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## Back Again.

OUR MR. J. A. McCONNELL has just returned from the market, and he, with the assistance of our Mrs. Alston, who has charge of our Millinery Department have purchased a line of Goods that must catch the eye of every lover of Style and Fashion.

This Seems to be Excelior Season, for the Goods are far prettier, more beautiful and attractive than ever before manufactured, and I feel satisfied that some of our older friends during this dazzling season will be kept busy wishing that they were young again.

Rejoice, O! young people in the days of thy youth when the evil days come not. While you are young and prettie in accordance with your means make yourselves prettie, attractive and admirable, for by and by the evil days will come, the juvenile pleasures pass away and that real unalloyed, unmolested stage of existance, that is free from care and strife will be no more.

Our Goods have begun to arrive and soon our store will put on an appearance so attractive that you will be treating yourselves abusively to stay away.

Our Mrs. Alston comes to us highly recommended both as a milliner and characteristically. Her mother, brothers and sisters live in Dallas. Her father L. M. Lewis was a man of considerable notoriety—was a noted devine, brigadier general in the confederate army, and public educator. After the close of the war he was president of a female seminary

at Merry Oaks, just a few miles from Shreveport, was called from there to take charge of the First Methodist Church in Galveston, and while there built a beautiful church, which stands to-day as a sacred monument to his memory. From Galveston he went to Arcadia, Mo., and while there was called to First Methodist Church in St. Louis, which pulpit he filled for two years, when he was induced to accept the presidency of the Arkansas Female College at Little Rock, where he remained seven years and went to Bryan, Texas, and filled the chair of Professor of English Literature in the State A. & M. College for a term of two years, when he was elected president of Marvin College at Waxahachie Texas, where he remained six years when he was sent to First M. E. Church at Dallas where he began the building of a very handsome church and had gotten as far as the auditorium when his health began to fail, acting upon the advise of friends and physicians he went to California, and was only there one week when he died very suddenly, he was brought back to Dallas for interment. The church he began in Dallas was completed and as you enter its doors the first thing that greets the eye is the large massive window of the good Shepard dedicated to his memory, and there is in the Sunday school room a life portrait of him.

He has considerable writings extant, one called the "Reminiscences of the War."

We simply give the above history that you may feel more acquainted on a short acquaintance with our Mrs. Alston.

Respectfully

**W. V. McCONNELL.**

### Proceedings of District Court.

In the case of the state vs Jake Leonard, defendant continued 'till next term. State vs Tom Bryant, theft of hogs, continued by consent. State vs Felix Bryant, theft of hogs, continued by defendant. State vs Fluke Lagway, assault to murder, no service. State vs W. E. Nelson, fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property, recognizance forfeited. State vs Mark Harrison, assault to murder, continued by defendant. State vs Mark Harrison, assault to murder, same order as in previous case. State vs Elbert Rogers, murder, continued on account of illness of defendant. State vs Wm Tryon, burglary, dismissed by dist. att'y. State vs D. B. Smith, false swearing, continued by consent. State vs Wm Tryon, fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property, continued on account of absence of defendant. State vs Andy Nathaniel, theft of hogs, continued by state. State vs Ed. King, murder, continued by defendant. State vs Covey Watson, theft of cow, continued by state on account of absence of witnesses. State vs Davis Moore, unlawfully passing counterfeit money, two cases, to be called April 1st. State vs Wm. Smith, theft of hog, continued by defendant. State vs Ed. Curry, theft of one mule, continued by state on account of absence of witnesses. State vs Floyd Watson, theft of hogs, dismissed by district attorney. State vs Geo.

Odem, theft of hog, continued by state on account of illness of Peter Hopkins. State vs Robert Box, theft of cattle, continued by defendant. State vs Sam Holmes, theft of one head of cattle, continued by defendant. State vs A. J. Knox, Geo. McCulliar, Joe Sallas, Hill Aday, Lyman Knox, Holcomb Knox, conspiracy to murder, all continued by state. State vs Arthur Loumax, perjury, convicted and given five years. State vs Andy Jones, assault to murder, verdict of not guilty. State vs Dan Harris, theft of hog, bond forfeited and alias capias issued. State vs Sank Owens, assault to murder, continued by def't. State vs Adam Gilford, assault to murder, verdict of not guilty. State vs John Crawford, murder, continued by state for witnesses, John Clay and Steve Alley. State vs John Crawford, assault to murder, same order as above. State vs J. E. Christian Jr. assault to murder, verdict of not guilty. State vs Narbe Pennington, assault to rape, continued by state for witnesses. State vs W. M. McCorkle, fraudulent disposition of mortgaged property, continued and recognizance taken. State vs Claud Jackson, assault to murder, guilty, three years. State vs Wm. Davis, theft of one hog, verdict two years. State vs Anderson Lot, theft of one hog, verdict. State vs Tony Williams, theft of hogs, continued by defendant. State vs Al

fred Reese, theft of thirteen hogs, continued by defendant. State vs Jim Smith, assault to murder, plea of guilty, and verdict of two years. State vs Joe Ansley, burglary, plea of guilty and verdict of two years in state reformatory. State vs Walter Henderson, assault to rape, verdict of aggravated assault and fine of one hundred dollars. State vs Henry Martin, burglary, plea of guilty, two years. State vs Julia Peterson, assault to murder, plea of guilty of aggravated assault and fine of twenty five dollars. State vs Henry Martin, burglary, plea of guilty, two years. State vs Meriky Kelley, bigamy, recognizance. State vs Bud Polk, assault to murder, verdict two years.

Bill Johnson, a faithful old darkey that had lived with Murdoch Baker for thirty years or more, was found dead in his bed last Sunday morning. He was known as "Yellow Bill," and a more faithful, kind-hearted, courteous colored gentleman never lived. Murdoch Baker's family was very much grieved over the death of Bill, and Baker had him put to rest with all the regard for decency that he would have manifested if the subject had been white. Bill Johnson never voted any but a democratic ticket.

The problem of what to do with the surplus population of Crockett has been happily solved for the time being by the fishing pole and bait can.

### Road Overseers for 1897.

The following is the full list of road overseers for Houston county, to serve during 1897, appointed at the last term of the commissioners' court. The number in front of each man's name designates the road section of which he is overseer.

No. 1, M D Murchison; 2, G G Alexander; 3, S T Parker; 4, Lee Clevis; 5, Hub Whitescarver; 6, Leshe Neal; 7, Aaron Whitehead; 8, J L Smith; 9, W T Pridden; 10, John Keen; 11, W N Brown; 12, O C Sullivan; 13, C Baber; 14, Daniel Pennington; 15, C C Mortimer; 16, Geo. Grounds; 17, Walter Jones; 18, J A Lasiter; 19, J E Christian; 20, J A Glover; 21, Pomp Collins; 22, M S Spence; 23, J McKenzie; 24, M L Lively; 25, J S Long; 26, Dan Harmon; 27, C H Long; 28, John Bobbitt; 28½, Jack Gale; 29, Will Mitchell; 30, Tom Parker; 31, J B Shields; 32, S M Holcomb; 33, Will Green; 34, Z C Sheridan; 35, Sam Skein; 36, John Ferrell; 37, G W Mobley; 38, C Simpson; 40, J W Guiliams; 41, A J Spence; 42, Si Marshall; 43, C B Dailey; 44, J L Hazelett; 45, J M Hartley; 46, Walter Stubblefield; 47, Kirby Smith; 48, M W Peck; 49, A Hester; 50, John McNeal; 51, Chas. Hicks; 52, R E Kent; 53, L M Brazeale; 54, Edgar Bennett; 55, W T Hunt; 56, Frank Meriwether; 57, Sam Gregg; 58, T. J. Wilson, Jr.; 59, Jack Oraiger; 60, King Mitchell; 61, French Taylor; 62, Heber

Bruton; 63, Hal Burton; 64, John Allen; 65, T A Fuller; 66, W D James; 67, A C Driskell; 68, W B Cochran; 69, —; 70, Dick Douglass; 71, H Cheairs; 72, J T Roberts; 73, Joe James; 74, Elias Atkinson; 75, B West; 76, Yancy Austin; 77, Robert McPhail; 78, Bowie Reynolds; 79, M M Moore; 80, T R Lively; 81, W T Allbright; 83, J B Meadows; 84, —; 85, A D Wootton; 86, B D Rains; 87, J R Wright; 88, Joe Richardson; 89, W M Platt; 90, Eugene Fowler; 91, 92, H E McManners; 93, J N Click; 94, H Lee; 95, R V Watts; 96, Geo Larue; 97, L A Sallas; 98, J A Wilcox; 99, A Lovelady; 100, J Wheeler; 101, Walter Haddox; 102, Chas Alfred; 103, Dave Loving; 105, —; 106, S D Ratchiff; 107, T J Ashby; 107½, Jno T Collier; 108, B F Dickerson; 109, S T Yates; 110, Sam Graham; 111, John Garrison; 112, R R Hendrixson; 113, C B Isbell; 114, L G Green; 115, John Monk; 116, W B Mills; 117, J B Womack; 118, J G Matlock; 120, John Smith; 122, Hugh Hopper; 123, Fin Hallmark; 124, Bob Lowry; 125, Will Creath; 126, (Canceled; discontinued); 127, Dock McKinney; 128, J T Shirly; 129, Wess Cannon; 130, Joe Curry; 131, Jno Rains; 132, Rube Baker; 133, W K Conner; 134, J T Tucker; 135, J E Harrison; 136, T S Brown; 137, A B Payne; 138, Albert Douglass; 139, M H Rogers; 140, Phil Robinson; 141, J M B Dossott; 142, W Whitaker; 143, W A Dorniny; 144, J E Bynum; 145, Henry Barry; 146, Joe Tims; 147, H P Almond; 148, James Monk; 149, Bill Clark.



# OFFICIAL STATEMENT.

## Financial Statement of Houston County From Nov. 17, 1896 to March 27, 1897, Inclusive.

**STOCK ACCOUNT, NOV. 16, 1896.**  
 Received by M. M. Baker, Treasurer, from J. B. Ellis, Ex-Treasurer:  
 To County script, the deficiency paid out the available school fund \$291.19  
 To jury script, the deficiency paid out the available school fund 342.37  
 To cash the balance of the available school fund 7,039.08  
 To " " " " court house and jail fund on hand 66.68  
 To amount received as cash from J. B. Ellis Ex Treasurer, \$7,739.32

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND LOANED INDIVIDUALS.**  
 1890  
 Apr. 14, 1 note Allen & Williams due Apr. 14, 1893, \$2,560.00  
 May 26 1 " " N. Fant " " May 26, 1892, 2,000.00  
 " " 1 " " " " " " 1893, 2,000.00  
 1895.  
 June 24, 1 " " " " June 24, 1896, 675.00  
 " " 1 " " " " " " 1897, 675.00-\$7,910.00

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND INVESTED IN OUTSIDE BONDS.**  
 1890.  
 May 20, 7 Harrison county bonds, due 20 years 6 per cent. each \$500.00 (less coupon) \$440.00 each, \$ 3,080.00  
 1889.  
 Nov. 1, 15 Brown county bonds due 20 years 6 per cent. each \$1000.00 (less coupon) \$860.00 12,900.00  
 1894.  
 Aug. 17, 5 Kent county bonds due 40 years 6 per cent. with option 5 years \$1000.00 5,000-\$20,980.00

**PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND LOANED HOUSTON COUNTY.**  
 1893.  
 Sep. 15, 6 road and bridge bonds payable Apr. 10, 1903 \$ 6,000.00  
 1894.  
 Aug. 18, 3 road and bridge bonds, payable Apr. 10, 1904 3,000.00  
 1895.  
 Aug. 14, 3 road and bridge bonds, payable Apr. 10, 1905 3,000.00  
 1896.  
 Aug. 14, 4 road and bridge bonds, payable Apr. 10, 1916 4,000.00  
 1893.  
 Sept. 15, 11 Court House bonds payable Apr. 10, 1903 11,000.00  
 1896.  
 Aug. 14, 7 funding bonds, payable Apr. 10, 1916 7,000.00  
 1896.  
 Nov. 14, Loaned the county, per ord. com. court, 488.00-\$34,488.00  
 Available funds in hands of Treasurer \$ 7,739.32  
 Permanent school fund in hands of Treasurer 63,878.00  
 \$71,117.32 \$71,117.32

