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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.  
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**EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.**  
CONDUCTED BY PROF. E. A. PAER.  
The conductor of this department of the Courier will be glad to furnish specimen copies of Educational Journals to those desiring them and will also forward subscriptions to same when requested to do so.  
He makes this offer with the hope that thereby many teachers who are not now subscribers to any professional paper or magazine may be induced to become so, to their own benefit and that of their work.

**CRITICISM.**  
A word about criticism. Blessed is that teacher who is under a constant fire of criticism, and who knows how to use criticisms as a means of personal improvement. A superintendent or principal has no higher or more difficult duty than to criticize the teachers under his supervision. Criticism should be made only after the most careful examination and deliberation. It should be frank and fearless, embracing the good things done as well as those which are wrong. The best adverse criticism is that which brings to light the teacher's greatest fault, for every teacher has a greatest fault. When you are criticized, whatever it may be for, or however unjust it may seem, do not try to defend yourself. Thank the one who made it, and give the criticism most careful consideration. If teachers would spend only half the time in searching for the just cause of criticism which they spend in defending themselves from the same, their progress would be sure and certain. That no man is a good judge in his own case is an axiom in law that holds true in other professions. The terrible dangers of narrowness and one-sidedness are to be avoided by thoughtful consideration from many points of view. That condition is unsound and unsafe on which there is not being evolved a still better condition. The best teachers and the best scholars are those who are deeply conscious of the imperfections of their own work and study, compared with the high ideal which stimulates all their energies. That criticism is the best which faithfully presents a higher ideal and suggests to the teacher steps or means which lead to its attainment. Superintendents often refrain from criticism for two reasons. First, through fear of hurting the feelings of the teacher; second, because of the apparent hopelessness of the case. The first may be easily overcome by a cordial appreciation of the good things done, and by inspiring his teachers with a love for the work and a desire for better things. One of the surest marks of a good teacher is that egotism or self-love is entirely sub-ordinated to love of the work.

Any desiring a copy of the minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting of the Texas State Teachers' Association, can procure the same by addressing J. L. Long, secretary, Galveston, Texas.  
It is generally agreed by all who have given the subject any study, that our public school system is crude, complicated, unequal in its operation, and sadly in need of revision. With the experience of other States as a guide, there is no excuse for further experimenting. The teachers have expressed their views on the subject. These views will be presented to the Twenty-second legislature in a memorial which it can not afford to ignore.

The midwinter meeting of the State Superintendents' Association will be held in Austin, December 30th and 31st. By reference to the program, which may be found on another page, it will be seen that the subjects are well chosen, and that our ablest educators will lead in the discussions. We are authorized to announce that all the principal roads will make a rate of four cents a mile for the round trip to those attending the association.

After months of hard work teachers and pupils all over the land will soon enjoy the needed rest and recreation afforded by the Christmas holidays. Do everything you can to make the occasion one of gladness to your pupils. For the sake of all the Yuletide memories that sweeten your own life, don't sadden their hearts by imposing a long list of lessons that are sure not to be learned.

The following is from State Superintendent Pritchett: "I have received many letters from teachers and trustees during the past two months, asking at what date a child gains the right of free attendance upon the public school, and when he loses that right of attendance. This matter was decided by my predecessor, and was also, I believe, before the board of education. A child gains the right of free attendance upon the public schools the day upon which he becomes eight years of age, and loses it the day upon which he becomes sixteen years of age. The age of the child, and not the fact of enrollment, determines the right of free attendance."

**CUTTING DOWN A BOY.**  
How a Buckeye Schoolmarm Brought a Refractory Pupil to Time.  
I was driving along a highway in Woods County, O., with a man who was selling farming machines to farmers, and about 2 o'clock in the afternoon we came along to a district schoolhouse. The schoolmarm and about twenty scholars stood under an elm tree, about forty feet high, near the house, and in the topmost branches of the tree was a boy about fourteen years old.

"Anything wrong here?" asked my friend, as we halted before the door.  
"Budd Hawkins says he wont and the teacher says he must!" called a little girl.  
The teacher herself then came forward. She was a plain-looking girl of about twenty, with a mouth showing great firmness, and with some embarrassment she explained:  
"It's the terror of the school. He refused to mind, and I started to whip him. He broke away and ran into and climbed the tree. I've been up about twenty feet, but had to give it up and come down."  
"You can't conquer me!" shouted the boy.  
"Budd, I order you to come down!"  
"I won't!"  
"I have sent for an ax, and here it comes," she said, as she turned to us. "He'll come down with the tree, if not before."  
We offered to use the ax, but she declined the offer with thanks, and stepping to the tree she swung the implement around and buried the blade in the wood.  
"You 'dasn't!" shouted Budd from the top.  
"I'll do it or resign!" she answered as she struck several blows.  
At the end of three minutes the tree began to totter and Budd to yell in alarm, and a few seconds later it fell with a crash. I thought the boy was badly hurt, if not killed, and was relieved when the schoolmarm sprang forward, yanked him out of the branches, and while applying a gad with one hand she pulled him into the school-house with the other, saying:  
"Now, Budd Hawkins, you've got to do some of the awfullest begging ever heard of in the State of Ohio, or I won't leave enough hide on you for a flea to bite!"  
He was hard at it when we drove on.

**You Come Higher.**  
YOUTH CHALLENGER.  
Tommy is very hard on shoes and trousers. His mother understands this and governs herself accordingly when she goes shopping.  
One day while out with another lady, she was buying cloth for a pair of pantaloons for Tommy, and ordered a good deal more than seemed necessary.  
"Why do you get so much?" asked her friend.  
"Oh," was the reply, "this is for reserved seats."

**TRUITT'S GREAT COTTON CROP.**  
A GEORGIA FARMER WHO BREAKS THE YIELD RECORD OF THE SOUTH.  
And It Reads Like Fiction.  
Southern Farm.  
101 bales of cotton on 80 acres of land.  
150 bales of cotton on 100 acres of land.  
70 bushels of corn on 10 acres of land.  
20 bushels of potatoes on 1 acre of land.  
75 bales of cotton clear of all expense averaging 470 lbs each, at 9c. \$3,345.75  
1,000 bushels of picked cotton seed at 2c per bushel. 2,000.00  
Premiums at Piedmont exposition 1,200.00  
Premiums at Columbus exposition 700.00  
20 bushels of sweet potatoes at 50c 10.00

Profit for the year \$9,387.75  
Besides corn enough to do for the next fifteen months' use of cotton seed, enough for putting on land next year.  
This is the record of one Georgia farmer for this year, and that farmer's name is George W. Truitt. Here and there men have taken one to five acres, and by stimulating them under the intensive system, have produced remarkable crops. This, Mr. Truitt himself did in 1885 when he made the enormous yield of 7800 pounds of lint cotton on five acres. But to take a body of eighty acres of land and enrich it until it is as fertile as a garden, and work every foot of it until it is as well cared for as a flower bed has never been done before in the southern states to the knowledge of the writer. Surely a crop such as this is a satisfactory answer to every question that can be raised as to the value of intensive farming. With our labor becoming more worthless every year, and scarcer and less to be depended on with each succeeding crop, it is plain to any thinking man that the successful farmer of the future must be the farmer who gets the most to be had out of his land in exchange for the least amount of work, keeping in sight the necessity of annually placing back on the land as much or more plant food than the crop has taken off of it, so that it would be improved rather than injured by this system of planting. Such has been George Truitt's method of farming for the past ten years, and by it he has brought up his farm from fourteen bales (the amount it yielded ten years ago) to 104 bales this year, and has by careful attention to the wants of his soil enhanced its value from \$7 per acre (the amount he paid for it) to \$50 per acre, which it is now easily worth.

But we will let Mr. Truitt tell us how he secured so large a crop. We will begin at the first of the story and will let him tell us how he has farmed this land for the past ten years.  
Ten years ago, said Mr. Truitt this land was worth only \$7 per acre. At that time I heard a great deal of intensive farming and decided that I would try it on eighty acres and see what merit there was in it. The first year I used about 130 pounds of fertilizer to the acre and made only fourteen bales of cotton. As you can well imagine I was not very enthusiastic over my crop or intensive farming that fall but I decided to try it again. The next year I used about 200 pounds of fertilizer to the acre and made about eighteen or nineteen bales. The next two years I sowed the land down in oats and turned the stubble under. In 1885 I used 300 pounds of fertilizer to the acre and made about 52 bales. It was that year that I secured the first premium of \$250 offered by the George W. Scott manufacturing company for the best five acres of cotton. My five acres yielded something like 7800 pounds of lint cotton. In 1885 the land made 60 bales and in 1887 I made 72 bales. In 1888 I made 80 bales, or a bale to the acre. I used on this crop 74 tons of acid and 7 1/2 tons of gypsum. Last year I sowed 60 of the 80 acres in oats and notwithstanding it was a poor crop year I made 85 bushels per acre. In fertilizing if for oats I used nothing but cotton seed, putting on about 30 bushels to the acre.

