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A COLLEGE.

Interesting Correspondence Touches Foundation—A Prospect For It.

Some four weeks or more since, Judge Aldrich, acting on what purported to be a reliable rumor, addressed Colonel John H. Burnett, a distinguished citizen and capitalist of Galveston, formerly a worthy and esteemed citizen of Houston county, in the interest of founding at Crockett a college to bear his name, and to be a fitting testimonial of his generous appreciation of the advantages of education and of those people with and among whom he began life and laid the foundation of a useful and successful career as a business man. We reproduce below the correspondence which will be read with no little interest by our people:

CROCKETT, Jan'y, 17, 1896.

Col. John H. Burnett,

Galveston, Tex.,

My Dear Sir:—Having a remittance to make you I will make use of the occasion to present for your consideration a matter in which I feel a deep concern, and in which I hope that you may be induced to feel a similar interest. The question of better educational facilities is engaging the attention of our people who are agitating the feasibility of founding an institution of learning here that will reflect credit upon the town. The need is apparent, and is fully realized by our people who are willing to do their utmost to secure it. But when they shall have done this, they fall far short of the required means. No better location could be selected than this for such an institution, and yet we feel our helplessness. Such an institution as we desire will require an endowment of at least \$50,000, and I doubt if we can raise more than \$10,000 of the amount among ourselves. Now, under these circumstances, our eyes naturally turn to you. Although you have been away from us for many years we still claim you for our own. We point with pride to your brilliant success in the financial world, and feel that it is in a measure our own success. Our oldest citizens hold you in affectionate remembrance, and I recall how they always delighted to honor you in times past. Now what could be more proper, or afford you more genuine pleasure than to endow this institution of learning for us? Where can we look, if not to you, in this hour of need? Let it be called John H. Burnett College, or by any other name that you might select. The thought that you were educating the sons and daughters of your old time friends and comrades ought to be inspiring. And then what a crowning act it would be to a well-rounded life! It would stand as a monument to your beneficence, and heap upon you the benedictions of those who knew and loved you best. I hope that this appeal will have added effect from the mere fact that it comes from your old home, rich in recollections of your early manhood, and fragrant with hallowed memories of your own beloved dead who sleep in our quiet cemetery.

I am truly your friend,

A. A. ALDRICH

GALVESTON, Texas, Feb, '96.
Judge A. A. Aldrich,
Crockett, Texas.

Dear Sir and Friend:—Pardon me for not replying sooner to your es-

teemed favor of the 17th. ult. I carefully read your letter with much interest, and have been thinking over your suggestions in regard to a college, and am now going to state frankly to you my ideas on that subject. It has always been my wish and intention to do something for my old home, Crockett, but I am extremely anxious to do something to benefit a class of people who would not be in a financial condition to give their children the advantage of a college education. I have not matured my plan as yet. I would like to do the greatest good to the greatest number. I have thought that a school in which the children will be taught the lower branches and be prepared for a business life would possibly be of the greatest benefit. This is an unfavorable time now. My affairs are not in just the right shape to carry out my desire in the matter. I am trying to get everything in order, and after doing so, I will have a much better idea of what I will be able to do for Crockett and some charitable organizations that I wish to assist. Permit me to thank you for the very kind expressions contained in your letter. With best wishes for your success, I remain

Your friend truly,
J. H. BURNETT.

The Magic of a Season.

The soft, gentle, ethereal spirit of Spring is in the air, pervading and, by its magic touch, vitalizing all nature. Budding trees and bursting flowers are eloquent of the quickening influence. The approach of this joyous period is voiced in the glad, gleeful chorus of singing birds which greet one on every hand, in the peculiar fragrance of the air which smells as it wafts from banks of wild violets and sweet camomile, in that subtle, all-pervading, universal breath which heralds the rejuvenating, revivifying impulse that by its marvelous powers transforms pulseless, breathless matter into a new existence, throbbing with the instincts and yearnings of a renewed life. The evidences of this joyousness are on all hands and in all things, not alone, as the poet tells us, in the fuller crimson of the robin's breast, nor the crest of the wanton lapping, nor the livelier iris of the burnished dove, but every where, instilling and distilling buoyancy and peace and love and happiness. How the heart leaps with joy at the passing of winter, the season of dark, dreary, gloomy days, of rain and cold and general, unutterable miserableness! And yet these things must be. Without death there is no life, without rest there is no vigor, without suffering there is no happiness, without darkness and shadow and rain there can be no sunshine nor fruits nor flowers.

"It is raining, little flower!
Be glad of rain,
Too much sun would wither thee.
'T will shine again.
The sky is very dark, 'tis true,
But just beyond it shines the blue.
Art thou weary, tender heart?
Be glad of pain,
In sorrow, sweetest things will grow
As flowers in rain;
God watches, and thou wilt have sun
When clouds their perfect work have done."

Work has begun on the ice factory. It will be run in connection with the electric plant.

The Future of Texas Schools.