**AVAILABLE SCHOOL FUND.**  
 1896  
 Nov. 17, To Co. script rec'd from J B Ellis, ex-treas \$ 291.19  
 " " " " " " " " 342.37  
 " " " " " " " " 7,039.08  
 " " " " " " " " 1,441.20  
 Dec. 7 " " " " " " " " 448.78  
 " " " " " " " " 1.45  
 1897  
 Jan. 6, " " " " State Treasurer 720.60  
 " 11, " " " " J R Sheridan, collector 1,799.62  
 " " " " " " Lovelady district 136.58  
 " 15, " " " " transferred from Trinity county 61.88  
 Feb. 4, " " " " rec'd from J R Sheridan, collector 1,526.89  
 " " " " " " Lovelady dist. 114.70  
 " " " " " " State Treasurer 6.60  
 " " " " " " " " 3,242.70  
 Mch. 4, " " " " J R Sheridan, collector 1,054.95  
 " " " " " " Lovelady dist. 56.80  
 " " " " " " State Treasurer 2,882.40-\$21,167.79  
 1897  
 Mch. 27, By am't paid white teachers since Nov. 17, 1896 \$10,259.00  
 Mch. 27, By am't paid col. teachers since Nov. 17, 1896 6,631.66-\$16,890.66  
 To balance available school fund on hand \$4,277.13

**COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND.**  
 1896  
 Nov. 17, To balance received from J B Ellis, ex-treas. \$ 66.68  
 Dec. 7 " " collections from J R Sheridan 91.45  
 1897  
 Jan. 11, " " " " " " 454.51  
 Feb. 4, " " " " " " 274.88  
 " " " " " " Comptroller 20.61  
 Mch. 4, " " " " " " J R Sheridan 210.04-\$1,115.17  
 1897  
 Feb. 27, By am't paid M M Baker treasurer \$ 16.77  
 " " " " transferred to jury fund by ord. com. c't 450.36  
 " " " " " " to road & bridge fund " 150.00  
 " " " " " " James DeDaines, work on jail. 148.00-\$765.13  
 Mch. 27 To balance court house and jail fund on hand \$350.04

**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.**  
 1896  
 Dec. 10, To amount collected from fines \$ 5.15  
 " " " " rec'd from J R Sheridan, collector 182.90  
 1897  
 Jan. 11, " " " " " " fines 17.46  
 " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector 909.03  
 " 30, " " " " " " fines 11.05  
 Feb. 4, " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector 543.76  
 " " " " " " Comptroller 41.23  
 " " " " " " fines 1.70  
 " 27 " " " " " " fines 78.15  
 " " " " " " transf'd from c't house & jail fund 150.00  
 " " " " " " rec'd from J R Sheridan, collector 420.10  
 " " " " " " fine 81.17-\$2,441.69  
 1897  
 Jan. 13, By am't paid for building bridges 929.00  
 " " " " " " M M Baker, Treasurer 52.83  
 Feb. 13, " " " " for building bridges 842.14  
 Mch. 27 " " " " " " 50.77-\$1,874.74  
 To balance road and bridge fund on hand \$566.96

**COUNTY FUND.**  
 1896  
 Nov. 27, To amount received from Estrays \$ 8.90  
 " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector 535.38  
 " " " " " " Estray 2.30

1897  
 Jan. 11, " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector 2,272.55  
 " " " " " " " " 214.70  
 Feb. 1, " " " " " " Estray 2.15  
 " 4, " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector 1,359.40  
 " " " " " " " " 176.40  
 " " " " " " Comptroller 103.06  
 Mch. 4, " " " " " " J R Sheridan, collector 1,050.23  
 " " " " " " " " 101.53-\$5,826.60

1897  
 Jan. 1, By deficit J B Ellis ex treasurer paid \$ 291.19  
 Feb. 27 " " amount transferred to jury fund 449.61  
 Mch. 27 " " pd 185 miscellaneous apprvd vouchers 4,086.70-\$4,827.50  
 To balance county fund on hand \$999.10

**JURY FUND.**  
 1896  
 Nov. 26, To am't collected from N E Allbright \$ 32.81  
 1897  
 Jan. 11, " " " " " " J R Sheridan 149.26  
 " " " " " " " " 158.53  
 Feb. 16, " " " " " " N E Allbright 6.00  
 Feb. 27, " " " " " " transferred from county fund 449.61  
 " " " " " " c't house & jail fund 450.86  
 " " " " " " collected from J R Sheridan 23.86  
 To balance overpaid out of other funds 806.48  
 1897  
 Jan. 19, By am't paid the deficit J B Ellis ex-treas. \$ 842.37  
 Mch. 27, " " " " 244 approved jury script 1,734.54  
 \$2,076.91 \$2,076.91

1897  
 Mch. 27, By balance due on jury fund \$ 806.48  
 By balance in hands Treasurer \$1,109.61  
 To " " " " county fund \$999.10  
 " " " " road and bridge fund 566.95  
 " " " " court house and jail 350.04  
 \$1,916.09 \$1,916.09

1897  
 Mch. 27, To bal. in hand of treasurer due the Co. \$1,109.61  
 " " " " " " available school fund 4277.13  
 Total cash on hand due by Treasurer \$5,386.74

1897  
 Mch. 27, Present indebtedness of the county due permanent school fund \$34,488.00  
 Respectfully Submitted,  
 E. WINFREE, County Judge, Houston County, Texas.  
 Crockett, Texas, March, 27, 1897.

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OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL & GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD COMPANY, PALESTINE, TEXAS, Feb. 6, 1897.  
 NOTICE is hereby given that the Regular Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 5th, 1897, at 11 o'clock, A. M., pursuant to the By-Laws of the Company, for the transaction of such business as may come before the meeting.  
 Notice is also hereby given that the regular Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, at Palestine, Texas, on Monday, April 5th, 1897, at 12 o'clock, noon, pursuant to the By-Laws of the Company, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting.  
 A. R. HOWARD, Secretary.

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WHEN DOCTORS DIFFER WHO SHALL DECIDE?

History of a Woman who Could not Walk for Six Years.

From the Palladium, Richmond, Ind. Miss. T. E. Osborne is the name of a young lady living at 126 North Seventeenth Street, Richmond, Ind. She is the daughter of Mr. William Osborne, one of the most prominent horsemen in Eastern Indiana.

She told your reporter a most interesting and remarkable story. It will interest physicians as it was a most unusual case, and to the various ones who treated her, diagnosed it differently.

"None of the doctors, and I tried all of them," said Miss Osborne, "knew what was the matter with me. Some said I had rheumatism, while others frankly admitted that they did not know. I was at first taken with pneumonia. One of my feet pained me almost constantly, then the doctors pronounced it rheumatism.

"Gradually, but steadily, the trouble grew and spread until my entire body was involved and I was utterly helpless. Then we changed doctors. No relief came, and we changed again. We tried nearly all of the local physicians, and I was taken away to the baths. Nothing did me any apparent good, and I suffered very much.

"It is now six years since I became unable to walk. Afterward I grew worse and was absolutely helpless. Braces were used in the hope of strengthening my limbs so as to make me able to walk, but they did no good.

"I was completely discouraged and so were my people. My friends gave me up to die, and the doctors, each one of whom at first declared he could have me walking soon, all declared that I could never walk again. I had no longer any faith in any doctor or any remedy."

Finally, after persistent effort, her friends induced her to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but against her will, for she was discouraged. She says of the results:

"I noticed no change after taking the first box or so but they asked me to give the medicine another trial, so they kept on prescribing it. I took no other at the time, so that if any good were to come we would know what had brought it about. Pretty soon a change was noticed. My muscles became more flexible, and I suffered much less. At the end of three months I found I could move my limbs, could lift myself up, and was no longer helpless. I kept on and still refrained from every other sort of medicine.

"In one year from the time I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People I could walk, something all the doctors had decided I never could do again.

"As first, having been helpless for so long I could not trust myself to walk on the street, as I felt afraid. Soon, however, I grew more confident, and walked everywhere as well as ever, and have been doing so ever since. I took the pills for two years, as I was afraid to stop until I was sure the cure was complete. Before I took them I was a wreck, and now my general health is very good."

Miss Osborne was repeatedly questioned as to her opinion of what cured her, and she has often declared it to have been Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People, as she had been growing steadily worse until she had begun using them, and as she used no other medicine after taking the pills.

Druggists in Richmond now have a large sale of these pills, and it is a frequent occurrence to have a customer ask for the medicine that cured Miss Osborne.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists, or may be had by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50c. a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

A Tennessee woman wants to legislate the collar button out of existence. That's the trouble with the collar button. It's already non-existent nine times out of ten when you want it.

From the manner in which Mr. Lexow tackles the tobacco trust it is evident he thinks that where there is so much smoke there must be some fire. He also intimates there is a good deal of water.

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Never bear more than one kind of trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds—all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have.

An Oregon pioneer has sent Major McKinley a tomahawk, but the Major will not need it in his business during the next four years. No kind of hawk are needed.

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It is certainly grievous that the New York man who for three years has washed the dishes, cleaned the house and taken care of the children while his wife worked out to gain the necessary domestic supplies should not be allowed a day or a night off now and then. His rebellion is surely justifiable. The exacting nature of the new woman is plainly in evidence in this case. It is easy to see what we may come to when woman shall have obtained complete mastery in all things.

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Advertisement for Ayer's Sarsaparilla featuring an illustration of a man and a woman, and text describing the benefits of the medicine for various ailments.

HISTORY OF WITCHCRAFT.

John Fluke Tells Interesting Facts About the Old-Time Crime.

"Witchcraft at Salem and Elsewhere" was the subject of the third lecture of the series of Prof. John Fluke, says the New York Tribune. Prof. Fluke began his lecture by citing an instance which occurred in Normandy in 1670, when Louis XIV granted leniency to a number of persons convicted by the parliament of Normandy of the crime of witchcraft.

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WOMEN OF NOTE.

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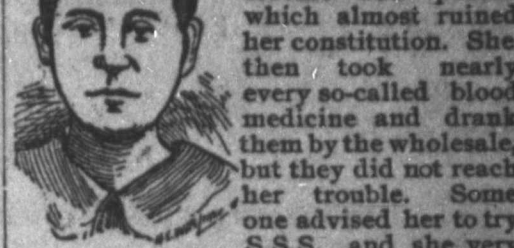
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Advertisement for ST. JACOBS OIL, featuring text about its benefits for various ailments like headaches, backache, and rheumatism.

Advertisement for Baker's Chocolate, featuring an illustration of a woman in a long dress and the text "Walter Baker & Co. Ltd., Established in 1780, at Dorchester, Mass."

Advertisement for FLOUR, CAMERON MILL AND ELEVATOR COMPANY, Fort Worth, Texas. GRADES GUARANTEED BY YOUR GROCER.

Advertisement for YOUR RULING PLANET DISCOVERED By Astrology.

Advertisement for PROF. G. W. CUNNINGHAM, Dept. 4, 194 S. Clinton-st., Chicago, Ill.

Advertisement for GALVESTON, LA PORTE and HOUSTON RAILWAY, "The Bay Shore Line," 4 Daily Trains.

Table with 4 columns: Read Down, No. 7, No. 1, STATIONS, No. 2, No. 6. Lists train schedules for various routes.

Precious Stones Fade. The powerful chemical effects of the sun are felt even by precious stones. The ruby, sapphire and emerald suffer less than other colored stones in this respect, but it has been shown by experiment that a ruby lying in a shop window for two years became much lighter in tint than its mate kept in a dark place during that period.

Weights of the Two Big 'Eas. Corbett will go into the ring at 165 pounds. Fitz says he expects 157 or 158 will be about his figure. Corbett thinks Fitz is worrying. It is possible he will keep right on worrying—and worry Jim so that the latter will go to sleep. And then again, perhaps he won't.

