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## MORE HELP.

OUR business has been so unexpectedly good so far this April that we had to call in extra help. Why! ask the people and they will tell you that eight times out of ten when they came into our store they have to wait their turn.

I really enjoyed a scene at my front door the other day, which would have been a fit subject for some almanac. An old man of somewhat an excitable nature, walking as it were thoughtlessly along, and nearing our door, seeing the great rush of men, women and children to get in, he halted. Above the rattle and roar of trade I could barely discern a voice crying as if in great distress, Bill! oh Bill! and jumping upon the counter I discovered just outside the door an old man in a half stooping position, his head thrown back at right angle with his shoulders, arms extended, eyes protruded, hair affright, feet rattling upon the pavement, color death like, and battling my way through the crowd I grasped his arm and shaking him to consciousness I asked, Old man, what is the matter? and in broken excitable accents he said B-i-l-l w-h-a-t i-s t-h-e m-a-t-t-e-r i-n thar? Why! Says I, old man it is nothing more than our regular run of trade that is constantly going on, and handing him his cane and replacing his hat upon his head, he gave me a hearty hand shake and departed saying "thank the Lord I thought sumpen sarious hapuned." The exclamations are innumerable that are poured out over our dress goods, as we have every thing in the very latest figures. It is our aim to keep you apace with the larger towns and cities, therefore we went to headquarters and are able to place before you the very latest styles. If you are in doubt about this write to some of the big retail stores in St. Louis

Chicago or New York for samples of the latest and see if they don't enclose you just such as we are showing you. Just before leaving the market there appeared the very latest in Oxford ties, and our Mr. J. A. McConnell placed an order for same—all the big retail stores in St. Louis have them—we knew they would be here next season, but we did not want you to wait until then for the latest, the goods are now here and when we show them to the fair damsels their eyes twinkle, a smile separates the lips, and an expression of delight covers the whole face and on leaving, you can hear them murmuring to themselves, wonderfully, bewilderingly, beautiful. Our milliner having been to headquarters and served in the trimming department, is strictly up to date and is giving perfect satisfaction to those who admire style, taste and beauty, and remember and bear in mind one and all that we trim hats to suit any purse from 25c up to \$10.

See our line of childrens and misses ties, ladies latest in collars, belts and bows, shirt waists and all the garments in underwear. A nice line of mens, youths and childrens caps and straw hats. Knee pants and suits from 3 years up to 15 years old.

Mens' summer coats and vests, an elegant line of pants and underwear. Our line of mens' shirts and neck wear is perfectly superb. Our line of mens' and boys' shoes, slippers and Newport ties are second to none. Our silk waist and skirt patterns are rapidly going. Handkerchiefs in silk, linen and cotton in all the latest designs. Ventilated hosiery in now in use. Out of 15 rolls of matting received on April 8th, we have left only 3 rolls. Come on if you want one, price, after this will be higher—the advance is already on in market.

Respectfully

**W. V. MCGONNELL.**

### Mass Meeting.

There was a mass meeting of the citizens at the court house, on Thursday night, for the purpose of organizing a protest against the judicial district, which the bill now pending before the legislature proposes to create. The district as proposed is composed of Houston, Walker, Grimes, Brazos, Leon and Madison. Dr. J. L. Lipscomb was called to the chair and E. Winfree made secretary. After stating the object of the meeting D. A. Nunn, Jr. offered the following resolutions:

We, the people of Houston county, assembled in mass meeting, desire to make protest against the judicial district bill now pending before the legislature, and for reasons would say:

1. It is impracticable to make a reappointment of the judicial districts, to take effect at the end of the term of office of the district judges and district attorneys, because they are constitutional officers and their tenure of office cannot be destroyed or disturbed by legislative act, and any attempt to do so is in violation of a fundamental principle of government incorporated in our constitution. (Art. 2, sec. 1.)

2. The constitution provides that the state shall be divided into as many judicial districts as may now or hereafter be provided by law, that for each district there shall be elected by the qualified

voters a judge, of certain named qualifications, who shall hold office for the period of four years and shall receive an annual salary of \$2500 until change by law, etc. (Art. 5, Sec. 7.) This provision places the district judge in office for four years beyond the power of the legislative branch of government to control, except by general law applicable alike to all district judges, to increase or diminish the salary of the districts judges of the state; but it confers no power to take from any particular judge his salary by special act, or by any new arrangement of districts; otherwise any judge of the state could be robbed of his office on any pretext at the caprice of the legislative department and thus the cardinal principle of an independent judiciary secured by the constitution, as the bulwark of the liberty of the citizen and of his property, would be destroyed and our system of government subverted.

3. The bill now pending is especially obnoxious in this, it not only seeks to deprive judges and district attorneys of their offices, but where two judges, elected by the people, are placed in the same district, whether by accident or design, they shall both surrender their offices and then the governor is authorized to appoint a judge for the district created, thus depriving the people of their constitutional right to have the judges

chosen and elected by themselves.

4. The bill has provided all relief called for by the larger cities by extra districts and judges, but proposes to sacrifice the country and smaller towns on a plea of economy, which will result in clogging our courts and bringing upon us condition of affairs from which we escaped in 1876, after a desperate struggle which had lasted nearly ten years. The losses to litigants and the injury to society resulting from the paralysis and congested condition of the courts from 1867 to 1876 should not be brought upon us again by the specious but false plea of economy; nor should our judicial system be disarranged and thrown into confusion by questionable methods that will surely be disputed and brought to a proper test.

5. The district we have (the Third) contains about 68,000 people, and yet we are to be deprived of our district judge, chosen by ourselves, as we had a right to do, on the plea that the district should be larger, and at the same time Harris county is allowed an extra judge, besides having a criminal court, when their population does not exceed that of this district.

6. This county would be by the proposed bill placed in a republican district and thus we would be placed subject to the casualties that belong to such an unfortunate condition in Texas.

7. It is absolutely preposterous

to suppose that one judge can transact all the business, civil and criminal, of the six counties of Houston, Walker, Brazos, Grimes, Leon and Madison, with a population of about 175,000, and in each county a large criminal docket and a large negro population.

8. And we hereby instruct and request the representatives from this county and the senator from this district to use all possible means to defeat this bill, and to maintain our present judicial district.

On motion of A. D. Lipscomb a committee was raised to select a committee to go to Austin and to provide means to defray the expenses of said committee. Said committee is as follows: D. A. Nunn, sr., D. A. Nunn, jr., A. D. Lipscomb, I. A. Daniel and John Lacy. Resolutions were adopted to send the Galveston News, and Houston Post a copy of resolutions, and also to forward copy of same to N. B. Barbee, W. B. Wall and Senator B. F. Rogers.

On motion of W. B. Page, our representatives were requested, in the event that the bill couldn't be defeated, to try to amend same by taking Houston county from said bill and placing it with any other district. On motion Henderson and Anderson counties were requested to co-operate with this county in the end proposed.

J. L. LIPSCOMB, Chairman.  
E. WINFREE, Sec'y.

### A Suggestion to the Commissioners' Court.

Something will have to be done to preserve the records in the county clerk's office from the ravages of rats and other destructive agencies. Besides the business of this office has grown to be of such a magnitude that the present quarters of this official are not commodious enough. We suggest for the consideration of the court as a solution of this question that there be a re-arrangement of offices as follows: Let the court have a part of the court room up stairs cut off and united by removing partitions with the south west jury room. Let the county judge occupy this. Then let the county clerk use the present offices of the county judge and tax collector as his office. The two can be put in one by removing partition or by using collector's office for vault. Transfer tax collector to the office now used by county clerk. In this way the trouble met and the county clerk given a large, spacious office and one that can be fortified against the deprivations of vermin and fire. The county judge's office up stairs can be made large and convenient and besides will be adjacent to the main court room which he occasionally has to use in the trial of cases. The court room in its fullest capacity is never full except on political occasions.



### ODD, QUEER, CURIOUS.

Flying frogs are numerous in Borneo. Sunflower stocks are now converted into paper.

The cultivation of tobacco is prohibited in Egypt.

Blotting paper is made of cotton rags boiled in soda.

Edison's laboratory costs \$20,000 a year to maintain.

The pay of an admiral in the British navy is \$9,125 a year.

Queen Maria Pia of Portugal is a clever billiard player.

When ants are unusually busy, foul weather may be expected.

The eggs of a crocodile are scarcely larger than those of a goose.

Railway traveling in Norway is cheaper than in any other European country.

Wood pavement lasts about seven years in the streets where the traffic is heavy.

The legal expenses of a bankrupt are sometimes far greater than the amount of his debts.

Wilson Barrett, when on the stage, wears cork soles in his boots, which add to his height three inches.

The medical department of the queen's household costs \$13,500 yearly and comprises twenty-four persons.

The two favorite pursuits of Princess Beatrice are riding and trying over new music in the form of duets.

In the French army a non-commissioned officer loses all chance of influence or authority over his men if his ugliness inspires either disgust or ridicule.

### WISDOM.

There is nothing more serious than what some people consider a joke.

Dar er bad spots in de best men, jest as dar ah weeds in de best gaddens.

Romance has been elegantly defined as the offspring of fiction and love.

The truly great man is as apt to forgive as his power is able to revenge.

A woman can look thoroughly satisfied when she is not. A man can't do it.

Too many people in the church would rather be comets than stars of Bethlehem.

A big man groans most when he gets sick because there is more of him to suffer.

Just as you are pleased at finding faults you are displeased at finding perfections.

Truth will be uppermost one time or other, like cork, though kept under the water.

Every man longs to be a woman just long enough to show what a good wife he would be.

Those who have no money are not always poor and those who have it are seldom rich.

It is the way in which we employ the odd minutes that counts for or against us in the end.

If Satan ever laughs it must be at the hypocrites, they are the greatest dupes he has.

### CURRENT NOTES.

Neil: "What was Mrs. Newlywed's maiden name?" Belle: "Her maiden aim was to get married."—Philadelphia Record.

Old Fogey: "What do you learn at school, little girl?" Little Girl (bewildered): "What do we learn at school? What don't we learn?"—Somerville Journal.

Pert Miss (in bloomers): "You stare at me, sir, as though you expected to see me wearing horns!" Innocent Young Man: "Yes, I thought you might be the gun woman."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"I wonder," mused serious October, "how September happened to get thirty days." "Possibly," rejoined merry May, "she didn't have the money to pay her fine."—Detroit Tribune.

"I hear the colonel got damages from the Bugle for saying he was slow pay." "Certainly he did. He proved by twenty competent witnesses that he never paid at all."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

"There are some cases," said the young man, "in which scientists say that smoking is beneficial." "Um—yes," replied the man of years. "It's a good thing for a ham, for instance."—Washington Star.

"Yes, Rollo, your great-grandfather remembers a game played in this country two centuries ago called baseball. I'm not sure how it was played, but I think it was two nines against one umpire."—Syracuse Post.

### THE HOUSEHOLD.

Never slice apples for making pies; quarter and core, and if an apple is large cut each quarter in two pieces.

Sift a tablespoonful of pulverized sugar over the top of two-crust pies before baking, and see how delicious it makes them.

If vegetables are boiled in soft water it is said that the freshness and greenness of their color will be thus best preserved.

Nothing will give such a polish to glass, even the finest, as slightly moist newspaper to wash it and dry newspaper to give the finishing touches.

Letting clothes hang after they are dry, or letting them hang through a storm, or in windy weather to slip about, is not conducive to long wearing or to help the good man's pocket-book.