This year I used ten tons Scott's best acid and ten tons of his gypsum and 2000 bushels of cotton seed. As I have already stated, sixty acres were sowed in oats last year and the other twenty acres were sowed in rye November of last year. In December the cut-away harrow was run over it twice, cutting the weeds and grass very fine. In the month of February I laid off this land with a scotter plow and followed with two Johnson wings, throwing out a wide furrow. I scattered fifty bushels

of cotton seed broadcast over thirty acres. Two weeks later I put 400 pounds of acid per acre in the drill and listed on seed and acid with scotter and Johnson wing. The remaining thirty acres I fertilized at the rate of 500 pounds of Scott's gypsum to the acre—300 in the drill and 100 on each side list furrows.

The twenty acres that was sowed in rye had forty bushels of cotton seed to the acre put on it when the rye was sowed. The rye was cut fine with a cutaway harrow running over it twice and then broke up with square pointed scotter and laid off. I put 200 pounds of acid with the seed on this twenty acres. I did not cut the rye on this twenty acres until the first week in May, when it was the mellowest land I ever worked in my life. It made as good cotton as any of the land and saved one working. The sixty acres first planted was plowed about six times and the other twenty acres was plowed about four times. The whole crop was hoed twice.

A new way we have of plowing is to cross our cotton and get it the distance we want it in the drill. If we want thirty-six inches we run two 18-inch scrapes across, and when we turn the second time we leave a belt of six inches to form the check. That leaves but little work for the hoe to do. If thirty inches is wanted use a 30 inch scrape, and use a short scotter, setting it very flat.  
I cannot give the cost of this crop in detail, but fully one-half of the 104 bales, or fifty-two bales of 470 pounds each, will be clear profit. My tenants this year used about ten tons of Scott's fertilizer to three mules and have made 1000 pounds of seed cotton to the acre. My tenants rent seventy acres from me and will make this year forty-six bales, one-half of which I get for rental. Thus you will see that the land which I have under cultivation this year, 150 acres in all, will average a bale to the acre—the seventy acres hired out to tenants making forty-six bales and my eighty acres making 104 bales.  
Ten years ago this whole farm could have been bought for \$7 per acre. Now \$25 per acre for the whole 500 acres won't buy it, and the eighty acres which have produced 104 bales this year are worth \$50 per acre easily.

I will make this year over \$8000 clear. I secure \$1200 in premiums at the Piedmont exposition and \$700 in premiums at the Columbus exposition. These premiums were given for the county exhibit, which I got up myself, for the individual display on hay, oats cotton and smaller things. Mrs. Truitt secured \$250 on wines, jellies, preserves, etc. She is on her third barrel of sugar this year, which serves to give you an idea of the amount of preserving she has done.  
I will have 1500 bushels of cotton seed to sell this year, which I sold at \$2 a bushel. I have already sold 500 bushels at this price.  
How do you select your cotton seed?  
I take nothing but the best. If I took them indiscriminately I could have kept 4000 bushels this year to sell. I have cotton planted on the Gulf of Mexico every other year and mix the seed with the seed from my crop. This has the effect of making the cotton earlier, and early cotton is always the best and always commands the best price.  
I have adopted a system of rotating cotton crops with peas on land rented to tenants where it is thin, and have found that it works well. The amount of peas you will gather from the crop will pay expenses of cultivation, but simply leave them on top of the soil, as I believe this gives quite as good results.

**CURRENT POLITICAL COMMENT.**  
Ingalls seems to be knocked out in his scheme to hold the Kansas legislature by means of the coyote counties. He had secured claimants in nineteen of these under an absurd provision, but in a late case the court has ruled against them. They are called coyote counties because they have hardly any other settlers. It is not a cheerful prospect for the sarcastic senator.—St. Paul Globe.  
Senator Hoar still sits upon the anxious seat at Washington about his force bill. If his republican allies do really mean to back him up in the end it is cruel to keep

to keep him on the tenterhooks through all this period of perplexed persistence. Whether they aid him at last or incontinently abandon his support, their conduct is alike inconsiderate. They either do not realize how much the senate suffers under such suspense, or they take a malicious pleasure in plaguing him.—Boston Herald.

Samuel J. Tilden, one of the greatest of statesmen, was never more wisely or justly so than when he declared that the government should do nothing for the people which they could do for themselves. That was not only wise but patriotic; and mischief is being done every day by the government interfering in one way or another with the business or the liberty of the citizen. It should attend to its business and let him attend to his.

The speech of Mr. Walthall of Mississippi against the federal elections bill, delivered in the senate on Friday, was a clear, logical and dispassionate presentation of the case from a southern standpoint. Mr. Walthall makes no concealment of the fact that in times past illegal acts have been committed in connection with elections nor does he claim that even now the elections in Mississippi are wholly free from "reprehensible practices and lawless methods," but he does insist with a strenuousness amply borne out by the record that the tendency is "away from violence and lawlessness and toward tolerance and justice." As evidence in support of this position he produces the statement of Governor Lowry to the effect that during the past five years not a single instance is found in any of the seventy-four counties of the state where anybody has been killed on account of politics. The senator's main point is that under circumstances like these, with the reasons for federal interference fast disappearing, if they ever existed, it would be the height of unwisdom to resort to measures altogether at war with the situation and calculated to retard instead of advancing it. Nothing, he holds, can justify an "arbitrary and dangerous interruption of the relations which now exist between whites and blacks in the southern sections of the union," nor can the difficulties of the race problem be worked out by iron rules.—Washington Post.

**Everybody Likes Her.**  
There is a type of girl that everybody likes. Nobody can tell exactly why, but after you have met her you turn away to some other woman and say: "Don't you like Miss Grosvenor?" Now, the reason you like her is a subtle one; without knowing all about her you feel just the sort of a girl she is.  
She is not the girl who is not "too bright and good" to be able to find joy and pleasure all over the world.  
She is the girl who appreciates the fact that she cannot always have the first choice of everything in the world.  
She is the girl who is not aggressive and does not find joy in inciting aggressive people.  
She is the girl who has tact enough not to say the very thing that will cause the skeleton in her friend's closet to rattle his bones.  
She is the girl who, whether it is warm or cold, clear or stormy, finds no fault with the weather.  
She is the girl who, when you invite her to any place, compliments you by looking her best.  
She is the girl who is sweet and womanly to look at and listen to, and who doesn't strike you as a poor imitation of a demimondaine.  
She is a girl who makes this world a pleasant place because she is so contented herself.  
And, by the by, when you come to think of it, isn't she the girl who makes you feel she likes you, and, therefore, you like her.—[Boston Globe.

**THE MONTHS' NAMES.**  
What Each Name Signifies and Why so Called.  
In looking up the peculiar names given each of the twelve months of the year, it becomes necessary for us to go back to the old Romans who have imposed upon us a set of names equally absurd as those which the Norsemen,

Scandinavians and Saxons applied to the week, says an exchange.  
January is named from Janus, the god of doors and gates, because the month opens the year; some say that he is a two-faced god, and could look back on the last year and forward to the coming.  
February is from Februus, to purify. March was originally the first month, and was named for Mars, the god of war. April is from "aperire", to open because the buds open in that month. May is Maia, a goddess. June is from Juno, the patron of marriage, and is therefore, the favorite month for weddings.  
July was named for Julius Caesar, and August for Augustus Caesar. Originally August had but thirty days and February twenty-nine in the common year and thirty in leap year.  
Augustus was jealous that Julius' month should have more days than his own, therefore he took one from February and added it to August.

