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METHODIST.—J. T. Smith, Pastor, Services the 2d, 3d and 4th Sundays in each month, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Tuesday night. First Sunday at Lovelady.

COURT DIRECTORY.

DISTRICT.  
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COURT CALENDAR.

DISTRICT.  
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ALLIANCE DIRECTORY.

PRESIDENT OF COUNTY ALLIANCE.  
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John M. Sims, Vice-President, Crockett, Texas.

SLEEPING LILIES.  
A SOLE SMITH IN BELFORD'S MAGAZINE.  
Down the stream, love, we are floating.  
Floating slowly down the stream;  
Scarcely disturbing, with our boating,  
Sleeping lilies as they dream.

There is a wide difference between dollars and sense.

If I can put a touch of rose sunset into the life of any man or woman I shall feel that I have worked with God.—[George Macdonald.]

Girls now a days are being schooled in many colleges—even theology. All right. But here are two sciences which every woman should learn, and early: Cookology and stichology.

THE INDIANA REFORMERS.

Farmers and Laboring Men from Eight Counties Gather at Wabash and Open a Campaign of Education in Earnest.

Tariff reformers from eight counties gathered at Wabash, Indiana, a short time since, to attend the first annual meeting of the tariff Reform Association of the Eleventh Congressional District. The meeting was composed almost exclusively of reformers, and was larger than any political gathering held in this country for years.

Letters from ex-President Cleveland, Roger Q. Mills and Gov.-elect James E. Campbell were received as follows:

FROM EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND.  
John C. Eastman, Esq., Wabash, Ind.: My Dear Sir—I am sorry that I must decline the invitation you forward to me on behalf of the Eleventh Congressional District, in the State of Indiana, to attend the annual meeting of the Association on the 8th day of January next.

Hoping that your meeting may be very successful and profitable, and that the Democracy of Indiana may do their full share in securing for the people justice and fairness, I am, yours very truly,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

FROM HON. ROGER Q. MILLS.  
John C. Eastman, Esq., Wabash, Ind.:—Dear Sir—I regret that I cannot be with the Tariff Reform Association of your congressional District at Wabash on the 8th of January. My duties here forbid me that pleasure, but nothing can forbid the pleasure I feel at seeing our people waking up to the necessity of lowering the duties on imports. The good State of Indiana is greatly interested in our foreign trade.

A superstitious subscriber, who found a spider on his paper, wants to know if it is a bad omen to himself. Oh, no friend, not at all, unless you are in arrears for your paper. The spider was only looking over the columns in order to ascertain what merchant was not advertising, so that it could spin its web across his door and be free from disturbance.

and days. Yours truly,  
R. Q. MILLS.

FROM GOV.-ELECT CAMPBELL.  
John C. Eastman, Esq., Wabash, Indiana: My Dear Sir—Replying to yours, I would say that, much to my regret, I will not be able to except your kind invitation for the 8th of January, owing to a prior engagement. I note the large number of distinguished orators on the programme, and feel sure that the question of tariff reform will be ably handled. I can only add my mite of testimony in behalf of the good cause. The tariff will be an issue in every election until one of the two parties keeps its pledges of reducing tariff taxes.

This, Johnny, is the most unkind cut of all. Verily, an enemy hath done this. When I was accused of stealing the Rose Hill ballot box, thus defeating Senegambian candidate by 200 votes, I suffered in silence, and forged an alibi, but this is more than I can stomach. O, slander, thou foulest of sin! Why dost thou blast the fairest blossoms with thy polluting breath? What has Bill Snort ever done to deserve this cruel, cruel stab.

When I was accused of having got a member of the Texas Legislature drunk, and robbed him of \$47 at poker, I didn't mind the lying slander, as I had the bottle in my inside pocket, but that a brainy Texas journalist should be charged with writing that dish-waterly message of Harrison, makes me feel for my pistol.

He who steals my purse takes that which I have not, but he who robs me of my good name steals trash. Truly does Hamlet say to the fair Desdemona: "Be thou as chaste as ice cream on toast and as pure as snow, thou shalt not escape calumny."

Maybe I have got things mixed up, Johnny—I can't help it, Johnny. I am maddened by this cruel insult. My brain is on a whirl.

I know who is the author of this vile slander. Jim Doozenbury, of Crosby County Bazaar, actuated by envy at the success of the C. C. C. & F. V., thus seeks to drag my fair name in the mire.

How can Crosby County hope to attract men of capital to develop its resources when such a mental paralytic and obscure mud-hen as Jim Doozenbury goes around unwhipped?

But I should not complain Washington, himself, in the meridian of his power, was not exempt from bitter accusations by the Jim Doozenburys of his day. Like Bill Snort, Washington smiled in silence on the vipers who would poison his majesty of worth.

Jim Doozenbury is a liar and a horse-thief, and when I get back to Crosby County I'll take him by the ears—and I expect to have my hands full—and I will churn him up and down until there is nothing left of him except a pair of suspenders and a wart.

By the way Johnny, I called yesterday on Colonel Shepard, of the New York Mail and Express, who tangles up business and religion in a most marvelous manner. Personally, he is a nice, good gentleman, and that his paper exists at all is owing to his having the Vanderbilt millions to back him; and he also has a managing editor who understands the business—swears like a trooper.

While I was talking with Colonel Shepard about Sunday school matters in Texas, I could hear the most frightful profanity, annotated with dull, sickening thuds. It was the wicked managing editor consulting with a proof reader.

Self-love is the love of one's self and of everything on account of one self. It makes men idolize themselves, and would make them tyrants over others if fortune were to give them the means. It never reposes out of itself, and only settles on strange objects, as bees do on flowers, to extract what is useful to it.—[Rochefaucand.]

BILL SNORT IN NEW YORK.

The Great Texas Journalist in a Rage. He is Falsely Accused of Writing Harrison's Message.

[Alexander B. Sweet in Texas sittings] New York, Dec. 20.

My Dear Johnny: In your last letter you say that the rumor prevails in Crosby County that Bill Snort helped President Harrison get up that message to Congress.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY PROF. E. A. FACE.

Education of Patrons.

One of the first things to call for consideration in this educational department of The COURIER, as well as in every thinking mind of teacher, school officer and patron alike, is indicated in the above heading.

By the education of patrons we would not, of course, be understood to mean the training which the term used commonly implies, in text books, but the directing into proper channels the minds of those who have children in school.

Quite a number of the best people of all communities (we are glad to say) are now awake to the importance and necessity of proper and thorough school training for their own and other people's children.

This is true to the extent of producing in this and many other southern states an educational boom, but while this is true, and luckily so, it brings with it the greater necessity for mature thought and vigorous but well digested ideas on the part of every parent in the land.

Simply to select, employ and pay the teachers of your school is by no means all, if indeed it be the greater part even of the patron's work. To realize fully the essential need of your school, in other words to consider and understand beforehand, and at all times, just what is necessary to insure the general success of a school, and what will best subserve that end and secure the practical and thorough educational training of each child, is a problem not solved in a moment or without close thought.

The failure of many schools to reach that high standard which the progressiveness of the age demands, is too often attributed to the incompetency of the teacher, when in fact under other surroundings that same effort on the teacher's part would have been eminently successful.

We would not be understood to defend indolent or incompetent teachers, or teachers whose sole object would seem to be gain, nor do we wish to intimate that patrons as a rule are fault-finding or unreasonable. What we do mean is that patrons and teachers should understand each other and harmonize in the great work before them,—that there should be mutual confidence and conference between them and, most of all, mutual support rendered one to the other.

Our experience goes to show that, as a rule, parents when properly approached and informed by the teacher relative to the wants and general interests of the child and school, are usually ready to acquiesce in and encourage any reasonable desire on the part of their teacher, and hence the necessity that they be educated as to the real demands of the situation.

The teacher who fails to consider such training of patrons (if we may be allowed the use of that word) an essential part of his other work, is but half fitted for the position occupied, and often merits the poor success attained. We have usually found ladies more diligent in thus cultivating the patrons than men, and proportionately more successful as teachers. Some often mistake this faculty and its consequent advantage to lady teachers for patience on their part in instructing their pupils. While we would not undervalue the latter qualification we would certainly emphasize the former, as a pre-requisite to success in all schools alike from the highest to the lowest.

The teacher who meets his patrons but casually and seldom, and then speaks to them of the school but incidentally, is a stranger to the golden opportunities he is wasting and is as it were "courting failure," by the course he adopts.

We have written thus in a general way upon this, to us, all important subject, but hope in the near future to have something more to say and in detail upon the same subject,—something that will bring more pointedly what we wish to impress upon the minds of patrons.