### Married.

At the Mary Allen Seminary, Wednesday April the 7th, Mary McCullough, col. to Prof. J. W. Williams, col. After the ceremony the friends of the high contracting parties gathered at the home of the bride's parents, tendering them congratulations and partaking of the good things to eat there provided.

### Commissioners' Court.

This court met in special session on Monday, April 5, and sat for four days. Tom Hester was appointed justice of the peace for Porter Springs' beat, vice T. W. Oliver, resigned. By order of court Marion Satterwhite was authorized to work the county convicts on the public roads of the county. The most of the court's time was taken up in considering the offers to sell the county a place for a poor farm. After considering a few claims the court then adjourned.

### Marriage Licenses to Date.

Geo. W. Kay to Fannie Young; James Carter to Emily Williams; Simon Hodge to Vina Hayes; John Horton to Mary James; R. H. Renfro to Laura Granberry; Wm H Jackson to Sallie Evans; W F Stovall to Lula Jordan; Will Simmons to Rosa O'Neil; Richard Stampley to Martha Burrell; W A Byrd to Cora Gorbet; Chas White to Mrs Mattie Fluker; Wood Vance to Malvina Strong; Wesley Johnson to Dora Scott; James Wilson to Harriet Owens; F M Bennett to Mrs Mollie Walker; J W High to Cornelia Crofford; L A Berry to M E DeDaines; J R Richards to Minnie Murchison; J J Frazier to Lizzie Rich; W F Forbers to T R Washington; J W Williams to M E McCullough; G W Gibson to H F Sides; Lawrence Hackett to Rosa Reese.

### NANSEN'S THROWING STICK.

Its Discovery Led Him to His Fruitless Journey in Search of the Pole.

It is not generally known that among the facts which induced Dr. Nansen to undertake his expedition to the north pole was the discovery of a little piece of wood called the "throwing stick."

Prof. J. Murdoch explains what a "throwing stick" is, and how it led Dr. Nansen to believe that there was a steady current flowing across the pole. He defined a "throwing stick" to be a contrivance for casting a javelin or harpoon, which is employed by various savage races, such as the Australians, some South American tribes, and especially by the Eskimos.

The patterns of different countries differ from one another, so that a connoisseur can say whether a particular "stick" belongs to Greenland or Hudson bay or Alaska. In 1886 a curator of a Norwegian scientific society found a "throwing stick" among the driftwood at Godthaab, Greenland, different from those used in Greenland, but similar to those used in Alaska, and practically identical with implements employed by natives living near Bering strait. The discoverer, Dr. Ring, set himself the work of finding out how it had reached Godthaab. It was evident that it had not drifted by way of the Northwest passage, for that way is barred by such a network of islands that the stick would undoubtedly have stranded long before it reached Greenland.

The only reasonable explanation he could give was that the stick must have drifted with the current that sets north through Bering strait into the Arctic ocean. On the north of the strait the current moves steadily westward. There the stick must have met the current that sweeps down between Iceland and Greenland, and then turned northward again around Cape Farewell. This theory appealed to Dr. Nansen, and ultimately led him to form his adventurous plan of trusting his little vessel to the current which he believed would carry him over the pole.

—New York Journal.

THE completion of the jury commission, politically speaking, vindicates what we said in the late campaign about Judge Gill's firmness.

No people in the Union are more worried, badgered and bedeviled with frequent elections of one kind and another and the noisy, profitless, demoralizing politics incident thereto, than the people of Texas. We are hardly out of the turmoil of one scramble for office before irrepresible place-hunters who live either on office or the hope of it, begin to talk up the next contest, and no observing man who has lived long in Texas can have failed to note the injurious effect of this chronic ferment of public opinion. The people have become the prey of a distinct, parasitic class hatched by these conditions—the office-seeking class, and it has been evident for some years past that a remedy would be sought for this state of affairs so fatal to the peace and quiet necessary to the production of something better than politics and office hunting. The proposed amendment to the state constitution by which members of the house shall be elected for four years, the salary of each member to be \$1000 for the four years and the membership limited to ninety-three, is a step in the right direction. Not only would this change eliminate a large amount of worse than useless biennial politics from our elections, but the increased tenure would make it worth the while of men of real ability and special fitness to seek the office. The legislature is the place, not only for men of affairs, but for students and scholars—men who know how to think and reason with precision on abstract questions—for law-making is the highest function, the most arduous and responsible work of organized society. Being so, it should not be entrusted to either misinformed or uninformed men, but the very best talent of the state should be selected for the duty. Unfortunately this kind refuses to serve, as a rule, under prevailing conditions, and it is reasonable to suppose that the larger inducements offered by the adoption of the proposed amendment would bring out stronger and better equipped men to make our laws. If this constitutional amendment is submitted to the people we believe they will make it a part of the organic law.

### For Sale.

All my property in the eastern part of the county, including several hundred acres of land, sawmill, and gin, all appointments, equipments and improvements. Terms easy and figures surprisingly low to any one in earnest.

J. H. RATLIFF,  
Ratliff, Texas.

### Take Up.

A runaway horse, roanish color, sorrel mane and tail, branded U L on right hip, and notify R. W. Haltom, Nacogdoches, Texas, and receive reward for trouble and expense.

### Strayed.

One dark bay mare, 5 or 6 years old. Black mane and tail. Mane hangs on right side; no brand. Scars on face and fore legs. Take up and notify  
ZEKE IVY,  
Pennington, Texas.

### Estray Notice.

Taken up by Coll Bennett, 7 miles west of Crockett, and estrayed before W. D. Pritchard, J. P. Pres. No. 1, on March 25th 1897. One sorrel mare colt, flax mane and tail; white hind feet, about 3 years old, no brand. Appraised at \$5.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 12th day of April 1897. N. E. ALBRIGHT, Co. Clk.

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### Estray Notice.

Reported to me by W. E. Hail, Com. Pre. No. 2, Houston county, Texas, April 12th 1897, the following described animal. One dun mare, about 12 or 13 years old, branded O on right jaw and Spanish brand on right shoulder; about 14 hands high; all four legs white half way to knees, blaze face. In care of W. D. Morehead, 10 miles west of Crockett, on Mustang Prairie. Filed April 12th 1897.

Given under my hand and seal of office, this 12th day of April 1897. N. E. ALBRIGHT, Co. Clk.

Wealth is supposed to give ease, but what if the processor happens to have chills? Why, he should simply exchange 50c of his wealth for a bottle of Chatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic and his case would be restored. It always cures chills. Guaranteed. Tasteless in 50c size.

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### Estray 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, 13½ hands high, brand blotched; appraised at \$15. Given under my hand and seal of office, this 15th day of March, A. D. 1897.

(seal) N. E. ALBRIGHT,  
Co. Clk Houston Co. Tex.

Chatham's Tasteless Chill Tonic cures the chills, builds up the system, and drives away all ills. It makes strong the weak, and latters the lean. Its the tonic of tonics, the best ever seen. 50 cents.

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## FELL TO THE FLOOR. HIS LEGS SUDDENLY GAVE OUT.

Thos. P. Bigg, of Cleveland, Stricken as He was Preparing for a Visit to Friends.

From the Leader, Cleveland, Ohio.  
Of the list of the many so-called incurable disorders none has proved to be more of an enigma to the most learned and accomplished physicians than locomotor ataxia, or as it is more commonly known, creeping paralysis. This dread disease has baffled their skill, and they have been forced to admit that they cannot successfully cope with it. All they have been able to do is to mitigate the accompanying pain and suffering; beyond this the science of medicine has been of little or no avail to the many unfortunates who have contracted the dreadful malady, which, many people, especially those who are thus afflicted, believe is a forerunner of the grim messenger of death.

Thomas P. Bigg, who lives at No. 1073 St. Clair Street, corner of Lawrence St., Cleveland, O., has been suffering from locomotor ataxia for nearly five years, and nothing but his wonderful vitality has prevented his dissolution long before this.

The malady is directly attributable to his exposure during army life. He enlisted in the Third Regiment Ohio Cavalry in Toledo, and served nineteen months in the volunteer service, and after the close of the rebellion, eighteen months in the regular army.

"At first," he said in narrating his experience, "my stomach went back on me, and for six weeks I was laid up in a hospital in Texas. Ever since that time that organ has caused me trouble, and about seven years ago the doctor told me I was suffering from acute indigestion. That was bad enough, but four years ago last July paralysis came on, and I have been using these crutches ever since. The paralysis was in my legs, and it came rather suddenly. I noticed at first that my

knees were a little stiff, a sort of rheumatic pain, you know. This quickly developed into paralysis."

"I tried all kinds of remedies, and I tried physicians, but I did not improve. All this time, though, I was holding my own—wasn't getting any worse. A short time ago I was induced to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did not expect this last venture would prove any more beneficial than all the others which preceded it. But I am pleased to say I was most agreeably disappointed. Dr. Williams' Pills are simply wonderful. I began to use them two months ago. My legs then were perfectly numb and cold—nothing could warm them. After suffering with paralysis for more than four years, I now experience a comforting feeling of warmth in my lower limbs. I tell you I feel like shouting when I think of escaping from my bondage, and my mind is on the subject pretty much of the time. I intend to continue the use of the pills until my legs are as good and useful as they were in their best days, and I feel that will be soon."

"What effect have the pills had upon your stomach?" Mr. Bigg was asked, "as regards that," said he "you can readily believe that a stomach which has been seriously out of order for thirty-five years is in bad shape. Nothing used to stay on my stomach, and I was subject to violent fits of hiccoughing. Then I would have to take an opiate to get to sleep. But now I find that food stays on my stomach, though I do not suppose that organ will ever be in first-class shape again. Still I am satisfied to think that it is improved to such a degree, and that I can eat with a feeling of ease."

For six years until a month ago, October, 1896, Mr. Bigg kept a stationery and confectionery store at No. 347 East Madison Ave., directly opposite the Madison Ave. School. He sold out his business and can now be found at any time at No. 1073 St. Clair St.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all dealers, or will be sent post paid on receipt of price, 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 (they are never sold in bulk or by the 100), by addressing Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 50c per bottle. Sold by all druggists.

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To quit tabs too easily and forever, be magnetic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To-Bac, the wonder-worker that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or \$1. Cure guaranteed. Booklet and sample free. Address: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago, N. Y.

Missouri Strawberries.

It is said that there will not be less than 800 acres of berries picked the coming year and shipped from Barcoxie, Mo. One hundred and fifty crates to the acre is a low estimated yield. This would indicate a total yield of about 120,000 crates for the season. A moderate price per crate would be about \$1.75.

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

Politicians seldom die in the poor house.

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

Certain of One Thing.

Mrs. Quiverful—Do you know, dear, that I think the baby sometimes cries in her sleep? Mr. Quiverful (savagely)—I don't know about that, but I know the often cries in mine.—Pick-Me-Up.

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**WEIGHTY WORDS FOR Ayer's Sarsaparilla.**

## TEXAS NEWS ITEMS.

Bob Coleman of Paradise, Wise county, accidentally shot himself through the hand with a 45-caliber pistol several evenings ago, though not injured seriously.

W. S. Ewing, public weigher at Crawford, McLennan county, died suddenly the other day near Oglesby, where he went to receive some cattle which he had purchased.

At Tyler, Smith county, the residence of W. M. Richardson, together with the contents, was burned recently. Estimated loss \$2400. House and furniture insured for \$1200.

A heavy hailstorm passed east, about two miles north of Garrett, Ellis county, demolishing all garden truck that was up and beating corn into the ground a few nights ago.

The body of Bill King, who was drowned in the bayou near Marlin, Falls county, recently, was found the other morning about 100 yards below where he fell from his horse.

