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SOL WOODS SHOT AND KILLED BY LEE BOYD.

Boyd a Former Sheriff of Anderson County—Wood Had Reputation as Bad Negro—Shotgun Used.

Thursday morning, near the home of Sol Woods, a negro past middle life, Lee Boyd, a former sheriff of Anderson county, shot and killed Woods, using a shotgun loaded with squirrel shot. Sol Woods' land touched the Trinity river bottoms, west of Crockett. Sol owned a large acreage and many cattle and other livestock. He was of a class feared by his own race and disliked by the white people. By hard work he had accumulated considerable property, but those who knew him say that he was unneighborly and hard to get along with.

It is said that Sol had taken up a steer belonging to a Mr. Hughes. Why Mr. Hughes had never gotten his steer no one seems to know, unless it was because of the custom of leaving cattle on the range to shift for themselves. Hughes sold a steer of a certain description and brand to Lee Boyd of Palestine, a former sheriff of Anderson county, but who is now engaged in the cattle business. Hughes, getting his cattle together for delivery to Boyd, got information that the missing steer of a certain description and brand was in the possession of Sol Woods, the negro. Hughes sent a young man named Heath to Sol's place to look for the missing steer. Sol told the young man that no such steer as described was in his possession. Heath insisted on going into Sol's place—field or pasture—and looking for the steer. Sol became enraged and, threatening to kill Heath, ordered him away. Heath left without seeing the steer.

Returning to Hughes and Boyd, who were looking after other cattle, Heath told them of his experience with Sol Woods. Hughes and Boyd were riding in a two-horse buggy, but Heath was horseback. The men decided that they would let the steer go until morning when they would make another effort at identification. Being then late in the day, they started for the nearest house occupied by white people and stayed all night at the home of John Brooks on the place of John Estes. Heath again told of his experience with Sol Woods and was warned by Brooks as to Sol's reputation as a dangerous negro when stirred up.

Early Thursday morning, expressing the belief that Sol had cooled down and would permit them to look for the steer without trouble, the three men got into the buggy and started for Sol's house. After being warned and as a precaution against a possible attack, Boyd, as he left Brooks' house, picked up a shotgun that belonged to one of the Bennetts, examined the shells and placed it in the buggy. The men drove several miles to Sol Woods' place, where they found Sol. They explained to the negro that they had not come to get the steer; that they were not claiming the steer before seeing it, and that they only asked to enter the premises and look for the steer in order to make identification possible. Sol, in a voice that bespoke violence, informed the men that he had no such steer as they described and

that that should settle it; and, further, that they could not enter upon his land to look for the steer, although the men had reliable information that the steer was on his place.

In the meantime Boyd, who was acting as spokesman for the party, had gotten out of the buggy. As Sol finished his words, he made a move to draw his pistol, either to shoot and kill or to drive the men away, as he had done Heath. As Woods' hand moved toward his pistol, Boyd pulled the shotgun from the buggy and fired. Boyd fired the second time, but missed, Sol falling to the ground with a load of shot in his breast and expiring. Negroes working near were attracted by the gunshots. Boyd took up position where he stood as guard over the negro's body, permitting no one to go near. Hughes and Heath got into the buggy and drove to the nearest telephone, where they got into communication with the sheriff's office at Crockett. Deputy Sheriff Musick, Sheriff Spence being absent at Austin, left for the scene and when he arrived he found Boyd still doing guard-duty. The white people and the negroes who had congregated all testified that Boyd had not been near the dead negro and had not permitted any of them to do so.

When Deputy Musick turned Woods' body over he found a big six-shooter, partly drawn. The pistol had a ring at the butt of the handle and from the ring a string that went around the negro's neck. The string had proved an aid in carrying the pistol, but a hindrance in its use. Deputy Musick, bringing the pistol with him, returned to Crockett, accompanied by the three men. Arriving here, Boyd's bond was fixed at \$1000 by Justice of the Peace Callier and readily signed by his friends. Boyd, after making bond, went back and found the steer with Woods' cattle.

Born Near Crockett.

Mr. W. V. Clark, brief mention of whose death was made last week, was born and raised about four miles north of Crockett. Coming to Crockett when a young man, he engaged in the mercantile business, first under the firm name of DeBerry & Clark. Later he became sole proprietor of the business, which he conducted for a number of years in the full enjoyment of an extensive acquaintance and friendship. Closing his business here, he moved to Mineral Wells, where he lived until going to the Dallas sanitarium. He was 66 years old.

Don't Be a "Grouch."

Many persons acquire a reputation for crankiness and grouchiness when their dispositions are not to blame. Peevishness, irritation, morbidness, biliousness, melancholia most often are the result of impaired digestion and torpid liver. Foley Cathartic Tablets make you light, cheerful and energetic. Sold everywhere. Adv.

Highest aim is quality. It Relieves, Purifies and Strengthens. Take Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla when your blood is out of order and your system needs strengthening. Take Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla when you are troubled with Malaria and are having Chills and Fever. Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla stops Chills and Fever promptly, relieves the system of Malaria, Purifies the Blood and restores Vitality to the weakened body. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Ask for it. For sale by Crockett Drug Co.

THINGS WE SHOULDN'T DO.

A Short Sermon About Faults That Widely Prevail.

No one who reads the newspapers or magazines or listens to the small talk and gossip that passes current in society can fail to have noticed how much more there is of criticism and condemnation of people, and what they do and say, than there is of commendation. It is difficult to understand why this should be so, unless it is due to an unlovely trait of human nature. La Rochefoucauld says that we derive a certain sort of satisfaction even from the misfortunes of our friends, and it certainly appears on the surface that we find it at least more entertaining to recount and dwell upon the faults and foibles of the people we talk about than to say anything of their good qualities and actions, or to discuss those of whom only good can be said. Why is it thought interesting and spicy to listen to a recital of discreditable or doubtful doings and sayings of our acquaintances, and of those in any way conspicuous in the public eye, when mention is rarely made of their good attributes or praiseworthy deeds, and then they receive little attention?—Cincinnati Inquirer.

City Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett:

Section 1. That on or before June 1st, 1915, the owners or occupants of all property situated in the city of Crockett shall cut down or destroy the weeds on said property and on the streets and alleys abutting on said property; and all weeds cut down shall be destroyed or disposed of, provided, however, that no weeds shall be disposed of in such manner as to injure the public health; and if the owner or occupant of any such property shall fail or refuse to cut or destroy, and dispose of the weeds as provided in this ordinance, the city council may order the weeds cut or destroyed, and disposed of at the expense of the city, and the owners or occupant of such property shall be liable to the city for the expense thus incurred.

Section 2. That on or before June 1st, 1915, the owners of all grocery stores, bakeries, meat markets and such establishments shall effectively screen them against flies.

Section 3. That all privies in the city shall be maintained in a sanitary manner by their owners or the occupants of the property on which they are situated, by being cleaned and disinfected, and the refuse disposed of in such a manner as not to endanger the public health, and at least once every thirty (30) days. All privies hereafter constructed shall be so constructed that they can be maintained in a sanitary manner, and under the supervision of the City Health Officer; and all privies now in existence, so constructed that they cannot be maintained in a sanitary manner, shall be torn down or destroyed, or shall be repaired by their owners, under the supervision of the City Health Officer, so that they can be maintained in a sanitary manner; and if the owner shall fail or refuse to repair them on or before June 1st, 1915, under the provisions of this ordinance, the City Council shall have the power

to cause the said improvements to be done at the expense of the city, on account of the owners, and cause the expense so incurred to be assessed on the real estate, or lot or lots, benefitted thereby; and, on filing with the County Clerk of Houston county a statement, by the Mayor, of such expenses, the city shall have a first and privileged lien on such property to secure such expenditure. For any such expenditures, as aforesaid, suit may be instituted and recovery had in the name of the city, in any court having jurisdiction; and the statement so made, as aforesaid, or a certified copy thereof, shall be full proof and satisfactory evidence of the amount expended in any such improvement.

Section 4. That in addition to the above requirements, no privy shall be maintained nor built in the business section unless the owner thereof shall first obtain a written permit from the City Council, and the said permit may be cancelled by the City Council when the owner of the privy shall fail to maintain it in a sanitary manner. When such permit is so cancelled the owner of the privy shall be required to destroy or tear it down, under the provisions of this ordinance as above.

Section 5. That any person, firm, association or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than five (\$5.00) dollars nor more than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars, and each day's violation of any provision of this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

By order of the City Council.

Attest: J. W. Young,

J. Valentine, Mayor.

City Secretary. Adv. 1t.

Visitor Complimented.

A dance, complimenting Miss Victoria Johnson of Lufkin, was given at the Crockett Club Friday evening, with the following guests participating: Misses Mary Lee Benedict, Victoria Johnson, Virginia Chamberlain, Kathleen Hall, Hazel Long, Nell Beasley and Merle Haring and Mrs. O. M. Bryan; Messrs. J. L. Sherman, Lee Foster, W. W. Aiken, G. Clark, Tom Aiken, Oliver Aldrich, Downes Foster, J. C. Wooters, W. C. Dupuy and Cecil Houghton. The chaperones were Mrs. J. E. Towery and Mrs. J. P. Hall.

New Automobile Numbers.

The following automobile numbers have been issued by County Clerk Moore during the last week:

- No. 95, H. C. Rich, a Dodge.
- No. 96, O. W. Ellisor, a Ford.
- No. 97, C. W. LeGory, a Dodge.
- No. 98, H. F. Moore, a Dodge.
- No. 99, H. J. Castleberg, a Dodge.
- No. 100, T. L. Hairston, an Overland.
- No. 101, J. M. Ellis, a Ford.

Chamberlain's Liniment.

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it: "I have found Chamberlain's Liniment the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers.

It's Money Well Spent!

It's far better to spend \$50 or \$1000 in advertising in this newspaper and make more net profit than it is to spend nothing for advertising and make less net profit.

Out of every ten men who succeed nine do so by liberal publicity. The tenth man is usually a freak exception.

Consistent advertising keeps you even with or ahead of your competitor.

Most of our merchants are quick to realize that the best reading element in this community—the people who buy most—take this paper and read the advertisements therein contained.

Delegate to Press Congress.

The editor of the Courier has received the following communication from the Department of State at Austin:

"The Courier, Crockett, Texas.

"My Dear Sir—Reposing special trust and full confidence in your integrity and ability as a member of the news-gathering profession, and at the special instance and request of His Excellency, Honorable James E. Ferguson, governor of Texas, I have the honor to herewith transmit a commission naming and appointing you as a delegate from Texas to the International Press Congress to be held at San Francisco, California.

"Trusting that conditions may be such as to permit your attendance, and with best wishes, I am yours very sincerely,

"John G. McKay."

Mr. McKay is secretary of state.

A Seventy-Year-Old Couple.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Carpenter, Harrisburg, Pa., suffered from kidney trouble for many years, but have been entirely cured by Foley Kidney Pills. He says: "Although we are both in the seventies we are as vigorous as we were thirty years ago." Foley Kidney Pills stop sleep disturbing bladder weakness, backache, rheumatism and aching joints. Sold everywhere. Adv.

Notice.

To Bridge Builders:

There will be a bridge built on the Crockett and Pennington road over Dickey Creek near John M. Satterwhite's gin.

Bids are invited, and call on J. A. Harrelson for specifications.

J. A. Harrelson, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3, Houston County, Texas. Crockett, Texas, May 13, 1915.

"Slowed Up" at Middle Age.

The hard working kidneys seem to require aid sooner than other internal organs. At middle age many men and women feel twinges of rheumatism, have swollen or aching joints and are distressed with sleep disturbing bladder ailments. Foley Kidney Pills are safe, prompt and can be depended on to give relief. Sold everywhere. Adv.

GERMAN DRIVE COST RUSSIA MANY MEN

POLAND AND GALICIA VICTORIES GIVE TEUTONS 69 CANNON AND 255 MACHINE GUNS.

BRITISH BATTLESHIP SUNK

British Warship Goliath Torpedoed in Dardanelles by Turkish Destroyers and It Is Claimed Over 500 Men Were Lost.

Latest News From the Front.

The German war office at Berlin announced Thursday that in the recent fighting in Galicia and Russian Poland 143,500 Russians had been captured. It also stated that sixty-nine cannon and 255 machine guns had been taken from the Russians and that the victorious Austrian and German forces, continuing their advance eastward in Galicia, are approaching the fortress of Przemysl. Some successes on the western front are reported, but it is conceded that at other points the allies were able to make headway.

The British battleship Goliath has been torpedoed in the Dardanelles. It is claimed 500 lives have been lost. Announcement of the loss of the Goliath was made in the house of commons Thursday by Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty of England.

