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Watching For Bargains.

McLean & Wilson Have Made the Right Prices.



Keep Your Eyes Open

And when the prices get right untie the string and empty the old bag of silver—not where you can get the most goods but where you can get the best goods for the least money. Remember we handle no old styles, no old stock in second hand or bankrupt goods. We take no damaged money, we sell no damaged goods. Everything new, fresh from the factory and in the latest styles that can be had. We do not boast of our size for if we could tell you that we were the wealthiest people in the world it would do you no good. What you want is the newest and best goods for the least money. Read prices, notice their value and then the selling price.



STAPLES.

L. L. brown domestic 4 yds to pound, value 6c, at 4c per yard. Extra heavy 3 1/2 yds to the pound, no better made, worth 7 and 8c, going for 5c per yard. Yd wide bleached domestic 3 1/2 a yard. Good quality yd wide, free from starch, cheap at 6c, will go in this sale at 5c per yd. Better grade up to the best quality made, worth 10 and 12 1/2c, at 7c per yard. Round thread cotton stripes worth 4c, at 3c per yd. Extra wire twist, round thread, very wide, worth 5c at 4c per yard. Extra heavy, extra wide chevot stripes for shirting, cheap at 7c, going for 5c per yd. All grades of shirting in chevot and hickory. A bargain in linsey and flannel—extra wide and heavy all wool one way linsey worth 16 1/2 to 20c, going for 12 1/2c per yd—all the cheaper grade's if desired. Extra wide and heavy twilled red flannel cheap at 16 1/2c, going at 12 1/2c per yard. Extra heavy, extra wide, best canton flannel on the market, 10 cent value at 7 1/2c per yd; good width, long nap, worth 6 1/2c at 5c per yd; cheaper quality at cheaper price. Extra wide heavy Irish frieze in red, pink and blue, 12 1/2c grade at 10c per yd. Best quality of red and pink eiderdown for making capes and childrens' wraps, 40c quality at 25c per yd. Best grades of calico worth 6 and 7c, for 4 and 5c per yd; also cheaper grades.

DRESS GOODS.

All the new novelties in heavy cotton goods for making early fall suits. Listen to a bargain! Six quarter double width cashmere in all colors, trimming to match—these goods are cheap at 15c but will be sold at 10c per yd. Extra wide double width henrietta, very handsome silk finish, all colors, 20c value at 15c per yd. Ladies, if you want a nice dress call and see our patterns, no two alike and of the very latest fad. All the new linings.

NOTIONS.

Six cards of hooks and eyes for 5c. 36 bone collar buttons, slightly imperfect, for 5c. 8 dozen ager shirt buttons for 5c. One 200 page recitation ink tablet, fine ruled calendar paper 10c kind for 5c each. 2 doz bottles of Daniels best black ink for 5c. 2 packages (48) envelopes 5c. Celluloid collars 5c each. Imitation Guyot suspenders 15c per pair, also the genuine Guyot and many other styles. Don't forget that we sell the best 10c half hose in town. Children, don't forget where you bought the 10 cent hose that you couldn't wear out.

FURNISHING GOODS.

Gentlemen, don't forget that Wilson Bros shirts are sold by McLean & Wilson and can be found in no other house in town. All who have worn them know what they are. All who have not are behind on the shirt question.

Call and see the line of \$1.00 shirts that we are closing for 75c each. We have the best line of underwear in cotton and wool that we have ever shown and at better prices. Should you need a white shirt don't forget that Wilson Bros make the best \$1.00 shirt in the world; we also have a line of full dress white shirts. The most up to date handsome line of neck wear scarfs, four-in-hands, clubs and bows ever shown in a small town.

HATS.

Don't forget to examine our line of hats when you are ready to buy. We have all the new shapes in black, brown, light and green, any price from the best grade of Jno. B. Stetson down to the cheapest.

CLOTHING.

Listen! We don't expect to tell how we got this lot but can safely say that we will sell you a suit for from \$2.00 to \$5.00 cheaper than you ever bought. The value is so plain that we never miss selling a man or boy who will take time to examine the goods. Notice price and description:—Green and brown plaid suits, all wool one way, will hold their own and not pick up, well worth \$6.00, going at \$4.00 or suit. All wool dark scotch lined with dim check; a very handsome and durable suit, well worth and will wear as long as any \$12.00 suit, \$7.50. Very best all wool french chevot; a very handsome

black with the best skiner satin line, cheap at 15.00, going at \$8.50 each. French clay worsted, extra fine grade, handsomely trimmed, heavy skiner satin lined \$16.50 value for \$10.00 per suit. The most complete line of childrens' knee suits that we have ever carried. Nice all wool suits with sailor collar, worth \$1.75, at \$1.25. Don't forget to see this line.

SHOES.

It is said that McLean & Wilson shob more more people than any store in Houston county. Anyone having one or more pairs of shoes to buy will lose money if they fail to see this line. We will only give prices on a few bargains bought at almost half value and will be sold the same way. 20 doz of a kind French dongola square toe, pat tip. French dongola common sense heel and toe, EE last, all in button. Those styles of \$2.50 shoes having closed the entire lot with the factory, we bought them at such a price as to sell them at just what they cost any other merchant (\$1.75 per pair.) Don't forget that we have all grades of dongola pat tip button shoes down to 75c per pair, look as well as a \$1.25 shoe. Ladies, you all know the John Kelly shoe has no equal. We have a few pairs to close, all marked in red letters and will be sold at red letter prices as long as they last. Call and buy another pair like you have worn from 50c to \$1.00 less than you paid. They give perfect satisfaction. A hard

hit for men and boys—satin calf hub gore congress, yale toe, black bottom, well worth \$1.75, going at 1.25. Call and examine one of these shoes cut to show what it is made of. Many other styles down to the cheapest and up to the best. We have a handsome line of misses' and childrens' school shoes. Nice, light dongola upper with stout thick soles to protect the foot. Many other styles in lighter or heavier, button or lace. Little girls, don't forget to tell your mamma where to find them.



Here is the best corset ever shown in this city. Genuine featherbone—the only corset made that the stay will neither break or rust and is said by all who wear it that it is the most comfortable corset made. The selling price is generally \$1.25, our price 90c. Also a 75c corset for 50c. Don't forget these corsets are sold on 4 week's trial. After that time if not perfectly satisfactory we take the corset back and give you the money you paid for it.

LATE NEW INVENTIONS.

With the use of a new wash boiler it is not necessary to scrub the clothes hard, the dirt being largely removed by the action of the water in the boiler, a series of pipes extending down through the boiler into the stove to force the water out onto the clothes as it becomes heated.

