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## SOME REASONS

### Why the Office of County Superintendent Should be Created.

EDITOR CROCKETT:

In all affairs pertaining to the management of our public schools, the first and most important question to be considered is the highest good of the children. The question of the county superintendent, like all others, should be tried by this high standard, and after a careful consideration of the effects upon the true interests of the children of our county, we should determine whether a county superintendent is needed.

But in the discussion of this question we do not want to be understood as offering any criticism or censure upon the conduct of our present ex-officio superintendent. We desire to commend him for the deep interest he has ever manifested in behalf of the schools of Houston county. It is surprising to us that he has been able to accomplish as much as he has along that line. During the last year or two his duties as county judge have increased both in scope and responsibility and it is impossible for him to devote the attention to the duties of county superintendent that the importance of the office really demands.

We will discuss the question first from a business standpoint. Do you know of any successful business anywhere without a head? How long would a store employing 100 clerks last without a central management? Or a plantation without an overseer? Or a lumber-mill without a superintendent?

Yet Houston county employs teachers for over 160 schools to teach over 8000 children, paying them annually over \$53,000. Is it good business sense not to employ a superintendent whose business it would be to look after this great army of teachers, and see that they render a faithful stewardship of the work they are called to do? It is generally admitted that the most sagacious business men live in our towns and cities, yet it would be almost impossible to find a city in our state with one-fourth the scholastic population of our county that does not employ a superintendent at a good salary. Almost without exception these towns pay their superintendent more salary than our law will allow for a county superintendent. The inhabitants of our county seat, with a scholastic population of 600, find it to their interest to employ an able superintendent at a good salary, while the county with a scholastic enrollment of over 6,000 outside of all independent districts, has so far failed to make such a provision.

Are not the country children worth as much to the state as the children in the towns and cities? If so, why is this discrimination? Why should they not have a competent supervisor when it is found so necessary elsewhere? It is a well known and generally recognized fact that the schools in the country districts are far inferior to those in our towns and cities. This inferiority in our rural schools is one of the chief causes

of dissatisfaction among our farming population and is each year causing large numbers of good families to leave prosperous farms and remove to town at a great sacrifice to themselves and at a loss to the state and county. Any change that will help remove this inferior condition of our public schools will be of great advantage to all people of both town and country. Would a county superintendent tend to improve the condition of our schools? This is the question that we are to answer. We do not claim that a superintendent would be a specific for all the defects of our schools, but we do believe that it is one of the necessities in order to consummate the ideals for which we labor. Many of the counties in Texas that seem to be alive to their interest along other lines of progress have answered this question in the affirmative by creating the office of county superintendent. The idea is rapidly growing in popular favor, for the regular county superintendents in our state have increased 25 per cent during the past two and one half years, and according to Mr. Lefevre, "it is a well known fact that the school affairs in these counties have improved since the creation of the office."

About the only objection that is ever raised to this question is the cost. We are convinced that almost every county of Texas having a regular county superintendent saves as much or more than the amount of his salary. This opinion is based upon the report of our state superintendents from O. H. Cooper to Arthur Lefevre. Besides, these reports show that the average length of the free school term is actually several days longer in those counties having that officer than in those having no superintendent.

Very respectfully,

R. L. DEWEES,  
NAT PATTON,  
Ratcliff, Texas.

It is to be feared the present legislature is inclined to make too many judges and create too many new courts simply for the benefit of certain men who want positions. When a judge finds time to be absent from his district two months as a lobbyist, or spend half of his time at pleasure resorts, it is fairly certain he is not overworked. In many instances a judge does not spend, perhaps, more than half his time in actual work. To tax people already heavily taxed, just to make places for favorites, is hardly wise or honest legislation. Graft has a thousand faces.—Rusk County News.

### About Rheumatism.

There are few diseases that inflict more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is, therefore, a bold statement to make, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale, has met with great success in the treatment of this disease. One application of Pain Balm will relieve the pain, and hundreds of sufferers have testified to permanent cures by its use. Why suffer when Pain Balm affords such quick relief and costs but a trifle? For sale by S. L. Murchison.

## DR. LOGGINS KILLED.

### Trouble of a Personal Nature Results in a Tragedy.

Willis, Texas, April 2.—The long monotony of peace and quiet, which Willis has enjoyed for many years, was rudely broken up yesterday evening between 5 and 6 o'clock.

Some troubles had been pending of a personal nature between Dr. L. L. Loggins, a practicing physician at this place, for several years past, and Mr. D. A. Hooks, a long resident here and former deputy Sheriff and Constable of this precinct, but for several months past in night charge of the planing mill and lumber yard of the Carson Morris Company, located at this place. These troubles culminated at the time above mentioned at the Crescent Drug Building in the mortal wounding and subsequent death from those wounds of Dr. Loggins by Mr. Hooks. It seems that Mr. Hooks was inside the building and Loggins was in the act of entering the same, armed with a double-barreled shotgun, when Hooks met him at the door entrance and opened fire on him (Loggins) with a revolver. Apparently the first shot took effect in the breast of Loggins and so paralyzed him that he was unable to handle his gun and made no shot. Several other shots were fired by Mr. Hooks, but missed. Loggins beat a retreat toward his office, but fell before reaching it, and was picked up and carried to his office, where he was attended by Drs. Leslie and Powell, but their efforts were futile. He expired from internal hemorrhage in about a half an hour.

Mr. Hooks gave himself up to Constable Davis. An examining trial, conducted by District Attorney S. A. McCall, was held, which resulted in placing the prisoner under \$500 bond for his appearance before the next grand jury.

The deceased, Loggins, leaves a wife and several grown up sons and daughters. The funeral occurred at this place this evening.

### Chronic Bronchitis Cured.

"For ten years I had chronic bronchitis so bad that at times I could not speak above a whisper," writes Mr. Joseph Coffman, of Montmorenci, Ind. I tried all remedies available, but with no success. Fortunately my employer suggested that I try Foley's Honey and Tar. Its effect was almost miraculous, and I am now cured of the disease. On my recommendation many people have used Foley's Honey and Tar, and always with satisfaction." Smith & French Drug Co.

### Good Roads Meeting.

Houston, Texas, March 25.—Whereas, the East Texas Good Roads Association will hold a convention in the city of Houston on the 18th and 19th of April, 1905, we, the officers and members of the Harris County Good Roads Association, citizens and officers of the county, extend to you a most hearty and earnest invitation to attend this convention. We beg to state that every male or female in the State of Texas who is interested in the construction and maintenance of public highways is

eligible to membership and will be welcome as a delegate, and we most earnestly urge that you take advantage of the exceptionally low railroad rates that have been granted on this occasion to visit Houston, the Chicago of the South, and lend your assistance in making this a grand success.

Prominent National speakers and numerous State and county officers will be present and make this convention one of the largest and farthest reaching in its efforts in this movement than any ever held in this State before.

An interesting program has been arranged for the entertainment of the guests and we promise you the time of your life. Therefore, we urge that you will not allow anything to interfere with your being present.

Ask your local railroad agent for rates.  
H. W. CORTES,  
Pres. Harris Co. G. R. Ass'n.

### Hog Stealing Cases.

A trio of white men were brought into the court Wednesday morning charged with the theft of five hogs. Two of them, Chas. Burk and Jim Smith, entered pleas of guilty and were assessed by the jury two years each. The third, J. E. Batton by name, pleaded not guilty and his case went to trial Wednesday afternoon. They are defended by V. B. Hudson, an attorney of Bryan. The defendants in this case are the same men who were arrested in this county last fall for wholesale thieving while travelling through the county with a wagon and team. During the winter they were taken to Robertson county and convicted on similar charges and later returned here for trial.

### For a Weak Digestion.

No medicine can replace food but Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will help you to digest your food. It is not the quantity of food taken that gives strength and vigor to the system, but the amount digested and assimilated. If troubled with a weak digestion, don't fail to give these Tablets a trial. Thousands have been benefited by their use. They only cost a quarter. For sale by S. L. Murchison.

An exchange says that among those who need religion are: The man who lets his horse stand out in the cold all day without a blanket; the man who growls like a beast when asked by his wife for money; the minister who is looking for an easier place and a higher salary; the man who walks the streets with his hands in his pockets while his wife cares for the baby; the man who keeps three or four dogs and as many cats and says he can't afford to take a newspaper.

### Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Best and Most Popular.

"Mothers buy it for croupy children, railroad men buy it for severe coughs and elderly people buy it for la grippe," say Moore Bros., Eldon, Iowa. "We sell more of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than any other kind. It seems to have taken the lead over several of the good brands." There is no question but this medicine is the best that can be procured for coughs and colds, whether it be a child or an adult that is afflicted. It always cures and cures quickly. Sold by S. L. Murchison.

## KILLED IN SNOW SLIDE.

### Two Men Lost Their Lives Near Ouray, Colorado.

Denver, Colo., April 2.—The storm which has raged in Colorado and a portion of New Mexico for thirty-six hours subsided this afternoon.

For the first time this winter the Santa Fe road found it necessary to use snow plows between Pueblo and Colorado Springs. In Pueblo two inches of moisture fell during the storm, this being a record, according to the weather officials. East of Pueblo about seven miles a bridge and a strip of track on the Missouri Pacific were washed out, and north of that city the Rio Grande experienced some damage by washouts. Between Clyde and Fairview the snow is five feet deep and snow plows are endeavoring to remove it.

Only two men were killed yesterday in the destruction of the buildings of the Bankers' National mine, near Ouray, by a slide. Seven men were injured, none seriously. The dead: George Rabb and John Orth.

### The Bachelor Girls.

On Friday last the Bachelor Girls met with Misses Ethel and Frances Wootters. Progressive forty-two was the game, and as several of the young ladies played successfully, instead of cutting for the prize they presented it to Mrs. Sol Bromberg of Galveston, the honoree of the occasion. The refreshments, of maple parfait and cake, were then served. After this an impromptu musical program which delighted all was rendered, numbers being contributed by Mrs. S. L. Murchison, Misses Foster, Ethel Wootters and Frances Wootters. The score cards attracted a good deal of attention and comment. They represented a Bachelor Girl paddling her own canoe, and her motto, "Going it alone," was very suggestive to the members of the club. The club adjourned to meet with Miss Nannie Breitling on next Friday.

REPORTER.

When rascals begin to tell on each other, they do make mighty interesting reading. When a man, to prove himself honest, shows he ought to be in the penitentiary, he is hard pressed. Yet some very honorable (?) gentlemen have placed themselves in that position. One man's guilt may fail to prove another innocent.—Exchange.

### Dreadful Attack of Whooping Cough

Mrs. Ellen Harrison, of 300 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo., writes as follows: "Our two children had a severe attack of whooping cough, one of them in the paroxysm of coughing would often faint and bleed at the nose. We tried everything we heard of without getting relief. We then called in our family doctor who prescribed Foley's Honey and Tar. With the very first dose they began to improve and we feel that it has saved their lives." Refuse substitutes. Smith & French Drug Co.

Foley's Kidney Cure if taken in time affords security from all kidney and bladder disease. Smith & French Drug Co.



**JUDGE TERRELL EXPLAINS**

**Provisions for Holding Primaries and Conventions—Cumbersome Features of Old Law Removed.**

Austin, Tex., March 30.—Judge Terrell, by request, gave out the following today:

"The new election bill as passed by the House yesterday and now in the Senate contains every feature of the present law that experience has approved and a number of provisions which were contained in the act as originally prepared by myself two years ago that were then stricken from the bill in its passage through the Legislature. Among those provisions that are now incorporated in the present bill are the following:

"(1). A printed ballot for independent candidates.

"(2). Primary elections and no primary conventions for the political party that cast over 100,000 votes in the last preceding general election. All political parties that cast less than 100,000 votes can hold primary elections or primary conventions in this district. (This clause is new).

"(3). A blanket ballot in all general elections with the ticket for each political party and for independent candidates and a blank column in which the voter may write the name of any one.