Mr. Churchill, on announcing the loss of the Goliath, said: "The Goliath was torpedoed last night in a torpedo attack by destroyers while protecting the French flank just inside the straits.

"Twenty officers and 160 men were saved, which, I feel, means that over five hundred were lost."

Mr. Churchill also announced that the British submarine E-14 had penetrated through the Dardanelles and into the Sea of Marmora, sinking two Turkish gunboats and a Turkish transport.

It is reported in London that the Italian cabinet at Rome has resigned.

For five days one of the greatest battles of the war has been on in Flanders and the north of France. Ypres and Arras have been the centers of this concerted movement which was begun by the Germans in anticipation of a British attack last Saturday. The French further to the south wasted no time in opening on the German lines with their artillery and later in hand to hand combats gained a very considerable amount of ground, most of which, according to their official report, they still hold.

German forces in vast numbers have been delivering furious attacks against the British, who, according to both Field Marshal Sir John French and the official eyewitness of the British army, have been able to hold their lines, although at one time they were broken in several places.

The French report large numbers of prisoners captured, and the way is prepared in the details of the battle so far given out for the publication of exceedingly large casualty lists.

The retreat of the Russians between the Carpathians and the Vistula is still in full progress, and the Austrians continue to report the capture of towns and the pursuit of their adversaries. On the other hand, the Russian official announcement, though admitting reverses in the Carpathians, give an optimistic view of the Russian position in the Baltic provinces and at other points.

The position of Italy has not yet been officially defined.

The United States' note to Germany demands full reparation for the losses Americans sustained by the sinking of the Lusitania and for violation of all other American rights, as well as a guarantee against further attacks by submarines on merchant ships carrying noncombatants.

Heavy fighting is reported from the Gallipoli Peninsula and the Dardanelles, where the Anglo-French troops on Friday last had advanced to the vicinity of Krithia, some five miles from the point where they landed and from the entrance to the straits. Since then the fleet has recommenced a heavy bombardment of the forts in the narrows, an indication, it is believed, that the troops have got in such good positions that they no longer require the support of the ships' fire.

The French war office declares that not only have the Belgians and British repulsed the German attacks with heavy losses to their adversaries, but that the French themselves have made marked progress to the north of Arras, where an important German work and a series of trenches have been carried; have occupied a big block-house and the chapel of Notre Dame de Lorette, a strongly fortified position which the Germans had defended for months; have gained possession of a section of the village of Canency and are threatening the German lines of communication.

COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS



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GERMANY'S NOTE ON LOSS OF LUSITANIA

German Foreign Office Expresses Regret at Loss of Americans, But Holds England Responsible.

Berlin, via London.—The following dispatch was sent this week by the German foreign office to the German embassy at Washington:

"Please communicate the following to the state department:

"The German government desires to express its deepest sympathy at the loss of lives aboard the Lusitania. The responsibility rests, however, with the British government, which, through its plan of starving the civilian population of Germany, has forced Germany to resort to retaliatory measures.

"In spite of the German offer to stop the submarine war in case the starvation plan was given up, British merchant vessels are being generally armed with guns and have repeatedly tried to ram submarines so that a previous search was impossible.

"They can not, therefore, be treated as ordinary merchant vessels. A recent declaration made to the British parliament by the parliamentary secretary in answer to a question by Lord Charles Beresford said that at the present practically all British merchant vessels were armed and provided with hand grenades.

"Besides it has been openly admitted by the English press that the Lusitania on previous voyages repeatedly carried large quantities of war material. On the present voyage the Lusitania carried 5,400 cases of ammunition while the rest of the cargo also consisted chiefly of contraband.

"If England, after repeated official and unofficial warnings, considered herself able to declare that that boat ran no risk and thus light-heartedly assumed responsibility for the human life on board a steamer which, owing to its armament and cargo, was liable to destruction, the German government, in spite of its heartfelt sympathy for the loss of American lives, can not but regret that Americans felt inclined to trust to English promises rather than to pay attention to the warnings from the German side.

"Foreign Office."

Humanity First, Says President.
Philadelphia, Pa.—President Wilson gave to a gathering of naturalized Americans Monday night the first intimation of what course the United States government will pursue in the situation resulting from the loss of more than a hundred American lives on the British liner Lusitania.

"America," said the president, "must have the consciousness that on all sides it touches elbows and touches hearts with all nations of mankind. The example of America must be a splendid example and must be an example, not merely of peace because it will not fight, but because peace is a healing and elevating influence of the world and strife is not.

"There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight. There is such a thing as being so right that it does not need to convince others by force that it is right."

These remarks precipitated a tumult of applause and patriotic enthusiasm, attended by a waving of thousands of small American flags.

Texas Team Loses Tennis Title.
New Orleans, La.—Tulane University Wednesday won the doubles title in the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Association tennis tournament, Douglas Watters and Henry Bruns defeating H. Broad and Gillespie Stacy of the University of Texas, three out of four sets in the final. Tulane won the first two sets, 6-4, 6-4, but lost the third, 8-10.

MOON HAS NO INFLUENCE OVER GROWING OF CROPS

Experiments by Department of Agriculture Show That Light From Lunar Orb Cannot Affect Plants.

Washington.—The department of agriculture has smashed another tradition by declaring that from a scientific standpoint the moon has no more to do with the growing of crops than it has upon the temperature, the amount of rain, the wind or any other element of weather. This will be a severe blow to those who have believed that potatoes in order to be a successful crop should be planted during certain phases of the moon, or that garden truck flourishes more readily under moon influence when planted right.

The department points out that growth of plants depends upon the amount of food in the soil and in the air that is available for them, and upon temperature, light and moisture. The moon gives no vitality to soil, neither does it affect the composition of atmosphere, hence the only remaining way by which it could influence plant growth is by its light. Experiments have shown that full daylight is about 600,000 times brighter than full moonlight, yet when a plant gets one one-hundredth part of normal daylight it thrives little better than in total darkness. If one one-hundredth part of normal daylight is too little to stimulate a plant, the department says that it is certain that one six hundred-thousandth part would impart no benefit at all.

It is added that it is a waste of time to think about the moon in this connection with the planting of crops, since it has no more to do with this than it has with the building of fences, the time for killing hogs, or any other of the innumerable things over which it was once supposed to have strong influence.

Position of the department does not disturb the scientific fact that the moon affects the ocean tides, and many will continue to believe that it presages rain or drouth, since there is hardly a community in the United States that does not hold a theory about a "wet" or "dry" moon.

Texan Is Selected by Bryan.

Washington.—Secretary of State Bryan has appointed William F. Schwind, president of the First State bank of Francitas, Jackson County, as his private secretary to serve until he makes a permanent selection. Mr. Schwind succeeds ex-Governor H. B. Ferguson of New Mexico.

Cleveland Fire Costs \$10,000.

Cleveland, Tex.—Fire Tuesday destroyed the Herald printing plant, the general store of R. L. Williamson and the harness store of Bate Simmons. Several other buildings, among them the First State Bank building and the general store of H. B. Whitmore, were damaged.

Florida House Kills Resolution.

Tallahassee, Fla.—A concurrent resolution urging President Wilson to use his best efforts to maintain inviolate the neutrality of the United States was voted down by the lower house of the Florida legislature Wednesday. The resolution passed the senate.

Aviator Falls Head First.

Washington.—Ensign Melvin L. Stolts of the navy aviation corps was instantly killed Saturday while making a low altitude flight at Pensacola, Fla., according to an announcement by the navy department. Stolts fell out of his machine head first while making a dive.

U. S. NOTE TO GERMANY ON SINKING LUSITANIA

U. S. NOTE DEMANDS GUARANTEE THAT NO FURTHER ATTACKS BE MADE BY SUBMARINES.

LOSS OF AMERICAN LIVES

Note Informs German Government That the Sinking of Lusitania Is Considered Violation of American Rights in Sea War Zone

Washington.—The United States, in a note sent to Germany Thursday, demands a guarantee that there will be no further attacks by submarines on merchant ships carrying noncombatants. It serves notice also that full reparation will be sought for the loss of more than one hundred American lives in the sinking of the Lusitania and for other violations of American rights in the sea zones of war.

While no indication is given of the steps to be taken by the United States in the event of an unfavorable reply, the note informs the German government that the American government will leave nothing undone, either in diplomatic representations or other action, to obtain a compliance with its request.

The principal points in the note substantially are as follows:

1. The United States government calls attention to the various incidents in the war zone proclaimed by Germany around the British Isles; the sinking of the British liner Falaba with the loss of Leon C. Thresher, an American; the attack by German airmen on the steamer Cushing; the torpedoing without warning of the American steamer Gulfport, flying the stars and stripes; and finally the torpedoing without warning of the Lusitania with its loss of more than a thousand lives of noncombatants, among them more than one hundred Americans.

2. These acts are declared to be indefensible under international law. The United States points out that it never admitted Germany's right to do them and warned the imperial government that it would be held to a "strict accountability" for attacks on American vessels or lives. A strict accounting therefore is now asked from Germany.

3. The usual financial reparation will be sought, although Germany is in effect reminded that no reparation can restore the lives of those sacrificed in the sinking of the Lusitania and other ships.

4. Expressions of regret may comply with the legal precedents, but they are valueless unless accompanied by a cessation of the practices endangering lives of noncombatants.

5. The right of neutrals to travel to any point of the high seas on neutral or belligerent merchantmen is asserted.

6. In the name of humanity and international law the United States demands a guarantee that these rights will be respected and that there be no repetition of the attacks on merchantmen carrying noncombatants.

7. The giving of warning to the American public without officially communicating them to the United States government is commented on in connection with the German embassy's printed advertisements before the sailing of the Lusitania, but irrespective of the failure to advise to the American government of Germany's purpose, the point is made that notice of an intention to do an unlawful act neither justifies nor legalizes it.

8. The suggestion is conveyed that the German government of course could not have intended to destroy innocent lives and that consequently the German submarine commanders must have misunderstood their instructions. The American government indicates its hope that this will be found to be true and a cessation of the unlawful practices thereby will result.

9. In conclusion Germany's attention is called to the earnestness of the government and people of the United States in this situation. It is made plain that the United States will leave nothing undone either in diplomatic representation or other action to obtain a compliance by Germany to the request made.

The note throughout is couched in friendly tones, but is unmistakably firm.

State Holds Coyote Is a Wolf.

Austin, Tex.—The coyote is as much a wolf as a fox terrier or a greyhound is a dog, was the ruling made Thursday by the attorney general's department. The department holds that coyotes come within the provisions of the wolf scalp bounty act passed at the regular session of the thirty-fourth legislature.

I. & G. N. Shops Are Reopened.

Palestine, Tex.—The International & Great Northern shops were reopened this week and about 75 per cent of the regular force put to work.

RESINOL SPEEDILY HEALS ITCHING, BURNING SKINS

Resinol ointment, with resinol soap, stops itching instantly, quickly and easily heals the most distressing cases of eczema, rash, ringworm, tetter or other tormenting skin or scalp eruptions, and clears away pimples, blackheads, redness, roughness, and dandruff, when other treatments have proven only a waste of money.

Physicians have prescribed resinol for twenty years, while thousands who have been cured say, "What resinol did for us it will do for you." All druggists sell resinol soap (25c.) and resinol ointment (50c. and \$1).—Adv.

Phases of the Problem.

"Did you find it easy to enforce prohibition in Crimson Gulch?"

"Yes," replied Broncho Bob. "The only difficulty is to keep the population from movin' over an' settlin' permanent in Rum Holler."

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

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

John's Fate.

A schoolteacher who was about to be married visited an old friend, and naturally the coming event was the topic of much of the conversation. The young woman, whose plans were not yet made public, thought it wise to pledge the little four-year-old daughter of the house to secrecy. Accordingly she called little Ethel to her, told her that soon she and John were to be married, and asked her to promise that she would keep the secret.

Little Ethel went back to her play, while her mother and the teacher resumed their conversation.

Some ten minutes later Ethel returned, and whispered with great caution, "Miss Brown, does John know anything about it?"—Youth's Companion.

The Test Supreme.

"You say that women haven't the endurance of men?"

"They haven't."

"That they cannot successfully resist unusual mental strain or physical fatigue—that they lack nerve and patience and endurance?"

"Yes."

"Do you see that little woman over there?"

"Yes."

"You have never known a man who could endure what she has endured."

"Eh! Why, what is she?"

"She's the reader of the love stories submitted to a popular magazine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Contagion of Excitement.

"I suppose that they're very much interested in the war in Wayback?"

"Interested? Say, the other day St Binks and Hi Holler acterly stopped playin' checkers to discuss the war!"

Has a Book of Sayings.

"Withers seems to have the gift of repartee."