Chloral and Alcohol Users. The Rhode Island legislature at its recent session enacted a law which provides that persons addicted to the use of chloral or alcohol may be committed to an asylum for the insane until their normal condition has been restored.



# THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

The girl that can't sing and will sing ought to be choked off.

That wealthy Baltimore widow was a veritable wheel of fortune to her bicycle teacher, who married her.

War in Europe seems one of the unexpected things that are going to happen in spite of business and diplomacy.

When a suicide leaves the message, "I die hungry," he has not died in vain. He leaves other people food for reflection.

New York and Pennsylvania newspapers are still profoundly shocked over the fact that an Idaho Populist legislator was bribed.

In an address to the paper manufacturers Oom Charles Dana told them they should make a better paper. Look at home, Oom Charles.

Hereafter no foreigner can legally perform a marriage ceremony in Missouri. We don't imagine this will interfere with anybody's business very seriously.

If Col. Bob Ingerioll doesn't believe there is any such place let him try to live three months in Colorado with a sound-money badge on his buzzom. Yes, even now.

The Dred Scott decision hastened our civil war. And now a dreadful Scott decision in Cuba has further strained the relations between this country and Cuba.

A foreign nation is a kind of contemporaneous posterity, it has been wisely said. Foreign commendation of our willingness to arbitrate is a forecast of the judgment of generations to come.

The esteemed Nashville American announces that, in accord with its constant habit of "pursuing the shibboleth of onward and upward," it will at once open a department of questions and answers.

That Kansas man who is suffering from an internal growth of wheat should call upon somebody to thrash him. Or he might get his wife, who has done most of the cradling for several years, to cut him down.

A Vassar girl who wrote an essay on kissing for her college society gave the manuscript to a gentleman friend for his inspection and advice. The young man, who was somewhat pert, told her that he could give her an abstract of the paper in one smack. To which she replied that she did not care for a syllabus, and the young man is still trying to see if he can figure it out.

The Chicago cigarette dealers and their boy customers are so adroit that there is great difficulty in enforcing the cigarette law. The Woman's Club suggests persistent investigation and prosecution and asks the aid of young, enthusiastic lawyers in bringing offenders to justice. The Chicago schoolboard environment is bad at best, but when he may be stupefied and demoralized by a new habit it is time to go to his rescue.

A British paper says: "British trade with Japan has had most encouraging developments during 1896. Great Britain and her dependencies—British India, Hong Kong, Australia and Canada—now enjoy the greater share. In this important trade a reversal of the relative positions of Great Britain and the United States has been developed. America's share in Japan's foreign trade for the first half of 1896 was only one-seventh, while that of Great Britain amounted to nearly one-quarter, and that of the British empire to upwards of 46 per cent of the whole. Great Britain has a largely preponderating share in the supply of steel rails to Japan."

Political wisdom, in varying degrees, is to be looked for in the words addressed by governors to the legislatures of the several states. The recent messages and addresses contained no sounder sense than that of the governor of South Carolina when he said: "South Carolina has not yet regained her once proud position in this great Republic. She can never regain it until her people, rising above all partisan hatreds, unite in one heroic effort to make our system of public instruction inferior to none." The welfare and honor of a commonwealth are safer in the hands of the schoolmaster, "armed with his primer," than of the soldier "in full military array." The Southern chief magistrate wisely points the people of his state to the victories of peace; and what more important triumph is there than a victory over illiteracy?

## SWEPT BY A STORM.

### MUCH DAMAGE DONE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE STATE.

Reported That Calvert is Almost Destroyed—Damage to the University at Austin—Breakers Very High at Galveston—Reports From Other Points.

Corsicana, Tex., Mar. 29.—Information reached here yesterday evening of the almost complete destruction of Calvert, a town of 4000 inhabitants on the Houston and Texas Central railroad, in which a number of people were injured.

Calvert, Texas, March 29.—A cyclone passed over this city this afternoon at 4:15 o'clock, lasting about fifteen minutes. So far no lives have been reported lost, but several persons are severely injured. Estimated that over \$100,000 damage to property resulted.

Galveston, Texas, March 29.—The gulf was on a rampage yesterday evening and the breakers off shore in front of the Beach hotel rolled mountain high. The waves would strike against the bulkheads in a mad effort to surmount them and send the spray far over into the Beach hotel yard. The waves dashed up against the fence of the Beach ball park and the water ran inside; it covered the street car track on the curve from Center street to the Beach hotel and travel on that part of the road had to be temporarily abandoned. The waves nearly reached the top of the gallery at O'Keefe's bath house, rising high enough to send the spray dashing and splashing over the floors.

In the East End a good deal of danger threatened. The gulf overflowed into the streets and filled some of the yards, as well as the streets, with water. The inhabitants were out with spade and shovel opening trenches to allow the water to pass through and find its way, if need be, to the bay across the island. The wind was blowing at the rate of forty-eight miles an hour and the sight presented by the angry sea was superb, as the waves came surging, one upon another, with impetuous haste and sullen roar. Hundreds of people were out along the beach from the East End clear all the way around, and all seemed to enjoy the spectacle.

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Dallas, Texas, March 29.—Torrents of rain fell over North Texas yesterday. Fierce gales accompanied the storm in the vicinity of Dallas and about 2 o'clock much alarm was felt, as there were conditions suggestive of a cyclone. The day became so dark that lights had to be used in dwellings and hotels throughout the city. The worst alarm was felt in the suburbs, where fences, trees and outbuildings were damaged.

In the business part of town a few signs and awnings wrecked was the extent of the damage done. Streets, sewers and cellars were flooded and street car traffic crippled. The Trinity river, which had gotten within its banks after the storms of a week ago, is rising rapidly and is again overflowing the lowlands. By this evening the water will be higher than it has been before this year. Immense quantities of dirt is passing Dallas, indicating heavy rain on the upper river.

All trains on the Santa Fe and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas roads are tied up here and abandoned to the south. The Santa Fe has lost two bridges between Dallas and Cleburne and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas one between Hillsboro and Waxahachie. There are a number of bad washouts reported also.

The saw mill at Corrigan has been shut down for about two weeks. It is stated that it will resume on April 1. The planer runs about three days in the week.

Smithville, Texas, March 29.—A cyclone passed over this town at 4 o'clock yesterday evening, doing considerable damage. The front of B. J. Gresham's brick house was blown entirely away; damage to stock and building will amount to \$20,000. Many of the iron awnings were blown from the buildings. The Catholic and Baptist churches were blown from the foundations and torn up, so that they will have to be rebuilt, and a number of small buildings were blown down.

Report From Austin. Austin, Texas, March 29.—A heavy rainstorm accompanied by a high and destructive wind visited Austin about noon yesterday, the latter doing many thousands of dollars damage to property. No lives were lost and so far no one is reported to have been severely injured, although the escape of many was nothing short of miraculous.

The greatest loss was to the State University. Brackett hall, occupied by about fifty students, yielded its roof to the stiff wind, which carried it across the street and dropped in on the residence of Mrs. Shepherd. The house was demolished. The contents of the hall were ruined by water.

Nearly all the chimneys of the University are down and all the windows of the west side were blown in. The loss sustained on the grounds and shrubbery was heavy.

On North Whitts avenue, what is known as the "Hoeney" church, was leveled to the ground.

A new residence belonging to Bert McDonald was almost totally destroyed and the residence of W. W. Vining was badly damaged.

Next to "Hoeney" church was the house of Dr. Graves, city physician, which was blown partially down. The roof was lifted some distance in the air and carried a square away to Professor Winston's residence and dropped without further damage.

Slight damage was caused to the residence of G. W. Littlefield.

A city electric light tower on West Sixth street was bent to the ground.

In addition to the losses mentioned, a large number of shanties, particularly in the negro quarters of the city, were wrecked.

Across the river there was one house damaged slightly.

Reports from the rural districts, northwest of Austin, directly in the path of the storm, are to the effect that the damage was not extensive.

The rain was the heaviest in years. Austin, Texas, March 29.—Further reports from the storm show that little damage was done for thirty miles east of here.

The southbound Houston and Texas Central train, due to leave here at 8 p. m. is still at the depot and will not depart until 6 a. m.

Reports came last evening that the track was washed out near Manor, fifteen miles east of Austin, which the local representatives deny. Their wires, up till 11 o'clock were down all south of Ledbetter, sixty-eight miles east of Austin, and their trains on the branch are at a standstill.

A bad washout is reported on the Santa Fe north of Brenham, but no reliable information can be obtained.

Early yesterday evening the Katy reported a bad condition of track, and it is entirely gone in some places, which later advices say has been repaired and the line opened.

A freight train arrived over the Central late last night, bringing reports of nothing beyond a severe wind along the line.

There was greater damage to smaller buildings through the country than first supposed, and also in Austin, where the storm appears to have been much more severe.

After Gorman's Seat. Annapolis, Md., March 29.—Lloyd W. Lowndes, governor of Maryland, has formally declared his intention to become a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Arthur Pue Gorman, whose term expires March 4, 1897. The legislature which will fill this important position will be elected in November next, and will meet here in January, 1898. The announcement that Governor Lowndes will try to get the place bids fair to bring about an epoch in Maryland politics.

Birmingham, Ala.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Alabama Press association, it was determined to hold the association's annual meeting in Florence on June 8 and 9, and to go from there to Nashville, to visit the Tennessee centennial on June 10.

Pensacola, Fla.—The thirteenth annual assembly of the Florida Chautauqua, at De Funiac, has closed. At the annual meeting of the members of the association, held after the close of the assembly, it was shown that the assembly this season had been the most successful in the history of the association.

There were 496 head of fat cattle shipped from Marlin to the St. Louis market last week and 145 head of stock cattle to Burke station, Texas.

Tacoma, Wash., March 29.—The Northern Pacific steamer Braemar has arrived, bringing oriental advices to March 9.

Yokohama advices state that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, or Japan mail steamship company is opening lines to London and Seattle and has been prepared to sustain more or less loss, but the losses were heavier than expected. A private letter received at Hong Kong states that the Philippine rebels captured three guns at the battle of Sigal and that the Spanish general was killed.

## TO ASK FOR LETTER.

### MRS. PITTS WANTS THE GOVERNOR'S NOTE READ.

Appropriation Bill Laid Aside—Bill to Tax Insurance Companies' Receipts Met With Decided Opposition—No Quorum in Senate.

Austin, Texas, March 30.—Representative Pitts will again introduce his resolution calling for a reading of the letter addressed by the governor to Chairman Garrison of the finance committee, and expressed some surprise yesterday evening that the point of order against it should have come from Mr. Curry, who a few days ago strenuously demanded the reading of the letter, in order to refute certain statements that had been made in regard to its contents. Representative Garrison took no part in the discussion of the resolution.

House Proceedings.

Austin, Tex., March 30.—When Speaker Dashiell rapped the house to order at 9:30 o'clock yesterday morning there was not a quorum present, and after the roll call, the house took a recess until 10 o'clock to await the arrival of members delayed by washouts.

At 10 o'clock there was still no quorum and a motion to adjourn until 3 o'clock was noted down.

By this time a quorum was on hand and the proceedings were opened with prayer by the chaplain.

After excuses for absentees had been made, the special order, the general deficiency bill, was called up for engrossment. Patterson of Bell offered an amendment, adding a claim in favor of J. B. Nunnally for \$66.55 for taxes paid by error. Adopted.

Ward said that the chairman of the committee on claims and accounts had not had time to get into shape certain just claims against the State, and in order to permit this to be done, he moved to postpone further consideration of the bill until Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

Garrison opposed the postponement. Tracy thought time would be saved by postponing.

Bumpass wanted to go ahead and get through with the bill. The bill was postponed.

The general appropriation bill was called up and the appropriations for the treasury department were read.

Shorpsire offered an amendment adding the following item: Credits as per corrected ledger, due individuals, \$6836.61. The object was to refund money paid into the general land office, for which no patents had been issued.