"(4). Supervisors (called "watchers" in the former bill) to be chosen from different political parties, to remain with the precinct judges and ballot boxes, and sworn to report irregularities and fraud to the grand jury.

"(5). The judges to be selected from different political parties.

"(6). Greater economy in election expenses, and new provisions guarding against fraud with penalties to enforce them.

"(7). Prohibition against newspapers publishing articles in favor of or against candidates when written by other people than the editor, except as "contributoids," and limiting their charge for such "contributions." The cost of the ballot in the judgment of printing experts is reduced one-half and the contradictions and difficulties caused by many amendments two years ago have all been corrected in the present bill.

"The bill was carefully considered by the House committee for six weeks, and through much amending in the House has been improved rather than injured. Mr. Love of Dallas, Mr. Harris of Galveston, Mr. Robertson of Bell and other gentlemen labored with intelligence and great energy in the work of perfecting the bill in committee and on the floor of the House, and without their aid it would never have passed the House by the decisive vote of 91 to 11. Indeed, without the active co-operation of the gentlemen, who ranked patriotism and the cause of a clean ballot above partisanship, the bill could not have passed at all.

"Of course, there are some features in so long a bill that I did not like, but I think all will agree that it is a great improvement on the present law. If the obstructive methods that prevailed in the House for a time should be repeated in the Senate the bill may fail for want of time, but I believe its general provisions will commend it to the favor of that honored body."

**Pneumonia is Robbed of its Terrors by Foley's Honey and Tar.** It stops the racking cough and heals and strengthens the lungs. If taken in time it will prevent an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. Smith & French Drug Co.

**To Cure Pessimism.**

Hang these words on your bed post or tack them into your brain: I am going to become an optimist.

From now on I am going to change my entire life and my style of thinking.

I will endeavor hereafter to be generous in my views toward others, broad-minded, large spirited and kind, thinking well of everybody, mean to nobody and overlooking the little faults, believing that there are other qualities in the man that overwhelm the deficiency.

"There is so much bad in the best of us, so much good in the worst of us, that it behooves each of us to be charitable to the rest of us."

I shall see the bright side of everything.

I shall talk like an optimist, laugh like an optimist and move like an optimist, conscious of the fact that I shall radiate sunshine and make everyone around me happy.—Physical Culture.

The Journal would like to see the course of reasoning by which the court of Criminal Appeals arrived at the conclusion that in c. o. d. packages the sale is completed, not when the purchaser gives his order to the agent, but when the package is delivered to the express company. It does seem that if the first is not a sale, neither is the second, and that the sale is not completed until the purchaser has paid over the money and the company delivered the package, to that place within the forbidden territory. Suppose that, for any reason, the buyer refuses to pay for the package, can he get it? So then it is not his until he pays for it; the moment he pays, it is his. Is it right and just to permit a shipper through an express agent to sell liquor in a local option district? It is unjust discrimination, because it has been made unlawful for any other citizen to do so. Until the appellate is endorsed by a higher court we shall incline to the belief that Judge Brooks has the better of the argument.—Belton Journal.

The Journal does not look far enough ahead. The Supreme Court of the United States has already handed down an opinion that the sale of the c. o. d. package is made at the place of shipment. Hence the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas holds with the Supreme Court in this matter. Any amendments to the Texas law intended to make it unlawful to take orders in local option districts would prove a waste of time and money. The Supreme Court is the highest authority, and it holds, as stated, that the sale is at the place of shipment.—Tyler Courier.

**A Chattanooga Druggist's Statement**

Robt. J. Miller, Proprietor of the Read House Drug Store of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes: "There is more merit in Foley's Honey and Tar than in any other cough syrup. The calls for it multiply wonderfully and we sell more of it than all other cough syrups combined. Smith and French Drug Co."

The first evidence of a good woman, and the best of them all, is that plain, unassuming and practical way she has about her life and general manners.—Rusk County News.

**Ballard's Horehound Syrup**

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Shullsberg, Wis., writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

El Campo Citizen: There was a time when the newspapers of the country made it a point to deal largely in personal matters. If an editor took a dislike to somebody he vented his spleen editorially through his paper. Hence under that regime our papers teemed with abuse, vituperation and personally offensive matter. But the most part of that style of journalism has ceased to exist. It is well that such is true. Texas has outlived that sort of institution. In fact no paper will live that has no higher aim than to pull down and overturn the work of those whom the people delight to honor. Legitimate criticism is right and proper when it is made in the interest of the public weal, but when published to gratify self it is a mistake. The people are quick to detect real merit.

Yes, quick to detect real merit or the lack of it. What is generally called "personal journalism," but which is, or was, merely rancorous and, often, illiterate abuse of individuals, was never really popular at any period of our National progress. There were cliques, political and other, which assumed to support such journalism, but it was never popularly accepted or indorsed. The professional editorial "scorcher" has never been allowed anything but temporary, and very restricted applause, and he stands in the estimation of legitimate newspaper workers about where the common scolds of the Puritanical period stood in the purview of their industrious and unmindful contemporaries.—Galveston News.

Our legislature is now hard at work on two dollars a day. This is meager pay for a competent legislator, but is a dollar and a quarter more than some of them would make at home. If this cheap element could be eliminated from the legislature, better work could be done in a shorter time, but that day is far distant. Two elements ought to be found in every legislator, competency and integrity. The lack of either is fatal in a legislator. The lack of both creates a blank, a dangerous blank. Ignorance with ambition has made men ridiculous.—Rusk County News.

**HEALTH IS YOUTH.**

Disease and Sickness Bring Old Age  
Herbine, taken every morning before breakfast, will keep you in robust health, fit you to ward off disease. It cures constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, fever, skin, liver and kidney complaints. It purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Mrs. D. W. Smith, Whitney, Texas, writes April 3, 1902: "I have used Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and liver troubles. It does all you claim for it. I can highly recommend it." 50c a bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

The April number of the Lantern, Senter's magazine, published monthly at Dallas, may justly be said to be the spokesman of the silent millions of people who have no lobby at Austin to make reply to the large array of lobbyists for special interests who are fighting all tax reform measures and seek to place the burdens of an increased tax rate upon the land owners, stock growers and merchants of Texas, who already pay an undue proportion of the cost of the state government. The Lantern announces a special offer of a trial trip for four months for ten cents.

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The excruciating pains characteristic of rheumatism and sciatica are quickly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The great pain relieving power of the liniment has been the surprise and delight of thousands of sufferers. The quick relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by S. L. Murchison.

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**J. W. T. No. 35496.**

deep body and very fine knee and hock action. His blood lines are the very best of northern horses. That he will beget speed and grand road qualities there is no doubt, as he not only inherits, but possesses, those qualities. Even common mares bred to a horse of this class can not fail to produce foals that will find a ready market as carriage horses or roadsters as well as general all-purpose horses. He can be found at my barn just north of the residence of John Monk. Mares from a distance will be taken care of without charge except for feed. Will not be responsible for any accidents while in my care.

**J. C. HIPPEL, Crockett, Tex.**

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The I. & G. N. R. R., in connection with the Iron Mountain System, operates Four Limited Trains Daily between Texas and St. Louis, the service being four to eight hours quickest, and 100 to 150 miles shortest. These trains have Pullman Buffet Sleepers and Chair Cars through without change, and connect morning and evening in Union Station, St. Louis, with all the Northern and Eastern lines. A la carte Dining Car Service between Texarkana and St. Louis.

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Nothing will more speedily or permanently invigorate and tone into action, liver and bowels than Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It is compounded from the active medicinal principles extracted from native medicinal plants, without the use of alcohol, not a drop of which enters into its composition. The benefit felt from its use is not, therefore, due to alcoholic exhilaration, and consequently of short duration, but is enduring and permanent.

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### A Great Sufferer Cured.

DR. R. V. PIERCE, Buffalo, N. Y.:  
"Dear Sir—My health is better now than it has been before for many years, and I owe to Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery a debt

of gratitude. I was, for several years, troubled with severe stomach trouble, sick headaches and nervousness. Could not eat anything without experiencing the most agonizing pain. Had little appetite and was frequently nauseated. My sick headaches were most violent and I could not rest night or day. I became emaciated and thoroughly despondent, and no medicine that I could take seemed to help me at all. It was my father who suggested that I try your medicine and I am grateful to say that I had been taking "Golden Medical Discovery" less than five months when I was entirely cured, and can now eat anything without distress.

MISS ROSE STANLEY,  
North Arlington, New Jersey.  
—Astor Avenue.

### Cures When Everything Else Fails.

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"Dear Sir—I am happy to say that I have found Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to be a most efficacious remedy for stomach trouble. For many years I could scarcely eat anything without being dreadfully distressed at once, and was apt to vomit the food. I used various medicines without good effect. Later I bought a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and it proved so satisfactory that I bought several more bottles of the medicine and used it until I was entirely well. That was about four months. You may count on me for a staunch friend to "Golden Medical Discovery," also to your Sanitarium, which I know to be one of the best in the country.

ASA M. WILLIAMS, Buffalo, N. Y.,  
238 Riley Street.

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### Pleasant Pellets.

## ALL OVER TEXAS.

Greenville is having trouble with frequent burglaries.

Holly Van, convicted for the murder of Sol Aronoff at Dallas, has been sentenced to be hung on Friday, May 12.

Taylor is a competitor against Austin for the German Lutheran Evangelical College, now located at Brenham.

The reunion of Waul's Legion that was advertised to take place at Brenham on April 20 has been postponed indefinitely.

Fred Schmidt, a farmer living ten miles west of Victoria, shot himself through the forehead at his home, from the effects of which he died.

Some interesting developments are expected to be made soon in the case of the finding of an infant in a well in the western part of Ellis county a few days ago.

A company has been formed with ample capital to develop the mineral resources of Lampasas County and within a short time active operations will be commenced.

Three men were killed and one fatally injured by an explosion of a boiler of a portable saw mill near Metawan. A dry boiler is supposed to have caused the explosion.

John Henry Young, the negro convicted of the killing of Albertus Moore another negro, in Ellis county on May 1, 1904, paid the penalty of the law for the crime on the gallows.

Phil Karner was checked in as postmaster, at Mexia, vice J. R. Neece, resigned. Mr. Neece's term would not expire for a year yet, but he is arranging to make his home in Dallas.

As a result of the threat of the County Attorney to sue the liquor dealers on their official bonds for Sunday law violation practically all of the Beaumont saloons were closed Sunday.

Representative Love's bill imposing a tax of one per cent on the gross receipts of all railroads doing business in Texas has been passed finally in the senate by a vote of 29 to 1. Senator Willacy voting in the negative.

Intelligence has been received of the death of George Train at Jalisco, Mexico. Train was well known in railway circles in Southern Texas. He was at one time a passenger conductor on the Southern Pacific.

J. W. Paine, a guest at the Hotel Shelby, Terrell, was found dead in his room Sunday morning. When he came to the hotel, about ten days ago, he registered, giving the name of J. W. Paine, Winnipeg, Manitoba, and stated that he was prospecting.

Hon. John L. Henry having tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Legal Examiners for the fifth judicial district of Texas Hon. Henry C. Coke was appointed to fill the unexpired term. The board is now composed of Hon. A. P. Park of Paris, Hon. G. E. Groce of Waxahachie and Hon. Henry C. Coke of Dallas.

A mass meeting was held at Maypearl for the purpose of organizing to bore a test well, surface evidences of oil having been discovered in this territory. M. J. Evans was elected president of the permanent organization and M. M. Fondren, secretary.

Estelle Lawrence, a negro woman living in a cabin at Paxton, was found dead with her head submerged in a creek and her body lying out of the water. Her clothing was dry, and no marks of violence were discovered on her body.

The Cumberland Presbyterians of Waxahachie have just completed a new house of worship, which was formally dedicated Sunday. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. M. O. Johnson of Corsicana.

