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RICE MAXEY, Attorney-at-Law.

(Now Located at Sherman, Texas.) Will attend the terms of the District Court of Houston county, and will be pleased to give close personal attention to all cases, civil and criminal, entrusted to his care.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

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.

BAPTIST.—J. B. Armstrong, Pastor. Services the 1st, 2d and 3d Sundays in each month, morning and evening. Sunday school every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night. Fourth Sunday at Lovelady.

PRESBYTERIAN.—F. Tenney, Pastor. Services every Sunday morning. Sunday school every Sunday. Prayer meeting every Thursday night. Lovelady Third Sunday night in each month.

Young Men's Christian Association. Free library and reading room, second floor Opera House building. Prayer meeting for men only, every Sunday at 7:30 o'clock. All invited. A. A. Aldrich, Secy.

COURT DIRECTORY.

DISTRICT. District Judge, Hon. F. A. Williams. District Attorney, Hon. W. H. Gill. District Clerk, Hon. W. A. Champion. COUNTY. County Judge, Hon. W. A. Davis. County Attorney, Hon. S. A. Denny. County Clerk, A. C. Dunham. Sheriff, F. H. Bayne. Treasurer, M. M. Baker. Tax Assessor, Charles Stokes. Tax Collector, Charles Long. Surveyor, Enoch Broxson.

COURT CALENDAR.

DISTRICT. Court convenes the first Monday after the 4th Monday in February, and first Monday after fourth Monday in September. COUNTY. Court convenes the first Monday in February, May, August and November. COMMISSIONERS. Court in session the second Monday in February, May, August and November. JUSTICES. Precinct No. 1, Crockett, last Monday in each month. W. D. Pritchard, J. P. Precinct No. 2, Augusta, 3d Saturday in each month. John T. Cunningham, J. P. Precinct No. 3, Coltharp, 4th Saturday in each month. J. S. Gilbert, J. P. Precinct No. 4, Lovelady, 4th Thursday in each month. J. C. Sheffield, J. P. Precinct No. 5, Grapeland, 2d Saturday in each month. John A. Davis, J. P. Precinct No. 6, Porter Springs, 1st Saturday in each month. T. B. Henderson, J. P. Precinct No. 7, Weches, 4th Saturday in each month. W. L. Vaught, J. P.

ALLIANCE DIRECTORY.

PRESIDENT OF COUNTY ALLIANCE, J. F. Garrett, Grapeland, Texas. John M. Sims, Vice-President, Crockett, Texas. John W. Saxon, Secretary, Crockett, Texas. SUB-ORDINATE ALLIANCES. Antrim.—D. W. Martin, President; J. A. Hughes, Secretary, Sheridan, Tex. Harmony.—E. N. Marsh, President; R. E. Earl, Secretary, Pennington, Tex. Red Hill.—H. W. Allen, President; L. W. Driskill, Secretary, San Pedro, Texas. New Prospect.—J. N. Parker, President; Ed. W. Davis, Secretary, Grapeland, Texas. Zion.—M. B. Vaughn, President; Yarnor; J. S. Gilbert, Secretary, Coltharp, Texas. Fine Grove.—J. T. Platt, President; E. W. Broxson, Secretary, Crockett, Texas. Egan.—E. F. Dunham, President; E. B. Dunham, Secretary, Grapeland, Texas. Center Hill.—J. Harrison, President; M. B. Mitchell, Secretary, Julian, Tex. Antioch.—C. F. Summers, President; J. T. Roberts, Secretary, Lovelady, Tex. Nevill's Prairie.—N. J. Sandlin, President; T. C. Evans, Secretary, Lovelady, Texas. Crockett.—J. R. Bennett, President; Chas. Long, Secretary, Crockett, Texas. Holly.—J. J. Hammond, President; A. C. Driskill, Secretary, Holly, Texas. Trinity.—C. H. Beasley, President; A. M. Rencher, Secretary, Daly, Texas. Concord.—J. K. Jones, President; John M. Sims, Secretary; Crockett, Texas.

GRANGE DIRECTORY.

COUNTY GRANGE. Pomona—J. W. Barrie, master; J. B. Stanton, secretary; meets first Saturday in December, March, June and September. SUB-ORDINATE GRANGES. Cashell, master; meets first Saturday. Lovelady—D. O. F. Smith, master; W. H. Hart, secretary; meets first Saturday. Nevill's Prairie—J. W. Barrie, master; Bonnett Lupton, secretary; meets second and fourth Saturdays. Foster Springs—J. F. Henderson, master; T. B. Henderson, secretary; meets second Saturday. Bentall—H. Platt, master; J. B. Stanton, secretary. Houston County Central Co-operative Association, P. O. H. meets annually first Sunday in September.—T. B. Henderson, president; J. B. Stanton, secretary.

A DAMS & ADAMS, Attorneys-at-Law.

CROCKETT, TEXAS. Office—Over French & Chamberlain's Drug Store.

Miss Jennie Fox, aged 18 years, of Clark County, Ill., has received a check for 1,000,000 left her by an uncle who died in Texas. Scores of impetuous lovers will now receive a check from Miss Jennie. —Norristown Herald.

Mama—"I wonder what we shall call the baby?" Johnny—"I don't think we'd better call him any of those names papa called him last night when he was crying. He might like it when he growed up." —Munsey's Weekly.

The Crockett Weekly Courier.

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EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

CONDUCTED BY PROF. E. A. FACE.

Graded Schools.

In cities and towns of sufficient size graded schools are the order of the day.

It is worthy of note that among the first indications of enterprise in any community, is the disposition to organize and foster a good school.

In cities and towns of one thousand or more people, such move usually takes form in the establishment of a graded school.

These institutions are supported at the public expense by taxation mainly, and furnish free tuition to pupils throughout the session.

Very few cities or towns of the size named above maintain first-class schools except upon the graded school plan. Where the field is left open to private enterprise alone to supply the demand, the result is usually a multiplicity of small schools neither permanent nor satisfactory in their working.

On the other hand, a place that once establishes a good system of graded schools seldom fails to take and keep rank with the foremost in educational advantages.

A graded school infuses new life and builds up a place more rapidly than any other agency.

It advances a community educationally, morally, and financially. Some have the idea that a tax necessary to support such an institution is burdensome, but this is seldom the case.

A large majority of patrons pay more for half time, say four or five months each session, after the public money due the school has been consumed, and receive inferior advantages, to those afforded by a first-class graded school supported at public expense.

Few, if any communities, where a graded school has once been inaugurated, ever abandon it for any other plan. This itself speaks much in favor of the system. In addition to this is the advantage derived by being able to provide a creditable school building at public expense.

A town of one or two thousand people can easily build a five or ten thousand dollar school house, and furnish a nine months session at not less cost to nine tenths of the patrons than under the present system of having four or five months free school, and about the same length of time pay term in each session, and with eminently more satisfactory results.

Under the present law of Texas a city or town may be incorporated for school purposes alone, without incorporating as a municipality.

Numbers of the growing places in the State are taking advantage of this statute, and it is to be hoped many others will follow their example.

State Teachers' Association.

The State Superintendent's Association will meet at Galveston on Tuesday, June 24, and the State Teachers' Association will immediately follow, holding its session from June 25 to June 27, inclusive.

The railroads have granted a \$5 maximum rate from all parts of Texas. The hotels will give their lowest rates, and for those who prefer private houses still better rates can be obtained. These prices mean good fare and first-class treatment, no distinction being made between the teachers and the regular guests.

The exercises will consist of addresses and discussions by the leading teachers of the State, enlivened and supplemented by good music and pleasant social intercourse. The Alumni of the Sam Houston Normal and Nashville Normal will also hold their reunions at the same time.