Clothes-pins are now being manufactured which have the opening to grip the line placed in the side of the pin instead of in the end, so that the pin can be attached to the line by pulling down instead of pushing, the jaw on one side being elongated so as to be grasped by the hand.

Medicine which tastes bad can be easily taken by means of a newly devised glass, which has a partition in the center to separate the medicine from a liquid to wash it down, the partition preventing the two from mixing and allowing the wash to flow out by tipping the glass higher up.

A new portable sawing machine for felling trees and cutting them up into wood has a folding frame with a large balance wheel geared to a crank-shaft with the saw blade attached to the end

of the crank to slide through grooves in the frame, the saw being run by a crank on the other end of the shaft.

For the purpose of removing horses from burning buildings a new fire mask has been placed on the market, consisting of a hood to cover the eyes and nostrils to prevent the horse from seeing the fire or smelling the smoke, the device being easily slipped over the animal's head and fastened with a strap.

Fires can be easily kindled by means of a new invention, which consists of a couple of hollow bricks, which can be attached to each other after being filled with asbestos, when they are placed in a pail containing oil to absorb a sufficient quantity to ignite the fire when a match is applied to the bricks.

Magazine lead pencils are being placed on the market, the lead being divided into short sections, each of which has a point, and as soon as one is worn down it is slipped from the jaw and another drops down into place, the magazine being reloaded through the jaws when it becomes empty.

A GREAT CHERRY ORCHARD.

How an Immense Crop is Handled on a California Ranch.

Probably there is no better known and certainly there are few larger ranches in the state of California than that owned by the Meek estate. It is situated a little way outside the city of Oakland and it covers a huge tract of land between San Lorenzo and Hayward, says the San Francisco Wave. It is spread over 3,300 acres of some of the finest fruit bearing country on the Pacific coast. A thousand acres of this extent is in fruit, for the most part cherries. The ranch is owned and controlled by the two Meek brothers, and their sisters, how skillfully may be known from the fact that in spite of the hard times and a distressed market, there has never been a year when it has not paid and paid liberally. A full crop of cherries from this wonderful orchard will bring its owners anywhere from \$30,000 to \$35,000. Just now the season's cherry picking is going on at a great rate, and a little army of pickers is toiling from tree to tree, stripping the branches like a swarm of locusts. The sight is picturesque, for the pickers come by families and live in the cherry orchard in a small village of tents. At the height of the season nearly 150 pickers are employed. They are of all ages and both sexes, as the work is of such a nature that it can be performed as well by women as by men, as well by a ten-year-old girl as a grown man. The pickers are, of course, boarded at the expense of the ranch, and, besides, are paid from 75 cents to \$1 a day, so that a wife and two or three children can make as much money during the few weeks of the picking season as the head of the house can earn during the entire year. After the picking the cherries are taken over to the packing house and handled at once. The riper cherries are sorted out and put upon the local markets, while the more backward are shipped east. The force of packers can dispose of 420 boxes per day. Two thousand boxes go to the carload and must be hurried to their destination as speedily as possible, for there is no fruit that loses its flavor quicker by overkeeping than the cherry. For the same reason the boxes must be rapidly marketed, for they will not keep many hours in the heat of an

eastern summer. There are plenty of difficulties in the way of getting the California cherry upon the dining tables of the eastern consumer, but with ordinary care and a fair season the prices obtainable are not bad. In Chicago a ten pound box of California cherries can be made to bring a dollar if properly handled, while in New York, though the eastern local market comes into competition, the same quality will sometimes sell for 12 cents a pound.

COME WOMEN.

The Duchess of Teck spends annually \$5,000 in philanthropic work—one-fifth of the amount granted her by parliament.

Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop, the traveler, has just been asked to read a paper before the geographical society in London.

Although Ouida's book, "Le Selve," has been out but a short time, she already has another novel in the press. The new story is called "The Altruist," and shows the difficulty of putting ideas as to social equality in practice.

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HOW OUR BUSINESS GROWS.

In common with all good intended and fairly ambitious people who are trying to do their share of the world's work, as well as they know how. We always followed honest methods in using every legitimate means at our command to establish a good name for our firm, and the preparations that leave our house under our label and at the same time make our business reasonably profitable, and we have good reason to feel satisfied with the success we have attained. We wish to acknowledge that we appreciate exceedingly and are deeply grateful for the support and encouragement we have received from our customers. It is our constant aim to fully meet every proper requirement and it is our policy to extend to all our customers uniformly absolute fairness and courtesy—successful people like to receive their prescriptions and medicine from our store—they appreciate the best of everything, and do not want Quantity at the expense of Quality. But what they do want and get from us is the best Quality for the least amount of money. If you are not satisfied with your purchase we will refund your money. This is the basis on which we gain new customers and an increasing trade from those we now have. We aim to win and merit your confidence.

L. H. HARING & CO., Pharmacists.

THE KLONDYKE

OF TEXAS.

Klondyke! The word is magic because it means gold. It is interesting because the bright metal soothes many a sorrow and fills many a void. You hear of the Klondyke of Alaska and you are grieved on account of the distance that separates you. Why should your ambition not be satisfied when here in your very midst is the Klondyke of Texas, where gold is to be had only for the gathering. What matters it to you if it didn't come from Alaska, so you got it honorably. That is all you have to bother about. If you make it by buying with judgment and by attending our Fire and Bankrupt sales, then you make it honorably and you should be pleased. You should not worry about Alaska. It is cold at Alaska and the hardships of the winter seasons are great and for every ounce of gold you could gather up there you would also gather as much in disappointment, sorrow and hardship. Here in your very midst you can gather the pure Gold. \$2.50 saved on a \$5. pair of pants and \$5.00 saved on \$15.00 worth of goods is that much of the pure yellow metal added to your bank account. The difference in the Klondyke of Alaska and the Klondyke of Texas is this: At the Klondyke of Alaska YOU do the digging, undergo the hardships, suffer with cold and reap disappointment. At the Klondyke of Texas, Mistrot Bros & Co., do the digging and YOU gather the gold. The people of Houston and adjoining counties have seen a great deal of our Klondyke mine at Crockett, but they have not seen it all. It is only a shadow of what is yet to be seen. We have opened the mine in full blast this week for the fall and winter business and below we give you a list of just a few of the numerous precious nuggets she contains.

STAPLES.