Freeman said this was something new of which the finance committee had heard nothing.

The amendment was withdrawn, to be called up later.

Mercer offered an amendment reducing the salary of the chief clerk from \$1800 to \$1500.

Garrison opposed the reduction, saying the salary, as fixed by the bill, was low enough.

Henderson favored the reduction on the grounds of retrenchment and reform. He asserted that it was well understood that the departments could nearly all be conducted at less expense than the appropriations.

Garrison said the chief clerk was paying and receiving teller handled over \$10,000,000 of money and was under heavy bond and he thought the salary should be permitted to stand.

Mercer said he had already made his record and he spoke in favor of the amendment. He said that the committee had undoubtedly been forced to give less to the asylums and orphanages than they desired and in view of the fact that there was a general reduction of expenses all over the country and when he looked around saw the able-bodied officeholders drawing salaries from the State men who had at their mental faculties, who could see, hear and speak, he felt that it was but just that they should be willing to contribute a modicum of their salary toward the helpless and afflicted wards of the State.

Curry defended the committee report and said this was a case where honesty should bear a premium and he hoped the amendment would be defeated.

O'Conner moved to table the amendment.

The roll call on the motion to table disclosed no quorum, and a call of the house was ordered. A quorum could not be secured and the house took a recess until 3 o'clock.

A new bank for Tyler is now assured.

No Quorum in the Senate.

Austin, Texas, March 30.—The senate met as usual yesterday morning, with President Pro Tem Dibrell in the chair. Sixteen senators comprised the attendance. No quorum being present adjournment was taken until 3 p. m.

Austin, Texas, March 30.—No quorum was present at 3 o'clock, and adjournment was had until this morning. The belated incoming trains brought about this condition, but a sufficient number have arrived to enable the senate to transact business today.

## Main Levee Break.

Memphis, Tenn., March 30.—The flood situation in the vicinity of Greenville, Miss., is alarming. The break at Wayside, nine miles south of that city, is fully confirmed, and the latest reports are that the water is pouring through the crevasse 500 yards in width, with tremendous force.

But the most startling news reached here yesterday evening at 6 o'clock. A telegram from Perthshire, forty-eight miles north of Greenville and immediately at the head of the fertile Yazoo delta, which says that a break has occurred in the main levee there. Just how serious the break is the telegram does not state, but a special train loaded with laborers and sacks of sand has been hurriedly dispatched to the scene.

If the breaks at Perthshire assumes anything like the proportions of the crevasse at Wayside, the destruction will be enormous. The waters will sweep over the rich farm lands of Bolivar, Washington, Sharkey, Issaquena, Warren, Yazoo and Sunflower counties in Mississippi, and the loss to stock will be appalling. Ten thousand men line the levees between Memphis and Vicksburg, watching and working with a desperation almost pitiable. The warning sent out by the weather bureau from Washington last night is having its effect. Many of the inhabitants of the delta have corralled their animals on high strips of land and moved their families out of danger's reach.

The situation at Memphis is about the same as on Sunday. The river continues to fall slowly, the gauge last night registering 36.2 feet.

A dispatch from Gunnison, Miss., says a break in the levees is momentarily expected at Sunnyside, but it is thought this catastrophe can be averted if 150 men and material can be had at once. Accordingly 100 white men were dispatched on a special train from this city to the scene. The negroes at Camp Congo were offered a dollar a day and all expenses to lead a helping hand, but with one exception the offer was refused. There is much indignation among the citizens at this action of the negro refugees.

## Two Drowned.

Dallas, Texas, March 30.—Word from Gainesville is to the effect that while returning from Era about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, Miss Rubie Smith, a teacher in the East Gainesville school, a daughter of Alderman W. S. Smith, and a young gentleman named Richard Thompson were drowned while trying to cross a slough about five miles southwest of the city. The body of Miss Smith was found near the place of drowning about 9 o'clock this morning, and that of her companion a little later, near the same place. The report of the drowning was not received until 10 o'clock yesterday morning, when a searching party, headed by Sheriff Womack, left for the scene.

The slough was unusually swollen, on account of Sunday's heavy rain.

## Kugadt Found Guilty.

Brenham, Texas, March 30.—The argument for the State in the case against Charles Kugadt for the murder and incineration of his sister, October 19, 1896, was concluded in a two hours' speech by District Attorney Maynard yesterday morning and the case given to the jury at 10:30.

The court room was filled to hear the speech.

At 4:45 the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree and assessed the punishment at death.

An appeal will be taken if a motion for a new trial is refused.

## Trinity Rising.

Dallas, Texas, March 30.—The Trinity river is a raging torrent and has submerged the Dallas and Oak Cliff line. The water is rising at the rate of a foot an hour and rivermen fear the rise of 1800 will be repeated. A number of hogs and cattle have been drowned near the city. All live stock in the bottoms are being driven to the hills. The water in the Elm, Clear and West forks of the stream has just begun to reach here and the indications are that the Trinity will continue to rise for a day longer.

A guard, named C. Uetta, was standing on the track as the north and southbound passenger trains were passing at Lampazos, Mexico. He was waiting to take the southbound train, and becoming confused, was struck by the cowcatcher of the northbound train, thrown under the wheels and terribly mangled.

## Creeks on a Boom.

Waxahachie, Texas, March 30.—The downpour played havoc here Sunday night. The Houston and Texas Central bridge east of this city is gone. Waxahachie creek rose to be a sweeping torrent in a few hours, carrying fences, wagons and cattle with it. Mustang creek did great damage to farms. Bridges on Cantrell creek were washed away. Oats and corn are damaged by heavy hail. Spring Branch flooded the electric light plant, and swept W. F. Boyd's barn, buggy and horse away.



## FIGHT WITH REBELS.

### THE DETAILS OF THE SIEGE OF JIGUINI.

When the Troops Reached the Cantillo River the Insurgents Made a Desperate Attempt to Prevent Them from Crossing but Were Repulsed.

Havana, via Key West, Fla., March 29.—Full details of the siege of Jiguini have been received here. Gen. Reyes, with a column left Manzanillo on the 13th. When he reached Sabana on the Lamar plains he found the insurgents building intrenchments for the purpose of preventing the passage of the troops for Canto. The march was continued toward Bayamo. The column was made up of seven battalions with four field pieces, a company of mounted guerrillas and one squadron of cavalry. On the next day they reached Tucidanal. The insurgents were waiting for them, drawn up in horse shoe form, ready for battle. Gen. Reyes ordered an immediate attack. After a brief skirmish, however, the insurgents withdrew leaving a number of dead on the field. Of the government forces one major, two captains and ten soldiers were killed and forty-six soldiers wounded. The troops again resumed the march for Jiguini. After they had passed Bayamo they were constantly harassed by the insurgents.

When the column reached the Cantillo river the insurgents made a desperate attempt to prevent them from crossing. The battle which ensued resulted in the defeat of the insurgents and their trenches and positions were seized. The government forces lost one officer and had six soldiers seriously wounded.

Before Gen. Reyes with his column reached Jiguini, the insurgents had laid siege to the town, using two field pieces and two cannon. As a result of the insurgents cannonading a fort on the road to Alto hill and a blockhouse near by were destroyed. The inmates of the blockhouse were killed. Two other forts at the entrance to the town were also destroyed and the soldiers compelled to seek refuge in earthworks. The cannonading was continued all day and at 7 o'clock at night a single cannon shot indicated the insurgents' decision to take the town which they did, entering from three sides at the same time. They sacked and burned a number of houses and secured considerable booty. During the siege the soldiers in the town kept up a constant fire on the insurgents. In all fourteen cannon shots were exchanged.

#### Smallpox Raging.

Washington, March 29.—Under date of March 29 Sanitary Inspector Burgess of the marine hospital service at Havana reports that small-pox continues an active epidemic, the number of deaths from it in the past week being a little more than in previous ones. A number of deaths from yellow fever have occurred in the military hospitals among Spanish soldiers, and one civilian died of it in the city near the cathedral. In the east diseases are quite common. During the week ending March 18 there were ten deaths from yellow fever, and 850 new cases of small-pox, with ninety-one deaths.

In a report to the state department on the plague in India, C. F. Myer, vice consul of the United States at Bombay, estimates that the exodus from that city to escape the ravages of disease amounts to one-half of the population. The number of people in the city is estimated at this time to be 410,882, as against 821,764, according to the census of 1891. Under date of Feb. 19 last the vice consul says: "The total number of deaths has decreased from 1911 last week to 1723 for the week under report, but as the exodus still continues, this difference is believed to be accounted for by a corresponding decrease of the population still remaining in Bombay, which is confirmed by the low birth rate."

#### Heavy Loss by Fire.

Norfolk, Va., March 29.—A fire that burned from 12:30 to 6 o'clock occurred at Portsmouth yesterday morning, making fifty families homeless and causing \$100,000 damage. Huge brands were blown across the city to the southward and at 2 a. m. the steeple of the Catholic church three blocks away caught fire. In less than half an hour the edifice was in ruins. The flames spread from the church to a row of residences on High street and while they were burning the flying sparks caused another blaze in Newton about a mile away. The militia was called out to protect property and aid the firemen. The occupants of nearly all the houses destroyed lost their household effects. The Catholic church cost \$60,000 and the total loss on all property destroyed probably will reach over \$100,000. Several firemen and a number of spectators were injured by falling timbers.

At Yukon, Ok., recently, a 4-year old child was burned to death.

#### Crown Prince Leaves.

London, March 29.—A dispatch from Athens says that when it became known on Saturday afternoon that the crown prince, Constantine, would leave the city in the evening for the Greek camp at Larissa, to take command of the Greek army in the field, a large crowd gathered on Constantine square, adjoining the palace. As the evening approached the crowd increased to a multitude, and the square and streets adjacent were filled with an excited throng, cheering, singing patriotic songs and firing revolvers.

The populace shouted: "For union and war," and cheered continually for the crown prince and the army. After an address by a popular orator, a deputation was chosen to present an address to the crown prince. The demonstrations of the crowd increased during the service in the palace chapel, and thousands gathered in front of the palace to witness the departure of Prince Constantine.

Great disappointment was expressed when later it became known that the crown prince had left the palace privately. An immense throng, including many thousands of Cretans, assembled on the quays at Piraeus, brilliantly illuminated by lights, to witness the embarkation. The wildest enthusiasm was displayed, with shouting, cheering and the incessant discharge of firearms.

#### The Laurada Movements.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 29.—The famous filibustering steamer Laurada, which has been a thorn in the side of the Spanish officials in this country almost since the beginning of the Cuban outbreak, passed in the Delaware capes at 6:30 Saturday night. The Laurada, after having her boilers examined and pronounced in an unsafe condition, cleared from Baltimore, ostensibly for Wilmington, Del., for repairs about Feb. 20 last. It was reported at that time that the famous filibuster had gone on another expedition, but Capt. John D. Hart, her owner, denied the story emphatically, saying the Laurada would be in Wilmington in a few days, having possibly been forced to put into Hampton Roads, owing to the heavy weather. Since that time, however, the Laurada has been reported but once. This was by the captain of the steamer Gurley, which arrived in Philadelphia March 24, from Jamaica. He states that he had seen the Laurada on March 10 off Watling's island, one of the Bahamas. He said she had a cargo of some kind on board and was heading to the eastward.

The captain of the Gurley was positive in his identity of the Laurada, saying he was near enough to read her name.

#### There is Danger.

Washington, March 29.—Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, yesterday issued the following special bulletin:

The crest of the flood wave is still at Cairo, which shows a stationary stage, reading 81.6 feet for the past four days. There is great danger yet to come from the flood in the region from Helena south to New Orleans. The river will continue to rise for at least ten days in the region from Helena southward to Vicksburg and rise during a longer period from Vicksburg southward. If no breaks occur before the levees will be subjected to the greatest strain about April 10 in south-east Arkansas, western Mississippi and Louisiana. Should the levees break there will be one of the most disastrous floods ever known.

Weather indications now indicate additional heavy rainfall in the lower Mississippi valleys, which will materially intensify the flood conditions.

