

The Tennessee Legislature the other day knocked Tillman and his contest off the Xmas tree.

The McKinley boom has struck the South—a bank bursted at Anniston, Ala., the other day.

Representative Smith, from Crittenden county, has introduced a bill in the lower house providing for a depot at Bridge Junction.

Last Friday the Legislature passed a resolution of condolence upon the death of Dr. W. J. Matthews, late representative from this county.

Good roads is the key to the successful settling up of any community that is worth settling. Make good roads and immigration will follow.

A strenuous effort will be made in the Legislature to pass an act providing for a uniform system of text books for the public schools. A good move. We hope it will pass.

One of the best laws ever enacted by any legislature was the one requiring a \$35,000 bond to protect the State from loss in case of a contest arises for the governorship. Such an one was passed by the Tennessee Legislature last week.

Tobacco equal to that raised in Cuba is being grown in Florida and Southern Georgia. From personal knowledge of tobacco soil, portions of St. Francis county would produce equally as good tobacco. Try it.

The Senate bill, providing newspapers and stamps for members of the Legislature, gives each member twenty copies of papers containing full reports of the proceedings of the Legislature and twenty-five cents in stamps per day. These items will cost the State \$3,500.

Senator Manning has introduced an anti-cigarette bill in the Senate. If he would introduce an irate patent, armed with a horsewhip, into each family where this habit is practiced, he would solve the question and go down in history as one of the world's greatest benefactors.

National health officers are guarding against the entrance into this country of the bubonic plague, now raging in India. In that country the disease followed closely the famine, and the government is unable to stay its progress, there being 80,000,000 lives in jeopardy.

If some member of the Legislative body wishes to cover himself glory, let him get a bill through, submitting the same, or a similar amendment, to the constitution as that voted upon two years ago, providing for a road tax to be levied upon property. Such a measure would carry next time.

Marcellus McGary, of Memphis, Mo., claims to have solved the problem of navigating the air. He claims that he will be able to sail through the air like a bird, and can alight on the water and travel by water and arise and sail among the clouds at will and scale the highest mountain. Look out for him.

From the figures of the Department of Agriculture the acreage of cotton has increased from 14,480,019 in 1879, to 20,184,808 in 1895. The crop in number of bales in 1879 was 5,761,252; in 1895, 7,161,094; while 1894 broke the record by showing up 23,687,950 acres, from which 9,476,435 bales were harvested.

If the Legislature can't get any further on the way toward solving the road problem, we hope they will at least pass an act establishing a road commissioner in each county, whose salary shall be paid out of the county general fund, and whose duty it shall be to report quarterly the condition of each road district. It is a lamentable fact that the average road overseer needs such a power behind them.

A very creditable write-up of St. Francis county appeared in the St. Louis Republic last Tuesday morning. Considering the short time allowed the correspondent and the facilities offered to collect data, but few inaccuracies occur, and those of an unimportant character. The advantages our county offers will be read by thousands of readers, and in due time we will reap the harvest of the liberal use of printer's ink.

Senator Izard last week introduced a bill in the Senate to make a landlord's lien assignable. This is a long sought and needed change in the law, and to all reasonable minds is justice in all particulars. As the law now stands the transfer of a rent note does not carry with it the lien on the crop. The passage of this bill would in nowise work a hardship to the maker of the notes, and would often prove a convenience to the holder.

Queen Victoria, in her speech at the opening of Parliament, Wednesday, thus refers to the treaty between England and the United States: "It is with much gratification that I have concluded a treaty for general arbitration with the President of the United States, whereby I trust all difference which may arise between us will be peacefully adjusted. I hope the arrangement may have a further value in commending to other powers the consideration of a principle whereby the danger of war may be notably abated."

The following is the context of a fish and game law to be presented to the Missouri Legislature:

It will provide for a game and fish commission, which shall appoint a chief game warden, whose salary is not to exceed \$3500, and who will be empowered to appoint deputy wardens. The bill will ask for an appropriation of \$10,000. Briefly stated, the new law will prohibit the catching of bass and crappie and other game fish in Missouri between the 1st of April and the 1st of June. Fish can only be caught with hook and line, and stringent penalties are provided for seining, netting and the use of dynamite. The open season on turkey is from October 1 to March 1, and the open season for quail and prairie chicken is from October 15 to January 15. The handling or selling of game is prohibited.