Gov. Lanham has received from the Federal Government the flags of the Texas regiments in the Confederate Army. There is one flag of Hood's Brigade, one of the Texas Brigade, one of the First Texas Infantry and one of the Third Texas Cavalry.

At Whitewright forty young ladies backed up with a strong petition decided to wait upon a whiskey drummer and ask him not to sell whiskey to students. Hearing of their intention he left town.

Egg shipments from Georgetown Thursday by one firm amounted to two car loads of 800 cases and 250,000 eggs. They went to Chicago in two solid cars. It is estimated that 2,000,000 eggs were shipped from that place during March.

# STOP! WOMEN,

AND CONSIDER THE ALL-IMPORTANT FACT



That in addressing Mrs. Pinkham you are confiding your private ills to a woman—a woman whose experience with woman's diseases covers a great many years. You can talk freely to a woman when it is revolting to relate your private troubles to a man—besides a man does not understand—simply because he is a man.

Many women suffer in silence and drift along from bad to worse, knowing full well that they ought to have immediate assistance, but a natural modesty impels them to shrink from exposing themselves to the questions and probably examinations of even their family physician. It is unnecessary. Without money or price you can consult a woman whose knowledge from actual experience is great.

### Mrs. Pinkham's Standing Invitation:

Women suffering from any form of female weakness are invited to promptly communicate with Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass. All letters are received, opened, read and answered by woman only. A woman can freely talk of her private illness to a woman; thus has been established the eternal confidence between Mrs. Pinkham and the women of America which has never been broken. Out of the vast volume of experience which she has to draw from, it is more than possible that she has gained the very knowledge that will help your case. She asks nothing in return except your good-will, and her advice has relieved thousands. Surely any woman, rich or poor, is very foolish if she does not take advantage of this generous offer of assistance. — Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass.

Following we publish two letters from a woman who accepted this invitation. Note the result.

#### First letter.

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—  
"For eight years I have suffered something terrible every month with my periods. The pains are excruciating and I can hardly stand them. My doctor says I have ovarian and womb trouble, and I must go through an operation if I want to get well. I do not want to submit to it if I can possibly help it. Please tell me what to do. I hope you can relieve me."—Mrs. Mary Dimmick, 59th and E. Capitol Sts., Benning P. O., Washington, D. C. Second letter.

"Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—  
"After following carefully your advice, and taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I am very anxious to send you my testimonial, that others may know their value and what you have done for me.

"As you know, I wrote you that my doctor said I must have an operation or I could not live. I then wrote you, telling you my ailments. I followed your advice and am entirely well. I can walk miles without an ache or a pain, and I owe my life to you and to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I wish every suffering woman would read this testimonial and realize the value of writing to you and your remedy."—Mrs. Mary Dimmick, 59th and E. Capitol Streets, Benning P. O., Washington, D. C.

When a medicine has been successful in restoring to health so many women whose testimony is so unquestionable, you cannot well say, without trying it, "I do not believe it will help me." If you are ill, don't hesitate to get a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once, and write Mrs. Pinkham, Lynn, Mass. for special advice—it is free and always helpful.

The trouble is not that a woman is willing to sacrifice herself to her child's pleasure, but everybody else.

### Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury.

As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. — Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by Dr. J. C. Hall, 2102 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Sold by Druggists. Price, 50c. per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The office that seeks the man is always more shy and shrinking than the creditor on the same mission.

### Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

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

A compliment is not a compliment when it is paid by a man who wants to borrow money from you.

### Health is Your Heritage.

If you feel sick, depressed, irritated; if food disagrees with you; if you are constipated, or get tired easy, something is wrong. There is no reason why you should not be restored to perfect health if you will write for a trial bottle of Vernal Palletton, made from Saw Palmetto Berries which possess wonderful curative powers for all diseases of the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and Bladder. Thousands of sufferers have been permanently cured. Write for free sample, Vernal Remedy Co., Le Roy, N. Y. Sold by druggists.

A woman is hardly ever angry with a man over anything he declares he did out of admiration for her.

### EFFECTS OF PROSPERITY.

In the six years of the country's greatest prosperity, from 1897 to 1903, average prices of breadstuffs advanced 65 per cent, meats 23.1 per cent, dairy and garden products 50.1 per cent, and clothing 24.1. All these were products of the farmer and stockman who profited more than any other class of the community by these advances. The miner benefited 42.1 per cent by that advance in the average price of metals. The only decrease in the average prices of commodities in that period was in railway freight rates which decreased from .798 per ton-mile in 1897 to .763 in 1903, a loss of 4.4 per cent. The report of the Interstate Commerce Commission shows that the average increase in the pay of railroad employes in the period was a trifle above 5.5 per cent.

The porters who carry the baggage of tourists on the island of Capri are mostly women. The men are busy as fishers, coachmen, cobblers and coral sellers.

An East Anglian photographer advertises in his local paper, "Your own baby, if you have one, can be enlarged, tinted and framed, like the above, for 6s. 6d."—London Chronicle.

### It's a Rub

When any one has the itch, and scratches till that great and only infallible remedy is applied—Hunt's Cure—it is absolutely guaranteed to cure any form of itch that ever happened, and it does it. After the first application you are easy and one box cures.

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A pig is usually kept in every stable in Persia; it is thought its presence is beneficial to the health of the horses.

When Your Grocer Says he does not have Defiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. Defiance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

It is claimed that Costa Rica has a greater variety of animals than any other country. Of birds alone there are about 700 kinds.

### Why Do We Die?

Vital statistics classified show the respiratory organs to be the feeble point in man. Diseases of the lungs are out of all proportion in fatality. Take Taylor's Cherokee Remedy of Sweet Gum and Mullein for coughs, colds and consumption. At druggists, 25c., 50c. and \$1.00 a bottle.

If a man is looking for an easy job he has no time for anything else.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson* In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

The man who doesn't worry is entitled to a lot of credit he never gets. The more a man preaches to his neighbors the less they practice.

## Truths that Strike Home

Your grocer is honest and—if he cares to do so—can tell you that he knows very little about the bulk coffee he sells you. How can he know, where it originally came from, how it was blended—or with what—or when roasted? If you buy your coffee loose by the pound, how can you expect purity and uniform quality?



**LION COFFEE**, the LEADER OF ALL PACKAGE COFFEES, is of necessity uniform in quality, strength and flavor. For OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY, LION COFFEE has been the standard coffee in millions of homes.

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In each package of LION COFFEE you get one full pound of Pure Coffee. Insist upon getting the genuine. (Lion head on every package.)

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Some idea of the extent to which plant culture in pots is carried on in England may be gathered from the fact that in one pottery alone, at Weston-super-Mare, 1,282,000 pots, varying in size from 1 1/2 inches to 30 inches in diameter, were manufactured in one year.

Ever notice what a scramble there is among merchants for a good clerk.

Toothache is often cured by rinsing the tooth and gums with warm strong salt and water.

### On the Trail

with a Fish Brand

### Pommel Slicker

when windy, a rain coat when it rains, and for a cover at night if we get to bed, and I will say that I have gotten more comfort out of your slicker than any other one article that I ever owned.

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Oil—some kinds—are conveyed by a system of pipe lines, but the Oil that makes all other Oils insignificant is conveyed in bottles. It's Hunt's Lightning Oil, and its mission is to cure your sprains, cuts, burns, bruises, aches and pains—and it does it.

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Try me just once and I am sure to come again. Defiance Starch.

A German statistician notes that the increased longevity in Europe within the last fifty years is more conspicuous among women than men.

"That's what I allowed when I first driv up." "What was that, Bill?" "Why that the place to buy Stencils, Rubber Stamps, Seals, Metal Checks, etc., is J. V. Love, 208 Ave. C. Galveston."

In most of the smaller Russian hotels visitors are obliged to find their own bedclothes.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

Even a dead past may sometimes come to life.

It is worth while remembering that the only ones who know how to cook never went to cooking school.



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We own in this country three million mules, all related to Maud.

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That Pennsylvania cobbler who has inherited \$250,000 doesn't care whether he has a sole or not.

The discovery of a "use" for the vermiform appendix was anticipated some time ago by the surgeons.

A Pennsylvania bride was married with frost-bitten toes. Now she will have to begin married life with cold feet.

People who think that some of our eminent financiers think of nothing but money ought to see them at a dog show.

The discovery that Maj. Gen. Germ commands a division in the Russian army may be suggestive to the bacteriologists.

A hot stove fell into the lap of a woman passenger in an Akron, O., trolley car. That was worse than a fat man.

Miss Mabel Wood Tuttle advises women to use their tongues constantly. Well, the day is only twenty-four hours long.

The chemists have succeeded in producing artificial silk. They are too late. The factories have been turning it out for years.

A New York rooster has just swallowed a \$500 diamond. He can now charge for his voice and go on the grand opera stage.

Since he learned that Carnegie got \$64 for attending the Chadwick case Russell Sage may wish that Cassie had selected his name.

Two Chinese students are to be admitted to West Point. Now we will see how strong is the anti-hazing sentiment among the cadets.

Young Cornelius Vanderbilt is being mentioned as probable ambassador to Germany. Evidently his wife is not yet through with her mother-in-law.

Mr. Rockefeller is going to put up a \$1,000,000 house. Russell Sage will regard this as a sign that the great oil magnate must be losing his mental vigor.

Some savant has at last managed to figure out that Aphrodite was an old woman. Must have been connected with the Greek corps de ballet in some way.

The Chicago board of education is thinking about establishing a special school for wives of less than 14 years of age. We hope the attendance will not be large.

More than 100 American tourists have barely escaped death in an eruption of Mt. Vesuvius. Same old story, didn't know it was loaded and looked down the crater.

The discussion in the New York Sun of the question: "Do suckers bite?" refers to fish. The green-goods men, therefore, haven't felt called upon to take a hand in it.

The Californian who threatens to shoot on sight the man who marries his divorced wife has found a way that probably never occurred to the other divorce reformers.

At a time when a leading literary journal can hold a symposium with the hideous title of "The Slump in Poetry" it is not hard to believe that the aforesaid slump exists.

The matrimonial engagement of the German crown prince is furnishing as many good news stories as any other European political movement except the war in which Russia is engaged.

Without wishing to underrate the merits of rhinoceros meat as a table delicacy, we have no hesitation in saying that the hippopotamus looks as if its flesh would be tenderer and juicier.

That week draws nigh, that dreadful week, when feeling spring astriv within her blood, the housewife drives us forth and mops and scrubs and changes things around until the house is clean.

A woman has got a verdict of \$2,300 from a man by a horse. This may be a good deal to the horse's owner, but it is a pretty low woman's verdict to be kicked by a

Three Months' Harvest In the Legislative Field.

Austin, Tex., April 3.—The Legislature has been in session three months and the following is the result of its labors in the way of bills that have reached the office of the Secretary of State:

Senate Bills— Granting relief to certain railway corporations by extending time for construction. Fixing the salary of stenographers of the Court of Civil Appeals.

Authorizing Justices of the Supreme Court to issue writs of habeas corpus. Providing for motion for new trials in civil cases on account of conduct of jury.

Relating to jury commissioners. Providing for the appointment of temporary guardians. Authorizing corporation to incorporate to grow rice and cane.

Requiring corporations to make annual reports. To parole convicts. Creating the Lancaster independent school district.

Providing for a monthly meeting of the boards of the various asylums. Reorganizing the Twenty-seventh, Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts.

Creating the Ballinger independent school district. Preventing roping contests. Increasing the salary of the Board of Pardon Advisers.

Exempting certain counties from the hide and animal law. Authorizing corporations to incorporate for two or more purposes.

House bills— Exempting Aransas County from the provisions of the stock law. Making an appropriation to pay the presidential electors.

Restoring jurisdiction to the County Court of Trinity, Hutchinson, Franklin and Titus Counties. Appropriating \$65,000 to purchase the Alamo property.

Creating the Sixty-fourth district court. Declaring State holiday for June 3. Making it a felony to steal sheep and goats.