"No. I think it's a borrowed accomplishment."

INSOMNIA

Leads to Madness, if Not Remedied.

"Experiments satisfied me, some 5 years ago," writes a Topeka woman, "that coffee was the direct cause of the insomnia from which I suffered terribly, as well as extreme nervousness and acute dyspepsia.

"I had been a coffee drinker since childhood, and did not like to think that the beverage was doing me all this harm. But it was, and the time came when I had to face the fact, and protect myself. I therefore gave up coffee abruptly and absolutely, and adopted Postum for my hot drink at meals.

"I began to note improvement in my condition very soon after I took on Postum. The change proceeded gradually, but surely, and it was a matter of only a few weeks before I found myself entirely relieved—the nervousness passed away, my digestive apparatus was restored to normal efficiency, and I began to sleep restfully and peacefully.

"These happy conditions have continued during all of the 5 years, and I am safe in saying that I owe them entirely to Postum, for when I began to drink it I ceased to use medicines." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Postum comes in two forms: Postum Cereal—the original form—must be well boiled. 15c and 25c packages.

Instant Postum—a soluble powder—dissolves quickly in a cup of hot water, and, with cream and sugar, makes a delicious beverage instantly. 30c and 50c tins.

Both kinds are equally delicious and cost about the same per cup.

"There's a Reason" for Postum.—sold by Grocers.

TEXAS NEWS CONDENSED

Ground has been broken for a new oil mill in Greenville.

Gov. Ferguson has abandoned all intention of submitting the University A. & M. "one board bill" to the special session, as it was rumored he would do a few weeks ago.

Greenville was selected for the next meeting of the North Texas county superintendents' association which will be held on July 28. The meeting of the association was held last week in Dallas.

Dallas permits for April represented buildings worth \$492,175. This is an increase over every month since last July, and in some permits granted more than doubled those for the months earlier in the year.

Judge James K. P. Gillispie, jurist and resident of Houston for 40 years, died Thursday. Judge Gillispie was born at Huntsville Jan. 19, 1853. From 1901 to 1908 he was judge of the criminal district court.

The Hopkins county wool growers' association has set May 19 as the date on which the spring clip will be sold. From 4,000 to 5,000 pounds will be sold on that day.

The British admiralty made the following statement: "The German steamship Macedonia, which escaped from Las Palmas, Canary Islands, a few weeks ago, has been captured by one of our cruisers."

A big show tent blew down at Post, Texas, during a heavy wind and rain storm. One child was killed outright. Three adults were dangerously injured. About ten others were injured less seriously.

Taylor county's total crop production for the season will total 65,000 bales, according to reliable estimates. At present there are more than 22,000 bales in the Abilene yards.

The Cleburne school board awarded the general contract for the erection of three modern semi-fireproof ward school buildings upon a bid of \$96,672. All mechanical equipment in the way of heating, plumbing and wiring, went on a bid of \$30,775.

The proposed amendment to the Robertson insurance law which meets with the governor's approval has been introduced in the house by Messrs. Grindstaff, chairman of the house insurance committee; McAakill and Nichols of Hunt. The bill is modeled upon the original Gibson bill, but does not contain the clause for the remission of back taxes.

Building permits in the city of Dallas for the fiscal year closing April 30 totaled \$2,982,147. The total was less than that for the fiscal year 1913-14, but there were no buildings like the Busch building, the city hall and the Sears-Roebuck establishment erected within the last year as there were during the preceding year.

Carrollton, Dallas county, is perhaps the biggest egg market in the county outside of Dallas. This fact was developed at a meeting of organizers from the Dallas chamber of commerce to form an egg selling club at Carrollton of farmers of the country. The farmers attending the meeting, it developed, market 151 dozen eggs each week in the year. At 25c per dozen \$1,563 is netted annually from this source.

April 30 was pay day at the state capitol. As the state is not on a deficiency all warrants presented at the treasury were promptly paid. Indications are that the state will go through the entire summer on a cash basis.

The city inspector of weights and measures of Dallas weighed 13,337 separate articles during the last year and inspected 17,123 weights and measures, according to his annual report. He condemned 56 of the weights and measures which he tested.

Announcement of the intention to extend the local electric service to Clyde, Putnam, Baird, Cisco and possibly over other towns east, was made last week by the American Public Service company, through the manager of the Abilene Gas & Electric company.

Mrs. Nannie Webb Curtis of Waco, was unanimously re-elected president of the Texas Woman's Christian Temperance union at the concluding session of the thirty-ninth annual convention of that organization at Houston.

**CALOMEL IS MERCURY, IT SICKENS!
STOP USING SALIVATING DRUG**

Don't Lose a Day's Work! If Your Liver Is Sluggish or Bowels Constipated Take "Dodson's Liver Tone."—It's Fine!

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick, you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

If you want to enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced just take a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone. Your druggist or dealer sells you a 50-cent bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone under my personal money-back guarantee that each spoonful will clean your

sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working; you'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and cannot salivate. Give it to your children! Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.

Cripple Dives, Saves Boy.
William Murray, a cripple of 1021 Second avenue, was hobbling along the East river front at New York, when at Fifty-fourth street he heard boys crying for help. One of the boys had fallen from the stringpiece and was floundering in the water.

Removing his coat, the cripple dived in after the boy. He seized him and towed him to a pier, but was unable to climb. Policeman Neely threw Murray a rope and he tied it about the boy's body. The child was drawn upon the wharf. Then Murray was pulled from the water.

**HAD PELLAGRA;
IS NOW CURED**

Hillsboro, Ala.—J. W. Turner, of this place, says: "I ought to have written you two weeks ago, but failed to do so. I got well and then forgot to write you. I can get about like a 10-year-old boy; you ought to see me run around and tend to my farm. I can go all day just like I used to. I am so thankful to know there is such a good remedy to cure people of pellagra."

There is no longer any doubt that pellagra can be cured. Don't delay until it is too late. It is your duty to consult the resourceful Baughn.

The symptoms—hands red like sunburn, skin peeling off, sore mouth, the lips, throat and tongue a flaming red, with much mucus and choking; indigestion and nausea, either diarrhoea or constipation.

There is hope; get Baughn's big Free book on Pellagra and learn about the remedy for Pellagra that has at last been found. Address American Compounding Co., box 2088, Jasper, Ala., remembering money is refunded in any case where the remedy fails to cure.—Adv.

The "All-Mine" Trick.

A wandering sleight-of-hand man was entertaining some loungers with an exhibition of tricks. After showing a goodly number of them he said: "But I have one good trick that I call the All-Mine trick."

Of course they all wanted to see that, so he instructed a goodly number of them to give him a dollar, after having marked it and carefully noted the date. About a dozen of the bystanders did so, and he took them all, shook them up, then showed each man another dollar than the one he had marked, accompanying each coin with the question:

"Is that yours?"
Each man, of course, said "No," and he strolled away, saying:
"Then they must all be mine."

LADIES!

—Take CAPUDINE—

For Aches, Pains and Nervousness. IT IS NOT A NARCOTIC OR DOPE— Gives quick relief—Try it.—Adv.

Quite Likely.

"Children have curious ambitions. My youngest boy says he's going to be a motorman when he grows up."
"He'll get over that. By the time he's old enough to go to work he won't want to do anything."

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Try Murine Eye Remedy for Red, Weak, Watery Eyes and Irritated Mucous. No Stinging—Just Eye Comfort. Write for Book of the Eye by Mail Free. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

The trouble with the man who knows it all is he knows a lot that is no earthly good.

Some people tell the truth out of pure cussedness.

DIDN'T NEED TO LOCK DOOR

Successful Gambler Who Had Got Away With Money Was the One to Be Guarded.

Ed Heffernan, famous in monologue, was traveling in the same troupe with Charley McDonald and Billy Maloney. All three loved to gamble, but could not find any games in the towns en route. At last they were reduced to a three-handed, cut-throat game in the room which Heffernan and McDonald occupied together. McDonald was the first frozen out and went to bed and to sleep. Heffernan and Maloney kept on and finally Heffernan was all in. He undressed and turned out the light, but in getting into bed he had to crawl over McDonald and aroused him.

"Ed," asked the latter, "did you lock the door?"
"No," responded Heffernan. "Go lock Maloney's door. He's got all the coin."

Spell It With a Big "B."

It wasn't a hundred miles from this city that a business man in a small town entered the post office the other day, which had lately changed hands, and asked for his mail.

"Name, please," replied the newly appointed.

"Black, of course."
"What Black?"
"What's the matter with you?" exclaimed the other. "Haven't you known me as George Black for the last ten years?"

"Black? Black? How do you spell it? Please write it down, will you, for this office has changed hands and will be run on a system after this, and no mistakes allowed. Ah, B-i-a-c-k, Black. All the mail for Mr. Black with a big 'B' will promptly be delivered after this."

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The Kindred Touch.

Little Howard expressed a worldwide sentiment the other day, subsequent to the hanging of his mother's prized yellow leghorn.

"Howard," his mother said, shaking her finger emphatically, "did you hang my yellow pullet in the coal shed?"

Howard kicked a small sandaled foot against the portico steps. "Ma," he said, looking down, "I don't want to talk."—Louis J. Scott, Ontario.

Important to Mothers

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Wm. L. Fletcher* In Use For Over 30 Years. Children Cry for Fletcher's Castoria

Suggestions.

"Did anything drop a while ago?"
"Nothing I know of, unless it was the temperature, or a remark you made about taking a drink."

Some men would have no excuse for living if their wives didn't take in boards.

LIVELY TIME IN PROSPECT

"Irish" Comedians Likely to Have Grand Welcome at Reception of the A. O. H. Rifles.

Two visitors at a burlesque show got up between acts and went out, according to a narrative by Jimmy Reddington of Milwaukee. They repaired to the box office and asked to see the manager of the company on a matter of business, the request bringing him to the window.

"We want to know," began one of them, "who are the fellows playing the two Irishmen?"

"Their names are Cohen and Schwartz."

"Do they get big money?"
The manager did not overlook this bet and the questioning went on.

"Can they give a show outside?"
"It might be arranged. What's the occasion?"

"The annual reception of our society."

"What's your society?"
"The A. O. H. Rifles. Tell them to name their own price."

Lost the Scent, Perhaps.
Cook—The cheese has run out.

Mistress—Why didn't you chase it?
—Boston Transcript.

The "good fellow" to himself almost invariably is the "bad fellow" to his family.

Rheumatism Is Torture

Many pains that pass as rheumatism are due to the failure of the kidneys to drive off uric acid thoroughly. When you suffer with aching joints, backache, too, dizziness and urinary disturbances, get Doan's Kidney Pills, the remedy that is recommended by over 100,000 people in many different lands. Doan's Kidney Pills help weak kidneys to drive out the uric acid which so often causes backache, rheumatism and lam-bago.

A Louisiana Case

Alphonse Hainebach, 2817 S. Rampart St., New Orleans, La., says: "Doctors gave me up, saying my case was beyond their skill. I had terrible attacks of pain in my back and my body was badly swollen. I had no ambition or strength and had given up hope. Doan's Kidney Pills cured me and the trouble has never returned."



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Reliable evidence is abundant that women are constantly being restored to health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

The many testimonial letters that we are continually publishing in the newspapers—hundreds of them—are all genuine, true and unsolicited expressions of heartfelt gratitude for the freedom from suffering that has come to these women solely through the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Money could not buy nor any kind of influence obtain such recommendations; you may depend upon it that any testimonial we publish is honest and true—if you have any doubt of this write to the women whose true names and addresses are always given, and learn for yourself.

Read this one from Mrs. Waters:

CAMDEN, N.J.—"I was sick for two years with nervous spells, and my kidneys were affected. I had a doctor all the time and used a galvanic battery, but nothing did me any good. I was not able to go to bed, but spent my time on a couch or in a sleeping-chair, and soon became almost a skeleton. Finally my doctor went away for his health, and my husband heard of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and got me some. In two months I got relief and now I am like a new woman and am at my usual weight. I recommend your medicine to every one and so does my husband."—Mrs. TILLIE WATERS, 530 Mechanic Street, Camden, N.J.

From Hanover, Penn.

HANOVER, PA.—"I was a very weak woman and suffered from bearing down pains and backache. I had been married over four years and had no children. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound proved an excellent remedy for it made me a well woman. After taking a few bottles my pains disappeared, and we now have one of the finest boy babies you ever saw."—Mrs. C. A. RICKERD, R.F.D., No. 5, Hanover, Pa.

Now answer this question if you can. Why should a woman continue to suffer without first giving Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a trial? You know that it has saved many others—why should it fail in your case?

For 30 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been the standard remedy for female ills. No one sick with woman's ailments does justice to herself if she does not try this famous medicine made from roots and herbs, it has restored so many suffering women to health.

