affairs as commander of the Central department before proceeding to Honolulu to take command of the Hawaiian department.

This morning a mass band of 100 musicians selected from the eight military bands in Texas City serenaded General Carter, playing for nearly an hour on the vacant space opposite division headquarters.

Brigadier General Davis, who has been transferred from the fifth to the sixth brigade, assumed command of the second division as ranking officer.

### Wants Cooperation of Road Overseers.

If you want good roads you can have same if you will help me keep them in fix. First, I will ask each overseer in good road district No. 3 to come and see me, and we will make an agreement on the days and time to work each road, so I can take the district mules, tools and hands and help. Then, when

we get the roads rounded up, keep out of ruts by driving all over the road so you will pack same. If the road is rounded nicely and has no ruts the water will run off at once into the side ditches. Would like the cooperation of all the good people in this good road work. Respectfully,  
John Monk,  
Good Roads Commissioner,  
District No. 3.

### Theatre Party.

A theatre party for the "Blue Bird" performance in Houston Saturday night was composed of the following: Mrs. J. S. Cook, Mrs. H. C. Eichelberger, Mrs. Jack Beasley and Mrs. J. T. Harrison; Misses Lillie Belle Shotwell, Lena Bromberg, Norma Frels, Brownie Collins, Grace Denny, Sue Denny, Lee Arrington, Bunnie Arrington, Verna Harrison, Gladys Harrison, Clarite Elliott, Mac Burton, Lizzie DuPuy, Lucile Millar, Mary Ellis, Jennie Arledge, Leta Cunyus, Alice Foster, Sarah Mac Crook and Lois Millar; Messrs. J. L. Dickson, W. W. Aiken, John Cook and Summers. The party left for Houston Saturday morning and returned Sunday evening.

### Buying to Save Money.

Buying Foley's Honey and Tar Compound saves money because just a few doses stop the cough and cold and one bottle lasts a long time. It quickly heals raw and inflamed surfaces, stops tickling throat, harsh, rasping coughs, croup, hoarseness, bronchial and la grippe coughs.—W. A. King.—Adv.

## CARTER PRAISED SECOND DIVISION

U. S. Troops in Texas Best Drilled and Prepared of Any He Ever Has Seen, He Said.

Chicago, February 3.—Major General W. H. Carter, in command of the Central Department of the United States Army, returned here today from Texas, where he was in charge of the mobilization camp of the Second Army Division. He is to remain here until the end of the month, when he departs for Honolulu to take command of the Hawaiian department.

General Carter declined to go into details concerning international relations, but said that the Second Division is on a perfect war footing.

"Twelve thousand men in the Second Division are the best drilled and prepared of any troops I have ever seen," he said. "Should they be called on for battle they would be heard from in fine fashion. Any army opposing them would find that it was not dealing with school boys."

### Dr. C. O. Webb Dead.

Dr. C. O. Webb died Friday night at the home of his son-in-law, E. B. Hale, in this city. He was 71 years old and had lived in Crockett since coming from Virginia in 1874. He was a member of the Methodist church, of the Masonic lodge and of the Knights of Honor. He had reared a family in Crockett and leaves two sons and two daughters, among whom are Mrs. W. A. King and Mrs. Hale, both residents of this city. The two sons are living in St. Louis and New Mexico respectively. His remains were laid beside those of his wife in Greenwood cemetery Saturday afternoon. Dr. Webb was a dentist and, during the active part of his life, had a large practice and was at that time a leader in Sunday school and church work. His funeral was conducted by the Masonic lodge.

### For County Clerk.

A. S. Moore announces for county clerk. Mr. Moore made the race last campaign for tax collector and was second at the finish and when the votes were counted. By profession he is a teacher, having taught in a number of the schools of the county and is now teaching one of the prominent schools of the county. Mr. Moore comes originally from Augusta, where he was born and reared.

### Card of Thanks.

It is our desire that our sincere gratitude be expressed in this way to our friends who so generously assisted us through the illness of our little daughter, Ella, who died Saturday morning at the age of 6 months and was buried in Center Hill cemetery.  
Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Satterwhite,  
Adv. It. Lovelady, Texas.

### Resolutions of Respect.

Adopted by White Oak Camp W. O. W., Creek, Texas:

Whereas, in His infinite wisdom and mercy it has pleased the Great Sovereign of the universe to remove from our midst our beloved sovereign J. O. Bennett, who was at all times a faithful and loyal member of our order. Therefore be it resolved that in his death White Oak Camp has lost one of its most useful members and his

family and neighbors a loyal and true friend. Be it further resolved that we extend to his family our heartfelt sympathy, and that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy be furnished his family and same published in Crockett Courier. It\*

A. M. Elliott,  
D. Hester,  
F. A. Bevins, Com.

### Tent Theatre Draws Crowd.

The Harrison theatre company, showing nightly under canvas in this city, is attracting large crowds and pleasing them. The big tent was filled almost to its capacity Monday and Tuesday nights, and although the rain poured Wednesday night, a good audience was present. The Harrisons are good judges of what it takes to please the masses and they are giving the people what the people want. Their bills are clean and humorous.

### Big Turkey Dinner.

Saturday morning, February 7th, beginning at 11:30, in the building next to the National Bank, the ladies of the Baptist church will serve a regular old fashioned turkey dinner with all the accompaniments, celery, ham, chicken-salad, hot coffee, cake, etc., for the benefit of the church. Come, enjoy a good dinner and help in a good cause.—Adv. It.

### Bible Society.

The pastors have agreed to hold the annual meeting of the Houston County Bible Society at the Baptist church next Sunday night, February 8, at 7:30 o'clock. It may not be known to some that this society keeps a good assortment of Bibles and Testaments for sale at cost at the store of Mr. Ralph Lundy.

### Old Jail and Lot Sold.

The old county jail and the lot on which it stands were sold Tuesday to the highest bidder. The property fell to W. B. Page, whose bid was \$3050. The sale was made by Forrest Fifer, who held a commission from the county court, and is subject to the approval of the commissioners' court, which meets Monday.

### Notice to Water Consumers.

Hereafter all parties neglecting or refusing to pay their monthly water bills on or before the 15th of the month will have their supply cut off. The street and water commissioner will see that this order is strictly observed. By order of the Council,  
J. Valentine,  
Jan. 27, 1914. City Secretary.

## PARDONED BY GOVERNOR.

W. J. Lee of Crockett Was Released Wednesday Morning.

W. J. Lee, who was convicted of bigamy at Crockett, Texas, November 9, 1912, was pardoned by Governor Colquitt January 20, says the Houston Post, and released from Imperial State Farm Wednesday. Mr. Lee was in Houston Wednesday night on his way to Austin where he will work for A. C. Baldwin as a printer. He states that Mr. Baldwin, Lieutenant Governor Maye and W. P. Lane interested themselves in securing him a pardon and he was profuse in his gratitude to them.

Mr. Lee says that when he married he had in his possession a letter from his wife stating that she had secured a divorce and that he had no idea of violating any law. Since his imprisonment both women have secured divorces. He praises Captain A. K. Addison, manager of the Imperial Farm, for his humane and kindly treatment of the prisoners. When Mr. Lee was released he was serving as hospital steward.

### Deb Hale for Sheriff.

O. B. Hale, known to every man and woman in the county as Deb Hale, enters the Houston county sheriff's race. Deb began his public career as a convict guard on the Eastham farm. Later he was a deputy sheriff and then constable in the Crockett precinct. For the past several years he has been farming on the Trinity river. His experience as a guard and as a peace officer has been varied and peculiarly fits him for the office of sheriff.

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# Buggy for Sale Second Hand

Will sell very cheap. This buggy is not as good as new, but is worth the price. The rubber tires on it are worth \$15.00. Ball bearing, bike axle, panel seat, shafts, also small light on dash board. Running gear is strong, but body shows usage. Must sell. See me at the Courier office.

## W. W. Aiken

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### 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.

### SAND CLAY ROADS AND THE TIME TO WORK THEM

There are at present about 35,000 miles of sand clay roads in the United States, mainly in the Southern States, according to the Office of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture. The time to work the roads is in the spring when the soil is damp. If the working of the roads is deferred until late in summer when they are dry, they are not only much more difficult to put in proper shape, but the cost of repair is greater than if they were worked early in the spring.

Previous to 1894 comparatively little, if any, of these roads existed. The popularity of this type of road is due to the facts that it is cheap, comparatively firm and durable, easy to construct and repair, and that the materials out of which it is built are plentiful in many sections of the country.

The sand-clay road is made by mixing the sand and clay in such a way that the grains of sand touch each other, the spaces between the grains being filled with clay which acts as a binder.

The approximate mixture of sand and clay may be determined by filling a vessel with a sample of the sand to be used, and another vessel of the same size with water. The water is poured carefully into the sand until it reaches the point of over-flowing. The volume of water removed from the second vessel represents approximately the proportion of clay needed.

The proper proportion of sand and clay can best be determined, however, as the work progresses, as some clay will contain more sand than others. In fact, clays are very frequently found which already contain about the right proportion of sand.

