

WE WANT
Your work and you will want ours. Try
Packard's Laundry
912 Prairie Avenue.
Phone 332.

MAILABLE EDITION.

36 PAGES TODAY.

HOUSTON DAILY POST

XVIII YEAR—NO. 44.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, SUNDAY, MAY 18, 1902.

PRICE: 5 CENTS.

SOUTHWESTERN OIL COMPANY
HOUSTON, TEX.

PITCHER SPOUT PUMPS
Windmill Force
PUMPS
Thresher
PUMPS
For Catalogue.
W. HEITMANN & CO.
Houston, Texas.

elting.
ward Smith Co.

are ready to furnish
SPLIT BASKETS
any quantity and without delay. Send your orders or wire for prices.

D. CLEVELAND & SONS.

Ed Lunn,
Diseases of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.



Jos. F. Meyer Co.
806-812 Franklin Ave.
HOUSTON - - - TEXAS

A CHEAP TRIP TO PORTLAND

T. P. A.
Texas Delegation and Friends
Will leave Houston 11:55 p. m., Wednesday, May 28, on the famous
SUNSET LIMITED TRAIN

Portland, Oregon, And... Return
Making Stops at Various Points of Interest. Option of Divers Routes Returning.
Round Trip Rate \$50
SLEEPER FARE \$16 ON LIMITED
APPLY AT ONCE FOR RESERVATION.
L. SAUCIER, C. T. A. Office 202 Main St.

Galvanized and Painted
CORRUGATED IRON
Roofing and Siding
Largest Stock in Southwest.
Send Us Your Orders. We Are Headquarters.
Peden Iron & Steel Co.

Will receive a consignment
of
Blade Alternating Current Fans
this week. Call and place your order early. They cost less to run and give more air than any other kind.
Barden Electric and Machinery Co.,
1009 Texas Avenue, Telephone 616.

Repairs to
WELL DRILLING RIGS
Promptly Made.
Dickson Car Wheel Co.
Houston, Texas.

HARTWELL IRON WORKS
HOUSTON, TEX.
We carry the largest stock in the state
LIME, CEMENTS and BRICK.
ALL KINDS OF BUILDING MATERIAL.
Write for Prices.
H. P. McLaughlin & Co.
810 Willow St. Phone 220.

2000 Pounds
LADY PEAS
A splendid Nitrogenizer.
Write for prices.
THE THOMPSON Seed and Planting Co.
HOUSTON, TEXAS.

CIDER.
We are now prepared to fill orders for Cherry, Peach, Orange and Apple Ciders in 10, 15 and 30-gallon packages. Quality guaranteed. Write for prices.

KIRKLAND & MORROW
In order to make room for our stock coming in for fall trade we offer
Special Inducements
to buyers on seasonal goods. Also offer all STAPLE GOODS as low as can be bought in any market allowing difference in freight. Orders have prompt and careful attention.
Central Dry Goods Co.
HOUSTON, TEX.

Houston Boiler and Sheet Iron Works
H. H. TOFFE, Proprietor.
Prompt attention paid to patching and repairing as well as to new work. 209-211 Main St. Phone 476.
We Are Leaders
In the Building Material line.
W. L. Macatee & Sons,
Houston, Texas.

AN INDEX.
FIRST PAGE. Washington special. The Methodist conference.
SECOND. Summary of the news.
THIRD. Reunited budget. Texas news.
FOURTH. Foreign news. General telegraphic.
FIFTH. General telegraphic.
SIXTH. A sketch of Captain Tom, a San Jacinto veteran.
SEVENTH. Potentates in Planafora. Forecasts by Foster.
EIGHTH. Austin budget. Oil news.
NINTH. Sporting news. Galveston budget.
TENTH. Texas news.
ELEVENTH. Railroad news.
TWELFTH. George Ade's Fables.
THIRTEENTH. The Dot contest.
FOURTEENTH. Local courts. Harris county road building.
FIFTEENTH. Local news.
SIXTEENTH. Local news.
SEVENTEENTH. Out of the Ordinary. Shiloh Dares on Beauty.
EIGHTEENTH. Editorials. Washington letter.
NINETEENTH. News and Views of New Books. Remarkable Rise of Novelist Ford. In "Doubtful Vernon" of Value in Fiction?
TWENTIETH. Commercial news: cotton, financial, live stock, grain and provisions.
TWENTY-FIRST. Commercial news: oil stocks, Houston wholesale.
TWENTY-SECOND. What ads.
TWENTY-THIRD. What ads.
TWENTY-FOURTH. What ads.
TWENTY-FIFTH. The Language of Flowers.
TWENTY-SIXTH. Current Topics and Their Literature. Mirthless.
TWENTY-SEVENTH. Miscellany.
TWENTY-EIGHTH. Ex-Marshall John Grant executes Rosevelt.
TWENTY-NINTH. The World of Industry.
THIRTIETH. Social News from Texas Towns.
THIRTY-FIRST. Social News from Texas Towns. The musical department.
THIRTY-SECOND. The fashions illustrated.
THIRTY-THIRD. Local society.
THIRTY-FOURTH. Once More illustrated.
THIRTY-FIFTH. Mangyhammer letters.
THIRTY-SIXTH. Imaginations of the Confederacy.