At the last meeting of the county teachers' institute the following paper was read by Miss Lynn Burnett, and the COURIER was requested to publish it:

"What a big subject for so little a country school-marm! I cannot hope to do the great theme justice, but, being a native Texan and proud of my state and devoted to our noble calling, I can at least be enthusiastic in its discussion. No public interest is so near and dear to all Texas teachers or so important to the happiness and welfare of our people as our public school system, and its perfection ought to be the constant object of us all. Texas has the largest and richest school fund of any state in our great union of states, and it is to the eternal honor and glory of our pioneers that they made provision for a thorough system of public education and thus laid the foundation for the perpetuation of our free institutions and for a happy and enlightened posterity. Their descendants and successors can erect no nobler or more fitting a monument to their memory than to make our public schools the pride and glory of all Texas and the admiration of the whole country, and this is going to be done.

"Already Texas is becoming a leader in this great work, although her system of public education is almost in its infancy. Her State University, Agricultural and Mechanical College, and the magnificent Sam Houston Normal Institute are equal to any in the Union, and her public schools of the future will not be surpassed by any in the civilized world. The foundation is laid in our constitution and our unparalleled school fund. For the structure we need only progressive and public-spirited school boards and trustees and the hearty co-operation of our people, and these will be forthcoming.

"The great object of education is to develop character and make useful and patriotic citizens. The best citizens and the best men and women can be developed in our public schools, and will be when our school system is perfected. This system will enable the child to begin at the beginning and come out at the top a finely educated and accomplished young man or young woman. By education is not meant mere book learning. To book learning will be added industrial training, for this is essential in making good and useful citizens. Physical culture and the arts and sciences will also be added. A boy does not live by bread alone, nor does a girl either. His or her higher nature will be developed in our public schools of the future, and this higher nature loves beauty and the arts and refinement. Moral and religious instruction will be connected with intellectual training. The minds of children will be exercised on things as well as on books, and thus a stronger intelligence and character will be produced. Every school-house will be supplied with a library, workshop and laboratory. We will have practical work as well as theoretical teaching in botany, geology and chemistry and in all the practical arts and sciences. And music and song that inspire the noblest and sweetest sentiments, and

that soften stubborn wills and call forth the tenderest feelings, will be a marked feature of every school. Our school-houses will be large, healthful and comfortable, and the play grounds beautiful and commodious. Our schools will be taught eight or nine months in the year, and the teachers will not be changed every term. For their noble work in developing good and useful citizens and destroying our country's greatest enemy—ignorance, our teachers will receive, as they deserve, not only salaries commensurate to their labor, but also the highest honors that can be bestowed upon one of the noblest callings, if not the noblest, that can engage the talent and genius and patient labor of man and woman.

"Now please don't say that all this may be pretty to talk about, but it is not practical for our country schools. The elevation of country schools is undoubtedly the most important field of activity now open to the statesman and philanthropist. Cities are moving grandly in the educational work, but the progress in the rural districts is far from satisfactory. To place ungraded and small graded schools in line of march with city schools, and thus keep the educational work abreast throughout the country, is deemed pre-eminently important. The country children are entitled to equal advantages and opportunities of an all-round education with those of cities, and this can be afforded by centralizing the country schools. Within a quarter of a century new school houses will be built in all the rural districts throughout the state. These schools will have comfortable benches and desks, superior libraries, apparatus and other facilities. Conveyances can be furnished at public expense for the use of pupils living at a distance. This system is said to have worked in Pennsylvania and Connecticut, and experience has proved that the saving in school buildings and salaries of teachers has more than balanced the cost of transportation of children.

"The future of our public schools is bright. Texas will not be behind in the march of progress, but is destined to lead the procession in the improvement and perfection of public education, and let us do our part to have Houston county carry the banner.

Free Silver.

Some weeks ago a few counterfeit silver coins were put in circulation in this city, but the officers found it impossible to get any clew in the case worth following. The matter dropped out of public attention until last Saturday when the whole town was aroused by the fact that some one had been "shoving the queer" with remarkable industry and success during the day, and had worked off counterfeit silver at a rate that threatened to demoralize the token money of the city and make every man distrust his own pocket-book. The counterfeits were mostly quarters closely resembling the genuine, but lacking of course the right weight and ring, and the dollars were very coarse imitations. The man now supposed to be guilty, had it all his own way during the day, but the Nemesis of fate was at his heels,

and when his fancy led him to the shooting gallery that night, he made the mistake the deer did that went once too often to the lick. Two of his spurious quarters went in payment for his shots, but when their worthless character was detected, the man who received them recollected who had paid them and was able to identify him. A young man who gives his name as O'Neil Sutton had passed the counterfeits at the gallery, and it was ascertained that he made his home with Davis Moore, who lives in the Belott neighborhood, and whom he was seen with Saturday. Next morning a warrant was issued by Justice Ellis for the arrest of Sutton, and Constable Mortimer and City marshal Lacy, accompanied by Ike Daniel and Lige Robinson, went out to the country to execute it.