Good weight yd wide Seagland Domestic, cheap at 5 our Klondyke price 3c per yd.
 Extra heavy yd wide Brown Domestic, same grade that others ask 6 1/2 and 7c pr yd for, our price 4 1/2c.
 Good yd wide Bleached Domestic, free from starch, grade that sells everywhere at 5c, the Klondyke price 3c.
 Good round thread Cotton Stripes, pretty dress patterns, 5c quality, our Klondyke price 2 1/2c.
 Good heavy Cotton Flannel worth 7c, at 4 1/2.
 Good heavy Jeans, cheap at 15c, our price 8c.
 Extra heavy all wool twilled Red Flannel, regular 20c quality, the Klondyke price 10c.
 Irish Frieze worth 12 1/2c, at 8 1/2c.
 Good round thread Chiviot, cheap at 6 1/2c, for 4 1/2c.
 Five cases of good oil colors and fast col's figured prints 3 1/2c per yard.
 All the newest dress styles in Hamilton, Windsor, Garner and Simpson's Prints at 4 1/2c.
 Red Table Damask that would be very cheap at 25c a yard, goes at our mine at 15c.
 Good large, White Counterpanes, crochet patterns, worth the world over 75c, at 50c.
 Beautiful large size Lace Curtains, would be very cheap at 75c per pr, our price 45c.
 Nice, large Towel worth 8 1/2c, at 5c.
 Nice quality Twilled Crash for towels, would be cheap at 6 1/2c, at 3 1/2c.
 All Linen Crash for toweling, cheap for 8 1/2c, our Klondyke price 5c.
 Nice Dress Gingham worth 7c, at 4 1/2c.
 1500 yds Fey Savoy Flannels cheap at 12 1/2c, for 7 1/2c.
 500 pieces best Table Oil Cloth, 25c grade at only 10c.

DRESS GOODS.

Double width Cashmere, all colors with trimming to match, worth and sold elsewhere for 15c per yard, our price 8 1/2c.
 Beautiful double width Henrietta Cloth, 36 inches wide, worth 35c pr yd, slightly soiled on edges, at 10c.
 Beautiful Chamelion Novelty Worsted, worth 15c, at 9 1/2c.
 Fine line of double width Chamelion Novelties in dress worsteds, worth 25c, at 12 1/2c.
 Novelty Scotch Plaid Dress Goods worth 20c, at 12 1/2c.
 Beautiful finished, all wool 46 inch Serges, all col's, in trimmings to match—from the Ely Walker fire sale at 35 cents per yard. It only requires about 6 yards to make a dress. These goods would cost 75c per yd in any store in the country that buy their goods in the regular way.
 All wool, 36 inch serge worth 50c, at 24c.
 Silk Velvet in all colors, cheap at \$1.00 pr yd, for 49c.

SHOES.

Ladies' Dongola Kid Button, patent tip, all sizes, 3 to 8, sells everywhere for \$1.00, at 65c.
 Ladies' Glove-grain Button, all sizes, solid leather soles and counters, well worth \$1.25, at 75c.
 Mens' heavy Veal Calf Congress Working Shoe, worth \$1.25, at 90c.

Mens' Heavy, Oil-grain Buckle and Lace Shoes, cheap at \$1.00, for 85c.
 Mens' Satin Calf and Imitation Kangaroo, all sizes in either, cheap at \$1.25, for 90c.
 Mens' Cordovan, cap, plain or pointed toe, crinkled vamp and very nobby, would be cheap for \$2.00, at \$1.25.
 Mens' Genuine Vici Kid, patent leather tips and trimming, would be cheap for \$3.00, at \$1.98.
 Big lot of Mens' Handsewed Sample Shoes, no two alike, worth \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 a pr, choice of lot \$1.98.
 Ladies' Bright Dongola Button, solid leather, patent tips, well worth and sold elsewhere at \$1.50, for 98c.
 Ladies' Dongola Kid Button, hand turned, patent tip, in square and pointed toes, as good value as is ever sold anywhere for \$2.50, at \$1.75. Lot of Ladies' Fine Sample \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 shoes, your choice for \$1.98.
 We carry a full line of the Celebrated Drew, Silby & Co's. Fine Shoes in all the late styles and colors for ladies and misses. Every pair of these are warranted and for style, fit and finish they cannot be equaled by any other make for the money we ask for them.
 We have a full line of Infants' Soft Sole Shoes in satin and kid and in White Piek Blue Blk. from 35 to 65c.
 Childrens' turned patent tip 50c shoes for 25c.

CLOTHING.

In this department we are prepared to show the greatest bargains ever offered by any concern in America. In a recent purchase of the entire stock of a virtually "busted" manufacturer in New York at 52 cents on the dollar we surpassed all previous records for bargains in this line. This concern, Messrs. Schram & Co., had a national reputation on this clothing for fit and finish and did a big business, but like many merchants in Texas, were trying to do business without sufficient capital. Consequently the time came when they were compelled to raise a very large sum of money (seventy two thousand dollars,) or make an assignment. Our Mr. Wagner was on the spot with "Klondyke" stuff, and as no other man with the "cash" who could handle so great a quantity could be found, they were forced to take his offer of 52 cents on the dollar and the following are a few of the things we have to offer from this stock.
 Mens' All Wool Cashmere Suits \$2.98, would be cheap at \$6.50.
 Mens' Fine All Wool Scotch Cheviot Suits for \$5.00, would be dirt cheap at \$8.50.
 Mens' All Wool Imported Black Clay Worsted Suits for \$6.50, well worth \$10.00.
 Mens' Extra Fine Imported Clay Worsted Prince Albert Suit in single or double breasted coat \$12.50, would be cheap at \$18.00.
 Mens' All Wool Pants, extra well made in solid piece without waistbands for \$1.50, regular \$3.00 goods.
 Big Line Tailor's Misfit Pants at \$2.50 to \$3.50 per pair. There is not a pair of them that is not worth \$5.00 and some are worth as much as \$6.50.
 Boys' All Wool Knee Pants Suits, extra value for \$2.50, our price \$1.50.
 Boys' Knee Pants 25c grade for 15c.
 Boys' Shirt Waists 25c grade for 15c.
 In addition to the above we ask your special attention to the letter we publish below which is self explaining.

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GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.

In this department we can give you a Fine Laundried Neglige Shirt like others ask 50c for, at 25c.
 A Fine Laundried Neglige Shirt like others ask 75c for, at 35c.
 A Fine White Laundried Shirt that sells everywhere for 75c, at 45c.
 Nice Celuloid Collar for 3c.
 Fine Linen Collar for 5c.
 Fine Large Handkerchief for 2 1/2.
 Fine Wire Buckle Suspenders worth 20c for 10c.
 Good Seamless Socks for 5c.
 Good Undershirt, sells everywhere for 25c at 15c.
 Good pair Drill Drawers, 25c grade, for 12 1/2c.
 Fine All Silk Handkerchief, like others sell for 50, for 25c.
 Best Doubled Duck Overall for 50c.
 Good Extra Well Made Work Shirt for 25c.