Good management is the key to success. Think about your work; plan it beforehand. There can be as

much talent displayed in conducting the affairs of a country school as in managing an empire. Do it for the sake of your school and for your own sake. Many of our ablest statesmen have been trained in this unnoticed, unthought-of school for the development of the highest qualities of manhood. If you despise your present work and resolve to wait for a wider and nobler field before you exercise your talents it is very probable that you may keep on waiting for many years. But if you manage your own particular little out-of-the-way school better than it was ever managed before, you are on the first round of the ladder that reaches as high as heaven.—Texas Journal of Education.

Newspapers and the Schools.

It is a good sign to see so many of our exchanges an educational column conducted by some live teacher. Half the ills that afflict education, half the wrongs the teacher suffers, arise entirely from ignorance on the part of the people at large. If the community is informed as to the school's ills and the work they are doing and the work they want to do, the means and the money will be apt to be forthcoming to help them. It is not enough for the teacher to teach a good school; he must let people know what he is doing, make his methods known, and what are the objects of his innovations.

If our country institutes would ask the editors of their local papers to set apart a column or two each week for educational matter, and then would secure some live teachers to take the responsibility of it, and see that each week it was filled with bright, fresh, educational matter, in a short time our whole State would be permeated with the principles of true education. Put in a paper or two as read before the institute; give short selections from the best educational books; subscribe to a half dozen of the best educational magazines and clip from them freely; of course, give all the local news and point to improvements that are needed. This is the missionary work of education, and if the teachers will take hold of it, we will answer for it that the editor will meet them more than half way.

If Galveston to-day is proud of her schools and magnificent buildings; no small part is due to the faithful work of the Galveston News and its constant endeavors to put the best ideas of Galveston's teachers before the Galveston people.—Texas Journal of Education.

Why Does the Earth Quake.

The earthquake theory which seems most probable, and the one which has the most adherents, is the one which tells us that the "quake" is caused by an effort of internal heat to make its escape through a weak part of the surrounding earth-crust. How thick the earth's crust is would be a hard matter to find out for a certainty. The German government is now at work upon a shaft (if it has not been recently abandoned), near Schladebach, with the object especially of obtaining trustworthy data concerning the rate of increase in the earth's temperature as it nears the interior. The last statement the writer read concerning this shaft said that it was at that time 1,392 metres in depth. The temperature was about 48 degrees centigrade, equal to about 120 Fahrenheit. If it increases uniformly as the depth increases, as it has heretofore, the boiling point of water will be reached at about 3,000 metres (providing the shaft could be sunk to that depth), which is equal to about two miles.

At this rate of increase the point at which platinum melts would be found to be at a depth of 45 miles. According to these figures the earth's crust cannot be more than one-ninth of its radius.

Prof. Newcomb, connected with the Naval Observatory at Washington, said at the time of the August earthquake in 1884: "The only common-sense explanation of an earthquake, to my mind, is that down in the bowels of the earth say from 20 to 100 miles beneath the surface, there is fluid matter, boiling at a white heat, which, as it gradually becomes cooled, contracts, leaving a space between it and the solid parts, and the heavy weight of the earth above the vacant space causes the earth to sink, then you have your earthquake."

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Bill Snort  
Sales and Leases of State Lands During January. Superintendent Rainey's Report.  
Austin, Texas, Feb. 4.—The total number of acres of school, university and asylum lands leased during January was in round numbers 75,000 acres, against 78,000 in December. The leases are scattered all over the panhandle, the following counties containing the lands: Borden, Dawson, Donley, Howard, Cottle, Coke, El Paso, Fisher, Jeff Davis and others.

Following were the sales in January of school, asylum and timber lands by the state: School lands 70,360 acres, deaf and dumb 1520, timber lands 730, orphan asylum 640; total for month 73,250 acres.

The report of Superintendent Rainey of the state blind asylum is just out. The report embraces the year ending September last. During that time the names of 138 pupils, 78 males and 60 females, were enrolled. The health has been excellent, only one death. This is one of the most successfully, honestly and ably managed of all state institutions. Dr. Rainey has been superintendent now nearly fifteen years. He is a thorough gentleman and a Christian. He is just such a man as any parent in the state wouldn't hesitate to entrust an afflicted child to. The same may be said of the management of the deaf and dumb.

Snort—"You are very much mistaken about Texas and the Sunday law. If you say Texas is not a Christian State, you are not well posted in religious geography, Col.

Id.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1890.

The Fort Worth Spring Palace.

The candidate's grip is causing the other article to quit the country in disgust.

Attorney-General Hogg comes out openly and says that he is a candidate for Governor.

The villainy of the Speaker is so apparent that the Republicans, though fools, may read it.

The country is suffering from one species of grip now and will suffer from another later on.

Dont "monkey" with "the Devil" a prominent moral and business precept of The COURIER office.

An exhibit by Houston county at the Spring Palace would be worth a great deal to this section.

Between the grip of the candidate and the other kind the people can't complain if they are not shaken up.

Lieutenant Schwatka is exhibiting in Chicago, what he claims to be cave dwellers. He found them in the Sierras of Mexico.

We can't expect other people to come here and aid in the development of the county, when we ourselves don't do what we can and should do to this end.

S. W. Blount of San Augustine, the last surviving signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence, died suddenly at his home the 9th inst.

Some counties had splendid showings of their natural resources at the Dallas fair. It is not necessary to say that Houston county was not one of them.

Houston county can make as neat, as attractive, as rich, as varied, as handsome an exhibit at the Fort Worth Spring Palace as any county in the state. Will she do it?

Reports to The COURIER from observant and competent judges warrant the statement that there will be an increase in cane acreage in this county from forty to fifty per cent. That means business. Let the good work go on.

The upland farmers of Mississippi are complaining that the negroes are all leaving them and going to the bottom lands for work. They are petitioning the legislature to send an immigration agent to Germany for the purpose of bringing over farm labor.

We publish to day for the benefit of teachers, trustees and the public generally, a circular letter from Superintendent Cooper which fully explains itself. A fully outlined programme for the observance of the day can be had at the office of Judge Davis.

The Spring Palace opens at Fort Worth in May. We propose to keep this fact constantly before the people. Right now it is of more importance than any other. The people should be thinking now of the scope of the exhibit Houston county should make and the best methods for securing such exhibit.

Smith county has never failed to show up splendidly at all the fairs and is reaping her reward in a steady influx of capital and an industrious, thrifty, well-to-do class of immigrants. If Smith is a better or as good a county as Houston, we have failed to see it, or anyone who has personal knowledge of the fact.

How would it do to adopt the Marquis of Queensberry's rules with the Hon. Bill Martin as master of ceremonies during Reed's ruleless reign? The Hon. Bill, though not as hard a hitter as Sullivan, nor handsome enough to turn the head of a sun flower, would always be on hand with a pair of No. 10's.

Five acres in ribbon cane beats twenty-five acres in cotton.

Sam Jones says "the Lord made him and threw away the model."

A pushing, energetic, public-spirited citizenship is what makes a country prosperous.

Meningitis is reported as epidemic at Gainsville. None who have been attacked have recovered.

Mary Anderson and Antonio de Navarro will soon marry. Mary admits the soft impeachment in a published letter.

During the great debate in Congress over the election contest the brilliant but impetuous Mills was confined to his bed.

The Ohio Senate has ousted the Republican Lieutenant-Governor, Lamson, and installed the democratic contestant Marquis.

Fort Worth is to the front again with a pork packing house enterprise. The capital stock is five hundred thousand dollars and it has all been taken.

Two thirds of the counties of the state do not and cannot produce sugar cane—but they offer a fine market for the syrup of those counties which do raise it.

A man, who sits down and makes no effort to help build up the section in which he lives, has no right to complain of the times being dull or the country being dead.

Parnell's libel suit against the London Times has collapsed. The Times proposed and Parnell accepted a compromise whereby the Times paid all costs and besides paid Mr. Parnell \$25,000.

Senator Coke's bill clothing the Federal courts with jurisdiction to determine the question of ownership to Greer county, has been reported upon favorably by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Dick Hawes, the man who murdered his wife and children at Birmingham, Ala., has confessed. He claims that he didn't perpetrate the deed himself, but hired some one else to do it. He will be hanged on the 28th inst.

In their rush to put cotton seed in the ground, it would be well for the farmers to remember that this same soil will produce other things—for instance: peas, cane, potatoes, goobers, etc.

Some one attached a thousand bushels of corn belonging to a Kansas farmer to satisfy a debt. Under the Kansas constitution a man's fuel is exempt from such procedure and in the suit the farmer proved conclusively that he was using corn for fuel, and gained his case.