Increasing corporation franchise tax. Providing for a lien on progeny. Authorizing counties, cities and independent school districts to invest their sinking fund.

Providing a penalty to run a gaming house. Parties to venue of suits against railway corporations. Exempting certain counties from stock law.

Attaching Hockley and Cochran counties to Lubbock for judicial purposes. Changing time for holding court in the Thirty-first district.

Providing for limitation in time in which to bring suit to recover lands. Providing for correction of records in certain western counties.

Authorizing Attorney General to bring suit to recover minerals and value of same on certain State lands. Regulating sale of cocaine.

Defining boundary of Colorado county. Authorizing Bryan county to dispose of certain lands. Bill relating to Galveston seawall lands.

Permitting children of legislators to attend Austin schools free. Creating Grand Saline independent school district.

Changing time for holding court in the Twelfth district. Providing against carrying arms, by making imprisonment.

Permitting the sale of public lands to railroads for town site purposes. Authorizing the taxing of timber on state lands under lease.

Relating to Thirty-eighth and Sixty-second district courts and creating Sixty-sixth court. Relating to court of civil appeals, that they decide all cases submitted.

Special bills: Separate bill providing for road laws for the following counties: Archer, Cherokee, Smith, Henderson, Colorado, Rains, Comal, Guadalupe, Bee, Jackson, Caldwell, Grimes, Hays, Gillespie, Wood, Jefferson, Maverick, Comanche, Lamar and Titus.

Wages Going Up. New York: Official notices have been sent out by the various companies of the United States Steel Corporation, informing thousands of workmen of an increase in wages, beginning Monday. It is estimated that the increase will amount in round figures to \$8,000,000. No details have been made public here, but it is said those who will receive the increased pay will be the laborers and skilled mill hands.

Uxoricide and Suicide. Pittsburg, Pa.: John C. Walton, after five minutes conversation with his wife Sunday night, killed her by cutting her throat with a razor and then, after cutting his own throat, walked to the office of a physician, 360 yards distant, and expired just as police officers were about to place him under arrest. Domestic infelicity was the cause of the tragedy. The couple were married about ten years ago and had four children.

Fell Dead in His Pulpit. Lexington, Ky.: Rev. James Cochran, a student of the Bible College of the Kentucky University, dropped dead in the pulpit of the Stamping Ground Christian Church, ten miles from Lexington Sunday. He had just read the text for his morning sermon when he suddenly ceased speaking, placing his hand to his head and sank to the platform lifeless. Heart disease was the cause. He was 32 years of age and married. His home was at Broadwell, Ky.

Simple Tunnel is Opened. Rome: The Simplon Tunnel, the longest in the world, was inaugurated Sunday morning, when from the Swiss and Italian sides the first trains passed through, meeting at the center, where there was the iron which prevented the overflow of a torrent of hot water and which was opened for the first time. At the meeting place official and religious exercises took place.

A woman's jealousy flatters a youth of twenty and scares a man of forty. One of the four wells bored above Pottsville, at Preston Bend, is yielding a fine flow of gas, and there are strong hopes of getting oil in a new well which is now going down to a greater depth.

In the election at Van Alstyne, Friday for the city to take charge of free school money and run the school for nine months the vote stood 97 for and 14 against.

Charters for Paris, Austin, Houston Marshall and Sherman. Also Texas and New Orleans segregation bill. Two bills, both local measures, have been vetoed.

TROOPS OPEN FIRE AT WARSAW. Forty-four are Shot in Attempt to Disperse a Gathering.

Warsaw, April 3.—A conflict occurred Sunday evening in Dzik street, where a Jewish Socialist society, known as the Bund, had organized a demonstration.

The troops, who came to disperse the gathering, fired into the crowd, killing four persons and wounding forty others.

Other disturbances are reported to have occurred. The streets had been patrolled throughout the day, the authorities having anticipated trouble.

Conditions here are causing much uneasiness and nervousness. Hand-printed proclamations have been found in the streets warning the public against walking near government buildings and other places, as bombs would be thrown in these quarters.

Several parents, whose children are attending school in defiance of the school strike, have been warned by letter to withdraw their children, as the school buildings would be blown up.

Representatives of the party of violence (it is not quite clear whether they are revolutionists or socialists) are visiting private persons and levying contributions for "ammunition."

They produce lists of names, with the amounts to be collected from each, and require the contributor to sign his name opposite these assessments, which range from \$2.50 to \$50.

When Gov. Gen. Maximovitch arrived here ten days ago to assume his office, he ordered that the Cossack detachment awaiting him at the station be retired, saying that he did not want an escort.

Driving through the city today, however, the governor general's carriage was surrounded by twenty Cossacks.

The trouble at Dzik began when, under the pretext of holding a memorial meeting for a late Jewish leader, a crowd of 1000, mostly Jews, carried red flags, marched into Dzik street, and was met by a mixed police and patrol of ninety men. The police declare the socialists fired revolvers at them, the leaders inciting the mob to attack the patrol, which thereupon fired several volleys into the crowd.

Four men were killed and forty wounded. The crowd removed but nine wounded, two of whom were women. These were taken to a hospital and it is expected that two or more of them will die. The dead and wounded were all Jews. The police made many arrests.

Prominent Physician Killed. Willis: The peace and quiet here was rudely broken Saturday evening, some trouble had been pending of a personal nature between Dr. L. L. Loggins, a practicing physician at this place for several years past, and D. A. Hooks, long a resident and a former Deputy Sheriff and Constable of this precinct, in which Dr. Loggins was shot and almost instantly killed. Mr. Hooks gave himself up to Constable Davis.

Speech of Various Peoples. A writer recently pointed out what he called the real difference between the speech of the educated American and the educated Englishman. You may talk for ten minutes to a professor from Harvard without being conscious of strange speech, only the professor's voice is pitched slightly higher than your own, for "the German speaks from his diaphragm, the Englishman from his chest, the American from his throat and the Frenchman from his palate."

Claims Largest Sassafras Tree. Mr. R. Howes has growing in his yard at Yarmouthport, Mass., a sassafras tree which he claims is the largest tree of the species in the United States. The tree, which is well proportioned, measures six feet eight inches in circumference at a point two feet above the ground.

Almost Divine. A paper published in Florida, in announcing a forthcoming wedding, says that "the bride-elect is a queenly looking girl of a superb physiognomy."

Raising the Taxes. St. Petersburg: The Gazette of Commerce and Industry states that a 2 per cent tax will be levied on salaries of state officials from May 14, the wealth duties increased 50 per cent, the tax on beer 3 per cent, on matches 100 per cent. Naphtha refuse will be taxed 60 kopecs per pood.

Santiago de Cuba: After a short stop here, the Summer, with the congressional party on board, sailed for Havana.

After Long Illness. Denver, Co.: Conrad Schaefer, the president of the American Stock Growers' Association, which was formed in Denver January last, died here yesterday from a liver complaint after an illness of three months. Mr. Schaefer was one of the foremost figures in the stock industry of the United States.

Toulon: During naval maneuvers off this harbor torpedo boat No. 50 sank. The crew was saved.

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Statue Out of Harmony. John H. Rankin, the Philadelphia architect who is building the government buildings in Indianapolis, objects to the placing of the Benjamin Harrison monument on the building site, as it is completely out of harmony with the surroundings.

Stock Breeding Extraordinary. Two cows belonging to Riley Baker of Wallingford, Vt., gave birth the same day last week to twins and triplets respectively. The seven animals are alive and healthy.

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## A THOUSAND-MILE HORSEBACK HUNT IN TEXAS AND MEXICO

By Clinton Willets, Special Correspondent of Leslie's Weekly.

### CHAPTER I.

Sabinas, Mexico, Feb. 22, 1905.

We sailed out of New York harbor nearly a whole day late—close upon the heels of the blizzard that had delayed us. Off the coast of Florida we shed our ulsters. Upon arrival at New Orleans we bought thin underwear. At Houston we cast off our waistcoats. At San Antonio we wanted fans. Now, in Mexico on Washington's birthday, behold us enjoying a daily bath in a crystal river and comfortable in camp in our thinnest pajamas. This is what a Southern Pacific "Sunset Route" steamer, and a train of the same, has done for us in mid-winter.

"Us" includes the twenty-odd members of one of the most elaborate health-hunt and horseback parties ever outfitted in the United States. The only other expedition of the kind that can be compared with this tenting-outing in respect to luxuriousness was the hunt organized some years ago for the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia, by General Sheridan and Colonel William F. Cody. The members of this party represent twelve different states. There's Judge Achorn, of Boston, formerly first secretary of the American embassy at St. Petersburg; there's Mr. J. W. Burdick, the general traffic manager of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad, of Albany, N. Y.; there's H. B. Deming, of Memphis, the cotton king; there are Dr. and Mrs. Dillingham, of New York; there's James H. Stearns, the owner of the big Cove Spring Hotel, at Spofford Lake, New Hampshire; there's Mr. Gray, the president of no end of Knights Templar societies and the best-known Mason in the country; and there are other capitalists and professional men. And all are the guests of the Southern Pacific—and the road under the auspices of which this elaborate outing is conducted—an outing for health, pleasure, and game seeking, and comprising a horseback ride of a thousand miles in Texas and Mexico.

Over half of the thousand-mile journey has been completed—and the fellows who are here for their health are now hard as nails; those who came along with an appetite for pleasure are well-nigh satiated; and the sportsmen have brought in, day after day, incredibly huge bags of ducks, geese, rabbits, squirrels, and no end of small game, not to mention big hauls of deer, bear, wild turkeys and fish. All of which is due to about the most healthful region in the Union; to a section of country where pleasurable diversion is eternally at hand, and to a territory that is literally a sportsman's paradise hitherto untrod and unshot and unshod.

But let me tell of this unique and colossal form of railroad entertainment—at a cost per person of ten dollars a day, which by no means begins to pay the heavy expenses of the trip per person—in the order of its happening. The principal sister ships of the Southern Pacific running from New York to New Orleans are the *Comus* and the *Defiance*, named in honor of the two chief gods of the Mardi Gras, the god of revelry and the god of the sea. Those of us who came down on the *Comus* had the voyage of our lives. Besides a smooth sea, a tropical sun, and a gorgeous moon, a table for Monsieur Gourmer and a steward service that would make the service on some of the smaller Atlantic liners worth only a thirty-cent tip we had no end of social diversions. We had a mock trial, for instance, that held the passengers in roars of laughter for three hours, the writer having sued Mr. McGillicuddy, the famous traveler-lecturer, for \$2,000,000 for breach of contract. A big "thank you" is here due the New Orleans Playhouse for printing the proceedings of the trial in full.

We docked in New Orleans at daylight, and at the St. Charles hotel the best breakfast to be had in the city was given us. The St. Charles was full of pre-arrived "talkers"—people who were speculating as to which pretty girl of the city would be queen of the Mardi Gras on March 7. All sorts of committees, consisting entirely of "judges" and "colonels," by Gad, sir! were making arrangements for the week of volatile merriment preceding the carnival. And we simply had to say what we would have with each "judge" and each "colonel," by Gad, sir! the St. Charles management pronouncing all the money possessed by the members of the hunting party to be counterfeit.

While we were being shown about the city in "Seeing-New-Orleans" trolley cars, an amusing incident occurred. The car was full, people were standing when we boarded it. Yet at one end there were four unoccupied seats. Naturally, four of our party took these seats. "You can't ride in these seats, gents," said the negro conductor. "Why not?" was asked. "Cause they's for niggers, sah," was the reply. "But there are no niggers in the car," came the protest. "Can't help it, sah. A nigger might get on." Thus, though the four seats reserved for negroes remained unoccupied during a half-hour's ride, we had to stand. Moreover, the white who insists upon occupying a "nigger seat" is subject to a fine of five dollars, or some such sum.