If the road to be treated is sandy, the surface is first leveled off and crowned with a road machine, the crown being about 1/2 inch to the foot from the center to the sides. The clay is then dumped on the surface and carefully spread, so that it will be from 6 to 8 inches in depth at the center, and gradually decreasing in depth toward the sides. A layer of clean sand is then usually added, which is thoroughly mixed with the clay, either by traffic or by means of plows and disk or tooth harrows.

The best results have been obtained by thoroughly mixing or puddling the materials when wet. For this reason, it is desirable that the mixing be done in wet weather. The mixing can be left to the traf-

fic after the materials have been properly placed, but this involves a whole winter and spring of bad roads, and even then the mixing is not always satisfactory. In all cases, it is advisable to dress the road with a road machine or split-log drag after the materials have been thoroughly mixed, and to give it a crown of not more than 1 inch or less than 3-4 inch to the foot from the center to the sides. A light coating of sand may then be added. The use of the road machine or drag should be continued at frequent intervals until the surface is smooth and firm.

If the road to be treated is composed of clay, it should be brought to a rough grade with a road machine. The surface should then be plowed and thoroughly pulverized by harrowing to a depth of about 4 inches after which it is given a crown or slope of about 1/2 inch to the foot from the center to the sides. It is then covered with 6 to 8 inches of clean, sharp sand, which is spread thicker in the center than at the sides. The materials should then be mixed with plows and harrows while they are comparatively dry, after which they are finally puddled with a harrow during wet weather. If clay works to the surface and the road becomes sticky, more sand should be added.

The road is then shaped, crowned and ditched in the usual manner with a road machine. This should be done when the surface is soft, yet stiff enough to pack well under the roller or the traffic. Wide but shallow ditches should be provided on both sides of the road, and culverts or crossdrains should be placed wherever water flows across the road, for it is exceedingly important that the "sand on clay" roads be well drained.

After the clay on sand, or the sand on clay, road is completed, it should be carefully maintained until the surface becomes firm and smooth. The construction of this type of road is by no means a quick operation. If soft, sticky places appear, more sand should be added, and if loose, sandy places are found, more clay is needed. It is just as important to attend to these small details as to any other part of the work, for, if they are neglected, the road is liable to fail.

It requires approximately 1 cubic yard of clay to surface 1 1/2 running yards of road 12 feet in width, or about 1175 cubic yards to the mile. From 3-4 to 1 cubic yard will make a load for two horses on a dry clay road. The cost of the road will therefore depend largely upon the distance the material is hauled, the average being from \$500 to \$1000 per mile. A road built under the direction of the Office of Public Roads at Gainesville, Florida, one mile long, 14 ft. wide, and having 9 inches of sand-clay surface, cost \$881 per mile, or ten cents per square yard. Another sand-clay road built by the Office at Tallahassee, Florida, 16 ft. wide, 7 inches thick, cost \$470 per mile, or about five cents per square yard.

## To Mr. Business Man

IS there anything about your business which if other people knew would induce them to patronize you? If you say "Yes," then we say that calls for the use of printer's ink. Of course we will admit that a number of people already know these facts about you, but suppose more knew them! Couldn't you serve more people without adding much, if anything, to your expense? If you say "Yes," we say that condition calls for printer's ink. It's our job to help a business man stretch himself—multiply himself—to help him carry his message to those who should have it. This means the use of printer's ink. We hereby offer you our services, our experience in printing, our ideas as to good printing, and if you will give us a chance to serve you, will make your business bigger. No miracle about this—just the sensible application of printer's ink.

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And yet pride, tho it often saves the day, should not become the basis upon which to buy business stationery. What you think about business stationery isn't quite so important as what the man you write to thinks. He is the one that is to be influenced by the stationery, and the messages it will carry. So then pride and parsimony should be eliminated, and a consideration of what will appeal most to the men that are to receive the letters should alone guide in the selection

of modern business stationery.

What a man thinks about your proposition is just as important as what is actually true about it. Influence is just as necessary as argument. The first thing about a letter that impresses a man—especially a stranger—is the paper upon which it is written. The paper suggests subtly, and often unconsciously, the character of the writer, and the value he himself puts upon his proposition. The more important the proposition the greater the necessity for faultless presentation.

### How is Your Boiler?

It has been stated that a man's stomach is his boiler, his body is his engine and his mouth the fire box. Is your boiler (stomach) in good working order or is it so weak that it will not stand a full load and not able to supply the needed energy to your engine (body)? If you have any trouble with your stomach Chamberlain's Tablets will do you good. They strengthen and invigorate the stomach and enable it to do its work naturally. Many very remarkable cures of stomach trouble have been effected by them. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

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## AFGHAN WOMEN.

High Caste Mothers Lead a Lonely, Lazy Existence.

If there are any women in the world who have a right to die of ennui it is those poor creatures of Afghanistan, the upper class dames. They spend their days doing absolutely nothing, for they disdain sewing, cooking and general household duties. They leave the care of their children to slaves, and they can neither read nor write.

Generally in a rich house there is one chief slave, a sort of housekeeper, rather a grand person, whom it is always wise to conciliate if you intend having many dealings with that establishment. In summer she is always dressed in purest white. In winter velvets and brocades are not beyond her reach. She is generally an elderly person, with considerable influence and a good deal of authority.

Then there is another who is a sort of maid to the lady of the house. She is another person with whom it is not wise to quarrel. She is always very much in evidence. She it is who prepares everything for her mistress' toilet, as also for her master's. It is the wife's special duty and privilege, however, when the things are prepared to wait upon her husband when he is dressing, to pour the water over his hands and feet during his religious washings, to spread his prayer carpet, to put his favorite dish before him, and so on.

It is difficult to appreciate the exact position of these Afghan women until one sees the way in which mothers are treated by their sons. They may nurse them when they are sick, tend them when they are young, but let the boys grow to be eleven or twelve years old and you will hear them tell their mother to "chup sho" (shut up), send them to fetch their caps and expect to be addressed by the mothers as "agha gul" or "agha jon," which means "my precious master," "master dear."

Kabul mothers seldom have much affection for their children or their children for them. They do not nurse them as babies, and their babyhood is a particularly long one, for they are very backward. They belong to their nurses more than to their mothers till they are two and one-half years old, and after that it is their father who notices them and not their mother.—Chicago Tribune.

### His Amendment.

Dr. Winnington Ingram, the bishop of London, was once asked to select his favorite clerical story, and he chose the following:

The late Archbishop Magee, the famous Irish prelate, was once concerned with other high ecclesiastics in the presentation of a memorial to Queen Victoria, and a meeting was held to discuss its terms.

The original draft began with, "Conscious as we are of our unworthiness, we humbly pray your majesty," etc., but some one suggested that this was inappropriate, coming from bishops.

"Oh, well," said Archbishop Magee, "we'll soon alter that!" Taking a pen, he wrote, "Conscious as we are of each other's unworthiness, we," etc.

### Floods in London.

There was a time when high tides on the Thames might have emptied London, for there is on record an instance of a general exodus from London through fear of the overflowing of the river. It was in 1524 that the astrological experts almost all agreed in predicting that on a certain day the Thames was going to overflow the city, and for weeks beforehand the population was busily engaged in moving itself and its belongings into the country. In fact, the only unmoved person was Father Thames, who on the great day quite failed to rise to the occasion, thereby placing the prophets in some danger of maltreatment at the hands of the deceived emigrants.—London Chronicle.

### Treason.

"Grandfather, you still belong to the Old Settlers' association, don't you?"

"Yes, but I'm not a member in good standing now, Bobby."

"What's the reason?"

"I was making a little talk at a supper we had the other night, and I happened to say that I thought circuses were a good deal better now than they were when I was a boy."—Chicago Tribune.

## MAKING A WILL.

Formalities With Which It is Well to Be Familiar.

The manner in which a careful attorney completes the necessary formalities, having written the will itself and secured the witnesses, is somewhat as follows: All the persons—maker and witnesses—must be in the same room and all in sight of each other. The maker declares the will to be his and writes his signature, with all the witnesses watching him. Then each of the witnesses in turn signs his name, the entire party still remaining together. While a will is usually dated, this is not necessary. No registration is required. The original will is filed in a safe place, usually by the maker among his papers, and a copy put in another place. The copy is not a will, but is useful in proving the contents of the will if the instrument should be destroyed or altered.

Having made a will and wishing to change it, the maker has two general courses open. He may write another will, in which he expressly revokes the earlier one, or pen a revocation, either of which instruments must be signed and witnessed as a will, or he may take the will and by tearing it up, burning it or drawing lines through it, with the intention of revoking it, cause it to lose all effect as a will. In Iowa this act must be done in the presence of witnesses, and in all cases it is best to do so.

On the death of the maker those interested in the will usually secure the services of an attorney in having it probated and the estate administered. Of course the person named in the will as executor may himself place it before the probate or similar court, but he usually finds it simpler to have a lawyer arrange matters. If no executor has been named by the maker in his will an administrator is appointed by the court. It is the duty of executor or administrator to care for the deceased's property and see that it is distributed according to the terms of the will under the direction of the court. Of course the will and proof of the maker's death must first be placed before the court and the validity of the will established.—Walter K. Towers in American Cultivator.