The citizens of Galveston will show their visitors every courtesy and attention, and will offer the following entertainments: A barge excursion on the bay; a railway excursion to the jetties, three or four miles out into the Gulf; a grand reception and display of fireworks at the Beach Hotel; a dramatic entertainment by the Historic Society; and a concert, vocal and instrumental, by our musical societies.

Band concerts will be given at the beach every evening, and private parties for boating, bathing and fishing can be made up at pleasure. Nearly one thousand teachers were enrolled last year, and the attendance this year promises to be more than twice as large. —Texas Journal of Education.

The Tomb of Albert Sidney Johnson.

["Town Talk," of the "New Orleans Times, in the latter part of the war published the following: "A lady correspondent, in a recent stroll through the St. Louis Cemetery in this city, visited the grave of Gen. Albert Johnson, and found a written epitaph posted upon a rough board attached to the tomb. In her note our fair correspondent says she was effected to tears upon reading it, and took the trouble to copy it verbatim. She begs us to find out the author, and she should be gratified in that desire if it was possible for Town Talk to do so."]

In Memoriam. Behind this stone is laid, For a season, ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSON, A General in the Army of the Confederate States, Who fell at Shiloh, Tennessee, On the sixth day of April, A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-two; A man tried in many high offices And critical enterprises, And found faithful in all. His life was one long sacrifice of interest to conscience; And even that life, on a woful Sabbath, Did he yield as a holocaust at his country's need. Not wholly understood was he while he lived, But, in his death, his greatness stands confessed. In a people's tears, Resolute, moderate, clear of eye, yet not wanting, In that finer ambition which makes men great and pure. In his honor—impregnable; In his simplicity—sublime; No country e'er had a truer son—no cause a nobler champion; No people a bolder defender—no principle a purer victim Than the dead soldier Who sleeps here! The cause for which he perished is lost—The people for whom he fought are crushed—The hopes in which he trusted are shattered—The flag he loves guides no more the charging lines, And critical enterprises, And critical enterprises, And critical enterprises.

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Call for Congressional Convention. By authority vested in me as district chairman, I hereby call a convention of the second congressional district to meet at Palestine, Tuesday, August 19, 1890, at 10 a. m., for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress, and to attend to such other business as may come before it.

J. B. A. FOLK, Chm. Second Con. Dist.
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Cooke's friends shouldn't be cast down utterly. A dispatch States that Greer county will probably instruct for Cooke.

After Hall's own county, Williamson, falls into the Hogg column, as seems now probable, perhaps he will withdraw.

So far neither Cooke, nor Hall nor Wheeler has carried a single county, while some twenty odd have instructed for Hogg.

Lavaca, Collingsworth, Fannin, Bell, DeWitt, Midland, Runnels, Somerville, Lamar and Henderson counties all instruct for Hogg.

Cooke's aim, like that of Aestetes at the tournament with bow and arrow, is high, his canvass brilliant but it will end in nothingness.

The fact that General Hogg uses a free pass on railroads, and at the same time enforces the laws applying to these corporations, with fearless and unrelaxing vigor, is a splendid tribute to the man's unswerving integrity.

The people of Texas should rejoice and be exceedingly glad to know that there is one public official who can use a free pass on railroads and at the same time discharge the duties of his office with unwavering fidelity.

George Clark, Seth Shepard, Bryan T. Barry and others know that Cooke can't get the nomination; Cooke himself knows he can't get it; then why is he making the race? To look the State convention and defeat Hogg. Such unclean and unworthy ambition will be justly rebuked on August 12.

Dallas parties are building a steamer to demonstrate that the Trinity is navigable. It is called the "Navigator," is twenty one feet long, four and a half wide and draws loaded six inches. Congressman Hare has already introduced a bill in congress asking for an appropriation to clean the river of snags, drift and such like obstacles.

The Houston Post and other anti-Hogg organs have been contending that the results of conventions already held didn't signify anything because they were East Texas counties and were naturally for Hogg for governor. Just the reverse are the facts. The counties that have given instructions are from all sections of the State. Any one who will examine the map and locate Galveston, DeWitt, Lavaca, Bosque, Bell, Midland, Wilbarger, Lamar and Fannin, will see the truth of this.

Some people are wont to look on United States senators as very unlike ordinary mortals, and will be horrified to learn that Senator Reagan and Senator Stewart of Nevada so far forgot Senatorial dignity the other day as to engage in a set-to in regular Tipperary style. It grew out of chaffing which Reagan indulged in at the expense of Stewart in the latter's defeat in his efforts to scotch that Arid Land job which Senator Reagan and Professor Powell have been fathering and nursing since Congress met. The two subsequently made up and embraced and all is lovely again.

Baylor and Childress counties instruct for Hogg for governor.

To see an official riding on a free pass on railroads and failing not in his sworn duty to the people, is a spectacle so rare that it is refreshing because it is rare.

A man, that will lend himself, like Gustave Cook is doing, to the consummation of a scheme to lock the State convention, deserves to be mashed and will be mashed.

The Lufkin Leader has been enlarged from a six to a seven column paper. It is well edited and neatly printed. It is a credit to the town and deserves a good support from the business and reading public of Angeline.

Does the Texas Cartoon listen to suggestions? If so, it occurs to us that an eminently appropriate illustration of the canvass at this stage would be a cut representing the majestic flow of a great river; it rises and swells until its embankments are strained to bursting; here and there are crevasses which a few men are feebly attempting to close; the stream continues to rise and swell; those trying to dam and confine it abandon the job and flee in terror; the vast volume of water bursts through its environments and sweeps everything before it. The discerning reader will easily recognize in this picture that the stream stands for public sentiment as it is now running on the question of governor and those little fellows on the levees working for dear life to restrain it are George Clark, Bryan Barry, Chas. Goodnight and others.

The Republicans of the House have agreed on a Federal election bill, combining three features of the Lodge and Rowell bills, to which there was least objection from the Republicans. It provides for registration and supervision by the Federal authorities, and returns to be made by the supervisors. These returns will be taken by the clerk of the House as prima facie evidence of the right of a member to his seat. The bill is modeled very much after the old Louisiana returning board act. There is but little doubt of the measure passing the House of Representatives. There is some prospect of its failing in the Senate because debate can't be restricted in this body, and the Democratic Senators avow their determination to talk the bill to death, if it takes until November to do so. If talk will kill it, it is to be hoped that every Democrat will talk. In such an emergency what a pity that old Granny Blair isn't a Democrat.

The School Book The evidence becomes stronger every day that the school-book trust is getting ready to put one hand around the throat of the country and the other into its pockets. With the exception of Indiana and Minnesota every State in the union is at its mercy, must accept such books as they see fit to sell and at such prices as they are pleased to dictate. The two States named will not suffer, for the present at least, so much from the evils of this combination, because they made contracts some four or five years ago with publishers of school books under the terms of which they were to receive books at stipulated prices for the period of ten years. At the expiration of that time they will not be able to renew the contract because the bidders have recently become parties to the trust. This organization is preparing to put up the prices of books and it is claimed that after the trust gets to working smoothly prices will be advanced from 35 to 50 per cent. School books have always been too high, especially those used by the great bulk of school patrons. There are thousands of children in Texas who are annually barred from the privileges of a free education because of their inability to pay what seems to be extortionate rates.