Mark Lynn of Palo Pinto shipped in to Weatherford, Parker county, sixteen cars of cattle recently over the Weatherford, Mineral Wells and Northwest-railway, destined to points in the Indian Territory.

At New Boston, Bowie county, a short time ago, burglars blew the outside door off the safe which was in the Texas and Pacific depot, though everything of value was in the vault, so they made a waterhaul.

At Paris a great deal of excitement prevails over the discovery of several skeletons in Sulphur bottoms. Some folks think that they are the remains of Indians. The bones are very brittle and break very easily.

The dead body of Cornelius Lorzette, a Norwegian, was found in the bay the other morning at Galveston. He was a baker, but had been out of employment for some time. An inquest was held and a verdict of death by drowning rendered.

At Abilene, Taylor county, John Ward of Shackelford county, who has been confined in jail for several months charged in the federal court with having in his possession dies and devices for counterfeiting, has been released on bond.

At Orange, Orange county, the other night Henry Barr was shot, from the effects of which he died. Burney Clark is in jail and C. C. Adams is in custody. Barr was a lumber checker, about 30 years old and had resided there for four years.

M. Davis & Co. shipped all the cattle they have been feeding at Denison to the St. Louis market the other night. The cattle were in fine condition, and the prevailing good prices in the market serve to put the shippers in the best of spirits.

Rev. Chas. E. Brown has been holding a meeting of remarkable interest at the First Methodist Church, in Fort Worth. Rain does not stop it. Many flocked to the church to listen to his preaching. The church is being wonderfully lifted up and numerous conversions and additions are occurring. The church expects great results.

R. L. Hosick, who recently opened a dry goods store in Kaufman, Kaufman county, sold out to James Garlington. The bill of sale is dated March 30, and recorded same day at 4 p. m. Shortly after Mansur & Tebbett implement company ran an attachment on the stock for \$600. The Texas Paper company of Dallas also ran an attachment for \$40.86.

At Lancaster, Dallas county, two or three days more will develop whether or not Lancaster is to have waterworks, electric lights and an ice plant. Parties from the north, with some of the largest stockholders there, have secured nearly all the old stock in the artesian well and, should they secure all the stock, the above plants will, they say, be put in within the next six months.

On Cowhouse creek, near Sparta, Bell county, J. J. Johnson and E. J. Stevens attempted to ford the stream a few days ago when great rolls of water overwhelmed them. Stevens escaped to the shore by swimming and the horse also got out, but Johnson took refuge in a tree on a gravel bar. The waters continued to rise and the crowd that gathered on the bank could not aid him. He stayed in the tree for about five hours talking to his friends and praying, but finally he was swept away and drowned. He was 33 years of age and a single man and came from Gadsden, Ala. The body has not been recovered.

Constable Ansett came over from Cameron, Milam county, to Rockdale, Milam county, the other morning and arrested John Bradford, a negro barber, on a charge of murder committed in Conroe in 1887. He protests his innocence and claims to be able to prove an alibi.

At Hillsboro, Hill county, Col. John D. Warren, president of the Farmers' National bank, has sold his interest in the bank to C. E. Phillips and J. A. Le Bryer of the Hill county National bank. It is stated that the two banks will be consolidated in the near future.

## Costliest Book in the World.

The most expensive book that was ever published is the official history of the war of the rebellion, which is now issued by the government of the United States. It has cost, up to date, \$2,334,328. Of this amount \$1,184,391 has been paid for printing and binding alone. It will require at least three years longer and an appropriation of perhaps \$600,000 to complete the work, so that the total cost will undoubtedly reach nearly \$3,000,000. The history will consist of 112 volumes, including an index and an atlas. Each volume will, therefore cost an average of about \$26,785. Copies are sent free to public libraries, and 1,347,999 have already been distributed. The selling price of the atlas is \$22.00. The remainder of the edition is sold at prices ranging from 50 cents to 90 cents per volume. There does not seem to be a popular demand, since only 71,194 copies have been sold, for a total of \$60,154.

Visitors to Chicago are in peril from bullets fired by the police at burglars. An Ohio man has just been shot dead there. If a man lives in Chicago he is robbed; if he visits Chicago he is shot. A very dangerous place is the Windy City, particularly in hard times.

It is said that since the taxation of church property in California, benefactions from the wealthy have ceased. This is somewhat singular, as a taxed church may need help more than one that is untaxed.

The world admires a wise head but worships a full purse.

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When excursion steamers on the Mississippi make fifty-mile trips through tree tops, the Baron Munchausen tying his horse to a church steeple does not seem improbable.

Reports from outlying counties in Missouri indicate that the crop of "greens" is in an unusually forward state this year. Indeed, some of the more enterprising rural hosteleries have already served their guests with a "mess" of this toothsome salad, with the proper accompaniment of breakfast bacon, poached eggs, corn pone, and buttermilk.

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A Pig with Two Heads.

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Don't try to be an assistant book-keeper to the recording angel.

The revival must begin in the end of the church that contains the pulpit.

In wishing for his neighbor's possessions, the covetous man loses his own.

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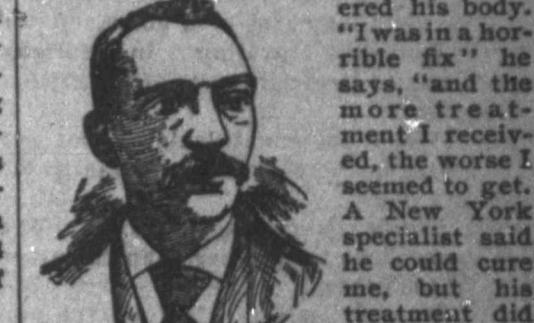
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6 10	9 10	..Harrisburg	..	9 05	3 20
6 25	9 14	..Alden	..	9 20	3 35
6 35	9 18	..Pasadena	..	9 30	3 41
6 44	9 25	..Deep Water	..	9 35	3 47
6 53	9 33	..Deer Park	..	9 45	3 55
7 01	9 39	..Thayer	..	9 55	4 03
7 07	9 46	..Straung	..	10 05	4 11
7 15	9 53	..W. La Porte	..	10 15	4 20
7 25	9 59	..Seabrook	..	10 25	4 29
7 35	10 05	..Hefron	..	10 35	4 38
7 45	10 11	..Nadeco	..	10 45	4 47
7 55	10 18	..Texas City	..	10 55	4 56
8 05	10 21	..Virginia Pt.	..	11 05	5 05
8 15	10 30	..Galveston	..	11 15	5 15
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# THE CROCKETT COURIER.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Adamant is like wax in comparison with a miser's heart.

As soon as a man gets his first gray hairs he begins to boast to his wife of the business worries he has.

Delaware recently has voted against woman suffrage, 17 to 7; Nevada, 15 to 6, and Idaho, 13 to 3. That's certainly odd.

There were more than three thousand failures in the United States last year, not including Roosevelt, Dr. Farkhurst and Walter Grannat's failure to "reform" New York.

Look out that the cultivation of beans and potatoes on vacant lots doesn't resolve itself into a scheme to dodge taxes on the ground that the property is used for charitable purposes.

The anti-pool selling bill, which absolutely prohibits the selling of pools on horse races of any kind, passed the Alabama house by a vote of 82 to 5. All the poolrooms at once closed. The bill passed the senate unanimously and will receive the governor's signature and become a law.

A clever workman in a cutlery factory in Sheffield, England, has recently made a dozen pairs of shears each so minute that they all together weigh less than half a grain. That is about the weight of a postage stamp. Each pair was perfect and would cut if sufficiently delicate material could be found. Lying on a piece of white paper they seemed no larger than fleas.

Along with the prevalent talk about the unfriendliness of the rich toward the poor comes the statement that a very wealthy man of New York City, whose riches fully entitle him to be classed among the "plutocrats," has decided to give the city the best system of cheap lodging-houses for men in the world. The two houses to be built immediately are to cost more than a million dollars. They are not to be for tramps, but for sober, industrious men, who, when they have employment, will be able to pay just about what the accommodations received will be worth.

The advantages possessed by railway travelers in this country over those on the continent of Europe are the subject of a recent report by Consul Monaghan of Chemnitz. The consul's facts and figures are taken from the recently published results of an investigation made by an Imperial German commission. Summarized, the report shows that compared with American roads the German, and, indeed, all continental railroads lack speed and comfort, and it is more expensive to travel in Europe than in America. The German commissioners while here traveled a great deal, covering over 8,000 miles. As a standard American road the New York Central is instanced with its express train to Chicago, covering 1,560 kilometers (969 miles) in twenty hours, an average of 48 1/2 miles per hour, going over one part—29.8 miles—at an average of 64 miles per 60 minutes. A special run of 180 kilometers (111.8 miles) is instanced which was done in one hour. This is about the distance from Berlin to Dresden, which takes nearly three hours on a fast German train.

Interest in the projected international exposition at Paris three years hence is beginning to show itself at the French capital. Inquiries from all quarters of the globe are pouring in, and nations other than the United States have manifested an intention of taking a conspicuous part. American merchants and manufacturers, however, are greatly interested, and for that reason, Consul-General Morss has made an extended report on the subject to the State Department. Preparations for the exposition are even now well advanced. The works of demolition and construction, for which the period of a little more than three years remaining will barely suffice, have begun and will be vigorously prosecuted. The exposition will open April 15, 1900, and will close November 5, nearly seven months later. The site will comprise the public grounds on both sides of the Seine from the Place de la Concorde, the great monumental square in the very center of the city, to a point beyond the Pont d'Jena, embracing the Champ de Mars, the Trocadero Palace and Park (site of the exposition of 1889), the Esplanade des Invalides, the Quai d'Orsay, the Quai de la Conference, the Cour la Reine and a large section of the Champs Elysees, including the site of the Palais de l'Industrie, the great building erected for the international exposition of 1889, the first of the series. "No other city in the world contains, in its very center, an equal area available for a great exposition."

## A VETO IS POSSIBLE.

### GOVERNOR DISSATISFIED WITH SAN JACINTO PARK BILL.

Is Said to Urge Objections to the Manner of the Expenditure of the Appropriation—House in Committee—Declined Government Aid.

Austin, Texas, April 10.—The shadow of a veto hangs over the bill for the purchase of the battle field of San Jacinto, now in the governor's hands. It comes through authentic sources that he is not satisfied with the provisions of the bill relative to the method of purchase and apprehends that an exorbitant price may be paid, even the condemnation proceedings should be resorted to. It is possible that this objection may be removed through the organization of a commission pledged to a maximum sum per acre, beyond which, under any circumstances, they will not go.

The issue is further complicated by the well understood purpose of Governor Culberson to use the veto to hold the appropriations within the present rate of taxation without causing any deficiencies. It is predicted that unless satisfactory assurances are given as to the ultimate expenditure that will be required by the San Jacinto bill it will be vetoed.

Austin, Texas, April 10.—In the house yesterday afternoon Mr. Blair called up his concurrent resolution providing for sine die adjournment on April 20 and offered an amendment thereto changing the date to April 25.

Mr. Bailey opposed the resolution and the amendment.

Mr. Dashiell, vacating the chair, came upon the floor and advised against the adoption of the resolution. He opined that in a few days the senate would pass a resolution providing for adjournment sine die on May 1. The house could adopt said resolution and spread a motion to reconsider same upon the journal, thus holding the lever and keeping itself in a position to protect the people against the sidetracking of needed legislation. The Twenty-fifth legislature had, he maintained, been more diligent than any other legislature within his knowledge. The appropriation bill had been subjected to fiercer attack than any previous appropriation bill and at the rate at which it was being disposed of the house would not get through with it before July 1. He hoped that speed would be made with it in the future, but advised against fixing a day for adjournment until it was further advanced, so as to avoid the experience of former years of having to swallow the free conference committee's report thereon without having a chance to study or discuss it. In conclusion, he announced that he would next Monday afternoon lay before the house such platform demands as remained on his desk and continue pushing them until disposed of.