### Presence of Mind.

Seated reading in his private room the superintendent of a large prison heard a slight sound and, looking up, was confronted by a dangerous convict holding a long bar of iron. "Don't you move," he muttered. "I'm going to get away, even if I have to kill you!" "But," calmly rejoined the superintendent, "I thought it was tomorrow you were going." The man looked at him with stupid amazement. "Yes," said the official, "don't you know? A pardon came for you today in consideration of your good conduct. You can go now, I suppose, if you want to. You'd like to see the papers. They're in here, I believe." He opened a drawer as he spoke, and the next instant the convict was facing the muzzle of a revolver.

### The First Sunday School.

It is often stated that Robert Raikes was the founder of the first Sunday school at Gloucester, England, in 1780. The fact is that the first Sunday school was established by Ludwig Hoecker in 1740 at Ephrata, Lancaster county, Pa. This was forty years before the work of Mr. Raikes. Mr. Hoecker's school was for the religious instruction of the children of the neighborhood. Among other methods employed he wrote Bible verses upon cards, which the children committed to memory. Later he had the cards printed. Mr. Hoecker died in 1793, after a long and useful career.—Christian Herald.

### He Took Chances.

A judge in a frontier town had declared that he would stop the carrying of firearms on the street. Before him appeared for trial a tough youth charged with getting drunk and firing his revolver in a crowded street.

"Twenty dollars and costs," said the magistrate.

"But, your honor," interposed counsel for the prisoner, "my client did not hit anybody."

"Why, you admit that he fired the gun."

"Yes, but he fired it into the air," explained the lawyer.

"Twenty dollars and costs," repeated the judge. "He might have shot an angel."

## WARRIORS OF THE BLOOD.

How White Corpuscles Attack the Invading Army of Germs.

If you wish to see with your own eyes just how a white corpuscle (leucocyte) behaves when attacking the germ of some disease that has invaded the blood you can do it in a simple and entertaining way. The white corpuscles behave just like the amoeba that may be found in water, and it is easy to manufacture an artificial amoeba.

Sir William Whittall, professor of materia medica and therapeutics at Queen's university, Belfast, and senior physician at the Royal Victoria hospital, in an address before the Medical society of London described the experiment as follows:

"By placing a single drop of oil of cloves in a small dish partially filled with a mixture of alcohol and glycerin the little bladder of oil floating on the surface will be found in structural and other peculiarities to conform to the type of an amoeba, and I have been able to form even vacuolated artificial amoebas by pouring chloroform into strong perchloride of iron solution.

"The clove oil amoeba may be made to perform all the puzzling antics of a living leucocyte by gently injecting into the liquid in its immediate vicinity substances which alter the surface tension on one side of the sphere. In this manner it can be made to throw out pseudopodia like a living cell. A chloroform droplet in water can be repeatedly fed by various substances which it will take into its interior.

"If an insoluble solid, as a particle of quartz, coal or glass, be coated over with a thin layer of shellac and presented to this artificial amoeba it is speedily swallowed, engulfed or surrounded, and after it has digested or dissolved its resinous envelope the droplet discharges its indigestible prey. If the lac be offered in the form of a drawn out thin thread of sealing wax it will be seen to seize it by its middle and bend it, after which it throws out pseudopodia to the ends of the thread so as to pull the thread within itself by coiling it up in its interior till its solution, or, we may say, its digestion, is completed."—New York World.

### The Bee's Feet.

Naturalists say that the feet of the common working bee exhibit the curious combination of a basket, a brush and a pair of pincers. The brush, the hairs of which are arranged in symmetrical rows, is seen only with a high grade microscope. With this brush of fairly delicacy the bee brushes its velvet robe to remove the pollen dust with which it becomes loaded while sucking up the nectar of flowers. Another delicate apparatus is the spoon shaped appendage that receives the gleanings that the bee wishes to carry to the hive. Finally, by opening the brush and the basket by means of a neat little hinge, the two become a pair of pincers, which render important service in constructing the cells for the reception of the honey.

### How He Wrote the Name.

Had not Sidney Porter, better known by his pen name, O. Henry, decided on a literary career, he might have won fame as a cartoonist or even as a portrait painter, having natural talent in that direction. It is related of him that when he worked for his uncle as a clerk a very important acting gentleman came in one day and ordered some things which were to be charged. He assumed that the young clerk knew him, and Porter did not like to admit the contrary by betraying that he could not write the customer's name. So instead he made a list of the articles sold and at the top jotted a drawing of the gentleman which enabled the uncle later to identify the purchaser.

### At the Bottom of the Sea.

As to the topography of the sea bottom there are few sudden depressions or elevations, except near the continents. In general it is a vast plain covered with a layer composed chiefly of the remains of minute organic creatures, largely the rhizopods, which furnish food to so great a part of marine animals. Over this lies a flaky material, once supposed to be a kind of primordial organism and named by Huxley bathyblus. It is now known not to be living matter, but it is certainly organic and consists of the partially decomposed remains of marine creatures.

## THE BABY IN GERMANY.

Quaint Festivals in Its Honor That Follow the Christening.

In Germany when a child is born many festivals are given in its honor, and the ceremonies are quaint and pretty. They begin at the christening, when the baby receives its Christian name. The baby is shown to relatives and friends, snuggled down inside a down pillow called a "tragkissen" or carrying pillow.

The baby is carried in a tragkissen for several weeks, and the pillow is usually beautifully embroidered and finished. Godmother and friends all bring presents to the new baby, and these are slipped down into the tragkissen. These gifts are usually of gold or silver.

The tragkissen is passed from one to another of the assembled guests so that they may guess the weight of the baby and the gifts.

The nurse and baby then depart, and after the gifts have been opened comes the "wiegenfest" or "festival of the cradle." In these modern times only the small, quiet homes have kept up the festival of the cradle, but once it was a universal festival. A part of a large room is curtained off, and a sort of tableau or amateur play is acted. Two who pose as the parents of the baby stand near a cradle in which a doll is placed. One of the guests disguised as a gypsy comes in and prophesies all sorts of good things for the new baby and says that "much happiness is in store for it."

This is followed by other tableaux showing the baby as a child of fourteen, finally as a young woman, then as a bride and finally as a happy old woman. Then the gift of "Friendship," "Freundschaft, des Lebens schonste Gabe"—"Friendship, the most valuable gift in life"—is bestowed upon the gypsy and upon the new baby. Then music strikes up, and the guests, including the gypsy, join in a merry dance in celebration of the baby.—Chicago Tribune.

### Curran's Retort.

Judge Robinson was known to be the author of some anonymous pamphlets, a circumstance which gave Curran an opportunity to retort when the judge made a brutal attempt to crush him when a young and inexperienced man at the bar.

"I have searched all my law books," said Curran, "and I can find no precedent on the point."

"Your law library," said the judge, "is rather contracted."

"My books," replied Curran, "may be few, but the title pages give me the writers' names. My shelf is not disgraced by any such rank absurdity that their very authors are ashamed to own them."

"If you say another word, sir," said the judge, "I'll commit you."

"Then, my lord," replied Curran, "it will be the best thing you have committed this term."

The judge endeavored to get Curran disbarred, but failed.

### Beer For Breakfast.

The following dietary is taken from the Northumberland Household Book, showing the nursery breakfasts at the beginning of the sixteenth century: "This is the Order of Braikfastis for the Nurcy for my Lady Margaret and Maister Ingeram Percy every day in the week in Lent: Item, a Manchete (a small loaf of white bread), a Quarte of Bere, a Dysch of Butter, a Pece of Saltfisch, a Dysch of Sproitts or iij White Herring, Braikfastis of Flesch dayly thorowte the Yere: Item, a Manchete, a Quarte of Bere and iij Muton Bonys boiled. On Fyshedays throw-owte the Yere: Item, a Manchete, a Quarte of Bere, a Dysch of Butter, a pece of Saltfische or a Dysch of Butter'd Eggs." Milk seems to have been an unknown beverage, but the beer of those days was very different from the modern article and much more harmless.

### Loves Pretty Way.

Billson—Whose pocketbook is that you are advertising for?

Jimson—My own, of course.

"Get out! Containing a roll of banknotes and a large number of checks. Finder can keep money if he will return papers." Get out! You don't see a roll of banknotes or a check once a year."

"No, but Bertha Bullion's father takes the paper I advertised in, and he'll see that advertisement."

"Humph! Where did you get the money to pay for that big ad.?"

"Bertha lent it to me, bless the darling!"—London Answers.

## BATTLE ON A BRIG.

Frutiful Account of the Fate of the Old Heave Ho.

An old sailor on having a plateful of rice pudding put before him became reminiscent.

"I fought a battle with rice wunst an' got licked," he said. "Didn't I ever tell ye about it? Back in '79 the thing happened. I wuz a foremast hand on the brig Heave Ho, bound from Ceylon to London, with a full cargo of rice in the hold.

All went well till we wuz seven days out. Then the Heave Ho sprung a leak. It wuz a small leak, an' at first we thought nothin' of it, only we noticed arter we had been working the pumps aw'ile that the things fetched up no water. There wuz the water leakin' into the Heave Ho all right, but no sooner did it enter than it disappeared. The pumps couldn't get a drop of it.