Nor is the retailer of such books reprehensible because, in the first place, they come high to him from jobbers and publishers, and again, knowing that with every change of teachers, these almost invariably follows a change of books, he must adjust his figures to cover all loss sustained by having left on his hands a stock for which there is no demand. This text-book problem is invested with many perplexities; it is difficult to say what ought to be done and how it shall be done. Yet nearly all agree that something must be done and done as soon as possible to guard the interests of the people in a matter of great concern. This much is certain, that whatever is done, must have the sanction of legislative action. We believe, as we have said before, that the most effective way of dealing with the evils impending is for the State to publish the books for the primary branches and furnish them to the schools.

Question Again.

The following is a list of the voting precincts of the county in 1888, showing the vote received by L. S. Ross for governor at each box. Since which the following precincts have been created: Holly, Creek and Daniel.

Crockett	487
Pleasant Grove	91
Grapeland	186
Augusta	234
Coltharp	145
Dodson	58
Freeman	32
Lovelady	235
Weldon	87
Porter Springs	71
Boggs	43
Daly	61
Shiloh	59
Weches	89

Hon. Oscar H. Cooper announces that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the office of State superintendent of public instruction. Mr. Cooper will take charge, as superintendent, of the Galveston schools. The names of several gentlemen have been mentioned in connection with this office, prominent among which is that of Capt. Anderson, of Leon county. He is a man of fine character, a scholar of superior attainments, and an educator of a quarter of a century's experience. These qualifications fit him in a high degree for such a position.

The Huntsville Item will please note that THE COURIER makes no claims to brilliancy in its editorial writing but it does to honesty. The article referred to in our previous edition was not a compilation from some other paper, but news items gathered from an entirely different source. If newspaper ethics authorize the Item to appropriate same without credit, all well and good.

Precinct Conventions.

Pursuant to call of the Chairman Precinct No. 1 of Houston county assembled in Convention at the Court House, Friday, June 14, 1890. D. A. Nunn, chairman, being absent J. W. Madden, vice-chairman called the convention to order.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.
Dr. J. B. Smith was put in nomination for Permanent Chairman of the convention and was unanimously elected.

A. A. Aldrich and Dr. John L. Hall were put in nomination for Vice Chairman. Dr. Hall withdrew his name and made a motion to make Mr. Aldrich's nomination, unanimous, which carried.

S. A. Denny, Esq., was elected secretary of the convention.

SELECTION OF COMMITTEES.
After the election of officers a motion was made to appoint a committee of five to recommend delegates to the county convention, on the basis of two delegates for each vote Precinct No. 1 is entitled to.

The motion was seconded and carried, whereupon the chairman selected the following committee to recommend delegates to the county convention to-wit: Joe Rice, J. W. Murchison, John Goolsby, J. E. Downes, and Dr. J. L. Hall. The committee within a reasonable time handed to the chairman the following report, to-wit:

Hon. John B. Smith, Chairman.
Your committee to recommend twenty delegates to represent Precinct No. 1 in county Convention on the 20th instant, beg leave to

The Oil A stupid construction of a stupid, useless, unnecessary, uncalled for law is to be found in a recent order of State Inspector Brown to the effect that merchants can retail kerosene oil only from the tanks in which it has been inspected; that they can't transfer it to other vessels and sell therefrom. This strikes us as red-tapism run mad. Inspector Brown's construction of the act would subject the retail dealer in illuminating oils to hazardous annoyances, if the retail dealer had any respect for the law. But we are of opinion that few of them regard the law, and especially Mr. Brown's late interpretation of it, as entitled to any consideration whatever. As construed by the State Inspector the act is more stringent than those of congress applying to the retail sale of whiskey. Now it is well known that Texas produces no oil and there is no possible chance for our merchants to get hold of any except what is brought from other States. All this is inspected in other States, and if it is not, it is inspected in this State before it can be sold, and we are curious to know why such an absurd and silly view of the statute should be taken by Inspector Brown. We repeat what we have said before frequently that the tax imposed by this law is high and uncalled for, the law itself a nuisance and a farce, and should be repealed promptly by the next legislature.

Inspection Law.

Whereas, there are candidates from this county for State and District offices, and

Whereas, we believe that our duty is first to support citizens of our own county, then fitness being conceded, therefore

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Motion to adopt same was made and seconded, whereupon H. C. Leaverton offers and amendment to said resolution as follows, to-wit:

Resolved, That the names of candidates for State and Congressional offices be printed on the tickets at the primary election and those getting the majority vote shall be considered the choice of the people and that the County Convention shall instruct the delegates to said conventions to support them, which was seconded.

Dr. Archer then offers a substitute to Adams' resolution as follows:

WHEREAS, There are numerous candidates for various State and other offices and it is desirable that our delegates to the various conventions shall act in accordance with the will of the people, therefore

Resolved, That the names of candidates for various State and District offices be placed upon our tickets for primary election and voted for, and that our delegates to the County Convention be and are hereby instructed to use their best efforts to have this course adopted at our County Convention, and further, that our delegates to the State and other Conventions consider themselves instructed by the vote cast at said primary election.

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DANIEL PRECINCT.

Pursuant to the call of the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, the Democrats of Daniel voting precinct met in convention at Daniel. A. J. Belott was called to the chair and I. A. Daniel was elected secretary. Object of the meeting being stated I. A. Daniel and E. E. Barlow were chosen as delegates to the County Convention to be held on the 20th day of June. Resolution offered and adopted instructing our delegates for Hon. W. B. Page for State Senator, Gen. J. S. Hogg for governor, and Hon. W. H. Gill for district attorney, and further that our delegates vote for two primaries as the mode of nominating county officers, and that we favor the primary system for nominating; that we favor from first to 10th of August as the time for holding said primary election.

A. J. BELLOTT, Chm.
I. A. DANIEL, Sec.

GRAPELAND PRECINCT.

The Democratic Club of Grape-land Precinct was called to order Saturday at 2 P. M., by Mr. Thomas Davis, who in a neat little speech explained the object of the meeting after which the following permanent officers were elected:

D. W. MARTIN, Chm.
L. MERRIWETHER, Sec.

On motion it was decided to elect four delegates with an alternate for each, to the county convention. The following with their alternate were then selected.

Delegates. Alternates.
Geo. W. Whitley, Robert Owens, J. F. Garret, J. E. Hollingsworth, Jno. A. Hughes, Jno. N. Parker, Jas. F. Martin, J. H. B. Kyle.

The following resolutions were then presented by Mr. Geo. W. Whitley and adopted as amended.

WHEREAS, Our candidates for county and State offices are numerous and it is desirable that the Democracy of Houston county shall be represented in the State, Senatorial and Congressional Conventions, by those who shall know the will of the majority of the Democracy of the county, therefore be it

Resolved, 1st. That the names of all candidates for State and district offices shall be placed upon our tickets in the primary elections and that our delegates shall consider themselves as instructed by the votes of the people in said primary election.

2nd. Resolved, That we are opposed to the two-thirds rule in all State, District and County Conventions, which shall not apply to national conventions, and are in favor of substituting therefor the majority rule.

3d. Resolved, That we are in favor of two Primary elections, when no one gets a majority in the first.

4th. Resolved, That we are in favor of selecting and recommending a proper one for holding our Primary elections instead of its being left optional with the chairman as heretofore, hence we recommend Mr. J. F. Garret.

5th. Resolved, That the delegates be and are hereby instructed to use their best efforts in carrying out the resolutions.

On motion of J. F. Garret the delegates were instructed to support J. S. Hogg for governor, provided the above resolutions should not be adopted.

On motion, J. F. Garret was recommended as our delegate to State Convention.

The COURIER and Economist were requested to publish the proceedings of this meeting after which the club adjourned, peace and harmony prevailing.

D. W. MARTIN, Chm.
L. MERRIWETHER, Sec.

LOVELADY PRECINCT.

In compliance with the call of the Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Houston county, Lovelady Precinct convention was called to order by the Chairman, W. J. Murchison.