Those living in districts overflowed in former years should be on the safe side and transfer stock and movable property to places of known safety while there is yet time.

#### Desperados Captured.

Bentonville, Ark., March 29.—Four desperados—Charles Williams, J. A. Andrews, Jack Andrews, brothers, and Eliza Andrews, a nephew—who Thursday night robbed the postoffice and store at Wager, this county, were captured in a running fight ten miles south of here Friday and brought here. One of the robbers was badly wounded and a horse shot from under another before the posse made the capture.

#### Held for Counterfeiting.

Guthrie, Ok., March 29.—R. K. Gordon, aged 23, a member of company B, tenth United States infantry, stationed at Fort Reno, who was absent on a furlough, was bound over to the next grand jury and sent to jail Saturday evening on a charge of counterfeiting. He had passed a number of spurious coins at Round Pond, Kromila and other points and had several in his possession when arrested.

An immense sawmill at Kingsland, Ark., was consumed by fire the other day.

## INEBRIATE ASYLUM.

### BILL TO TEST THE VIRTUES OF SOUR LAKE WATER.

Measure Authorizing the Purchase of the T. L. & E. Ready for the Governor—Redistricting Committee Report a Bill Will Cut off About Eight Districts.

Austin, Texas, March 28.—The following was Mr. Dibrell's concurrent resolution, introduced in the senate Wednesday, and which was referred to the committee on asylums:

Whereas, The Constitution of the State of Texas, article 16, section 42, provides that "the legislature may establish an inebriate asylum for the cure of drunkenness and reform of inebriates;" and

Whereas, Local option as it exists in Texas has proven a failure, and is a constant factor in politics, without any resultant good to the people politically, socially or religiously; and

Whereas, It is conceded by the best, purest and most advanced thought of the age that this question as a coercive measure is not a proper subject of legislation, its practical effect being to engender strife and hatred for Christianity that is unnatural and deplorable, thereby counteracting any possible good that might result from its adoption; and

Whereas, It is a matter of common report that the waters of Sour Lake, in Hardin county, Texas, are a specific for inebriety, having the happy faculty of restoring the health of those wrecked by excessive alcoholic indulgence, and at the same time abating the thirst for excessive strong drink; therefore be it

Resolved by the senate, the house of representatives concurring, That his excellency, the governor, be requested to appoint three men, learned in the science of medicine, to visit Sour Lake, in Hardin county, Texas, and make a thorough investigation of the efficacy of the water there and the locality, with a view of establishing a state inebriate asylum for the cure of drunkenness and reform of inebriates; and that they make their report to the governor on or before January 1, 1899.

Resolved further, That the sum of \$1500, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of said commission.

#### Ready for the Governor.

Austin, March 28.—The house yesterday passed finally Senator Greer's bill authorizing the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway to acquire and extend the Texas, Louisiana and Eastern, and it is now ready to send to the governor.

Aside from disposing of the above bill, the lower branch devoted considerable time to Senator Colquitt's bill amending and perfecting the delinquent tax act of 1895, without, however, getting through with more than half of it.

Senator Atlee's joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment to authorize counties without railroad facilities to bond themselves for the purpose of obtaining such facilities, passed to third reading.

In the senate most of the day was consumed in discussing a proposition to reduce the clerical force, which was finally referred to the committee on contingent expenses.

The joint redistricting committee held its last session yesterday afternoon to hear suggestions as to the reforming of judicial districts, and selected Messrs. Yantis, Seabury and Holland to prepare a redistricting bill. Those gentlemen expect to have the bill ready for introduction next Monday, and think they will succeed in presenting a satisfactory measure for at least eight districts less than at present.

The governor yesterday signed Senator Turney's bill authorizing the commissioner of the general land office to forfeit all lands heretofore sold by the State under any of the various acts of the legislature for failure to pay any portion of the interest thereon.

#### Senate Proceedings.

Austin, Texas, March 28.—Under the order of memorials and petitions, Mr. Morris sent up a memorial from a union meeting of conductors, engineers, firemen, ratmen and telegraphers at Texarkana, asking the passage of pending bills pertinent to their interests.

Mr. Greer sent up a petition from the people of Sabine Pass asking that no change be made in the quarantine station at that point, and Mr. Rogers sent up a memorial from the teachers' institute of Comanche county asking that the observance of public holidays by schools be left to the trustees of the schools. Later Mr. Greer sent up another petition, coming from Orange county, requesting the passage of a bill naming a penalty for the injury to dams, levees, reservoirs, etc.

Mr. Terrell sent up a resolution reducing the number of committee clerks from ten to five. This proposition took up almost the balance of the morning, and finally was referred to the committee on contingent expenses.

#### May Resume Business.

Paris, Texas, March 28.—Banks in surrounding towns and capitalists have made numerous liberal offers of money to the Farmers' and Merchants' bank, and it is now believed that it will resume in a few days.

Judge Scott, the assignee, will have nothing to give out until an inventory of all assets and liabilities is completed.

Everything has been quiet in business circles and the feeling is growing that there will be no further trouble. There has been no money drawn from the banks except such as was necessary for the usual business transactions. Banks are now sending money away, as they are overstocked with it.

The report that gained currency here that Martin, Wise & Futzugh owed several hundred thousand dollars to the Union Trust company was a mistake. In a talk with the correspondent last night Mr. Martin, senior member of the firm, says that they did not owe the trust company a cent and that the report was an injustice to that institution. He further says that they are rapidly getting their affairs in shape and will resume business in a short time.

#### Treaty and Tariff.

Washington, March 28.—The senate held a half hour open session early in the day yesterday and then after two hours executive session on the arbitration treaty resumed open session in order to go on with the bankruptcy bill. The latter measure, generally known as the Torrey bankruptcy bill, was read at length and Mr. Nelson of Minnesota offered a substitute differing in a number of particulars from that of the committee.

Amended credentials were presented in behalf of John W. Henderson, appointed by the governor of Florida to the seat vacated by Mr. Call. It brought out a statement from Mr. Hoar, acting chairman on privileges and elections, that action on the pending election cases was delayed by uncertainty as to the committee organization in the senate. The revised credentials were referred to the election committee.

Mr. Stewart (Pop.) of Nevada said the general feeling was that the senate was capricious in its action on these cases. There should be some definite and final settlement of the whole subject.

Mr. Spooner (Rep.) of Wisconsin suggested that the question had already been elaborately argued and settled—settled both ways.

"The inference from that suggestion," pursued Mr. Stewart, "is that we settle the cases according to our political convictions."

"The manner of settling this is by means of an international agreement for the free coinage of silver," remarked Mr. Hoar facetiously. "When that is accomplished the senator from Nevada will have no further objections." At 12:20 the senate went into executive session and at 4:20 adjourned.

#### No Business Attempted.

Chicago, March 28.—A meeting of the executive officers of the Western roads was held yesterday to talk over the situation. No concerted action was decided upon and none is likely to be. The more the decision of the supreme court is considered the more closely does it appear that not a vestige of ground is left for the existence of traffic associations as they have heretofore been conducted. None of the associations attempted to do any business yesterday. No circulars were issued by any of them, and no attempts were made to enforce the observance of agreements. As yet no rate cutting has been resorted to as a result of the collapse of the associations. The roads are simply attending to routine business and seem to be afraid to take aggressive action of any kind.

#### Reid Acquitted.

Bryan, Texas, March 28.—Dr. J. S. Reid, colored, was acquitted in the district court Wednesday for killing Dr. W. T. Green, also colored, on the 30th day of May, 1896, a full account of which was published at the time. The case has been on trial all the week and was given to the jury yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and in just seventy minutes they returned a verdict not guilty.

London, March 28.—A special dispatch from Galatz, Roumania, says it is announced there in Greek circles that a plot is being hatched among the Greeks at Constantinople, where there are 30,000 well-armed Greeks living, to revolt against the government. It is added that there are few Turkish troops now at Constantinople except the sultan's body guard, and that it would be impossible to hurriedly recall troops from the Greek frontier in the event of a revolt.

Mobile, Ala.—M. C. McKenzie, a former resident of Alvin, was burned out at Oak Grove, Mobile county, Ala. House and contents a total loss. His present address is 257 Monroe street, Mobile, Ala.

Mr. C. C. Jannin of San Antonio has purchased a piece of land near the Tomum artesian well and will erect a commodious sanatorium thereon.

#### TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Cattle buyers are now at work. Fort Worth is improving steadily. Abe Mulkey is holding a big meeting at Vernon.

The legislature is now "grinding" at \$2 per day.

The court house at Denton approaches completion.

The fruit prospect is flattering throughout the state.

Several prohibition papers have been started in this state the past month.

The Panhandle country is coming again. Plenty of rain; cattle holding their own.

The farmers of the state are further advanced with their work at this date than for years.

A large acreage will be planted in cotton this spring along the line of the Fort Worth and Denver road.

The Texas and Pacific railway company announce that a new depot will be built on the present site of the Union depot at Dallas.

Owing to an amendment to the city charter of Dallas, in the future all officers will be elected by the people, at the same election, bi-ennially.

The rainfall over the greater part of Texas recently has been very large and the prospects for a fine crop year are very flattering at present.

A short time ago the globes were taken from at least twenty incandescent lamps in Sherman. The globes are missed constantly but this is the largest raid yet discovered.

Banks Graham, a negro passenger train porter, was run over by a work train the other day near Forney, Kaufman county, breaking his shoulder and otherwise injuring him.

Mitchell Meyers, a negro laborer living at East End, San Antonio, was placed in the county jail the other day without bail, charged with criminal assault upon his seven-year-old niece.

Postmaster W. S. Howard of Beeville, Bee county, suicided a few days ago by shooting himself through the heart. The postoffice inspectors had just finished checking up accounts and all were correct.

J. A. Grubbs, a prominent merchant of McGregor, McLennan county, was arrested at Waco recently on a capias from the district court. Grubbs stands indicted by the grand jury on a charge of criminal assault.

Superintendent Lewis of the waterworks company of Corsicana is at work now having the new piping laid from well No. 2, near the Collins street school building, to Main and West Alley, a distance of about 8800 feet.

The horticulturists have donated 7000 fruit trees to the Buckner Orphans' Home of Dallas county. These trees are well kept and a few thousand of them will come into bearing. A cottage is to be erected in the orchard to be occupied for protection and care of the trees and fruit.

The district medical board met at Greenville, Hunt county, in Dr. Wolf's office and organized by electing Dr. Duffy of Rains county president, and Dr. Harrison of Delta county secretary. There was one applicant for examination before the board. Greenville was selected as the permanent place of meeting.

There is no longer a reasonable doubt that the Southern Pacific road will purchase the Bay Shore line from Houston to Galveston. It is reliably learned that an offer of \$1,000,000 has been made and will be acceptable to a majority of the interested parties. Of this amount there will be \$400,000 above debts for the owners.

Orders have been given to begin on the park and flower garden the railroads have for some months contemplated putting in near the Union depot of Sherman. When completed it will be the largest, most beautiful ground of its kind along the line of either the Texas and Pacific or Houston and Texas Central railways.

The \$15,000 additional waterworks and sewerage bonds of Hillsboro, Hill county, have been approved and registered, and as soon as they can be marketed the work of extending the waterworks and sewerage will begin.

The local freight was stalled on a grade west of Forney, Kaufman county the other morning and was doubling into town when a car on the first section broke loose and rapidly went down the grade, colliding with the section left for the second trip, tearing up three box cars and delaying passenger trains several hours.

Capt. Isaac T. Geines, the postmaster at Paris, Lamar county, and one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of the town died recently. He was taken with a bad spell of grippe which was followed by a mammoth carbuncle which was the immediate cause of death.

J. C. Conley, a lumber dealer in Farmersville, Colusa county, made an assignment recently. The assignee is J. F. Jones of Pittsburg, Camp county. Liabilities said to be about \$70,000, the assets are not known but they are large.



People of splendid appearance seldom improve on acquaintance.

It is intimated that Lexow will not be chary about sitting down on the ruffian trust.