September, October, November, December are so called because they were originally the seventh, eighth, ninth and tenth months of the year. The names are now inappropriate and rank misnomers as now applied.  
**OLD TIMES. CORN SHUCKING.**  
"Gathering corn with oxen ain't no easy job," observed Col. Wiley, an old-time Southern planter, to an Appal-Valanche scribe, as he settled back in the rocker. "You have to jerk and haw and gee to prevent 'em from pulling their necks off stretching out for corn on each side of the rows, and the man that can drive 'em under such circumstances and not eases is a deserving man, for sure. I've been driving for the boys today, and my old bones ache and my throat is sore from jerking and whipping, and then, besides, corn gathering time is not what it used to be, and it don't bring the frolic and fun of the shucking like it used to; but I don't say a word, for I know if I did some of these youngsters would say 'the old man's liver ain't flopped,' so I just grin and comfort myself by thinking of the day when I was young and of the good times we had then. Corn gathering then was a frolic, for we knew that a good time was coming. The corn was thrown in the crib in them days, but a pig pile was made in the lot, and then the night was set for a shucking and the settlement was gathered in—white and black—and the corn was shucked, put up in the crib and the shucks penned in one night. I've seen a pile of 3,000 bushels shucked and put up in one night, and there wasn't a tired person in the crowd, for there was fun and frolic and songs and dances, and there was 'looking for the last ear' before anybody knewed it.  
"Them old shuckings are things of the past, but the generations to come will never feast on melodies sweeter than the nigger songs of the old corn-shucking days. I've sat at night and listened to the crowds as they were on their way to the corn pile. They always went in crowds and had their leaders, and the young masters would go along to protect them, and they felt as grand and free as they ever felt since the war, and there never has been a gang of snipe-the-war niggers that were so happy as these crowds when they went across the fields saying:  
**A TYPICAL MELODY.**  
Old massa give me holiday,  
He says he'll give me more;  
As I shucked my best from shore,  
Oh, my dearest May!  
You're lovely as the day,  
Your eyes so bright,  
They shine at night  
When the moon am gone away.  
"And then over the river you'd hear the big chain lumber on the bottom of the canoe, and as the boatman pulled out from shore you'd hear another crowd join in chorus and sing:  
Then row away, row,  
O'er the water so blue,  
Like the feather we a float  
In our gum tree canoe.  
"But the climax was at the corn pile. With 200 or 300 negroes at the foot of the corn pile, as a big as a house, a leader would start off with "I will start the holler," and the rest would come in with "Bogelo." If ran thus:  
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Bogelo!  
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"Gathering corn with oxen ain't no easy job," observed Col. Wiley, an old-time Southern planter, to an Appal-Valanche scribe, as he settled back in the rocker. "You have to jerk and haw and gee to prevent 'em from pulling their necks off stretching out for corn on each side of the rows, and the man that can drive 'em under such circumstances and not eases is a deserving man, for sure. I've been driving for the boys today, and my old bones ache and my throat is sore from jerking and whipping, and then, besides, corn gathering time is not what it used to be, and it don't bring the frolic and fun of the shucking like it used to; but I don't say a word, for I know if I did some of these youngsters would say 'the old man's liver ain't flopped,' so I just grin and comfort myself by thinking of the day when I was young and of the good times we had then. Corn gathering then was a frolic, for we knew that a good time was coming. The corn was thrown in the crib in them days, but a pig pile was made in the lot, and then the night was set for a shucking and the settlement was gathered in—white and black—and the corn was shucked, put up in the crib and the shucks penned in one night. I've seen a pile of 3,000 bushels shucked and put up in one night, and there wasn't a tired person in the crowd, for there was fun and frolic and songs and dances, and there was 'looking for the last ear' before anybody knewed it.  
"Them old shuckings are things of the past, but the generations to come will never feast on melodies sweeter than the nigger songs of the old corn-shucking days. I've sat at night and listened to the crowds as they were on their way to the corn pile. They always went in crowds and had their leaders, and the young masters would go along to protect them, and they felt as grand and free as they ever felt since the war, and there never has been a gang of snipe-the-war niggers that were so happy as these crowds when they went across the fields saying:  
**A TYPICAL MELODY.**  
Old massa give me holiday,  
He says he'll give me more;  
As I shucked my best from shore,  
Oh, my dearest May!  
You're lovely as the day,  
Your eyes so bright,  
They shine at night  
When the moon am gone away.  
"And then over the river you'd hear the big chain lumber on the bottom of the canoe, and as the boatman pulled out from shore you'd hear another crowd join in chorus and sing:  
Then row away, row,  
O'er the water so blue,  
Like the feather we a float  
In our gum tree canoe.  
"But the climax was at the corn pile. With 200 or 300 negroes at the foot of the corn pile, as a big as a house, a leader would start off with "I will start the holler," and the rest would come in with "Bogelo." If ran thus:  
I will start the holler,  
Bogelo!  
I will start the holler,  
Bogelo!

Looking for the last ear,  
Bougamalango!  
Looking for the last ear,  
Bougamalango!  
Round up the corn boys,  
Bougamalango!  
Round up the corn pile,  
Bougamalango!  
"Then there was scrambling for the work was over and the frolic begun. The crowd would gather round the owner of the corn, and he was lifted on the shoulders of strong niggers and all would follow behind, singing in their own way as the march was continued to and around the house and then to where a bountiful feast was in waiting on the tables prepared in the yard.  
"The tables were full, and the niggers would eat awhile, and sing awhile, and then return to eat again. Here would be a crowd patting and dancing, other crowds would wrestle and box, while others would gather in the background and sing the songs they loved to sing. I love them old niggers, and I loved the old-time niggers, for I never seed a singing nigger that was mean."  
The seasons are the same now. The cotton patches grow white, as they used to, but the old-time nigger, as he runs across a late watermelon in the grass around some stump and grabs it, and breaks it open on his knee, and scoops out the meat with his hands, and thrusts it into a mouth that is always ready to smile, is not here. Corn-gathering time gives no hope of a good time to come, and it's work—sure enough work—and business, business all the time.  
WILE D. LEE.  
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It has been observed by astronomers that the appearance of spots on the sun are coincident with meteorological phenomena, and that cyclones, tornadoes, water spouts and earthquakes are more frequent or are entirely coincident with the solar disturbances. It is also ascertained that these spots are the result of bodies falling into the sun, and that the disturbance affects the telegraph wires on this planet. Mr. Edison, considering all these data, has conceived an idea of the most marvelous enterprise. It is the project of making it possible to hear the sounds which the falling bodies make on the sun. In New Jersey there is a hill containing many tons of magnetic ore. This he has encircled with many miles of wire, and he proposes, by means of electric currents, to register on this apparatus the disturbance, as the vibrations affect our atmosphere, and by connecting these wires with a gigantic phonograph, to listen to the sounds that occur in the sun's atmosphere.  
—Electric World.  
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**OLD**  
news papers for sale at this office at 25 cents per hundred.

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**S. C. ARLEDGE,**  
Leading House in Crockett for all Lines of Groceries, Fancy and Staple. Keep constantly on hand a large supply of Salt, Hardware, Etc.  
My goods are always fresh and of THE VERY BEST QUALITY.

Oh, don't you hear me holler?  
Bogelo!  
Massa's got a bugle.  
Bogelo.  
A ten-cent bugle,  
Bogelo.  
"And on and on that leader would call and the crowd would answer till they would want a change, which was indicated by throwing corn at the caller, and it never failed to bring him down, and then another leader would mount the pile, and he had something on the same style but never the same tune, and thus the night would wear along and the pile of unshucked corn diminish. The lively time would come when the pile began to grow small, and they'd begin to yell:  
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1890.

Houston county the gold medal county.

Houston county leads all counties in variety of soils.

Houston county leads all counties in soil adapted to the growth of fruits and vegetables.

Houston county invites capital and immigration.

Houston county leads all counties in native woods adapted to manufacturing purposes.

Houston county leads all counties in the number and volume of flowing streams.

Houston County cane growers will have a hundred thousand gallons choice ribbon syrup for sale this season.

The stock-law proposition has been defeated by about five to one.

Every precinct is expected to have delegates at Crockett on the 3d.

The razor-back is still monarch of the East Texas forest.

Who will now dare say that the razor-back has no friends?

There is land enough in Houston county to support a population of 150,000 people, and yet we have only about 20,000.

Every voting box in the county should send up delegates to the county convention on the 3d.

When Crockett gets that fifteen thousand dollar school-building, the old town will hum.

The re-appointment bill, fixing the number of congressmen at 356 has passed the house. Texas gains two under it.

Those who took to the woods when the hog-law election was ordered-can emerge therefrom, as he storm is over.

The reason that West Texas gets more capital and immigration than East Texas is that they work for them out there with tireless energy.

An ingrate may always be depended on to give to those who have befriended him the kindest and deepest thrust.

If you are willing to help perfect an organization that has for its object the development of Houston county, show it by going out to the precinct conventions on next Saturday.

The Houston county razor-back can now sing in the language of Robinson Crusoe, slightly varied: "I am monarch of all I survey, there is none my way to dispute, I will roam wherever I may, I'll graze, I'll graze and I'll root."

Don't wait for a few men to do all, but roll up your sleeves and help. The whole county and every precinct and every man are interested in the success of the Development Association. So come out.

If the most of us would labor for the good of the county with but half the zeal and energy that are thrown into political campaigns, the next census would show a population of forty thousand people in Houston county.

We hope the country precincts will not lie back and wait for Crockett to do all that is to be done in the organization of the Development Association. Come to the front and send up delegates to the convention on the 3d.