Editor Imboden and Editor Edwards of the Cherokee Herald and New Birmingham Times respectively, have constituted themselves the sole and exclusive champions of Hogg's and Throckmorton's causes. Editor Imboden thinks that the state will go to "demnition" if Hogg is not elected Governor; and Editor Edwards is of opinion that it will go there if Hogg is not defeated.

The colored people of Birmingham, Ala., and the country adjacent thereto have held a convention and endorsed the bill introduced in congress by Senator Butler, of South Carolina, providing for the deportation of the negroes from the United States to Africa. The bill is not compulsory in its operation but only proposes to extend government aid to those who desire to go. Bishop Turner is outspoken in favor of the scheme.

Verily, the spirit of innovation is abroad in the land, nor is it confining itself to things earthly, but its audacity prompts it to assail what has been received for centuries as settled and excepted doctrines of church government. The northern branch of the Presbyterian church is discussing the question of revising the 3d chapter of the Westminster Confession of Faith touching the feature of predestination. The controversy was started by overtures from quite a number of members to the General Assembly asking for a revision.

Subscribe for The COURIER.

Houston county will have about seven census enumerators.

The COURIER wants the following information: The name and post-office address of every saw mill proprietor, in Houston county; every shingle mill proprietor, in Houston county; every planing mill proprietor, in Houston county; every manufacturer of articles other than the above; every mine owner, if any; every lumber yard proprietor. Correspondents of The COURIER and those interested in the above, will confer a favor by forwarding such information as early as practicable.

A dispatch from Del Rio states that Attorney-General Hogg has instituted suit in behalf of the state against the G. H. & S. A. Rail Road Company to recover land patented without authority to that road. He alleges that the road has received land from the state for eight miles of track that it never built. A dispatch of similar date comes from Sweetwater to the effect that the Attorney-General has sued the Houston & Texas Central for the restitution to the school fund of two million acres of land improperly granted this road.

A Dallas special of the 10 inst, to the Galveston News is to the effect, that the receivers of the M. K. & T. R. R. have made application to Federal Judge Pardee for permission to construct a branch road from Waco to Trinity Station to connect with the T. & S. A. dispatch of similar date from Waco is confirmatory of the one from Dallas. There seems to be little doubt that the road will be built. Judge Norman G. Kittrel is making efforts to get the road to Jewett and thence through Madison county to Trinity station.

The South can never forget the stubborn and successful fight made by the Democrats in the 43d congress against the passage of what is known as the Force Bill; nor can she ever forget that the man who was foremost in that crisis in contending for the rights of the South was he, who to-day is prostrated with sickness that in all probability will soon have a fatal termination. Standing almost within the grim shadow this true patriot, distinguished statesman and tried friend of the South summons' up courage to send to his fellow democrats during the recent contest in the House of Representatives the cheering message "to stand by their guns and fight for every inch." It is unnecessary for us to say the person meant is Samuel J. Randall.

John B. Long and Judge Perkins, both of Cherokee, are candidates for Congress from this district. It has been hinted that Leon county would also furnish one, but of this there has been no authentic declaration. "Howdy" Martin has never said that he wouldn't be a candidate for re-election and we assume that he never will. So with three avowed candidates in the field there is a prospect of stirring times. While "Howdy's" name is not identified with the drafting, introduction, or passage of any great measure, it may be said of him, however, that his views are sound on all public questions, and in full accord with his party, that he is always at his post, ready and prompt to do by vote or act whatever can be done for his party and his constituents. And more: there is not surplus enough in the treasury to buy him.

The Mississippi Legislature has just passed an ordinance calling a constitutional convention to meet in August next. The prospect is that the race question will occupy a large share of the time of the members of the convention. It has been but a short while since General West introduced in the Senate of that state a memorial asking Congress to repeal the fifteenth amendment conferring suffrage on the negroes. There are many evidences, and this is not an insignificant one, that the most bitter sectional contest for years will be forced on the country during the next presidential election. If it were possible to secure the repeal of the aforesaid amendment, the agitation of this question would be of doubtful expediency and as such a result is impracticable and not to be expected, the agitation of it is unfortunate to say the least.

For news take The COURIER.

Beginning Monday the 10th, the Houston Post is published every day in the week. The first edition of Monday's Post is brimming with news from all parts of the world. The writer can call to mind no more forcible and striking illustration of what strength of determination, business tact and business capacity can do, than is afforded in the history of the Houston Post. The broad-gauged, far-seeing business men of Houston, too, appreciate the value of such a paper, and in extending it encouragement do so, with the comforting reflection that such aid will return to them in manifold ways and with multiplied interest.

Hon. Oscar H. Cooper seems to be filling the office of State Superintendent of Education with exceptional ability and satisfaction. As yet no one has had the boldness to announce as a candidate for the position. It is well that no one has, for we very much doubt if there is a man in the state that could defeat him; and we are certain that there is no one that can make near so good an official as the gentleman now in charge of the educational affairs of the state. This is one office that should, be acceptably filled to start with and then let retirement therefrom be voluntary. We have not heard that Mr. Cooper will be a candidate again, but we sincerely trust that he may be.

The readers of the Waco Day are certainly under obligations to that paper for the rare treat afforded them in the speech of Senator Daniels of Virginia on the life and character of Jefferson Davis. The speech is a superb one, every sentence of which throbs with noble sentiments. It will take rank from the start as a classical and finished production, valuable alike, for its statesmanlike handling of the many intricate and complex questions of state confronting the President of the Confederacy, and its vindication of his character and life from the aspersions sought again and again to be cast on them by Northern newspapers and Northern orators. If no other monument should be raised to the great chieftain, a proud and enduring one is certainly to be found in the masterly effort of the eloquent Virginian.

While some are predicting that Hogg will get the nomination for governor and others Throckmorton—there is one man whose foresight reaches away beyond the horizon that hasn't been heard from yet. That man is Thomas Jefferson Gore and he has the best weather eye of any politician in the state. Amid all the party evolutions, alignments and upheavals, the distinguished gentleman in question has never failed to light on his feet. Has any one heard from him as to whose prospects were most promising—Hogg's or Throckmorton's?

This issue of The COURIER contains Mr. Rice Maxey's letter of resignation as County Attorney, addressed to the Commissioner's court, as well as a letter from Mr. Maxey addressed to the public, setting forth the causes which induced him to pursue the course he has. It is with feelings of deep and sincere regret on his part that the exigencies are such as to compel him to tender his resignation as prosecuting officer for the county, and with feelings of regret equally deep, and sincere on the part of his friends and the public generally that the circumstances of a changed condition of his domestic affairs render it necessary for him to do so. To say that the administration of the office of County Attorney has been able, clean, honest and efficient during his incumbency of the same, is but a just, though inadequate recognition of the services in that capacity, of a high-toned and honorable citizen and of a meritorious and conscientious lawyer. The position he has filled has been one of Attorney for the people in the maintenance of peace and the protection of society and he has discharged these duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the public. It will afford The COURIER pleasure to have an opportunity to say as much for Mr. Maxey's successor and we hope, that whoever may be chosen to succeed him, may have the courage to measure up to the demands of the office and the expectations of the people.

If Editor Imboden can spare the time to listen to suggestions we would remark that he had better not "overcrop" himself. He has imposed upon himself the task of electing Hogg for Governor and Perkins to Congress. Let him confine himself to the former and go slow on the latter as "Howdy" Martin is to be heard from yet.

What Our Exchanges Say of Us. The first number of the Crockett Courier, published by a stock company and managed by our old friend Samuel Patton, formerly of Henderson, has reached us. The first issue is as bright as a new pin, both in editorial and typographical work. Mr. Patton will doubtless keep the paper up to the standard. We wish the Courier much success.—Jacksonville Banner.

The "Crockett Courier," a handsome 28 column paper, is the latest acquisition to Texas journalism. Published by the Courier Pub. Co., at \$1.50 per annum.—Jefferson Imprecate.

Crockett's new paper, the Courier, is fine looking and quite talkative. The Courier certainly bestows upon its able editor. We welcome it and send it best wishes. Cherokee Herald.

The Gazette has received the Crockett Courier, a neat seven-column weekly, published at Crockett, Houston county. The proprietors in the salutary announcement 'to be their purpose to labor faithfully in the interest of Crockett and Houston county, and the contents and appearance of this initial number warrant the conclusion, that the enterprise of the publishers will be amply repaid.—Ft Worth Gazette

The Crockett Courier sends out volume 1, Number 1, a 7-column folio, all home print, and judging from the amount of energy and journalistic enterprise displayed in Number 1, it will be crowned with honors and length of days. Its editor is not announced.—Houston Post.

—The Crockett Courier put out its first issue last Thursday, and is neatly gotten up. Mr. Samuel Patton is local editor and manager, and the Courier Publishing Company publishers. It is a seven column paper, bristles with news, and bears a mechanical execution which reflects credit on its management.—Crockett Economist.