On motion, W. J. Murchison was declared temporary chairman and D. J. Cater secretary.

On motion a committee of five was appointed on permanent organization. J. R. B. Barbee, J. H. Bussell, B. F. Smith, T. J. Dwire and H. H. Larns composed this committee.

During the absence of the committee the convention was entertained by some of the candidates who responded to calls in short speeches and announcements.

The return of the committee prevented any further speaking. The committee reported the names of the temporary chairman and Secretary as their choice for permanent chairman and secretary, and on motion they were unanimously so declared.

Motion carried that this convention elect by ballot, four delegates to the county convention. The following names receiving a majority

of the votes cast were declared the chosen delegates: Aaron Speer, W. J. Garner, B. F. Smith and J. R. Harston.

On motion, the chairman was added to the list of delegates. J. H. Bussell, Samuel Harrison, B. F. Sallas and T. B. Perry were elected alternates. This concluded the labors of the convention which then adjourned.

W. J. MURCHISON, Chm.
D. J. CATER, Sec.

WELDON PRECINCT.

At a meeting held at Weldon June 14, for the purpose of sending delegates to Crockett to represent Weldon and elect delegates to send to San Antonio Conventions the following officers were elected:

J. Nelson, permanent chairman and W. D. Gimon permanent secretary. The following were sent to Crockett as delegates: Archie Adams, S. C. Cabiness; Alternates, W. D. Gimon, E. H. Calloway, Geo. M. Thompson, J. G. Thompson.

The delegates were instructed to favor W. B. Page for the Senate, and Hogg for governor. Also two primaries.

Delegates from Coltharp to the county convention are Jesse Ratliff, C. M. Ezell, and A. J. McLemore.

The delegates from Pleasant Grove are Frank Satterwhite, Dave Webb, Jr., D. L. Jordan.

Delegates from Augusta are John Kennedy, Jeff Eldridge, Sam Hiram, Dan McLean, George Hughes.

The delegates from Porter Springs are G. R. Murchison, W. H. Threadgill, W. G. Brazel, H. L. Burton, J. M. Porter.

Delegates from Shiloh are S. G. Hester, J. W. Goodwin, E. A. Williams.

Delegates from Weches to the county convention are W. H. Rosser and Frank Boykin; alternates, R. P. Robbins and T. J. Alexander.

Delegates from Freeman are J. L. Gilder and C. W. Waddell. The delegate from Creek is G. W. Hackney, Steve Hallmark, alternate.

The School Building.
To THE COURIER—I have read with much interest the communication of our esteemed citizen, Rev. S. F. Tenney, which appeared in your last issue in advocacy of more enlarged school facilities for Crockett. I merely wish to supplement his splendid plea by a word or two.

I have no children to be educated, yet, as a citizen, looking to the public good, I must necessarily feel an interest in all that pertains to the ennobling and higher education of the people, and especially is this feeling enhanced by the fact that I myself was deprived of the benefits of an early education.

In all essential particulars I heartily endorse the views of Mr. Tenney, as set forth in his communication. I am thoroughly convinced that Crockett should be incorporated. Especially do I believe it should be incorporated for school purposes. We then should have a school building to cost not less than \$10,000, which might be raised by private subscription, and a tax to fill any deficiency would not, I think, be onerous or burdensome. If the proper effort is made, I see no reason why we should not have a suitable building erected for the education of young ladies.

The benefits to be derived by Crockett, by the establishment of such institutions can be readily seen. It occurs to me that the erection of such buildings would be a good business investment. My observation has been, that even the erection of one good building in a community, especially a school building invariably gives permanency to, and enhances the value of property. I am of opinion that the moment dirt is broken in Crockett for school buildings to cost ten, fifteen or twenty thousand dollars, that moment we will witness an appreciable advance in Crockett real-estate. It is certainly gratifying to see how so many Texas towns are rapidly growing in point of wealth, population and intelligence.

From one end of the state to the other there appears to be an infusion of new life and the most important towns in the state are receiving great benefit by a persistent clamoring for recognition in the commercial world. The question is, shall Crockett be found at the feet of this great column.

Without unity of action in an attempt to build up Crockett, we might as well never attempt it. Show me a town where there was a want of unity on questions looking to the general welfare and I will show you a town that never made a city.

Show me a town where the people were united in such things, where in the endeavor to establish various enterprises, and inaugurated movements looking to the general enhancement and prosperity, reasonable concessions were made and I will show you a town that will generally get the most of what it goes after. Nothing can be done

without a well directed effort. This effort should be a united and determined one. Other Texas towns and counties are moving, and Crockett must bestir herself. With a splendidly equipped college here, where hundreds of young men and women could be educated, the local retail trade would be stimulated, railroads would be more likely to seek our town and county, and other enterprises would be induced to locate in our midst.

In all these things I have not spoken for myself. In a few years I shall pass out. What I have said is for those who are to come after me.

L. W. COOPER.

WELDON.

There will be a meeting of the patrons and all interested in education at Weldon, June 28, at 2 o'clock, p. m. to try and organize a permanent school at Weldon. Dr. Nelson will also deliver a lecture on education. Also election for school trustees. All are cordially invited to attend and take an interest in the matter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Our terms for advertising the names of candidates will be as follows: Congress, \$15; State Senate, \$10; Legislature and other County officers, \$5; Precinct officers, \$2.50. Each name sent in must invariably be accompanied with the cash.

- For Congress: W. H. Martin, Second District; For District Attorney: W. H. Gill, 3rd Judicial District; For Representative: W. F. Marchmont; For County Judge: W. A. Davis, W. R. Wall, J. W. Madson; For County Attorney: Chester Halle, John L. Moore, O. D. East; For County Clerk: J. R. Howard, T. T. Beasley, J. F. Martin, A. A. C. Dunham; For District Clerk: W. A. Champion, B. P. Little; For Sheriff: M. G. Barker, I. W. Smith, F. H. Bayne, B. F. Holcomb, W. H. Kent; For Treasurer: J. M. Jordan, M. M. Baker, J. B. Ellis, S. B. Hallmark; For Tax Collector: Charles Long, J. R. Filer, J. H. Sheridan; For Tax Assessor: Charles Stokes, W. J. Harlow; For Commissioner: C. C. O. Nelson, Precinct No. 2, B. T. Payne, Precinct No. 3, G. W. Brosson, Precinct No. 4, B. M. Heath, Precinct No. 1, M. M. Basler, Precinct No. 1, J. T. Yer, Precinct No. 1, Richard Baker, Precinct No. 1, J. T. Cunningham, Precinct No. 2, J. J. Brooks, Precinct No. 1, Archie Adams, Precinct No. 1, F. B. Harlow, Precinct No. 1, For Justice of the Peace: W. D. Fritchard, Precinct No. 1, J. S. Gilbert, Precinct No. 3, N. B. Barbee, Precinct No. 1, R. B. Snell, Precinct No. 4, J. T. Hall, Precinct No. 1, Edward Baker, Precinct No. 1, J. C. Sheffield, Precinct No. 4, J. A. Stroupe, Precinct No. 1, R. C. Hancock, Precinct No. 1, W. L. Hill, Precinct No. 1; For Constable: T. S. Brown, Precinct No. 1, J. H. Young, Precinct No. 1, George Walker, Precinct No. 1, John H. Hagge, Precinct No. 1, Eliza Robinson, Precinct No. 1.

LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

French & Chamberlain for drugs. Leather goods at wholesale prices at the saddle shop. All communications should reach us not later than Monday. The Courier and Detroit Weekly Free Press, one year \$2.00. Just received a fresh supply of purest candies, the best in the market at SAM ARMSTRONG'S. A few more pairs of those handsome black and tan slippers at J. R. Howard's. Mode Barber, of Lovelady, was in the city Tuesday, and called at The Courier office. For canned goods Sam Armstrong's is the place to get them cheap. Mrs. N. B. Dailey and Mr. S. A. Lacy, of Lancaster, Texas, are visiting at Dr. John L. Hall's. Everybody reads The Courier. Those who don't take it borrow their neighbor's and read it. J. M. Torrence, house and sign painter and paper hanger. Work solicited. Satisfaction guaranteed. Headquarters for cigars is at Sam Armstrong's. Large stock of best brands. Bananas, oranges and lemons a full supply at all times at SAM ARMSTRONG'S. Eggs! Eggs! Eggs! We want all the eggs you can bring me, at 10 cents per dozen. JOHN MURCHISON & SON. Mrs. Kelley, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Young, of Pennington, were pleasant callers at The Courier office Monday last. I keep on hand at all times a fine stock of toilet and fancy soaps which I sell at lowest prices. SAM ARMSTRONG'S. Car Wheat Bran AT BREITLING'S WAREHOUSE For sale at 95 cents per hundred pounds, by single sack. John M. Smith's saw mill 15 miles east of Crockett. Lumber always on hand. Prices on yard. Heart, \$1 per hundred mixed 75 cents. We are presenting each cash customer who purchases \$10 worth of goods at one time with a present worth from 75 to \$1.50. DeBerry & Clark.

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Miss Carrie Merriweather, of Austin is visiting at W. A. Champion's. Mr. Robert Stokes, of Trinity Springs, who has been visiting Mrs. Ran Wherry has returned home. J. M. Barton, of Smith county, was a caller at our office Monday. Miss Mary Mallard, of Rusk, is visiting the family of Rev. J. T. Smith. W. M. Campbell and son, were in the city Saturday and paid The Courier office a visit. The young folks had quite an enjoyable time Friday night at the residence of Capt. J. H. Wootters. Remember that Crockett needs and must have a good school building and the sooner it is built the better. Miss Lizzie Frank, the popular saleslady at DeBerry & Clark's, called at The Courier office Friday evening. E. E. Smith, one of Groveton's business men, was a caller last Thursday and had his name added to The Courier list of subscribers. One car of choice white corn free from weevil. Also meal kept constantly on hand, fresh from the mills. All cheap for cash by R. S. WILLIS. Hon. T. T. Gammage, candidate for congress of this district, will address the citizens of Houston county to-day (Friday) at 10 o'clock at Crockett. Bread and Cake Baker. Mrs. C. M. Turner, keeps constantly on hand nice fresh light bread, rolls and cakes. The best bread baker in Crockett. Good meals 25 cents.

McEire's Wine of Cardui for Weak Nerves. "Hunt's Cure" guaranteed to cure Itch, Ringworm, Tetter, Eczema and all forms of skin diseases. Sold by French & Chamberlain, DeBerry & Clark, N. E. Allbright, J. G. Haring. Any person buying goods of us for cash amounting to \$1 will be presented with a ticket entitling them to a chance at a \$35 gold watch to be given away Sept. 1st. DeBerry & Clark. Cheatham's Chill Tonic contains neither Quinine, Cinchonin, Arsenic, Strychnine or Mercury, and does not produce buzzing in ears or deafness. Cure guaranteed. Sold by French & Chamberlain, DeBerry & Clark, N. E. Allbright, J. G. Haring. Mrs. Jacobs, sister of Mrs. Charles Long, who has been in feeble health for quite a while, left on Friday evening's train for San Antonio, where she hopes to be benefited. Mrs. Long accompanied her and will remain a week or so. McEire's Wine of Cardui for Female Diseases. A ten thousand dollar school house in Crockett, with an efficient corps of teachers, would call for more ten thousand houses and would be the means of selling lots to those that would come here to educate their children. Let us build it at once. Persons expecting to purchase pear trees for next fall's or winter's planting will save money by waiting and buying of the undersigned. He has 2,000 trees and will sell them cheaper than agents can possibly sell them. They are the finest ever brought to this county. W. H. PAGE. It is a settled question now that Houston county is solid for Hogg. The men women and children are shouting for him and Mr. J. F. Plyler was in our office Saturday and informed us that he had a hen that had laid an egg with a distinct H. on it and that he could construct it to mean nothing more nor less than Hogg for governor. McEire's Wine of Cardui for Female Diseases. My horse, HENRY NORMAN, Norman and Levithan cross, will be at home June 10 and can be found at my ranch until the fall season opens. This is the horse for the farmer, race and draft horse combined. Terms \$10 by the insurance. M. C. Dupuy. Coltharp, Texas.

My place, situated ten miles southwest of Crockett, at old Shiloh camp ground, containing 109 acres, one-half of which is bottom land, sixty five in cultivation. Plenty of water for stock and drinking purposes. One good dwelling and one tenant house. Terms \$700, in three payments. A. B. ROBINSON. J. M. Selkirk, of Grapeland, one of the trustees of the Grapeland public school came down Tuesday morning to hear the Hon. Oscar H. Cooper's address, but like many others was disappointed. Mr. Selkirk informed us that he thought they would be able to get their new school building ready for occupancy this fall. They will erect a building 34x50 feet and will cost about \$1,100.

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School Books, Stationery and School Supplies. FRENCH & CHAMBERLAIN'S.

Miss Addie Blair went to Nechesville Friday evening on a visit. Miss Emma Simmons, of Porter Springs, who has been visiting Mrs. Ran Wherry has returned home. B. M. Petty, of Coltharp, was a pleasant caller at our office Saturday last. Miss Lizzie Ellis, who has been attending school at Sherman, returned last week. News is what we want and if you have no news send nothing as we do not care to fill up the paper with nonsense. Rev. U. B. Phillips and wife, of Palestine, arrived in the city last Thursday morning. Mr. Phillips is the presiding elder of this district of the M. E. Church. Not a dime of money should be expended on the old school building it is money thrown away. Give us a ten or twenty thousand dollar brick. J. W. Simmons killed a chicken snake on Cochino Bayou one day last week that measured seven feet three and one-half inches and weighed nineteen pounds. For liver and kidney diseases the Elkhart Mineral Wells are a positive cure. Accommodations first-class. Elegant hotel, nice bath houses etc. If your digestion is out of whack, if you need a strengthener or an appetizer, try Cheatham's Chill Tonic. It will bring you out of the kinks. Sold by French & Chamberlain, DeBerry & Clark, N. E. Allbright, J. G. Haring. Mrs. Callie Crow, of Groveton, Mrs. W. V. Clark, Misses Emma Brightman and Madie Clark, accompanied by Mr. C. H. Crow, were pleasant visitors at our office last Thursday. Keep it before the people, talk it on the streets, in the stores, everywhere and don't let it be said that Crockett could not erect a new school house and that the whole thing had ended only in talk. The precinct convention which met here last Saturday was largely attended. Two hundred or more democrats were on hand. The method of selecting delegates seemed to be satisfactory to all. Now is Your Chance. Webster's leather bound dictionary 1281 pages of words and definitions, The Fort Worth Weekly Gazette from now until December, and The Crockett Courier one year all for \$5.10. McEire's Wine of Cardui for Weak Nerves. Mrs. H. W. McElvly, was a welcome visitor to our office Tuesday evening. Mr. McElvly moved his family to town from Tador so that his children could enjoy Crockett's excellent school facilities.