CONTRACT HELD GOOD
Whereby Arkansas Hired Out Three Hundred Convicts for Ten Years.
Little Rock, Ark., May 17.—The Arkansas supreme court today affirmed the validity of a contract whereby 300 State convicts were hired out for ten years. The State penitentiary board passed a resolution in 1892, and the lower court upheld the contract which was entered into three years ago during the administration of Governor Dan W. Jones.

Doctors GEO. P. HALL and W. L. ROGERS,
(Formerly of Garrettsville, Ohio.)
Practiced Limited to the Diseases of the EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT.
Office: High Building, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

STIRLING
Safety Water Tube Boilers and Machinery of all kinds
CONNELLY & CO.,
215 1/2 Main Street

Houston Show Case & Mfg. Co.
111 1/2 CONGRESS AVE.
GET OUR PRICES.

Guaranteed the only reliable Roof Paint made. **GARVIN'S FIRE-PROOF ASPHALTUM.**
LONE STAR OIL CO., HOUSTON, TEX.

Dr. Sydney J. Smith.
Office: 208 and 207 Lory Building, cor. Main and Capitol streets. Old phones 949, residence 1315 Travis street.
We Are Leaders
In the Building Material line.
W. L. Macatee & Sons,
Houston, Texas.

ISSUE FAIRLY JOINED
War Claim Matter Has Been Reported to the Conference.
TUESDAY IS THE DAY SET
When It Will Be Taken Up and Settlement Is to Be Had.
A VOTE IS FULLY A WEEK OFF.
Majority Want to Keep the Money; the Minority Would Return It.

REPORT OF LATTER NOT TO BE PRINTED
It is Said by the Editor of the Official Church Organ to Be Violative of the Stringent Law of Texas.
Dallas, Texas, May 17.—The war claim issue is at last squarely before the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, for final settlement. Frontal attacks and flank movements are at an end and the siege operations begun, to continue until the besieged surrender unconditionally on a final vote of the delegates sitting, listen to the staying qualities and force of numbers of the men they are trying to drive to capitulate.
At this distance from the final vote—which is probably a week off—it looks as if the besiegers will win. They are the men who believe deception, misrepresentation and lobby work of the worldly kind were resorted to in order to procure the appropriation from congress. They do not believe that more than \$100,000 was a legitimate fee for the services of an attorney to collect \$248,000 from the government. They favor the proposition that the church return the entire sum to the United States government and thus prevent even the shadow of taint from attaching to the good name of the church, they are the men who are known in the secular section of the press here as the "insurgents." Their opponents, who are being besieged, are the "regulars," who say it is nobody's business what the church did with its money, they believe in keeping the coin and giving a certificate of character to everybody on their side.
The matter reached close to a climax today when the committee on publishing interests submitted two reports, a majority report signed by twenty-four members and a minority report signed by nineteen members. There were four absentees, the full committee membership being forty-seven. The majority report was a comparatively brief document. It defended the church and mildly censured its agents and attorneys.
The minority report was no long that it took Rev. James Cannon, Jr., of Virginia, nearly two hours time to read it. The document reviewed in every detail the history of the war claim and the legislation connected therewith. The reference to the book agents and the attorney of the church who engineered the claim through various agencies of the most scolding character. They were charged in such plain English and embodied such direct charges that a representative of the book agents visited the press tables and warned the newspaper representatives that if the report was printed in full or the accusations quoted from the report the newspapers would be held responsible in damages under the libel law.
The publishers of the official organ of the general conference, which publication is accepted as the record of the conference, was notified not to print the minority report under pain of libel.
Dr. Hoss, who is employed as editor of the Daily Official Organ, addressed the conference, stating that he must not be understood as advocating a suppression of the report or advising against its publication in the official organ, but that the day the report should be published in the official organ was the day he would not be an editor; he proposed taking a vacation.
The result was that the general conference, by an overwhelming vote, ordered the report printed, not only in the official organ, but in pamphlet form, so that every member could have a copy to study during the proceedings next week and perhaps the copies will be preserved as souvenirs, as are frequently the illuminated bills of fare of a swell hotel for a holiday dinner.
The conference voted to take the two reports from the calendar at 10 o'clock next Tuesday morning and to transmit on other business until the "war claim" issue shall have been finally disposed of.
Bishop A. W. Wilson, the senior bishop, presided today.
The committee on episcopacy reported, and recommended that two bishops be elected. A minority report was given, dissenting, and stating that in their belief no more bishops should be elected.
The committee on education recommended that more attention be paid to training schools.
A minority report from the committee on finance urged further aid to supannuated preachers, widows and children, being given, and that a permanent fund be established.
The time limit remains as before, according to the report of the committee on itinerary.
Dr. W. L. Haven of the American Bible society spoke on the gratifying increase in the sale of Bibles.
The Cumberland Presbyterian assembly sent greetings from Springfield, Mo.
The general assembly of the Presbyterian church, also sent greetings from Jackson, Miss.
The committee on Sabbath observance deprecated the increase of Sunday labor of 58 per cent in the last decade, while the population had increased but 27 per cent and also the increase in Sunday amusements.
Dr. Gross Alexander introduced a resolution