"The skipper, when he seed how things wuz goin', turned as white as yer shirt. 'Men,' he sez, 'the rice in the hold is absorbin' the water faster'n we can pump it out. The rice is a-swellin'. If it keeps on a-swellin' it'll bust the ship!' So then an' there began a battle betwixt us an' the rice as to who was to get the water that leaked in. We pumped, I tell ye. We worked hard, but hard as we worked the rice worked harder—it collared more o' the water than we did, an' it kep' a-swellin' an' a-swellin'."

"At the end o' the second day the planks an' timbers began to groan. They wuz bein' wrenched an' twisted out o' place by the swellin' rice. 'We'll have to take to the boats, men!' the skipper sez at the end, an' to the boats we took, leavin' the Heave Ho on a starry night. We didn't leave her none too soon. She busted an hour arter we wuz gone. With a great rendin' sound she busted, an' a white cloud o' rice shot up into the moonlit air. A strange sight it were, lads, an' one seldom saw by mankind!"—Exchange.

### Shocked the Old Lady.

There used to be a stately old Englishwoman, a nobleman's mother, who was an energetic opponent of tobacco using in any form in any place and by men of any condition. The late King Edward one time visited the old castle that was the hereditary residence. As a mark of honor the old noblewoman had cigarettes passed around, to the wondering amusement of the king. When the cigarettes reached a neighboring earl, who had attended the gathering with his countess, the former took up a cigarette and handed it to his wife with a marked bow. The old noblewoman stared and swallowed hard. King Edward told the story many times within the next week. The old lady never again suffered herself to relax in her antipathy to tobacco for fear she might bring another woman user to light.—New York Sun.

### Old Time Mountebanks.

Coryat, describing the mountebanks he saw in Venice in the seventeenth century, who were adepts in the art of advertising, speaks of the "oration to the audience of half an hour long, wherein he doth most hyperbolically extol the virtues of his drugs and confections, though many of them are very counterfeit and false." And the author of a "Tour Through England" (1723) writes of a mountebank he saw in Winchester: "He cures all diseases and sells his packets for sixpence apiece. . . . It is a prodigy how so wise a people as the English are gullied by such pickpockets."

### Heat From the Sun.

One square yard of the earth's surface receives each day averaging six hours of sunshine, an amount of heat equal to that contained in 1.8 pounds of coal. At this rate an area of about 1,200 miles receives during a year an amount of energy from the sun equivalent to that obtainable from the 1,100,000,000 tons of coal mined annually in Europe and the United States.

### Their Stroke of Fortune.

"What do we want with gold and precious stones?" said the proud young mother, gazing fondly upon the baby. "This is fortune enough for us."

"Huh!" grunted the father, who had been walking the floor nearly all night. "I'm glad fortune didn't knock twice at our door."—Pearson's Weekly.

## Where Is Luther Burbank's Experimental Farm?

How many people in the United States know what county was chosen by the famous plant wizard for his home and farm?

Burbank's experimental farm is in Sonoma County, California, only a few miles north of San Francisco. Sonoma County is one of the most productive counties in the United States.

We have a splendid booklet describing Sonoma County. We will send you this booklet, a map of California, answer your questions and send a copy of SUNSET MAGAZINE, the monthly guide and text-book of the homeseeker and settler. If you will send us ten cents in stamps to help defray the cost of mailing.

SUNSET MAGAZINE SERVICE BUREAU, San Francisco, Cal.

### PUBLIC REST ROOM.

Bonham, Texas, has one of the most up-to-date rest rooms in all Texas. The room is located in the court building in the center of Court Square Park, and is open each day from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. and is in charge of a matron. The room is provided with everything that a lady would want for her toilet, except clothing. Dressing tables, brushes, combs, perfumes, face powder, face creams, hand mirrors, hair pins, shoe polish, white, black and tan, and various other little toilet articles. The room is also provided with rocking chairs, a bed for the sick visitor, writing tables, with free writing materials, baby cradle, baby bed, ice water, telephone, toilet room, with lavatory, and the latest and newest magazines to be found on the reading table, and any visitor can take away any magazine she wishes. The use of the room is free, and everything in it is free. The matron takes care of the baby while the tired mother does her shopping. The average attendance is about 750 per month. This has proven the best advertising ever done locally. The room was provided by the commissioners' court, and furnished and maintained by the board of trade. It is under the care of a committee appointed by the board of trade, and many gifts have been made to it by various people, both men and women. Crockett should have a rest room for the women who visit the town.

### Public Health Department.

The Texas Public Health Association has taken up the fight to successfully stamp out communicable diseases in Texas. First of all Mrs. O. B. Colquit is agitating the building of County Hospitals under the McGregor law passed by the last legislature. Mrs. Colquit is president of the Association and is taking a deep interest in the work.

According to the report now made by the State Board of Health there are over 1000 deaths from preventable diseases per month in Texas which could be materially lessened by building hospitals.

The sale of Red Cross Seals throughout the state will place a Public Health Exhibit on wheels which will make a tour of the state this year and every person in Houston county should see it and get all the information possible in regard to public health and sanitation.

It should be borne in mind that it is not only those who are actually sick who are a source of disease and dangerous to others. It is now well known that disease germs are often in the mouths of healthy persons. So be careful about using the same cup that others have used.

As long as we have the system of sewerage disposal that exists in our town our water supplies will continue to be contaminated and danger of typhoid epidemics will ever be imminent.

Bulletin of Board of Health reports that Dr. Forbes of Rochester, New York, traced an epidemic of diphtheria, involving twenty-four

persons, to a communion cup which had been used by all, after having been contaminated by a person harboring the germs of diphtheria in his mouth.

Prof. Alvin Davidson, in 1908, published a report of a series of tests in which he announced the discovery of the germs of tuberculosis, pneumonia, la grippe and tonsillitis, together with many other mouth bacteria, much pus and many bits of skin from the inner mouth, upon cups taken from schools, depots, railroad trains and other sources.

From Bulletin of Board of Health: Several years have elapsed since the spotlight first illuminated the common drinking cup and caused it to fall into disrepute. The first experimental work upon the bacteriology of the common drinking cup was done by Dr. Ander of Philadelphia. In observing the public communion services held in the churches of his city, Dr. Anders was impressed by the unsanitary practice of passing the goblet from mouth to mouth. His bacteriological training enabled him to see what has been overlooked during all the ages which have passed since the custom was established; that is, the possibility of transferring the germs of disease from the sputum of one person to the mouth of another through the medium of the communion cup. Acting upon his convictions, he secured a number of cups which had been used in communion services and subjected them to test. He was able to demonstrate the presence of the germs of consumption (tubercle bacilli) alive and virulent, upon two of the five cups examined.

### Methodist Minister Recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

Rev. James A. Lewis, Milaca, Minn., writes: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been a needed and welcome guest in our home for a number of years. I highly recommend it to my fellows as being a medicine worthy of trial in cases of colds, coughs and croup." Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a trial and we are confident you will find it very effectual and continue to use it as occasion requires for years to come, as many others have done. For sale by all dealers.

### Safe for Babies, Effective for Grown-Ups.

That's Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It has the confidence of your druggist, who knows it will give you satisfaction. W. W. Nesmith, Statesboro, Ga., says: "I have used Foley's Honey and Tar Compound in my family and have sold it in my store and it never fails to cure." Refuse a substitute. —W. A. King—Adv.

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### The State of Texas.

To the sheriff or any constable of Houston county, greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon the unknown heirs of Jno. Gossett, Jno. V. D. Gossett, Eliza Cathren, Eliza Cothron, Eliza Cauthron, Jno. Leediker, James W. Head, Alexander Shaver, Julia A. Shaver, James A. Corley and K. A. Corley, deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be holden at the court house of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February A. D. 1914 the same being the 9th day of March A. D. 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of January A. D. 1914 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 5495, wherein C. H. Jones is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Jno. Gossett, Jno. V. D. Gossett, Eliza Cathren, Eliza Cothron, Eliza Cauthron, Jno. Leediker, James W. Head, Alexander Shaver, Julia Shaver, James A. Corley and K. A. Corley, deceased, are defendants, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is the lawful owner in fee simple being seized and possessed of the following described tracts or parcels of land, same being a part of the Jno. Gossett survey of land, lying and being situated about 6 miles in a North Eastwardly direction from the town of Crockett, and more particularly described as follows: All that certain tract or parcel of land situated about 6 miles N. E. of Crockett on E. S. of San Antonio Road part of the J. D. Gossett survey, begins at the N. E. cor. of a 40 A. tract heretofore sold to J. G. Matlock Iron Stake edge of road. P. O. 14 degrees mkd. X. N. 74 degrees W. 22 5-10 vrs. Thence S. 45 degrees E. 769 vrs. Iron Stake P. O. X 16 degrees E. 4 3-19 vrs. Thence 1782 vrs. P. O. X S. 78 degrees E. 7 1/2 vrs. P. O. 8 degrees N. 5 degrees 30 degrees W. 3 vrs. Thence N. 45 degrees W. 1966 vrs. on S. E. B. L. Jacob Masters Sr. league P. O. 6 degrees S. 29 degrees W. 8 vrs. Thence S. 45 degrees W. 948 vrs. stake in edge of road. Thence S. 56 degrees 30 degrees W. 318 vrs. to place of beginning containing 300 acres of land more or less.