Misses Jessie and Willie Rice who have been attending school at this place called at The Courier office last Saturday. They were accompanied by Mr. Richard Douglas. The young ladies returned home Sunday. Mrs. Mat Lacy, and John Shivers will erect new brick buildings on the north side of the square to take the place of the frames now there and W. V. Berry will join them by adding eight feet to the Picwick Hotel building. Let the good work go on. Mrs. Callie Haring, wife of our Wall street pharmacist, J. G. Haring, is in the city and will remain with us. They are boarding with Mrs. H. B. Collins. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Haring to our midst and commend them to the good people of Crockett. For Sale. I will sell at private sale the following described property to-wit: 1145 acres of good pine land situated 7 miles southeast from the town of Crockett on the Crockett and Centralia road, in quantities to suit purchasers. Also one A1 sawmill outfit and planer situated on above described land. For further particulars apply to or address my son, Tony Gossett, at Crockett, Texas. M. M. Gossett. Exc. of A. E. Gossett estate. The I. & G. N. R. R. will sell tickets to the State Teachers' Association at Galveston June 25 to 29th inclusive. Tickets will be on sale June 22 to 25 inclusive, good until July 1st at one fare rate, with maximum of \$5.00. They will also have on sale June 28 to July 4 inclusive, tickets to the National Educational Association at St. Paul July 4 to 11. These tickets are good until September 30th for return. Either of these excursions will be a pleasure to all teachers should take advantage of and many of Houston county's teachers will no doubt do so.

Dr. J. L. Lipcomb and wife, who have been in San Francisco for several weeks, visiting their son, returned home Friday morning last. The Dr. informs us that he had a very pleasant trip and is delighted with the country and climate. Mr. H. C. Leaverton and wife left for Monterey, Mexico, last Saturday evening. Mrs. L. has been in poor health for some time and hopes to recuperate and regain her lost vitality by the change of climate. She will remain away until fall and we hope that she will return fully recovered. "The flowers that bloom in the Spring time, tra la." "Found him sick in the bed with chills, took him." "But Cheatham's Chill Tonic got him up on his feet." "And he now daily sings, while walking the streets." "It undoubtedly cured his shakes, ha, ha." Sold by French & Chamberlain, DeBerry & Clark, N. E. Allbright, J. G. Haring. Any one strolling through the woods south of town, late in the evening, will be startled by the echoes of some one speaking. One would naturally expect that some picnic orator was splitting the air with his eloquence. Quiet investigation discloses the fact that it is caused by the efforts of those who are making their maiden canvass for office, and to prepare themselves for the work of stumping the county next month, repair to this spot every evening and practice. Our people were sorely disappointed on Tuesday that the Hon. O. H. Cooper, who was to have delivered the closing address to the students of Crockett Academy, failed to reach here. We understand the gentleman was detained by very important business. A large audience would have greeted him. Quite a crowd assembled as it was and were entertained by short and appropriate addresses from Earl Adams, Rev. S. F. Tenney, Rev. J. T. Smith and Major Wootters. Ben Lovelady and Joe Seaton, both colored, got into a difficulty last Thursday night which finally ended in Lovelady being severely cut with an axe by Seaton. Lovelady lives on W. V. Berry's place and Seaton went there, it is said and started a row with him, and shortly afterwards started off and Lovelady supposing everything over started for his home and going through the gate Seaton, who was secreted there, jumped out and dealt him a blow with an axe. After the cutting Lovelady fired two shots at Seaton, but missed his mark. Warrants were issued for the arrest of both parties charged with assault and attempt to murder. They had a hearing and each were held in \$200 bond awaiting the action of the grand jury.

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S. B. Hallmark was in the city Tuesday and called to see us. Sam Kyle, of Augusta, is visiting friends and relatives in the city. Miss Ella J. Corley, who has been teaching school at Richmond, has returned home. Col. D. A. Nunn returned home Wednesday morning from West Texas. John L. Moore, of Lovelady, was a caller at The Courier office Tuesday.

Miss Mary Wootters, who has been attending school at Hollins Institute, Virginia, has arrived home. Mr. Enos Simpson wears a happy smile. It is a bouncing big boy and mother and babe are getting along fine. Misses Madel Oliphant, and Ella Robinson, accompanied by Mrs. Oliphant, of Huntsville, are visiting Mr. H. W. Moore's family. On account of a press of matter we were compelled to cut down the proceedings of most of the precinct conventions. Archie Murchison has returned home after an absence of several weeks. He has been visiting friends at Hot Springs, Arkansas. John Ed. Smith, erstwhile a citizen of this place, announces in the Trinity Watchman as a candidate for the legislature. As was expected a grand time was had at the picnic at Augusta last Wednesday. The candidates were out in full force. Crockett is beginning to get a move on her and we hope that the spirit of improvement may continue until the whole square is built up with solid brick buildings. The good people of Wesley's Chapel gave a magnificent dinner at the picnic last Thursday—so say the seventeen candidates that were on hand—and of course they know for they are always hungry as wolves.

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Bill McConnell Says. As potent as the twenty-five percent, or more so, is that lesson known as incessant application—that is to say—the master must stand by the big wheel first, last and all the time. To be closed out. Genuine silk mohair coats and vests for \$4.50, regular price \$7.00. Pure silk mitts and gloves, extra fine, in all colors, for 50 cents worth 75 cents. To be closed out below cost, all opera slippers. Received this week a scintillating line of lawn, black dress goods, swiss skirting, brass alovers, Warner's healthcoats, dress shields, and a full line of fancy notions. Don't forget our warranted \$2.50 ladies' kid shoe, and remember that our \$3.50 ladies' French kid shoes have no superior in America. A full line of groceries always on hand, lower than anybody else. Special—For our toilet soap, it is still on the "lope." Closing Exercises. The examination of classes of Crockett Academy began on Friday last and continued two days, closing on Monday of the present week. The first day was taken up with recitations by the Primary and Junior classes, the last with those of the Academic and Collegiate Music by the pupils of the music class was interspersed between the recitations, and on the whole the exercises passed off pleasantly and profitably. Quite a number of the patrons and friends of the school were present to witness the examination of classes, and all seemed favorably impressed with the advancement shown by the students in their several studies. While such a short and incomplete examination can not always be considered a fair test of the scholarship of pupils, more especially in the case of those in advanced classes, the recitations showed that the pupils had been making good use of their opportunities by their steady advancement in their studies. At the conclusion of the exercises on Monday evening, a gold medal was presented to Miss Grace Smith, by the Principal, awarded by her music teacher, Mrs. Stewart, for the best record and advancement in the music during the session. This prize had been closely

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LOVELADY. Editor Courier.—The popular topic of the day is the double marriage of Mr. Geo. Caton, to Mrs. Mattie Nelson, and Mr. T. G. B. Cost, of Burkville, Texas, to Mrs. D. W. Reano, of this place. The ceremony was performed at the Baptist church Sunday evening last, by Mr. W. H. Hester, officiating. Mr. Cost and bride left here on first train for their future home in Burkville. Mr. Caton will remain with us as heretofore. Twenty-one guests were first Monday night in honor of the event. Miss Epie Brannon, of Holly, is visiting friends here. ALEX.