HATS.

In this department we have over 1000 styles ranging in price from 25c to \$2.50.
 We can sell you an elegant Alpine shaped Hat with satin lining, in black, brown or tan, that sells everywhere at \$2.00 for 98c.
 Fine Black or Nutria Color Stetson black satin lined, genuine Russia leather sweat band, for \$1.98, that would cost at the cheapest store in the country \$3.00.
 We have a fine line of sample hats at \$1.50 for choice, worth \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50 each.

NOTION DEPARTMENT

AND LADIES FURNISHING.
 Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Fleece Lined Ribbed Vest with long sleeves, silk finished fronts with nice pearl buttons, well worth 50c, the Klondyke price \$1.8c.
 Ladies' Fast Black Hose, 5c grade, at 3c.
 Ladies' Fast Col'd Drop Stitch Seamless Hose cheap at 15c per pair, for 8 1/2c.
 Ladies' Fast Black Seamless Hose 10c grade, for 5c.
 Listen! The well known Foster Patent 8 hook Kid Gloves in black, tan, brown, green or drab, worth and sold for \$1.25, going in our Klondyke sale at only 50c.
 Ladies' Gauntlet Kid Gloves worth \$1.00 for 40c.
 Ladies' Col'd Bordered and White Hem Stitched Handkerchiefs, 8 1/2c grade, Klondyke price 2 1/2.
 Nice Corset, slightly soiled, well worth 40c, only 15c.
 Ladies' Colored and Black Corsets, some of them well worth 75c, to close at 40.
 One Paper of Pins 1c. One Paper of Best Sharp's Needles 1c. One nice Pencil with rubber 1c. One Dozen Slate Pencils in cedar 1c. One Package of Chewing Gum 1c. One Package of chocolate 1c. One Spool Basting Cotton 1c. One Spool of Embroidrey Silk 1c. One Cake of Fine Coconut Oil Toilet Soap 2c. One Card of Hooks and Eyes 2c. One Card of Rice Buttons, 12 dozen on a card 2c. One Card of Safety Pins 2c. One Ball of Darning Cotton 2c. One Spool of Sewing Silk 4c.

Office of
Mistrot Bros. & Co.,
 47 Leonard St.

NEW YORK CITY, September 16th, 1897.

Mistrot Bros. & Co., Crockett, Texas.
 Sutton:

We bought to-day from the Florshiem Tailoring Co., 582 very fine tailor made suits at 54 cents on the dollar and have shipped the entire lot to Crockett. Some of them are missfits from the spring business and may be a little odd sized for your trade, but it is elegant stuff and we think your trade will appreciate its extraordinary value, but should it not move readily with you you can ship it to Houston or Marlin. Am glad to note the improvement in business at Crockett since you took charge.

Yours truly, G. A. Mistrot.

MISTROT BROTHERS & CO.,

The closest buyers and closest sellers in Texas.

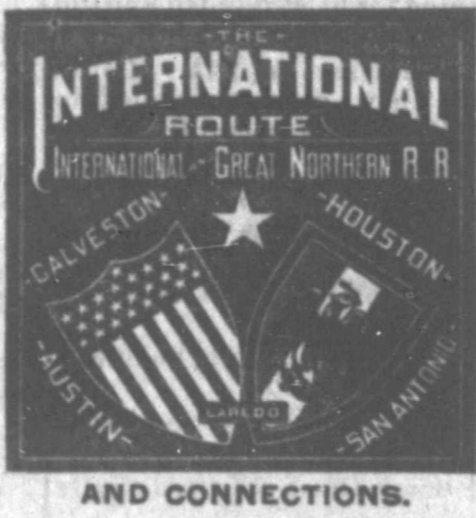
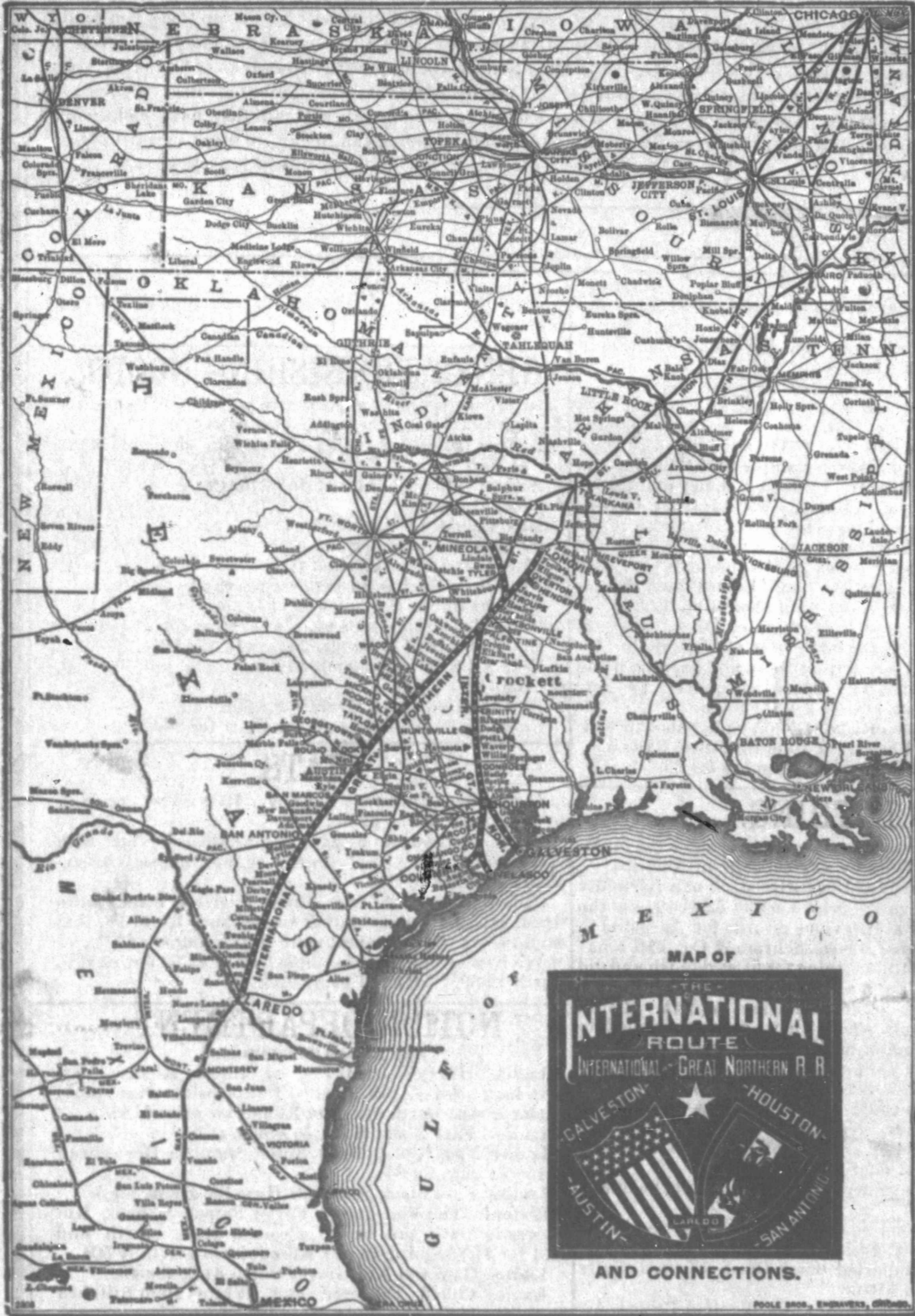
CROCKETT, TEXAS.

