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War Reminiscences.

[By W. D. Pritchard, Crockett, Texas.]

We remained at Camp Manassas quite a while drilling and learning how to be soldiers. And while here were attacked by that dreaded scourge, "Camp Measles". The infected were removed to a hospital improvised for the purpose, and details ordered for nurses. This nursing was not relished by the men and they would lie most awfully to keep from nursing the sick. Sergeant Foster came to a crowd of us one morning and spoke of disease being in camp and cautioned the men to be careful when the writer unthoughtfully remarked, "B—m the measles, I had them when I was a boy." Then the sergeant said "you are the man I am looking for, I want you for a nurse in the hospital." So much for being a "Smart Alec". This detail simply meant six weeks in that wretched place. And dearly did the pay for his folly. Many amusing things happened during this period of changing an armed mob into a disciplined army. The first duty of a soldier being to obey orders, it gave the officers much trouble to restrain the proud spirits of those men born to the freedom of the prairie and each a chieftain upon his native heath. But when shown the importance of discipline they yielded for their country's sake and gave cheerful and hearty obedience to all orders. I remember an amusing incident that occurred one night on the guard line. Old man, Eben Andrews of our company, was on guard and as was the rule, the grand rounds were made that night by Gen. J. E. Johnson, Gen. Beauregard, Col. Wigfall and their staff. As they approached old man Eben's post, thinking they were the relief, he promptly halted them with the challenge "who comes there," and when answered "The Grand Rounds," he turned upon his heel in disgust saying, "Oh! H—l. I thought it was the relief." After much explanation, the sergeant got him to understand who they were, when he allowed them to approach. On these occasions the officers try the men in every way possible to test their fidelity. At this time Gen. Beauregard with his genial affability soon had the old man hoodwinked and wound up by getting his gun, when his manner changed to one of stern reproof saying "I have your gun, you are a fine soldier to give your gun to a man. Don't you know when the relief comes around and finds you without a gun you will be shot? What are you going to do?" The old man was paralyzed for a moment. But as the gravity of the situation dawned upon him he hastily drew from his pocket an old brass barrel pistol which he shoved full in the Gen's face, saying, "give me my gun or I will blow H—l out of you," which Beauregard wisely did and moved on to the next post. It was also against orders to sleep on post. The punishment was very severe and notwithstanding the almost certain punishment, exhausted nature would sometimes succumb to the fatigue of camp life and fall a victim to sleep. On one occasion

the writer went on duty at 12 o'clock at night for a two hours' lonesome walk. Being quite young and unused to the hardships of a soldier's life soon took advantage of a stump that was temptingly near his post for a few moments' rest and as 'tis invariably the case was soon lost in dreams of other days when he was called back to earth by a blow upon the leg and awoke to find his gun upon the ground and a faithful Irish friend some ten paces off, calling to him to wake up "you dirty spalpeen dont you hear the bloody taps, bring me my gun and get upon your feet or you will be shot before breakfast." The "taps" referred to was the signal when the relief left the guard house. It is needless to say he got his gun and the relief found all sentinels on their posts. In the many eventful scenes of the years that followed the writer never forgot his friend and when fortune and the foragers replenished the mess, "McNulty" shared it with him. The largest half of his jigger of whiskey was given to Mc. And when he fell at Malvern Hill mangled by a shell the writer was there to hold the shattered leg as it was amputated. When that noble man died from the shock some hours later the writer hunted out the severed limb from among the pile of legs, arms, hands and feet that filled the corner of that little church and buried it with the body, the last tribute of honor and devotion to a true friend and gallant soldier, whose noble spirit now answers to the far away roll call.

"On Fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
Where glory guards with solemn sound
The bivouac of the dead."

DALYS.

CROCKETT COURIER:—I have not had anything to write about for quite a while and therefore have not written. In reading through the COURIER today however I find some matter that I feel like expressing myself on. I do not presume to set myself up as a critic of editorial matter coming from such an intelligent source as that of the editor of the COURIER but observation teaches me that the most intelligent of writers sometimes fall into the error of under-rating the intelligence of their readers, or being so biased by their views of a question as not to be able to perceive that they commit an inconsistency in argument that their readers are quick to see. Now as to your article on Reagan and Culberson. As you know, I have no political interest in the success or failure of either of these men for the positions which they are aspiring to, except to see them defeated by some good man who represents straight and unadorned populist principles. "I say as you are aware" for I take it for granted that I have not heretofore failed to let it be known that I am by no manner of means a modern democrat. But since I was sixteen years of age and a very insignificant unit in the Confederate army, I have heard of Jno. H. Reagan and to this day, thirty-six years later I have heard nor known of an act or word to condemn him in my estimation except his blind devotion to the Democratic party which has led him to condone and