Write to LYDIA E. PINKHAM MEDICINE CO. (CONFIDENTIAL) LYNN, MASS., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.



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ATTORNEY GENERAL CHANGED RULING ON PURE FOOD FEES

Corrects First Decision on Food and Drug Fees—The Opinion Given in Full.

Austin, Tex.—The attorney general's department, in an opinion Thursday rendered the dairy and food commissioner, corrected a former opinion of the department that "all persons who shall bring or ship or cause to be brought or shipped, into the state and offer for sale in the state, articles of food or drugs shall register and pay the fee." The opinion rendered holds, in substance, as follows:

"It is our opinion that the phrase 'all such persons as shall bring into and offer for sale within the state any article of food or drug' relates to manufacturers. We arrived at this conclusion partly on the ground that there could have been no reason to require the merchant who brought in at some time during the year some article of food to pay the tax and to register his name with the food and drug commissioner. There would, however, be good reason to require all manufacturers of food and drugs to register their names with the food and drug commissioner for the reason that if some of their products should be found to be impure or not properly manufactured, then the matter could be taken up directly with the manufacturer. We think it clear that this provision was not intended as a revenue measure, and if not a revenue measure, then the prime object must have been to furnish data to the food and drug commissioner, which data would enable him the better to perform his duties.

"We are, therefore, of the opinion that manufacturers of foods and drugs doing business in the State of Texas should be required to pay the registration fee of \$1 and all such persons (manufacturers) as shall bring into and offer for sale within the state any article of food or drug should be registered; that dealers who do not manufacture either food or drugs, but simply order a part of the articles they sell from without the state, are not required to pay the registration fee prescribed by law."

Government Reports Crops.

Washington—The department of agriculture's May grain report this week announced:

Winter wheat area to be harvested 49,199,999 acres; condition, 92.9 per cent; indicated acre yield, 17.3 bushels; indicated production, 693,000,000 bushels.

Rye condition, 89.9 per cent.

Hay stocks on farms, 8,468,000 tons, or 12.1 per cent of last year's crop.

Pasture condition, 87.2 per cent.

Spring plowing, 78.3 per cent completed May 1.

Spring planting was 65.3 per cent completed May 1.

Coroner's Verdict in Lusitania Case.

Kinsale, Ireland.—When the inquest over five victims of the Lusitania had been concluded Monday, the coroner's jury returned the following verdict: "The jury finds that this appalling crime was contrary to international law and the conventions of all civilized nations, and we, therefore, charge the officers of the submarine and the German emperor and all the government of Germany, under whose orders they acted, with the crime of willful and wholesale murder."

Officer Kills Two Bandits.

Marfa, Tex.—Two men were killed and two captured in the Big Bend of the Rio Grande near Boquillas by Texas rangers, river guards and customs inspectors, as a result of a battle between the officers and fifteen alleged cattle smugglers. The remainder of the bandits retreated across the Rio Grande into Mexico, putting up a running fight until they were safe on the other side of the river.

Emergency Currency Still Held.

Washington.—At the end of April, \$5,830,793 in emergency currency was still with the banks of the country, but the opinion is advanced that by the end of May much of this would be returned. Texas banks retained \$2,760,690 of this total, which is more than any other single state. Louisiana banks had \$482,500, Oklahoma banks \$274,010, New Mexico banks \$90,950. Arkansas banks had none.

Frank Sentenced Again.

Atlanta, Ga.—Leo M. Frank was sentenced to be hanged on Tuesday, June 22, for the murder of Mary Phagan, a factory girl. Sentence was passed by Judge Ben H. Hill of the Fulton county superior court Monday. Mary Phagan was killed on April 26, 1913. Before sentence was pronounced, Frank made a statement to the court, reiterating his declarations of innocence.

STATE COMMISSION GIVES SOME RAILROAD DECISIONS

Dismisses Proposition Requiring Bills of Lading to Show Condition of Cotton Bales "Spiders," Etc.

Austin, Tex.—The railroad commission Thursday announced its decisions of propositions considered at a previous hearing, granting in part the application of the railroads to amend the theatrical or party tariff rate. The commission fixed a parking charge of \$1 per car for each day after forty-eight hours. The railroads asked for a charge of \$3 per day. The amount of baggage allowed each advance agent and each adult was reduced from 200 to 150 pounds and for each child reduced from 100 to 75 pounds. The present minimum charge of \$35 for private or baggage car was increased to \$50 and the \$45 minimum increased to \$75.

The proposition to require that bills of lading on cotton in bales carry notation showing condition as to "spiders" was dismissed. The application for a readjustment of ratings on peanut products in carloads was granted as to peanut oil, cake and meal, taking the same rates as cotton seed by-products, and passed as to screenings. Other propositions granted were: Readjustment of concentration regulation on wool and mohair; to include tin or tinned iron spoons in coffee premiums; to remove depot building from East La Porte on Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio railroad to Sylvan Beach. The proposed readjustment of ratings on mohair, less than carloads, and proposed readjustment of rates on fruit, melon and vegetable baskets and hampers were passed.

CONCERNS CHARTERED TO DO BUSINESS IN TEXAS

Thirteen Oil Companies, With Aggregate Capital of \$354,500, Formed.

Austin, Tex.—Thirteen oil companies, all operating in the Thrall field, with capital stock aggregating \$354,500, were filed Thursday in the office of the secretary of the state. And there was one oil company which filed an amendment increasing its capital stock from \$35,000 to \$150,000. All records for a day's filing of oil company charters, as far as the total capital stock is concerned, were broken.

Among the charters was that of the National Oil Company of Thrall, with capital stock of \$100,000, the largest of any company yet taking out a charter. The incorporators are W. R. Davis of Milam county, E. L. Steck and D. B. Spiller of Travis county. The Elmuda Oil and Development Company of Austin filed an amendment increasing its capital stock from \$35,000 to \$150,000, which now has the largest capital stock of any oil company chartered for the Thrall field. The charters filed follow:

National Oil Company, Thrall; capital stock, \$100,000. Incorporators: W. R. Davis, E. L. Steck and D. B. Spiller.
Statehouse Oil and Gas Company, Austin; capital stock, \$50,000. Incorporators: H. B. Terrell, Sam H. Carter, C. C. Quillin.
Caldwell-Bartlett Oil Company, Caldwell; capital stock, \$12,000. Incorporators: R. N. Sexton, W. J. Harlan and A. R. Grosse.
Palm Valley Oil Company, Austin; capital stock, \$25,000. Incorporators: W. H. Richardson, Jr., Charles Rogan and F. C. Hendrix.
Thrall-Weir Oil Company, Weir; capital stock, \$8,000. Incorporators: J. W. Hale, Carl Liese and J. L. Cruse.
Thrall Producers Oil Company, Georgetown; capital stock, \$25,000. Incorporators: F. D. Love, W. H. Davis, G. M. McDaniel.
Coupland Independent Oil Company, Elgin, Bastrop county; capital stock, \$25,000. Incorporators: J. O. Smith, L. Roy Jones and L. O. Keeble.
Thrall Home Oil Company, Thornedale; capital stock, \$15,000. Incorporators: I. Rudi, R. M. Barnes and O. B. Hoover.
Brazos Oil and Gas Company, Waco; capital stock, \$4,500. Incorporators: W. H. Davenport, T. W. Simpson and C. C. Roberts.
Black Land Oil Company, Tyler; capital stock, \$30,000. Incorporators: Howard Bland, J. P. Burns and R. H. Bland.
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Field Ants Are Destructive. Austin, Tex.—The department of agriculture has received in the last few days reports from different parts of the state that house and field ants are becoming annoying and destructive. In some instances field ants are destroying seeds.

LOVES THE ORCHARD

Kingbird's Hostility to Hawks and Crows is Proverbial.

It is True Flycatcher and Takes on Wing Large Part of Its Feed— Picks Up Many Insects From Trees and Weeds.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The well-known eastern kingbird is essentially a lover of the orchard, though groves and the edge of forests were probably its original habitat. It breeds in the states east of the Rocky mountains, and less commonly in the Great Basin and on the Pacific coast. Its hostility to hawks and crows is proverbial, and for this reason a family of kingbirds is a desirable adjunct to a poultry yard. On one occasion in the knowledge of the writer a hawk which attacked a brood of young turkeys was pounced upon and so severely buffeted by a pair of kingbirds whose nest was near by that the would-



Kingbird.

be robber was glad to escape without his prey. Songbirds that nest near the kingbird are similarly protected.

The kingbird is largely insectivorous. It is a true flycatcher and takes on the wing a large part of its food. It does not, however, confine itself to this method of hunting, but picks up some insects from trees and weeds, and even descends to the ground in search of myriapods or thousand-legs. The chief complaint against the species by both professional beekeepers and others has been that it preys largely upon honey bees. One bee raiser in Iowa, suspecting the kingbirds of feeding upon his bees, shot a number near his birds; but when the stomachs of the hives were examined by an expert entomologist, not a trace of honeybees could be found.

An examination of 665 stomachs collected in various parts of the country was made by the biological survey, but only 22 were found to contain remains of honeybees. In these 22 stomachs there were in all 61 honeybees, of which 51 were drones, 8 were certainly workers, and the remaining two were too badly broken to be further identified.

The insects that constitute the great bulk of the food are noxious species, largely beetles—May beetles, click beetles (the larvae of which are known as wireworms), weevils, which prey upon fruit and grain, and a host of others. Wasps, wild bees and ants are conspicuous elements of the food, far outnumbering the hive bees. During summer many grasshoppers and crickets, as well as leaf hoppers and other bugs, also are eaten. In the stomachs examined were a number of robber flies—insects which prey largely upon other insects, especially honeybees, and which are known to commit in this way extensive depredations. It is thus evident that the kingbird, by destroying these flies, actually does good work for the apiarist. The 26 robber flies found in the stomachs may be considered more than an equivalent for the eight worker honeybees.

FEED GRAIN TO THE CALVES

Suitable Mixture Can Be Made of Two Parts of Cracked Corn and One Part of Wheat Bran.

A little grain should be fed as soon as skim milk feeding begins, in order to replace the butterfat removed in the cream.

Two parts, by weight, of cracked corn and one of wheat bran make a good grain mixture, which every farmer can readily secure, and requires no special preparation.

The calf should be taught to eat this grain by sprinkling a little of it in the feed box right after feeding the milk.

No more grain should be fed than the calf will clean up readily.

Protect the Birds.

There are now over fifty bird reservations in various parts of the country. Every farmer should make his farm a bird reservation, allowing no one to slaughter, molest or make afraid his bird friends so far as his jurisdiction goes; that is, to the extent of land he occupies.

already mentioned. A few caterpillars are eaten, mostly belonging to the group commonly known as cutworms, all the species of which are harmful.

About 11 per cent of the food consists of small native fruits, comprising some thirty common species of the roadsides and thickets, as dogwood berries, elderberries and wild grapes. The kingbird is not reported as eating cultivated fruit to an injurious extent, and it is very doubtful if this is ever the case.

In the western states the Arkansas kingbird is not so domestic in its habits as its eastern relative, preferring to live among scattering oaks on lonely hillsides, rather than in orchards about buildings. The work it does, however, in the destruction of noxious insects fully equals that of any member of its family. Like other flycatchers, it subsists mostly upon insects taken in midair, though it eats a number of grasshoppers, probably taken from the ground. The bulk of its food consists of beetles, bugs, wasps and wild bees. Like its eastern representative, it has been accused of feeding to an injurious extent upon the honeybee. In an examination of 62 stomachs of this bird, great care was taken to identify every insect or fragment that had any resemblance to a honeybee; as a result, 30 honeybees were identified, of which 29 were males or drones, and one a worker. These were contained in four stomachs, and were the sole contents of three; in the fourth they constituted 99 per cent of the food. It is evident that the bee-eating habit is only occasional and accidental, rather than habitual; and it is also evident that if this ratio of drones to workers were maintained, the bird would be of more benefit than harm to the apiary.

The Cassin kingbird has a more southerly range than the Arkansas flycatcher. Examination of a number of stomachs shows that its food habits are similar to those of others of the group.

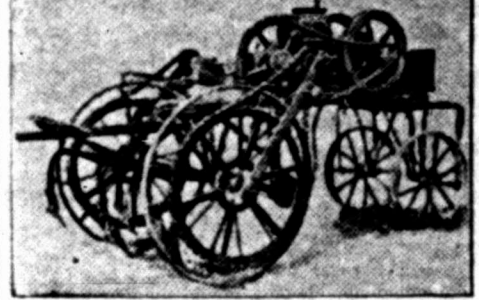
Three points seem to be clearly established in regard to the food of the kingbirds—(1) that about 90 per cent consists of insects, mostly injurious species; (2) that the alleged habit of preying upon honeybees is much less prevalent than has been supposed, and probably does not result in any great damage; and (3) that the vegetable food consists almost entirely of wild fruits which have no economic value.