Houston County

AND ADVANTAGES

And attractions for the Man of Capital

AND THE HOME-SEEKER.



A STATEMENT OF FACTS.

Houston County is situated in Eastern Texas, in latitude 31½ degrees north; longitude 95½ degrees west; 100 miles north of Houston and 140 miles north of Galveston. The county is bounded on the east by the Neches and on the west by the Trinity river. The county is one of the oldest and largest in the state, embracing an area of 680,000 acres of land.

RAILROADS.

The Great Northern branch of the International & Great Northern runs north and south through the center of the county; the Trinity & Sabine east and west near the south boundary line; the Tyler Southeastern (Cotton Belt) near the eastern boundary and the Trinity, Cameron & Western is now projected through the southwestern part. Two other roads are chartered through the county, and are being surveyed and partly constructed. The county is well supplied with transportation facilities and will be unsurpassed by any in the state when the new roads are built, as they will be before a great while.

SCHOOLS.

Houston County has the best system of public free schools in the State of Texas. The city free schools of Crockett run nine months and the county free school six months a year. The county

has a school fund of \$70,000 in her own right, which draws an annual income of \$5,000. This, together with \$25,000 furnished by the state, makes an available school fund for the county of \$30,000 a year. School houses are commodious and fitted with patent, first-class school furnishings.

CHURCHES.

All churches are represented and the different denominations have facilities equal, if not superior, to those enjoyed in the older states.

Debt and tax rates are very small. The bonded debt of the county is being rapidly liquidated and the total state and county tax is only 87½ cents on the \$100 valuation.

CLIMATE AND WATER.

The climate of this section is very mild and healthful. The temperature above 90 degrees or below 25 degrees above zero.

The county is plentifully supplied with water for all purposes. An abundance of good water can be secured in any part of the county. At short distances there are never-failing streams of pure water, which furnish power sufficient for all manufacturing purposes. No county in the state can boast of as many such streams.

LAND IN CULTIVATION.

Of the land in the county, about 100,000 acres are in cultivation, and the balance, of 580,000 acres is

virgin prairie and forest.

SOILS.

We have the greatest variety of soils, adapted to the cultivation of all farm products grown in the temperate zones. There are the black waxy, the black loam, the stiff, black sandy, the gray sandy, the red, chocolate, alluvial and scores of other kinds. Nine-tenths of the area of the county was originally timbered. Nearly one-tenth of it is prairie land of the best quality, and is easily cultivated with all the improved agricultural implements.

TIMBER.

The timber in Houston County is of all kinds and in almost unlimited supplies. There are magnificent forests of long-leaf and short-leaf pine, red oak, white oak, post oak, linn, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in fine supply, holly, beech, maple, sassafras, cherry and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Palace" in Fort Worth, Houston County was awarded the first prize gold medal for the best timber exhibit. A furniture factory, or any other using hard wood, would do well here. Pine lumber can be had at \$6 to \$8 per 1000 feet.

ORES AND CLAY.

We have in almost exhaustless supplies, rich iron ore of the brown hematite and laminated varieties, besides other kinds. There are undeveloped coal beds in different

sections. Building stone in abundance. Clays for making brick, tiling, pottery, etc. Also there are large beds of green marl, which have never been developed.

STOCK.

This county is especially adapted to the raising of fine stock. Jersey cattle, blooded horses and hogs are numerous and all do well.

FRUITS.

The soil of Houston County is unsurpassed in its adaptability to fruit culture. Apples, peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots and grapes yield enormous crops. In this business there is a chance for fortunes to be made, as early fruits and berries can be matured and shipped to the northern markets before competition from other sections affects the market price. Strawberries and others are grown without trouble.

STAPLE PRODUCTS.

The yield of cotton in this county averages one-half a bale per acre; corn 20 to 30 bushels; sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes 200 to 400 bushels and ribbon cane produces from 250 to 400 gallons of the very best syrup. Melons of all kinds, peas, beans, pumpkins, tomatoes, squashes, onions, beets, radishes, cabbage and all other garden vegetables grow in the greatest abundance.

A CHANCE.

One branch of industry has been nearly overlooked here. We refer to the production of tobacco.

The soil in portions of the county is particularly adapted to tobacco culture and there are thousands of acres that will produce the very best quality of tobacco brown. The people are not familiar with the business; but there are fortunes here awaiting the men who bring a knowledge of tobacco raising and curing to Houston County. Thirty years ago tobacco was one of the money crops of this section. The people have lost sight of it for the cotton crop.

We have recently tried the Genuine Havana tobacco and find that, where the farmer has the proper knowledge of curing same, the yield is from \$200 to \$400 per acre, our Havana tobacco bringing 40 to 50 cents per pound in the New York market. New York buyers all agree that it is impossible to grow such tobacco in Texas, and will only believe that we grow it upon affidavits of the best men in the state. Money, land and assistance will be furnished expert tobacco growers and warehouse men. We only need a good class of men, who understand this industry, to quadruple the value of all tobacco lands in the county. These are all facts, can be proved and are deserving of attention.

In 1894 Houston County produced 30,000 bales of cotton, 900,000 bushels of corn, more first-class ribbon-cane syrup than could be used at home, and enough meat for home use. Besides these crops, oats, sorghum, peas, hay and peanuts enough to fatten all stock on hand through the winter.

Crockett, the county seat, is located near the center of the county, on the I. & G. N. railroad, and has a population of about 3500. The population has more than doubled in the last five years. The town site is high and healthy, with perfect drainage. First-class business houses, schools, churches, newspapers, etc. An oil mill in operation and many new enterprises in hand.