apparently approve of many things which I believe he honestly condemned in his own judgment but acquiesced in for the sake of his party. He refused to stand as a candidate on the Cleveland gold-standard platform which Gov. Culberson was first elected on. Well now as to the criticism. Your article mentioned, first endeavors to make it appear and perhaps properly so that Reagan is not entitled to the whole credit of the Interstate Commerce act. Then later you labor to make it appear that there is no credit attached to the authorship of that act. Then in another article of the same issue you bring a severe charge against Judge Reagan which if proven at the time would have condemned him as almost criminal in the eyes of the people but which never having reached the ears of the people generally, until a juncture of this kind, will naturally fail to effect the impression that it would have done at the time of the commission of the act. I refer to the alleged conduct of the judge in the Galveston Wharf Co. matter alluded to by you in your issue Sept. 24th.

Again—you refer to what Gov. Culberson has done for Houston county in the way of choosing citizens of the county for places. In the first place I surmise that a great many of the readers of the COURIER will at once conclude that this action of the Governor brings the county under no obligations whatever to support him on his senatorial aspirations (for which purpose the argument is evidently used) and they will be supported in their conclusions by the previous arguments of the COURIER viz that the appointees were eminently fitted and qualified for the positions to which they were appointed and fully deserved both the honor and the pay they received and therefore left neither themselves nor their county under any obligation whatever for their appointment. You see I believe that the COURIER is not afraid of criticism else the address of this were better changed.

Cotton picking will be nearly over by the middle of this month. It wont average a good half crop on upland and not more on bottom land.

Plenty of chills and fever but no yellow fever developed yet. I say developed yet—for some of the neighbors are very suspicious of its being at Jim Beazley's, but as Jim Beazley always has a little of every thing that is going it would not be so surprising if he had a little Yellow, Black or Green fever all the year round. REYNARD.

A PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

A very painful, and what might have proved a fatal accident, occurred on Monday afternoon last at S. S. Elliott and Mrs. Elliott were returning home. They had spent the most of the day in Crockett and were on their way home in a two horse vehicle. About three miles from town as the buggy was going down one of those steep hills between Crockett and bayou, the pole of the buggy ran through the hole in the breast-yoke. The buggy with occupants came down on horses which frightened them and started them to running. Mrs. Elliott, in an endeavor to save herself, jumped from the buggy to

the ground. The fall was a violent one and resulted in breaking the bones of one of her legs just above the ankle. She was taken back to the home of Buck Mortimer where she received skilful surgical attention from Drs. W. C. Lipscomb and J. B. Smith. On Tuesday she was removed to Henry Rice's home and her son, Dr. B. S. Elliott summoned.

Sunday Meeting Program.

The following program will be observed at Antioch Baptist church on Nevel's Prairie beginning Friday night before Fifth Sunday in October.

Friday 7:30 p. m. sermon by J. A. Lee.
Saturday 9 a. m. exercises by W. T. Vaden.
Saturday 9:30 a. m. our destitution by J. T. Ivins.
Saturday 10 a. m. our duty to supply it by J. W. Russel.
Saturday 11 a. m. preaching by R. E. Morris.
Saturday 2:30 p. m. what is the Gospel by T. Buller.
Saturday 3:30 p. m. how are we justified before God, by W. H. Caldwell and B. F. Salka.
Saturday 4:30 p. m. meeting of Exec. Board.
Saturday 7:30 p. m. preaching.
Sunday 9 a. m. Sunday school mass meeting.
Monday 11 a. m. preaching and collection for Association missions.

HAVE WE TWO SYSTEMS OF QUARANTINE? OR ONE FOR ALL ALIKE?

Dr. John B. Smith of Crockett and Dr. L. Meriwether of Grapeland joined a group of physicians from Palestine Wednesday and went down to Houston on a special to consult with physicians of that city as to the character of fever prevailing there. They returned Wednesday night and Thursday morning we found the following note on our table: "We went to Houston and met Dr. McElroy and the Houston Board of Health in conference over the reported cases of yellow fever in that city. After hearing the statement of Dr. Stuart, an old and eminent physician of Houston, we were forced to conclude that there was not a case of yellow fever in that city. Dr. Stuart has been through several epidemics and knows yellow fever; he and the others say the fever is dengue, prevalent all over Texas and harmless. L. MERIWETHER.