An tin is used in making the new gold, let us hope that the old tin can problem is now solved.

An evangelist named Pepper is converting many sinners in Missouri. His sermons are said to be "hot stuff."

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An old bachelor resembles a pair of scissors with only one blade.

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## CROSSING RUBICON.



HEY were both guests at the same country house that autumn. He was an artist, handsome, gifted, well born, but poor as the proverbial church mouse, and as proud as Lucifer. She was an heiress, who, on attaining her majority some three years ago, had come into about \$5,000 a year; added to this attraction, she was beautiful, clever and charming. She was bright, high-spirited, and very independent, as suitors soon found to their cost.

"You'll be an old maid, Isabel," remonstrated the aunt with whom she lived. "You are nearly 24, my dear."  
"I don't care, auntie," laughed the young lady; "an old maid is as good as anything—a thousand times better than having a husband one doesn't care for. I'm not in love, dear, and so mean to keep my freedom."

That was said—and said truly then—some weeks before she came on this visit to Halcombe Grange and there met the artist, Eric Errington; but could she have said the same as truly now, when the visit was drawing to a close? The lips might, perhaps; the heart was another matter entirely, and she knew it. She was no tyro of a girl in her teens, but a woman who lived in the world and neither could nor would deceive herself; she knew that she loved Errington, and he loved her, despite his proud reticence and silence. What woman could not read between the lines? What man could possibly at all times completely guard every look and tone and touch when thrown so constantly each day with the loved one? He is unconscious how or when his secret is betrayed to that one.

But no one save Isabel Brandon herself suspected Errington's secret. He neither held aloof nor markedly sought her. But there were one or two others among the party who did so, and one day Maj. Glyn, the host, said half jestingly to Eric:

"My dear fellow, why don't you try your chance with the beautiful heiress and win a fortune, and therewith a speedy rise to fame?"

"Thank you, not I," said the artist, with a laugh and shrug to cover the deeper feelings stirred. "I have no intention of being ticketed 'fortune hunter' by the world or 'he fair lady herself. Even a poor devil of an artist may keep his pride and honor untarnished."

"But, Errington, nonsense!" Glyn stared. "Suppose you really cared for a girl who happened to be rich?"  
"So much the worse for me, Glyn."  
"You really mean that you wouldn't woo her or ask her hand?"  
"Never," said the other.

This had passed on the terrace. Some one half behind the lace curtains of a window above drew back with quivering lips and heaving breast. "Is this terrible gold of mine to be over, then, a hopeless barrier between two lives?" Isabel muttered, locking her



**"MY LOVE FROM THE FIRST."**

white hands. "He will never speak, never breathe a word, and I—Heaven! what can I—the woman—say or do without shame? And yet—yet—is gold and a mistaken but noble pride and sense of honor to keep us apart forever? I know he loves me—would tell me so at once were I poor. O, it is cruel, cruel. Something ought—must be done; but what?"

There it was; she, the woman, was so helpless. And shortly after this the party broke up.

A month later the artist one evening received a letter from Isabel, and, to his utter surprise and joy, oddly mixed with pain, she wished him to paint her portrait. Would he please call on her at 11 the next day?

Of course he would go; but how go through the ordeal without self-betrayal? Isabel had to strive with herself much harder for the ordeal she had at length with an infinite courage resolved to face. Therefore was it she had named an hour free from all visitors, and when her aunt, Mrs. Brandon, would still be in her own apartment. One of the two, she saw, must cross the Rubicon and burn the boats behind if both

their lives were to be saved from wreck; and since he would not, well, she, the heiress, must, whatsoever the cost.

When she was told he was in the drawing-room—when almost the actual moment had arrived—her heart sank, and at the very door she had to pause a minute to pull herself together; then she went in. How the man's dark eyes lighted up! How unconsciously close was the clasp of his hand on hers! If she had had one fleeting doubt of his love that second must have dispelled it.

"What a pleasure to see you again, Miss Brandon!" he said; "and what an honor you do me to let me paint your portrait!"

"Is it? It is good of you to call it so," Isabel answered brightly, but inwardly every nerve was quivering and strained. "Aunt Mary began again yesterday about having my picture done, so I wrote to you. My aunt will be down presently, but in the meanwhile we can arrange the sittings, dress, and so forth."

Errington passed by the "so forth," and only arranged for her dress and the sittings.

"But now," she said, "that that is settled, we come to—you must please name your—"

"Pardon me," Errington interposed, with resolute quietude that in itself gave her fresh surety of her ground; "but you must do me the great favor to let that part rest until the work is finished. You are not like a stranger—"

"Indeed, I hope not," Isabel said gently. "Well, be it as you please, then."

"Thank you very much, Miss Brandon."

He rose.

She, too, stood up; the moment had come; the woman's heart stood still for a moment that was agony; two lives' happiness or misery hung on her courage or failure.

"Well, I suppose your time is valuable," she said, turning to him, but her eyes did not fully meet his. "By-the-by, Mr. Errington, I believe—if I am rightly informed—that I have come to congratulate you?"

"Congratulations!" repeated the artist, in genuine surprise. "For what? On what account?"

His surprise, and, oddly enough, the very comedy of the position, gave her new courage. "Why, I heard that you are engaged to an heiress," she said.

The Rubicon was crossed; there was no going back now, come what would. Errington flushed to the brow, then paled again.

"It is absolutely untrue," he said, in a strained way, and drew back a step. "It never could be true of me!"

"But why not?" persisted Isabel, now standing to her colors with true feminine staunchness, her eyes aglow, her soft tones steady. "If, as I heard, you are attached to her, why should your engagement be an impossibility, as you imply?"

Had some one—Glyn, perhaps—dared to tell her this, meaning herself, but without naming her? flashed across Eric, in haughty wrath and pain.

"Why impossible?" he repeated, stung to a sort of desperation. "Because I am a poor, struggling man who holds his honor dearer even than love if the story were true. Neither the world nor any woman born should have the right to believe me a dishonored fortune-hunter."

"The world's judgment!" she said; and now her breath came quickly, her eyes flashed like diamonds. "You are not such a coward, I know, as to fear that; but is it much less cowardly to be afraid of even the risk of the woman you love, remember?" She was speaking with a strangely passionate, if suppressed, force that sent a sudden vague thrill through the man—a dim sense of something that dazzled him—of a personality beneath the overt meaning; an assertion of his love for the heiress as a fact, not a mere figure of argument. "The woman you love, remember, and whose happiness, perhaps, your pride may wreck as well as your own—who doubtless knows your heart's secret, and curses the miserable gold and cruel pride that stands between your lives."

"Isabel!" Errington sprang to her side—caught her hands in his own. "My darling, my love from the first! Forgive me, if you can, worse than fool that I have been. Ah, my poor Isabel!"

For the girl burst into tears as he locked her to his heart; the tension must needs give way at last, brave girl though she was.

"O, why were you so cruel? Why did you force me to—to—O, Eric!"

"My darling—forgive me!—because I loved so much I feared your scornful refusal. Why should you think me different from other wooers? And I never dreamed of this happiness, dearest," he said, passionately. "One word—tell me you forgive your lover."

"Eric, I love you," she whispered, and lifted her face for a moment for his kiss.

and sent up the rising artist's name at once.

"So, after all, you see, Eric," his wife says, arch and tender in one, "you will win the best in the end, fortune and fame."

"And the priceless treasure that neither gold nor fame could buy," he answers, smiling down on the dear face—"my wife."—The Folks at Home.

## THE OLD WAYSIDE INN.

House Made Famous by Longfellow Sold to a Boston Man.

If there is no hitch in the papers the old wayside inn at Sudbury, Mass., made famous by Longfellow, will pass into the ownership of a Boston gentleman of antiquarian tastes, who will preserve the building and fill it with articles of historic interest, says the New York Times. The name of the buyer will not be given out until the papers have passed. This estate passed into the hands of ex-Mayor S. H. Howe of Marlboro and ex-Ald. Homer Rogers of Boston in 1893. Those two gentlemen have expended considerable money in renovating the house and improving it, such as shingling the roof and retopping the chimneys, which had been broken in several places. This work in no way, however, interferes with its exterior or its historic worth, for Mr. Rogers told a reporter at his house in Alliston that he would not have that happen for thousands, and the work was done for preservation. When the deed came into the hands of Mr. Rogers three years ago it was the first time it had passed out of the hands of the Howe family since the house was originally built, two centuries since. The building was built shortly after King Philip's war and up to 1893 it was known as Howe's tavern. David Howe built it about the commencement of the eighteenth century and in 1702 received from Samuel Howe, his father, a tract of 130 acres of land. John Howe, the grandfather of David, had the lot on which the tavern stands assigned him in the apportionment of 1651. In 1746 Col. Ezekiel Howe, who won fame in the revolution, hung out the red-horse sign and when, in 1796, the colonel died, Adam, his son, took the tavern, and for forty years conducted it as a public house. Lyman Howe, a brother, took possession when Adam passed away, and continued to keep an inn until about 1866. Then its days of usefulness in this direction ceased. It has, however, been open to the public for several seasons past. Time and the storms have dealt lightly with the historic structure, for the white-oak beams are in a fine state of preservation.

## COYOTES SOMETIMES ADROIT.

Instances in Which They Have Circumvented Their Enemies.

No cuter animal is found in the west than the coyote. The coyote is to the plainsman what a fox is to an eastern farmer, only the coyote is more in evidence, says Forest and Stream. A dog that had its principal sport chasing and otherwise worrying coyotes was led into ambush by one coyote and then set upon by several other of the prairie wolves and almost done to death. About 9 o'clock one night one of the coyotes came to the kitchen door and howled aggravatingly at the dog, which thereupon set after the coyote full tilt. The coyote fled around the house, down to the corral and around the blacksmith shanty, the dog yelping after. Behind the shanty were other coyotes, six or seven of them, and all of them made for the dog in a way that made it feel lonely. The ranchman heard the fight and the dog's howls of pain, and grasping his rifle started that way on the run, yelling as he went. The coyotes took a farewell nip apiece and fled, leaving a sore dog behind. Since then the dog has not been so much interested as on former occasions in coyotes. It follows single coyotes vigorously, but the appearance of another sends it back as fast as it can run. The coyote likes badger flesh very much, but one coyote is not equal to a badger in a fight, consequently the coyote, when it meets a badger, has to resort to stratagem till aid arrives. The manner in which it does this is interesting. "A few weeks ago," a writer says, "as I was riding along I saw a coyote and a badger. The coyote seemed to be playing with the badger. He would prance about it, first as if to bite it, then run off a little way, the badger following, evidently very angry. When the badger saw me it ran into its hole, while the coyote went off forty or fifty yards and lay down, evidently knowing I had no gun with me. The coyote's device was evidently to tease and so keep the badger interested till another coyote happened along, when the badger would have been killed."

In Boston it is considered quite out of the common for a man to shut up his store on the day of his mother's funeral.

Electricity is the most shocking discovery yet made. It will shock the most brazen-faced men or women in the dark.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, ss.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure, sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 14th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(Seal.)  
A. W. GLEASON,  
Notary Public.  
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials, free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by druggists, 75c.  
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

A smile is as cheap as a frown, and has occasionally turned out to be worth vastly more in hard cash. Recent English newspapers tell of a lonely old bachelor leaving all his property to a young lady known to him only from the fact of living opposite, because for several years she had smiled pleasantly upon him when they casually met in the street, and the smile had cheered his lonely heart and won his practical recognition in his will.

"STAR TOBACCO."  
As you chew tobacco for pleasure use Star. It is not only the best but the most lasting, and, therefore, the cheapest.

If this thing keeps up, a state of belligerency will have to be recognized between the American correspondents now in Cuba.

With a full-fledged king on its staff, that New York paper may manage to print a little truth. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown."

GET STRENGTH AND APPETITE.  
Use Dr. Harter's Iron Tonic. Your Druggist will refund money if not satisfactory.

Every man is serving some kind of a master.

The preaching that is aimed at the head generally misses the heart.