Lovelady, twelve miles south, and Grapeland, twelve miles north, are towns of 500 inhabitants, both located on the I. & G. N. R. R., and possessing good locations, good schools, churches, stores and first-

class society.

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weeches, Tadmore, Ratcliff, Coltharp, Daly, Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Pennington, Belott and Daniel. Besides this there are over thirty cotton gins and lumber mills in the county, and at each of these are pleasant neighborhoods, usually having schools and churches.

We need progressive farmers, a canning and fruit-preserving factory, a furniture factory and many other enterprises that can secure raw material without the expense of a long haul.

RUST IN COTTON.

There has been almost universal complaint over the cotton belt of rust in cotton, of honey dew and lice. Most farmers associate the three together and assume that the rust or blight is the effect of the honey dew and lice. With the view of determining definitely the character of rust and its causes the editor wrote Professor J. H. Connell of the A. and M. College, Bryan, stating the condition of the plant here, the rust, the honey dew and the lice and asked him for the result of the investigations on these blights at his and other experimental agricultural stations in the south. He replied promptly and we give below his views on the subject. We commend a consideration of his views to the farmers of this county, believing that what he says should be entitled to great weight:

College Station, Brazos County, Texas August 31st., 1897.

Mr. W. B. Page, Crockett, Tex.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th. inst. to Gov Ross has been given me for reply and I am pleased to say that thorough study of rusts have shown that there are several of these fungous diseases attacking cotton. Remedies for these will vary with the form of the disease. What is known as "red or yellow" rust in cotton is not strictly speaking a rust—but a blight. This disease has been carefully studied by the experimental stations of North Carolina and Alabama and found to be due to physiological changes in the cell structure of the plant caused in nearly all cases by extremes of moisture or dryness.

Prof. Atkinson in bulletin 36 from Alabama Station discusses methods of treatment etc., and concludes that spraying is useless, that 200 to 400 pounds of Kainit or salt applied per acre will often prevent the disease, and that rotation of farm crops is the only general and inexpensive remedy for this trouble. Special attention needs to be paid to the physical condition of soils producing rusted cotton. More vegetable matter should be incorporated into such soils by the addition of cow-pea vines and such heavy manures as can be had around all farms. In a few instances the yellow rust is the product of bad drainage and a consequent lack of necessary air in the soil. In such cases drainage and aeration may be given by ditching, tiling, and sub-soiling the land in question.

In your section the rust will yield to treatment, I feel assured, and hope that you will see that some of the methods first suggested are given a trial in time for next season's cotton crop.

Truly yours,

J. H. CONNELL.

For Sale.

I will sell at reasonable figures and on reasonable terms the following property: One saw-mill, one gin, one grist mill, one engine and boiler, 20 horse power, one residence. If can't sell, will exchange for real estate in this or adjoining counties. The above property is situated 10 miles north of Crockett; 3 miles east of Grapeland in a good community.

J. J. Brokers,

Grapeland, Texas.

REAGAN AND CULBERSON.

Culberson and Crane have both recognized Houston county when it came to a distribution of the appointments in their power.

How many from this county ever received an appointment by his intercession or endorsement? How many and whom did he ever solicit to make application?

VOLGA.

A few words about sand in cotton and improved attachments for clearing same.

I will not assume the responsibility of speaking for all of my brother farmers, but will speak freely for myself, and I believe 99 per cent of my class of toilers.

We are strictly in favor of a nice clean grade of cotton that will not only reach the top of the market but will also show honest principles in our behalf.

I have conversed with neighbors on this important subject and all so far agree with me, and by the time of the cotton season of '98 rolls around we will have gins or a gin at least, with the much needed attachments if we have to organize and pledge support to the man for a reasonable time that will prepare for our patronage.

I asked one man why he did not arrange to clean sandy cotton; he said he thought the condenser was sufficient.

The Courier estimate of 10 pounds sand to the bale is reasonable but a man that has learned by practical experience claims the average difference of his gin to be 5 pounds. Now the question is do we purchase or sell dirt?

and it is really known as the "Reagan-Cullom Act." True, his name is associated with this act of congress. And it is also true that in the minds of many who are thoroughly conversant with the laws of commerce and the rules of transportation governing the rating of long and short hauls there is a grave question whether the people of Texas have been helped or harmed by this interstate commercial agency.

Another Word on the Oil Business.

We referred last week to the unfortunate hitch in the progress of negotiations for leasing land on which to bore for oil. Major H. G. Damon, the gentleman from Corsicana who is representing a syndicate of Pittsburgh, Penn., capital, left here about ten days since for his home, declaring that the syndicate that he was working for would not spend another dollar on the enterprise until the land they were trying to lease was leased to them.

Corsicana, Tex., August 31, '97. Dear Sir: Your esteemed favor of yesterday received. I am very much obliged for your suggestion.

We have accordingly decided to rest. If those who have refused, after due reflection, conclude to give us favorable terms, we will take up the work again.

The City Saloon has an elegant Ladies' Dresser to give away. All who buy a dollar's worth of whiskey will have an opportunity to get it.

List of Grand Jurors.

To appear at Crockett, Texas, at 10 o'clock A. M. Monday October 4th. A. D. 1897.

- H F Craddock, J E Downes, W H Wall, W M Stubblefield, R T Payne, C H Easley, Silas Cook, E M Young, W F Murchison, Henry Hager, W E Merriwether, Billy Darnell, W J Peacock, J C West, Jim Arlege, Berkley Ellis.

PETIT JURY FOR THE FIRST WEEK.

- To appear at 9 o'clock A. M. J H Ashmore, J J Hammon, W V McConnell, Bill Hager, B S Gray, Joe Romansky, R O Beavers, G B Kent, Call Beeson, E W Davis, J S Shivers, G W Furguson, W T Blakeway, Sam Bitner, J G Hart, J W Daniel, W F Dent, ST Anthony, W J Cupps, W J Bartee, Dosh Gossett, J B Cunningham, J B Bennett Sr, J W Glover, O F Gootson, E E Barlow, W E Domino, W H Bayne, T P Clayton, C H Barbee, J M Buchanan, H G Carter, J W Brent, Henry Brimberry, W N Lane.

LIST OF PETIT JURORS FOR THE SECOND WEEK.

- To appear at 9 o'clock A. M. Monday October 11th. A. D. 1897. J F Allen Sr., W T Hale, T J Dwyre, H L Brannen, Robert Owens, G R Murchison, J B Stanton, C A Granberry, H C Eichelberger, Jno. Stubblefield, J V Collins, W G Creath, J W Caskey, J W Simmons, J H Kelly, Dick English, J C Denson Jr., G L Emerson, E W Green, F A Butler, W V Berry, Collin Aldrich Sr., W B Smith, Everet Douglass, W H Kennedy, L H Morrow, J J Taylor, J G Conner, B F Smith Sr., H J Arledge, A L Clinkscale, W H Duren, Duncan Blue, M C Dupuy, D C F Snell.