Sutton had been stopping at the house of Ed Lockety, near Davis Moore's, but was going to take up his residence with the latter and was preparing to move his trunk there when the officers reached Lockety's house. Sutton saw them coming, and darting in the house, was seen to open his trunk, apparently put something in it, shut it again and go out on the back-porch where he was arrested. No counterfeit money was found on him, but a search of a trunk brought interesting results, for in it the officers found three spurious metal dollars and nine quarters of the same character. The blade of his pocket knife also told a tale, for it showed traces of plaster of paris, a material much used by counterfeiters. Sutton was brought to town and placed in jail where he now is. Quite a number of business men had received Sutton's guileful coin in the course of trade during the brief period of his opulence, and it generally went unquestioned until after the news of the shooting gallery transaction. Then there was a hasty testing of coin all over town, and victims bobbed up, but not serenely, in many places. Between five and ten dollars had been passed on various parties here before Mr. S. got to the end of his rope. But there were further developments. The officers felt sure that Sutton was not alone in this business and that the vile work of making these counterfeits had been carried on somewhere in the county. On Monday Albert Smith who clerks in Owens' store made affidavit that Davis Moore had attempted to pass a counterfeit quarter on him, and a warrant was issued for Moore's arrest.

Sheriff Waller, accompanied by City marshal Lacy and Ike Daniel, went out to Moore's place that afternoon and got their man without trouble. They made some rich discoveries while there. In an out-house in the yard, where there was a fire-place, they found the "signs" of a primitive mint, and under the house a ball of the plaster of paris used by counterfeiters to make moulds for spurious coins, and it had apparently been recently used for that purpose. In the woods nearby the officers found what seemed to be the leavings of another rude mint for the free and unlimited coinage of base money, such as scrapings of plaster of paris, bits of melted metal, ashes, etc. Moore waived examination and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$100. Sutton is a comparative stranger in the county but Moore is well known.

THE CROCKETT COURIER.

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CROCKETT, TEXAS.

An Indiana woman wants \$50 for a cat. She is evidently much more in dread of mice than of insomnia.

The civil service reformers in Chicago are trying to reform their methods of reforming. The job is no sinecure.

Anson's retirement from the stage seems to have been superinduced by the retirement of audiences from the theater.

Spain should be a little careful how she exiles people from Cuba. She is likely to be among the exiles herself pretty soon.

There is an attempt being made in Massachusetts to pass a law permitting any person of sound mind to employ any medical attendant he chooses. The object is as plain as the holes in a ladder.

The performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin in German is a worthy enterprise. Not so many of us know German as know English. It is rather remarkable that our colleges, which are always frittering away time upon the comparatively modern and ephemeral dramas of Sophocles and Aeschylus, do not attempt the production of this immortal piece in the original Sanskrit. It is said to be even more moving in the original than in any of its modern forms. Hindu history recounts that Gautama Buddha did not become confirmed in his purpose to flee the world until he witnessed a performance of Uncle Tom's Cabin. The pessimism of Ramesis is generally attributed to the prevalence of Uncle Tom's Cabin companies along the Nile about B. C. 2000.

The treatment of diphtheria by anti-toxine at the New York hospitals has given some surprising results, demonstrating the value of the new specific. The following table gives the mortality statistics from this disease for the first nine months of the past five years. Only the first three-quarters of each year are considered, for it was not till last November that the new remedy came into general use in New York:

Legislation intended to do away with the evils of the sweat-shop system is under consideration by the New York lawmakers. A committee appointed by the last legislature to investigate the condition of working women and children has submitted a report, in which it reaches the conclusion that the evils of the sweat-shop system and of tenement work can hardly be exaggerated. It recommends that no child under sixteen years of age be permitted to work in any manufacturing establishment, unless the compulsory education law is complied with, and there is first obtained a certificate from the local board of health, stating that such board is satisfied that such child is of the age of fourteen years or upward, and physically able to perform the work, and that the use of rooms in tenements by others than members of families living therein for the manufacture of certain articles be made a misdemeanor if allowed by the owner after notice. The committee confesses itself at a loss to suggest legislation which will remedy the evils of labor in the cigar factories.

The immigration to the United States during the last six months, estimating 15,000 for December, shows an increase of 53 per cent over the 74,388 of immigrant arrivals for the same time last year, though it is nearly 12,000 less than for the same month in 1893. The arrivals of the last fiscal year were the smallest in number since 1873, but those for the calendar year, 1895, about 230,800, were much more than the 167,663 arriving in 1894. Dr. Senger, the commissioner of immigration, says that should the demand for labor continue immigration to the United States for the current fiscal year will reach 300,000, if it does not exceed that number. The arrivals of the last few months are reported to be generally healthy and of good character. The amount of money known to have been brought in by immigrants during the fiscal year was \$4,126,793, but as no one is compelled by law to show more than \$30 it is believed that the amount brought in was very much larger. In fact, the authorities think the sum brought in during the year ending with last June was much nearer to ten than to five million dollars.

WASHINGTON TOPICS.

PROSPECTS FOR A BUSY WEEK IN THE SENATE.

Cablegram Received by Secretary Herbert Confirming the Newspaper Reports of the Renewals of Disturbances in the Province of Corea.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Secretary Herbert yesterday received a cablegram from Captain McNair, commanding the Asiatic squadron, confirming the newspaper reports of the renewals of disturbances in Corea. The cablegram was sent from Nagasaki, Japan, and in the following words: Telegraphic information has been received from the commander of the Machias via Che Foo, China, as follows: There is much (great) excitement in Seoul, Corea. The king has gone to the Russian legation and ordered the arrest of the Korean cabinet. Guards have gone to Seoul, Corea. Telegraph wires have been cut. Two men have been killed.—MCNAIR.