All of the kingbirds are of the greatest importance to the farmer and fruit grower, as they destroy vast numbers of harmful insects, and do no appreciable damage to any product of cultivation.

CULTIVATOR OF NEW DESIGN

Device, Recently Perfected, Has Given Satisfactory Performance—Motor is Set High.

A new type of gasoline-driven cultivator, recently perfected, has given satisfactory performance under test.



A New Gasoline-Driven Cultivator.

The motor is set high above the front truck, and is connected to the rear wheels by chain drive, while the riding seat is suspended at the rear in much the same way as in an ordinary riding cultivator.

Poultry is Appealing.

The ease with which chicken raising can be combined with other lines of farming, the quick returns that come from poultry, makes it an industry that appeals to everyone.

Roughage is Valuable.

The thrifty farmer provides for possible seasons of scarcity during seasons of abundance. Good roughage stored in the silo instead of being burned will save the sacrifice of stock in years of drought. It will supplement the pastures during dry periods in summer and prevent an immense loss from shrinkage. It will insure succulent feed for the dairy herd throughout the year, and is cheaper than soiling crops.

Keep Pig Pens Tight.

The pigs from one sow may steal through the fence and steal the nourishment from another sow, robbing her brood of their sustenance. The point is to keep the pens pig-tight so no running from one to another pen will be allowed.

Qualities of Mule.

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MANY AMERICANS LOST

When Torpedo Struck She Listed Badly and Stayed Afloat Only Few Minutes, Although in Sight of Land. Notable Personages Lost.

The latest estimate of lives lost as a result of the torpedoing of the Cunard liner Lusitania by a German submarine off the Irish coast is close to 1,150.

Among the well known Americans who are known to have perished are Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt, Charles Klein, the playwright; Justin M. Forman and Elbert Hubbard and his wife.

The Daily Mail of London asserts that the body of Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt has been recovered on the Irish coast.

The body of Charles Frohman of New York, the theatrical producer, has already been recovered and brought ashore at Queenstown. The hospitals of Queenstown are filled with the injured among the survivors.

Judging from the recitals of survivors, there was comparatively little panic on board the Lusitania when she went down. Nor is there anything to show that the rule of the sea favoring women and children in the work of rescue was violated. Many of the liner's lifeboats were rendered useless by the fact that the ship listed so sharply that they could not be used.

Many of the passengers did not believe the Lusitania would sink as quickly as she did. Consequently they did not join in the rush for the lifeboats, but evidently preferred to trust in their belief that the watertight compartments of the vessel would keep her afloat until such time as help came out from the Irish shore, less than ten miles away. It is related that some of the passengers even disdained to put on lifebelts when these were handed to them.

It is estimated that there were about 190 Americans on board the Cunard liner.

So far as can be ascertained about 700 persons escaped when the Lusitania took her fatal plunge after being struck by German torpedoes, but of these forty-five since have died from exposure or from injuries. The death roll as estimated in London totals well up to 1,150.

The general unofficial opinion is that several German submarines were assigned to the task of attacking the Cunard liner and that they maneuvered her into a position where she could not escape.

Course Altered.

Passengers say that for some time before the first torpedo was fired the Lusitania had altered her course, and they ascribe this to the fact that one of the German submarines had shown herself, sending the big liner in the direction where other underwater craft were waiting to strike with their deadly torpedoes.

These submarines, naval experts believe, are of the latest type, of probably 1,400 tons, and much more powerful than any possessed by other navies.

Beyond anger at the Germans, the catastrophe has had no effect on the British people. Steamers are arriving and departing as usual.

The heavy loss of life on the Lusitania was due, in the belief of rescued passengers, to the fact that some officers, at least, reassured them after the first torpedo struck home that the Lusitania would remain afloat.

Work Is Hindered.

Preparations, it is true, were made to launch the boats, but before this could be done a second torpedo hit the steamer, and she listed so badly that the crew could work only the boats on one side of the ship.

Another factor was the extreme confidence of the passengers themselves in the infallibility of the watertight compartments. According to a steward, they would not believe, even after the second torpedo struck, that the ship would go down, and realized their terrible position too late. Then it was that many jumped into the sea—a few to be picked up, the great majority to perish.

Others, including many of the first class passengers, were in the cabin at the time, and went down with the ship.

The Lusitania was not in the British navy list for April among the merchant vessels commissioned as naval auxiliary craft, and the officials of the Cunard Company deny that she ever was used for that purpose.

An Attitude of Calmness.

Washington.—Every expression that comes from governmental sources touching the sinking of the Lusitania, in which a hundred or more of American citizens perished, counsels the

people to maintain an attitude of calmness, with tacit assurances being given that full reparation will be exacted. There is no apparent possibility of the incident swerving the government from its position, so consistently maintained throughout the war, and nowhere is the spirit of coolness more noticeable than in the circles of the administration.

White House Statement.

After a conference with the president at the White House, Secretary Tumulty said:

"Of course the president feels the distress and the gravity of the situation to the utmost and is considering very earnestly but very calmly the right course of action to pursue. He knows that the people of the country wish and expect him to act with deliberation as well as with firmness."

Germany's Lusitania Statement.

Berlin.—The following official communication was issued Sunday:

"The Cunard liner Lusitania was yesterday torpedoed by a German submarine and sank.

"The Lusitania was naturally armed with guns, as were recently most of the English mercantile steamers. Moreover, as is well known here, she had large quantities of war materials in her cargo.

"Her owners knew to what danger the passengers were exposed. They alone bear all the responsibility for what has happened.

"Germany, on her part, left nothing undone to repeatedly and strongly warn them. The imperial ambassador in Washington even went so far as to make public warnings so as to draw attention to this danger. The English press sneered then at the warning and relied on the protection of the British fleet to safeguard Atlantic traffic."

London.—The Cunard liner Lusitania, which sailed out of New York last Saturday with more than 2,000 souls aboard, lies at the bottom of the ocean off the Irish coast. She was sunk Friday by a German submarine which sent two torpedoes crashing into her side while the passengers, seemingly confident that the great swift vessel could elude the German underwater craft, were having luncheon.

The Lusitania was steaming along about ten miles off Old Head Kinsale on the last leg of her voyage to Liverpool, when about 2 o'clock in the afternoon a submarine appeared suddenly and, so far as all reports go, fired two torpedoes at the steamer. One struck her near the bows and the other in the engine room. The powerful agents of destruction tore through the vessel's side, causing terrific explosions.

Boats which were already swung out on the davits were dropped overboard and were speedily filled with passengers who had been appalled by the attack. A wireless call for help was sent out and immediately rescue boats of all kinds were sent out, both from the neighboring points along the coast and Queenstown.

But within fifteen minutes, as one survivor estimated, and certainly within half an hour, the Lusitania had disappeared.

Where Great Britain's fastest merchant vessel went down—Old Head Kinsale—is a landmark that has brought joy to many travelers, as it always stood as the sign from shore that the perils of the voyage across the Atlantic were at an end. The line, whose boast has been that it has never lost a passenger in the Atlantic service, has now lost the ship that dodged the enemy off Nantucket light the day after war was declared and later started the world by flying the stars and stripes.

The sinking of the liner revealed an interesting story of repeated warnings which have reached high officials at Washington for several days past of a German plan to sink the Lusitania for the psychological effect on Great Britain and the terror it might spread among ocean travelers generally.

Information gathered among officials of the government and independent quarters tended to confirm the belief that plans for the destruction of the Lusitania were made several weeks ago. Anonymous warnings were sent to individuals who proposed sailing on the Lusitania. Most significant of all were letters received from officials in Germany by private persons stating that the Lusitania surely would be destroyed.

The warnings did not result in the cancellation of a single passage.

Among the well known passengers on the Lusitania are Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Charles T. Bowring of New York, head of the firm of Bowring Brothers; Alex Campbell, general manager for John Dewar & Sons, London; Elbert Hubbard, publisher of Philistine; D. A. Thomas, the wealthy Welsh coal operator, and his daughter, Lady Mackworth, an English suffragist, and Rev. Basil W. Maturin, Oxford, England.

Mr. Vanderbilt was among those credited with receiving anonymous letters of warning. All deprecated the possibility of danger to the ship.

INSURANCE MEASURES BEFORE LEGISLATURE

GIBSON BILL ENGROSSED IN THE HOUSE BY THE SMALL MARGIN OF EIGHT VOTES.

NORMAL SCHOOL BILL PASSED

Other Measures That Have Been Before Both Branches of the Legislature and Have Met With Favorable Consideration, Etc.

Austin, Tex.—The Grindstaff-Nichols-McAskill bill, known as the Gibson bill, changing the insurance laws of Texas by abolishing the compulsory investment feature and substituting therefor a graduated tax based on the amount of reserves loaned on Texas securities, was engrossed in the house Thursday night by a vote of 64 to 56 after the amendment by Baker of Hood to strike out the enacting clause had been voted down by exactly the same figures.

Thursday's Legislative Proceedings. The bill to give Texas three additional normal schools was passed finally by the senate after unsuccessful attempts to kill the measure.

By a vote of 64 to 56 the house engrossed the Gibson insurance bill amid vociferous cheering after by the same vote a motion to strike out the enacting clause was defeated.

A message was received from the prison commission saying that a statement of the indebtedness of the penitentiary system had been mailed to the finance committee.

The senate committee appointed to investigate alleged diversion of the bubonic plague appropriation by the state health department made a report finding that the charges are not true.

A resolution calling the attention of Governor Ferguson to the deficit in the penitentiary system and claims now aggregating \$800,000 and assuring him of the support of the senate was adopted in the senate.

Wednesday's Legislative Proceedings

A large delegation of farmers visited Austin advocating the passage of the Gibson bill and asking for a fair trial of the permanent warehouse law.

Friends and opponents of the Gibson insurance bill presented their arguments in the house, the claim being made that the business men of Texas are demanding the passage of the measure and matters were brought to an issue by a motion to strike out the enacting clause.

Tuesday's Legislative Proceedings.

The house passed the \$1,000,000 rural school appropriation bill.

The senate finally passed the eleemosynary appropriation bill of \$3,757,740 for two fiscal years.

Commissioner of Agriculture Davis has entered a protest against curtailment of his force for farm work.

A resolution to invite Texas holders of life insurance policies to appear before the house insurance committee was introduced by Representative Roswell.

An endeavor was made to secure a statement concerning the payment of penitentiary claims held by persons in various parts of the state.

The finance committee is trying to solve the problem of paying claims in county witness fees which now are estimated to aggregate \$1,000,000.

The house adopted a resolution expressing confidence in President Wilson and, along with the senate, will stand by the chief executive in the Lusitania crisis.

The house passed to third reading the senate bill to appropriate \$10,000 for the Panama-Pacific exposition and an amendment increased the amount to \$12,500.

The proposal to abandon the state quarantine at Galveston does not meet with the approval of Governor Ferguson and probably no action will be taken on the matter.

An allowance of \$25,000 was made by the finance committee for purchase of new rolling stock for the state railroad and General Manager Hurdlestone promises to make a real railroad of the property.

Monday's Proceedings.

The senate committee voted 10 to 6 in favor of bills designed to change the Robertson insurance law.

Representative Tillotson has introduced a substitute insurance bill to take the place of the Gibson bill.

Governor Ferguson asserted there would be no call for an extra session to follow this one and no call at all in the near future unless some dire calamity should make such a step necessary.

The senate finance committee made the first notable inroads upon the appropriation bill when it cut \$11,500 each year for two years from the state insurance department allowance and also cut the salary allowances.

COULDN'T LET HIM GET AWAY

Suitor Was Not Only Acceptable, but Altogether Too Good for Her Daughter.

He was gotten up regardless, as he walked into the private office of the leading woman suffragist. Bowing and placing his hand on his heart, he said, earnestly:

"Madam, I have come to ask from you the hand of your fair daughter. She tells me that she has the right to accept me without your consent, but we both feel as a matter of courtesy to you your blessing should be obtained."

"Have you your eugenic certificate?"

"Right here, madam. Think you will find it correct in every particular."

"And your financial rating?"

"These papers give a list of my holdings, together with my references from leading bankers."

"Ah, yes. And your pedigree?"

"Is in this chart. That red spot in the center about half-way along, is where Adam fell."

"Seems correct. Will you walk back and forth, easily, naturally, for a few moments?"

"Certainly, madam."

"Ah! That will do. And now, young man, you wish to have my decision?"

"If you please."