The first copy of the Crockett Courier has reached this office. From the beginning it will rank among the very best weeklies in Texas. Hon. W. B. Page, the editor in chief, is an able and vigorous writer, and a gentleman who commands the respect of his fellowmen. He is an acquisition to journalism whom the profession in Texas can feel proud; we need more such men in the business. Samuel Patton, the local editor and publisher, is an experienced newspaper man.—Henderson Times.

The News has received the first copy of The Crockett Courier, published by the Courier company at Crockett, Houston county, and to be sure it is a "thing of beauty" and we trust may be a joy forever. Mr. Samuel Patton, former foreman of the News office is former and local editor of the Courier which is a 7-column, all home print journal. If the good people of Houston county will give the paper the patronage it deserves it will prove most profitable investment for them.—Rusk County News.

Vol. 1, No 1 of the Crockett Courier has reached this office: It is perfectly dazzling in beauty and its editorial get up is to be envied by the Texas journalist. The Courier is published by Samuel Patton, one of the best practical printers in the State, under the auspices of the Courier Publishing Co., and is edited by W. B. Page.—Nacogdoches Chronicle.

The first issue of the Crockett Courier has been received, and is a clean and handsome seven-column all-home print paper. It is under the management of Samuel Patton, an experienced newspaper man. May the new Courier live long and prosper.—Sherman Courier.

The Crockett Courier is the latest newspaper candidate for public favor. Our legislative friend, Hon. W. B. Page, is editor, and the initial number of the paper is a most creditable one indeed. The Index is pleased to have the privilege of exchanging with so excellent a contemporary.—Willis Index.

Crockett, Houston county, has a new paper in The Courier, the first issue having just been received. It is a very neat and well edited paper and The Times welcomes it as a co-laborer for the upbuilding of its town, county and State.—Terrell Times.

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10:30 a. m.	10:30 p. m.	Leave	Paletine
11:30 a. m.	11:30 p. m.	Leave	CROCKETT
12:30 p. m.	12:30 p. m.	Arrive	Trinity
1:30 p. m.	1:30 p. m.	Arrive	Huntsville
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

Our terms for announcing the names of candidates will be as follows: Congress, \$25; State Senate, \$15; Legislature and other County Officers, \$10; Precinct offices, \$2.50. Each name sent in must invariably be accompanied with the cash.

**TREASURER.**

We are authorized to announce the name of S. B. Hallmark as a candidate for the office of county treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic local in primary election.

**LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.**

**French & Chamberlain for drugs.**  
Best five cent cigar in town at N. E. Allbright's.

Leather goods at wholesale prices at the saddle shop.

Judge J. R. Burnett, of Palestine, was in the city last week.

Mrs. N. Gates is off to New Orleans to attend Mardi Gras.

It is reported that another store will soon be opened near Coltharp.

A new lot of \$1.00 and \$1.50 clocks at Spink's, and going like hot cakes.

Mrs. John Paton, of Trinity, is in the city a guest of her sister, Mrs. Lucy Collins.

The little daughter of W. W. Lively, of Grapeland, has been quite ill with flux.

J. R. Howard has just received a line of groceries that he is selling low down for cash.

R. P. Turner and Miss S. J. Peck, daughter of A. W. Peck, were married on the 11th instant.

Ben Blackburn, living about twelve miles northwest of Crockett, died Monday of meningitis.

Don't make a mistake in buying a sewing machine, but buy one of Spink's and you will get the best.

F. F. Smith, has been on a business trip to Huntsville—buying up cattle for shipment to the Northwest.

W. M. Frizell and Mrs. Martha Wolf were married last week. Ceremonies performed by his honor W. D. Pritchard.

Miss Fisher of Waverly and Misses Roundtree and Bowden of Huntsville are visiting the family of Judge Williams.

H. W. McElvly has moved to Crockett for the purpose of educating his children. He is cultivating the Park Hill farm.

An Austin special to the Fort Worth Gazette announces that Miss Saunders, of Lovelady graduated at the State Blind Asylum.

Mr. Matt Satterwhite and Miss Addie Allen were united in wedlock a few days since—W. D. Pritchard officiating as master of ceremonies.

S. A. Denny was appointed County attorney by the commissioner's Court last Tuesday to fill the unexpired term of Rice Maxey who has resigned.

Mr. M. B. Dreeben, one of Henderson's live business men, visited Crockett last Tuesday. He paid The COURIER office a visit where his son is engaged as a compositor.

We regret very much to learn of the death of Andrew Parks, of Madisonville. Mr. Parks, until recently, was a citizen of this county and has, we believe, quite a large property interest here.

J. C. English and family, formerly of this place but until recently of Austin, have moved to Haswell. We presume there are but few citizens of this county who don't know Crockett English and who knew him as a worthy and popular citizen and as a courteous and efficient official.

A private letter from Billy Kirkpatrick at Moscow, Texas, brings the sad intelligence of the death of his sister Mrs. Helen McClenny. She had been married but a short time. She was well known in the northern part of the county as a bright and estimable young lady and her friend will be greatly pained to hear the sad news. Her remains will be taken to Augusta for interment.

Mr. Rice Maxey and wife left for Sherman Thursday night. He and his good lady leave behind them a host of friends who grieve to see them go, and carry with them the golden wishes of every one for a full measure of success and happiness in their new home. There have been few, if any, persons coming to the county strangers, as they did, who have in so short a time endeared to them so large a circle of friends as they have.

Just received at N. E. Allbright's, a fine line of hand made fancy candy.

Misses Hattie Bell Arledge and Gracie Smith were callers at our office last Saturday.

The remains of Rev. J. P. Pritchard were interred in Crockett Cemetery Wednesday evening.

A good fair would be a big advertisement for Houston county. Let us have one by all means.

The engine for running presses was admired extravagantly one day this week as a new fashioned cooking stove.

W. M. Patton, of Tadmor, called on us Tuesday, he was on his way to Galveston to lay in a stock of goods for his house at Tadmor.

When abroad don't forget to speak a good word for your town and county it may be the cause of bringing in many good citizens.

Car load of barb and plain wire just received at John McConnell's Hardware store, which he is selling at five cents. Call and see me.

When you need spectacles remember that you can buy a real periscope ground glass, in best nickle plate frames at \$1.00 and \$1.50 per pair at SPINK'S.

**Attention Farmers!**

Please call at court house yard or John McConnell's and see the New Ground Cotton and Corn plants, made by Moore and Florence, Lovelady, Texas.

**Just Received.**

A new stock of notions, consisting of hosiery, handkerchiefs, embroidery silk, side combs and all kinds of ornaments for the hair.

**MRS. N. GATES.**

We are anxious to see Houston county come to the front in every way possible and if everybody will go to work and help us The COURIER will aid all in its power to settle up the county with good and substantial citizens.

There is now no need of any person sending off for anything in the printing line. The COURIER office is prepared to print anything from a fine wedding card to a poster, in as good style and at prices that can't be duplicated in any city.

Col. R. S. Pridgen sends us a circular of Tom Green Veteran Association. It will meet in Bastrop on the 21st inst. All members of the brigade are invited to attend. The veterans will go into camp at that place and rations will be issued.

We have had the pleasure of witnessing the entertainments given by Prof. Tremaine and can recommend them to the citizens of Crockett as both instructive and pleasing and can safely say that if you go the first night you will not miss the others.

The usually sombre surroundings of The COURIER office were brightened up by a visit on Wednesday from a couple of charming young ladies—Misses Fannie Jones and Mary Nunn. The entire COURIER force were delighted by the call. Both expressed themselves as being desirous of being on the staff and we were in rapport with the proposal. Call again.

Last Saturday while John Yates and Charley Frazier were riding home from Crockett, Mr. Yates met with an accident which injured himself and horse considerably. Mr. Yates had been smoking a pipe and supposing that he had knocked all the fire out stuck it in his saddle-rider, which contained, among other things, a pound of powder, which exploded, blowing the horse about four feet from the road, singeing the hair off of him from head to tail. Mr. Yates had his face pretty badly scorched.

Miss Mary Nunn gave her friends a progressive euchre party Monday night which was a grand affair, just such an entertainment as Miss Mary is capable of giving. Besides the six tables of progressive euchre, there were several side games, where it seems "hearts were trumps," and we presume, with the "Joker" left out, as the parties engaged seemed too much in earnest for fun. After the game was over the guests repaired to the dining room where a delicious supper was served. The nice "Cheese Straws", manufactured by the delicate hands of Miss Fannie Jones, the delicious cake by Miss Mary Nunn, and the ambrosia by Miss Cora Jones proved that these young ladies are at home in the culinary department as well as the parlor.