And plaintiff further alleges that he and those under whom he claims title to said tracts of land have had and held peaceable, continuous and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, paying all taxes due thereon under deeds duly recorded for periods of 3, 5 and 10 years, immediately preceding the filing of this petition. And the plaintiff specially pleads the 3, 5 and 10 years statutes of limitation in bar of any claims asserted by the defendants in and to said land or any part thereof.

Plaintiff alleges that the defendants herein are asserting some claim to said land which is unknown, and that the deeds out of the Jno. Gossett and the other defendants herein are irregular, all of which cast a cloud on plaintiff's title, and which cloud the plaintiff sues herein to remove from said title.

Plaintiff prays judgment for said land against all said defendants.

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

Witness, John D. Morgan, Clerk

## STOMACH TROUBLE FOR FIVE YEARS

Majority of Friends Thought Mr. Hughes Would Die, But One Helped Him to Recovery.

Pomeroyton, Ky.—In interesting advices from this place, Mr. A. J. Hughes writes as follows: "I was down with stomach trouble for five (5) years, and would have sick headache so bad, at times, that I thought surely I would die. I tried different treatments, but they did not seem to do me any good. I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep, and all my friends, except one, thought I would die. He advised me to try Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to take his advice, although I did not have any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught for three months, and it has cured me—haven't had those awful sick headaches since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-Draught has done for me."

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of the District Court of Houston county.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Crockett, this the 12th day of Jan. A. D. 1914.

John D. Morgan, Clerk, District Court, Houston County. (Seal)—Adv. 8t.

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"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy ever since I have been keeping house," says L. C. Hames, of Marbury, Ala. "I consider it one of the best remedies I ever used. My children have all taken it and it works like a charm. For colds and whooping cough it is excellent." For sale by all dealers.

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### The State of Texas.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County, Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon the Unknown Heirs of Fernando Del Valle, Lorenza de Zavalla, Peter W. Alexander, Theresa S. Alexander, Emily De Zavalla, James G. Allen, John Fontaine, Edward E. Powers, John Smith, Anna M. Davis, A. B. Rogan, John Warren, John H. Davis, W. M. Turner, Jefferson Lamar, John Howard, Lovick Wittick, Joshua Willis, William L. Wynne, Thomas Monis, Jesse Boring, Matt R. Evans, W. H. White, all deceased, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to your county, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Houston county, to be holden at the Court House of said Houston county, in the town of Crockett, on the fifth Monday after the first Monday in February, A. D. 1914, the same being the 9th day of March, A. D. 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 6th day of January, A. D. 1914, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 5494, wherein J. H. Breazeale is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of Fernando Del Valle, Lorenza De Zavalla, Peter W. Alexander, Theresa S. Alexander, Emily De Zavalla, James G. Allen, John Fontaine, Edward E. Powers, John Smith, Anna M. Davis, A. B. Rogan, John Warren, John H. Davis, W. M. Turner, Jefferson Lamar, John Howard, Lovick Wittick, Joshua Willis, William L. Wynne, Thomas Monis, Jesse Boring, Matt R. Evans and W. H. White, all deceased, are de-

fendants, and said petition alleging that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple, being lawfully seized and possessed of the following described tracts or parcels of land, same being a part of the Fernando Del Valle Eleven League Grant lying and being situated on the Trinity river in Houston county, and more particularly described by field notes as follows:

First Tract. Containing 600 acres, more or less, and beginning at the North corner of a 160 acre tract deeded by M. B. Lamar to W. H. White. Thence S 55 E 220 vrs. Thence N 55 E 770 vrs. Thence S 35 E 262 vrs. Thence N 55 E 223 vrs to the South corner of the tract deeded to W. P. Turner by W. A. Stewart. Thence N 35 W along the S W line of said W. P. Turner tract 1187 vrs. to the West corner of said Turner's tract. Thence N 55 E 927 vrs along the N W line of said W. P. Turner tract to his North corner on Nite's Creek and intersecting the South line of a 1029 acre tract sold by James G. Allen to J. J. Bynum. Thence along the South and West line of said Bynum's tract to a point on the Trinity river as follows: N 35 W 225 vrs, S 55 W 490 vrs, N 35 W 950 vrs, S 55 W 1610 vrs; N 35 W 405 vrs, more or less, to said corner on Trinity river. Thence down said Trinity river with its meanderings to the upper or N W corner of the said W. C. Brookfield survey of 2-3 of a league and labor, which is on the East bank of the Trinity river, a short distance above Brookfield Bluff and is identical with a beginning corner of a 450 acre tract of land, described in a decree of a suit in favor of R. L. Oliver and James B. Oliver, children of Emma Oliver, deceased, who was a daughter of W. C. Brookfield, in a suit in the District Court of

Houston county, Texas, No. 3594, and dated March 13, 1891, in which T. W. Oliver was plaintiff and N. C. Cook et al defendants. Thence N 55 E along the N W Boundary of said 450 acre tract mentioned in said decree a distance estimated at 620 vrs to a corner identical with the N W corner of W. C. Brookfield survey of 2-3 of a league and labor. Thence S 55 East along the N E line of said Brookfield survey to a corner identical with the East corner of said 450 acre tract which corner is on the N E line of said original W. C. Brookfield survey. Thence S 55 West along the South line of said 450 acre tract, a sufficient distance to a corner so that a line running South 55 E will intersect the N corner of said 160 acre Hogue tract. Thence South 55 E to the place of beginning, which is the N corner of said Hogue tract.

Second Tract. Containing 450 acres, a part of said grant, and beginning on the East bank of said Trinity river at the mouth of Nite's Creek where it enters said river. Thence N 55 E to the North East corner of the E. C. Brookfield survey of 2-3 of a league and labor of land, the headright of Wm. C. Brookfield, deceased. Thence S 35 E with said Brookfield line to corner in same a sufficient distance from said second corner so that a line run from thence S 55 W to said Trinity river and thence up said river with its meanders to the place of beginning would embrace and contain Four Hundred and Fifty (450) acres of land.

And plaintiff further alleges that he and those under whom he claims title to said tracts of land have had and held the peaceable continuance and adverse possession thereof, cultivating, using and enjoying the same, paying all taxes due thereon under deeds duly reg-

istered for periods of five and ten years immediately preceding the filing of this petition, and the plaintiff specially pleads the five and ten years statutes of limitation in bar of any claims asserted by the defendants in and to said land or any part thereof.

Plaintiff alleges that the defendants herein are asserting some claim to said land which is unknown, and that the deeds out of Fernando Del Valle and his heirs are irregular, all of which casts a cloud on plaintiff's title, and which clouds the plaintiff herein sues to remove from said title, plaintiff praying judgment for said land against all of said defendants, and for general and special relief.

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

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Crockett, this 6th day of January, A. D. 1914.

John D. Morgan Clerk,  
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### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Courier is authorized to make the following announcements for office, subject to the action of a democratic primary:

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C. B. Isbell

For Justice of Peace, Prec't No. 1

E. M. Callier

For Constable Prec't No. 1

Hal Long

C. C. (Buck) Mortimer

### THE KING A WOOD CHOPPER.

According to the Texas Business Men's Association, the German king is chopping wood for exercise, the politicians are sawing wood for self preservation and the people are hustling for wood to keep from freezing. Every man, at some time in his life, must face the wood pile for one cause or another, and even kings cannot escape it. The small boy who chops wood to avoid a spanking ought to feel proud of the company he keeps, for when kings and near rulers swing the ax and buck the saw, their shoulders stooped with age and covered with mantles of distinction, it proves how impossible it is to play hockey and how advantageous it is to acquire a practical education on the problems of forestry early in life. No man is competent to head a household, manage business or rule a nation unless he can wield an ax.

### WHAT HAPPENED TO A BALE OF TEXAS COTTON

William S. Cates, one of Limestone county's leading cotton planters and a prominent member of the Farmers' Union who has for several years been studying marketing methods employed by Texas farmers, has unearthed some mammoth inequalities in our system of selling cotton, our leading farm commodity. Last July when Mr. Cates marketed his first bale of 1913 cotton, it brought 11 cents and he enclosed a note inside the bagging, requesting that the spinner write him fully regarding the final disposition of the staple. Recently Mr. Cates received a letter from August Tetrue, owner of the largest cotton mill in Schweitzerth, Saxony, stating that the cotton was purchased by that concern at 19½ cents per pound, that it would be manufactured into yarn, weaved into hose and sold back to Texas and other American trade at a price to the ultimate consumer many times in excess of the original price of 11 cents. The letter also requests information regarding the number of cotton mills in Texas and asks for data pertaining to a location for a mill in this state.

It is now too late to pay your poll tax, but it is not too late to renew your subscription to the Courier. That is one of the things that it is never too late to do good in.

### Summer Normal for County.

Editor Courier:—On Saturday, January 31st, a number of the high school principals and superintendents from different parts of the county met at the court house and went into a committee of the whole to formulate plans and take necessary steps toward organizing a summer normal for Houston county this summer.