At the Korean legation here it was said that there had been no advices. The only information at hand is that obtainable from the newspapers.

Senate Prospects.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—The prospects are for a busy week in the senate, but outside of the fact that Senator Davis will speak on Monday in support of the Monroe doctrine and that appropriation bills which have been reported, will be taken up and probably disposed of no definite forecast of the proceedings can be given. Senator Davis Speech is expected to be a strong and logical expression of the views of the more advanced advocates of the Monroe Doctrine. There are three of the appropriation bills on the senate calendar, but it is not believed any of them, unless it be the consular and diplomatic bill, will arouse any prolonged debate. It is possible that the diplomatic bill may not excite debate. The military academy appropriation bill will be the first of the series to be taken up.

Cuban Sugar Output.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Consul General Williams has submitted to the department of state tables prepared by competent sugar statisticians, showing that on January 1 only 23,809 tons of sugar had been received at Havana of this year's crop, against 145,837 tons received at the same date last year. United States Consul Hyatt at Santiago reports under date of February 1 that the planters in that part of Cuba are now grinding the unburned portions of their cane. Work is much retarded, the hands fearing attack by insurgents. If sugarmaking proceeds undisturbed the consul predicts half a crop in his district.

Gold Withdrawals.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Heavy withdrawals of gold from the treasury at New York for use in future payments for bonds under the recent issue, continue to be reported, almost daily, and so far as can be earned there is no prospect of even a temporary cessation until the last installment shall have been paid. The withdrawals yesterday aggregated \$1,424,600 in coin and \$31,600 in bars, which leaves the true amount of the gold reserve \$89,203,499. The gold deposits on bond account, so far as officially reported up to the close of business yesterday, were \$71,480,649.

Nominated by the President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The president has sent the following nomination to the senate: William Woodward Baldwin of New York, to be the third assistant secretary of state. Mr. Baldwin was born in Baltimore 32 years ago. He was graduated from Harvard college in 1886 and afterward attended the law school of the university of Maryland, from which he was graduated in 1889. He then went to New York and began practicing law, his present firm being Baldwin & Boston. Mr. Baldwin is a corporation lawyer, a Cleveland democrat and has never before held public office.

Bills Signed.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The president has approved the act granting to the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad company the right to construct a railway and telegraph and telephone business in the Indian territory, also to authorize the use of the White lot in Washington for the encampment of the Christian Endeavorers.

Reserve Agent Approved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The comptroller has approved the Continental bank of St. Louis as a reserve agent for the Lavaca County national bank of Hallettsville, Tex., in place of the National Bank of the Republic of St. Louis.

North Pole Found.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 14.—A telegraphic dispatch received here yesterday from Irkutsk, Siberia, says that a Siberian trader named Kouchnareff, who is the agent of Dr. Fridtjof Nansen, the Norwegian explorer, who sailed in Fram, June 24, 1863, for the arctic regions, has received information to the effect that Dr. Nansen has reached the north pole, has found land there, and is now returning toward civilization. In April last the Figaro of Paris circulated a report that Dr. Nansen had found the north pole and that it is situated on a chain of mountains. It was added that he had planted the Norwegian flag there. The story was generally regarded as being without foundation. On September 7 last year advices were received in London from the Danish trading station of Augmagsalik, on the east coast of Greenland, that a ship supposed to be Dr. Nansen's Fram had been sighted at the end of July stuck fast in an iceberg. Dr. Fridtjof Nansen is a distinguished scientist of Norway and an enthusiastic believer in the possibility of finding the north pole.

Final Vote Taken. WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—The majority against silver in the house yesterday, when the final vote was taken on concurrence in the senate free coinage amendment, was larger than that of Thursday in committee of the whole. Yet the motion to concur was defeated by 190 to 80, a majority of 110; yesterday it was beaten by 215 to 90, a majority of 125. The vote yesterday was a record making vote, and counting the pairs, but 37 out of the 356 members were unaccounted for. Perhaps a few absences dodged, but most of them were unavoidably absent and were unable to secure pairs. The silver men, who yesterday predicted a much greater showing of strength, yesterday were disappointed. The "sound money" leaders had been disposed to concede the silver forces 100 votes. An analysis of the vote yesterday shows that 184 republicans and 31 democrats voted against non-concurrence and 58 democrats, 25 republicans and 7 populists for concurrence. The debate which preceded the vote was of an interesting character, but devoid of any sensational features. The galleries, as usual on a final day in the lower branch of congress, were crowded to the doors, and quite a number of senators, including Messrs. Palmer of Illinois, Bacon of Georgia, Cockrell of Missouri and Butler of North Carolina, sat through the five hours debate. Secretary Herbert was also present. Ex-Speaker Crisp presented the closing argument for the silver men and was replied to by Mr. Turner, a democratic colleague from Georgia, in a two hours speech. The personal rivalry between the two leaders of the opposing fractions of the democratic side of the house added to the interest of the occasion. Mr. Dazell of Pennsylvania closed in behalf of the republicans. The partisans of the respective champions missed no opportunity to acclaim their approval when telling points were made, and at the close the honours seemed even.