On motion of Mr. Evans of Grayson the resolution was tabled by a vote of 80 to 9.

### House in Committee.

Austin, Texas, April 10.—The house committee on education yesterday evening reported favorably the bill allowing county judges acting as ex officio county superintendents of education extra compensation amounting to two-fifths of the salary a county superintendent would be entitled to.

House committee on internal improvements yesterday afternoon reported favorably on the bill authorizing the Houston and Texas Central to acquire the Waco and Northwestern and the Texas Central railways and on the senate bill authorizing city and town corporations to condemn right of way for streets and alleys across the road bed of railways.

House judiciary committee No. 1 this evening reported favorably on Ayres, Been and Wolter's bill providing that in the trial of civil cases in district courts ten jurors concurring may render a verdict; favorably on the bill authorizing commissioners courts to refund their outstanding floating indebtedness favorably on Tracy's bill permitting the sale of goods, wares, merchandise, liquors, etc., on Sunday before 9 o'clock in the morning and after 4 o'clock in the evening; Messrs. Moore of Lamar, Staples and Sluder have signed an unfavorable minority report on the latter. Bill provides that the court of criminal appeals shall hereafter sit permanently at Austin was reported on unfavorably with favorable minority report by Fisher and Ward.

Washington, April 10.—The people of the submerged districts of the Red River of the North have declined the government aid voted them by congress on Wednesday. When the flood came in the Red river, a quarter of a million dollars worth of property was destroyed at Fargo, N. D., and fifty miles of fertile territory were inundated. An appeal was made to congress through the mayor of Fargo and \$50,000 for the Red River of the North was added to the appropriation of \$150,000 for Mississippi flood sufferers.

### The Dingley Tariff Bill.

Washington, April 10.—The attitude of the democratic managers in the senate toward the Dingley bill is giving the republicans a great deal of concern, notwithstanding the declarations of the latter that they have more votes than necessary to pass the measure. The announcement by Chairman Jones that he will not obstruct tariff legislation, though he will vote against the bill, has, under the circumstances, given to the republicans a great deal of comfort. They regard this as an indication that the democrats as a whole will not interfere with the passage of the bill. The house managers are, however, not so sanguine of a speedy disposition of the bill by the senate. They are of the opinion that it will be a long time under consideration there; and for the purpose of calling the attention of the country to the remissness of the senate have, it is said, formulated quite a novel plan. It is to hold the delayed appropriation bills in abeyance, after they have been sent to the house for concurrence, until the senate disposes of the tariff bill. The wisdom of such a plan is questioned by many republicans, who favor speedy disposition of the Dingley bill, but there is no doubt that such a scheme is now on foot.

Reprisals and protests are threatened from several foreign nations against the provisions of the new tariff bill. There is no attempt to deny that the United States have the abstract right to levy such taxes as they wish upon foreign goods, as well as domestic goods, and for this reason protests are not likely to be made in many cases in a formal diplomatic manner. The representatives of several foreign governments have taken occasion, however, to intimate privately and informally to Secretary Sherman and his assistants that the tariff policy of the United States was likely to provoke a disposition on the part of other countries to try their hand also at high duties upon American products. The trouble is likely to go further for the United States, and to embarrass them in making commercial treaties other questions than particular tariff rates.

The so-called reciprocity section of the Dingley bill imposing discriminating duties on foreign champagne, laces, mineral waters and sugars is not expected to accomplish much in the way of securing concessions for the United States. The advantages offered to countries sending these articles to the United States are so slight in return for liberal treatment of American meat products that they are not likely to result in any concessions. On the contrary if the American duties are applied under the Dingley law regulations against American meats are likely to be extended to American petroleum. This would greatly impair the market and throw back a vast quantity of petroleum upon the United States. The exports of illuminating oil to Germany attained a value of \$6,766,308 in 1896, to the Netherlands \$6,560,704, to Belgium \$2,125,576, and to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland \$11,064,003. There were large exports also to South America to the amount of \$3,000,797.

The Japanese government is especially interested in the blows aimed at her products by the Dingley bill, and appears to be discriminated against so directly that the matter may be the subject of a formal protest. The enormous duties have been imposed upon silk, according to the quantity of pure silk contained in the piece, with the avowed object of arresting the large importation of Japanese silks for women's shirt waists and similar uses. The new bill in this case does not specify Japanese silks by name, but it does this in regard to floor matting, although in a guarded way. This matting entered the country during the fiscal year 1896 to the amount of \$2,777,417, of which \$1,989,340 came from Japan and \$608,813 from China. Great quantities are now being brought into the country in anticipation of the new duty which is 8 cents per yard on matting costing 10 cents per yard or less and 20 per cent additional on matting costing more than 10 cents. A strong effort was made to secure the reduction of this duty in the house bill, but without avail. The retention of duty on matting and silk threatens to cripple the shipping trade and will at the same time invite retaliation against American cotton which goes to Japan, to the amount of \$1,481,056 in 1896.

James W. Hill, president of the Great Northern railroad, and who also is interested in the transportation to the Orient, has written a letter to a Western senator, in which he pointed out the possibilities of trade in China and Japan, and suggests that tariff duties be so adjusted as not to cut off trade with the countries across the Pacific. He says:

"The Asiatic trade is of the greatest importance to this country, and particularly to such portions of it as are interested in raising wheat."

Mrs. Leland Stanford of San Francisco, Cal., has insured her life for \$1,000,000. This is probably the largest policy ever written. The money will go to the Leland Stanford University on her death.

## STOCK BEING KILLED.

### THE BUFFALO GNAT A PEST IN EASTERN TEXAS.

The Great Quantity of Rain Has Caused an Abundance of Gnats in that Section of the State—Citizens Say They Never Knew Them to be So Bad Before.

Big Sandy, Tex., April 12.—The great quantity of rain and the overflow of the many streams near this place have caused an abundance of buffalo gnats in this section of country. Old citizens here say they have never known them to be so bad. In the last week they have killed twenty-seven head of mules and horses, seventeen in this immediate vicinity.

This is a great calamity on some of the farmers. If the cool nights and days continue there is fear among the farmers and owners of stock of great destruction among the stock not only of horses and mules, but cattle and hogs as well.

Nacogdoches, Tex., April 12.—A private letter received here states that there is an enormous fatality among the mules and horses in the vicinity of Alto, which is in Cherokee county, twenty-seven miles west of here. Forty-four head could be counted that had died in two days. The supposed cause is a small fly, called buffalo gnat, that appears every spring along river regions. They bite horses severely all over and they fly up into the nostrils and pack them to suffocation.

### Preparations Being Made.

Houston, Tex., April 12.—In connection with the approaching annual meeting of the Knight Templars of the state of Texas the various committees are doing some good work. The general and sub-committees are to meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock to take up important matters that have been in hand during last week. The committee of ladies will meet this afternoon in the Masonic temple to take up their part of the work.

Hells Temple, Ancient Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, has sent out a call and invitation for a meeting in this city April 23.

It was given official life through the signatures of John Hunter, potentate; W. M. Manning, recorder; A. V. Lane, chief rabban; T. D. Miller, assistant rabban, and J. W. Peck, director. The order is upon an elongated piece of blue paper covered with red and black letters of all sizes, expressing words of Arabic, perhaps, and English origin certain, indicating that a pilgrimage will be made to this city on April 23, 1897. Pictures of camels and their riders in caravans coming to the great meeting adorn the first page, with here and there a visaged beoulin looking steadfastly into the future and the mysteries of their oriental birthplace. It is understood from the order or call that Shriners will be here from all over the state. While Hells Temple is in Dallas, it has a membership in Galveston and Houston of considerable number. Its ranks embrace over 500 men in the whole state, and they expect a large acquisition at the coming convales.

### Fell Dead.

Orange, Tex., April 12.—John M. Palmer of Middleburgh, Pa., an expert mill wright, who was one of a party of men sent here from the factory of Clark Bros., of Belmont, N. Y., a few weeks ago to put in double hand saws at the Algier mills, was on the river with two companions about a mile above town yesterday morning. There was a mild breeze blowing down the long reach and he requested his friends to stop rowing and let the boat drift while he read aloud from a book as he was in the stern of the skiff. Suddenly his voice changed and he fell forward and was motionless. His companions sprang to him and straightened him out, but he was dead. They pulled rapidly to town, but nothing could be done to restore life. He was 33 years old and unmarried, but leaves a sister at Keeneville and a brother at Crossforks, Pa. He was cheerful and bright yesterday morning and looked the picture of robust health. The inquest decided that death was caused from heart failure. The body was buried here late yesterday afternoon.

### Bee Raising.

Beeville, Tex., April 12.—Bee county is destined to be an important bee center, and it is hardly probable that any portion of the state receives as many orders for the busy insects as do the specialists of this county. California is regarded as being the most extensive bee-raising state in the union, but the E. J. Atchley Bee company, located two miles from here, has an order received this week from Beaumont, Cal., for a carload of bees. For the past several years the different bee raisers of Bee county have been filling orders for the queen bee from various parts of the universe, but the late California order includes full colonies.

After expressing unqualified confidence in its own probity, the Idaho Legislature adjourned sine die. It is seldom a legislature turns State's evidence.

A new political party is to be organized next summer, we are told. This is, indeed, gratifying news. If there is anything that this country needs more than anything else it is more political parties.

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## BOTH HOUSES WORK.

### LARGE AMOUNT OF BUSINESS TRANSACTED.

Appropriation Bill to be Laid Before the House Again Wednesday and Thursday—Colored University Appropriation—Plant Loan Demands Passed.

Austin, Texas, April 13.—Both house and senate had a hard time maintaining a quorum yesterday, yet managed to transact considerable business. The house got along faster than usual with the appropriation bill, while the senate disposed of a large slice of their bill.

The report of the free conference committee on the Colquitt back tax law was adopted by the house, and the bill setting aside 100,000 acres of public domain for the colored branch of the university passed finally.

The redistricting bill was called up and not but a few members got themselves in shape to take a fall out of it, but the disappearance of a quorum caused an adjournment before the fight could open up.

Speaker Dashiell will lay the appropriation bill before the house tomorrow and Thursday mornings in spite of the fact that those are senate bill days, and give the body the opportunity to say whether it will go ahead and dispose of that measure without further loss of time or continue to devote but three mornings a week to it. Lewis' fellow servant bill and Burn's labor bill will come up for consideration in the house Wednesday or Thursday.

Mr. Dashiell carried out his announced determination yesterday afternoon of giving platform demands the right of way and the very pronounced manner in which attempts to suspend the regular order and sidetrack them were defeated showed that in its present temper at least the house is disposed to stand by him.

The senate passed and sent over to the house a resolution providing for sine die adjournment on May 1.

#### Senate Committee.

Austin, Texas, April 13.—Senate judiciary committee No. 1 yesterday morning held a meeting and reported favorably upon the following bills:

Senate bill by Bailey providing for the comptroller of the state to prescribe a uniform system of assessment blanks and tax rolls for the various counties. House bill by Dean providing that the proceeds of the voluntary sale of the homestead of a family shall not be subject to garnishment within twelve months after such sale. Senate bill by Lewis providing that special verdicts must find the facts on the issues submitted as established by the evidence. Unfavorable reports were made on Senator Kerr's bill providing that the supreme court shall sit during the session of the legislature to pass upon the constitutionality of all laws passed, and the bill (by Kerr also) providing that suits for \$250 or less must be brought in the county where the defendant has his domicile.