We left New Orleans on special Pullman sleepers attached to the "Sunset Express," each member of the party having his own section. At Houston, the headquarters of the Southern Pacific, a man boarded our train who

was to be to our party what General Sheridan was to the Grand Duke Alexis party, namely, our host. This was Colonel Thomas Jefferson Anderson, the general passenger agent of the road. "Gentlemen—and ladies," said he, "if there's anything in the State of Texas that we've forgotten to give you, take it. The State's all yours." And from that time on, in Lone Star parlance, the State was "sure enough" ours. If there is any town on that hospitable railroad that did not surrender its keys to us at sight, it doesn't figure on any map. Colonel Anderson, we hesitate to hail where you reign, but nevertheless we cry, "Hall, all hail, b'Gad, sir!"

They gave us time to "size up" "San Antonio." Now there's a city on the very edge of Mananaland called Mexico, yet untouched by the spirit of manana (tomorrow). They do things to-day and now in San Antonio, you bet. We hadn't been in the town five minutes before each man of us had been handed a card making him a life-member of the San Antonio Club, the privilege of signing checks for food, and better things, being barred. All San Antonio was talking of the visit of President Roosevelt and the reunion of the rough riders, scheduled for the end of March. For the time being the management of the Menger Hotel regarded us as the only human beings within eight miles of the historical Alamo. All the country beyond San Antonio is just wild west, and the Menger is a kind of last stop. But if you think there's a dearth of metropolitan luxuries and social amenities and evening dress, and things like that, in this borderland city, if you expect to go without suits with bath and have mid-day dinners in this frontier hotel, just stop a-day and a night in San Antonio and suffer your disappointment like a man. Besides, here is the third largest army post in the country, and the officers expect you to come out on Friday nights and hop around with the prettiest, tallest girls with the bark on that you ever saw.

Then we again boarded our train and railroaded on for the most of a day, through a country in which the Southern Pacific has caused a blade of grass—not to speak of stalk of corn, cane of sugar, and blossom of cotton—to flourish where none grew before. And so we came to Del Rio, in Southwest Texas, on the Rio Grande, the outfitting and starting-out place, whence we were to go into camp. Hours before we reached Del Rio our train was boarded by three Del Rians, representing the town and all that was in it. Two of the trio were the emissaries of the Elks and the Business Men's Club; the third was the ambassador of the citizens in general. That third man was—honestly, he was a corker! He was Judge Griner, the "little Napoleon" of politics in West Texas. He looked a mere boy, yet he was county judge and he represented the legal interests of the Southern Pacific from San Antonio to El Paso. He carried blue badges and he pinned those badges all over us, as if we had been so many billboards. The badges bore such legends as "Welcome to Del Rio." "The keys are yours—use 'em." Then the judge handed round Mexican cigars—not one cigar at a time, but pocketfuls. And he slapped us on the back and poked our ribs and said: "We-all are sure enough glad that you-all has came."

And he meant it—not only on his own part, but in behalf of all the 5,500 inhabitants of Del Rio. For, as the train pulled up at Del Rio, every one of the 5,500 of population was on the spot to shake our hands and drive us around in buggies. That judge, indeed, and his 5,499 fellow-townsmen took our breath away with the thoroughness of the thing. They filled all the hotels in the place with us—and they even paid all the accumulative bills of our two days' stop. Visitors to Del Rio will today find our engraved resolutions of thanks, with our autograph signatures, hanging in the judge's office in the county court house.

(To Be Continued Next Week.)

### S. M. NIXSON IS DEAD.

Killed R. W. Malone and J. L. Veazy on May 7—Burial at Gonzales.

Lockhart, Texas: April 4.—S. M. Nixon, charged with the murder of R. W. Malone and J. L. Veazy at Luling last May, died suddenly at the residence of Mrs. W. F. Blunt in this city at 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Mr. Nixon was here in attendance at the district court waiting for the trial of his case.

### West Texas a Pretty Spot.

Cuero, Texas: A gentle rain fell here Saturday night, softening up the top crust and doing the young corn, which is good in stand, much good, as it did everything else in the vegetable family. There is no prettier spot on earth this morning than Southwest Texas, with her broad acres of green fields and myriads of beautiful flowers.

## A GREAT MEDICINE

BRINGS HEALTH TO THREE MEMBERS OF SAME FAMILY.

Cures a Wife's Debility After Malaria, a Husband's Rheumatism, a Daughter's Nervous Prostration.

"I have recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to many people," said Mrs. Gossett, "because I have seen such good results, time after time, right in my own family. There are three of us who have no doubt about their merits. We do not need to take anybody's word on the subject for our own experience has taught us how well they deserve praise.

"It was just about ten years ago that I first read about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and bought my first box. I wasn't that time all run down, weak, nervous and without ambition. I had been doctoring all summer for malaria and stomach trouble. Everybody thought I was going into consumption, as my mother had died of that disease.

"Thanks to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, I am now alive and hearty. I began to improve as soon as I began to take them, and when I had taken three boxes I was a well woman. Everyone wonders how I keep so well and am able to care for my home and six children without help. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills explain it.

"My oldest girl's health began to fail when she was about fourteen. She was nervous, complained of sharp pains in her head, would get deathly sick and have to leave the school room to get fresh air to revive her. I gave some pills to her. She took only a few boxes, but they cured her troubles, and caused her to develop into a perfect picture of health. Then my husband took them for rheumatism and found that they would cure that too. So you see we have all got great good from using them, and that is why we recommend them to others."

Mrs. Minnie B. Gossett lives at Uhrichville, Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, and is well known, as she has resided in the same neighborhood for more than thirteen years. Her story shows that a medicine which makes the blood sound and the nerves strong, overcomes a variety of diseases and should be found in every household. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold by all druggists everywhere. They have cured anaemia, and all forms of weakness, also the most stubborn cases of dyspepsia and rheumatism. They are indispensable for growing girls.

### Animals Flourish in New Zealand.

Experts say that probably there is no country in the world where imported species of animals, wild and domestic, have flourished as they have done in New Zealand. The red deer grow to over 500 pounds in weight in the forests, the trout to twenty pounds in the rivers. The sheep have not expanded to any giant size, but they multiply at a faster rate than elsewhere; they grow a finer wool and a better mutton.

### What It Cost to Discover America.

The discovery of America, according to documents found in the archives of Genoa, cost a little more than \$7,000. The fleet of Columbus was of the value of about \$3,000, while the salary of the Admiral amounted to \$300 a year. The two captains who accompanied the expedition received a salary of \$200, and the members of his crew were paid at the rate of \$2.50 a month each.

Breathing through the nostrils will prevent many affections of the respiratory passages common to cold and damp seasons. It is natural breathing. The mouth is for feeding purposes, and not for breathing.

### What Everybody Says.

Jamboree, Ky., April 3rd.—(Special.)—"I suffered for years with my back," says Mr. J. M. Coleman, a well known resident of this place. "Then I used Dodd's Kidney Pills and I have not felt a pain since. My little girl complained of her back. She used about one-half box of Dodd's Kidney Pills and she is sound and well."

It is thousands of statements like the above that show Dodd's Kidney Pills to be the one cure for Backache or any other symptom of deranged kidneys. For Backache is simply a sign that the Kidneys need help.

Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure Backache. They also always cure Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Rheumatism, Bladder and Urinary Troubles and Heart Disease. These are more advanced stages of kidney disease. Cure your Backache with Dodd's Kidney Pills and you need never fear them.

"A man ort to be thankful, I s'pose," reflected Uncle Ephraim, "of he ktn make hisself b'lieve de pore folks don't suffer in de winter time ez much ez he does."

### Dr. Hunter, Specialist.

If you have any ailment, state principal symptoms and get a list of questions, books, etc. A new system of scientific specialists treatment for catarrh, bronchitis, asthma, consumption, etc., by inhalation, which you can use at your home. Dr. J. H. Hunter, 310 Main St., Houston.

Time changes all things—with the exception of minstrel jokes.

A good Indian is a dead Indian; politically, as well as otherwise.

### Claims of the Hispang.

St. Petersburg: A commission, over which M. de Martens, recently a member of the international conference on the status of hospital ships, will preside, has been appointed to examine claims for compensation growing out of the sinking of the British steamer Hispang.

The Hispang was passing Pigeon bay within the three-mile limit on July 16, when the forts fired four times across her bows. She refused to stop, and four more shots were fired into her side. As she continued to steam ahead, a Russian torpedo boat destroyer ran out and sank her.

### Girdled With Flames.

Baltimore, Md.: A series of forest fires in the suburbs yesterday almost encircled this city with flames, the territory to the north only being exempt. In several cases there was considerable damage done to handsome estates, but no lives were lost. The flames were being fought in six different points in the immediate neighborhood of the city at one time.

### Lurking in Cholera Germs.

Moscow: The Assistant Minister of the Interior has forbidden the assembling of a congress to deal with the cholera epidemic, because, according to official information, the promoters of the congress intended to give it the form of a demonstration against the government.

### Heavy Electric Storm.

Bryan, Texas: A heavy rain and electric storm visited this section at about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The electric display was dazzling and the reverberations of the thunder shook all character of buildings. The rain came in torrents and has put farm work back several days longer and left the roads in bad shape.

### In Smith's Trunk.

Cincinnati, Ohio: The habeas corpus proceedings in the case of J. Morgan Smith and wife, who are held for conspiracy in connection with the death of Caesar Young, will be settled this morning. It is said that letters found in Smith's trunk show that it was the desire of Nan Patterson and other relatives to have the Smiths remain away from New York as long as possible.

### Pinning Their Faith.

St. Petersburg: The statement concerning the prospects of peace sent from St. Petersburg should be regarded with the utmost suspicion. The truth is, Russia has the fullest confidence in the ability of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky to inflict defeat upon the enemy, thus completely turning the tide of events. Prince and Princess Henry of Prussia are expected at Tsarkoe Selo.

### Roosevelt on Foot.

Washington: President Roosevelt last night dined with Senator Lodge at the latter's residence. This is about a mile from the White House, and the president walked both ways. Later the president had a conference with Assistant Secretary Loomis of the state department, who has just returned to the city from a trip to the Pacific coast.

### Relay Station at Bryan.

Bryan, Texas: Effective yesterday, the International & Great Northern re-established at Bryan a relay point for local freight trains as formerly, except that the four train crews will not run through, but will turn at this point, leaving the same number of men laying over here as formerly. The road will also begin working a gravel pit sixteen miles south of Bryan, and will ballast up the roadbed.

### New Union Depot.

Oklahoma City, O. T.: It is reported on good authority that the Frisco and Rock Island railways will at once begin the construction of a union depot here, to cost \$125,000, and that this will be headquarters for many officials now located at Shawnee, South McAlester, and other places.

### Burglary at Taylor.

Taylor, Texas: The store of T. W. Marse & Co., the tailoring house of John Stanard and the saloon of Sidney Schooler were burglarized during the early hours of yesterday morning and a considerable quantity of goods was taken away. Officers are investigating, but have no clew to the robbers.

### Hearne Revival.

Hearne, Texas: A protracted meeting was begun at the Baptist church in this city yesterday, conducted by Rev. A. H. Harris, of San Antonio.

### English Accident Insurance.

For a trifling sum—2 cents for every \$600—the person who buys a railroad ticket in England receives a ticket entitling his heirs to insurance money in case he should be killed on the journey. The other day a workman insured his life for \$2,500 in this way, and his widow received the money. Now there is a great rush for rich insurance.

### When Day Begins.

The Romans and the ancient Egyptians reckoned the day from midnight to midnight, while the Hebrews, Athenians and others reckoned it from sunset to sunset. Hipparchus, an astronomer who lived during the second century before Christ, reckoned the twenty-four hours from midnight to midnight.

### Land of Bad Snowdrifts.

The worst snowdrifts experienced by any railroad are said to be those in Sweden. Although the cold is not so intense as in some of our western states, the snowfall is heavy and continuous. The snow plows of various kinds which are used on these roads are said to be the most powerful in the world. There are times, however, when even this machinery fails to clear the way, when hundreds of men must be employed to dig out the stalled trains.