Tariff Bill Talk. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—It now looks as if Senator Quay was about to abandon his idea of recommitting to the senate finance committee the silver substitute which that committee brought out instead of the tariff bill. He has become cognizant of the fact that if his motion were to succeed the tariff bill would be just in as bad a condition as it was before, for the reason that as Jones of Nevada has the deciding vote he would not agree to report the tariff bill now, as he has not changed his views. Morrill has secured his consent that the tariff bill without action of the committee shall go upon the boards for discussion. The democrats have agreed to this, in all probability because they feel that they can whip it on a vote. The populists are said to have agreed in their caucus that they would not support the tariff bill, and this being the case it can not pass. There is another reason why the democrats agreed that the tariff bill should come up, and that is because they want to talk on it to some extent, as they believe that it will do something toward harmonizing the party throughout the country and bring to the front the tariff question and have the effect of stopping the quarrel over the silver matter, which is now annoying the leaders to such a great extent.

Nicaragua Canal. WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—The subcommittee of the house committee on commerce is considering the report of the Nicaragua canal commission. The general impression among the members of the subcommittee is that the estimate for the completion of the work (138,000,000) is entirely too high. Next Tuesday the subcommittee will meet for the purpose of drawing a rough draft of the bill for submission to the full commission. The guarantee of the bonds of the company to an extent not exceeding \$100,000,000 will be the main proposition. The government will assure the majority of the stock and therein secure a perpetual issue for the commission.

A hypnotic professor of Milwaukee has put a Chicagoan in a seven-day sleep. The reason the professor did not facilitate matters by getting a subject from that city was that he was afraid it would take an additional seven days to wake the man.

Prof. Wheeler of Yale college says that "the whole Monroe doctrine is merely an exemplification of insatiable greed and colossal tumptiousness." The Von Holst faction has increased in numbers 50 per cent since the Venezuelan question came up. It now consists of two members.

The London Times says that Andrew D. White is the only member of the Venezuelan commission who is known in England. Never mind; the other commissioners will be known over there henceforth.

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LOCAL NEWS.

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.
Miss Kate Stuart is very low.

H. F. Moore is on a trip to New Orleans.

Collars any style, size, quality or price you want at 2-2t. J. T. DAWES.

J. F. Rains and wife have been on a trip out west.

Hon. John B. Peyton of Trinity, was in town last week.

The season's run at the oil mill has been a very satisfactory one.

W. H. Duren and W. P. Connor called to see us one day this week.

Buy a fire insurance policy in one of the old line companies represented by D. M. Craddock.

The Trinity got out sufficiently to fill all the lakes except Patterson.

There was a hop at the Capitol Hotel on the evening of St. Valentine's day.

Get you a pair of porpoise shoe strings, black or tan, at 2-2t. J. T. DAWES.

The Loan & Investment Co. is a home institution, and will do more to build up Crockett than all other agencies.

Family orders solicited for oysters, bread etc., at New Restaurant. J. B. FIFER, Manager.

R. D. King will make very great improvements in the Capitol Hotel property in the near future; the contracts will be let this week.

The Racket Store will be chuck full of new goods soon and at prices low. MISTROT BROS & Co.

An iron bridge over the Trinity would increase the trade of Crockett a hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year.

Miss Minnie Bruner's class in music will give a recital Friday evening (to night.) The program includes many entertaining features.

C. M. Newton of Waco, who married Miss Lizzie Aldrich, will locate in Crockett and go into the furniture business with R. L. Aldrich. He and his wife will move in some time soon.

Subscribers to the stock of the Loan & Investment Company will meet on March 2nd, for the purpose of organizing. The stock is being taken rapidly and will soon all have been taken.

All the money for the clock has been raised except \$170. This must come or the enterprise will fall through. Those who have not given anything should come forward and do so and do it at once.

County court this week drew a large number of the boys up from Lovelady. We note the presence of W. O. Phipps, Dorse Arnold, M. B. Newton, D. S. Williams, R. V. Watts and J. N. Rosemond and brother from Weldon.

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CASH!**

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Lots of bankrupt goods left yet and must be sold in about ten days. MISTROT BROS. & Co.

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The chairman of the Dem. Ex. Com. for the county has appointed J. W. Boatright, chairman of the democracy for the Tadmor precinct and member of the Executive Committee. He is expected to meet with the committee on the 24th.

All parties who have cotton seed to sell please bring them in to the mill by March 15, as we will close the season by that time.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The commissioners' court was in session all of last week. They adjourned to meet next Monday. Among other things they formed a general election voting precinct at Tadmor and appointed W. P. Connor, manager.

Call on Craddock & Co. for the best and cheapest barb wire and staples. Keep on hand good supply of nails, farming implements, groceries, dry goods, etc., at bed rock prices. Give us a trial.

If you want to save up a little money, take stock in the Loan and Investment Company, now organizing in Crockett. It is an all-home concern and will be thoroughly safe as an investment. Besides, you will help to build up your town.