The enterprising citizen loses sight of his own personal advancement and gain, and makes that of his town and county paramount to all else. How many such in Crockett and Houston County?

The convention which has been called to meet at Crockett on January 3d, if well attended, can do more for the county than all the political conventions which may assemble here during the next ten years. Will the precincts send delegates?

The man who sinks every consideration of public good in that of his own personal selfish aggrandizement, is worth very little to a community or county, except to count as one when the census enumerators comes around.

The man, who strives to keep alive the factional divisions growing out of politics in this county, hasn't got as much brains as can be found in an ordinary-sized hickory-nut and a faulty one at that.

Houston county has land sufficient to produce one hundred and fifty thousand bales of cotton, and yet doesn't make exceeding eighteen. Reason, haven't got the people to cultivate it. A Development Association can help to get them here. Join in and make the organization a success.

Editor Milner of the Henderson Times can surpass the famed wonder-working feats of the Hindoo fakirs, for no one of them has ever yet been known to accomplish the marvelous performance of swallowing himself and actually and absolutely disappearing.

If a man feels any pride in his county, or cherishes any desire or hope to have her move up to the head of the procession where her great natural advantages entitle her to be, let him demonstrate it on Saturday next by attending the precinct conventions.

A Crockett merchant took in over the counter during the week a five dollar treasury note on the back of which around the open oval space was the following inscription which to those of a sermonizing or philosophic turn of mind will suggest a serious train of reflections: "This is the last of a fortune. Beware of cards, women and whiskey."

There are native woods enough in Houston county to make the vehicles, the agricultural implements and the furniture for the entire state for years and years, and yet these facts are not known outside of the county. It will be the province of the Development Association to advertise these things. So help organize it.

The souvenir edition of the Memphis Appeal-Avalanche is a magnificent production in every respect. It is something to keep. The illustrations are superb and would be a credit to a strictly art journal. Some of the faces and all of the scenes are familiar to the writer, and are vividly suggestive of reminiscences of eighteen years ago. The Appeal-Avalanche is without a superior in the South.

There is iron enough in the county to supply the demands of the State for an indefinite period, and brown coal enough of a superior quality to manufacture it into any form of use, and yet these resources are unknown to the world of enterprise and capital. A Development Association will make these facts known. Help to organize on the 3d.

The population in Texas to the square mile is 8.14 people; in Massachusetts 286.33, in Rhode Island 165.43, in Connecticut 157.03, in New York 127.29, in New Jersey 173.20 and in Pennsylvania, 114.05. If Texas had as many people to the square mile as even Pennsylvania, the population of the State would be 31,276,584.

The Courier prints this week a five-column display ad. of Houston county, giving succinctly a description of some of its attractions and advantages. We propose to run this for some time believing that it will result in good to the county's material interests. The only charge we make for this is the appreciation and substantial encouragement of every public spirited citizen in the county. This we are sure of.

Coltharp and Dodson are interested in advertising their soils and timbers; Weeches and August Grapeland her marble beds; Daly, Porter Springs and Boggs, their ores, soils and timbers; Shiloh Creek and Weldon their soils and timbers; Lovelady, Holly and Freeman their soils and timbers, and all, various other products too numerous to mention here. Let them come up and co-operate in the organization of the Development Association on the 3d.

West Texas wants everything. They are now reaching out for the Masonic Grand Lodge. Houston had better hustle in this matter or it will go. It is claimed that the title to the lot on which the building stands in Houston has never passed from Holland Lodge, and the refusal of that lodge to make a conveyance has precipitated the agitation of the question. If these are facts, Houston will stand very much in her own light to delay longer in the matter.

A perusal of the letter from the traffic agent of the I. & G. N. on the subject of rates on syrup to Panhandle and West Texas points will satisfy anyone that nothing but a commission can afford the relief asked for by Houston county

President Harrison has filled the vacancy on the Supreme bench by the appointment of H. B. Brown of Michigan.

Those who will not march with the procession, should drop out of ranks. The space they occupy will be filled by those who will.

The vote for Governor complete stands thus: Hogg, 257,204, Flanagan, 73,343. Hogg's majority, 183,861. Cleveland's majority in 1888 was 146,603.

The Senate Committee on Rules have reported the "closure" resolution by which it is proposed to bring the debate on the Force Bill to a close. If the rule is adopted, the bill will be passed.

The man or men who seek to perpetuate political strife or factional differences in this county deserve the severest reprobation of all good citizens.

The Courier greets its readers with felicitations for a christmas abounding in all good things.

The country schools should receive the thoughtful consideration of the next legislature. The people in the country need better school houses, fewer schools and larger ones, fewer teachers and better ones, larger attendance and longer terms.

The community system must be wiped out as a condition precedent to attaining such results; then aid must be extended either by the State directly for building houses or the authority given to levy a local tax for this purpose.

Our friends in the country will never have better schools until they get out of the groove they are now running in. This fact they might as well realize to begin with. The plan proposed by the State Sup't in his report to the next legislature to correct these evils is to enact a law universal in its application to all counties, making the justice's beat in each county the school district, and providing for the election by the qualified voters of trustees who shall have control of all schools in the district. It also authorizes the levy of a local tax with which to erect school-buildings.

To-morrow will decide the hog-law. As for Creek box, it is solid against it, and are in favor of its being done forever; no one-sided law for us. A game hunt is to come off Monday and a game supper Tuesday night, the proceeds to go to the Baptist church. We will give items next week. A Christmas tree on Christmas evening at the school house.

Health good on Creek. Still there is more cotton to be ginned. Ribbon cane is not hurt from the cold spell, except for seed. The writer will send some samples of syrup up soon. Molasses is in demand here as the crop will not be so large as last year. Don't sell for less than 50 cents per gallon.

Robert High, of New Birmingham, is on a visit to this place. Mr. Windsor has his photograph gallery at this place and he will take a fellow's girl on the fly, and you pay the bill. Come up boys, now is your time. O'LEARY.

Macbeth with the famous Janaucheck as Lady Macbeth is the attraction coming here on Jan. 15th for one night only. Janaucheck is acknowledged to-day by the critics of Europe and America to be the only actress who can play Lady Macbeth as it should be played. Janaucheck in it is magnificent. She is superb. Crowded houses throughout the country have thundered forth their applause and appreciation of her genius. Her sleep-walking scene is supremely grand. It is a new creation. Vivid, startling and impressive. One loses sight of Janaucheck and gains only the vision of Shakespeare's most wonderful character. The identity of the actress is lost and the reproduction of historic scenes of ages past are brought vividly to view. Janaucheck's work is a sermon into which is put soul and artistic genius. As Lady Macbeth she is imperious at will, devilish, oh, how devilish, at a moments notice. One minute she poses as a true loveable but passionate woman and the next moment she becomes transformed into a fiend incarnate. Janaucheck is without a doubt the ideal interpreter of the world's greatest poet—Shakespeare. Her conception of the master mind creations are notable not alone for their grandeur but for their fidelity to historic correctness. This year the great actress has gathered around her an excellent company. In A. H. Stuart and Frederic Beck she has two of the best leading men in the country. They are both stars in the profession and support the brilliant tragedienne in all her great interpretations. The Opera House should be crowded to the doors by a large and fashionable audience.—Adv.

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Some of the COURIER's weekly exchanges are still printing editorially as news an item to the effect that the New York World had been bought up by a republican syndicate. They are nearly a month behind. This report has been denounced by the World as false at least three weeks since.

A leading southern daily in attempting to quote congressman Allen's original stanza of doggerel flunked about as badly as Senator Vance did a few days since in his great speech on the Force Bill, in quoting Coleidge's stanza on the river Rhine.

This is the way Allen put it: "Benny runs the White House, Levi runs the bar, Wanny runs the Sunday school, And d—n it, they are."

Within the last few days the Crockett Post-office has been advanced from fourth to third-class, with a salary of \$1100.

Malaria produces weakness, general debility, biliousness, loss of appetite, indigestion and constipation. Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic is a perfect antidote for malaria and removes the cause which produces the troubles. Removes biliousness without purging. Is as large as any dollar tonic and retails for 50 cents. Is as pleasant as lemon syrup. Try it and you will be delighted. There are many imitations. To get the genuine ask for Gold's. Never fails to cure chills. Sold by French & Chamberlain.

Shiloh, Boggs and Creek boxes all went against the hog-law by a large majority, but we failed to get the vote. The majority in the county against the law will reach nearly 1000.

A DANGEROUS POLIOY. Is to buy spectacles at your residence from peddlers, as many of them are impostors. I will pay a liberal reward for information leading to the arrest of all such men who claim to be my representatives. I positively employ no peddlers and do not sell them my glasses. The genuine Hawke's spectacles have the genuine Hawke's stamped on the nose. A. K. HAWKES. All eyes fitted and the fit guaranteed. At the store of J. G. Haring, Crockett.