dealing with the question of child labor in the South, particularly in the cotton mills of the South. It was urged that a law be passed prohibiting the employ of children under 12 years of age. Adopted.
This resolution was afterward, on motion of Dr. Hoss, reconsidered in view of the statement that there were 20,000 children under 12 years of age employed, which was declared to be untrue. Referred to a special committee.
The majority of the publishing house committee, which was in charge of the war claim, reported. The report is confined to a brief summary of the contentions urged in that connection. The resolutions condemn any departure of the attorney from the explicit instructions given to him by the book committee in regard to the collection of the claims against the government, from which instructions, it is claimed, he did depart, according to his own statements made to the senate committee appointed to investigate the matters. Continuing the report disapproves any language used by the book agents in their telegrams to Senators Pasco and Dale, which may have misled them as to the amount of the fee the attorney was to receive for his services in collecting the claim.
The resolutions appended are as follows: "We believe that the retention of this money is a disturbing factor in the peace and harmony of the church at present, and may disquiet the membership in the future.
"Therefore, in order that there may be peace and harmony within the borders of our beloved church, and that it may do an act that would call in question its good name, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution: That the entire sum collected, viz. \$248,000, be returned to the United States government. That a committee of nine members of the general conference be appointed, who shall report to this conference, at an early date as possible, a practicable plan for carrying into execution the above resolution."
"That we heartily endorse the letter written by our bishops to the senate of the United States. It showed their zealous care of the good name of the church, and indicated a wise solution of the matter."
The resolutions are signed by James Cannon, Jr., of Virginia, chairman.
Both reports were ordered printed after much discussion. The war claim matter will come before the conference next Tuesday at 10 o'clock and be continued until the matter is settled.
Adjourned until Monday.

HARRIMAN'S MEXICAN TRIP.
Has Issued Orders for the Extension of the International.
San Francisco, May 17.—The Chronicle says: "It has turned out that the trip made by H. H. Harriman into Mexico, while on his way to California, was not made purely for pleasure. The fact developed yesterday that one of the purposes of his Mexican trip was to investigate personally the proposed extension of the Mexican International road from Durango, Mexico, to Mazatlan on the Pacific coast, a distance of about 140 miles, and he became so impressed with the advantages of the extension that he has issued orders for the commencement of the work without further delay."

THE MONON MERGER.
The Details Being Arranged by J. P. Morgan & Co.
New York, May 17.—J. P. Morgan & Co. it was stated today, have reorganized enough stock of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railway to give them absolute control of the property. The plan for financing the purchase by turning over control to the Louisville and Nashville and the Southern railway, to be jointly exercised, is now being formulated by the firm. The proposal, at the present time, is in the hands of the counsel for the firm and which will be finally agreed upon it is said that definite statements can not now be made.