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LIST OF JURORS FOR THE THIRD WEEK.

- To appear at 9 o'clock A. M. Monday October the 18th. A. D. 1897. Dock Kyle, B G Kilgore, E B Dunham, W E Beard, A J Murry, W A McPail, John Parker, S J Patton, James Langston, H A Pennington, J G Lunday, J F Linley, John Foster, T B Perry, G W Allbright, S C Arlege, A B H Shaw, W V Clark, A J Belot, G W Bradley, J D Baker, G F Boikin, J L Childs, G W Dauphin, Billy Conner, W E Cannon, J E Chaffin, W H Brown, J M Atkinson, Ben Crowson, W H Dickey Sr., J M Bristow, J F Garrett, J J Gannus, N J Mainer.

STRAY NOTICE.

Reported to me by W. E. Hall Comr: Pre No. 1 Houston county Texas, the following described animals. One sorrel mare branded M. D. on neck 6 on left shoulder, 14 or 14 1/2 hands high, about 9 years old. And her sorrel colt about one year old. In care of Hal Burton 10 miles West of Crockett at Porter Springs. Filed August 3rd 1897. Given under my hand and seal of office this 30th day of August A. D. 1897. N. E. Allbright Co. clk Houston Co Texas.

Mr. James E. Ferrell, of Burnt House W. Va., has discarded all other diarrhoea medicines and now handles only Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. He has used it in his family and sold it to his customers for years, and has no hesitation in saying that it is the best remedy for colic and diarrhoea, he has ever known. It not only gives relief, but effects a permanent cure. It is also pleasant and safe to take, making it an ideal remedy for bowel complaints. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

LOST.

Brown mare mule, 15 years old, about 15 hands high, small rope round neck, branded Mexican gourd. Five dollars for her return A. M. Langston, Crockett Tex

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THE COURIER.

W. E. PAGE, Editor.

The anonymous scribbler from Cracker's Bend seeks to make an excuse for the conduct of those engaged in that wholesale attempt to commit murder. But his effort is too thin and will not work. Those who know better know that the apology he offers for his barbarous conduct is a lie framed for this occasion, an after thought false in every particular. If we didn't know better and to the contrary and didn't know the capacity of his crowd for falsifying the facts as exhibited on previous occasions in respect to the violation of the law prohibiting the dynamiting of fish, some regard might be given to what he says. But his character and that of those who were associated with him are known and weighed.

We asked a farmer the other day that if he wanted to buy a farm and had one offered him in Cracker's Bend—such land as would make a bale of cotton to the acre—what he would be willing to give for it an acre. His reply was that he wouldn't have it at any price and could not be induced to live among a set of people that would be guilty of such behavior as those in Cracker's Bend who assaulted with homicidal purpose the camp of harmless, inoffensive, laboring men at an hour of the night when only those on lawless intent bent were prowling through the jungles like beast of prey. This shows the damage done to property down there, much of it too, belonging to good citizens and innocent men. They must suffer for the shameful acts of these night raiders. If the damage could be limited to those only who were guilty, the consequences wouldn't be so deplorable. There are others interested in there, exemplary citizens in every respect, who have to suffer for the misconduct of a lot of hoodlums.

And Attorney General Crane's promised statement is before the people at last wherein he gives the history of the suits and their termination against the Southern Pacific railroad. He shows conclusively that there was a conspiracy on the part of some of the enemies of democracy and some of his own political foes the object of which was to besmirch his character as a man and his record as an official. But the conspiracy failed. The fuse to the bomb flashed and sputtered in such a way as to make those who were engineering the scheme think that the bomb would go off with a record—smashing, ambitious—blighting explosion. But it didn't. It was a fizzle of the most inglorious kind. The pit dug for others holds the conspirator themselves. The transaction which the conspirators hoped to make appear a shady and deviant one proves to be a happy stroke of good luck for Mr. Crane so far as its political effect may be. And as for the business aspect of the case, the transaction shows Mr. Crane in a light that vindicates his good sense and good judgment. The facts are these: The Southern Pacific R. R., violated the law against rebates. It nominally followed the schedule of charges which the commission made for every station on that line and for every class of goods which the road transported to market. It nominally followed this schedule of charges, we repeat. But after making and collecting these charges according to the tariff made and prescribed by the commission, the road rebated a certain percent back to certain stations as against other stations and back to certain

merchants in the same station as against other merchants. This is a manifest discrimination and injustice, the result of which is to tear down certain towns and build up others, and to ruin and bankrupt certain merchants and to build up and enrich other merchants in the same town. To prevent such practices on the part of railroads is one of the great objects and benefits of the commission. The attorney-general learns of such violations of the commission law by the Southern Pacific. A discharged official of this road gives the information. The Attorney-general files suit in fifty or more cases against this road. He wins against the road. The penalty for each such violation is not less than \$500.00 nor more than \$5,000.00. After the Attorney General (Mr. Crane) wins, those representing the road propose to compromise. That is, they propose to plead guilty to fifty such cases and pay the fines in all amounting to \$25,000,000, promising to violate the law no more. The attorney-general, together with the R. R. Commission, agree to accept the compromise on condition that the road sin no more in this respect. The attorney-general and the commission thought the penalty of twenty-five thousand dollars was ample and would be exemplary in its effect and would be better every way for the state than to try to impose a greater penalty, thus initiating probably endless litigation. And this is the great "bug under the chip" that some of Mr. Crane's enemies darkly hinted at.

A FEW THINGS THE PEOPLE DONT KNOW.

There are some things in the commission record of Hon. John H. Reagan which the people of Texas are not, perhaps, fully posted about. It is not generally known by them that when the R. R. commission were considering the proposition of subjecting that monster of a corporation, the Galveston Wharf Company, to the control in its rules and fees to the R. R. commission the Hon. John H. Reagan, one of the commission, and the one of all of them in and to whom the masses confided and looked to to protect them from the extortion and exactions of that monopoly, voted against said proposition and on the side of the Wharf Company. Nor is it known that when the proposition came up before the commission to cut down the charges of the railroads on the handling of a bale of cotton Hon. J. H. Reagan voted against that proposition too and in favor of the railroads. And still another thing that the people of Texas dont know is that the Hon. John H. Reagan, tribune of the people we are told, voted against the proposition to place the Express Companies and their tariff charges under the supervision of the R. R. commission. If there are two things in Texas that may be and are regarded as corporate cormorants, very devil-fishes with a greed never to be satisfied, they are the Express Companies and that Galveston Wharf Company. Nothing is too great or too small or too sacred to be exempt from the payment of tribute to these hitherto unbridled monopolies. They levy a tax upon the commerce of all Texas. It is not possible for anything to go or to come that is not held up by these two commercial highwaymen, so to speak, and forced to deliver not in reason or justice but with heartless and conscienceless prodigality. Then to talk about or to argue or to vote against the scheme to subject these concerns to the control of the railroad commission! Who would ever have believed that John H. Reagan was capable of throwing the in-

fluence of his name or his vote against the proposition to make these soulless corporations subservient to the welfare of the people instead of being their masters. To many people these things will seem incredible, but the press of the state at the time the questions came up for discussion and determination by the commission record the facts that the distinguished ex-senator cast his vote as we have stated.