Truth has never yet proved fatal to anyone, and the truth is Reed's Chill Cure is the best medicine on earth for chills.—Sold by J. G. Haring.

C. C. C. Certain Chill Cures sold and guaranteed by the following named dealers in Houston county: French & Chamberlain, Crockett; J. E. Hollingsworth, Grapeland; O. D. Kirkpatrick, Angleton; J. S. Shivers, Coltharp; R. V. Watts & Co., Lovelady.

LOVELADY .. HIGH .. SCHOOL.

SESSION BEGINS SEPT. 8 1890. Prof. A. S. Cannon of Colleta, Texas, Principal. Miss Ella McGowan of Colleta, Texas, first assist. RATE OF TUITION. Primary Department..... \$ 7.00 Junior..... 12.50 Academic..... 15.00 Tuition payable monthly in advance. W. J. MURCHISON President of Board of Directors.

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CITY ORDINANCES. Passed by the City Council, November 12th 1890. Be it ordained by the city council, of the city of Crockett. That if any person shall discharge any fire-cracker, roman candle, skyrocket, or other fire-works on the public square or any of the business streets of the city of Crockett, he shall be fined in any sum not exceeding one hundred dollars.

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Smith & Smith

Crockett Male and Female Academy. Will Open Monday September 15, 1890. AND Continue 9 Scholastic Months.

Tuition free to Pupils from 8 to 16, in all free school studies for 4th months. or English branches, not free school studies, fifty cents each per month, and for languages other than English \$1.00 each per month, will be charged.

To Pupils under 8 and 16 years, tuition \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50 or \$4.50 according to grade, with incidental fee of ten cents per month. Type-writing, Short-hand and Telegraphy \$2.50 each per month, payable monthly, or \$10.00 for 4 1/2 months, if paid in advance.

Art lessons to beginners including object drawing with charcoal pencils \$2.00 per month; for Crayon and Water color Painting, \$4.00, and for Oil Painting and Pastel, \$5.00 per month. Music will be taught at the Academy by Mrs. Stuart at \$5.00 per month.

A full corps of four Assistants, and a Supernumerary teacher have been employed. Mrs. H. A. Wynne who has just returned from New York, where she has been to prepare for her work, will be in charge of the Art department.

The school will be organized and conducted upon the plan of a graded school and no pains will be spared to render it all that its friends desire. Prof. Nunn having moved, the two schools heretofore existing have been united, and a liberal patronage is solicited from the supporters of both.

For further particulars, address, E. A. PAGE, PRINCIPAL, Crockett, Houston County, Texas.

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As an inducement for cash trade, and to dispose of the large stock of goods we have on hand in making room for the coming season, we offer to those wishing to avail themselves of such a large liberal offer.

P.P.P. CURES SYPHILIS. P.P.P. CURES SCROFULA. P.P.P. & CURES BLOOD POISON. P.P.P. CURES RHEUMATISM. P.P.P. CURES MALARIA. P.P.P. CURES DYSPEPSIA.

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THE COURIER.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1890.

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Actual subscription guaranteed over 1200

LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS

French & Chamberlain for drugs.

Go to Harrings' for toilet sets.

Tony Gossett, from Taylor, came over last week.

Joe Farmer is reported very low from pneumonia.

Only the best and the purest drugs are kept at Harrings'.

At some of the boxes the hog-law advocates didn't mark the board.

Mrs. Margaret Hicks, of San Antonio, is visiting her mother Mrs. Spence.

Everything in the line of drugs, paints oils and brushes, to be had at Harrings'.

We had a pleasant call on Thursday from Mrs. J. G. Graham and Wesley Graham.

Mrs. Reuben Berry and Miss Ida Snell, of Lovelady, called to see the presses at work on Wednesday.

We acknowledge a very pleasant call on Thursday from Mrs. Corrie Langston and Miss Laura Woodson.

Henry Hagar, J. V. Bradley, N. P. English, J. B. Bennett and H. Smith, of Dodson, were in town on Tuesday.

Extra copies of the COURIER of this issue at this office for any one desiring to send same to friends in other states.

Lovelady, Grapeland and all other parts of the county should turn out to hear Jananscheck on January 15th.

W. B. Worthington and children Sallie G., Ellie, George M. and Ruth Worthington dropped in to see us last week.

The streets, all the week have been crowded by people trading and best of all every one was in the best of humor.

The COURIER acknowledges a pleasant call, on Tuesday evening from Mrs. Orrie Langston and Miss Emma Jean Stubblefield.

The election passed off quietly at Crockett. A couple of citizens indulged in a little fist scrap, but nothing serious resulted.

The razor-back eclipsed the record for majorities in this county. Jim Hogg, Howdy Martin and "Eli" weren't a circumstance.

Misses Chink Haddox and Arrie Ellis, accompanied by Babe Burton dropped in to pay their compliments to the COURIER on Monday last.

Those who desire to see the legitimate drama illustrated by a great actress shouldn't fail to see Jananscheck in "Lady Macbeth," on Jan. 15th.

J. L. Brown and McElliott brought in excellent samples of syrup for which they have our thanks. Elliott has twenty barrels for sale.

The Swiss Bell Ringers by request will appear at the Opera House in an entirely new program on Thursday night, Dec. 22. Those who heard them last week speak in high terms of the entertainment.

J. R. Barbee, M. M. Barbee and Arnet Smyrl, of Lovelady, A. P. Hester and Prof. Hackney, of Crockett, Charles Sheridan, F. Pridden and R. H. Hickey, of Grapeland, T. J. Stubblefield and Wm. Kennedy, of Coltharp were in town on Monday.

Hold Your County Scrip.

Judge Davis informs us that the February term of the Commissioners' Court would take action looking to the paying off of the County floating debt, dollar for dollar.

Those having scrip, or likely to come into possession of any soon, will do well to hold same.

Read the call of J. C. Wooters for precinct convention on Saturday next. Don't ask what the convention is for, when we have been howling ourselves hoarse for two issues on the subject. We say again it is to send delegates to the County Convention to organize a Houston County Development Association. Come out every one of you.

J. W. Goodwin's store, at Crockett, was broken open on Friday night, last. Entrance was effected by boring into the plank of the house. Quite a number of articles were taken out, among them, 100lbs of coffee, 100lbs of tobacco, shot, snuff &c. The parties committing the burglary left a brace wire cutter and a knife. Search warrants were taken out and two parties arrested. There was no evidence to hold them and they were released. A part of the goods were found in a field.

PURE AND FRESH DRUGS

Chemicals and Patent Medicines.

For pure drugs go to Harring.

R. L. Collins, of Haskell, came in Wednesday.

M. D. Steed, and two sons have gone to Mexico on a trip.

Court at Palestine has closed and Judge Williams has returned home.

J. B. Pfeifer and K. D. Lawrence were in town Thursday last.

The Swiss Bell Ringers, on Xmas night will have a large house.

Stationery of all kinds at Harrings' including blank books.

J. B. Peyton and wife, of Trinity, are visiting relatives in Crockett.

J. C. Tipton, and John Long of Augusta, were in town the past week.

Prescriptions filled at Harrings at all times and with the utmost care.

Dan McLean, of Augusta, was in town Monday on his return from Palestine.

We had a call from N. B. Marsh and E. E. Barlow and Sons, on last Wednesday.

Mrs. F. A. Williams was called to Lovelady to see her father who is quite low.

Cups and saucers, cups and plate sets, milk and mush sets, vases at the Brick Drugstore.

Andrew J. Belot and Mrs. Alice Robinson were married at Belot the past week, Rev. Mr. Johnson officiating.

Those wanting pear trees had better call and get some as I shipped off 500 last week to other counties.

Dr. Lewis Merriweather says he is not an applicant for the position of Superintendent of one of the insane asylums, but is endorsing and cordially supporting Dr. Jno. B. Smith for the same.

There are several hundred bales of cotton, lying bulked up at the warehouse and railroad platforms awaiting orders from purchasers to ship. The accumulation is caused by the drop in the price.

A negro woman was burnt up at Lovelady, last week. She was standing in front of the fire and her clothes caught; she ran out into the street where efforts were made to extinguish the flames but to no effect.

J. R. Howard, dealer in general merchandise, made an assignment Monday, in favor of creditors. A. A. Aldrich, assignee. The largest creditors, we understand, are P. W. Archer, of Crockett and Weiss Bro's, of Galveston.

Eggs have been so scarce and so high in Crockett during the past two weeks that a hen has been afraid to cackle. An egg-nog for two costs not less than a dollar and a half, to say nothing about the after-effects.