#### Broke From Its Channel.

Omaha, Neb., April 13.—The Missouri river has risen about two feet at this point in twenty-four hours and is now higher than at any time since 1881. Heavy rains fell in this section last night and today. The Missouri tributaries are all running back full again. The river here will rise for at least twenty-four hours longer.

This evening the river broke over into its old channel, overflowing into Florence lake, which was formed when the river changed its course twenty years ago. All the houses in North Omaha, 200 or 300 in number, are surrounded and the people are moving.

The Building Material Trades Council of Chicago, Cook county, has been organized to unionize all factories in this city making materials used in buildings and to aid in the spring campaign for shorter hours and higher wages.

#### Ample Notice Given.

Austin, Texas, April 13.—Senator Lewis gives notice that on Wednesday April 14, at 2 p. m. senate judiciary committee No. 1 will give a hearing to all persons interested in senate bill No. 336, being a bill to give street railway companies the right to condemn and use certain portions of the tracks of other street railway companies. Mr. Lewis is the author of this measure, but desires to grant to the state street car men an opportunity to file their objections before getting a committee report.

#### Bond Promptly Made.

Austin, Texas, April 13.—Senator Tillet of Taylor county returned yesterday morning from Abilene, Texas, and brings information that John Cunningham, deputy United States marshal of that county, who killed a showman in Kansas, arrived home Sunday. He was given a preliminary hearing, charged with murder, and bound over in the sum of \$10,000. There were a number of Texas banks which wired their correspondents at Wichita, Kan., to make a bond for the Texan in any amount required.

#### Held Up the Cashier.

Yonkers, N. Y., April 13.—Shortly after noon yesterday two men entered the Yonkers Savings bank, in the heart of the town, held up Lyman Cobb, the aged cashier, stole \$4400 and escaped.

About 12:15 o'clock, when no one was in the bank but the cashier and Treasurer Williams, the latter in his office, a young man entered and engaged the cashier in conversation, telling him that he expected to meet a friend there who would make a large deposit. The young man turned to go and the cashier turned to his desk, under which he saw something black, which he thought was a dog. The object sprang up and moved toward the cash drawer. The startled cashier turned to the window, expecting assistance from the young man with whom he had been talking. The young man, however, covered the cashier with a revolver, the man inside held a revolver to the cashier's head, while he transferred packages of bills to his pockets. With his revolver still pointed at the cashier, the man on the inside backed slowly to the gate, opened it and passed out, walked through the narrow passage in front of the executive office door and joined his companion. They hurried out of the door, keeping Mr. Cobb covered with their revolvers to the last. It was some seconds before the cashier recovered. Then he caught up his revolver, pressed the electric button and rushed toward the gate. He shouted as he ran, and as he hurried through the passageway met Treasurer Williams coming from his office, shouting that the bank had been robbed. Mr. Cobb hurried to the door. Down Hudson street, in the direction of the Hudson River railroad and the Hudson river, the two men were seen running. A few minutes later several police officers arrived. Mr. Williams did not know what had happened and Mr. Cobb was too excited to tell. Finally the police gained an idea of what had happened, but by that time the robbers had disappeared. Cashier Cobb can not give a good description of them, but remembers both appeared under 25 years old and wore mustaches. The thieves were evidently professionals, and while the first was talking with the cashier the second crawled along the floor through the gate and under the cashier's desk.

#### Murder Mystery Cleared.

Texarkana, Texas, April 13.—It seems that the mystery surrounding the assassination of old man John McKay, the recluse merchant of Rose Hill, last November, has been finally cleared away and the right man, who did the murder, positively located. It was in the killing of Henry Terry, alias Henry Woods, a negro desperado, at Camden, Ark., several days ago by an officer for resisting arrest, that it developed that Terry himself was the real murderer of John McKay. Upon Terry's person and in his valise were found letters that belonged to the unfortunate McKay, as also a suit of his clothes, the key of his store and his pistol. As soon as these facts became known here L. P. Parks and F. A. Bass were released from custody of the Bowie county, Texas, officials and given an honorable discharge.

#### Mr. Bryan's Injuries.

Washington, April 13.—William J. Bryan returned to Washington yesterday from Florida. He is still suffering as a result of the accident at St. Augustine, and is considerably bruised. His worst injury is in his left side, which pains him greatly when moving about. The force of the fall can be judged from the fact that a silver match safe which Mr. Bryan carried in his vest pocket was crushed completely out of shape by the accident.

President C. W. Spalding of the defunct Globe Savings bank of Chicago, has given bonds to answer charges of receiving money when he knew the bank was insolvent.

A fire in the residence of James Jackson of Cincinnati, destroyed many relics of "Old Hickory," among them his carriage, the wheels of which were made of timber from the frigate Constitution.

Larissa, April 13.—The invaders continue to blockade Ballimo. It is reported that the Turkish reinforcements are now en route from Distala. The remainder of the insurgents have taken up strong positions near the mountains. The latest details at hand are that the invaders dynamited the Turkish post opposite Poenica. The troops here were kept standing under arms until 3 o'clock Sunday as it was feared the raid would hasten hostilities.

There has been outbreaks of smallpox among the Turks and many deaths.

#### Turks Will Advance.

Constantinople, April 13.—The Turkish government informed the representatives of foreign embassies Saturday last that in consequence of the Greek invasion of Macedonia, Edham Pasha, Turkish commander in chief, was marching on Greek headquarters at Larissa. According to authentic information obtained yesterday, however, the Turkish army has not yet started, and it is supposed that at the last moment Edham Pasha's orders to advance were countermanded.

## THE FLOOD DISTRICT.

### RELIEF COMMITTEES ARE HARD AT WORK.

Army Officers Have Chartered a Steamer and Left With Supplies to be Distributed Wherever They are Needed—A Barkentine Sunk.

Memphis, Tenn., April 12.—Col. Sanger, one of the army officers sent here by Secretary of War Alger to investigate the extent of suffering caused by the great flood, has chartered the steamer J. N. Harbin and yesterday left Memphis on a trip up the St. Francis river to investigate the conditions in that section. The boat was furnished with government supplies, which will be distributed wherever they are needed. The relief committee purchased a large quantity of feed for the live stock along the St. Francis and this was also placed on board the Harbin. Lieut. Whitney in company with W. C. McNutt of the relief committee has left here on the steamer Rowena Lee to investigate the conditions in his district, which extends from Memphis to Cairo. Lieut. Rowan went to Greenville to investigate the country from that point up to Helena.

All the army officers therefore have departed for their respective districts, and after making their investigations will report to Secretary Alger. The officers who will have the distribution of the supplies in hand will arrive in a short time and will send provisions to the people who are reported in destitute circumstances by the investigating officers.

Another lot of refugees arrived yesterday from Oldtown and below, having been driven from their homes by the inconvenience attending the getting of provisions for themselves and stock. Many of the whites from Modoc, in fact, the majority of them, have rented lands in the uplands and will make at least one crop in territory unyielded by the Mississippi. A fear is now entertained by the large planters is that the gaps in the levee may not be closed in time to avert the drowning out of crops by the June rise.

The Williamson crevasse is now more than 1200 feet wide and the Hubbard and Westover breaks more than 1000 feet each. Owing to the washing of the soil near these breaks new locations will have to be selected for the levees, or run-around, which will be built to close them. The duration of the flood is uncertain. If it should go down quickly there would be time enough to make these repairs in the levee, get fences up, rebuild cabins and make other repairs necessary before crops can be pitched. Then there is the demoralization of labor which cuts an important figure in crop calculations.

#### Armor Plate Bids.

Washington, April 12.—Secretary Long has referred to congress all bids and letters received by him touching the armor question. The secretary's communication says that in answer to the department's advertisement of March 10, inviting proposals for furnishing the armor required for battleships 7, 8 and 9, the Illinois, the Alabama and the Wisconsin, at \$300 per ton, the Illinois Steel company made a bid in the form of two general propositions, neither of which the department feels it has any authority to consider with a view to acceptance or rejection. Two other firms made answer, but these were mere statements of reasons why bids are not submitted. The work of construction is now in progress, and as it will be only a few months before the ship builders will require the armor to carry on their work properly, delay in furnishing the armor may subject the government to heavy expense on several accounts, and it is important that steps should be taken immediately to procure the armor. "I recommend to advertise again for proposals and to make contracts for armor at a price not exceeding \$400 per ton."

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#### The Seal Question.

Washington, April 12.—The recent appointment of ex-Secretary Foster and ex-Assistant Secretary Hamlin to assist in the negotiations with Great Britain respecting seal fisheries is indicative that this diplomatic issue has assumed grave importance, and that an earnest effort is to be made to end the present unsatisfactory state of affairs, or to place the subject on such a footing before the beginning of the approaching open season as will prevent its becoming more serious.

The diplomatic correspondence of the past year makes it evident that a severe strain was placed upon the patience of the officials of both the United States and Great Britain. The trouble appears to have begun principally through the refusal of the British authorities to renew last year the regular agreement requiring British vessels going into the seal waters to place their fire arms under seal, to give effect to the Paris regulation prohibiting the use of such weapons in killing seals. The British having refused to seal up their arms, the United States government adopted the plan of making search of every sealing vessel in Behring sea.

The British government protested, claiming their vessels were thereby subjected to unnecessary and most vexatious detention. Secretary Olney, on the other hand, justified the course of the revenue officers by pointing out that all of the seized vessels were convicted in the British courts. He also gave some startling figures to show the need of restrictive regulation, which he invited the British government to accept. Secretary Olney asserted that if the killing was to go on, the total destruction of the seal herds would be accomplished in the course of two more seasons. Efforts were made to devise some way of insuring the seal against the use of fire arms by poachers, but they came to nothing, and the upshot was that both sides stood firm, the British warning against further indiscriminate search of British vessels and Secretary Olney standing on the right to make it.

Meanwhile an expert commission sent out by both governments made an exhaustive report tending to sustain Secretary Olney's assertions regarding the probable extermination of the seals under present conditions, and it must be upon this basis that the negotiations will now proceed.

#### Receiver Asked For.

Bristol, Tenn., April 12.—Suit has been brought against the Co-operative Town company of Elizabeth, Tenn., asking for a receiver and also that the property of the company shall be subjected to the payment of the company's indebtedness, amounting to \$1,000,000. It is charged that the company was insolvent when its property was transferred to the Wantauga Land company more than a year ago. The bill also alleges that the deal was one in which John G. Carlisle, Robert P. Porter, Benjamin Butterworth, Judge McCormac and other men of national reputation were interested. It is said there is a deficit of \$50,000 which the stockholders will have to make up. Attorneys have been employed to bring suit for this purpose in Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia, Maryland and other states.

#### Committee Investigating.

Topeka, Kan., April 12.—Members of the legislative bribery investigation committee say the developments of the next week will be shocking. It is said that big stories will come out in the testimony relative to alleged bribery in railroad, stock yards and oleomargarine legislation. William Butler will on Monday testify that a proposition was made to him that he could have \$1500 if he would produce ten members of the house not already pledged to vote for the Wichita normal school bill. About Wednesday interest in the investigation is expected to be at fever heat.

#### Woman Found Dead.

Mount Vernon, Ill., April 12.—Boys passing through some woodland five miles northwest of the city yesterday found a woman's head lying near the public road leading from Mount Vernon to Richview. After a search the body was found 200 yards from the spot where the head lay, with the flesh stripped from the bones, both the trunk and head being so badly decomposed as to render recognition impossible. The testimony at the inquest yesterday went to prove that the body was that of a woman who was in that locality early last November.