Why suffer with Coughs, Colds and LaGrippe when LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE will cure you in one day. Does not produce the ringing in the head like Sulphate of Quinine. Put up in tablets convenient for taking. Guaranteed to cure, or money refunded. Price 25 cts. For sale by Smith & French.

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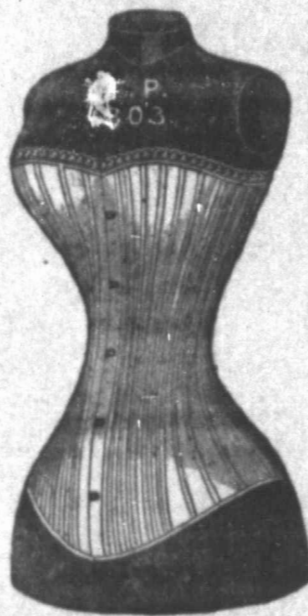
We are now receiving and opening our new Spring Goods—all of the newest and latest styles, patterns and colors which we will take pleasure in showing and pricing, feeling sure you will feel well paid for your call.

See our line of light weight woolen Dress Goods in patterns, (no two alike) the latest styles for early spring wear, trimming and a full line of large dress buttons to match each piece, also lining and stiffening of every kind. Call and see our line of silks for trimming and shirt waists all of the very newest and latest styles and colors. Examine our line of kid gloves and silk mitts, the cheapest and best line in town.

Try our elastic belt they make a perfect fit, feel comfortable and always look nice and neat. We also have the cloth and leather belts. Silk belting in colors and buckles to make them of.

HOSE. We feel sure that we make no mistake when we say we have the best line of hose for ladies and misses in town. Try our 10ct hose for children, they will equal any hose ever sold for 12 1/2 cts.

We now have the exclusive sale of the celebrated 'F. P.' Corset. It is beyond all doubts the best \$1.00 corset ever sold in Texas. Ladies who have worn them say they will have no other. We sell this corset on twelve days trial. After wearing and it is not the neatest fit and the most comfortable corset you ever wore bring it back and your dollar is ready for you.



TO CLOSE. A few bolts of calico in dark colors of the following brands American blue and gray, indigo blue, W. M. Simpson & Sons, all now going for 5cts. Come while you can get a good selection.

When you buy thread don't take 7 spools for 25cts, but go to McLean & Wilson's and get 3 for 10cts or 8 for 25cts of Merrick's or Chadwick's best six cord. We also have a line of Borbour's linen thread.

If you need a pair of towels it will pay you to examine our line before buying.

Gentlemen if you want a nice, neat, up-to-date shoe, shirt, tie, collar, pair cuffs, suspenders, 1/2-hose, Scriyen's patent drawers or under-shirt go to McLean & Wilson's where you will always find them. You will hear from us again.

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Board by day, week or month at New Restaurant, only first-class one in city. J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Frank Pridgen, of Grapeland, was in town Saturday. He is opposed to Cleveland, Clark, Culberson and even silver if it is spelled with a "C." He is for "Uncle Johnny" Reagan for governor.

Board and lodging \$4 per week. Day board and lodging one dollar. Single meal 25cts.

NEW RESTAURANT. The next meeting of the Houston Co., Teachers' Institute will be held at the public school building on March 14, 1896, beginning at 10:30 a. m. The room will be comfortably warm and we, the committee, shall be glad to see a large number in attendance.

Dr. J. H. Earp of Corsicana, has been spending a few days with Colonel Nunn's family. He goes from here to New Orleans and thence to New York for a protracted course in surgery.

The dancing school seems to be in a flourishing condition. We trust we will be permitted to express the hope that two or three of Crockett's gallants whom we watched on the occasion of the Knights of Pythias ball with intense amusement, are taking instructions and making distinguished progress.

Cotton continues to decline. We will never again venture an opinion on the future of this "cussed" stuff. Some time since we advised our readers to hold for a rise. We are convinced now it was a mistake. It has been going down ever since and seems not to have reached bottom yet. Just what the future of it will be no earthly (or unearthly, for that matter) power can tell.

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THE COURIER,

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates, subject to the action of the democratic party: For County Judge.

J. F. DUREN.

A. D. LIPSCOMB.

For Assessor of Taxes:

D. J. CATER.

The populist party needs brains more than it does votes.

This is the year for the "bazoo" and the "kazoo" in politics.

WHAT a populist splanvigator dont know wouldn't furnish matter enough to print the fly-leaf of a blue-back spelling book.

NOTHING would please the populists so much as to see the democrats of Houston county tear each other to pieces over the silver issue.

THE county will soon be full of calamity clackers howling from every school house in the land about the miseries of the down-trodden people.

HOUSTON county stands almost alone in East Texas as having never been dishonored and humiliated by the election of a populist to any county office. She well preserve this honored record this year.

Nearly every one who from misfortune or mismanagement or from pure indolence, has't as many of this world's goods as he thinks he should have, places the responsibility for such a condition of things on the government.

SINCE our county-man, J. W. Madden, is no longer a possible candidate for judge, the democracy of this county will support with great pleasure and unanimity either the Hon. W. H. Gill of Anderson or the Hon. A. B. Watkins, of Henderson. Both are good democrats, able lawyers and would give eminent satisfaction on the bench.