Saturday being election day, the saloons were all closed. The number of men who had sick wives on Saturday was astonishing. Men who have not yet passed under the yoke plead for a doctor's prescription for his indisposed better half.

The people of Houston county couldn't celebrate the opening of the New Year in a better way than by attending the convention on the 3rd and join in the efforts to effect an organization to develop the county's material wealth. Come out.

In order to give the editor, the publisher, the printers and the "devil" a breathing spell, and the public too, there will be no issue of THE COURIER next week. The paper will be on time the week following and every week thereafter working for the best interest of the county.

The COURIER this week devotes five columns of its space to an advertisement of Houston County. This, we believe, is the first time a paper published here has ever done this. The COURIER is published in the interest of Houston County and we take pleasure in spreading before the world the great advantages of this county to the capitalist and migrant.

We were glad to see the following friends the past week: D. R. Cook, N. P. English, W. C. Cook, R. C. Hancock, W. H. Lakey, B. S. Hearn, E. M. Moorehead, W. B. Smith, W. H. Bayne, Andrew Fair, Billy Pharis, Hamp Huff, I. I. Greer, Rev. G. M. Hollingsworth, Dave Matthews, S. J. Parker, W. H. Threadgill, W. D. Steed, John Webb, F. Allbright, Jim McCombs, A. J. McLamore.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

BLANK BOOKS AND STATIONERY

Mary Allen Seminary will have a Xmas tree.

The elections this year have cost the county about \$500.

Business during the week at Crockett has been immense.

Miss Madie Clark gave her friends a reception on Wednesday night.

There will be a Xmas tree at Baptist church at Lovelady on Xmas night.

Miss Mallie Duren, who has been teaching at Overton, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Kittie Buford and Hans Buford will spend Christmas with Mrs. N. H. Stuart.

Miss Madie Clark, who has been attending school at Belton, is at home for the Xmas.

H. C. Castleberg says: I am too busy selling diamonds and gold-headed canes to write an advertisement.

John Collier sends up a most excellent sample of syrup as well as a fine article of brown sugar of his own make.

W. E. Mayes' brother, Jas. T. Mayes, and wife of Downsville, Louisiana, are visiting their relatives in Crockett.

French & Chamberlain have the largest and prettiest dolls in town, and cordially invite all the little girls to call and inspect.

Quite a number of cane-growers have informed us that the agitation of the syrup question has increased the demand and stiffened the price of the syrup.

J. N. Click, Mrs. Click and Miss Almada Gantt, of Lovelady, called Tuesday for the purpose of seeing the press in operation. We regret that they were disappointed. Call again.

Married at the residence of the brides father on the 21st of December in Houston county, by H. W. Moore, Mr. E. P. Hollingsworth to Miss Bedie Wilson, all of Houston county.

Sam Houston Normal School diploma, on the Huntsville road between Crockett and Creek. Party finding same will please return.

J. H. HACKNEY.

There are from 500 to 10,000 sewing machines in a county, and each of them needs a New South Quilter to complete it. Here is demand for you and here is a chance to make money. A county agency for this business will beat a small farm. Call on H. W. O'Neil, agent, Crockett.

The importance of purifying the blood cannot be over-estimated, for without pure blood you cannot enjoy good health. P. P. P. (Prickly Ash, Poke Root and Potassium) is a miraculous blood purifier, performing more cures in six months than all sarsaparillas and so-called blood purifiers put together.

First-Class Organs.

All my organs are more proof, certain portions of the action being made of red cedar, it is a well-known fact that moths or vermin of any kind will not remain where it is if you possess or will persist in buying detective organs, remember, I tune and repair them in the highest sense of the art.

W. B. STERLING.

Rheumatism.—James Paxton, of Savannah Georgia, says he had Rheumatism so bad that he could not move from the bed or dress without help and that he tried many remedies, but received no relief until he began to use P. P. P. (Prickly Ash Poke Root and Potassium), and two bottles restored him to health.

The Opera House should be crowded on the 15th of January, when the event of the theatrical season will take place. Jananscheck, the greatest tragedienne of the day will be the attraction. Jananscheck's name is a household word in this county as it is in Europe. She is to-day the only acknowledged tragedienne of the stage. With her magnificent voice and her magnificent presence she is just as great, just as magnetic and just as artistic as of yore. The brightness of her genius is not dimmed. She is still the great actress, still the only Jananscheck. Fresh praise has flowed to her from the press wherever she has been. This season has been one of the most successful she has ever had. It should be a crowded house which will give the favorite tragedienne of America that royal welcome she so thoroughly deserves.

BRICK

COMBS, BRUSHES, TOILET ARTICLES.

FINE PERFUMERY,

Gent's fine scarfs and neck-ties at Bill McConnell's.

Try Diamond S. Baking Powder. Sold by S. C. Arledge.

Try the Diamond S. Baking Powder by the true test—that of the oven.

Mrs. Ada Denny, of Logansport, La., will spend the holidays in Crockett.

On every hand comes the demand for houses for people wanting to move to town.

Be sure and price and examine Spinks' goods before buying your christmas goods.

French & Chamberlain have the finest albums and plush goods ever brought to Crockett.

Delicious biscuit are made with the Diamond S. Baking Powder. Sold by S. C. Arledge.

Don't forget that DeBerry & Clark are going to give away a fine buggy on January 1, 1891.

The steady and increasing demand speaks volume for Reed's CHILL CURE. Try it.—Sold by J. G. Harring.

Try a car of the celebrated Diamond S. Baking Powder. If unsatisfactory return it to S. C. Arledge.

John N. Smith's saw mill 18 miles east of Crockett. Lumber always on hand. Prices on yard: Heart, \$1 per hundred mixed 75 cents.

DeBerry & Clark say: New Year's day is right upon us and all those not interested in the buggy to be given away on that day had better look to their interest and not get left.

The ladies of Crockett and vicinity are especially invited to call and examine the New South Quilter. It saves them much time and labor and completes the sewing machine. H. W. O'Neil agent, Crockett.

SADDLES! Our mammoth stock of 165 saddles must be reduced to 100 by January 1st. Yes, they must be sold regardless of profit to make room for new goods.

NICHOLS & SON.

That tired, aching feeling, which is experienced by so many people living in malarial districts, can be secured by taking Grove's Tasteless Chill Tonic, 50 cents, is as pleasant as Lemon Syrup. To get the genuine ask for Grove's. Go to French & Chamberlain.

A Call for Precinct convention.

The voters of Precinct No. 1 are requested to meet at the Court House next Saturday, the 27th, to select delegates to the County Convention to meet at Crockett on the 3rd of January to organize a Houston County Development Association. Let all turn out and not wait for a few men to do it all. All are invited. Come out.

J. H. WOOTERS.

Bill McConnell Says.

Broke down, too busy, got nothing to say this week, except I want to rest on Xmas day and then I will be ready for business.

Razor-back Triumphant.

An over-whelming majority against the hog-law. The vote by precincts as far as heard from:

Crockett 61. Against 257.

Grapeland 51. 126.

Augusta, 6. 84.

Holly, 1. 15.

Daly, 18. 64.

Pleasant Grove, 8. 26.

Daniel, 7. 20.

Lovelady, 10. 153.

Dodson, 0. 43.

Porter Springs, 11. 87.

Weldon, 1. 66.

Weches, 3. 42.

Coltharp, 0. 125.

Fresman, no election.

Total 177. 1088.

DRUG

FINE PLUSH GOODS, ODER CASES ETC.

The COURIER and Detroit Weekly Free Press, one year \$2.00.

Goods will almost be given away this month at Bill McConnell's.

Shoes and Boots cheaper than ever before at Bill McConnell's.

Black and white and colored silk handkerchiefs at Bill McConnell's.

If you want two tons of Saddles in one grand heap, go to the SADDLE SHOP.

McELREE'S WINE OF CARDUI for Weak Nerves.

If you want to make your best girl a present, go to N. E. Allbright and buy one.

The worst case of itch can be cured in a few days with REED'S ICH OINTMENT.—Sold by J. G. Harring.

We are glad to hear that Wm. Cressy, who had an operation performed on his hip for cancer, has about recovered.

Don't be deceived by Cheap-John advertisements, but go to Spinks and buy your christmas goods.

Christmas presents suitable for big folks and little folks, old folks and young folks, at Brick Drugstore.

REED'S CHILL CURE is known far and wide as the best and most effectual cure for chills.—Sold by J. G. Harring.

McELREE'S WINE OF CARDUI for female diseases.

N. E. Allbright will sell you jellies, pickles, prepared mustard and sauces of all kinds at the lowest market prices.

The price of the Houston Weekly Post has been reduced to one dollar. R. C. Spinks agent; call and subscribe for it.