Mr. Williams gave an elegant entertainment Wednesday evening in compliment to the young ladies visiting her. Those present describe the occasion as one of rare conviviality and enjoyment.

If the I. & G. N. railroad would pay more attention to the building up of the towns along the line and less to through freights there would be a grand boom in every town and the whole country in a few years would be thickly settled and the road would reap a far richer harvest than it now does.

Pleasant Grove, Dodson, New Energy and Chandler's should have post offices; if The COURIER can do anything for our friends in those communities to get offices we stand ready to do so. They are settling up rapidly with an intelligent, thrifty people and ought by all means to have postal facilities.

Those who have read about Jerusalem and the Holy land should go to the opera house during Prof. George R. Tremaine's stay in the city, and see his sun pictures of points visited which are so perfect that it makes one feel like he was there for the moment in reality.

**Want to Buy Pine Lands.**

The undersigned will buy pine lands lying between Weldon and Trinity Station. Titles must be proven up satisfactory. Address, stating price per acre and other particulars. ALEC STANLEY, Weldon, Houston county Texas.

**Hon. Rice Maxey's Resignation.**

To the Honorable Commissioner's Court of Houston county.

Existing circumstances are such as to render my removal from this county necessary. I therefore tender my resignation as County Attorney of said county. Respectfully RICE MAXEY.

Everybody should go to the opera house to-night and start with Prof. Tremaine on his tour from New York to Jerusalem and through the Holy Land. This is one of the most enjoyable entertainments we ever witnessed. The entertainment is both instructive and delightful, but must be seen to be appreciated.

**For Sale or Rent.**

260 acres of choice land four miles from Crockett, on Hurrican bayou, contiguous to the Navarro road. Eighty-five acres of it in cultivation, two good new tenant houses and other out buildings. It is known as the Wesley Christian place. For terms apply to J. C. Zimmermann, Crockett, or B. G. Welle, Marlin, Texas.

We invite the attention of the public to the announcement in this issue of The COURIER of S. B. Hallmark, as a candidate for County Treasurer. Mr. Hallmark has been a citizen of this county for years and has always enjoyed the esteem and confidence of his fellow citizens as an upright and honorable man. We have every reason to believe that if he is honored with the office he will discharge the duties of the same courteously, honestly and faithfully.

An information was made before Justice Pritchard last Sunday night against Joe Johnson for the drowning of his child. Lewis Arledge was also arrested as accessory. They were brought before the justice on Monday and the evidence being of such a nature as to warrant their holding to the grand jury, they were committed to jail. The child was born on Wednesday of last week and was drowned the same day. Willis Dow was deputized to make the arrest. The child was named are all negroes, and the two first named stand in very bad repute in the county. Johnson's uncle was hung for murder several years ago and his father was sent to the penitentiary, where he died.

**Bill McConnell says.**

We have our store plumb full of the latest designs of New Spring and Summer goods and the sweet consolation is that they are all paid for and bought so low that they will sell themselves. Our goods are all from first-class hands, no middle-man gets to finger in our purchases. Therefore be it thoroughly understood, that our goods being from first hands, BOUGHT STRICTLY FOR CASH ARE SOLD STRICTLY FOR CASH. Doing all our own work, no clerk hire or board to pay, no families to support or children to educate—in short no wholesale drainage upon our business that would require an additional profit of twenty-five percent to keep it up—we CAN AND WILL sell cheaper than ANY other man in the Crockett mercantile arena.

Professor Tremaine's entertainment will be postponed until Friday night.

If you want all the news of the town and county you can get it by subscribing for The COURIER.

A prominent Crockett merchant suggests the idea that our town should have a National bank.

Messrs J. R. Edens, R. B. Edens, W. N. Sheridan, J. R. Sheridan, George Whitley, D. W. Martin, Wes Fitchet, R. S. Pridgen & B. F. Pridgen of the Elkhart section of the county have sent to South Carolina for farm hands. They get them laid down at Grapeland for \$25 each.

Mr. W. B. Sterling, state agent for the McEwen piano and the Estey and other organ factories, will make Crockett his headquarters. He sells and ships direct from the factories, with no store rents or clerk hire. Being a practical tuner and repairer, he can refer to his patrons here and not inflict a long list of testimonials from other cities. The best proof of one's ability to do a thing is to do it.

Dr. A. D. Burroughs, of Lovelady, has disposed of all his business interests in that town and has moved to Houston. Dr. Burroughs seeks an ampler and more remunerative field and his host of personal and professional friends, while regretting the course determined on, will rejoice to know of his reaping the reward his merit deserves. Success to you Doc, coupled with the hope that you may live long and that your patients may not be shorter-lived than yourself.

H. F. Craddock, of the firm of Craddock & Co. has established a mercantile business in Burnet. He and his family will make that town their home for the present. We regret very much to lose such a worthy and enterprising citizen as Mr. Craddock and such an estimable and lovable woman as his wife. They take with them to their new home the warm and sincere wishes of every one for their future welfare and happiness. Crockett deplores deeply its loss and Burnet is to be congratulated on its acquisition. Mr. Craddock will still continue his business here and will probably move back at some time in the future.

**New Elections Precincts.**

The commissioner's court has established the following election precincts: Creek election precinct, No. 15: Commencing at the mouth of White Oak creek, thence S. E. to Clark's Bluff Road, down said road to Weldon voting precinct line, thence with said line to Lost Creek, down Lost creek to its mouth, thence up Big creek to the mouth of White Oak creek. Creek to be the voting place.

Holly election precinct, No. 16: Beginning at the Freeman voting precinct line between Holly and Pennington, thence north to White Rock thence west to Dickey, Creek, thence south with said creek to the mouth, thence south with White Rock Creek to the county line, thence with county line to place of beginning. Holly to be the voting place.

Daniels election Precinct, No. 17: Beginning at the N. W. corner of the present precinct line and run with the Augusta precinct line eastwardly to the N. E. corner of the present Owen's beat, thence with the original line south to Bates' Ferry road, thence with Bates' Ferry road westwardly to eight mile post, thence north to beginning. Daniel's to be the voting place.

The following is a list of visitors to The COURIER office since our last issue: James Leaverton, E. C. Creashaw, T. H. Jones, W. H. Thredgill, J. L. Allen, H. W. Allen, N. A. Marsh, J. J. W. Box, J. A. Daniels, F. A. Clinton, Geo. March, S. Hollingsworth, J. R. Burnett, R. T. Murchison, D. S. Williams, D. L. Jordan, Dr. W. H. Denny, J. N. Tyre, J. W. Grounds, Dr. J. L. Lipscomb, Wyatt Stubblefield, W. B. Smith, W. M. Frizell, Bud Kirkpatrick, S. J. Patton, Jas. Langston, Dr. J. B. Smith, S. F. Tenny, A. LeGory, W. E. Mays, F. G. Edmiston, W. H. Denny, R. M. Atkinson, B. W. Neal, Wesley Cannon, Charley Hall, Albert Smith, J. W. Smith, J. G. Ivey, John R. Sheridan, R. C. Hancock, M. B. Dreeben, W. J. Chaffin, W. L. Hill, John Simmons, Charley Frazier, H. W. Balthorpe, J. D. McComb, James A. Hill, J. C. Moore, M. C. Dupuy, J. J. Brooks, E. H. Calloway, John Hail, N. B. McComb, A. H. Wooters, J. B. Harkins, M. M. Bradley, C. M. Ezell, A. J. Belott, W. H. Duren, S. S. S. J. M. Smith, Rev. J. B. Armstrong, J. C. Cuny, W. J. Murchison.

Rev. J. P. Pritchard, Who died at the residence of his son, William Pritchard, February 11th, 1890, was born of English parents in Charleston, South Carolina, September 1806. During his infancy his parents returned, to London, England, where he remained until his tenth year, when he returned, an orphan, to America. In his twenty-second year he was married to Miss Eliza Henderson, of Charlotte, North Carolina, with whom he lived happily until his wife's death, September 29th, 1880. Soon after his marriage he made a profession of religion and joined the Presbyterian church. Two years later he united with the Baptist church, of which he was a member until his death. More than fifty years he was a faithful minister of the gospel. He moved to Texas in the year 1854; one year later he came to Houston county. He served the Crockett church as pastor a number of years, besides a number of other churches in this and Leon county.

Notwithstanding he was more than eighty-three years of age, he continued to preach occasionally, until his last sickness; and on his deathbed his constant theme was the religion of Christ. Six children of thirteen survive their father of whom are, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Henry Leverton, Mr. William Pritchard, Miss Tidy Pritchard, of Crockett, Mrs. Lumy Thomas, now a resident of Florida, and Dr. Tom Pritchard, pastor of First Baptist church, Wilmington, North Carolina.