FITS stopped free and permanently cured. No more after first day's use of Dr. Williams' Great Nerve Restorer. Free 32 trial bottle and treatment sent to Dr. K. A. M. A. S. Philadelphia, Pa.

The rotten apple spoils his companion.

To Cure Constipation Forever.  
Take Casco's Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

Be neither silly nor cunning, but wise.

## GREAT deal of nonsense has been written—and believed, about blood purifiers. What purifies the blood?

## THE KIDNEYS PURIFY THE BLOOD AND THEY ALONE.

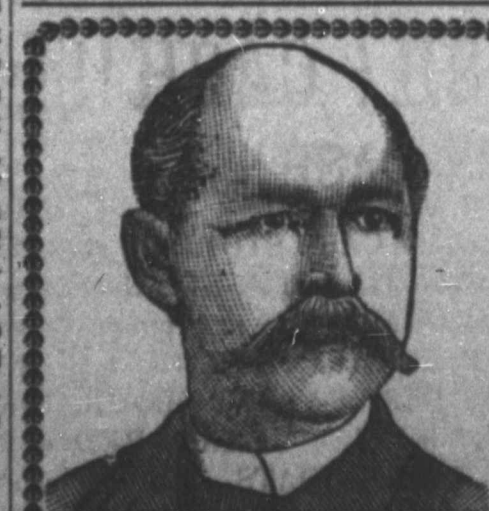
If diseased, however, they cannot, and the blood continually becomes more impure. Every drop of blood in the body goes through the kidneys, the sewers of the system, every three minutes, night and day, while life endures.



puts the kidneys in perfect health, and nature does the rest.

The heavy, dragged out feeling, the bilious attacks, headaches, nervous unrest, fickle appetite, all caused by poisoned blood, will disappear when the kidneys properly perform their functions.

There is no doubt about this. Thousands have so testified. The theory is right, the cure is right and health follows as a natural sequence. Be self-convinced through personal proof.



## W. L. DOUGLAS \$3 SHOE

BEST IN THE WORLD.  
For 16 years this shoe, by merit alone, has obtained all competitors.  
Endorsed by over 1,000,000 wearers as the best in style, fit and durability of any shoe ever offered at \$3.00.  
It is made in all the LATEST SHAPES and STYLES and of every variety of leather.  
One dollar in a three dollar shoe sale and advertised in local papers on receipt of reasonable order. Send for catalogue to W. L. DOUGLAS, Boston, Mass.



LOCAL NEWS.

ARLEDGE & KENNEDY

DEALERS IN

Groceries & Hardware,

Keep a good Fresh Stock and you will do well to call on them before buying, they are never under sold A good stock of Farming tools on hand.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

The Hatchell Market handles the best meats, fish and poultry.

N. J. Mainer of Lovelady, was in town, Tuesday.

Fresh bread and cakes at the Crockett Bakery, N. W. Cor. square.

Hon. W. F. Murchison was in Crockett, Tuesday.

There are twenty-four prisoners in the county jail present at.

Mr. G. W. Albright of Lovelady, gave the COURIER a call, Tuesday.

R. C. Stokes was confined to his bed several days this week with illness.

A great fruit crop is now almost assured to the fruit growers of Houston county.

A first class place, first class goods and first class attendance at HYMAN'S SALOON.

Highest price paid for cattle and hogs at the HATCHELL MARKET.

Some very fine grades of whiskey just received at HYMAN'S SALOON.

You can get a meal or lunch at all hours at Crockett Bakery Restaurant, N. W. Cor. square.

Hyman's Saloon is the nicest in town, next to the "Blue Front Store."

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledge, Kennedy & Co's Grocer Store.

Nat Cooper, of Ft. Worth, son of Judge L. W. Cooper, was in town this week on a visit to his father.

Revival services have been in progress all the week at the Methodist church, Rev. Whitehurst officiating.

Good liquor, fresh keg beer and best treatment at HYMAN'S SALOON.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Self of this city, are visiting the parents of the latter at Whitewright, Grayson county.

Last week two of our local surgeons, Drs. S. T. Beasley and J. L. Hall amputated part of the right forefinger of J. R. McIver, the well known stockman and farmer. The operation was made necessary by a bone felon.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

Call at the CASH STORE for all kinds of GRAIN and FEED. Good mixed CORN at 35c per bushel. WHITE PEARL MEAL, 35c per bushel. BEST PATENT FLOUR, \$5 per barrel. TEXAS RED RUST PROOF OATS, 32c per bushel. Car bright FORNEY Hay, cheap, syrup, the best grade, 33 1-3c per gallon; by the barrel 30c.

The above prices are no fiction. Money saved is money made, so be sure to drop in and price before buying.

R. M. ATKINSON.

Come to City Saloon when dry.

Do you want the best flour that money can buy? If so, use S. & P. at Daniel & Burton's.

The Christian church people will have services at the court-house in this city, next Sunday morning and night.

Get your meats from the Hatchell Market. They keep everything that can be had in the fresh meat line.

More salvage goods of all kinds being opened to-day at MISTROT'S.

The city needs a half-dozen arc lights. The city council might think of this and possibly have them put in.

Don't take your job-work to a foreign city to have it done. Don't give it to those who canvas for foreign job-offices.

S. & P. flour, the acme of perfection. If you are not using it, you should not delay longer. Buy a sack of Daniel & Burton.

Major Charles M. Raguet, a prominent citizen of Marshall, who has large landed interests in this county, was in the city this week.

The grand jury re-convened Monday, and adjourned finally to-day, (Thursday.) They have returned 26 bills for felony and 29 bills for misdemeanor.

Mr. F. A. Sears of Iowa, who is in Houston county to buy hogs, gave the COURIER a call this week. He says that snow and ice still prevail up in his state.

The infant son of Mrs. J. C. Wootters, Jr., died at the family residence a mile east of town last Saturday and was buried in the city cemetery on Sunday.

Bryant Wilson has returned from St. Louis quite feeble from an attack of measles. He bought a large and elegant line of goods for his business, which are now arriving every day.

The local lodge of the Knights of Dixie in this city has surrendered its charter and gone out of existence. There were more than thirty members but the necessary financial stimulus was lacking.

We publish in this issue the financial statement of the county. Judge Winfree informs us that he has had the statement in preparation for some weeks and has been awaiting some collections from J. R. Sheridan in order to complete it.

Mistrot Bros & Co. will have their Spring opening on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Everyone will receive a hearty welcome and will be shown the latest novelties in our line whether they wish to purchase or not.

Mr. Louis A. Berry, clerk at the Pickwick hotel, and Miss Margie E. DeDaines, daughter of Rev. James DeDaines, were married at the residence of the bride's parents in this city, Wednesday night, March 31st, Rev. H. W. Moore officiating.

The readers of the COURIER remember the dastardly and almost successful attempt last year to assassinate Mr. T. J. Crofford, a good citizen of the Creek neighborhood. At the last term of district court here, a negro named Doc Jones was sent to the penitentiary for seven years as one of the perpetrators of the crime. The present grand jury, after again investigating the case, found an indictment against Bud Polk, (col.) charging him with participation in the attempt to murder Mr. Crofford, and last week Sheriff Waller arrested Polk on Trinity river and lodged him in jail here. He got two years.

Our spring stock is now complete in every department. Just how long it will be until it is broken up remains to be seen. Judging from the rush of the past two days, some one will have to be satisfied with second choice. MISTROT BROS & Co

Mrs. Corinne Alston of St. Louis, arrived in the city, Sunday night, and Monday morning assumed her duties as head of the millinery department in W. V. McConnell's big establishment. Mrs. Alston is a pleasant and accomplished lady who is sure to make friends with the ladies of Crockett and Houston County.

Ice cold Schlitz bottle beer at City Saloon.

One of the hardest rains and wind storms ever felt in Crockett, struck the town just before dusk Saturday evening. Quite a number of trees were blown down and the streets looked like rivers. Nearly all night the rain poured and all the streams in the county were overflowing. The Trinity is out of banks and crops on bottom lands are much injured.

Mount Vernon pure rye whiskey at City Saloon.

There are three aldermen to be elected next week, as well as a city marshal, and yet this matter of very material importance to the people of Crockett hasn't created a ripple of feeling. There should be some effort made by the tax-payers to agree on aldermen who will help to give an energetic and progressive city government, and not let these officials drift into place as a matter of course, as though their duties were of no interest or consequence to the people of Crockett.

Just received at Daniel & Burton's, car of celebrated S. & P. flour.

We have just bought a car of the celebrated "Sweet and Pure" flour and solicit your orders. We guarantee it pure, soft wheat and nothing finer can be had. For whiteness, rising qualities and sweetness it is at the top. While such high grade flour costs a good deal more than cheap stuff, it will pay you to buy only the best. Inferior flour is not cheap at any price. If you are using S. and P. you know that what we say is a fact—it not, try a barrel or sack and then you will take no other.

DANIEL & BURTON.

To the Voters of the City of Crockett.

At the municipal election on the 6th day of April I shall be before you as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal. During my incumbency for the past four years I have endeavored to do my duty impartially and without favor. If re-elected, I shall strive to discharge these same duties in the same spirit of impartiality and, I trust, with the same degree of fidelity as in the past. The marshal is not charged by law or ordinance with the powers or the duty of making side walks, working streets or opening up streets. So far, however, as it may be made my duty to look after and perform such labors, I promise to do so with all the fidelity and efficiency that I may be able to command so far as the law may go in conferring it on me. The City Marshal under the provisions of law is a peace officer, city tax assessor and tax collector. The condition of the city's streets and the duty of looking after and caring for the same are placed by law under the supervision and control of three street commissioners and these are the gentlemen to say what shall be done to streets and side walks, and whenever they have said that certain work should be done to streets and made it my duty to look after such work, I have faithfully striven to look after it and shall do so again if chosen by your suffrages to serve you. JOHN LACY.

DOCTOR T. H. HAIRSTON,

Bryan, Texas, Makes a Specialty of RECTAL - AND - PRIVATE - DISEASES. Piles or Hemorrhoids, Fistula, Fissures, Itching or Pruritus Ani and Ulcerated Bowels. The KNIFE, LIGATURE, CARBOLIC ACID and other Dangerous Remedies are not used by me.

A NEW AND PAINLESS TREATMENT. I WILL DEPOSIT MY MONEY IN BANK AGAINST A FEE THAT I CAN CURE Any Case of Piles—the best Guarantee that can be offered.

No charge for Consultation or Examination. Patients may be accompanied by their family physician. Examination and Treatment may be made at the home of the patient when preferred. No DETENTION FROM BUSINESS NECESSARY. Office Hours: 9 to 12 a. m. and 2 to 5 p. m.

Will be at Capitol Hotel, Crockett, Tex. on 4th of Each Month.

Announcements.

We are authorized to announce the name of H. W. McColvey as a candidate for City Marshal at the approaching city election in April.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. C. Lacy, as a candidate for re-election to the office of City Marshal at the approaching city election in April.

It is only a question of time, and a short one at that, when the tobacco industry will become a great one in this county. It is a little late now to go into the business, but by next season an organization will be perfected and systematic efforts made to put in a large crop from Havana seed.

Stock Hogs Wanted.

I will be in Crockett from the 6th to 10th of April to buy and receive stock hogs for which I will pay, cash, the best market price. For further particulars inquire of R. L. Warren, F. F. Fifer or First National Bank. F. A. SEARS.

Election.

It is ordered by the City Council of the City of Crockett that an election be held within the corporate limits of the City of Crockett on Tuesday, the 6th day of April, 1897, for the election of three aldermen and a City Marshal of the City of Crockett to serve for two years. Geo. W. Crook, presiding officer. Passed March 3d 1897.

J. C. WOOTTERS, Mayor of City of Crockett, Texas.

ATTEST: EARL ADAMS, JR, Sec'y of the City of Crockett, Tex.

For Sale.

All my property in the eastern part of the county, including several hundred acres of land, saw-mill, and gin, all appointments, equipments and improvements. Terms easy and figures surprisingly low to any one in earnest. J. H. RATLIFF, Ratliff, Texas.