RIVERS AND HARBORS BILL.
Mr. Burton Thinks the Conferees Will Get Together.
(Special to The Post.)
Washington, May 17.—Chauncey Burton of the rivers and harbors committee told The Post correspondent today that the conference committee would hardly get together again before Wednesday next. Senator McMillan is expected to return to Washington on Monday, but it is not thought that a meeting can be arranged for the following day. Mr. Burton seems rather more hopeful than otherwise of reaching an agreement without much further loss of time. During his conversation with the correspondent he pointed out that while some differences yet existed they were by no means as serious as those which have existed in other conferences in the past and which have been satisfactorily settled.
Senator Calhoun and Messrs. Duncan and Cowart, representing the Trinity river project, conferred with Mr. Burton this afternoon.
Brewer Thomas of Bonham, an ex-member of the Texas legislature, is here on business.

TO KEEP A HOUSE COOL.
Weather Chief Moore Has Applied for a Patent on It.
(Special to The Post.)
Washington, May 17.—Willis Moore, chief of the weather bureau, has applied for a patent on a novel house cooling apparatus. He says it means the end of summer's "feeling as rooms can be kept at 70 degrees in the hottest weather."

THE SICK MAN'S PARADISE
HOT SPRINGS, ARK.
Excursion Tickets On Sale Every Day
VIA I. & G. N. R. R.
ONLY A LITTLE OVER A NIGHT'S RIDE FROM HOUSTON.
Geo. D. Hunter
City Pass & Ticket Agent. 217 Main

PEARSON WILL ACT.
President Keeps Putting Off the Representatives of the Boers.
EVIDENCE IS INCOMPLETE
He Says When Asked to Make a Decision as to Chalmette.

MATTER TO BE TAKEN INTO COURT
And the Testimony Submitted to the Supreme Tribunal.
DELAY OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Has Been So Great that Matters Are Getting Desperate With the Dutch, Says General Pearson.
(Special to The Post.)
Washington, May 17.—General Pearson today made another appeal to the president for his ruling on the report recently filed by Colonel Crowder concerning the conditions at Chalmette.
"I have made several appeals to the president," said General Pearson. "His answer has always been that the evidence is not yet complete and consequently can not be made public.
"One thing is certain. We must have some kind of action by the executive department within a short time, as things are getting desperate."
On being asked what action he proposed to take in the event the decision of the president is against his country, General Pearson said: "If something is not done within a very short while we shall be compelled to take the matter to the supreme court of the United States for a decision. With the evidence collected by Governor Heard of Louisiana, to which will be added a great deal collected by myself, I hardly think there will be any doubt as to the outcome. We want to give the executive department all the time in reason, but as is said at the outset we are getting desperate and must take action at the earliest possible moment."

OIL EXPERIMENTS PROVIDED FOR
In an Amendment to the Naval Appropriations Bill.
(Special to The Post.)
Washington, May 17.—When the section of the naval appropriations bill relating to the bureau of steam engineering was reached this afternoon, Representative Cooper called up and had adopted an amendment providing for an appropriation of \$20,000 to be used to defray the cost of experiments looking to the use of Texas oil as fuel in the vessels of the navy. This item, it will be remembered, was recommended by the chief of the bureau of steam engineering but the naval affairs committee did not include it in the bill as a result of pressure brought to bear by the coal interests on the subcommittee which had charge of the matter. There was no objection to the amendment this afternoon and there is no reason to believe that it will not be included in the bill which will eventually be enacted into law. Inasmuch as the oil to be used in the experiments will be furnished free of charge, they can be carried on along more extensive plans than would otherwise be possible.

WEATHER INFORMATION.
Probabilities.
Washington, May 17.—Eastern Texas—Partly cloudy Sunday, with showers and thunder storms and cooler in the Panhandle; Monday fair; brisk to high south to west winds.
Oklahoma and Indian Territories—Partly cloudy Sunday; showers and cooler at night or Monday; brisk to high south to west winds.

RUSH ON A PASTURE.
It is Claimed that Lease of Sugg & Bro. Has Lapsed.
San Angelo, Texas, May 17.—Settlers have made a rush on the pasture of E. C. Sugg & Bro. in Irion county and located on sixty-two sections therein, claiming the land is held under a lapsed lease and other irregularities. It is believed the matter will be stubbornly contested.

20 BEN WILBUSH
BACK DRUGS
FROM EACH 100.