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## NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

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The Dutch ship Jeanette Francis arrived at New York the other day.

The government of Japan has decided to send two warships to Hawaii.

Gen. Ruiz Rivera was lodged in Cabanas Fortress, Havana, the other day.

The country around Mellette, S. D., has been flooded for the past few weeks.

George Delano, a fireman was run over and killed by a train at Ashdown, Ark., the other day.

Two men were killed by smoke and gas at Strickler tunnel on the west slope of Pikes Peak, Col., recently.

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New York, April 10.—Representatives in this city of the leather, harness, shoe and kindred trades held a preliminary meeting Thursday for the purpose of taking action in reference to the proposed duty on hides. Charles A. Schlenen, ex-mayor of Brooklyn, was chairman. Word was received from Philadelphia and Boston that the leather men in these cities were organizing and would co-operate with the organization here to oppose the measure.

Constantinople, April 12.—In a communication to the ambassadors dated April 10 the porte speaks of the Greek invaders of the previous day as "regular" troops, and the incursion is regarded here as the commencement of war. A panic occurred at Valona Saturday on a rumor that the Greek warships were about to attack the town. Two thousand bashi-bazouks assembled in an adjoining valley and placed themselves in readiness to advance in case of an attack by marines on land.

New Orleans, April 12.—The river gauge fluctuates between 18 feet and 18.2. This brings the record up to one-tenth of a foot higher than that given by an official data compiled. The river is booming and in spots the water washes over the "aprons" of the levees, making deposits of mud. The authorities, however, deny any additional apprehensions and are resourceful in combating inroads made by the river, rapidly applying temporary barriers of sacks filled with earth, and other devices as appear most expedient.

New York, April 8.—There was a big smash in wheat prices yesterday by an outpouring of long holdings. The May option suffered chiefly, as the long interest in that month had swelled to large proportions through months of accumulations. Tuesday night's closing prices dropped 3%. May at the lowest price touched 71½c, which is the record since last September. In addition to liquidation the market was also influenced by a sharp break in Liverpool cables and fair selling on foreign account.

New York, April 10.—The work of opening the steel casket containing the remains of the late Gen. U. S. Grant was begun yesterday. The outer casket, which encloses the case, was fastened with 150 bolts. The heads must be drilled through and pounded down before the case can be opened. It was estimated by the men in charge that the work would take three days to perform, but one of the workmen experienced in that line of work said he thought that by putting in a lot of overtime the work might be concluded by to-night.

Leavenworth, Kas., April 8.—The rise of the river here is making itself felt. The sandbars, which have been a prominent feature, are now completely under water, and the wagon road leading through the Missouri bottoms to the bridge is partly submerged. The river is full of logs, driftwood and lumber, which has been brought down from above. A rise of a few inches more will sweep into the stream the large stores of sand piled along the river's bank. Grave fears are entertained that the rise portends a most serious flood.

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# EASTER GREETING.



## AN EASTER ROMANCE.

(By Alice Chasemore.)

**A**UNT HETTY was only twenty-six when I came to live with her. There was only a difference of two years between us, but somehow she always seemed middle-aged to me, she was so quiet and serious and so different from my restless, excited self.

She was so sad at times that I could not help wondering if some time in her life she had not experienced some serious sorrow, for she had means and friends enough to make her life worth living, and should have been happy.

One day I found her weeping quietly with a little red book in her hand. I endeavored to calm her, to find out the reason for her sorrow, and then she told me this story:

"It happened when I was only eighteen. I was engaged to be married. My lover was four years older than myself; he was a mate of a ship, and a fine, dashing young fellow named Edward Blake. We had been engaged six months and were to be married a month later. The day was fixed, and Edward had arranged to give up the sea and take a situation on land. We were as happy as two young people could possibly be; but, unluckily, just a month before the time fixed for our wedding day, a picnic was gotten up by some of our friends, and Edward and I were of the party. There was a handsome young fellow there named Percy Sandys, the son of a neighboring clergyman. He was fresh from college, and full of fun and frolic. I chanced to be placed next to him at luncheon, and not knowing, as I afterward discovered, that I was engaged, he was specially attentive to me. I did not care for his attentions in the least, but I was in high spirits and only bent on the enjoyment of the moment, and I did not check him as, perhaps, I ought to have done. Presently, I caught sight of Edward's face, and saw that he was looking terribly cross and angry. Foolishly I thought it rather good fun to make him jealous, and, on purpose to tease him, I pretended to take all the more notice of Mr. Sandys. When we finished luncheon the party scattered and strolled about the woods in various directions. I naturally expected Edward to accompany me, but he rather rudely, as I thought, held aloof, and, to punish him, I paired off with Mr. Sandys. When the party got together again Edward looked so savage that I thought it better not to provoke him any further.

"I shook off Mr. Sandys, and, walking away with Edward, began to scold him for his unreasonable jealousy. Of course, I did not think I myself was in fault; nobody ever does. A loving word would have made me penitent directly. Unfortunately, he was white with anger, and began to reproach me in a way that roused my temper, too, for I was quick enough to take offense in those days. Ruth, though I have learned better since. I can remember, as if it were yesterday, the look in the woods where we stood, the sunshine glinting through the trees and lighting up Edward's flushed face and angry eyes. He reproached me bitterly—more bitterly, I think, than I deserved. He called me a heartless scold, and I called him little-minded and told him he had made himself ridiculous by his unreasonable jealousy. We got hotter and hotter, and finally he declared that if I did not repent that I had been wrong, and promise to behave differently for the future, all must be over between us. I

did not care a straw for Mr. Sandys, and would fifty times sooner have had Edward with me, but I would have died sooner than have told him so then. So I gave him a bitter answer, and we both grew angrier still. His last words, uttered with all the intensity of passion, ring still in my ears. I can tell you them word for word: 'Hetty, if you let me go now, understand clearly you will never see my face again.' I did not quite believe him. Perhaps if I had I should still have let him go. At any rate, I was far too angry to give way then. 'Go, by all means, if you wish it,' I said, and in another moment he was gone. I had been tearing to pieces, in my passion, a little spray of hawthorne he had given me earlier in the day. I had pulled off the leaves one by one, and when he left me the bare stem was left in my hand, with one leaf only remaining. See, here it is, the last relic of my first and last love. God grant that in your whole life, my Ruth, you may never weep such tears as I have wept over that one faded leaf."

She opened the little red prayer book in her lap and showed me, hidden in a tissue paper pocket, the yellow hawthorne leaf.

"This little book," she said, "was Edward's gift to me, and this old dry leaf is my only relic of the day when we parted in the wood, never to meet again in this world. Stay, I have one more treasure, see!"

She drew from her bosom a quaint old locket and put it in my hand. It was a miniature painting representing a young man in an old-fashioned naval costume. It was a handsome face, but stern and proud-looking, and I could very well believe that the original would have behaved as Aunt Hetty had described.

"But did you really part like that, auntie?" I said. "Did you never see him again?"

"Never. He did not go back to the picnic party, but joined an outward-bound ship the next day, leaving a brief note for my mother, stating that we had fortunately found out in time that we were unsuited to each other, and had, therefore, by mutual consent, put an end to our engagement."

"But that was very cruel, auntie."

"I thought so then. Perhaps it was a little; but afterward I blamed myself far more than him. I had given the provocation; and I knew in my heart of hearts that one word of regret on my part would have made all right between us. But I was too proud to say it. I let him go with my eyes opened, and I have been justly punished."

"But have you never heard from him since, dear auntie?"

"Once or twice, but only indirectly."

"GO, IF YOU WISH IT."

He had no relatives in our part of the country. I know that he gave up the sea and obtained a commission in some Indiana regiment. When last I heard of him he was a captain; but that is many years ago, and I do not know whether he is alive or dead. So ends my poor little romance. There is one thing I should like to ask, Ruth, and that is partly why I have told you my story. You have seen my relics. They have been my greatest treasure in life, and I should like them put in my coffin when I die. Will you remember this, dear?"

I could not answer for tears, but I kissed her hand and she was content. Two months ago, tired of our humdrum country life, auntie and I resolved to visit foreign parts. Accordingly, we went to Boulogne and took up our abode in a quiet boarding-house in the Rue des Vieillardes. There

were a good many visitors staying in the house, but they were mostly in families or parties, and we did not mingle with them. Our vis-a-vis at table was a tall gentleman of soldierly appearance, who was always spoken of as the major. When he ventured to address an order to the waiting maids in French, the difficulties he got into were dreadful, and he always ended by getting angry with himself and them. I ventured to help him out of a difficulty once or twice, and in this manner a slight acquaintance sprang up between us. It had, however, gone no farther than a friendly nod or a remark across the dinner table. With other visitors he fraternized even less.

So matters stood until the night of Easter Sunday came, when we went to the little English church in an adjoining street. We were ushered into one of the pews appropriated for strangers and a minute or two later the major was shown into the same pew and sat down beside us. During the service the major, by an accidental movement of his arm, threw down auntie's little red prayer book. He picked it up, and was about to replace it, but as he held it in full view under the gas, his eyes chanced to fall upon it, and he started as though he had seen a ghost. He laid the book down, but he glanced from it to Aunt Hetty, as if trying to satisfy himself on some point. The sermon came to an end, and the benediction followed, but I fear the major had no part in it. He took advantage of the moment when all heads were bowed to do a very unmannerly thing. He slyly put up his eyeglasses and read the name inside auntie's book. It was quickly done, and might have escaped notice, but I watched him closely. I could even read the name myself. It was in a bold, manly hand: "To Heister; June 23, 18—." I was aghast at such an act of impertinence, and glanced at auntie to see if she would resent it; but she had probably not noticed it, for she made no sign.

The congregation began to disperse, and we went out, but we were scarce-



"Will You Tell Me How You Came by the Red Prayer-book You Use?"

ly in the street when the major spoke to auntie.

"Madam, I am going to ask you a very singular question, but let me assure you that I have a deep personal interest in asking it. Will you tell me how you came by that red prayer-book you use?"

I shall never forget auntie's quick-given answer, but I could tell by the faint flush on her usually pale face how deeply she was moved.

"You gave it to me, yourself, Major Blake, years ago."

Surprise, delight and incredulity struggled for the mastery in the major's face. He took off his hat and stood bare-headed, and that one little gesture told more plainly than the most passionate protestations could have done, that the old love had been kept a treasured and sacred thing. I think, from the smile on her mouth, as she looked at him, that the same thought came to auntie.

"And you are Hetty!—Yes, I know you now," he said.

"You had forgotten the eight years, Major Blake. I knew you from the first."

"And would you really have let me go without a word?"

"Why not? How could I know you would wish to be reminded of old times?"

"Reminded! I have never forgotten. I tried my hardest to forget and couldn't. Although you preferred another—"

"Another! What other?"

"Didn't you marry young Sandys?"

"I have never seen him since."

At this stage of the conversation it struck me that I was de trop. Major Blake, side by side with auntie, was walking slowly homeward, and on reaching a convenient street corner, I went off for a stroll in an opposite direction. When I reached home I found auntie and the Major sitting in the courtyard under the trees. The Major lifted his hat at my approach and said:

"Miss Danvers, your aunt and I are very old friends; indeed, many years ago we were engaged to be married, but an unfortunate misunderstanding separated us. We have lost many happy years, but I hope some still remain to us. I trust we shall have your good wishes."

I looked from one to the other.