"My daughter has made the mistake of her life. She can never marry you."

"But why, madam?"

"Well, if you must know, I've decided to take you myself."—Life.

Beating Him to It.

"Listen, old man. I've got a big check coming tomorrow, but just now I'm up against it. Could you—"

"Don't mention it, old chap. I'll come around tomorrow and borrow that ten I was just going to ask you for."

He Should Worry.

"Chubson tells me he is debt-ridden."

"Nonsense. Chubson has a fine motor car and rides quite comfortably on his credit."

The Swastika.

The original place and significance of the "Swastika" sign are alike unknown, various theories having been put forward in answer to both questions. It is certain, however, that the symbol has been known for centuries, and in prehistoric times, in various parts of the world, as an emblem of benediction or good luck. The word is from the Sanskrit and means "well-making." The four-branched monogrammatic sign has been found in Europe, Asia and America. It was known first in the bronze age, and it occurs in the Swiss lake dwellings. In the historic period it is found in Japan, Korea, China, Tibet, Armenia, Asia Minor, Greece, and its islands, especially Cyprus and Rhodes; Italy, France, Germany, Scandinavia, Great Britain—perhaps only under Scandinavian influence—Ohio, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alaska, Mexico and Brazil. It was not known in early India, and is not known to be native to Egypt, Babylonia, Assyria, Phoenicia, or, till a late date, Persia. It was particularly adopted by Buddhism, and its presence in Japan, China and Tibet is thus explained. Its origin as a symbol has been the object of endless speculation; some scholars say it is a solar symbol; others an earth symbol, wind symbol, etc.; others that it is merely decorative in its origin. The cross, the lotus petal, the circle, etc., have been suggested as derivations for its form. It is probably chiefly talismanic.

Not Desirable.

John was grieving because he had no gift for his mother's birthday.

"Do not quarrel with little sister all day," suggested grandmother.

"That would be the best gift she could have," John agreed.

"Can't you see how much mother enjoyed your gift, John?" asked grandmother at night. "Why don't you do this every day?"

John drew a breath that came from his very boots. "I'd rather die, gram, than live like this every day," he said fervently.

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COUNTRY AND CITY.

The Editor and Publisher (New York) credits the following extract to Josiah Carter, editor of the Marietta (Ga.) Journal. It is from an address delivered by Mr. Carter before the Weekly Press Association of Georgia:

Mr. Seeley, who founded the Atlanta Georgian, told me that he knew a man on the New York World whose salary was \$20,000, and the ambition of his life is to save up \$600 and go back to the New England town where he was once a boy and buy the little country paper and run it. Now, while the great editor in New York is dreaming of the little paper back home, there may be one of you who is dreaming of the day when he will be in charge of a great metropolitan journal. But I want to tell you that the star men of New York are not native New Yorkers, and if there is one thing in this world that is not overcrowded toward the top, it is the ladder of journalism, and no man need hold back because he is editing a country paper or working on one. They tell me I have cut some notches on that ladder, but that don't wipe out the fact that I started the DeKalb County News on \$2.50, and I got three years' training there that has been of more or less service to me ever since. Don't you young country editors think you can't get there if you have the ability. Where did Frank Stanton come from? Smithville News. And there is no name in the literature of this generation that will endure like that of Uncle Remus, who was raised in a country newspaper office. My friends, the country feeds the cities, not only with the products of its fields, but with its energy, its character, its strength, its morality, its brain.

Experience teaches in newspaper work as in everything else. The country editor obtains an "all-round" familiarity with editing and publishing which is denied to the metropolitan journalist whose labors are devoted to departmental work in a highly organized establishment. But it must be remembered that when a business has been departmented the head of it looks for department specialists rather than for all-round helpers. Therefore an expert in a single department may be paid a much higher salary than his next-door neighbor who is not quite so efficient in one single line, but more efficient in several other lines. It pays to be able to do at least one thing better than anybody else in the house. If, in addition to superiority in one department, the workman is a dependable substitute in contiguous departments, he is just that much more strongly fortified against adversity. It should be taken into consideration that the specialist, although he may be dazzlingly brilliant, is seldom enduring, whereas the general efficient is a stayer if he wants to be. The men in journalism who draw the fascinating salaries we read about do not, generally speaking, draw them very long. No man can stay keyed to concert pitch through many years, or even many months; and a concert-pitch performance must precede a concert-pitch salary. The New York World man who was pulling down \$20,000 a year and, ostensibly, aspiring to become editor and proprietor of a village weekly, very likely today is neither drawing as much pay as he used to nor yet running the village weekly he had in view. The chances are that he knew all along that he couldn't go

back to the home town after his experience in New York—and that he was not fool enough, as some are, to sneer at his native habitat, but that, after a few years in the great city, his life in a quiet and homely "burg" would seem to him but another name for suffocation. Therefore it is often a lamentable mistake for a successful country newspaper man to change to metropolitan work. In the small town, if he is adapted to his profession, he can acquire not only the respect of his fellow-citizens and an influence for good in the community, but a competency for his old age. In the city even the highly paid men, if they have no additional income, seldom secure to themselves and their families the economic independence which easily is within the reach of the country publisher. This is true also of men in lines of endeavor other than journalism. The best city merchant usually is one who got his training in a country store. Nearly all the great preachers of the great cities got their start in the "sticks," and a census of the eminent lawyers and bankers of the nation would discover that a great majority were born far from metropolitan environments. As the Georgia editor affirms, "the country feeds the cities"—and the food in most cases gets pretty well chewed up. Where there is a single big winner there are a score of little losers. It is true.—Galveston News.

State Meet in Austin.

The fifth annual state meet of the University Interscholastic League was held at the State University May 7 and 8. Crockett High School was represented by a track team composed of C. Cannon, R. Baker, J. Wootters, M. Hale, J. B. Woolbridge and W. Beasley, and by our district winner in junior declamation, Cecil Houghton. They were accompanied by Paul Stokes and Principal B. F. Thomas.

When it is remembered that there were contestants from the best high schools of all of Texas, perhaps half of whom had attended the meet before and had been in almost constant training, it is a pleasure to report that our boys did not take a back seat, but compared favorably with any there. Our junior declaimer was given third place among sixteen and he is now determined to beat that record next year in the senior declamation contest. That is the kind of spirit we like to see developed in a boy and the kind of spirit that will help to build up the Crockett school.

There are many good things to be said for the work which the Interscholastic League is doing for the schools of Texas, which we have not space here to enumerate. But a few words will suffice. In many a boy it instills a desire for higher education; it brings him into contact with new people and new ideas of school life; and, finally, by a slow growing but sure process it is spreading and transplanting, as it were, these broadening and educative influences in all the schools and communities of the state.

Fat Cattle Shipped.

H. J. Arledge shipped to the Fort Worth cattle market Tuesday five cars of big, fat steers, fattened from the silos and the native grass on his Trinity river farm and ranch. These cattle are finished, ready for the butcher or packer and will bring the top price. Eastham Bros. recently shipped from Weldon three cars of like steers, nearly all of them red.

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Pickwick Hotel Fire.

Fire Thursday night destroyed both the kitchen and the sample room at the rear of the Pickwick Hotel. The main building of the hotel is of brick construction and three stories high, but the buildings destroyed were wooden and only one story in height. The fire started in the kitchen at about 9 o'clock, after the cooks and other help had gone, and, consuming the kitchen, spread to the sample room, which was partially consumed. Three streams of water, played on the back of the hotel and the sample room, prevented further spread of the flames. The water pressure was ample and the work of the fire company effective. The loss to W. V. Berry, owner of the hotel property, was considerable and only partially covered with insurance. Mr. Berry will rebuild at once. He will erect a brick annex that will be as near fire proof as possible.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Houston, Texas, to be held at Crockett, Texas, on June 12, 1915, to fill the position of rural carrier at Lovelady, Texas, and vacancies that may occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the commission at Washington at the earliest practical date. Civil Service Commission.

Democratic Executive Committee.

The democratic executive committee of Houston county, as previously announced, met in called session at Crockett Saturday. The purpose of the meeting was to receive the resignation of the county chairman, Dr. W. B. Collins, who, since his election to that office, has been appointed state health officer by Governor Ferguson, and to elect a successor. Dr. Collins was present from Austin to present in person his resignation. Cecil Allen of Lovelady, secretary for the executive committee, was unanimously elected chairman. To fill the vacancies thus created, E. C. Thompson of Weldon was elected secretary and John Driskell of Lovelady a member of the executive committee.

Mary Allen Seminary.

The closing program of Mary Allen Seminary for the session is being observed this week. Saturday afternoon was field day and Saturday evening the president's reception was held. On Sunday morning the sermon before the graduating class was delivered by the president, Rev. H. P. V. Bogue, and Sunday evening was devoted to missionary exercises. The alumnae meeting was held in the chapel Monday afternoon, the literary program Monday evening and the musicale Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning the commencement address was made by Rev. Charles H. Crawford of Houston and the diplomas presented by the president.

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City Ordinance.

Be it ordained by the city council of the city of Crockett:

Section 1. That the owner or keeper of any dog running at large, or frequenting any street, alley, sidewalk or other public highway, shall keep said dog securely muzzled with a wire muzzle, and shall pay to the city an annual license tax of one (\$1.00) dollar on said dog on or before June 1st, 1915, and on June 1st each year thereafter, and said dog shall wear a tag, to be provided by the city upon the payment of said license tax, attached to the muzzle or to a collar.

Section 2. That the city marshal or city policeman shall impound any dog running at large, or frequenting any street, alley, sidewalk or other public highway, unless said dog is securely muzzled and tagged as aforesaid, and the license tax has been paid as provided in section 1 of this ordinance, and the city marshal shall then immediately give actual notice of the impound to the owner or keeper of said dog if the owner or keeper is known to him, or shall immediately post such notice, at the court house door in the city of Crockett, describing said dog, and signifying when the said dog will be killed as hereinafter provided; and when three days have elapsed, exclusive of the day of giving notice, the city marshal shall kill such impounded dog, provided, however, that the owner or keeper of any such dog may obtain him at any time before the three days have elapsed by paying the one (\$1.00) dollar license tax, and one (\$1.00) dollar additional impound fee, and if the said dog has not been redeemed as provided herein by his owner or keeper, any person may obtain the dog by paying the said two (\$2.00) dollars after the three days have elapsed.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the owner or keeper of any mad dog or dog that has been bitten by a mad dog to kill said dog immediately after discovering that said dog is mad or has been bitten by a mad dog, and any such dog shall be summarily and immediately destroyed by the city marshal or city policeman, and private premises may be entered at any time by the city marshal or city policeman for the purpose of destroying any such dog.

Section 4. That any owner or keeper of a dog, and who violates any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be

fined not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$50.00.

By order of the City Council.

J. W. Young, Mayor.

Attest: J. Valentine,

Adv. 1t. City Secretary.

Infection in the Air.

Medical authorities agree that colds are infectious. In some cities children with colds are barred from schools. Spring's changing weather brings many colds. The quickest and safe way to stop colds, coughs and croup is to give Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. Sold everywhere. Adv.

On October 8, 1914, The Cranford Drug Company, of Alba, Texas, phoned to The Eucaline Medicine Company at Dallas, the following:

"Express us One Dozen Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla, and ship us by freight Five Dozen more." Alba people have been using Admirine Tonic Sarsaparilla for ten years. They know that it stops Chills and Fever promptly, relieves the system of Malaria and prifies the blood when it is disordered from Malaria Poison. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Ask for it.

For sale by Crockett Drug Co.

Free!

Six Safety Razor Blades Sharpened FREE

If you will cut out this advertisement and bring it to our store on or before

Saturday, May 29

We are local agents for "Burrnett," the marvelous Safety Razor Sharpening Expert of Omaha, and to further popularize his work we are going to have six of your safety razor blades sharpened for you FREE OF CHARGE.

Bring as many blades as you wish and we will have "BURNETT" HONE and STROP them—and remember 6 blades will be sharpened FREE and the regular prices charged for the balance of them.

Single Edge Blades per dozen 25c
Double Edge Blades per dozen 35c

CHAMBERLAIN & WOODALL
The Valdona Store

"Square Dealing"

Is the Basis of Every Successful Drug Business

Drug stores have character just as people have. The public in certain cases learns to rely upon a store, because of its fair and open way of doing business.

We have a constantly growing business and believe that it is largely due to our methods of "SQUARE DEALING."

We pride ourselves on three things—promptness, purity of goods, and accuracy. We endeavor to give superior service in every way. Our prices are always fair.

If you are not a regular customer, a visit to our store will convince you as to how well we are living up to the principles outlined above.

Let Us Be Your Regular Druggist

Bishop Drug Company

Phone 47 or 140—Prompt Service Store

Local News.