Mr. Mangum was made chairman. The committee at once decided that we should have a normal. The place for holding it will be settled upon the competitive basis; that is, the towns interested will submit their bids to a sub-committee appointed to receive them. The town offering the largest cash bonus will have the normal. Funds thus raised will be applied to the payment of the necessary expenses. The committee whose duty it is to receive and report these bids is composed of Messrs. D. McDonald, A. S. Moore and B. F. Freeman.

The normal will last eight weeks, thus covering both series of the summer normal examinations. The tuition will be ten dollars for the eight weeks.

Upon motion, a committee, consisting of J. R. Domy, Wade L. Smith and J. H. Rosser, was appointed to draft resolutions and present them to Hon. W. F. Doughty, endorsing his candidacy for the office of state superintendent. At the same time a committee, consisting of Messrs. Gant, Freeman and Moore, was appointed to draft resolutions to be presented to Mr. Doughty recommending the appointment of Mr. D. McDonald to a place on the state normal board of examiners.

Mr. N. A. Gant was elected conductor of our county normal with the following faculty: Messrs. Wade L. Smith, S. E. Tanner, B. F. Freeman, A. S. Moore and J. H. Rosser. A lady will be chosen to conduct instruction in primary teaching. The names of Mrs. McLemore, Mrs. Graves and Miss Minnie Craddock were submitted as eligibles.

The committee adjourned to meet again in Crockett Feb. 21, when reports of sub-committees will be heard and final steps taken toward putting the normal on a working basis.

J. F. Mangum, Chairman.  
D. McDonald,  
S. E. Tanner,  
Wade L. Smith,  
N. A. Gant,  
B. F. Freeman,  
A. S. Moore,  
R. J. Domy,  
J. H. Rosser, Sec'y.

The committee hopes that all the teachers in the county will lend their approval and support toward making this summer's work even more successful than that of last summer. It is also hoped that the citizens and prospective summer normal students will look into this matter, see the many advantages that it offers to prospective teachers and help maintain the normal in a manner commensurate with the county's reputation for progress.

### Christian Science.

Any one desiring to learn about Christian Science would find much interesting information in a book by Georgine Milmince, the Life of Mrs. Eddy and history of Christian Science. It was first published in a series of articles in the McClure's Magazine several years ago. It brings out Mrs. Eddy's personal history from her childhood, her peculiarities, the difficulties and friction she had from time to time with many of her followers, of her so-called wonderful college of metaphysics, of which she was president, professor, and the whole thing—her lectures being so valuable that she charged three hundred dollars for a course of twelve

lectures. This writer tells of the many editions of her book Science and Health, and of her making changes in each edition, and requiring her faithful followers to buy a copy of each edition, at \$3.18 for each book, 18 cents for postage—the book costing forty-seven and a half cents. Mrs. Eddy and her publisher reaping a handsome profit, as she did not believe in cheap books. One year she was paid as her share of the sales of her book over eleven thousand dollars, another year nearly fifteen thousand dollars, and another year more than eighteen thousand dollars. In the changes she made she sometimes relaxed a little, for instance in one case admitting that her followers might use a little morphine in case of a person suffering great pain.

This writer seems to be very fair in statements, backing them up with ample testimony, some of it taken from persons who testified upon oath. If this book should not be approved by Christian Scientists it will at least give them much very interesting information about their favorite leader, as to her peculiar weaknesses, and her ups and downs in working out and establishing her new religion. The book is published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York.

S. F. Tenney.

### Constable's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston. In Justice Court, Precinct No. 1, Houston County, Texas. J. B. Satterwhite, Plaintiff, vs. Wm. Reece, Defendant.

Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Justice Court, Precinct No. One, in and for Houston County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 29th day of December, A. D. 1913, in favor of the said J. B. Satterwhite and against the said Wm. Reece, No. 5740 on the docket of said court, I did, on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1914, at 3 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tract or parcel of land, to-wit: One-twelfth interest in and to that certain tract or parcel of land, a part of the Mary Ann Denson survey in Houston County, Texas, containing 77 acres of land, more or less, conveyed to Julia Ann Reece by L. W. Cooper by deed of record in Book 12, page 364, of the Houston County, Texas, deed records, and known as the Julia Reece place, being bounded on North and N. E. by Alfred Reece survey; on the East and South East by Prewitt Hallmark survey; on the South and South West by the Crockett and Pennington road, and on the West and North West by a tract of land known as the Sam McCullough place, a part of said Mary Ann Denson survey; and on the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1914, it being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said Wm. Reece in and to said property.

Dated at Crockett, Texas, this the 3rd day of February, 1914.

R. J. Spence,  
Constable of Precinct No. One,  
Adv. 3t. Houston County, Texas.

### Notice.

Having purchased an interest in the firm of John L. Dean & Co., better known as The Crockett Bakery and Palace of Sweets, I am now permanently located in Crockett again where I hope to meet my friends and customers, assuring you that at all times you will receive prompt and courteous treatment, together with better bread, pies, cakes, cold drinks, fancy groceries, etc. Thanking you in advance for any favors shown me, I am, yours truly,

T. E. Callier.

# Backache!

Kidney and liver troubles promptly relieved by using

Dike's Kidney and Liver Remedy

## King's Drug Store

We Deliver the Goods

Business Phone 91

Residence Phone 330

# To Our Patrons

The front of our building is torn up now, but will be remodeled shortly. We are at present inconvenienced in serving our patrons, but we are serving them just the same. Our patrons may be a little inconvenienced in getting into our place, but this will not last long.

We are going to be better prepared than ever to serve you and will have the only up-to-date restaurant in the city. Our restaurant is not only going to be the best, but is going to be the prettiest with its modern front and interior improvements.

Beginning today we are serving a 25 cent dinner that is the equal of the ordinary 50 cent dinner at any other place. Give us a call and try one of our 25 cent dinners.

## SCARBOROUGH'S CAFE

MARTIN SCARBOROUGH, Proprietor

# After the First of January

We will have all our livery and feed business in our building in front of the old jail. We have about two cars of horses and mules for sale cheap.

## HAIL & McLEAN

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OUR WALL PAPER  
to your wall  
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The McLean Drug Company  
The Rexall Store

## Local News.

See Daniel & Burton for farm supplies. tf.

Thos. Self is on a business trip to Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. Tod Robinson of Point Blanc are visiting here.

Mrs. James Valentine is visiting her parents at Oklaunion, Miss.

Tom Lagway is a colored subscriber renewing for the Courier.

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

Mr. J. R. Howard, who has been seriously ill, is improving slowly.

Norris' Valentine candies, a fine assortment, at King's Drug Store.

James DeDaines, who recently sustained a broken rib, is able to be out.

Col. W. E. Mayes sends his subscription renewal from Mineral Wells.

James Clinton of Houston is here demonstrating the Chandler automobile.

A new refrigerator candy case is among the new fixtures at King's Drug Store. It.

Phone 315 for anything in the building line; prompt delivery.—Box & Leediker. tf.

Miss Grace Denny of Groveton spent Friday night with her parents in this city.

Miss Marguerite Hopper of Trinity joined the Crockett theatre party to Houston Saturday.

Fall goods at special reduced prices at the Big Store.—Jas. S. Shivers & Co.—Adv.

We do surveying promptly, accurately and at reasonable rates. tf. Hail & Wilson.

Harold Monday of Lovelady was a passenger for St. Louis on the northbound train Sunday night.

Jas. S. Shivers & Co. have a full and complete line of Oliver chilled plows and stalk cutters.—Adv.

The Pickwick Barber Shop for first-class work. Cleanliness our hobby. Hot and cold baths.—Adv.

Remember every cent you spend at Jas. S. Shivers & Co. entitles you to one vote in the great contest.

Daniel & Burton's store is the recognized headquarters in Crockett for farm supplies. There's a reason—best goods at lowest prices. tf.

Save your sales slips and remember each cent counts a vote in the great contest at James S. Shivers & Co.—Adv.

### Wood for Sale.

All kinds of wood, green or dry, any length. Telephone No. 345.—C. T. Rains. Adv. 4t.

### Wood for Sale.

For wood delivered, any size and length, apply to J. D. Woodward, telephone 250. tf.

FOR SALE—Corn and cotton seed 2 miles from Crockett on Pennington road.—N. O. Routledge, R. F. D. No. 5. 4t.\*

Let us figure on your lumber bill. Orders filled promptly and delivered to any part of the city. Phone 315.—Box & Leediker. tf.

The Decuir-Bishop Drug company will move into its new quarters, opposite the Crockett State Bank, about February 15. tf.

The time is now at hand to buy your plow tools. Get the Oliver chilled, the best made, at Jas. S. Shivers and Co.—Adv.

E. & J. E. Winfree have moved there insurance and law office to the Moore building, up stairs over Swan Furniture Co.

Notice, votes solicited in or in front of our store will not count as this is a square deal contest.—Jas. S. Shivers & Co.—Adv.

Miss Elizabeth Howard of Houston is spending the week here on account of the serious illness of her father, J. R. Howard.

Each cent spent at Jas. S. Shivers & Co. entitles you to a vote in the great piano, diamond ring and sewing machine contest.—Adv.

### Christian Church.

The regular services will be held at the Christian Church Sunday as usual. C. T. Trimble, Pastor.

The Young new building, opposite the Crockett State Bank, will be the home of the Decuir-Bishop Drug company after February 15. tf.