THE cause of free coinage got a very black eye in Congress last week. On a vote in the House of Representatives on the Senate's Free Silver bill the vote stood 90 for to 216 against it. Of those cast against the bill 185 were republicans and 31 democrats. Of those cast for the bill 56 were democrats, 27 republicans and 7 populists.

WE hope to see all the members of the Democratic Executive Committee of Houston come together next Monday and do so in a spirit of peace, harmony and good-will for the best interests of the party locally. The democrats of Houston county are more concerned in their local affairs than in any others and can not afford to jeopard them for the sake of a sentiment.

KEEP your eye on the county school houses from now on. About midnight may be seen phantom-like forms coming and going. Dont be frightened at the strange sights or the sepulchral noises that you may see or hear. They are only pops gathering together to hear one of their crowd splanvigate a little on the unutterable agonies of the suffering people.

J. M. CROOK, of this county will be a candidate for district attorney. He is a gentleman of high character, fine ability and superior attainments as a lawyer. He will make a vigorous and fearless prosecutor, and a record as district attorney equal to any we have had. It is needless for us to say that he will get the loyal and cordial support of the democracy of this county.

STOP AND THINK.

We are more than willing to concede that Houston county is for the free coinage of silver, by an overwhelming majority, if you please. And this paper has no desire to see instructions to this end defeated. A large majority of the democrats are in favor of the proposition, and delegates to the state convention at Austin should be so chosen as to reflect their sentiments. The writer has no objection to this, nor does he entertain any purpose to thwart such results. Readers of the COURIER will recall the fact that we have purposely refrained from any editorial discussion or agitation of this question, solely for the reason that we did not wish to array one class of democrats against another and bring about an irreconcilable gulf between democrats in Houston county. Our course has been conservative and moderate for reasons that should be obvious to any citizen interested in good local government, a matter which concerns the democrats of Houston county more seriously and profoundly than the triumph of a purely abstract sentiment. The strength of the silver sentiment in Houston county can be reflected in other ways and by other methods than by bursting the party open by unheard of and usurpatory procedures. Since the writer has been chairman of the democracy of Houston county all his energies and thoughts have been bent to the welding together and the preservation of a united democracy in this county. These ends he has kept in view all the time, utterly ignoring as entirely subordinate thereto, any state or national issue. Honest, economical, efficient local government in Houston county, is and has been with him, paramount to all other considerations. These reflections are prompted by the situation as it confronts us to day here, and are intended for the extremists of both factions who seem to think that all things of local concern are of secondary importance when measured by the standard of a cold, distant and shadowy sentimental abstraction. A crisis is upon the party, and unless met in a spirit of conservatism and handled with judicious and tactful moderation, a split is inevitable. In such event the responsibility must be assumed by those who are responsible therefor. The writer will have none of it for the reason that he has done nothing to contribute to such a state of affairs. The contrary is the truth.

THAT is a pretty good joke on the hard money element which met in Galveston last week. Among them was a gentleman at one time connected with the COURIER, but two years since was editing a flaming third party paper in Henderson. We refer to Mr. Samuel Patton.

THE editor of this paper would not turn his hand to defeat the sending of free-silver delegates to the state convention, if it were in his power to do so. And the reason he wouldn't do it is that he believes a decided majority of the democrats of the county are in favor of the proposition and their sentiments should be represented.

THE democratic party in Houston county stands for good, honest, clean-handed, economical government first, secondly, thirdly, lastly and all the time and over and above all other issues and isms. That is the view we have always taken of it, do now and for all time. It matters but little whether a democrat or a republican is president; but it is a matter of the utmost and gravest importance that our local affairs and their management should be kept in the hands of those who are chiefly interested in them.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.

Are you bilious, constipated or troubled with jaundice, sick headache, bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin, pain in back and between the shoulders, chills and fever, etc. If you have any of these symptoms, your liver is out of order, and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as a liver medicine. Price 75cts. Free trial bottle at J. G. Haring.

Last Sunday afternoon, at the residence of Mr. D. J. Kennedy in this city, Mr. J. H. Davis of Daly, and Miss Allie Bowden of Crockett, were united in marriage by Rev. W. M. Gaddy. The attendants were Messrs John Kennedy and John Brightman and Misses Virgie Gaddy and Hattie Belle Arledge. The bride is an accomplished young lady, the niece of Mr. J. J. Bynum of this city, and the groom is a substantial farmer living near Daly for which place the happy couple left soon after the ceremony.

All styles of Colorado stock saddles made to order at 2-2t J. T. DAWES.

J. G. Haring left Sunday for New Orleans to attend Mardi Gras. Mrs. Haring left at the same time for Bellville to visit her parents.

Low prices at the Racket Store. MISTROT Bros. & Co. Eat at New Restaurant. Best meals in city, 25cts. J. B. FIFER, Manager.