### BABY ONE SOLID SORE.

Could Not Shut Eyes to Sleep—Spent \$100 on Doctors—Baby Grew Worse—Cured by Cuticura for \$5.

"A scab formed on my baby's face, spreading until it completely covered her from head to foot, followed by boils, having forty on her head at one time, and more on her body. Then her skin started to dry up and it became so bad she could not shut her eyes to sleep. One month's treatment with Cuticura Soap and Ointment made a complete cure. Doctors and medicines had cost over \$100, with baby growing worse. Then we spent less than \$5 for Cuticura and cured her. (Signed) Mrs. G. H. Tucker, Jr., 335 Greenfield Ave., Milwaukee, Wis."

The politician will risk breaking anything but his jaw. When two men, as the result of a challenge, go out to hit each other's sole means of livelihood it is a case of fooling with Providence.—Sidney Bulletin.

90cts., 16x20 Best Crayon 90cts. Send your photo and 90cts and we will make a 16x20 Best Crayon. Southwestern Artists' Association, Dallas, Texas.

Savages hunt for a living, and civilized men hunt for easy jobs.

Every housekeeper should know that if they will buy Defiance Cold Water Starch for laundry use they will save not only time, because it never sticks to the iron, but because each package contains 16 oz.—one full pound—while all other Cold Water Starches are put up in 3-4 pound packages, and the price is the same, 10 cents. Then again, because Defiance Starch is free from all injurious chemicals. If your grocer tries to sell you a 12-oz. package it is because he has a stock on hand which he wishes to dispose of before he puts in Defiance. He knows that Defiance Starch has printed on every package in large letters and figures "16 ozs." Demand Defiance and save much time and money and the annoyance of the iron sticking. Defiance never sticks.

The man of pleasure, as the phrase is, is the most ridiculous of all beings; he travels, indeed, with his riband, plume, and bells, his dress, and his music, but through a tollsome and beaten road, and every day nauseously repeats the same tract.—Exchange.

The deer, whether in his native state or in inclosures, seems to produce more males than females in their families, so much so that while bucks may be bought almost anywhere from preserves, the does for breeding purposes are always in demand.

The annual fruit crop of the United States has a value of \$132,000,000. The orchard fruits produced each year have a value of \$84,000,000, small fruits \$25,000,000, grapes \$14,000,000, and citrus fruits, grown principally in California and Florida, \$8,549,000.

A light headed man is seldom a brilliant conversationalist.

Piso's Cure cannot be too highly spoken of as a cough cure.—J. W. O'BRYEN, 323 Third Ave. N., Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 6, 1900.

A woman will say "there's no use talking" and keep right on.

Add at least 50 per cent to the good one woman says of another.

Laugh when a friend tells a joke; it is one of the taxes you must pay.

Many a man is confident that he is all right, when he is not.

A coward likes to believe that discretion is the better part of valor.

Every year the world puts on the food \$4,000,000 worth of paper.



**THE STRAIN OF WORK.**

**Best of Backs Give Out Under the Burden of Daily Toil.**

Lieutenant George G. Warren, of No. 3 Chemical, Washington, D. C., says: "It's an honest fact that Doan's Kidney Pills did me a great lot of good, and if it were not true I would not recommend them. It was the strain of lifting that brought on kidney trouble and weakened my back, but since using Doan's Kidney Pills I have lifted 300 pounds and felt no bad effects. I have not felt the trouble come back since, although I had suffered for five or six years, and other remedies had not helped me at all."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N.Y.

"A little learning may be a dangerous thing," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "but the man with a little learning is not nearly so dangerous as the man who knows it all."—Yonkers Statesman.

**Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.** Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York, cure Constipation, Feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 30,000 testimonials. At all druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address A. S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N.Y.

**But Did Joseph Know?**

Joseph T. Buckingham of Boston, one of the best writers and grammarians of his time, said that "not one scholar in a thousand ever received the least benefit from studying the rules of grammar before the age of 35 years."—Lynn Item.

**The Effect of Fried Eels.**

A teacher in the primary department of a city school one morning recently asked the children what made them so restless. One little fellow raised his hand and said: "We had fried eels for breakfast at my house this morning."

**Buy on Credit in China.**

Foreigners in China buy nearly everything on credit, giving signed "chits" for every purchase, the reason being their unwillingness to load themselves down with silver or native coin, while paper money fluctuates too much.

**Pawn Tickets Paper Walls.**

A man in a London suburb has covered the walls of one of his rooms with pawn tickets. It is a somewhat expensive hobby. Each ticket has been procured by the man himself in a legitimate manner, but the articles pledged are, of course, only of small value.

**Good Natural Tonics.**

For general use are a brisk walk or a bicycle ride. They rouse the whole system, aid all the processes of life, and eliminate the waste products of the body. Stay-at-home, sedentary people are robbing themselves of medicine which Nature dispenses gratis.

**CHILDREN AFFECTED.**

By Mother's Food and Drink.

Many babies have been launched into life with constitutions weakened by disease taken in with their mother's milk. Mothers cannot be too careful as to the food they use while nursing their babes. The experience of a Kansas City mother is a case in point:

"I was a great coffee drinker from a child, and thought I could not eat a meal without it. But I found at last it was doing me harm. For years I had been troubled with dizziness, spots before my eyes and pain in my heart, to which was added two years ago, a chronic sour stomach. The baby was born 7 months ago, and almost from the beginning, it, too, suffered from sour stomach. She was taking it from me!

"In my distress I consulted a friend of more experience than mine, and she told me to quit coffee, that coffee did not make good milk, I have since ascertained that it really dries up the milk.

"So, I quit coffee, and tried tea and at last cocoa. But they did not agree with me. Then I turned to Postum Coffee with the happiest results. It proved to be the very thing I needed. It not only agreed perfectly with baby and myself, but it increased the flow of my milk. My husband then quit coffee and used Postum, quickly got well of the dyspepsia with which he had been troubled. I no longer suffer from the dizziness, blind spells, pain in my heart or sour stomach. Postum has cured them.

"Now we all drink Postum from my husband to my seven months' old baby. It has proved to be the best food drink we have ever used. We would not give up Postum for the best we ever drank. Name given to the Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

**OYAMA TALKS OF THE WAR.**

Looks to Navy of Japan to Safeguard His Victories.

This is an unusual and extraordinary picture of Oyama, field marshal of Japan. It was taken in 1894, just after the great Japanese general had made his first capture of Port Arthur—an event he doubtless little thought he would be called upon to repeat ten years later.

Oyama is quite a philosopher about the manner in which his pictures get into the public press and the many curious stories printed of his life. Of this he recently said to an American writer who was visiting him in Japan:

**Variety of Stories.**

"I have been accused of having been born in almost every nation of the earth.

"Let me see—in 1894, when we were having our war with China and I was learning a great many things that came valuable now, a London newspaper, represented over here by a gentleman whom I knew, seriously published several columns of matter showing that I had been born in Switzerland of a German mother and French father.

"I could hardly complain of such a distinguished honor except that it deprived Japan of any credit there may have been in my birth; but in Japan it so improbable a story were set afloat I am afraid the gentleman who gave publicity to it would never write again.

"Would he be sentenced to death? Now, I can't say as to that—there are punishments worse than death, I believe.

"One of the funniest things, though, that I ever saw about myself in print made me Chinese by birth and stated with much show of seeming facts that in my early days I had become a bandit in the interior of China, and that I was so desperate and famed for my deeds that the Japanese government in search for a military genius induced me to abandon my evil ways and become a patriot.

"I suppose if one were able to collect all that is printed about him in the press into one book he would have grave doubts in his mind as to just where he was born or who his parents were."

**About Future Wars.**

At the time of this conversation Oyama, not yet having fought the second battle of Port Arthur and the



Field Marshal Oyama.

As He Looked in 1894 When Fighting China.

Manchurian campaign, made some remarks about future wars that read very entertainingly now. He said:

"No matter what the outcome of the struggle just beginning between my country and Russia, the great offensive and defensive of the Orient of the future will lie in navies. Once the land rights of the different governments here are settled, the armies in my opinion will sink back to small proportions and be maintained on just about the same basis as is that of the United States.

"But there will be a great advance in naval work and the construction of ships. It will soon be possible for shipyards to be in operation here, and the navies be built here rather than abroad. We have all the raw materials close at hand, and we have the engineers and mechanics developing who will equal, I feel, the best found in the West.

"The coming naval power of the Orient will extend from the Red Sea to Bering Sea, and will have an enormous coast line to cover and protect, as well as a great commerce to encourage. I do not look for many future great wars, but such as are I am inclined to think will be fought out on the high seas and be of short duration.

"Japan does not wish for more war—Japan profoundly desires peace. The commercial and industrial instinct is awake in Japan, and our people would rather work than fight, so long as we can do the former with honor."

Oyama has grown thick-set and chunky since 1894, but is said to be active on his feet and of great physical strength and powers of endurance.

**HOW TWO BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ESCAPED PELVIC CATARRH BY AID OF PE-RU-NA.**

**Female Weakness Is Usually Pelvic Catarrh. Pe-ru-na Cures Catarrh Wherever Located.**



MRS. MABLE BRADFORD

Mrs. Mable Bradford, 13 Church street, Burlington, Vt., Secretary Whittier Oratorio Society, writes:

"Peruna is certainly a wonderful medicine for the ills of women. I have heard it spoken of in the highest praise by many, and certainly my experience is well worthy of a good word.

"I began to have severe pains across my back about a year ago, brought on by a cold, and each subsequent month brought me pain and distress.

"Your remedy was prescribed, and the way it acted upon my system was almost too good to be true. I certainly have regained my health and strength, and I no longer suffer periodical pains and extreme lassitude."—Mable Bradford.

Thousands of Women Cured Every Year by Correspondence—This is What Dr. Hartman Proposes to Do For You Without Charge.

Women who suffer should read the evidences presented here. We have thousands of letters from grateful friends who tell the same story.

Half the ills that are peculiarly woman's own are of a catarrhal character. Female weakness was not understood for many years.

Dr. Hartman deserves the credit of having determined its real character. He has made catarrh and catarrhal



MRS. LIZZIE REDDING

Mrs. Lizzie Redding, 3134 B Clifton Place, St. Louis, Mo., writes:

"I found after trying many different medicines to restore me to health, that Peruna was the only thing which could be depended upon. I began taking it when I was in a decline, induced by female weakness and overwrought nerves.

"I began to feel stronger during the first week I took Peruna and my health improved daily until now I am in perfect health and enjoy life as I never did before."—Lizzie Redding.

diseases, including pelvic catarrh a life-long study. Peruna cures catarrh, whether of the pelvic organs or any other organ of the human body.

**Pe-ru-na, a Natural Beautifier.**

Peruna produces clean, mucous membranes, the basis of facial symmetry and a perfect complexion.

The women have not been slow to discover that a course of Peruna will do more toward restoring youthful beauty than all the devices known to science.

Many a girl has regained her faded beauty, many a matron has lengthened the days of her comely appearance by using Peruna.

In Peruna these women find a prompt and permanent cure.

Thousands of testimonials to this effect are received by Dr. Hartman every year. The good that Peruna has accomplished in this class of cases can scarcely be over-estimated.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case, and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio. All correspondence held strictly confidential.

**"Free Port."**

This is the name applied to certain continental ports—actually districts—which are entitled to import and export goods free of the ordinary tariff duties. Germany has nine duty-free ports, the principal of which is Hamburg. Austria two, and Denmark and Roumania one each.

**Indian Matrimonial "Ad."**

Babu matrimonial advertisement: "Wanted—A match for an independent, beautiful young widower of 36 years, of respectable and very rich family. Possesses handsome amount of thousands and numerous golden ornaments of his previous wife."—Lahore Tribune.

**It Makes You Grow.**

Not tall, but well. Now spring is here—you need it. The accumulation of impurities must be gotten rid of before you look well or feel good. Simmons' Sarsaparilla does the work—makes you well and strong—and gives you an appetite like an ostrich.