The chastisement of King Dru-nami and capture of Benin, called the Horrible City of Blood, in Upper Guinea, is the nature of a job Great Britain is about to undertake, in retaliation for the murder of six Englishmen.

A correspondent says few white men have visited the place. The city is of vast antiquity, and the ancient seat of a great fetish dynasty, which, passing from one generation to another, still exists, with all its primitive revolting sacrificial customs. The approaches to the city walls present an aspect of blood-thirsty barbarity almost impossible to describe. On either side of the roads are the remains of victims done to death with the most cruel fetish rites, both men and women being crucified, impaled, mutilated or half buried, to satisfy the whims of the brutal despot.

Senator Williamson has introduced in the Senate an insolvent act. The proposed law provides that an insolvent may place his property in the hands of a receiver appointed by the chancery court and have the same converted into money for the purpose of paying his debts. No preference is given to any creditor, save the wages due employes accruing thirty days prior to such application, and taxes due on the property. The remainder of the assets are to be divided equally between the creditors, provided the latter agree to accept the same in full payment of their claims. The payment of those who do not agree to this is postponed until those who do consent are paid in full. Gov. Jones recommended the enactment of such a law.—Gazette.

The use of molasses as a fuel is to be introduced in the smelters of Colorado.

A bulletin of the Eleventh Census, just furnished to the press, shows that the total number of people engaged in occupations of all kinds in 1890 was 22,735,661. This is an increase of more than 5,000,000 working people in a decade. Divided by classes—agriculture, fisheries and mining, 9,031,336; professional, 944,333; trade and transportation, 326,122; manufacturing and mechanical industries, 5,091,293.

In manufactures and mechanics the carpenters and joiners, numbering 611,482, make up the greatest element, with dressmakers and milliners following with 499,690. There are a little over 1,000,000 bookkeepers, clerks and salesmen; 690,658 merchants and dealers, 5,281,557 farmers, planters and overseers, and 3,004,061 agricultural laborers, 349,592 miners and only a little over 60,000 fishermen and oystermen.

Professors and teachers aggregating 347,344 from the most numerous of the professional classes. Physicians and surgeons, 104,805, come next; then lawyers, \$9,630; clergymen, 88,203; Government officials, 70,664; musicians, etc., 62,155; engineers and surveyors, 43,239; artists and art teachers 22,496; journalists, 21,849, and actors, 9,728.

At the annual meeting of the St. Francis River Hunting and Fishing Club, held in Memphis a short time ago, the address of A. J. Uhrig, the president elect, was an interesting one and contained some good advice for all of the lovers of sport in this section of the country. After mentioning the total destruction of the bison and the wild pigeon through the failure to have laws for their protection from the pot hunter, he said the majority of Arkansas and Southern Missouri had joined with the people in those sections in urging upon their respective legislatures the passage of laws for the protection of the fauna of the country. In reference to the Arkansas statute, providing that all non-resident hunters shall pay a privilege tax, he said that he considered it a good thing, as protecting the game against pot hunters, and that all of the members of the St. Francis Club had cheerfully paid their tax.

In speaking of the elopement of Princess Chimay, formerly (Miss Clara Ward, of Detroit) with a strolling Gypsy violinist, a French writer says: "There is conceded to be more in this case than a mere rich woman's infatuation for a poor stroller. It is a revolt against the practice of marrying off American girls to titled foreigners. The American mother stands condemned. She is the one to feel ashamed of this sad display of passion by a woman who is young enough to be called a girl. The Americans will judge this unfortunate young woman more harshly than would we. They look only at the overt act of elopement. We take into consideration the girl's environments and influence in her home life, and then temper our judgment with pity. Are not the American girls sold to titles? Is the Anglo-Saxon blood too pure for that? Does not her most gracious Majesty Victoria betroth her daughters while they are yet children, and doom them to a married life without love? Is it not only natural that her immoral example should be followed by ambitious mothers in England and America? The elopement, much as it is to be deplored, can not but be considered as a protest against the vain glory of some American mothers, who have so often been held up to us degenerate Europeans to be imitated like a holy example.