The man whose mind and time for twenty years have been engrossed in the study of national problems is wholly incapacitated thereby to deal with questions of state interest. During this time Sayers' mind has been running in a channel altogether foreign to matters of state concern. A profound student of national statecraft and the principles methods and axioms underlying the same, becomes highly accomplished in and thoroughly equipped for dealing with affairs of national concern. And just to the extent that the amplitude of such study on his part goes, to the same extent will reach his incompetency and unfitness for handling those matters of state interest and concern. Hon. Joe Sayers can't be depended on to more fully understand and appreciate those questions that usually invite the study and perplex the minds of congressmen than the Hon. M. M. Crane could be. For the first two or four years in congress Mr. Crane, as any other new congressman, would do well to fully master the situation before him and be ready to do something at the opening of his third term of congress. In like manner if Hon. Joe Sayers were elected governor, he would be an unspeakable failure so far as an intelligent and comprehensive grasp of the questions that would confront him goes. It would require the experience of two years in the executive chair to qualify the Hon. Joe Sayers for a successful administration of state affairs. He knows nothing or little of state questions and the proper method of dealing with them. On the contrary contrast with this situation that which would prevail if Mr. Crane were chief executive of the commonwealth. He has made a close study of and been a prominent figure in the consideration of these questions for a half score of years. Coming into the executive office equipped with this experience his administration would be a brilliantly successful ones the envy and aspiration of all whose ambition would lead them to hope to be his successor.

WHAT WE LOST.

Readers of the Courier will remember some time since the representatives of that colony which they were out looking for land for. They were not for some reason pleased with this place or the proper efforts were not made to induce them to locate here. They went on to Trinity Co. where Col. A. T. Anderson took charge of them and sold them 25,000 acres of land between Bissell and Saron on the T. & S. Now let our Crockett friends read the following, reflect on it and regret: *The Galveston News* of recent date says:

Near Bissell and Saron, on the Trinity and Sabine Railway, twenty-five Illinois merchants are at work putting up 500 dwellings for as many families, who will follow in due time and engage in raising tobacco and vegetables, which will be supplied to cigar and canning factories on the spot. One immigration company is doing this, for which it has secured 25,000 acres of land. As *The News* has pointed out, it is only a question of going out after the people.

For first-class Photos go to Rhodes Studio over King's Drug Store.

We are indebted to J. B. Ellis for some splendid sweet potatoes of the vineless variety. We have seen nothing like them in Texas and would advise all of our readers to get the vineless kind and plant them.

For a short time I will make finest Cabinet Photos for \$1.50 per doz. This is no old-fashioned cheap John work, but is up-to-date in style and finish and first class in every respect. Rhodes over Harrings Drug store.

H. C. Jones, a recent arrival to Grapeland section, is having fine success at bee raising and honey-making. He has gathered from nine colonies this year three hundred pounds of splendid honey.

Look over the man who has over looked The Royal Tailors and see if he hasn't bought a poor suit and paid more money for it.

GAIL KING AGT.

T. J. Crofford brought the Courier last Saturday specimens of the wild Spanish Mulberry of the white variety. The woods are full of the red and blue variety but these are the first of the white kind we ever saw.

J. Carrol Downes and Miss Bobbie Bowers, daughter of Col. T. M. Bowers, were married on Thursday last.

Nagle and North have moved out of Cracker's Bend up to an near Hagerville. It is needless to say that they were forced by events of recent occurrence to do so. The left where they moved from timber which they bought and could not work up.

Are you rich enough to be poorly-dressed? It's pretty expensive and you better try the Tailors. You will find their sample room next door to Capitol Hotel building.

Those who borrow their neighbors' Courier to read and forget to return same ought to commend and subscribe.

We invite attention of farmer to article on rust in cotton this issue.

Cotton is rolling from all points a great deal coming from Leon and Madison. We noticed A. B. Hardin here this week with an armful of cotton samples.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of the 6th prox. of Miss Beulah Lacy and Mr. Barnett Nacogdoches.

It is very rare that there is an extra copy of the Courier left in the office. We have quite a number of calls for extra copies nearly every week, but are not able to accommodate those who want them. We suggest that the surest way of being supplied is to subscribe for all you want.

If you want any better country paper than we are now giving you, you must leave the state to get it.

We had a call this week from Mr. A. R. Meriwether of Lovelady. Jap Brannen is building a new residence.

Mrs. W. M. Taylor and Mrs. J. W. Hall returned a few days since from the Nashville Exposition. They had a great deal of trouble, we learn, in getting through Texas quarantine lines.

If you want a sure enough all round first class suit of clothes order same from the Royal Tailors. GAIL Q. KING AGT.

Strayed Or Stolen.

One mare mule, dun colored, with black stripes around legs, about 13 1/2 hands high and six years old when last seen had on a bell. Will pay liberal reward for delivery of this mule in Crockett. E. J. Dupree.

Some farmers doubting that we will gin 1000 bales of cotton so they can get the 50c rebate. We have concluded to gin and wrap our cotton for \$2.25 per bale thereby taking off or giving the rebate from now on.

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WILL ACCEPT THE PENALTY.

Southern Pacific Will Plead Guilty to Violations of Commerce Laws.

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 3.—Attorney General Crane was in the city today. He was questioned about the cases against the officials of the Southern Pacific railway and connecting lines. The attorney general stated that the Southern Pacific officials have agreed to present themselves in the district court of Travis county and enter pleas of guilty in twenty cases where the corporations are charged with violations of the interstate commerce law and the state laws as well. It was stated to-night that it will cost the Southern Pacific \$25,000 to square accounts with the state authorities and that this money will be paid over next week. Attorney General Crane refused to be interviewed, but admitted that it would cost state courts. It is said the officials of the Texas railroads have made up their minds to make terms by admitting their guilt and paying the fines assessed and the cost of the prosecution.

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