Dr. Frank Rainey, formerly a resident of Crockett and a brother-in-law of Dr. L. Meriwether, died at his home in Austin Monday evening.

Don't delay the matter too long if you intend to buy and build you a nice home in Miller Heights Addition. These lots are all choice ones and are going to sell quickly, and you will always regret that you failed to buy if some one gets the lot you wanted.—Adv. tf.

John Deere and Empress farm implements challenge the world for quality, durability and simplicity. Sold exclusively by Daniel & Burton. tf.

DeDaine's Music Store sells the Free Sewing Machine—insured against fire, floods, cyclone or breakage of any and all parts for five years. Adv.

Miss Hillie Hart Johnson and Seawillow Johnson of Marlin will arrive Sunday to visit Mrs. C. L. Edmiston and Miss Virginia Chamberlain.

### Two Incubators for Sale.

One 150-egg capacity and one 75-egg capacity, both in good condition. Will sell cheap.—J. T. Salisbury. 4t\*

Long Island and Jersey Wakefield frost proof cabbage plants, 25 cents per hundred by parcel post. Address R. T. Kent, Crockett, Texas, Route 1. 2t.\*

Salesman wanted to look after our interest in Houston and adjacent counties. Salary or commission. Address the Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio. It.\*

J. E. Driskill of Holly, A. M. Elliott of Creek, J. J. Hammond of Holly, J. R. Foster and J. L. Arledge are among Courier subscription renewals this week.

J. O. Grounds of Crockett Route 1, A. D. Grounds of Grapeland Route 2 and C. C. Reynolds of Lovelady Route 2 were callers at the Courier office last Thursday.

Mrs. R. E. McConnell and Mrs. J. S. Cook have both given elegant social affairs during the week, further mention of which will appear in the Courier next week.

Lang Smith of Lovelady is the latest to get on the list of automobile owners in Houston county. His is a 5-passenger Ford and his number on the automobile register is 54.

W. L. Driskill of Lovelady, Marion Hennis of Ratcliff, Mac Hale of Route 4, D. H. Rhoden of Route 6 and W. J. Wood of Groveton were visitors at the Courier office Wednesday.

We have two car loads of the celebrated John Deere and Empress farm implements which must be sold. See this line and get our prices before buying.—Daniel & Burton. tf.

Ed Parrott of Lovelady, J. W. Manning of Crockett Route 1, V. B. Smith of Crockett Route 5 and R. T. Kent of Crockett, Route 1 were callers at the Courier office Saturday.

Cotton and corn planters, riding and walking cultivators, disc harrows, middle breakers, etc., the John Deere and Empress make, at prices that defy competition at Daniel & Burton's. tf.

### Removal Notice.

We will move our stock of drugs and sundries into the Young new building, opposite the Crockett State Bank, about February 15. This building will be fitted throughout with new and modern fixtures and we will be prepared to serve you in the most efficient manner. In the meantime we will be glad to see you at the same old stand. tf. Decuir-Bishop Drug Co.

## TREE KILLER

Kills trees, sprouts and grasses. One application guaranteed to kill. For sale by

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## Money to Loan.

We make a specialty of loans on land and to farmers. We buy vendors lien notes and any other good paper. If you want to borrow money you will DO WELL to call and get our terms before placing your loan. We buy and sell real estate.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS

If you are in the market for farm implements, don't fail to investigate the John Deere and Empress line at Daniel & Burton's. They are the maximum of quality and minimum of price. tf.

### For Sale.

I have about fifty thousand cabbage plants ready to set in garden, frost proof. Place your orders with J. D. Woodson.—Adv. tf.

J. R. Luce.

Dick Calhoun and Miss Ethel Lively were recently married at Grapeland. The bride's home is in Livelyville, six miles east of Grapeland, and she is teaching near Grapeland, but in another community.

### Typewriter for Sale.

No. 5 Oliver typewriter, very latest model, never been used. Terms, \$45 cash and eight notes at \$5 each, payable monthly without interest. See A. H. Wootters or C. W. Moore.—Adv. tf.

Why do you want to rent when, for a small amount of cash, you can buy a beautiful lot in Miller Heights Addition and build you a nice home, and when you spend a dollar on it, you are improving your own property?—Adv. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. McDade Wilburn, who were married in Huntsville Thursday evening, were passengers on the northbound train Friday evening for New York. After a month's absence they will be at home in Houston.

### New Lumber Yard.

We handle everything in the building line; rough and dressed lumber, mouldings, shingles, brick, lime, cement, crushed rock, gravel, sewer pipe, etc. Box & Leediker. tf.

Major General W. H. Carter, at the head of that part of the United States army stationed at Galveston, was a passenger on the northbound train through Crockett Sunday night. He was accompanied by two other army officers.

Do not fail to see J. R. Sheridan if you are in earnest about buying one or more of those choice lots, either on West Public Avenue or West Main Street in Miller Heights Addition. He will make you prices and terms.—Adv. tf.

### Buggy for Sale.

My hand-made, ball bearing, bike axle speedway buggy is for sale. Made by Mosehart & Keller at Houston. Good rubber tires and strong running gear, but body shows usage. W. W. Aiken. tf.

### Poll Tax Payments.

Time for issuing poll tax receipts and exemptions closed Saturday night. At that time 3931 receipts and exemptions had been issued. Only 3365 receipts and exemptions had been issued at the same time last year. The increase is considerable.

### For County Attorney.

B. F. Dent will stand for re-election as county attorney. As a vigorous prosecutor and as an enemy of evil-doing, Ben Dent is as well known to the whole of Houston county as he is to the editor of this paper. The people have honored him before, for which he is grateful, and he asks that that they give him their support again, promising them his best efforts as a prosecutor.

Blow out your stumps with dynamite. It costs little, any one can do it, and it's the best investment any farmer can make. H. A. Fisher always has a supply on hand in his fireproof magazine two miles southwest of Crockett on Huntsville road. Call him up by phone.—Adv. 2t.

The Empress planter plants accurately cotton, corn, peas, beans and sorghum, and when set as a cotton planter will distribute fertilizer. It is simple in construction, easily adjusted and operated. Often imitated, but never equalled. Buy the genuine Empress from Daniel & Burton. tf.

Mr. Joseph Petrus of this city and Miss Sari Joseph of Houston were married in that city last week. The ceremony was performed by a Catholic priest. The bride is a very pretty young woman and has been in this country only two years. Mr. and Mrs. Petrus are making their home on Grace street in this city.

District Clerk John D. Morgan was taken by Dr. E. B. Stokes to a Houston sanitarium Saturday for an appendicitis operation. He was also accompanied by his wife. The operation was performed Sunday morning and the patient was doing well at last report. Dr. Stokes returned Sunday morning, but Mrs. Morgan is yet in Houston.

C. C. Mortimer offers for the office of constable in precinct No. 1. As a peace officer, Buck Mortimer is no stranger to the voters of the Crockett precinct. He has served them in this capacity at various times for twenty years, his services including those of deputy sheriff, jailer and convict guard. Buck is an old-timer in watching the law-breakers.

E. M. Callier, better known as Ed Callier, has finally decided to re-enter the race as justice of the peace in precinct No. 1. Some of his friends have been urging him to make the race for county judge, but, after due consideration, he has decided to stand for re-election to the office which he now holds and which seems to be his as long as he wants it.

### La Grippe Leaves Its Victims Prostrate.

Some victims of la grippe never fully recover the health of the lungs, and persistent coughing is weakening. The quick action of Foley's Honey and Tar makes it valuable in severe la grippe coughs. F. G. Prevo, Bedford, Ind., writes: "La grippe left me with a severe cough that Foley's Honey and Tar cured, and I am back to my normal weight."—W. A. King.—Adv.

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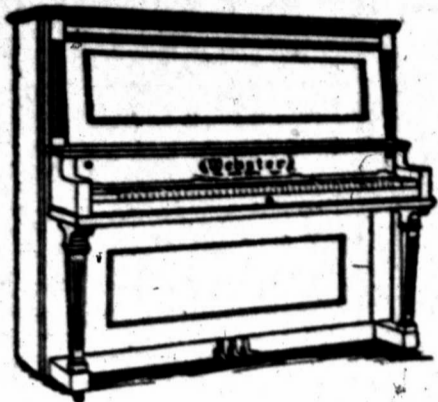
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## First Prize



**\$350**  
Webster Piano

## How to Enter This Contest

Cut out the NOMINATION BLANK in this advertisement and fill it out. You will note that it entitles the nominee to FIVE THOUSAND VOTES. Mail or bring it to our store, where you will be listed among the contestants and given a certificate for the number of votes you register. All correspondence must be addressed to Jas. S. Shivers & Co., in care of Contest Department.

## Standing of Contestants Up to February 5th, 1914

Mrs. Celia Hallmark Hayes	222,889
Miss Ethel Parrish	215,300
Miss Ruth Green	104,504
Miss Norvelle Buller	32,200
Miss Mattie Dell Barnhill	27,559
Miss Alline Foster	26,460
Mrs. Sadie Polk	24,903
Miss Laura Sharp	19,622
Miss Hannah Younas	17,191
Miss Rita Bagwell	11,830
Miss Mildred Smith	8,390
Miss Rachel Spriggs	5,000
Miss Zona Sharp	5,000

Now to call your attention to what you can buy at the Big Store and at the same time secure votes for your friends.