**To the Citizens of Houston County.**

It is with sadness and feelings of profound regret that I say to you I shall be a citizen of "Old Houston" but a few days longer. However, feeling that a duty to be a widowed mother deserves my consideration first and above all else, I have made my arrangements to leave here this week for Sherman, Texas, where I will make my future home.

Though it be a feeble effort, (For I can't command language to express it as I would like) I feel that I want to say something in appreciation of the kindness shown me by, and the liberal patronage received from the good people of Houston county in the special circle, in my profession, as well as the ballot box.

On the 23rd day of December, 1889, I landed in Crockett and commenced the practice of law, and though at that time I was an entire stranger, never having seen a man, woman, or child, of the county, I was shown such courtesies that I was soon made to feel that I was among friends, and such you have proven to be, and better friends I never expect to find. Being an entire stranger, as I have said, the amount of business entrusted to me surpassed my most sanguine expectations. When I had been here but a short time I was solicited to become a candidate for the office of County Attorney; I felt that it would be presumptuous in me to do so soon after locating in your midst, but on account of the character of the men who urged me to make the race, I consented to do so, and at the polls in 1886 a majority of your honored me with your support, and I entered upon the discharge of my duties as your county attorney. Again in 1888 I was re-elected to the same office. During my official career I have done what I conceived to be my duty, without fear or favor, and if in any instance I fell short of my duty it was an error of the head and not of the heart. I may have made some enemies in the discharge of my duty as County Attorney, in fact, if I hadn't I should have considered my failure to make at least some enemies, an evidence of a lack of the discharge of my duty, for I believe that no man has ever filled the office of prosecuting attorney, but that some one would be foolish enough to fall out with him for an impartial discharge of duty. However this may be in my case, I desire to say that I leave here bearing no malice toward any one.

Thanking one and all for the many kindnesses I have received at your hands, I bid you farewell, hoping there will be none to doubt, when I say I shall ever remember Houston county with most pleasant recollections, and shall never esteem the citizens of any other more highly than I do hers.

Sincerely,  
RICE MAXEY.

The elect are whosoever will, and the non-elect are whosoever won't.—Becher.

Several counties throughout the state held fairs last fall and many proved so successful that they will try it again this year. Why not have one in Houston county? There is nothing that will bring to the front agricultural products of the farmer, as well as fine stock and the mineral and other resources of a county than a fair. We earnestly urge on the farmers to make a move in this direction, and we have no doubt that Houston county will come out far ahead of her sister counties, in other portions of the state, in the way of fine fruits, cattle, horses, etc. Let us hear from the people on this subject.

**Arbor Day.**

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1890.

To County Judges and Superintendents.  
DEAR SIR:—I send you to day a circular advising the observance by all public schools of February 22nd as "Arbor Day." This day has been made doubly a state holiday as "Arbor Day" and "Washington's Birthday." It is impossible now for me to reach the teachers directly, and I would suggest and urge that you have this circular published in the next issue of the weekly paper of the county.

Yours very truly,  
OSCAR H. COOPER,  
State Supt. Pub. Inst.

Thoroughly earnest work is being done in behalf of tariff reform by the New York Weekly Post, which holds that the time to discuss this economic question is now, rather than in the heat of a Presidential campaign. Every issue of the paper contains articles bearing upon some phase of the subject, together with questions by doubting readers, with answers by the editor, all tending to facilitate and simplify the discussion. The Post has been adopted by a number of clubs and other organizations as the best exponent of the subject, and its discussions are conducted in a spirit of fairness which entitle it to the respect of opponents as well as advocates of the revision of a war tariff to adapt it to times or peace. It is a 12-page paper, and contains all the features requisite for a first-class general family journal. Price \$1 per year. Sample copy free on request. Address The Weekly Post, New York.

**From Guiceland.**

EDITOR COURIER.—Please allow us space in your valuable paper in which to note the happenings of our little vicinity.

We have a good moral and healthful community, good lands, good water and a good school, conducted by C. H. Crow, all of which we are and should be proud to boast.

Our farmers just now are attending very enthusiastically to their farms breaking their lands and getting ready for planting time and from the appearance of our surroundings this time is near at hand.

We have seen a sample copy of the COURIER, and forming such a favorable opinion of it can all speak out and say, hurrah! for the The COURIER.

The La Grippe is now raging through our little vicinity, though with this exception the general health is good. PUCK.

**From Sheridan.**

ED. COURIER:—The winter has been very pleasant, but we had a little frost last night after a very hard rain the night before. The La Grippe has not served us as badly as it has some in other localities, but the chills have kept a great many from attending the school regularly; although we have had a very full school. There are fifty enrolled, and we attempted to reorganize the Sunday School, but failed. The first few meetings were promoted, and we had literature for a quarter; still it seemed we were doomed to disorganization. We expect our new preacher, Brother Neel, to preach for us to-morrow, if he does not disappoint us again as

he did last month. Mr. J. J. Brooks, our commissioner, was around last week, and we noticed some of the road over seers at work after that. Some of the teachers were very much disappointed to day by not getting to be at their meeting, but the rain the other night made us afraid to cross the creeks. The farmers are preparing for another crop, but may-be they think it is time, for some are getting uneasy about their hands for whom they have sent to South Carolina. The farmers seem very much encouraged from their unusual large crops last year, so much so that you can see the fires all around from clearing going on. We hear of a few candidates up this way; so you may expect them, soon. We think the candidates will be numerous this term; so we may expect to have happenies all around. M. S. M.

**Tyer's School House.**

EDITOR COURIER.—I have received The COURIER and was proud to receive such a valuable paper. I wish it great success, and from what I can learn from the neighbors it is taking like wild fire. We have a fine school with about forty-five scholars, taught by Mrs. Mattie Luce.

We have preaching on the second Sunday in the month by Rev. Vineyard. He is an able expounder of the gospel. We also have a good Sunday school.

Our Grapeland neighbors wrote the Economist a large letter and we don't want them to forget The COURIER. It too, works for the people.

Our miller and ginner, James N. Tyer, is doing a splendid business with the mill he is managing. He makes the best lumber and has the best timber to make it from of any man in the county.

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**A Winter Night in Bangkok.**

All Missouri will know the author of the following description of a Siamese winter night which The Republic takes the liberty of extracting from a private letter:

The weather this winter is admirable; pleasant days and lovely nights; days of dreamy indolence; nights of heavenly loveliness, seemingly made for poetic fancies. The picket fires of the celestial army gleam in the sky with supernatural brightness, as if a host were encamped asleep in the field of blue around the great, white throne; while the moon, shining like a disk of burnish silver, sweeps across the heaven with her retinue of stars.

It is a heavenly panorama of weird and transcendent beauty, and under it the vast city, with its innumerable temples and palaces, slumbers peacefully, bathed in sheen of the sky, reflected from the river which sweeps past, a stream of living light—all in the midst of a stillness rendered only the calmer by its contrasts with the monotonous chant of the boatmen, raised at intervals as the sweep of their oars break the shining surface of the river.

It is a beautiful picture, but the Missourian who takes the place of minister resident in Siam—A place the present incumbent has been long ready to surrender—will have to reckon with cholera and small-pox, with snakes, fleas, bed bugs and jungle fever—all of which may be properly considered by those who do not join the mind of the poet to the eye of the painter.—St. Louis Republic.

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## BLAINE RULED THE REVERSE.

Ex-Gov. Crittenden Contrasts His Ruling with Reed.

The revolutionary and unprecedented ruling of Speaker Reed in the lower house of Congress Wednesday was the subject of much comment and vigorous denunciation by the Democrats of this city yesterday. Fair-minded Republicans, too, look upon the Speaker's course as one that will act as a boomerang calculated to greatly injure their party. When a similar condition of affairs arose in the Forty-third Congress during the long contest over the civil-rights bill, ex-Gov. T. T. Crittenden, then a resident of Warrensburg, was one of the members from this State. He remembers well the scenes and incidents attending that great contest.

"Gen. Butler of Massachusetts was then one of the leaders of the Republican party in the House," said Gov. Crittenden yesterday. "He was a man of great nerve and ability, audacious, and I think, consistent on any line he took up—those lines were not always consistent however. There were only about eight Democratic members in the House—true blue, bold and determined men—led by Sam Randall of Pennsylvania and Beck of Kentucky. Butler and his cohorts were determined to force that bill of abominations through Congress in order to continue the supremacy of his party and to further prostrate the South under the heels of carpet-baggers and ignorant negroes. The minority was equally determined it should not pass—in fact more so—for that handful of men sat in the Representative hall for 60 continuous hours without sleep and with only such meals as could be obtained on short notice. All kinds of dilatory motions were resorted to, especially roll-call. I think it was called on an average every hour, night and day. The members often awakened from their short naps long enough to vote when their names were called.