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Fine Weather Calendar. THE TIMES has received a Cardui Weather Chart and Calendar for 1897 from the Chattanooga Medicine Co., manufacturers of McEire's Wine of Cardui and Theodor's Black Draught. This is one of the best calendars ever published. It consists of twelve sheets of paper, 13x20 inches in size, all fastened together with a gilt tin strip and a brass loop-hanger. Each sheet contains the calendar for one month in large figures that can be read across any room. Under the figures patent weather signals indicating Prof. DeVoe's Weather Forecasts for every day in the year appear. The moon's changes and legal holidays are also shown. The calendar is valuable in any home. We understand a few copies can be secured by sending 10 one-cent postage stamps to the Chattanooga Medicine Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.

Warning Order. In St. Francis Circuit Court, March Term, 1897. The Anglo-American Mortgage and Agency Co., plaintiffs, vs. J. S. R. Cowan, et al's debt's. The defendant, S. C. Bull, is warned to appear in this Court within thirty days, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, The Anglo-American Mortgage and Agency Company. G. B. MALLORY, Clerk. By T. C. McRINIS, D. C. John Gatling, Plaintiff's Solicitor. Jan. 20, 1897.

Confirmation Notice. NOTICE is hereby given, that at the March term, 1897, of the St. Francis Circuit Court, the undersigned, W. H. Pearce, will make application to said court for a confirmation of his title to certain lands, as follows: To the northeast quarter of section thirteen, in township four north, range one east, which he holds under a deed executed by J. R. Berry, Auditor of the State of Arkansas, to Thomas Pearce, for unpaid taxes, on the 23rd day of February, 1871, and a deed from Thomas Pearce to petitioner. To the east half of the southwest quarter of section thirteen, in township four north, in range one west, sold by the collector of St. Francis county, on the 9th day of June, 1890, for unpaid taxes, to Thomas Pearce, who assigned his certificate to this petitioner, and upon which the county clerk executed a deed to petitioner on the 25th of May, 1890. To the southeast quarter of section thirteen, township four north, in range one west, sold by the collector of St. Francis county, on the 16th of May, 1876, for unpaid taxes, to Thomas Pearce, who assigned his certificate to this petitioner, and upon which the county clerk of St. Francis county, executed a deed to petitioner. To the northwest quarter of section thirty-two, in township four north, in range one east, sold by the collector of St. Francis county on the 9th day of August, 1869, to this petitioner, for unpaid taxes, and for which the county clerk executed to him a deed. To the northwest quarter of section twenty-nine, in township four north, in range one east, sold by the collector of St. Francis county, on the 10th day of June, 1878, for unpaid taxes, to Thomas Pearce, who assigned his certificate to this petitioner, and upon which the county clerk of St. Francis county, executed a deed to petitioner. To the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-five, in township four north, in range one west, sold by the collector of St. Francis county, on the 10th day of May, 1876, for unpaid taxes, to Thomas Pearce, who assigned his certificate to this petitioner, and upon which the county clerk of St. Francis county executed to petitioner a deed. To the west half of the east half of section seventeen, in township four north, in range one east, sold by the collector of St. Francis county, on the 9th day of June, 1890, for unpaid taxes, to this petitioner, and upon which the county clerk of St. Francis county executed to petitioner a deed. To the northwest quarter of section twenty-two, in township four north, in range one east, sold by the collector of St. Francis county, on the 9th day of August, 1869, to W. H. Pearce, for unpaid taxes, and upon which the county clerk of St. Francis county, executed to petitioner a deed. To the northeast quarter of section thirty-one, in township four north, in range one east, sold by J. R. Berry, Auditor of the State of Arkansas, to Thomas Pearce, for unpaid taxes, on the 24th day of February, 1871, who conveyed said land to this petitioner. And the undersigned, W. H. Pearce, now holding title to said lands under said sales of said sales and deeds, hereby calls on all persons who can set up any right to the lands so purchased, in consequence of any informality or irregularity connected with said sales, to show cause at the March term, 1897, of the St. Francis Circuit Court, why the sales of said lands should not be confirmed. W. H. PEARCE, Petitioner. NORTON & PREWETT, Att'y's. December 28, 1896.