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The evils which always follow after indigestion, biliousness or constipation will give no quarter. Better fight them to a finish with Dr. Caldwell's (laxative) Syrup Pepsin. It is a weapon against these dangerous diseases, which will give you quick relief and permanent cure. Sold by all druggists at 50c and \$1.00. Money back if it fails.

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**'NEW RIVAL' BLACK POWDER SHELLS.**

It's the thoroughly modern and scientific system of loading and the use of only the best materials which make Winchester Factory Loaded "New Rival" Shells give better pattern, penetration and more uniform results generally than any other shells. The special paper and the Winchester patent corrugated head used in making "New Rival" shells give them strength to withstand reloading.

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**Pommel Slicker**

For Riding or Walking

Always keeps you dry. Fits over the saddle and prevents it getting wet. The best Pommel Slicker ever made—the one used by U. S. Army. Wears longer, does not stick, and costs no more than inferior brands. If your dealer will not supply you, do not accept another brand, but write to us, we will see that you get the Manhattan Brand.

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The sincerest lovers are those who are tongue-tied and don't know where to put their feet.

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When a family has a black sheep the fact is generally kept dark.

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One of the troubles with the trouble we borrow is that it always comes when we might be free from trouble if it didn't bob up.

**FLOWERS AND PLANTS—40 for \$1.00.** consisting of the following: 5 Geraniums, 3 Giant Fancies, 4 Verbenas, 5 Chrysanthemums, 3 Asters, 3 Springers, 1 Plumbago, Boston Fern, Maiden Hair Fern, Begonia, Carnation, Fuchsia, Heliotropes, Rose, Double Petunia, Palm, Tuberosa, Weeping Lantana, Garden Pink, Plumbago, Nicotia, Hyacinth, 3 Tradescantia, Paper White Narcissus (sent by mail or by express at purchaser's expense.) Cut flowers, wedding decorations, and floral designs shipped on short notice. Long Distance Phone No. 9. Bryn Mawr Nursery, Houston, Texas.

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### Local Items.

Laces at the Big Store.  
Lawns at the Big Store.  
The COURIER prints cards.  
The Big Store's the place.  
Ladies lingerie at the Big Store.  
Easter rabbits and eggs at the Novelty Store.  
Buy hog fencing the Kokomo from T. D. Craddock. 2t.  
Col. D. A. Nunn left for Austin Sunday afternoon.  
T. D. Craddock will pay 50 cents in merchandise for corn. 2t.  
Editor McCelvey of the Ratcliff Herald was here Monday.  
Bread! Stude's bread delivered daily. News Stand.  
Crysup's Drug Store makes a speciality of prescriptions.  
Twenty dollars will be given away at the Novelty Store.  
F. P. Parker wants your trade at his New Grocery Store.  
Watch for the 5 and 10 cent counters at the Novelty Store.  
Have you tried Stude's bread? If not, call up the News Stand.  
New groceries at the New Grocery Store, F. P. Parker, Prop.  
Mrs. C. C. Stokes and Mrs. I. A. Daniel have returned to Austin.  
Want a pretty wash waist? Then buy Soisette at the Big Store.  
T. D. Craddock will give merchandise for country hams and bacon. 2t  
Fruits and fancy candies at the New Grocery Store. F. P. Parker, Prop.  
M. C. Dupuy of Kennard was attending court here the first of the week.  
Belts the world—the Big Store's new belts are now the style from pole to pole.  
A complete line of fishing tackle and baseball goods at Crysup's Drug Store.  
Don't sell your cotton until you visit the cotton department of Jas. S. Shivers & Co.  
That line of men's low-cut, Walk Easy shoes at the Big Store is the newest in town.  
Mr. and Mrs. U. J. Smith and daughter, Miss Helyn, have returned to Cleveland, Ohio.  
Misses Annie Stokes and Stella Sheridan are visiting Mrs. Sheridan and Miss Jessie at El Paso.  
Money saved to buy the Chicago Woolen Mills Clothing, T. D. Craddock agent, fit guaranteed.  
W. H. Wall of Augusta, who is attending court this week as a jurymen, paid the COURIER office a visit Tuesday.

Phone No. 75 calls up F. P. Parker's New Grocery Store.

Fishing tackle—all kinds, all prices at Crysup's Drug Store.

Mrs. Sol Bromberg and son returned to Galveston Sunday afternoon.

Play ball! Crysup's drug store has a brand new line of base ball goods.

Now is the time to go fishing. Buy a folding cot at the Big Store and sleep easy.

Try the New Grocery Store for your next groceries—deliveries made promptly.

The prospects for an Irish potato crop are better now than a week or ten days ago.

Base-balls, mitts, bats, etc., at prices you never saw equalled.

MURCHISON'S DRUG STORE.

An extra good line of boys' shoes sold by T. D. Craddock. Come in and let us fit the boys.

Have you seen that new line of ready-to-wear waists and skirts that the Big Store is now selling?

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Arledge and little son, Samuel Fisher, visited Palestine Sunday afternoon.

### Dry Bones Wanted.

J. C. Lansford will pay you 27¢ per hundred pounds for dry bones.

From the finest to the cheapest—we have it in fishing tackle.

Murchison's Drug Store.

Mennen's talcum powder 15c per can; Williams' barbers' bar shaving soap 5c per cake at the Novelty Store.

Brown Leghorn eggs for hatching purposes for sale at Daniel & Burton's; also Brown Leghorn chickens. 4t.

From top to toe, quality, fit, finish, durability and low price are all seen in those hose that the Big Store sells.

The grand jury is again in session this week. A report of its work will be found in the next issue of this paper.

Let us have your grocery business. Fresh canned goods of all kinds. No better prices can be had. The Big Store.

Mortgages, mortgage notes, vendor's lien notes and promissory notes printed and for sale cheap at the COURIER office.

Boys, the Big Store has the low cuts. They are the Walk Easys. That means the best and most stylish for the least money.

Now is the time to select your new spring dress. We suggest a look at the Big Store's swell line of dress goods and trimmings.

The Big Store can supply you with poultry netting of all kinds and can save you money on your purchases. Call and examine.

Just arrived at the Big Store a fine, fresh lot of Eddy's spices, peppers, mustard and extracts. Ask for them and get the best.

Our line of fishing tackle includes everything you need except the bait.

Murchison's Drug Store.

The annual meeting of the Houston county good roads association will be held at the court house Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The Crockett gun club had a shoot Monday. Turner Hubby from Waco, an expert shot, participated and broke 49 out of 50 pigeons.

It is now time to begin street and sidewalk work. Let the work be taken up where discontinued last fall. Nothing adds more to a town than good streets and sidewalks.

### For Sale.

Some early maturing big boll cotton seed at 50c per bushel.

J. S. WOOTTERS.

The Crockett cotton exchange has closed for the season and its manager, Mr F. H. Grazier, left for Tyler Saturday afternoon.

Don't fail to attend the annual meeting of the Houston county good roads association at the court house Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Rev. E. H. J. Andrews, rector of the Palestine Episcopal church, will be here the first of next week to see about organizing an Episcopal church at this place.

Rev. Mr. Jacks, an evangelist, is conducting a revival at the Christian church. Go out and hear him and he will do you good. His sermons will interest you.

The man who can't afford a county newspaper in his home at \$1.00 a year, less than 2 cents a week, is in bad shape, and needs to be looked after by his neighbors.

Mrs. Early, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. B. Page, has returned to her home in Virginia, much to the regret of the many friends she made during her stay here.

Jim Saxon left Crockett last fall to go west, but got no farther than Grapeland, where he is now engaged in business and doing well. He came to the conclusion that Houston county was good enough for him.

Mr. Geo. N. Coffee, in charge of the field work of the soil survey, government bureau of soils, will be here the last of the week to confer with Messrs. Carter and Kocher, conducting the survey for Houston county.

Fine young orchards are noticeable both up and down the railroad in Houston county. Especially is this true around Crockett, Latexo, Grapeland and Salmon. Peaches seem to predominate, with pears a close second.

There are more evidences of progress in Houston county than in any other. Many new farms have been opened up and put in a high state of cultivation. Large orchards and vineyards have been set out, and other evidences of thrift are numerous.

Judge P. W. Brown of Palestine was here Monday conferring with the local bar in regard to three terms of court for this judicial district. The third term would change the time of holding court and we understand some opposition was encountered here.

Mr. Sol Friedman, representing Tausig & Co. of Chicago, is expected here Thursday to enter into contract with the growers for this year's crop of tobacco grown under the instruction of the national government in Houston county. W. M. Hinson will accompany him from Palestine.

Mr. W. B. Page informs us that he has received from the agricultural department at Washington two trees of the new hybrid orange which that department is propagating and distributing for trial. It is a hybrid from the Japanese and Florida orange stocks and will withstand cold in latitudes as far north as Missouri.

### Twenty Dollars in the Red Box.

The Novelty Store will give a key to this box free with every \$1.00 cash purchase. Only three keys will open the box. When keys have all been given out you may try your key. The first key to unlock the box gets \$10.00, the second \$6.00 and the 3rd \$4.00. No clerk allowed to have or try a key.

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We Buy and Sell Real Estate.  
List Your Land With Us.

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**WARFIELD BROTHERS,**  
Office Over J. E. Monk's Store.

### Officers to be Elected.

Remember that the Houston county good roads association holds its annual meeting at the court house next Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock when new officers will be elected and other business transacted.

### Busby Cases Continued.

The Busby cases, which were set for the 17th of April, in the district court, have been continued by agreement, but charged to the defendant. The continuance was on account of an important suit now pending at Dallas against W. M. C. Hill, financial agent of the Busby penitentiary at the time of Busby's alleged embezzlements.

Sheriff Phillips brought in Friday night a man named Smith who will be tried at this term of the court for hog theft. Smith is one of a trio who were taken to Leon county in January for trial on a similar charge, and was convicted and sent to the penitentiary. He was serving his time in the Alba coal mines when found by the sheriff. Another one of the trio is serving time on a convict farm and will be brought here for trial.

### Special Services.

Miss Elizabeth Hughes, a returned missionary from China, who has been working under the auspices of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church, is to address the people of Crockett with reference to the missionary work in China, at the Methodist church next Sunday evening at eight o'clock. The public are cordially invited.

MRS. JOE ADAMS, President.

Since the acquittal of Burton and Stafford by the Texas courts for rape, the people are taking the law into their own hands in such cases. Every daily paper brings news of some young upstart or older buck being shot to death by a near relative for improper conduct toward some girl. This is the most effective protection of female virtue and the sanctity of the home. In such cases a well-directed load of buckshot saves the injured parties the humiliation of testifying and the state a big expense for trial.

### A New Crop.

The egg crop is a big thing at Grapeland. Several truck loads are expressed from there daily and every Saturday the number of egg crates is increased. The money derived by the farmers from the sale of eggs is coming in at a time when there is no other crop to sell and is a big help to them. It keeps many a small article from being charged on the books. The merchants buying the eggs ship them direct to Galveston where they are loaded on ships for New York. At New York they are put into cold storage and kept fresh until needed.

### Cures Coughs and Colds.

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kansas, says: "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

### The Cigar Factory.

The Crockett cigar factory is now in operation. Orders from Galveston and Dallas have been filled and orders have been received from El Paso, the Indian Territory and other places. The COURIER editor called at the factory Monday afternoon and found everything and everybody busy. Mr. Blohm, the manager, showed us through his stock of cigars, explaining the process of manufacturing and the different grades of cigars. He is now using tobacco brought from Willis and some imported tobacco. An effort is being made to get hold of the crop grown here by the government last year, and if this is done, a genuine Crockett cigar can be turned out. The factory will consume all the tobacco grown in this section and will grow some on its own hook.