"Butler and his partisan negro-philists thought an opportune time had been reached on the second night to pass the bill. His face was ablaze with wrath and fiery indignation—Hydra's furies and gorgeous dire.' He had at that time a personal grievance of some kind and for some unknown cause against Speaker Blaine, and if possible was determined to 'pinion' him on this occasion. Not finding the Speaker in the chair that night Butler demanded a roll-call about 9 o'clock and then had a call of the absentees. Blaine was of that number. It was known to many that Senator—was giving a big dinner that night to the President, Cabinet officers and foreign diplomats. Blaine was invited, and had announced that he would be absent for the evening, and had invited Congressman Burrows, I think, of Michigan to occupy the chair.

"The Democrats resisted the call of the absentees, knowing it was done to direct attention to the absence of Blaine. Butler carried the point to the disgust of Blaine's personal friends, and he had many on the Democratic side. Blaine's parlor for dead. His parlor of the dead and damned as ever trod an American citizen. I don't think I ever saw him looking more handsome and his whole manner showed that he was not unmindful of the personal affront directed at him by the 'gentleman from Massachusetts.'

"As soon as Speaker Blaine took the chair Randall demanded that the clerk proceed with the roll-call. Then, as on yesterday in Congress, the Democrats declined voting. Upon completing the call, Randall made the point of no quorum present. Butler declared, in a boisterous way, that there was; that every seat was occupied on the Democratic side; that, like Reed, he had counted them, and found all present, and they should be made to vote.

"Blaine, in his ever ready, sarcastic way, responded that 'the roll

has been called, the Democrats having failed to vote, I have no official knowledge of their presence and must sustain the point of order—no quorum.'

"This decision enraged the then Republican leader so that he wanted to use physical force of some kind to compel the minority to vote. It was at this stage of the proceedings that Mr. Blaine used that somewhat famous expression 'an army might lead a horse to water but could not make him drink unless he was so inclined.' This enraged Gen. Butler the more, and from some remark he made—not now remembered by me—the Speaker sharply said, in response, that the minority had rights—that it would be an evil day to this country when a minority was deprived of its legislative rights under parliamentary law by a majority. That, he added, should never be said of his administration as Speaker."

"This ruling acted as a successful conductor of the lightning from the doctory champion of the civil rights bill, the House quieted down, and adjourned next morning at sun rise. The Democrats walked out of that hall victors upon the side of justice and the side of the Constitution and the rights of the people North as well as South.

"Now compare this ruling of Blaine with that of Reed, the politician, on yesterday. The one right because it was just, the other wrong because unjust and against every parliamentary or other decision from the mock trial of Pontius Pilate down to Reed's decision yesterday in the American Congress. Such an iniquitous ruling will sooner or later work out its own correction. It leaves the minority in Congress who represent millions of people, North and South, in an utterly helpless condition. The ruling has not a precedent in any legislative body in the world, governed by a manual independent of the sword. Reed's ruling will, in my opinion, so shock the moral and honest sentiments of the right thinking people of the country as to render the supremacy of the Democrat, in the next Congress not only probable, but certain. The present Congress has been in session almost two months and no rules have yet been reported for the control of legislation, which is left entirely to Reed's partisanship and arbitrary opinions. Congress to-day may well be called 'Reed's Rump Congress; executing alone his behests.' How differently did Carlisle act when in the Speaker's chair! He never sought to take the power of legislation from members of Congress. He held the gavel with an impartial hand as a blind justice does the scales of life. I have spoken from memory alone in presenting the account of the defeat of the civil rights bill, and may be inaccurate in some particulars, but am in the main correct, I think."

### GENERAL B. F. BUTLER.

Speech on the Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans.

General Butler arose and said: Mr. Chairman, Comrades of the Army, Gentlemen and Friends: I greet you all with the deepest sense of the honor you confer upon me. We assemble here to speak of Andrew Jackson on the anniversary of that day so celebrated, not only in the history of this country, but wherever the English language is spoken—the anniversary of a battle which demonstrated the superiority of American arms over every contestant. Let me answer a little of the objection which, with great pain, I have heard of Andrew Jackson. He went into the White House with an unsullied character. In every relation of life his name and fame were untarnished. Would that I could say the same of all that have occupied it ever since. [Laughter and cries of "Good."] In every social relation he held high prominence. As a man of polished manners, he charmed when he would, and he frightened when he chose to do so. [Applause.] There is no true American heart that has ever failed to respond in sympathy to the name of Andrew Jackson. His administration was characterized by vigor of performance. What he meant he said, what he said he meant and what he meant he did [a voice: "That's it," and applause], and something was done. We have fallen lately on days when nothing is done and a great deal is said, and very little is meant. [Great laughter and applause.]

Another attribute of his administration was that he believed the Government ought to be in the hands of its friends. ["Good," laughter and applause.] He expected his friends to be loyal to him, and reproached by being loyal to them; nor did he ever examine them in geography, astronomy or physiology. (Great laughter and applause.) If they could do service he did not care whether they could read and write or not. No Chinese performance had any place in Andrew Jackson's Administration. [Renewed laughter.] He did not give to the sons of aristocracy, crammed with a little learning, the preference over the sons of the people.

The next character of his administration was his manner of dealing with foreign powers. [A voice: "That's it."] When France would not pay the debt she had been asked to pay by the administration, a debt of 40 years standing, he told Congress to instruct the Executive, if France did not pay the debt the next time of asking to seize French property in reprisal and sell it, and thus cause the debt to be paid within 90 days. [Laughter.] If to-day a little missive was addressed to Great Britain by a president who is expected to mean what he says—a missive in spirit like that of President Lincoln to Mr. Adams, instructing him to tell Lord Palmerston that another Alabama meant war—Great Britain would settle the Canadian question in about the same time. [Loud applause.] I reverence Andrew Jackson, above all, that he was a persistent enemy of mugwumpery. [Great laughter.] "Tell Calhoun," he said, "that if he heads a nullification movement, by the Eternal I will hang him," and Calhoun did not head any nullification movement. [Great applause and laughter.] Andrew Jackson was the wonder of his age, and will be the admiration of this country as long as the people have their rights, which, I am sorry to say, are passing from them. In the olden days everybody voted, and when a man was wanted to fight, they never asked whether he could read and write. It is very well that a man can read and write, but they never made that a qualification for a man getting into the army and fighting for his country. A voice: ("No.")

When they came to vote as to what should be done with the country they made it a question of reading and writing. [Laughter.] I won't make much objection to that, because it largely deals with the colored men at the South, and as five-sixths of them go to school to one white man, I am quite sure how a majority of the reading and writing will be done there before I die. [Applause.]

But what I complain of now is the device they have got up of which everybody is in favor of except me, and that makes no difference to me. [Laughter.] I follow my own judgment, and my own sense of what is right and proper. Well, there was brought here from Australia—that being the nearest place where such a thing could be taught, and, it being a British dependency, it was exactly fitted for us [laughter], what was called the Australian system. I have examined its results, and I have come to the conclusion that it is the most fitting thing to defraud poor, laboring men of their votes that, was ever invented, and I am going to say so, and I do not care who says the other way. [Applause.] The beauty of it is that the Democracy, who are supposed to have the laboring men in charge, the ignorant men in charge, the poor men in charge, the weak men in charge, and the untaught men in all matters of politics in charge, went in altogether to have this Australian system. They did not know enough about it to know exactly how it would work. It will work so that, although the mothers of Ireland shall have families for the next 20 years of four children to one of the Yankee women, as they have for the last 20 years, the city of Boston will still remain Republican in the lower branches of its Legislature. A man of a good deal of ability and of clear political sagacity sees how it will work in the State of New York—David B. Hill. [Great applause.]

It is said of Julius Caesar that when provoked, he used to repeat the whole Roman alphabet before he would permit himself to utter a sentence.

**Suggestive Facts.**  
The Financial Chronicle publishes a little table which contains a number of striking figures. It puts the wheat yield for 1889 at 490,000,000 bushels; price January, 1890, 85¢ cents; the yield for 1888 was 415,000,000; price January, 1889, \$1.014 so that a crop 75,000,000 bushels larger than last year brings \$2,000,000 less. A crop of corn 125,000,000 bushels less than last year brings \$75,000,000 less.