Drugs and jewelry at the Rexall Store.

16 lbs. pink beans, \$1.00 at Patton's. 1t.

Graduation presents at the Rexall Store. tf.

Dry salt bacon 10½c per pound at Patton's. 1t.

C. P. O'Bannon was at Galveston Tuesday.

Miss Grace Denny has returned from Madisonville.

60-lb. tubs best Compound lard, \$5.00 at Patton's. 1t.

L. D. Rogers of Patterson Lake was here Saturday.

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

Mrs. Clyde Satterwhite and little daughter are visiting in Houston.

Best grade Compound lard in bulk 9c per pound at Patton's. 1t.

Editor Frank Weimer of the Ratcliff Herald was here Saturday.

Miss Hortense McCullar of Lovelady visited friends here this week.

Plenty of fruit jars, all sizes, also rubbers and caps, at Wm. M. Patton's. 1t.

Mrs. W. A. Norris returned Wednesday from visiting at Lovelady.

Jack Smith was here Sunday and Monday from Longview in his automobile.

L. E. Newton of Weldon is spending the week with his mother, Mrs. Kate, Newton.

Oliver Aldrich left Wednesday at noon for a business trip to Tyler and Longview.

Mrs. J. C. Millar and Mrs. Virginia Collins were visitors to Houston this week.

Miss Dollie Moore of Augusta visited her brother, Albert S. Moore, here this week.

John B. Satterwhite attended the Southern convention of Baptists at Houston last week.

T. B. Satterwhite attended the Knights of Pythias grand lodge at Fort Worth last week.

A guaranteed state souvenir spoon with every dollar purchase at Chamberlain & Woodall's. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenwell of San Antonio are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Warfield.

N. L. Asher has joined the ranks of Courier subscribers and will be a regular reader from now on.

The very best grade of white cooking oil at 65c per gallon. 1t. Wm. M. Patton.

Largest assortment of Panama hats ever shown in Crockett. See our show window. John Millar.

Rev. M. L. Sheppard returned Saturday night from the Southern Baptist convention at Houston.

A \$10 Colonial China dinner set, 42 pieces, for \$2.98. Ask us about it. tf. Chamberlain & Woodall.

F. G. Edmiston's new home is nearing completion and will class favorably with the best in the city.

We use only the best and purest in our prescriptions. tf. McLean Drug Company.

Attorney John I. Moore has gone to Corpus Christi and other points in south Texas in the interest of his health.

A car of wire just received at the Big Store. We are now able to supply your wants. 2t. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

J. A. Harrelson of Lovelady, one of the county commissioners, is among Courier subscription renewals since last issue.

Our summer opening of silverware, cut glass and hand painted china on June 3. tf. McLean Drug Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Hyman Harrison and daughter, Fay, were here in their automobile from Palestine Sunday and Monday.

That Keep-Kool line of Palm Beach suits now on hand. Remember they are the genuine. 2t. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Mrs. E. Winfree has returned from the sanitarium at Houston, where she underwent a successful appendicitis operation.

We offer any piece of cut glass at a very attractive price. This is your chance to buy your wedding gift. tf. Crockett Drug Co.

Don't get hot and fretted—wear a Palm Beach Keep-Kool suit and you will wear a smile with it. 2t. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

The old Rumley tractor, used around Crockett during road-building days, was loaded on a flat car Tuesday and shipped to Marshall.

Bath tubs, lavatories, kitchen sinks and all plumbing supplies in stock. tf. Smith-Murchison Hdw. Co.

We would like to furnish you an estimate on your plumbing wants, as we carry same in stock. tf. Smith-Murchison Hdw. Co.

George H. Duren of Route 6 is among the number remembering the Courier since last issue. He reports the crop outlook improving.

Wire—we have it. Barbed wire, hog wire, poultry wire, wire fencing. We have it and our prices are right. 2t. Jas. S. Shivers & Co.

Lewis Meriwether has returned from Galveston and resumed his old position with the Courier. He likes Galveston, but likes Crockett better.

We have a large stock of barbed and hog wire, also screen wire, both in black and galvanized. tf. Smith-Murchison Hdw. Co.

John C. Millar will begin soon the erection of a new home on Louisiana street, south Crockett. The new house will occupy the site of the old one.

Attention, Eastern Stars.

Please be present Friday afternoon, May 28, for annual election of officers and payment of dues. 2t.* Mary Hill.

Fruit Jars.

Just received a shipment of pints, quarts and half-gallon fruit jars, jar tops and rubbers. J. D. Sims, 1t. Telephone 19.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Edmiston, Mrs. C. L. Edmiston and Mrs. J. S. Wootters returned Saturday night from the Southern Baptist convention at Houston.

Cleanliness predominates at our soda fountain and the drinks we serve are as good as the best and better than the rest. tf. Chamberlain & Woodall.

We are making Palm Beach suits to your measure at hand-me-down prices. See our samples and get our prices before buying. tf. John Millar.

During the recent traffic interruption, Crockett was without a through train for sixteen days and Ratcliff and Kennard were without any train at all for eleven days.

Fancy Cakes.

We keep the best line of bulk and package cakes in town. Just what you want when you want it. 1t. J. D. Sims, Phone 19.

Friend's barber shop for clean barber work. Cleaning and pressing in connection. Also agent for hat cleaning concern of Houston. Bring us your Panama hats. Satisfaction guaranteed. 2t.

Special for Saturday, May 22nd, only—4 plugs Brown Mule chewing tobacco, 30c. 4 cans Clipper Brand tomatoes, 25 cents. 4 cans heavy weight oysters, 25c. At Wm. M. Patton's. 1t.

Attention, Chapter.

The D. A. Nunn Chapter will meet with Mrs. W. A. Norris Saturday, May 22, 3:30 p. m. All members of the chapter are earnestly requested to attend as important business will be transacted. Very respectfully, Mrs. D. A. Nunn.

First of the Season.

Popular excursion to Galveston via I. & G. N., Saturday, May 22. Very low rates on Saturday, May 22, and for trains arriving Galveston Sunday morning; returning, leave Galveston Monday, May 24. For full particulars, see ticket agent, I. & G. N. Railway. 1t.

Sick Headache.

Mrs. A. L. Luckie, East Rochester, N. Y., was a victim of sick headache and despondency, caused by a badly weakened and debilitated condition of her stomach, when she began taking Chamberlain's Tablets. She says, "I found them pleasant to take, also mild and effective. In a few week's time I was restored to my former good health." For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Real Estate and Loans.

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

CALL ON US AT OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS.

Warfield Bros.

Office North Side Public Square.

CROCKETT, TEXAS

Feed Stuffs Our Specialty.

Our prices are always the lowest on chops, bran, hay, maize, bacon, lard, sugar, coffee and everything else in the grocery line. 1t. J. D. Sims, Phone 19.

J. C. Meriwether of Kennard, a member of the county democratic executive committee, was not un-mindful of the Courier while here. He attended the committee meeting Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Moore of Chillicothe, Ohio, are visiting the family of their brother, H. F. Moore. They are on their way to the California expositions and will visit Galveston while in Texas.

Mexene Chili Powder—the ready mixed chili powder—contains garlic, Camaj, seed and chili powder—stronger, cheaper and better, in 10c and 25c cans. J. D. Sims, 1t. Telephone 19.

Miss Ruth Warfield is expected home soon from Dallas, where she is attending school, and at the same time her sister, Mrs. J. F. Downes of Dallas, will make their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Warfield, a visit.

S. H. Montgomery of Moline, Ill., who has recently bought land in Houston county, will have the Courier to visit him weekly during the coming year. Moline is where they make plows and other things we use.

Mrs. B. B. Warfield has returned in restored health from Saranac Lake, N. Y. Mr. Warfield went to Saranac last week to return with his wife, who had been away since last summer. Both report enjoyable trips.

The Crockett Dry Goods Company, under the management of W. G. Cartwright, is having an addition made to the rear of its building—the brick building is being extended to the north. The addition will be used as a ladies' ready-to-wear department.

I have on hand about half car of ear corn and have reduced the price to ninety-five cents per bushel. Those in need of a few bushels will do well to call at once and get what you want, as I don't think you will have a chance to buy at this price again soon. 1t. S. T. Allee.

Our "Jitney" Offer—This and 5c. Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose with five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup, Foley Kidney Pills, and Foley Cathartic Tablets. Sold everywhere. Adv.

Whooping Cough. "About a year ago my three boys had whooping cough and I found Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the only one that would relieve their coughing and whooping spells. I continued this treatment and was surprised to find that it cured the disease in a very short time," writes Mrs. Archie Dalrymple, Crooksville, Ohio. For sale by all dealers. Adv.

Just Received

A fresh shipment of Norris' candies, made in Atlanta, acknowledged as one of the best.

Suppose you try a box when calling on your lady friend.

Phone 91 for delivery to any part of city.

CROCKETT DRUG COMPANY

A. M. DECUER

LIPSCOMB SHERMAN

ROOSEVELT DEFEATS BARNES' LIBEL SUIT.

Jury Returns Verdict in Favor of Former President—Appeal Will Be Made.

Syracuse, N. Y., May 22.—Twelve men chosen as a jury to determine whether Theodore Roosevelt libeled William Barnes when he charged that he worked through a "corrupt alliance between crooked business and crooked politics" and that he was "corruptly allied with Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall," today returned a verdict in favor of the former president.

In the belief of the jury everything Colonel Roosevelt said about the former chairman of the republican state committee was true and therefore Mr. Barnes was not libeled.

The verdict was returned after forty ballots had been taken and the jury had considered for forty-two hours the evidence which was presented during the five weeks of the trial. Nineteen hours were consumed before eleven of the jurymen, who since the second ballot had stood together, persuaded juror No. 11, Edward Burnes, a Syracuse motorman and a republican, to join with them in returning a verdict which Colonel Roosevelt later declared to be "typically American."

Mr. Barnes was not in court, neither was his chief counsel, William M. Ivins, when the verdict was returned. The colonel was there, however, with his staff of counsel, some time before Justice Andrews ascended the bench and opened court.

Immediately thereafter, Henry Wolff, one of Mr. Barnes' attorneys, entered an objection to the verdict being received, as the jury had only been polled in open court. That objection was overruled. Mr. Barnes' counsel said the case would be appealed.

After the announcement of the verdict the jury was thanked by Justice Andrews for its services and it then filed out into the jury room. Colonel Roosevelt hurried to the jury room, thanked the jury, shook hands with each member, and said:

"In my whole life I shall work in the interest of the public, and none of you gentlemen shall ever have the chance to say that I have done otherwise."

The colonel was then photographed with the jury.

After the picture had been taken the colonel turned to the jury and continued:

"I am more moved by this verdict than it is possible for me to express. None of you, I assure you, ever will have cause to regret your action. I am especially gratified that such a verdict came from a jury composed of men of every political faith."

THE SENATE AND THE GIBSON BILL.

McCullum Dramatically Told of Opposition Brought to Bear on Measure.

Austin, Texas, May 24.—Senator McCullum of Waco was the central figure in one of the most dramatic scenes ever enacted in a Texas legislative body this afternoon when he had read, after making a preliminary personal explanation, a letter from his personal representative in the management of the Waco Tribune, of which he is the head, quoting the head of one of the great life insurance companies of the state as threatening to withdraw advertising patronage and influence others to do so and to withdraw business from banks not in opposition to the Gibson bill, this recalling that Senator McCullum is a banker as well as an editor.

The McCullum incident was one of several of a session filled with tense periods and vigorous poten-

tialities. Governor Ferguson, on resolution by Bailey of De Witt, was invited to address the senate immediately after the noon recess and he spoke briefly but with emphasis, reiterating his position on the Gibson bill and placing squarely upon the senate the responsibility of perpetuating in Texas what he designated as a money trust, by defeating the Gibson bill.

Gibson Bill Is Killed.

Austin, Tex., May 25.—After a legislative career of notable turbulence and discord and with feelings so aroused at times that one senator sought this morning to hurl an inkstand at one of his colleagues on the floor, the Gibson bill was killed late today by a vote of 12 for and 15 against, with two pairs.

Sheriff's Sale.