"You dear, darling auntie, then you really are going to be married after all! Of course I wish you joy, and Major Blake too, from the very bottom of my heart!"

I don't know how the secret oozed out, but before another day had passed every one in the house knew that the handsome English major had met an old love in the person of the gentle little lady with the sweet smile and the soft gray hair, and that after a separation of eight years they were engaged to be married, and they were accordingly promoted to all the privileges of engaged lovers.

I must pass over the homeward journey and the astonishment of our friends at Fairfield when auntie returned engaged to be married. Some few of them had known Major Blake, but to most of them he was a stranger. Many were the questions and explanations before everything was accounted for to everybody's satisfaction; but it was done at last. And then came the preparation of the trousseau; and at last the happy pair have been made one, and auntie is off to the Isle of Wight to spend her honeymoon. Before going she called me to her room and said:

"Ruth, dear, I am going to give you this little red prayer book as a parting remembrance. You know how I have treasured it, and you won't value it the less, I am sure, for having been so dear to me. And if, when Mr. Right comes, Ruth, you are tempted to be willful or wayward, or to pain a heart that loves you truly, think of your Aunt Hetty, and the faded leaf, for not every mistake in life ends as mine did on Easter Day."

## EASTER MORNING.

(By Mrs. M. A. Kidder.)

Easter dawning!

Oh, the glory

And the sweetness

Of the story!

Light from darkness,

Joy from sadness

Ring, oh, ring,

Ye bells, with gladness!

Ring, and send out

Cheerful greeting;

Notes from other

Joy-bells meeting,

Till the whole world,

Filled with wonder

Sees the clouds

All rent asunder.

Easter beauties!

How they cluster!

Lending fragrance

To their luster.

Emerald verdure,

Buds and flowers,

Hidden deep

Through Lenten hours!

Easter lilies

Smiling faintly,

Tall and slender,

Sweet and saintly;

Snow-white flocks

By nature molded,

Seem they, meek

And all unfolded!

Easter music

Sing, ye dear ones,

Lift your voices,

Far and near ones,

Men and maidens

Join the chorus,

Joy and gladness

Should reign o'er us.

Little children

Sing in gladness,

For your young hearts

Know no sadness;

Not a sorrow

Dims your morning,

Yet you love

The Easter dawning

Easter dawning!

Oh! the glory

And the sweetness

Of the story!

Light from darkness,

Joy from sadness—

Ring, oh, ring,

Ye bells, with gladness!

Had a Long Nap.



A chick who had just learned to creep  
Came out of its shell and said: "Peep!  
It is good, I declare,  
To breathe the fresh air.  
I must have had a long sleep."

Easter to the Unfortunate.

To those who have small satisfaction in this life, whose conditions are those of misery or of dull vacuity, to whom life is a sad mistake, and an injustice if it is not to give them further opportunity, fuller expression, larger compensation, the day, if it has any significance at all, stands as the pledge of existence under other conditions, where their cramped and hindered powers can perhaps have fuller scope, and they have at least the hope of that.

—George William Curtis.

There is something wrong with the man who goes home from church mad whenever the preaching is aimed squarely at the face of sin.

## The Telephone in Europe.

A scientific expert has reported upon the distribution of telephones in different countries in Europe. It is surprising to find the system most extended in Norway, Luxemburg, Switzerland and Denmark. Norway has a telephone for every 144 inhabitants, while Great Britain has only one to every 636, France one to 1,432, Austria one to 1,640, Italy one to 2,530, and in Russia there is only one instrument for every 13,102 inhabitants. In Luxemburg the price of a telephone is \$16, which covers everything, the consequence of this cheapness being that the whole of the Grand Duchy has a telephone service.

Every woman who longs for the emancipation of her sex will rejoice to know that the cause is rapidly growing in the West. Only a few days ago there appeared in the columns of a Pueblo, Colo., newspaper the following "ad.": "Wanted—By competent woman; a place to work for her husband's board."

The Bostonian who can't sell liquor in his new \$2,500,000 hotel because it is within 400 feet of a schoolhouse is of the opinion that a people may be educated too much.

The fault finder is color blind to virtue.

Every man is a giant in the eyes of some boy.

The little things overlooked rob our lives of joyful strength.

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

It is only by giving with the heart that any man can know what it means to be rich.

One steamer—the Mongolian—carried 120,000 geese and turkeys from Canada to Liverpool just before Christmas.

**SAFE** For the Kidneys, Liver and Urinary Organs.

**CURE**

The Old Reliable.

THERE is only one way by which any disease can be cured, and that is by removing the cause, whatever it may be. The great medical authorities of the day declare that nearly every disease is caused by deranged kidneys or liver. To restore these, therefore, is the only way by which health can be secured. Here is where

**Safe Cure**

has achieved its great reputation. It

**ACTS DIRECTLY UPON THE KIDNEYS AND LIVER**

and by placing them in a healthy condition, drives disease and pain from the system.

Large bottle or new style smaller one, at your druggist. Its reputation—Twenty years of success—in four continents. Warner's Safe Cure Co., London, Rochester, Frankfurt, Melbourne, Toronto.

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**\$3 SHOE** ..BEST..

FOR 14 YEARS THIS SHOE, BY MERIT ALONE, HAS DISTANCED ALL COMPETITION. Endorsed by over 1,000,000 wearers as the best in style, fit and durability of any shoe ever offered at \$3.00.

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**TOWER'S FISH BRAND**

**POMMEL SLICKER**

The Best Saddle Coat.

Keeps both rider and saddle perfectly dry in the heaviest storms. Substitutes will disappear. Ask for the Fish Brand Pommel Slicker. It is entirely new. If not for sale in your town, write for catalogue to A. J. TOWER, Boston, Mass.



LOCAL NEWS.

**ARLEDGE & KENNEDY**

DEALER 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.

6 lbs Arbuckle coffee at Arledge & Kennedy's for \$1.

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

A big glass of ice cold keg beer for 5c at HYMAN'S SALOON.

Miss Fannie Thomas is suffering from a slight attack of the measles.

Some very nice liquors now on hand at HYMAN'S SALOON.

Walker King and Jas. Shivers made a flying trip to Palestine last Saturday.

City Saloon is headquarters for good whiskey, fine wines and ice cold beer.

Go to Joe Matlock, residence six miles east of Crockett, for cotton seed for planting.

Mrs. Henry Leaverton, of Grape-land has been visiting relatives and friends in town this week.

The jury commissioners concluded their labors Friday, having been in session two days.

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

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

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

Come! Come! Come!!! The summer now is here. Come out to Arledge & Kennedy's and buy your refrigerators, freezers, coolers etc.

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

Miss Minnie Bruner and her music class will give a Musicale at the school building on Friday the 23d, inst.

W. B. Page left for Austin Sunday evening as the representative of Houston county in her earnest protest against the new judicial bill.

Miss Ruth Johnson, of Ohio, an old school mate of Miss Hattie Belle Arledge, and a most charming young lady, arrived Thursday. She is visiting Miss Hattie Belle Arledge at 619 East Admiration Street.

**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.

**A Few Words From The Boys.**

It is with renewed confidence and vigor that we again present our card to the people of Houston and adjoining counties. We have hoped to even double our business during this year (1897), and so far we are proud to say, success is ours. In order to do his full share toward promoting this revival, our buyer Mr. W. B. Wilson spent a month in the market battling with measles and high prices. He believes he got the better of them both, especially prices, as we have many things in our store to offer you for almost half the money you have been paying for them. We have special bargains in every line we carry. Ladies if you care to see the most up to date, stylish line of Dress Goods, in all the new colors, and the very latest fad in novelties, call at our store and let us show you. Your time will be profitable, should you buy elsewhere. Here is a bargain that has caused men to talk all day, and the women all night, an all wool one way Challie worth 18 to 20c per yard, bought at such a price as to sell at 10c per yard, consisting of twenty-five bolts in nice bright flowers of the latest designs. These goods will make a nice Spring and Summer dress and nothing nicer for wrappers.

ask to see them when you call. We have a line of shirt waist, also a very handsome line of shirt waist goods, collars and cuffs of the very latest. Our line of vests for ladies will please any one in quality or price. We believe we have the best 10 and 25c hose for ladies and the best 10c hose for children in Crockett, call and see them. Remember the John Kelly tie and slipper has no equal in wear, style and finish and sold only by **McLean & Wilson.**

Young men call and see our line of Wilson Bros., shirts in negligee, colored fronts and whites. Do you need a suit of clothes, if so we have one in color and price to suit you. Do you need a nice cool coat we have a nice Summer linen coat worth \$1.25 for 75c, call and see them. You will find the best line of Straw Hats in our store that ever came to Crockett. Gentlemen our line of underwear is very complete in white and all the colors, any size drawers in Pepperell or Scrivens, also knit. Just received a new line of Crossett's shoes in Tan, Pat., Calif. Cordovan and Kangaroo, we believe we can fit any foot in town as we have any last from A to G.

**F. C. Co.'s Corsets,**

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NEWEST MODELS. FANCY AND PLAIN.



FEATHERBONE CORSET CO., SOLE MANUFACTURERS. SOLD BY

Just received a new line of Featherbone Corsets, they are new styles never out before, we have all styles, high and low bust, short, long and medium waist. The best 50c Summer corset ever offered, also a better one. After wearing this corset four weeks if not perfectly satisfactory return it and get your money, every one are sold this way.

RESPECTFULLY,

**MCLEAN & WILSON.**

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

Mrs. Kitty Buford-Peoples, an old time charming Crockett girl is back on a visit to the Misses Breittling.

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

The Trinity has been out of banks for several days, flooding all the bottom and filling all the lakes, the first overflow since 1890.

A plan is maturing, the purpose of which is to locate at Crockett, a stove factory. We feel authorized in saying that with a little help on the part of our people the plant will surely come.

Until May 1st \$600, half cash, will buy a fine two acre lot adjoining Dr. Smith on east. Good well of pure water. Fine shade trees. Four room house on back end of lot, leaving good building site on front. A. D. LIPSCOMB.

On the night of the entertainment, recently, at the opera house a gentleman and his little boy were going along post office street. In the side walk was laying a buggy wheel. The boy fell down among the spokes and the gentleman fell on him. At the same place on the same night as the crowd was returning home from the opera house a lady fell, or rather was tripped up, injuring her knee. Now this is the dawn of the 20th century and we are presumed to be living in a civilized state and in a city with a government and yet such things can be. The city government should either have obstructions removed from side walks, or if they will not do that, it should provide for arc lights, that the public may see the pitfalls and death traps encumbering the side walks.

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

Account of Battle of Flowers at San Antonio, April 21, round trip tickets from Crockett to San Antonio for \$4, limited to 22d to return.

Not the least enjoyable social event of our city is the monthly "at home" of the Knights of Pythias at their castle hall. On the second Thursday evening of each month the knights entertain their wives and lady friends and it has proven a most enjoyable social function.

The suggestion in last week's COURIER for the organization of a company by Crockett and Lovelady to put in an artificial lake half way between the two towns, meets with a ready response on the part of a large number of citizens in both Crockett and Lovelady. The enterprise will go through this fall if there is a good crop made.

A single VAPOR BATH is a dead shot to rheumatism, and sudden, swift destruction to wrinkles and freckles. Cures the worst cold in 30 minutes. Our first order for 12 or more Cabinets, will be sent in Friday. Call and inspect them, and if your faith justifies the act, we will be pleased to include your order. Remember the price is only \$5.00 at.

MISTROT Bros & Co.