During the year "protected" industries controlling the manufactured necessities of life were enabled by the tariff laws to form combinations, limit production and either increase price or prevent the natural reduction incident to the increased purchasing power given to money by abundance of food products. The farmer has thus been obliged to give more for less money in 1889 than in 1888, and for a dollar of this smaller amount he has received less in purchasing than in 1888. Subjected to this unnatural process of regulating values, he is forced deeper into the debt of the men who are grinding him—the very men in whose interests are maintained the laws which operate to produce the monstrous injustice of a smaller sum in gross for a large crop than for a small one. If these conditions are not remedied they will react on the very class most responsible for them. All staple business depends almost altogether on agricultural production, and if it is impoverished to the point of bankruptcy the effect will necessarily be felt in all lines of trade. No country can have permanent prosperity when it undertakes to obtain it by sacrificing the farm to the factory.—St. Louis Republic.

### THE RICHEST AMERICAN.

John D. Rockefeller's Wealth Estimated at \$120,000,000.

A gentleman who knows as much of inside Standard Oil affairs as any outsider can possibly know, and who has a closer personal acquaintance with John D. Rockefeller than is usual, even among those counted his friends, makes the following estimate now possessed by the President of the Standard Trust:

Standard Oil Stock	\$40,000,000
Premium on same	58,000,000
Real Estate	10,000,000
Lead Trust	5,000,000
Railroad stock and bond	20,000,000
Natural gas stock	4,000,000
Manufactured gas stock	3,000,000
Steamboat stock (Inman Line, &c.)	1,000,000
Mines in Utah, Wisconsin, &c.	4,000,000
Cash on hand	2,000,000
Miscellaneous	10,000,000
Total	\$159,000,000

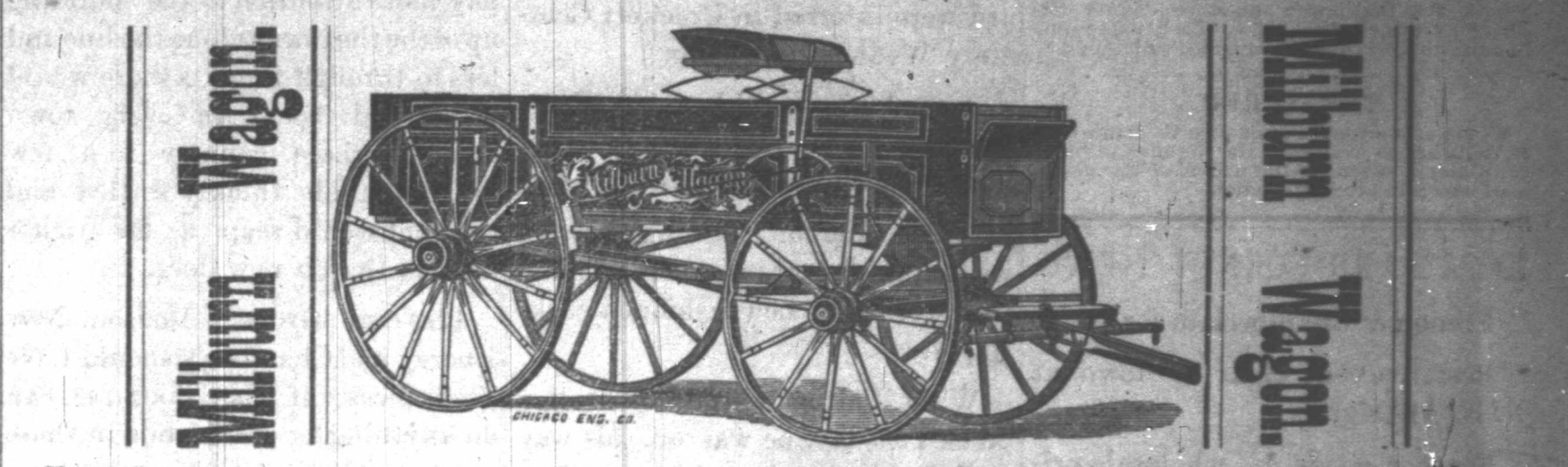
"In almost every case here mentioned," this authority adds, the investment has a large return, and besides this Mr. Rockefeller is a heavy operator upon the market, spending at least one-third of each day giving orders to his brokers and seeing them carried out. With his immense capital and opportunities this opens a mine of wealth that is limited by almost nothing except his ambition. If his health holds out I shall expect in ten years to see him the richest man in the world. In the above I have underrated his wealth rather than overrated it."

There is a good deal more truth than humor in Representative Houck's little joke. He said to Mr. Culberson, of Texas, the other day: "We Republicans have the ideal speaker. He's the best speaker who ever presided over this House. He won't recognize a Democrat to make a motion to adjourn; he won't recognize the demand of a Democrat for tellers, and"—leaning over confidentially—"he is considering a proposition to require the endorsement of two Republicans for a Democrat to introduce a bill. I'll endorse you, Culberson, if you can get anyone for a second."—National Democrat.

A gentleman who arrived in Charleston the other day, says the Charleston, Mo., Democrat, while traveling last week met Sam Jones on the train. In conversation with the Rev. Sam the talk naturally drifted into politics and upon Senator Ingalls' "negro speech," which had just been delivered in the Senate. Said Mr. Jones: "Mr. Ingalls is just like a skunk's tail; all he is fit for is to scatter stench." Mr. Jones, we may remark, often expresses the right thing at a very opportune time.

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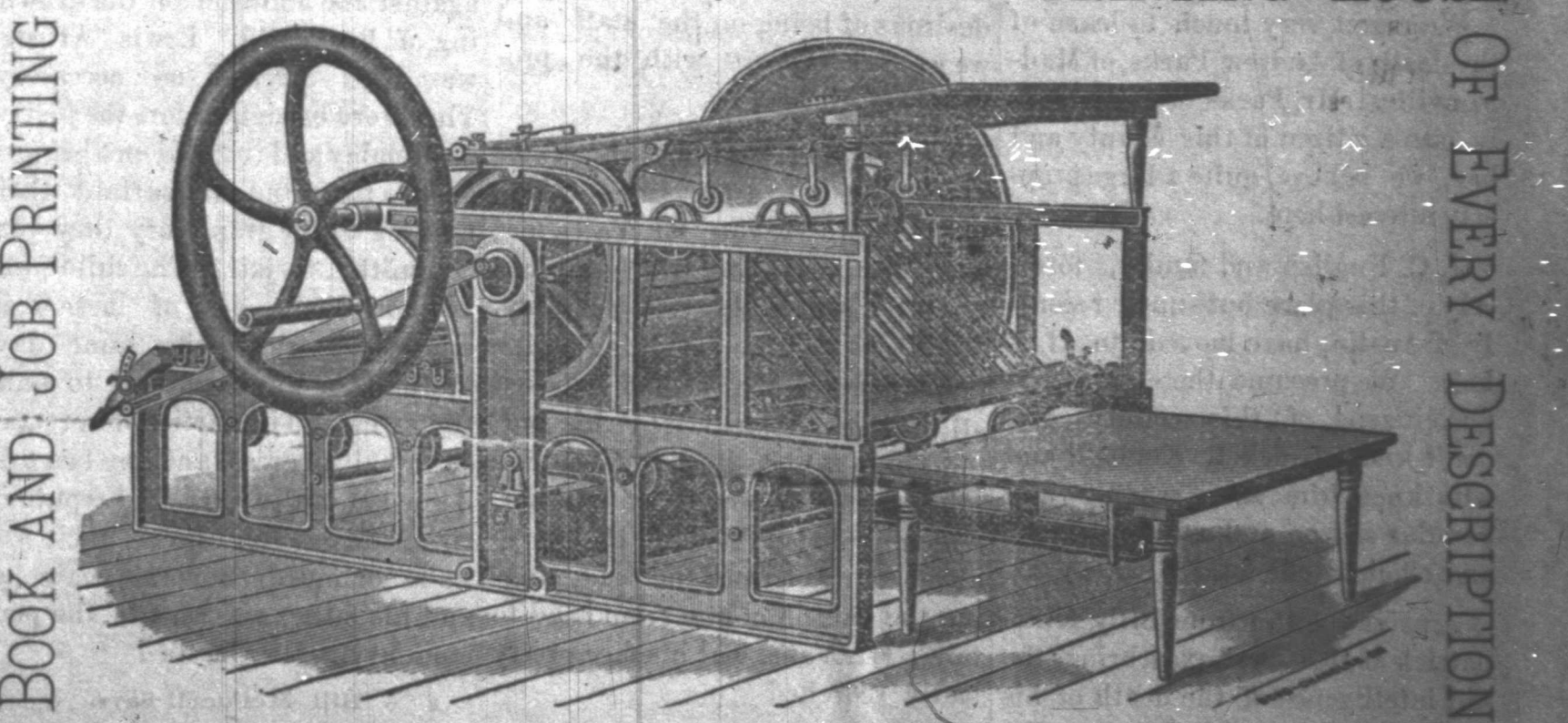
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