A line of misses and children's percal and gingham ranging in price from 25c to \$2.50 a garment.

Ladies' dresses in gingham, percal and lawns from \$1.00 per garment up.

Ladies' aprons at 25c and 50c.

Middy blouses at 50c to \$1.00.

Child's rompers at 25c and 50c.

In the future we will have at all times a full line of ladies, misses and children's ready-to-wear.

Remember at all times we are yours to save and to please.

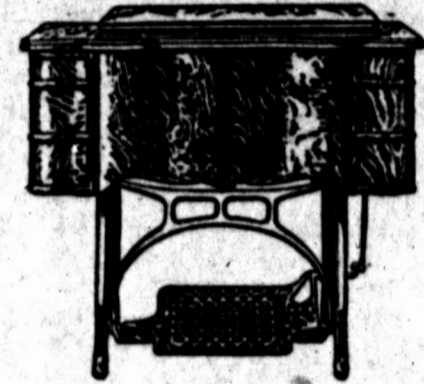
## Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

## SECOND PRIZE



**\$100**  
Diamond Ring  
FOR LADY

## THIRD PRIZE



\$50 Standard Sewing Machine

## Nomination Coupon

Good for 5000 Votes

In Jas. S. Shivers & Co's. Piano, Diamond Ring and Sewing Machine Contest.

I Nominate M.....

Address.....

As a Contestant in the above named Contest.

My name is.....

## A Statement of County Affairs by the Commissioners' Court.

(Continued from 4th page.)

hardships and trials and none of the sweet savor of easy work, and at last, we find ourselves submitted to the most embarrassing, unfair and unjust criticisms. Say, neighbor, what has become of the "Golden Rule"? Then, we ask, what would you ask of us, do not judge or condemn us upon hearing only one side of the case, but ascertain the full facts, with a mind unbiased and unprejudiced, taking your data from records kept by others, not this court, then pass judgment upon us. So much for the Road District propositions.

Again to call your attention more forcibly to the fact that the finance committee report covered a period of time far back of ours, and for which, and the conduct of the county's affairs during that time, we are not to blame, for it is not our record. Your attention is called to the fact that they say that more than \$40,000.00 has been spent for bridges in the county within the past twenty months, and to be fair, they must mean that amount over and above the money spent for bridges on the new roads. Now, the record of your county treasurer shows that on Dec. 3, 1912, the time we took charge of the affairs of the county, there was on hand to the credit of the road and bridge fund and the four special road funds, making the whole R. & B. fund, the sum of \$4080.99. There was paid in to the treasury up to Nov. 1, 1913, the date of the report of the finance committee, to the credit of said fund, the sum of \$9,025.25, making the total amount of funds available for roads and bridges in the county for the entire period of time for which we could be responsible, \$13,106.24, and there was on hand at said last named date, the sum of \$252.02, leaving the net balance paid out by us \$14,382.71, the most we could possibly have spent without placing the county in debt, and no one says, or can say that this was done. Then where is the \$40,000.00?

Now, consider again, that during the first month we were there, instead of paying bills contracted by us against this fund, we were paying the bills contracted by the former court, and you will not find the mass of expenditures for this item by this court, so amazing that one can not realize them. Besides, it is generally known by the citizens of ordinary intelligence that a part of this money is spent for teams, plows, scrapers and other road tools, hence we did not spend so much for bridges. Suppose, however, that we should have spent the last cent of it for bridges and road work, Mr. Man-away-from-town, who has to travel the roads, was it not spent for you and for your benefit, to come to your towns and spend your money with your home merchants? Why should we collect this money from you, leave it in the treasury idle, just to say there is a large sum on hand, and leave you with your creeks bridgeless and your roads even a more huge joke than some would try to make you believe? We thought it was collected to build bridges with and try to make good roads for you. Didn't you think when you paid the tax that was what it was for? When the people know the facts, we are willing to abide their honest judgment.

Sure, we have made some errors; it is human to err, but we sincerely believe that we are not the only ones to make them. It has been, since Adam's time, the unfortunate failing of man, that his best sight is not always before him, any one can look behind and see his mistakes, but not every man will own up to them. Suffice it to say, we have done our very best, and in serving you, we can serve your interests better if you will take us as your friends, and tell us your needs and desires, come to us and help to manage your own affairs, and you shall always find us glad to have your suggestions and your help. Your interest is in our charge and, with your help, you will not be disappointed.

One more place to call your attention to an error of the finance committee, one which they ac-

knowledge and printed a correction of—the tax rate, and we will have finished: They state the tax rate on the \$100 is as follows:

State rate	\$ .45
County—	
General fund	.25
C. H. & J. Current	.05
R. & B. Current	.10
R. & B. Sinking	.05
C. H. & J. Sinking	.05
New Jail	.02½
Road Dist. No. 3 (Crockett)	.50
City	1.15
Total	\$2.62½

It will be noticed by a little figuring that the county rate, exclusive of the road district and city rate, as given above, is 52½ cents on the \$100 valuation, and then they say we should have reduced the rate at least 15 cents. Taking the above figures, with the actual correct rate, we say he is incorrect again, because, with them as a basis, we reduced the rate 17½ cents, for the correct county rate is only 35 cents by items as follows:

County fund	\$ .17
C. H. & J.	.01
Jail Building	.02½
R. & B.	.08
R. & B. Sinking	.02½
Special Jury	.04
Total	\$ .35
State rate	.45
Grand total	\$ .80

We have no more connection with the "city" taxes than "the man in the moon." Then why was it included? Nothing could be more unjust to us.

Now, in their correction, they say they made an error by getting the 1903 rate instead of the 1913; then, we presume, they were checking back ten years instead of twenty months. But, even then, while in the corrected statement they get the items correct, we fail to understand why they include in the county rate the 50-cent road district tax, when every one knows this does not apply except in this road district. Why didn't they include the Grapeland road district rate and the various common school district

rates?—Then again, we are rather thick headed: We never before heard of a jail building fund tax in 1903, nor a road district tax of 50 cents in 1903, and it seems to us that they had a part of each year's rate. Just why we do not know—simply passing it up to you. The above we accept as simply an error, for the purposes of this article, made in the maze of figures handled by them, but as we grant it generously, we claim for ourselves the chance of an honest error.

In conclusion, we beg to say that this is all a matter concerning you and your county, the honor of your county and your officials. We are of you, the same as one of you and in the name of justice we ask you to ponder well over the few statements and suggestions made above and ask yourself the question, if perhaps you in your heart have not condemned before the "evidence was all in," and if justice does not entitle us to a hearing before you. Frankly, we have not favored any one. All men looked alike to us, whether he wore the "brogan" shoe and carried the sign of the "son of toil," or whether he wore his "shoes of kid" and wallowed in the "luxuries of riches." From the latter much of the howl has started and some has come from those who are possessed of the "political bee" for self-benefit, aspiring to the honors now not his, and one should beware of the "calamity howler" and the knocker, for he seldom has anything better than himself to offer for that which is and he is usually a sorry substitute. Keep your eye on him.

Now, people of Houston county, these are the facts briefly stated and we respectfully submit them to your candid consideration. Of course, the "road district" matter only directly affects those who reside within its limits, but we are perfectly willing for the people of the entire county to pass on the matter referred to. Again we ask you not to be too hasty in forming conclusions. Be sure you know

the truth and then act accordingly. Respectfully yours,

C. M. Ellis, Co. Judge,  
Chas. Long, Com. Prec. No. 2  
J. T. Knox, " " 3  
M. B. Matchett, " " 4

Not signed by Commissioner Beazley because he was not a member of the court during a large part of above period of time.

Note—The Courier has sold, not to the commissioners' court, but to some members of the court individually, extra copies of this issue for their personal use and distribution.—The Editor.

### Lovelady.

Miss Berta Phillips spent the week-end with homefolks in Crockett.

Miss Hayes of Huntsville was the guest of her sister, Miss Mattie Hayes, Sunday.

Miss Verne Monday returned last week from a three weeks' stay with friends in Palestine.

Miss Willie Puitt of Temple is the pleasant guest of Miss Verne Monday for a fortnight.

Mrs. S. E. Tanner, Misses Mattie Hayes, Allene Frazier and Bernice LaRue were visitors in Trinity last week.

Miss Bessie Jones returned Friday from Yoakum.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Mainer and children returned to their home in Mineral Wells after a month's stay with Mrs. D. S. Williams.

Mrs. Pete Neal and little daughters of Waco are guests of Mrs. Mattie Caton.

Mrs. W. C. Gray and daughters Wando and Ouida are guests of Mrs. J. E. Kennedy.

Mrs. Roy Tipton and children of Ratcliff are guests of Mrs. W. F. Dent.

Mrs. Clute Rayburn and little Miss Francis Rayburn have returned to their home in Manning after a visit to Mrs. C. R. Rich.

Mr. J. H. Tomme of Cooleidge is visiting the family of J. J. Tomme.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cochran spent last week on the Cochran farm on Trinity river.

Miss Dorothy Lee Frazier was the guest of Mrs. Ben Schultz in Trinity Saturday.