The tobacco experiment is a success in Anderson county and a large acreage will be planted there this year. Mr. Green who is leading in the new industry went on Florida and secured the services of an experienced Cuban tobacco grower and handler who will make Anderson his home for the present. Mr. Green sold his crop of last year for about 16 cents a pound to Florida manufacturers

Judge Hill sitting in the case of the Long heirs vs. J. C. and Emily Wootters, rendered his opinion on Thursday. It was in the main adverse to the contention of the heirs, having sustained the demurrers of defendant Wootters. In giving his opinion, however, Judge Hill stated that there was property unaccounted for by defendant Wootters, to which the heirs were entitled. Council for heirs excepted to opinion of court and gave notice of appeal.

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.** The 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—if not try a barrel or sack and you will then take no other.

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To Whom It May Concern,

We are the only duly authorized agents in this state, for the sale of The New IMPROVED THERMAL VAPOR BATH CABINET. On guaranteeing the sale of 10,000 in 12 months, we are enabled to sell them for \$5.00, or just \$3.00 less than manufacturing prices. Call or write for circulars.

MISTROT Bros & Co.

Lumbermen's Excursion to Mexico City.

Account the above, the I. & G. N. R. R., International Route, will have on sale round trip tickets to Mexico City at extremely low rates. Tickets on sale April 16 and 17, good 30 days for return. Call on nearest ticket agent for full particulars, or write the undersigned.

D. J. PRICE, A. G. P. A. Palestine, Texas.

**GOOD NEWS. MANGUM'S SPOT CASH BULLETIN:**

I will sell you today the following goods at prices named:  
Best head rice, 15 pounds for \$1.00.  
Best navy beans, 28 lbs for \$1.00.  
A & H brand soda 2 lbs for .15.  
Best Scotch oat meal, 3 packages for .25.  
Best parlor matches 2 dozen boxes for .25.  
Best lump starch, per lb .5.  
Best Canned corn 4 cans for .35.  
" " tomatoes 3 cans for .25.  
Evaporated apples in one lb packages, something extra fine, 4 packages for .30.  
Jelly, assorted flavors, 15 lbs for .60.  
White Swan, the best flour on the market, per sack .140.  
Second pat. flour, per sack .125.  
High pat. flour, per bbl. .525.  
Prices on all other goods in stock in proportion. These are SPOT CASH prices. No goods booked or "ticket in drawer," for any one, even for a day.

No Book-keeper to pay. No bad accounts to lose. SPOT CASH and one price to everybody is my motto. I want your trade. Come and see me. Respectfully, JNO. MANGUM. 4-14-'97.

Summer Normal School. All those interested in a Summer Normal School to be had at Crockett this summer will please correspond, or send in their names at once, that I may know the number interested in such a move since all necessary arrangements have been perfected looking thereto. Prof. Walker King, of the Crockett Academy, assisted by Prof. F. M. Martin, of the Lovelady Academy have both consented to teach the White Normal School, while Prof. J. W. Williams assisted by Prof. T. G. W. Tarver will teach the Colored Normal School, provided the attendance will be large enough to justify their doing so. E. WILSON, County Judge.



**THE COURIER,**

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

**THE NEW JUDICIAL DISTRICT.**

The proposed redistricting bill will include Houston county in a district composed of Houston, Walker, Madison, Leon, Grimes and Brazos counties. The census of these counties as taken in 1890—seven years ago—was 92,549. In the ten years preceding that census their population had grown 13,432. At the same rate of increase their population would now amount to 101,950. But they have had a far greater rate of increase, as every observant inhabitant well knows. Probably one fourth of the population of Houston county at the present day had never seen it in 1890. To say that the population of the district, allowing for the imperfections of census taking in a region where the population is widely scattered as in this, and for the greater rate of increase since 1890, would amount to 150,000, would be no exaggeration.

The present bill has been drafted partly in response to the party pledge of retrenchment and partly in response to the demands of well organized and active bars and political clubs, in cities of population exceeding 20,000 as Galveston, Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Austin and Dallas, who looked upon a reduction of the number of courts in the rural districts as the surest and easiest way to increase their own facilities. That this is true is shown by the results, for none of the cities are included in a district court jurisdiction which comprehends a population in excess of that having at least two district courts and the same convenience being continued to them by the proposed bill. With this terrible disparagement between the facilities offered to rural districts on the one hand and city districts on the other, it seems needless to attribute the position of the judiciary committee to any reasons that have been offered to it by the advocates of reduction. However, it is a fact that the speed of city courts has been compared to the rural courts, in order to show that the rural sections have more courts than are necessary. It is a fact, probably, that city courts get through their business more rapidly, but, if so, this is due, not to the laziness and inaction of judges, but to causes independent of them. Where the larger portions of the business of a court as is the case in Galveston, Houston and San Antonio and other cities, concerns litigants, witnesses and jurors who all reside within a mile or two of the court room and have telephone conveniences, it is neither so difficult nor so slow a process to get together, as in a county where the same class of persons concerned in each case are scattered over a territory whose diameter is from 25 to 40 miles; and where the court is almost practically continuous it is not so serious a matter to take a continuance, and that is often done with justice to the parties in order to avoid only slight suspension of the activities in the court, while reasonably, naturally and justly, judges, in counties where the terms are only twice a year and a continuance means six months delay to settlement of right, are slower to compel disposition of cases. This proposition is illustrated in this way: In Galveston the cause is A. vs. B., and C. D. and E. are witnesses; when the cause is called at nine o'clock in the morning, other cases being set for the same day, E. is absent. Five minutes is long enough to ascertain whether he can

be had or not, and even if it should not give time, still it is only two months till the next term and it is better the cause should go over than that the other cases should be longer delayed. On the other hand, if this cause were in Houston county, E. would very likely be at Coltharp, 20 miles away. It would be a serious thing to supersede the case, because continuance would entail a delay of six months and other witnesses who have come a long way would be compelled to repeat the trip for the same purpose. Under such circumstances it would be unreasoning injustice to limit the party for whom E. was a witness to five minutes to ascertain whether E. could be had for trial, the probability being that a tree across the road or a washout had delayed E. for an hour.

What effect the over crowding the business of this court would have, is not hard to see. At least one fifth of the cases would have to be continued because of lack of opportunity of the court to get to them even though in every way ready for trial. The party to a suit would reasonably count upon his bill for witness fees amounting to about twice what it would if the court was moving with its usual smoothness. The witness, waiting day after day, in obedience to subpoena or attachment would finally go home to a neglected crop with the sublime consciousness that he had been doing extra charity work for a party suing a pauper's affidavit. Special venire men would have to wait twice as long before the cases upon which they were summoned could be called, and everybody knows they get nothing for their time unless drawn upon by the jury.

If Houston county shall be included in the proposed new district the cases of Knox, McCullough and others, will be tried early in next century. The Howell case will come to trial about 1899 in the fall. Long vs. Smith will have two more mistrials and be finally settled in 1935. Frank Satterwhite's case against the railroad have four more mistrials and finally be settled in 1940. The foreclosure of a vendor's note is likely to require four years, after commencement of proceedings. The circuit from Crockett to Jewett, from Jewett to Bryan, from Bryan to Navasota, from Navasota to Madisonville and from Madisonville to Huntsville, and from Huntsville to Crockett will be marked like cattle trails of old through the desert, by the line of bleaching bones—in this case, of overworked judges. And attorneys, clerks and sheriffs will be saying:

Is this a fast to keep  
The Larder lean  
And clean  
From fat of veal and sheep?

We feel kindly to the candidacy of Congressman Sayers for governor next year and believe he would make a most excellent governor. We feel under obligations, however, to M. M. Crane for reasons of a personal character, which in all probability would determine us in our choice in this matter. Mr. Crane and Governor Culbertson are the only state officials who have ever recognized the right of Houston county to any participation in the good things handed around by such functionaries and we would be ungrateful if we did not feel under obligations therefore. We do not like all of Mr. Crane's views on public questions, nor indorse all his expressions touching matters of state. Still we are for him and think him eminently qualified by reason of his ability and long experience for the position named. Those people who have been trying to get Judge Reagan out have very little regard for the judge's happiness. If the time ever does come for a man to retire from public office to enjoy the comforts of a quiet life, that time, it seems to us, has arrived in the case of Judge Reagan. The old man should have a rest for he must be very tired of the cares of office.

**Proceedings of District Court.**

The last days of a court are always slow and but little is done; however, Judge Gill worried through the week and below will be found the result of his labors:

State vs. W. A. C. Collins, burglary; gave bond in the sum of \$400.00 and continued generally.

John Lunceford vs. Ella and Martha Lunceford, trespass to try title; judgment for defendants.

E. C. Baker vs. S. W. Satterwhite et al, suit to foreclose vendor's note and injunction; judgment for plaintiff as prayed for.

W. E. and J. W. Hail for use of First National Bank, vs. Dave Martin, suit on vendor lien notes; dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Morrow et al vs. Christian et al, suit for partition; decree of partition granted. Larkin Christian appointed guardian ad litem for minor defendants.

In re estate of John Long deceased, on appeal from county court. Judge Gill being disqualified, Judge Hill, of Livingston, Polk county, was agreed upon to try the case; judgment for defendant, to which plaintiff excepted and gave notice of appeal.

Mainer & Monday vs. Louis Adkinson et al, suit for partition and injunction; decree for plaintiffs as prayed for.

Florence F. Rice vs. J. L. Rice, suit for divorce; divorce granted and maiden name restored as prayed for.

J. G. Haring vs. C. C. Shelton, injunction to restrain defendant from tearing down fences. Pending a resurvey of land, court adjourned until next Friday.

At this term of the court, there were ten felony convictions. Eight of these, Claud Jackson and Henry Small, white, and Jim Smith, Jim McCoy, Andrew Britton, Wm. Davis, Henry Marton and Joe Ansley, Sheriff Waller expects to start to the penitentiary with to-day. Arthur Lomax and Wyatt Williams, whose cases are on appeal, are still in jail.

The tobacco industry will be inaugurated in Houston county on a correct, substantial and sound basis next fall. The plan contemplates the co-operation of some twenty-five or more intelligent, substantial farmers who will give the plants a fair trial. An organization will be effected and the services of tobacco growing and tobacco handling experts will be provided. We believe that this new industry furnishes a large element of our farmers a solution of the trouble now affecting the agricultural classes. We feel confident that this will open up a new and a highly profitable industry for our farmers in East Texas—Middle, North and West Texas being unable to produce this quality of tobacco. We invite attention of Houston county farmers to the following items:

Palatine, Tex., March 23.—Mr. A. C. Green, who has undertaken to demonstrate the profit in tobacco culture in Anderson county, who in conjunction with Messrs. Bob Grigaby and E. S. Jackson has prepared to raise a large crop this year, departs tonight for Key West, Fla., where he has sold a car load of his last year's crop, to become acquainted with the Havana dealers and their methods. He goes to Galveston and takes the Morgan line, and will be gone for ten days or two weeks.

TWO CARLOADS OF TOBACCO.  
The first shipment of tobacco ever made from the port of Galveston, of any importance at least, was taken by a Mallory steamer last week to New York. This tobacco came from Montgomery county. It was raised from Havana seed, put up in Havana bales and brought the price of 42 cents a pound. It may possibly be sold after manufacture as Havana goods. There were two carloads of it.

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**D. J. PRICE,** Ass't. Gen'l. Pass. Agt.  
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CROCKETT, TEXAS.**

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Baptist Convention, Wilmington N. C.  
Account various Baptist Conventions to be held at Wilmington, N. C., May 6 to 14, the I. & G. N. R. R., will have on sale round trip tickets at half rates. Dates of sale May 3 and 4, good to return 20 days from date of sale.  
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