Cheap Metropolitan Papers. There is no excuse nowadays for a citizen to subscribe for a great metropolitan paper in addition to taking his own county paper. The "Twice-a-Week" Republic of St. Louis, which is credited with the largest circulation of any weekly paper, is only \$1 a year, and for this sum it sends two papers a week, or 104 copies a year—less than one cent each. The weekly contains the best and brightest news condensed from the daily paper, together with a well assorted collection of reading matter and useful information. A popular feature in its columns this year will be the speeches of prominent men in the presidential campaign. These will be given almost in full. A reader of the "Twice-a-Week" Republic will always be abreast of the times, for no paper has greater news gathering facilities.

The Daily and Sunday Republic can now be had by mail for a little more than one cent and a half a day, or \$6 a year when paid in advance. Though this paper has greatly reduced its price, it has increased its value two-fold by adding many valuable features.

No Use for Soap. A soap dealer who should open an agency in China would lose money. In many parts of China the children wear no clothes for many months in the year, and the majority of the people never wash. "Do you wash your child every day?" a Chinese mother was asked. "Wash him every day!" was the indignant response; "he was never washed since he was born!"

MR. VAUX'S LAWN ROLLER. The late Richard Vaux, of Philadelphia, was a believer in progress and had little reverence for antiquities such as his hat to the contrary notwithstanding. —A relative told recently how Mr. Vaux received a well-preserved section of one of the pillars of the Parthenon at Rome. It was sent to him by a friend who had some trouble in securing it, and considered it an interesting relic. He expected, on his return to America, to find the broken column standing upon the lawn of the Vaux residence, perhaps covered with ivy and looking down the ages rather scornfully at the degenerate civilization of the nineteenth century. He was horrified to hear, however, that Mr. Vaux, not being in need of a broken pillar just then, had turned it into a lawn roller. It did duty in that capacity for a long time, and is still in possession of the family.

A BONANZA FOR EVERYONE!

Read the following directions and you will know just how to get it:

Just come with a Nickel or a 20-Dollar Bill to the Bonanza Store

at the old MURCHISON STAND on the west side of the depot at LOVELADY and invest it with

Ella Mainer & Co.,

in any kind of goods and you will get such a bargain that you will feel that you have struck a real bonanza, which you have. The way we afford such bargains is this:

- 1st. We buy close.
- 2d. We do business on a very small expense and

Last, but not least, we are satisfied with the

Smallest Profits!

We are determined to bring the prices of goods down to suit the scarcity of money and if the good people will help us we will help them in these times of adversity and START THE BALL TO ROLLING toward prosperity. We will take their produce in exchange at the market value, such as chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, eggs, skins, beef-hides, beeswax, tallow, etc., etc.

We have bought the MURCHISON BANKRUPT STOCK which inventoried over Seven Thousand Dollars and which we are closing out at wholesale cost and less and we are daily adding new and desirable goods in all lines which we buy at bottom prices for SPOT CASH and sell at

Panic Prices.

We are selling goods STRICTLY FOR CASH and consequently have no losses to make up. Come and try us and see if we don't

PRACTICE WHAT WE PREACH.

SPECIAL:—Blessed is he who buyeth goods cheap for his money holdeth out to supply his wants and maketh him happy together with his household.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

This invaluable remedy is one that ought to be in every household. It will cure any rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains, cuts, bruises, burns, frosted feet and ears, sore throat and sore chest. If you have lame back it will cure it. It penetrates to the seat of the disease. It will cure stiff joints and contracted muscles after all other remedies have failed. Those who have been crippled for many years have used Ballard's Snow Liniment and thrown away their crutches and been able to walk as well as ever. It will cure you. Price 50c.—Sold by J. G. Haring.

What is a Guarantee?

It is this. If you have a Cough or Cold, a tickling in the Throat, which keeps you constantly coughing, or if you are afflicted with any Chest, Throat or Lung Trouble, Whooping Cough, etc., and you use Ballard's Horehound Syrup as directed, giving it a fair trial, and no benefit is experienced, we will authorize our advertised agent to refund your money on return of bottle. It never fails to give satisfaction. It promptly relieves bronchitis. Price 25 and 50cts.—Sold by J. G. Haring.

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I can afford to sell goods cheaper for Cash than any strictly cash house and am determined to do it.

I have on hand and arriving a large stock of goods bought for CASH at the

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Consisting of Dry Goods, Notions, Ladies Dress Goods of the latest and most stylish patterns, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Clothing, in short

EVERYTHING

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Houston County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon Will Squires by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 3rd. judicial district of the state of Texas; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 3rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of said Houston county, to be holden at the court house thereof in the town of Crockett, on the 1st. Monday in March, A. D. 1896, the same being the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1896, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1896, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 3968, wherein Will Squires is plaintiff and Will Squires is defendant, said petition alleging as a cause of action, as follows: Suit for divorce on the ground of cruel treatment, claiming that on or about June 1st, 1895, defendant became enraged and without just cause struck plaintiff with his fist and again on or about August 1st, 1895, without provocation, defendant struck plaintiff a severe blow with a gun barrel in at divers other times treated plaintiff in the most cruel manner.

Herein fail not but have you before said court at its aforesaid next regular term this writ with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same.

Witness W. A. Champion, Clerk of the District Court, Houston County.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Crockett, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1896.

W. A. CHAMPION, Clerk District Court, Houston County