The best immigration document that our people can send to other states is the COURIER. Call around and subscribe for it and send it to your friends in other states.

Cotton Market Quotations in Crockett

Good ordinary ..... 7 1/2

Low Middling ..... 7 1/4

Middling ..... 7 3/4

Good Middling ..... 8 1/4

F. E. Hellingworth, at Grapeland carries a full line of millinery goods. This department is in the care of Miss Linnie Garrett. Call and see her.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever"; well Spinks must have a heap of joy for he has a lot of beautiful things just the thing for christmas presents.

Every New South Quilter is sold under a positive guarantee because it is a grand success and as staple as flour and bacon.

H. W. O'Neil, agt, Crockett.

Obituaries not exceeding twenty lines will be inserted in THE COURIER free of charge, and ten cents will be charged for each additional line.

Hickey & Hunt, at Grapeland, are offering goods at 10 per cent. below cost to close out by January 1st. Now is the time to secure bargains. Give them a call.

No use of experimenting further when "C. C. C. Certain Chill Cure" is guaranteed to cure Chills and Fever, and is delightful to take, sold by French and Chamberlain.

On account of having to move my stock I will sell for the next ten days my entire stock of goods very close, and all heavy woven goods at cost and carriage.

I. W. MURCHISON.

Nervous and delicate woman should not take Quinine and rack their nerves, but "C. C. C. Certain Chill Cure," the great remedy for Fever, Ague and Malaria, Sold and warranted by French and Chamberlain.

NOTICE.

As we have determined to close out our business this winter, we would ask all parties who owe us debts past due, to call and settle and save us the trouble of hunting them up. Respectfully,

NELMS & MAINER.

McELREE'S WINE OF CARDUI, a Tonic for Women.

Bankrupt Stock.

A big supply of Men's suits and gent's furnishing goods. Children's and youth's suits for ages of 3 to 15 years. First class and at lowest prices, at the store next door to LeGory's saloon.

Corn on the stalk is an emblem of plenty; Corn on the toe is an emblem of woe—remove them quickly with C. C. C. Certain Corn Cure. Price, 25 cents.—Sold by French & Chamberlain.

Cheap, Cheaper Than Ever, What?

Wagons, dolls, dressing cases, vases, toys of all kinds, candy prize boxes, in fact everything for the holidays, just received at Geo. E. Dazey's Grapeland, Texas.

TORE.

BIRD CAGES, Cattery Lamps and LAMP GOODS.

The razor-back is an interesting bird.

The drop in the price of cotton has been a loss of forty or fifty thousand dollars to the county.

Pleasant Grove people should bestir themselves and get a post office at that place. There could then be a line direct to Dodson.

It looks as though the match hunt was off. There will be several hunting parties, however, during the holidays.

There is quite a lot of cotton in the fields in the Coltharp section of the county. This shows the crop was good.

The Express delivery wagon has been passing this office every hour during the day for the past three, loaded down with boxes, jugs, and every other good thing. The printers haven't been able to stay at their cases so intent have they been in wondering what was in them and who they were for.

When Sallie's arms her dog's neck imprison

I always wish that mine was his'n

And when she kisses his pretty red nose

Oh, how I wish that I was those.

The foregoing poetical effusion was gotten off by the Major of our office.

OAKLAND.

EDITOR COURIER:—As the items we wrote you didn't go to the waste basket, we will try again. The people are about through picking cotton; health is very good and everybody preparing for Xmas.

We fear, however, that we will have a dull time. Mr. Bruton looks very happy over the advent of a fine girl baby at his house. Parties are the order of the day down here and the young people are enjoying themselves greatly. We regret to hear that Mrs. Lona Hatcher is going to move to Bell county. She has been here a long time and is held in high esteem by her neighbors.

Charley Bruton is going to move from our settlement to the bayou.

ROMAN NOSE.

MR. ED;

As your paper is devoted to the welfare of the people of this county please allow me a small place in your columns. Surely there is no county in the Lone Star State where we can more freely exercise our opinions and gain those essential elements which are necessary to promote us to the respect and confidence of all good citizens. It is true in many respects the colored race is far from satisfied, yet a part of this dissatisfaction exists within ourselves.

That we are beginning to use our thinking faculties cannot be denied as the late election in this county truly exhibited our diversified opinions.

We can boast of our financial welfare, (not of the distance we have gone, but from whence we came) and of our splendid surroundings of good lands whose bowels annually yield cotton, corn potatoes, syrups, grains etc. far beyond the thousands. To prove that we are taking of the above circumstances, will mention a few cases in the writer's vicinity of the progress made by some of the colored people. Joe Houston owns 200 acres of valuable land, value of farm produce this year, \$600. He has an excellent dwelling on it worth \$700. He is worth over \$4,000 and clear of debt. Jno. Bozman, worth \$3,000. Value farm produce this year \$800; clear of debt. Mose Merrit, worth near \$3,000, value of farm produce worth \$500 and clear of debt.

Lambert, Ward, Warfield, Cummings are worth from one to two thousand dollars each. These remarks are called forth by a statement made in a recent issue of the COURIER to effect "there were over 3400 voters in this county, 1200 colored and 2100 white. The provisions of the hog-law disfranchise a 1000 colored voters and 800 white."

What county or state would not be glad to have such farmers? Besides we have 53 teachers some of whom hold first-grade certificates. The above figures show that 23 per cent of the colored people are land owners, and 62 per cent of the white. Who will say that the Houston Co. negro is not progressing?

HAM.

OLD newspapers for sale at this office at 35 cents per hundred.

Paints, Oils, Varnishes

—AND— WINDOW GLASS.

HOLLY.

Christmas is upon us and hen fruit is so scarce that we fear that egg-nogg will come up missing.

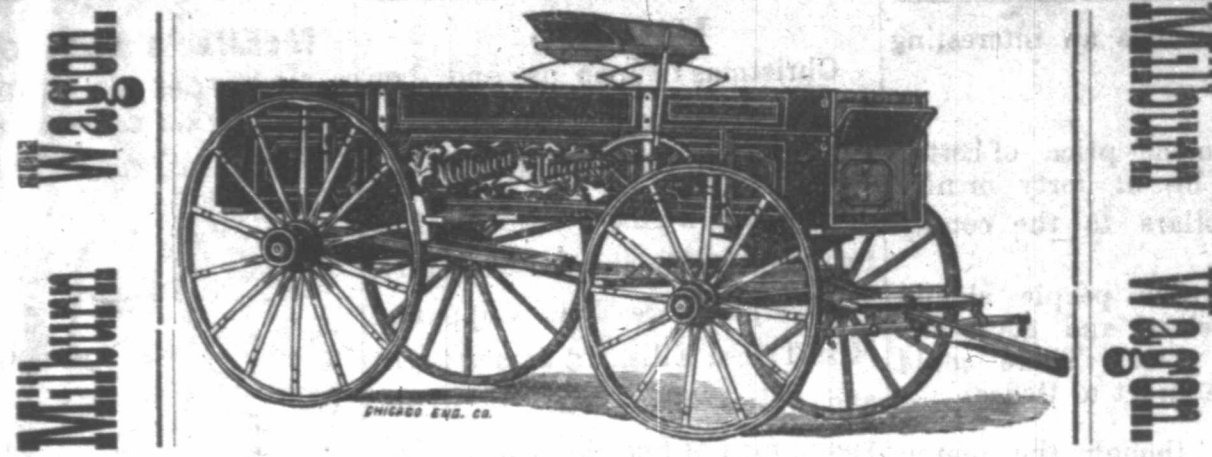
However, we have already had two weddings in our midst recently. The couples were John Cupp and Miss Teresa Ellis, Mr. James Brent and Miss Slaughter. Both are young men of fine character and as good as Trinity County affords.

We wish for them a long and happy life. We think that others will follow soon. A great many changes are being made for another year.

H. L. Brannen is placing lumber on the ground for his residence. If you notice the returns of the late election, you will see how we voted down here.

Jasper Brannen, of Bullock, Ala., came in lately and will locate here at Holly. Jake Phipps, nephew of T. H. Phipps, at this place is visiting relatives here for a few days. He will leave for Georgia to-morrow. Some of our people are taking advantage of excursion rates to visit friends and relatives in the old states. Grand-pa Baker sent a load of turkey gobblers to Saron last week.

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Will keep on hand a Stock of Drugs.

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**CRACKETT, TEXAS.**

**DENTISTRY.**  
**J. N. GOOLSBEE, D. D. S.,**  
Crockett, Texas.  
Office over DeBerry & Clark's store, South Side of Public Square.