NEVIL'S PRAIRIE. Editor Courier.—For four some one will think this is a dark corner of Houston county, we write up a few of the happenings. The people of Nevil's Prairie were treated to a delightful concert, given by the Ladies' Aid Society, Thursday, the 19th inst, for the benefit of the Methodist church. This program was as follows: Opening chorus, by class. Impromptu, Miss A. Stewart. Impromptu, by Misses Hattie Jones, Maud Beeson, Sallie Thomas, Alice Stewart, and Messrs. J. W. McPhail and Chris. Nussle. Tablets, "Rock of Ages" by Miss Effie Hart. Recitation, Miss Hattie Jones. Hallelujah, by Misses Viola McPhail and Susie Beeson. Duet, by Misses A. Collins and Effie Hart. "Woman's Rights." Solo and Recitation, Miss H. Jones. Dialogue, Miss Belle Belle and Mr. Cary Hallmark. Recitation, Miss Lela Stewart. Ethiopian play by eight young men. Closing scene, by seven sweet little girls. Intermissions were filled with instrumental music by Messrs. Phil. Robertson, Ralph Lundy and Chris. Nussle. All expressed themselves as being well pleased with the entertainment. Mrs. W. B. Worthington has been visiting her father's family at Daniel's past week. Mr. Sam Johnson, of Paris, Texas, was visiting his relatives, Dr. Collins's family this week. Miss Hattie Jones, one of our most popular young ladies, left for her school Friday morning. Mr. W. B. Collins is visiting the Prairie and took in the concert. Mr. Charles Harp, of Indian Territory, is visiting his brother, Mr. J. G. Harp, and will probably remain some time. PARK STRE.

McEire's Wine of Cardui and THEODORE'S BLACK-DRAUGHT are sold by the following merchants in HOUSTON COUNTY: N. E. Allbright, Crockett; John Harlow, Crockett; French & Chamberlain, Crockett; W. H. Martin, Crockett; W. W. Davis, Augusta; Z. B. Johnson, Coltharp; Paul A. Stewart, Coltharp; Showell & Higley, Grapeland; Campbell & Hill, Lovelady; Wm. A. Matton, Lovelady; R. V. Warr & Co., Lovelady; J. H. Harlow & Co., Lovelady; J. A. Rowland & Son, Lovelady; D. L. Howard, Daniel. LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN. Advertisements under the above heading will be inserted free of charge to all subscribers of The Courier. One small light-bay male, three years old, branded on left shoulder with 2 equal T, with a bar across the eye. One two year old light sorrel male, no brand. Any information leading to their recovery will be greatly appreciated. W. H. Tinsley, Porter, Springs. One brown span pony mare, 22 hands high, six or seven years old, branded T C on left shoulder, mane short and heavy. Also one light bay mare, small size, five, about the year old past, very gentle. Any one catching, indenting with information leading to recovery to send name or call will be liberally rewarded. A. J. SANCHEZ, Coltharp, Texas county. From the undersigned about November 1, 1899, a small white horse, branded J. R. on forehead and neck, with a white blaze on forehead. Will pay \$50 dollars for information leading to recovery. Address: Wm. Stinson, Porters Springs, Texas. DENTISTRY. J. N. GOOLSBEE, D. D. S. Crockett, Texas. Office at DeBerry & Clark's store, South side of Public square.

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FOOLED THE WATCH-DOG

How Representative McAdoo Stirred Up Holman in "Economy Corner."

Washington, May 28.—A good story concerning Hon. William S. Holman was told while the torpedo-boat Cushing was steaming down the Potomac the other day. The Judge has well earned the title of Watch-dog of the Treasury. His hook in the House is known among the members as "Economy Corner." He watches every appropriation bill, lopping off a hundred dollars here and a thousand there, and at times knocking out appropriations that run into the hundred thousands and even millions. He is usually on the qui vive, but once in a while he is caught napping.

The other day while there was a lull in legislation, he went down to the postoffice. Some constituent button-holed him in the corridor and detaining him for a quarter of an hour or more. While he was away the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Zoological Park Bill. It had been reported back to the open House and the previous question had been ordered when the Judge re-entered the chamber. Turning to Mr. McAdoo, who sits near him, he said: "What's this, what's this, eh? Tell me, tell me."

"It's the monkey park bill," Mr. McAdoo responded. "Oh my, my!" exclaimed the Judge; "that won't do, No, no, this won't do. Mr. Speaker, Mr. Speaker!" he shouted.

"For what purpose does the gentleman from Indiana rise?" drawled Tom Reed, in his broad Yankee tone. "I make the point of order," the Judge replied, "that this bill, under the rules, should be considered in Committee of the Whole."

Speaker Reed looked at the Watch-dog in amazement. "The bill has been considered in Committee of the Whole," he finally said, "and is now about to be put upon its final passage."

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the torpedo-boat. Both McAdoo and O'Neil were present, and as neither denied it, it is fair to assume that it has some foundation. At all events, it was well told, and created much amusement. Secretaries Tracy and Proctor were among the listeners. They preserved becoming gravity as long as possible, and then gave way, like Mississippi levees before a flood.—Courier-Journal.

Lime-Kiln Club. The secretary then announced the following, dated at Austin, Tex.: Brother Gardner, President Lime Kiln Club: You and your club are respectfully invited to attend a Mountain Meadow picnic, to be given in honor of yourself and club, near Fort Griffin, on the 4th day of July next. During the festivities negotiations will be renewed in regard to the summer wool clip of yourself and club. Desiring and trusting that a full attendance will honor this invitation, I am, in trade and festivity.

TONGKAWAY BOB. "Misser President, I object!" shouted the Rev. Penstock, as he bobbed up in evident great agitation. "To what do you object, Brudder Penstock?" blandly queried the president.

"To de tone of dat communication, sah! De secretary orter be reprimanded for readin' it to de meatin'." I move dat it be not received.

"Softly, Brudder Penstock," chided the president, as he reached for the letter. "We am invited to a picnic. Anything wrong 'bout dat? It is a picnic given in our honor. Isn't dat all right? Negotiations will be renewed in regard to de summer wool clip of myself an' club. What's wrong 'bout dat, Brudder Penstock?"

"It's all wrong, sah! It's a hit at us—an' insult!" "How?" "De wool clip, sah! He speaks of our ha'r as wool!"

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Silver and Wheat. Why has the price of wheat, cotton and other farm products in the United States declined 35 per cent, while the burdens of mortgages and other obligations have continued to increase? The answer is plain, and easy of demonstration. Take, for example, the article of wheat. Its price has been two rupees in silver for more than twenty-five years without any material change except slight fluctuations depending upon the crop in particular years. Silver in the silver standard countries has the same purchasing power which it possessed before it was rejected as a money metal by the western world. Before silver was demonetized a rupee of silver was equivalent to forty-eight cents in gold, and two rupees to ninety-six cents. A rupee of silver is now worth but thirty-two cents, and two rupees sixty-four cents.

In all the silver standard countries wheat is produced on a silver basis for the same quantity of silver money as formerly, while in the United States and the Australian colonies wheat is produced on a gold basis. The result is that neither the United States nor Australia can compete with the silver standard countries in the production of wheat. To supply the deficiency in her home production Europe obtains wheat from the United States, Russia, India, the Argentine Republic and the Australian colonies.

In 1880 United States contributed 69 per cent of the aggregate furnished by the countries named; since which time the proportion furnished by the United States has been constantly declining, until in the year 1889 the United States contributed less than 23 per cent of the total from the countries named, while the exports from India, Russia and the Argentine Republic, the silver standard countries, were vastly increased. The export from the Australian colonies in 1880 was 13,000,000 bushels, while in 1889 it was only four and one-half million bushels. So long as the United States adheres to the gold standard and produces wheat with dear money to sell in competition with Russia, India and the Argentine Republic, which maintain the silver standard, our farmers must sell in Europe for the price of Indian wheat—two rupees, or sixty-four cents in gold.—Senator W. M. Stewart in Bedford's.