A Valuable Prescription.

Editor Morrison of Worthington, Ind., "Sun," writes: "You have a valuable prescription in Electric Bitters, and I can cheerfully recommend it for constipation and sick headache, and as a general system tonic it has no equal." Mrs. Anne Stehl, 5025 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, was all run down, could not eat nor digest food had a backache which never left her and felt tired and weary, but six bottles of Electric Bitters restored her health and renewed her strength. Prices 50c and \$1. Get a bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's.

Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption.

This is the best in the world for all forms of coughs and colds and consumption. Every bottle is guaranteed. It will cure and not disappoint. It has no equal for whooping cough, asthma, hay fever, pneumonia, bronchitis, la grippe, cold in the head, and for consumption. It is safe for all ages, pleasant to take, and, above all, a sure cure. It is always well to take Dr. King's New Life Pills in connection with Dr. King's New Discovery, as they regulate and tone the stomach and bowels. We guarantee perfect satisfaction or return of money. Free trial bottles at B. F. Chamberlain's Drug Store. Regular size 50 cents and \$1.00.

All last winter Mr. Geo. A. Mills, of Lebanon, Conn., was badly afflicted with rheumatism. At times it was so severe that he could not stand up straight, but was drawn over on one side. "I tried different remedies without receiving relief," he says, "until about six months ago I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. After using it for three days my rheumatism was gone and has not returned since. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain, Crockett, W. Totty, Graveland.

A lady was so reduced in flesh last summer by the chills that she actually had to wear suspenders to hold her corset up. Some friend advised her to take Chamberlain's Tasteless Chill Tonic—she did so. That pair of suspenders for sale cheap. She now tips the beam at 140 lbs. Guaranteed. Tasteless 50c size.

Ballard's Snow Lintiment.

This lintiment is different in composition from any other lintiment and the market. It is a scientific discovery which results in it being the most penetrating lintiment ever known. There are numerous white imitations, which may be recommended because they pay the seller a fat profit. Beware of these and demand Ballard's Snow Lintiment. It positively cures rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, bruises, wounds, cuts, eczema and inflammatory rheumatism, burns, scalds, sore feet, contracted muscles, stiff joints, old sores, pain in back, barb wire cuts, sore chest or throat, and is especially beneficial in paralysis. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

A 50 cent Iron Tonic. Pure Soluble Iron concentrated and pure Amorphous Quinine is contained in Chamberlain's Tasteless Chill Tonic, making it the most desirable Iron Tonic on the market. It is a true tonic, strengthens appetizer, tones up the system, and blood purifier. Only 50 cents.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

Are you bilious, constipated or troubled with jaundice, sick headache, bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in back and between the shoulders, chills and fever, etc. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order, and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75cts. Free trial bottle at L. H. Haring & Co.

"The flowers that bloom in the spring time, trace their life to the seed." "Found him sick in bed with the chills, poor old man." "But Chamberlain's Chill Tonic got him up on his feet." "And he now daily sings, white tripping the streets." "It undoubtedly cured his shakes, ha, ha!"

What a Prominent Insurance Man Says.

H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co. 217 N. 3d St., St. Louis, writes: I had been left with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve, until I took Ballard's Horehound Syrup. One bottle completely cured me. I sent one bottle to my sister, who had a severe cough, and she experienced immediate relief. I always recommended this syrup to my friends. Jno. Cranston, 608 Hampshire street, Quincy, Ill., writes: I have found Ballard's Horehound Syrup superior to any other cough medicine I have ever known. It never disappoints. Price 25c and 50c. Sold by L. H. Haring & Co.

Stray Notice.

Taken up by Nathan Smith and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, justice of the peace, precinct No. 1, Houston county, Texas, the following described animal: one small bay mare about four years old, 13 1/2 hands high, brand blotched, appraised at \$15. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1897. N. E. ALLEMAN, Clerk Houston Co. Tex.



# THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.  
J. T. DIXON, Editor.

## THE VILLAGE OF CROCKETT.

The Galveston News speaks of "the village of Crockett." Don't let this occur again, or we shall retract all that we have said about another New York on the gulf coast of Texas resulting from deep water, local enterprise, geographical location and the Galveston News. Crockett long since threw off the swaddling clothes of village life. She is largely equipped with modern appliances, and she intends to have all the others before Galveston has even reached the stage of San Antonio, in its progress toward Greater London. Our population is rapidly ceasing to be provincial; we have forgotten sectional prejudice; we not only tolerate, but welcome difference of opinion—as the friction necessary to the evolution of truth. The modern, broad-gauged business man is abundantly in evidence here—and, moreover, he was reared here and is "racy of the soil." He is typically Texan, typically Southern and typically American. He has too much brains and educated intelligence to talk about "Yankees" with a contemptuous, drawing sneer on the first syllable, for he now understands that generations of provincial life created and bred many unjust prejudices in him, and that his best interests demand that he should rid himself of such nonsense and get in line with modern life and all its wonderful and inspiring possibilities. He has, moreover, plenty of pride of section and a lively sense of historical truth and justice, and this leads him to resent the occasional mistakes of a Galveston News reporter who will insist in a platitudinous, automatic kind of way that "Northern energy" is responsible for all the modern, enterprising features of Texas and the South. He is a better informed man than the News reporter, for he knows that, with the single exception of Chattanooga, Southern brains and energy gave the momentum and worked out the details of what is known as the New South,—barring, of course, the railroad development, which had no sectional origin or character and was mostly a matter of Southern bonds and foreign capital. He welcomes immigration and he never fails to give the honest immigrant his right hand, takes him in to his business and social life and says to him: "Be one of us; we have a great state; help us to develop it, but don't assume superiority—we won't have it." Right here in Crockett, we have the immigrant Yankee in splendid evidence. He has done an immense amount of good, and we thoroughly like and respect him. Send us more of the same kind, so that in the future we may have here a great, stalwart, composite race of Texans with full community of interest and sympathies, loving a common country and its flag with equal devotion, and with every trace of sectional cant, bigotry and intolerance forever eliminated. Crockett is growing steadily along modern lines. She has distinct and inalienable advantages of her own, and she is utilizing them. She has passed out of her village life and is an incorporated city of brick and stone business houses and handsome homes, the latter adorned and glorified by the loveliest women and prettiest children in the world. "The village of Crockett," indeed! And that, too, with four candidates for city marshal in sight, and the municipal election next Tuesday!

We are informed that some persons are very diligently seeking to create the impression among the people in the county that there will be an effort at the meeting of the commissioners' court next week to issue bonds to build a bridge over the Trinity river. We are authorized to say that there is no foundation for such report. There is not a single commissioner of the four who is in favor of such issuance of bonds, and the county judge is also opposed to it. The court is unanimous against the proposition, and with the court feeling and thinking as it does on this question, no one would be so silly as to attempt to have such a measure put through.

The joint committee of the legislature appointed to redistrict the state into judicial districts, have prepared and reported their bill to the senate and house. By the bill reported, Houston county is put into a district with Walker, Grimes, Brazos, Leon and Madison. We can't believe that the representatives from this county have connived at or consented to such an arrangement as this. The district is clearly republican, Walker, Brazos and Grimes being overwhelmingly republican, and Madison and Leon democratic by a very narrow margin. There would be no trouble for a republican or a mongrel to be elected judge of this district. The people of Houston county have suffered enough the past two years from an incumbent of this type and are not willing to be associated with counties in the make-up of a judicial district, with which Houston has nothing in common. As we have stated above, we can't believe that representatives Wall and Barbee have agreed to permit this county to be placed as this bill makes it—contrary to the manifest wishes of the people of this county. We have not made the fight that we did the past three years against the political combination which existed here and was personified in the person of James R. Burnett, to sit still and, without protest, allow Houston county to be outraged by such an assignment as this bill proposes. If representatives Wall and Barbee have agreed to such a judicial jumble as this plan contemplates, they certainly do not know and do not represent the wishes of the people of this county. We would a thousand times prefer the present arrangement than the one proposed. If Mr. Barbee and Judge Wall want petitions in support of the contention we make, they can be easily furnished. It is to be hoped that the bill will fail of passage, and we trust that the representatives, as well as Senator Rogers, will do all in their power to defeat the passage of it in its present shape.

### A Reception.

If Rip Van Winkle, after a twenty years' slumber, should awake in Crockett, he would, no doubt, be surprised at the many changes. Ice factory, oil mill, electric lights and other signs of modern progress—but the two women's clubs would indicate the spirit of the age, even more than these material advances. This has been truly called the Era of Woman. The S. S. H. Club, a bouquet of beauty, is limited to the young ladies, "heart whole and fancy free." The other club is for the social recreation of the matrons. Last Thursday afternoon, March 25th., Mrs. Coriane Corry entertained the Married Ladies' Club and some other friends with a charming reception. Mrs. Corry was ably assisted by Mrs. D. A. Nunn and Mrs. R. W. Nunn. The large double parlors were decorated with flowers, principally masses of the snowy bridal wreath. About thirty stylishly gowned ladies came to enjoy the occasion. One of the features of the afternoon was a con-

test of wise and witty sayings, and some of the contributions were good enough for Puck. In this contest the "New Woman" was one of the topics for discussion, and the various points of view were truly amusing. Some averred she was "an angel," some "a fake—being the same old woman," some "a fool," etc. Mrs. Maria Moore carried off the prize for the best paper in the contest. The atmosphere of this home is a mental inspiration to all who enter its portals, so it is not strange that each lady appeared at her brightest and wittiest. Brilliant conversation and soul melting strains of music also beguiled the hours. Dainty refreshments were served—beside each plate a bunch of purple wisteria blossoms added a touch of poetry. The flowers were transferred to the ladies' belts, and soon the already perfume-laden air was sweet with their delicate fragrance. "The shades of evening fell" before we could tear ourselves away, when we left with many thanks to Mrs. Corry for an afternoon which will ever remain a green oasis in memory.

BY A LADY FRIEND.

### Tram and Lumber Co., Meeting.

W. C. Teter, Esq., who has been actively interesting himself in the organization of the Tram and Lumber Co., and the establishment of a saw mill plant at Crockett, came up from Galveston last week. There was a meeting of the directors of the concern on Tuesday last at which the prospect of an early consummation of the plans of the company was discussed. Correspondence between Mr. Teter and northern capitalists interested in lumber and saw mill operations was read. Up to the present the directors have not succeeded in making a sale, though they are still in communication with parties prospecting on these lines. Mr. Teter informs the COURIER that there is no doubt of ultimate success, though there may be some delay. He requests the COURIER to announce that those who have not brought up the papers for an examination of title, to please do so at once and to deliver the same to Col. D. A. Nunn, or Judge A. A. Aldrich. Mr. Teter says those who have subscribed to this enterprise should be patient as it takes time to work up and carry through to successful termination any scheme of this magnitude. We print below a letter from a leading firm of lumber dealers in New York which shows what effort Mr. Teter and others are making:

NEW YORK, Jan. 11, 1897.

W. C. TETER, Esq.

Galveston, Tex.

DEAR SIR:—Your several favors received. The writer is waiting for the President of our Company to return from the west and will at once take the matter up with him which will probably end in our making an appointment to meet you at Galveston in the near future and investigate the matter.

We hope in the meantime that you will be able to locate at least 20,000 acres more, bringing it up to 60,000 acres rather than 40,000. The information which you sent us contained in the newspaper clipping about shipments from Sabine Pass is valuable and we believe it would be an excellent place for us to locate in view of our foreign trade.

Do we understand from you that there is no mill at Crockett and that the town would give us a mill site with plenty of ground for piling, sheds, etc., that this is within a few miles of the timber and that there are equal rail facilities to Sabine Pass and Galveston?

We are much interested in your letters and statements and wish to see that you will not take the matter up with any one else until we can investigate same.

## R. C. Stokes, WATCHMAKER AND ADJUSTER,

HAS A COMPLETE LINE OF

Watches, Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, Ect.

BUYS OLD GOLD AND SILVER. OUR MOTTO,

RELIABLE GOODS AT BOTTOM CASH PRICES.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

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