The State of Texas, County of Houston. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Houston County, on the 17th day of April, 1915, by John D. Morgan, Clerk of said District Court, for the sum of Three Hundred Eighty and 34-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Center Loan Company in a certain cause in said court, No. 5562 and styled Center Loan Company vs. W. H. Spinks, et al., placed in my hands for service, I, R. J. Spence, as Sheriff of Houston County, Texas, did, on the 1st day of May, 1915, levy on certain real estate, situated in Houston County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: In Houston County, Texas, about 17 miles N 82 E from the City of Crockett, a part of the Geo. W. Turner 320 acres survey and bounded as follows: Beginning at the N E corner of said Geo. W. Turner survey, Thence S 85 W with Jas David's S B line 368 63-100 varas corner, two pines mkd X. Thence S 5 E 613 63-100 varas corner two small pines mkd X. Thence N 85 E 368 varas, corner on E. Smith W B line Pine and Sweet Gum mkd X. Thence N 5 W 613 63-100 varas to place of beginning, containing 40 acres of land and being the same land conveyed by Millage Kennedy to Geo. W. Hughes and by said Geo. W. Hughes to A. MacTavish, and levied upon as the property of W. H. Spinks and A. MacTavish, and that on the first Tuesday in June, 1915, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door of Houston County, in the City of Crockett, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above-described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. H. Spinks and A. MacTavish.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Crockett Courier, a newspaper published in Houston County. Witness my hand, this 1st day of May, 1915.

R. J. Spence,
Sh. Sheriff, Houston County, Texas.

A Seventy-Year-Old Couple.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Carpenter, Harrisburg, Pa., suffered from kidney trouble for many years, but have been entirely cured by Foley Kidney Pills. He says: "Although we are both in the seventies we are as vigorous as we were thirty years ago." Foley Kidney Pills stop sleep disturbing bladder weakness, backache, rheumatism and aching joints. Sold everywhere. Adv.

CROCKETT TRAIN SCHEDULE.

HOUSTON TRAIN.	
Arrives from Houston	11:35 AM
Leaves for Houston	9:55 AM
GALVESTON TRAIN.	
Arrives from Galveston	8:36 PM
Leaves for Galveston	11:05 PM
LONGVIEW TRAIN.	
Leaves for Longview	11:35 AM
Arrives from Longview	9:55 AM
ST. LOUIS TRAIN.	
Leaves for St. Louis	8:36 PM
Arrives from St. Louis	11:05 PM

"Slowed Up" at Middle Age.

The hard working kidneys seem to require aid sooner than other internal organs. At middle age many men and women feel twinges of rheumatism, have swollen or aching joints and are distressed with sleep disturbing bladder ailments. Foley Kidney Pills are safe, prompt and can be depended on to give relief. Sold everywhere. Adv.

Highest aim is quality. It Relieves, Purifies and Strengthens. Take Admire Tonic Sarsaparilla when your blood is out of order and your system needs strengthening. Take Admire Tonic Sarsaparilla when you are troubled with Malaria and are having Chills and Fever; Admire Tonic Sarsaparilla stops Chills and Fever promptly, relieves the system of Malaria, Purifies the Blood and restores Vitality to the weakened body. Price \$1.00 per bottle. Ask for it. For sale by Crockett Drug Co.

Confessions of a Mail Order Man

By Mr. M. O. Z.

Revelations by One Whose Experience in the Business Covers a Range From Office Boy to General Manager

HOW WE DIVIDED THE MONEY.

The furniture department in our catalogue was a great and immediate success. The "fake" illustrations caught the eye of the people and the orders poured in with every mail. We found out that whenever a customer ordered one article there were always a number of others included with the first. And the orders were all cash, of course. I don't remember in those days that we ever had an inquiry for credit. They seemed glad to get the goods by paying the cash and they seemed to get the money together in some manner.

We were busy. We moved away from the city where the business was started and now had a big establishment in one of the biggest of the eastern cities. Our tiny leaflet of a catalogue had increased to over fifty pages and there seemed to be no limit to our prosperity.

My work was now almost entirely connected with the catalogue. I wrote the descriptions, ordered the illustrations made by the wood engravers, superintended the printing and mailing departments and was up to my collar in work all of the time. Whenever anything of importance arose in connection with the business I was always called into a conference with Y and Z and we settled any question that arose.

One day I was called in and the doors were shut and locked. There was something of importance to be discussed.

"Look here, X, we are going to incorporate this business," said Y with a peculiar expression in his eyes. I had seen this expression before and I held myself on guard, in readiness to be very careful of my speech and action as I knew I had need of caution. It was like the "hands up" of a highwayman, that look was.

"Yes, we are going to incorporate and we are going to take you in as one of the incorporators," supplemented Z.

I held my peace. Here was something worth listening to.

Seeing that I asked no questions and was waiting for them to go ahead they looked at each other until finally Y said: "We are going to incorporate for one hundred thousand dollars." He continued to explain, with interpellations by Z and an occasional question by myself until it came about that they had decided to make me a present of one thousand dollars of the capital stock.

Sounds generous, don't it? Well, it didn't to me. We had always discussed the possibility some day of incorporation and it had always been held out to me that I was to have a good slice of the capital stock. So I took up the burden of the argument. I explained my viewpoint, recited the various services I had rendered, the departments I had introduced, the improvement in the business, etc., for all of which I claimed a good part of the credit. It was due me, too, because I had developed into the handy man about the shop for doing all of the hard work.

We nearly had a row over it. I was determined that if they did not treat me with fairness, that I would withdraw and I knew where I could interest capital if necessary to start another mail order business. In fact, I had the capital myself, for by this time I was drawing a salary of three thousand a year, about \$60 per week, and I had saved a good share of my salary. I told them so with all frankness.

It resulted in their giving me \$15,000 of the capital stock and an increase in salary to \$5,000 a year. Y and Z took each \$25,000, which took out \$66,000 of the stock. It was decided to sell out the other \$34,000 of stock at par if they had a buyer for cash and of this sum I was to have 15 per cent.

The deal was put through and I found myself a comparatively rich man. Later, when the capitalization was increased to millions, I got my share of the increased valuation so that I have made pretty well out of it. Of course in this matter I am giving fictitious figures. I will not give any more details now because it would be too easy for you to guess more, for it is no part of my plan to tell you too much about the interior workings of our organization.

We have figured it all out many times just what becomes of your dollar that you send in to us with an order.

About one-half of it goes for payment for the goods ordered. The rest is divided into dimes and cents for the payment of postage, printing, maintenance of plant, insurance, office help, etc., and last and best of all into dividends for the stockholders.

The families of Y and Z are now looked upon as merchant princes. They have their yachts, their automobiles, their racing stables, their various establishments. They take their annual tours in various parts of the world and they live off the best the world can supply. And why?

Because you have sent your dollars to the mail order house, established by their fathers many years ago. Each year you send more dollars and the wealth piles up in the banks.

All because of the clever wording of our catalogue descriptions. All be-

cause you will have the unreal instead of the genuine, because you will insist on dealing with the unknown instead of trading with your own home merchants. It is human nature for you to do this because the rule of life is to follow the will-o'-the-wisp blindly. Everybody does this, everybody tries to grasp the indefinite instead of grabbing the things at our very home door.

Really it is laughable when you come to think of it. You sent your dollars to us because you fancied and hoped that the distance, which gives enchantment to the view, would send you something in the way of a great prize. Of course we did not.

We spend our dollars like water in foreign lands while at home we do not find so much to interest us—rather we think that we do not. Year after year I have made the pilgrimage into practically all of the foreign lands. It has cost me, I do not care to say how many, thousands of dollars.

Yet all this time I know and realize that we have better things to see, better things to ride in, better things to eat, than any other land. To the crooked and thieving guides in Paris and London and Berlin we are the "easy marks." We are the simple-minded. We are the deluded, the easily deceived. The gilded palaces of revelry in Paris and Vienna, the unwholesome cabaret of St. Petersburg and Brussels, the gambling hell of Monaco, the glittering vice halls of Cairo—are all maintained by American dollars. We support them. We make them rich. We have made champagne a necessity, we have made truffles and mushrooms both expensive and desirable.

It's the history of life. Every creature shall prey upon the weaker. And we are the weaker who lavish our money on this sort of foolishness. It is really true that it is you, the people of the soil, the dwellers in the country, who are the wiser, after all. We seek dissipation and spend our energy and health as well as our dollars in looking for excitement.

It is to you, in the country, that the nation looks in time of war. Why not in peace also? The strength lies with you. The power is within your grasp. All you must do is to exercise your rights of franchise and your good sense and judgment.

Try it. Get together among yourselves in your scattered communities. Hold meetings. Discuss among yourselves what you ought to do to improve conditions. Talk it over—how to keep the money at home. Simply feather your own nests, that's all. Make your efforts count to your own advantage.

Is it possible that the dissensions and petty jealousies that are popularly supposed to exist in all small communities cannot be done away with so that you can all combine for the good of the whole? What if an armed power were on the way down the county road to burn and sack your town and cut the throats of your women and children? What would you do? Would you sidestep a mass meeting, called to create a defense because Bill Jones or Hank Buncomb was going to be there? Would you sulk and refuse to have a thing to do with the defense plan just because you had some grievance, real or otherwise, against somebody who would be there?

Not on your life. It would be a grand rally. It would be "Hello Bill" and "Hello Hank." "Gimme a lift with this pesky cannon." "Cut a buckle hole in this strap for a belt to hold up my sword." "Hand over the powder there, I want to fire a few bullets at the enemy."

That's the spirit. Unite for the common interest with "trade at home" as your slogan.

Messages on Cannon Balls.

The habit of sending messages on shells and cannon balls is a very ancient one. In a museum at Calcutta you may see a silver cannon ball—a real ball, not a modern projectile—and on it are still visible certain engraved characters.

This was picked up in the jungle near the ruins of the old city of Anadnagar, and its history is a strange one.

Many years ago Anadnagar was ruled by Princess Cande. The Moguls invaded India, and conquering one state after another, attacked Anadnagar. The plucky princess fought to the last, and when all the other metal in the town had been used up, took the gold and silver from her treasury and had it molded into bul-

lets, on which were engraved maledictions against the oppressor.

These were fired at the enemy, and when at last they were used up, and the town forced to capitulate, the victors found precious little in the way of spoil.

Sails and Rudder.

The sails of boats are our emotions, the rudders are our characters. Our sails are breathed upon by gentle zephyrs of affection, and inclination, of hope, and love, and of hate. They are torn by sudden gusts of passion. We are blown hither and yon by conflict of quarreling winds, driven from our course by angry squalls. The only force by means of which we can counteract the effect of the winds and hold our course is the rudder of character.

We know that we shall be blown upon all our lives by various influences, good and bad; that our emotions—those white sails that respond to every breeze—will be played upon by every human appeal and desire. What will become of the craft that has not a firm hand on the tiller?—Youth's Companion.

The Obliging Office Boy.

A dapper young fellow met with rather a humiliating experience the other day. The dapper young fellow has a "best girl." And "she" happened one day recently to call him up at the place of business where he poses as a "clerk." The office boy answered the phone.

"Is Mr. L. there?" chirped a delightfully feminine throat, and the office boy recognized the voice as one which called rather frequently.

Quicker than a flash the office boy came back at her in a very polite tone of voice:

"Yes; he's out sweeping the sidewalk, but if you'll hold the line a minute I will call him."

"She" banged down the receiver.

"Painting the Town Red."

"That expression, 'Painting the town red,' is not," writes a correspondent, "the creation of some unknown cockney genius, as some would seem to infer. Its birth has been traced to 'The Divine Comedy.' Dante, led by Virgil, comes to the cavernous depths of the place swept by a mighty wind, where those are confined who have been the prey of their passions. Two faces arise from the mist—the faces of Francesca and Paolo. 'Who are ye?' cries Dante in alarm, and Francesca replies sadly, 'We are those who have painted the world red with our sins.'—London News.

Truth Not Partisan.

A fallacious doctrine, whether founded on a false opinion or sprung from a bad intention, is only designed for special circumstances and consequently for a certain time, but the truth is for all time, even though it may be misunderstood or smothered for awhile. Since it has not originated in the interests of any party every superior mind will be its champion at any time.—Schopenhauer.

"Selling" a Diamond Mine.

A man in South Africa while walking one day over his property with a party of prospectors suggested that they assay some of the soil. In the search that ensued eight rough diamonds were found, and offers began to fly through the air at a rapid rate for the land, when the host's wife called out to her husband, "Why, John, where are the other two?" The sequel to the story is left to the imagination.

How the Minister is Treated.

Once upon a time a manager asked George Ade if he had ever been taken for a minister.

"No," replied Ade, "but I have been treated like one."

"How was that?"

"I have been kept waiting for my salary six or seven months."—Ladies' Home Journal.

Dumas' Wit.

It is well known that some of the novels bearing Dumas' signature are not his own. Meeting his son one day, he asked him whether he had read his latest novel.

"No," said Dumas the younger, who was remarkable for his ready wit. "Have you?"

Ominous.

Grateful Patient—By the way, I should be glad if you would send in your bill soon.

Eminent Physician—Never mind about that, my dear madam; you must get quite strong first.—Philadelphia Record.