The Money in This Country. How many people know how much there is in this country of what people call "money," how much in gold and silver coin, and how much in greenbacks and other paper currency bearing the stamp of the United States government? Very few. Inquiry at the treasury department discovers the fact that there is, all told, just a little over two billions, or between \$30 and \$40 apiece for every man, woman and child in the United States. Of this a little over one-half is in gold and silver coin, and a little less than one-half in paper of various kinds. Of the metal money about two-thirds are in gold and one-third in silver. Of the paper about one-third is in United States notes or greenbacks, one-fourth in silver certificates, one-sixth in gold certificates, one-fifth in national bank notes and the remainder in various denominations.

But the \$2,000,000,000 of United States currency is not all in circulation among the people. More than one-third is locked up in the treasury building, and that is the normal state of things. One-half of all the gold and three-fourths of all the silver is locked up in the treasury. The circulating medium in use among the people is three-fourths paper, the largest volume being in greenbacks, with silver certificates next, then national bank notes, then gold certificates. But we would not be doing gold justice if we did not say that there was more gold in circulation than any one kind of paper.—Washington Critic.

Like George Washington. The fishing season, with its mine of rich fairy tales, is upon us. County Treasurer Phelps, who never permits the season to get ahead of him, is responsible for the following: A Detroitier sauntered up to a stall in the fish market, and after gazing critically at the pictorial prizes, walked off a few paces and said to the dealer: "Throw one of those fish at me."

"The fish man, with visions of the stranger spiriting away with a fish in his possession, smiled ironically and responded: "Nix. You can't work that on me."

"Oh, I'll pay for 'em," was the rejoinder, and he thereupon laid a bill upon the counter. Then resuming his position at a short distance from the stall, he reiterated his request. The dealer was puzzled, but finally let a big mulligan fly at the queer customer, who caught it with all the grace of Jake Viture grabbing hotly thrown balls at first.

"Throw another," was the command and this was repeated until the customer had half a dozen beauties lying at his feet. "Now a piece of string," was the next order, and he proceeded to string the fish through the gills. When he had completed the task and paid for the fish he started to go, when the dealer inquired: "My friend, what's the meaning of this performance?"

"You will keep it quiet?" "Certainly." "Well, I'll tell you. I may be a mighty poor fisherman, but I'm no liar!" GEN. LORD WHOSELEY LEE.

His Opinion of Robert E. Lee. Gov. McKinney to day received the following letter from Lord Wolesley acknowledging the receipt of an invitation to attend the unveiling of the Lee statue: Rangers House, Greenwich Park, S. E. May 23, 1890.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Frank Lawley has forwarded to me an invitation to attend the unveiling of a monument to the great General and Patriot Robert Lee. I am grateful to your excellency for this kind thought of one who takes the deepest interest in everything that affects the interest and welfare of the American people, of the same stock as ourselves. Speaking the same language, Governed by the same laws, and imbued with the same love of fair play and liberty, it would be unnatural if we were not the same in spirit and inspiration.

Without entering upon any vexed questions, is it not, therefore, natural that all Englishmen should be proud of Gen. Lee as we are proud of Gen. Gordon? Those two were the only great patriotic heroes I have ever known, and I honor them in my thoughts as if they were twin brothers, and both had been my own comrades-in-arms.

It is not possible for me to pay America a visit just at present. I hope to do so, however, by and by, and to revisit Richmond, and which I retain the most interesting recollection. Again thanking your Excellency for your kind thought of me, believe me to be, with profound respect, Most faithfully yours, WOLESELEY.

To his excellency Governor P. W. McKinney, Richmond, Va. He entered an office brave in hardware furniture and paid out \$1 for a slip of paper. The paper bore the number of 40,114 and words that said it was one of ten slips carrying the same number. "Oh," said he, "that I might win one-tenth of the capital prize!" In the days that passed before the drawing took place he walked on air. Once he fancied that it was Delmonico's, with his best girl. He asked her what she would have, and, like a true girl, she said: "A few oysters please," but he waived the waiter aside, in an important way, and cried: "Terrapin or nothing!"

Talk of the Day. The dollar you take in is a dwarf; the one you pay out is a giant.—Atechison Globe. As a child grows older he should grow stronger. Just like boarding-house butter.—Yonkers Statesman.

Father—"Weren't you out very late last night?" Son—"No, sir; I was in very late."—Washington Star. A writer says: "There are some things a woman doesn't know." There may be, but no man can tell her what they are.—New York Ledger.

Doubted—"Do you think your father likes me?" he inquired. "Oh, yes," she answered. "He said he was going to wait up tonight to see you."—New York Herald. "Have you read Longfellow's 'Resignation'?" asked one department of another. "No,"—Washington Post.

Fair Rivals.—Jack—"Do you remember old Lord Grumly?" He died before I was born; but you remember him, do you not, Edith?"—Munsey's Weekly. At the Opera.—Mrs. Gushly—"How that song carries me back to our home!" Mr. Gushly (cooly)—"How lucky! It will save \$3 for a carriage!"—Harvard Lampoon.

Rocks Ahead for the Lady.—"How is your cooking doing?" "Rosa?" "Yes." "Well, the whole house is sub Rosa just now, but there's going to be a change."—New York Herald. "Why is it that whenever a physician is sick he always calls in another doctor?" "Well, I don't know, unless it's because he hates to fully realize what desperate chances he is taking."—Washington Post.

Ernest—"I like that girl of yours. She always seems to take things cool." Jasper—"Take these cool! I should say she did! She took two ice creams and three glasses of soda the other night."—Lowell Citizen. He Couldn't Understand It.—Superintendent of Rhode Island mad house (to visitor)—"Within these walls are confined all the lunatics in the state." Visitor (from New Jersey)—"Where do you get your juries?"—Pack.

Pride.—Little Boston Girl (to recent arrival)—"You jus' come from Heaven, Brudder!" Broder vouchsafes no reply. Little Boston Girl—"Heaven people ain't as smart as Boston people. We can talk."—New York Sun. Stern Parent.—Still complaining of your work, after two or three holidays? What on earth do you want? Boy—I want to be let go and kept at it.—Chicago Times.

"I think the poet might have gone further, and said that not only do we not wed those whom first we love, but neither do we marry those whom most we love." "What's the application?" "Because most people if they wedded those whom most they loved, would have to marry themselves."—Philadelphia Times.

The Land of Small Families. A law passed in France, designed to give certain advantages to fathers of more than seven children, has brought out the facts that in France there are in round numbers, 2,900,000 households in which there has been no child; 2,500,000 in which there was only one; 2,300,000 of two children each; 1,500,000 with three each; about 1,000,000 with four; 550,000 with five; 330,000 with six, and 200,000 with seven or more.

They were talking about near-sighted men, says the New York World. "Did you ever see old man Bowersox?" asked one. "Now, Bowersox was the nearest-sighted man I ever saw. He used to have the delirium tremens, and would have the biggest fights with bo-constrictors, green monkeys, pink rats and that sort of thing that you ever heard tell of. One day he was having a life-and-death struggle with a whole menagerie, and it was taking a dozen of us to hold him. Somebody sent for his wife, and the minute she entered the room she yelled: "Take of his spectacles!"

"We hadn't thought of that, but the minute we took 'em off old Bowersox heaved a sigh of relief and got well on the spot. Never saw a snake or a blinded thing after we took off his specs. Couldn't do it, you know."

"That was a curious case," said another, "but no more curious than the case of my old friend Brayfogle, who was a great dreamer. He used to say that it was his greatest delight to go to bed and dream of his childhood's happy home. But, do you know, gente he couldn't see his childhood's happy home or any of his old folks unless he went to bed and slept with his glasses on."

Of course John's master was charmed with his thrift. Cadley—"What is it your little boy calls you?" Marjory—"Pretty papa." Cadley—"Isn't he rather young for sarcasm?"—Harper's Bazar.

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