### Notice of Confirmation.

At its October term, 1887, the St. Francis Circuit Court rendered a decree against, and condemned to be sold for the taxes due upon the following described real estate, in St. Francis county, Arkansas, to-wit: S 1-2 nw 1-4, w 1-2 sw 1-4, and sw 1-4 sec 19; all sec 20; e 1-2 ne 1-4, w 1-2 nw 1-4, and se 1-4 sec 21; n 1-2 sec 22; all in T 6 N, R 1 E.

Pursuant to said decree, on January 22, 1888, all of said land was, by the commissioner of said court, sold to the state of Arkansas, for the tax, penalty and cost adjudged to be due thereon.

On February 12, 1887, the State of Arkansas, by its proper officers, sold and conveyed said land to S. M. Markle, and conveyed all of said land to S. M. Markle. At its October term, 1887, the St. Francis Circuit Court rendered a decree against, and condemned to be sold for the taxes due upon, the following described real estate in said county, to-wit: S 1-2 sec 22; nw 1-4 nw 1-4 sec 14, and sw 1-4 sec 23; all in T 6 N, R 1 E. Pursuant to said decree, on January 22, 1888, all of said land described four tracts of land were, by the commissioner of said court, sold to the State of Arkansas, for the taxes, penalty and cost adjudged to be due thereon.

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Confirmation Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, L. Rollwage & Co., a firm composed of L. and O. B. Rollwage, will make application to the St. Francis Circuit Court, at its March term, 1897, for a confirmation of their tax title to a certain tract of land in St. Francis county, Arkansas, to-wit: The southeast quarter of section twenty-eight, in township six, north of the base line, and in range three east of the fifth principal meridian.

Collector's Notice. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned Sheriff and Ex-officio Collector of the Revenue of St. Francis county, State of Arkansas, will attend in person or by deputy at the following times and places, for the purpose of collecting the state and county revenue of said county for the year 1896, to-wit: Blackfish Township, at Ashworth's Store, Saturday, Jan. 2, 1897. L'Angeville Township, at Ellis's Gin, Monday, January 4, 1897. Goodwin Township, at Egypt School House, Tuesday, January 5, 1897. Wheatley Township, at Wheatley, Ark., Wednesday, January 6, 1897. Goodwin Township, at Goodwin, Ark., Thursday, January 7, 1897. Prairie Township, at Palestine, Ark., Friday, January 8, 1897. Griggs Township, at Widener, Ark., Saturday, January 9, 1897. Telico Township, at Colt, Ark., Monday, January 11, 1897. Telico Township, at Caldwell, Ark., Tuesday, January 12, 1897. Franks Township, at Bonair, Ark., Wednesday, January 13, 1897. Johnson Township, at Horton's Store, Thursday, January 14, 1897. Madison Township, at Madison, Ark., Friday, January 15, 1897. Madison Township, at Forrest City, from January 15, to April 10, 1897. All persons are requested to bring their last year's tax receipts when they come to pay taxes, that mistakes may be avoided. W. E. WILLIAMS, Sheriff and Collector of St. Francis county. December 4, 1896.

Notice for Publication—No 8046. Land office at Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 1896. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of St. Francis county, at Forrest City, Ark., on January 25, 1897, viz: James M. Devoster, Sr., No. 17719, for the S 1/2 of sw 1-4 of sec 3, T 5 N, R 3 E. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: J. T. Hughes, J. T. Hughes, John S. J. B. Humphries, all of Forrest City, Arkansas. J. J. BEAVERS, Register.

Notice of Application for Order to Sell Land. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that I, William House, deceased, apply to the Probate court of St. Francis county, Arkansas, at the January term, 1897, for an order to sell the following lands belonging to said estate, in St. Francis county, Arkansas, for the purpose of paying the debt against said estate, to-wit: The east half of section eight (1-2 of sec 8), northwest quarter of section nine (nw 1-4 of sec 9), east half of the southwest quarter of section nine (1-2 of sw 1-4 sec 9) and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section nine (nw 1-4 of sw 1-4 sec 9), all in township five north, range two east (T 5 N, R 2 E), and containing, in all, 600 acres, more or less. JOHN GATLING, Administrator of William House, dec'd. Forrest City, Arkansas, Jan. 1, 1897.

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