F. W. Mally, president of the extensive Mally Co.'s nurseries at Garrison and Nacogdoches, writes Mr. W. B. Page that he will visit Houston county in a short time for purpose of considering advisability of establishing a nursery here. There is no finer location in East Texas for such an enterprise than right here near Crockett and our people should extend to Prof. Mally every encouragement to install an industry of this character. Large commercial orchards have already been planted and still larger ones in contemplation. The extension of the railroad from Kennard would witness great activity along fruit lines. Houston county is without a superior in adaptability of soil for fruit growing of all varieties and no better soil for propagating nursery stock can be found anywhere than right here. Prof. Mally for quite a while filled the chair of horticulture at the A. and M. college.

### A Dandy for Burns.

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ill., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liment; always recommended it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. 'It is a dandy for burns.' Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns, bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

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W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

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**Report of Finance Committee.**

Crockett, Tex., March 31, 1895. Hon. B. H. Gardner, Judge 3rd Judicial District:

The committee appointed by your honor at the request of the grand jury to inquire into the finances of the county, beg to submit herewith the following report: We have examined into, in the limited time allowed us by law for making such examination, all county officer books, records and reports, of all making reports, and find the finances of the county in somewhat better shape than they have been for several years past, but we find that considerable improvement could be made wherein expenses to the county could be greatly reduced and much extravagance avoided. What appears to this committee to be seemingly the most extravagant and, to say the least, costing the county more just now than any other item, is the manner of working the public roads with county convicts. We find since beginning this work, just a little more than a year ago, that it has cost the county nearly \$8,000. This includes all items for supplies, mules, scrapers, tools, etc. Only a little over thirty miles have been worked, and from the best information we can gather, there should have been more miles of road worked for this out-lay of money. It cost, as we find it, about \$100 dollars per mile. We recommend that the County Judge and Commissioners' Court exercise more care and diligence in this one item of expense to the county, with a view of curtailing expenses where it can be done and expediting the work on the roads to the end that this work may be extended as far as possible into the county upon every road leading out to the country from the county site.

Other items of expense very notable, and of which we will make mention, are the large and seemingly excessive lumber bills and stationery bills. For instance we find upon the table annual report blanks alone enough to last the entire county five years or longer. This we consider extravagance and should be avoided.

We urge more care and economy upon the county judge and commissioners' court in the purchasing of these various items.

Another item of unnecessary expense to the county is the employment of a janitor by the commissioners' court at a salary of \$15.00 per month, and we fail to see why he is paid in addition to his salary for washing 50 blankets. We recommend that this expense be avoided, and that a janitor be employed only during the sessions of the county and district courts. And we believe that every officer of the county, who has the good of the county at heart, will heartily endorse these recommendations and aid in the enforcement of same.

We find in the county clerk's office the finance ledger, civil and criminal fee-books and the minutes of the county court kept in such a loose and careless manner that we were unable to check same in a satisfactory way.

We recommend that a more systematic and business method be adopted in the keeping of these books which will facilitate the examination and investigation of

same in future. We recommend further that the law be enforced compelling the county and precinct officers to make their reports regularly as the statutes require. The estray record shows that several estrays have not been sold as the law requires. Ex-county treasurer, G. H. Bayne, failed to make his annual report to us. We found by checking his book that he had taken credit twice for scrip No. 870—on May 12th and Aug. 10, 1904. We also find in the hands of tax collector a receipt for \$6.50 which we do not find upon treasurer's books. We find in checking the fee-book of ex-Sheriff Hale a number of charges that seem to us excessive and unjust and call attention of the grand jury to these records.

We find that our tax collector has not done his duty relative to enforcing collection of taxes. We have examined his records, which show amount of back taxes uncollected for several years past, which statement is attached to this report.

We recommend to the commissioners' court to use such efforts to collect or have collected the delinquent taxes of the county and state. The attached statement shows delinquent taxes for five years of \$46,407.46. And another item of uncollected taxes we desire to call attention to is occupation taxes. The law requires them to be paid in advance. See attached statement which shows the delinquents for the county, many of which are for four or five years in arrears. In view of the fact that our time is limited to five days only, in making these investigations and examinations, we cannot make a thorough and exclusive report of all the officers of the county, we therefore recommend to the grand jury the advisability of requesting the state revenue agent to come and make such investigation of the records as he may see proper.

Ex-Tax Assessor, Tony Gossett, failed to make us a report.

We recommend to the commissioners' court that they follow the law in allowing the claims for feeding prisoners. We notice from the bills on file in the county clerk's office that the court allows 40 cents per day for every prisoner, regardless of the number that they have in the jail. Some of the bills were allowed for 30 cents per day when there were more than four prisoners, and since that time bills have been allowed for 40 cents when there were more than four prisoners. This procedure, in our judgment, is wrong, and we again recommend to the court to track the law on these bills.

We desire to compliment the following officers for nice and neat reports, which are in compliance with the law in every respect: Porter Newman, county judge; John Brightman, tax collector; John Spence, county attorney. These were the only reports that we could check up with the records.

We desire to thank the court and the officers for the kindness that they have shown us in our work. They have given us much help and have been very willing to be condemned when we would see proper to so do. But they are all fine fellows.

W. F. MURCHISON,  
W. H. DENNY,  
J. R. SHERIDAN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this, the 1st day of April, 1905.  
J. B. STANTON,  
D. C., Houston Co., Tex.

Statement showing fees and commissions collected by each county officer together with expenses and net amount paid by

each office as shown by their annual reports to Dec., 1st, 1904:

COUNTY ATTORNEY.

Fees collected in Crockett precinct No. 1.....	\$ 483.90
Augusta, prec't No. 2....	72.60
Kennard Mills, Pre. No. 3	367.35
Lovelady, prec't No. 4....	86.00
Grapeland, prec't No. 5..	35.50
Porter Springs, pre. No. 6	32.35
Weches, prec't No. 7....	50.00
Creek, prec't No. 8.....	87.65
Fees collected in Co. court	223.10
Fees collected in Ex. trials	225.00
Fees collected in roads, ..	121.25
Tot. Am't Fees Col....	1784.70

COUNTY JUDGE.

Ex-officio fees as Co. judge	\$ 800.00
" " " " Sup't	600.00
Disp. of 42 criminal cases @ \$3.00.....	126.00
22 days Com. C't attendance @ \$3.00.....	66.00
Fees in civil cases.....	84.00
" " Prob. cases.....	33.00
Com. in McManners Est.	9.00
En. of 7590 child Co. @ 1c	75.90
" " 624 " Crockett @ 1c.....	6.24
En. of 276 child at Lovelady @ 1c.....	2.76
En. of 244 child Grapeland @ 1c.....	2.44
	\$1805.84

Deputies and assistants and other expenses.

H. B. Clark.....	47.25
Miss Bessie Bayne.....	14.00
Exp. for stamps.....	30.00
Fees in Civ. C's not Col..	78.00
" " Prop. " " " "	24.50
To Am't Dpts and Ast's	193.75
Tot. Csh. Fisc. Y'rs Wk	1611.59
	1805.34

Tax collector fees from Dec. 1st, 1903, to 12th, 1904.

Com's on state Occup....	55.88
" " " Adv. & poll	840.23
	896.11
" for As'g and Col....	19.98
" " Col. Co. taxes....	622.98
Cost for Col. Delinq Tax.	83.63
Total fees collected....	1622.50

E. B. HALE, SHERIFF.

To Am't As'd... \$3696.26	
By Am't allowed by law.....	\$2250
By Am't paid to deputies.....	1650
To Am't of defic. 203.74	
	\$3900.00 \$3900

**District Court.**

Business has been disposed of in district court since last issue as follows:

- Coll Mitchell, theft of horse; verdict of jury not guilty by instruction of the court and request of the district attorney.
- Ecford Hollingsworth, theft of hogs; dismissed on written motion of district attorney.
- Jim Wynne, perjury; verdict of the jury not guilty.
- John Terry, murder; on trial Wednesday morning. The defendant killed another negro about a negro woman.
- Dave Franklin, incest; continued by consent and set for Monday of the third week of next court, in three cases.
- Arthur Blackshear, assault to murder; dismissed on written motion of district attorney.
- John Griggs, theft of hog; verdict not guilty and defendant discharged.
- Frank Johnson, burglary; continued by defendant.
- Fernando Rodriguez, burglary; verdict of jury not guilty and defendant discharged.
- Floyd Watson, theft of hogs and receiving stolen hogs; verdict of jury guilty in second count and penalty assessed at two years in penitentiary.

The surest and safest remedy for kidney and bladder diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Smith & French Drug Co.

**HOUSTON COUNTY COTTON CROP.**

**One and a Half Thousand Bales Short of Last Season.**

Mr. J. R. Sheridan has furnished the COURIER with some statistics gathered by him in the capacity of cotton census numerator. As is well known, Mr. Sheridan is commissioned by the national government to visit all gins in Houston county and secure from the ginners the number of bales ginned and to be ginned. The number ginned in Houston county at the time of his last report, which was a few weeks since, was 11,132 for the season of 1904-5. It is estimated that there are 80 bales of cotton yet in the seed, making a total of 11,212 bales for the season's cotton crop. This is about one and a half thousand bales short of last year's crop—the crop of 1903-4—which was nearly 13,000 bales. Mr. Sheridan says he finds much cotton being held by the farmers for a better price. He says planters in the western part of the county made more cotton to the acre last year than they did the year before, but that those in the eastern part did not make as much.

**Grapeland Items.**

EDITOR COURIER:—The rains have delayed the farming interests considerably. Yet the farmers in this immediate section are through planting corn, but in the low lands and bottoms there is but little done in the way of planting corn or anything else. The truck growers who planted early, especially potatoes, have sustained considerable loss by the seed rotting in the ground, overflows, etc. No cotton planted as yet.

The fruit crop promises a good yield, and if no further accidents occur there will be a fine business done in the way of fruit shipments from here.

The farmers have begun turning loose their cotton. Something over 200 bales being turned loose during the past month, and it continues to be brought in.

Since the 1st of January, ten cars of hogs have been shipped from here, and about ten cars of cattle. The cattle shipments will be greatly increased from now on.

A. Royall of Athens was in Grapeland yesterday, prospecting.

The egg business seems to be daily on the increase. The shipments for the last few days have been immense.

M. L. Clewis has resigned his position with Shipper & Son, and will take the road as a commercial traveler for a St. Louis house.

Will Powers of Nacogdoches has been in Grapeland the past week, visiting relatives and at the same time prospecting for the future.

Mr. Jim Gray and Miss Levie Long of New Prospect were married Thursday night.

Mr. Lee Sory and wife of Palestine are here, awaiting for an operation to be performed on Mr. Sory.

Miss Matie Mitchell of Franklin high school was visiting friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Dan Hill, formerly a citizen of this county, but now a resident of Santa Anna, was here the past week, visiting relatives and shaking hands with old friends. He left Friday night for his Western home.

Prof. R. L. Dewees, formally of the Grapeland high school, has been appointed manager of the summer normal at Lufkin.

Grapeland is to have a new depot in the near future, and that is not all—she will also have a calaboose. REGULAR.

**Figuring on Electric Line.**

Just recently promoters and capitalists have had their eyes on the country between Palestine and Waco, and have been examining into the feasibility and probable cost of an electric railway to connect these and intervening towns.

Just what their decision will be the Herald does not know, but it does know that they pronounce the possibilities of this great and undeveloped stretch of country as beyond man's most sanguine expectations, and will so report to those who will be solicited to finance the scheme. An almost air line from Palestine to Waco would traverse the counties of Anderson, Freestone, Limestone and McLennan, and would connect up the towns of Palestine, Fairfield, Mexia and Waco. It would penetrate the most fertile sections of Anderson county to the west, and would provide a direct rail route from Palestine to the west where it is so much needed.

There is no doubt that such a line would pay handsomely from the first, and the Herald believes that one of these days it will be built.—Palestine Herald.

There is a fine field for the investment of capital in an electric line from Crockett to Kennard.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right. Don't delay taking. Smith & French Drug Co.

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