**ENOCH BROXSON,**  
SURVEYOR  
AND REAL ESTATE AGENT.  
Crockett, Houston Co., Texas.

**B. F. DUREN,**  
Notary Public.  
Surveyor and Real Estate Agent.  
**CRACKETT, TEXAS.**

**ADAMS & ADAMS,**  
Attorneys-at-Law.  
**CRACKETT, TEXAS.**  
Office—Over French & Chamberlain's Drug Store.

**DAISY SALOON.**  
**J. G. EDMISTON, PROPRIETOR.**  
Keeps a full line of Imported and Domestic Liquors, Wines, Cigars and Cigarettes. Billiard Room in connection.  
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**J. C. ZIMMERMANN,**  
Boot and Shoemaker,  
FINE CUSTOM WORK MADE TO ORDER.  
Repairing Neatly and Promptly done.  
**A GOOD FIT GUARANTEED.**  
SHOP NORTH SIDE WALL STREET,  
**CRACKETT, TEXAS.**

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**ABBOTT'S EAST INDIAN CORN PAINT**  
REMOVES  
CORN'S  
BUNIONS  
AND WARTS  
WITHOUT PAIN.  
For sale by FRENCH & CHAMBERLAIN.

**Cotton Ware House & Platform,**  
Southwest Corner Public Square.  
Weighing Sampling & Shipping.  
**GOOD LOTS, WATER**  
—AND—  
House to Camp in.  
I Respectfully Solicit Trade.  
**Jas. R. Bridges,**  
**CRACKETT, TEXAS.**

# HOUSTON COUNTY

## AND

# Its Inducements.

Its advantages and Attractions for the Man of Capital and the Home-seeker.

## The Banner County of East Texas,

For variety and fertility of soils.

A vast forest of native woods, adapted to the manufacture of all grades and styles of furniture, vehicles and agricultural implements. Walnut, White Oak, Linn, Ash, Hickory of every variety, Post Oak, Cypress, Long and Short Leaf Pine, Curly Pine, Holly, Beach, Cherry, Magnolia and every other species of timber found in the woods of East Texas.

## Houston County Took the Gold Medal

at the Fort Worth Spring Palace in 1890 for its magnificent display of timbers. The North-eastern, Northern and North-western sections of the County are rich in iron ores of the Laminated and Brown Hematite varieties.

Soils of every variety to be found in the state are to be found in Houston County, from the black waxy to the light sandy.

## The Railroad Facilities of the County

are splendid. The International & Great Northern runs through it directly North and South. The Trinity & Sabine belts it on the South, the Houston, East & West Texas on the East and the Kansas & Gulf Short Line on the North, thus affording to every section of the County easy and rapid means of transportation to and from market. Besides these two other lines are surveyed and projected through the County, running in a North-westerly and South-easterly direction. Rivers, Creeks and streams of living water abound, furnishing through the driest summers an abundance of pure, fresh water. The Trinity River is the County's boundary on the West and the Neches on the East.

The County School fund is perhaps

## The Largest in the State,

reaching the splendid sum total of \$70,000, from which is annually derived for available use in maintaining the schools of the County from four to five thousand dollars. This added to the amount raised by local taxation and that bestowed by the State furnishes the princely sum of thirty thousand dollars spent annually on the free schools of the County. The population of the County is

—20,000 AND LARGELY WHITE.

All denominations of Christians have organizations in the County.

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

of every kind are produced here and the County yields to none in the State in adaptability of soils to the growth for market of peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots, grapes and all varieties of berries.

# The Climate

and soil combine to make the growing of early fruits and vegetables for market easy and profitable. The proximity of large cities joined as they are to us by rapid transportation conveniences encourages the belief that in the near future the soils of Houston County along and adjacent to the I. & G. N. R. R., will be in great demand for early vegetable and fruit raising.

## The Schools of Houston County

are unsurpassed by any in the State, in respect of efficiency and competency of teachers, standard of scholarship and duration of free term. Its own unsurpassed permanent-School Fund supplemented from other sources enables us to come nearer fulfilling the constitutional requirements of a six-months term than any other county. The debt and tax-rate of the County are almost nominal.

Its climate is mild and healthful, the temperature never reaching extremes in either Summer or Winter. Its water supply for both domestic use and manufacturing purposes is unequalled. Springs and streams of never failing water are to be found in every section of the County. Running through the County in every direction are ever-flowing streams of water of the finest kind, and of such volume and power as to be very valuable for manufacturing purposes. No County in Texas can boast of as many such streams. The medical qualities of some of these springs are highly prized by the invalid and health-seeker.

The area of the County embraces nearly seven hundred thousand acres of land, of which not more than one hundred and twenty-five thousand are in cultivation. We have as stated above every kind of soil to be found in the State. The black waxy, the chocolate, the red the loamy, the sandy and quite a number of others.

## The Products Of The County

are cotton, corn, oats and other small grain, sorghum, ribbon-cane, fruits and vegetables of every variety, hay, and in some places, rice &c. &c. &c. The County produces on an average every year fifteen to twenty thousand bales of cotton, a million bushels of corn, a hundred thousand gallons of ribbon-cane syrup.

## Crockett the County Seat

of Houston County, is situated on the I. & G. N. R. R. It has a population of 2300. The people of the town have recently voted to take charge of its schools and support them by taxation, nine months in the year. The City Council have assumed control and established graded schools for both white and black. Handsome and commodious brick school buildings with all the modern appointments will soon be under construction. The town is destined to become the educational center of East Texas. The society of the town is excellent. The town has two weekly newspapers and churches of nearly every denomination.

## LOVELADY TO THE SOUTH.

on the I. & G. N. R. R., is an enterprising town of 500 people, good society, several churches and a splendid High School maintained all the year in one of the finest high school buildings in Eastern Texas. The country surrounding this town is fine and thickly settled.

## GRAPELAND TO THE NORTH

is another enterprising town of several hundred people, fully alive to the demands of the hour and supported by a superior section of country. They have in course of erection a very fine high school building in which the public spirited citizens of that place propose to sustain during the entire year a high school second to none in the County. The country to the East of Grapeland is noted for its

## Extensive Beds Of Green Sand Marl.

Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Coltharp, Rathiff, Tadmor, Weches, Augusta and Daly are other villages in the County with stores, post-offices, schools and churches and surrounded by a splendid farming country.

# The Lands of The County

are cheap and can be bought on easy terms.

Houston county needs and invites immigration and offers as inducements rich soil, cheap lands, good society a low tax-rate, rapid transportation facilities for all products, good schools free for six months in the year and a generous hospitable welcome to all who will come.

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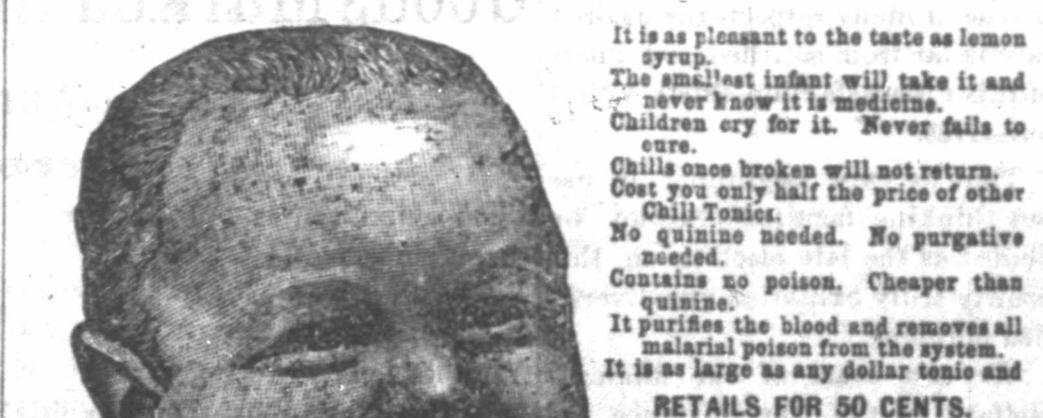
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Time	From	To	Arrive	Leave
7:30 a. m.	St. Louis	Arrive	8:15 p. m.	9:30 p. m.
7:00 p. m.	Leave	Longview	8:05 p. m.	2:20 a. m.
11:00 p. m.	Leave	Tyler	8:20 p. m.	4:30 a. m.
1:00 p. m.	Leave	Palestine	11:35 p. m.	8:30 a. m.
4:12 p. m.	Leave	CHICKSBY	1:15 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
8:21 p. m.	Leave	Trinity	2:22 p. m.	11:30 a. m.
2:00 p. m.	Leave	Huntsville	3:30 p. m.	11:30 a. m.
8:45 p. m.	Leave	Houston	6:05 a. m.	8:05 p. m.
7:00 a. m.	Leave	Galveston	6:55 a. m.	7:00 p. m.

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