Reches River Baptist Association.

This association will meet in annual session next Saturday and Sunday at Ivey church, near Dodson. The delegates from Crockett are D. J. Kennedy, S. C. Arledge, J. W. Hail, W. H. Bayne, Mr. Lentwiler and Rev. R. E. Morris. The Lovelady delegates are J. H. Bussel, B. F. Parker and Rev. J. E. Kennedy.

We have heard some speculation as to what the Crockett, Lovelady and Grapeland doctors would do in the event of yellow fever breaking out in this county. Would they stay and treat the cases, not immune, or would they take to the woods. We have never heard a single one express himself as to what he would do in such contingency but, knowing them as we do, we believe the last one of them would stay with the sick and fight the malady.

Court Proceedings.

Court opened Monday and the call of the civil docket resumed. The case of Frank Jones vs H. M. Barbee was taken up, Nunn and Nunn representing Jones and H. W. Moore, Barbee. A large number of witness were examined and a good deal of documentary evidence in the way of field-notes etc introduced. As we go to press they are still on the case. It will consume the most if not the entire week. This case presents a fair illustration of the cost to the county and parties interested of litigation. The jury expense in this case has been 48 dollars a day and estimating five days as the time taken to try it, the cost of the jury alone will be \$240. There are other costs besides those of jurors and fees of attorneys. The strip of land in controversy is variously estimated to be worth from twenty to seventy-five dollars. The jury in the case are T. J. Dwyer, H. L. Brannen, Robert Owens, H. C. Eichelberger, John Stubblefield, J. W. Caskey, J. W. Simmons, R. B. English, J. C. Denson, Col. Aldrich, W. B. Smith, B. F. Smith.

The indications are that both the civil and criminal dockets will have many cases on them at the end of the term undisposed of.

We noticed E. L. Simpson from Weldon on the streets on Monday quite busy shaking hands. We also noticed the following: Dr. W. B. Collins, W. J. Murchison, W. J. Garner, J. R. B. Barbee, G. W. Allbright, J. H. Jones, J. J. Tomme, J. H. Bussel, all from Lovelady or near there; B. F. Pridgen, John E. Bean; S. S. Elliot, John Beeson, Silas Cook, H. N. Robinson, T. J. Cook, W. J. Chaffin were also attending court.

Nineteen new subscribers in the last ten days. Give the names did you say? M. C. Williams, Geo. F. Poole, I. B. Davis, Dr. John Gary, K. V. English, H. J. Harland, E. H. Henderson, J. J. Cooper, Ben Dominie, Z. R. Gorbet, J. O. Brown, Arch Adams, Jas. Stubblefield, R. Butler, Ben Goddison, J. C. Sullivan, Jehu Beeson, Jas. A. Butler, Mrs. M. A. Lacy. There is not a paper in Texas whose subscription list can show the increase of the COURIER'S.

A Big Hunt.

McKenzie's Bend around the waters of Blue Lake will reverberate with the sound of hound and horn all this week. A large crowd of Crockettites and not a few from the country left Monday for a week's sport in that part of the county. On account of scarcity of water deer which have been plentiful on the hills before the drouth set in have gone to the river bottom where water is in easy reach and mast and grass rich and abundant. Those in the party when they left Crockett Monday were: W. E. Mayes, J. B. Smith, of Mary Allen Seminary, J. E. Rains, R. C. Spinks, Carrol Fambrough, Al. Woolley, Ben Rains, S. C. Arledge, Frank Beckham, Deb. Hale, James Daniels. They have with them 26 of the best trained deer dogs in the county. They are evidently equipped and supplied with everything to render life easy, comfortable and cheerful, and an inventory of all they carried would disclose a good deal of glass-ware and corked goods recommended as specifics for mosquito and gallinipper bites. Mayes was seen with a knife one end of which was supplied with a tremendous corkscrew, recently invented and specially constructed for use in skinning deer.

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 Seaisland Domestic, cheap at 5 our Klondyke price 3c per yd.
 Extra heavy yd wide Brown Domestic, same grade that others ask 6½ and 7c pr yd for, our price 4½c.
 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 2½c.
 Good heavy Cotton Flannel worth 7c, at 4½c.
 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 12½c, at 8½c.
 Good round thread Chiviot, cheap at 6½c, for 4½c.
 Five cases of good oil colors and fast col's figured prints 3½c per yard.
 All the newest dress styles in Hamilton, Windsor, Garner and Simpson's Prints at 4½c.
 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 8½c, at 5c.
 Nice quality Twilled Crash for towels, would be cheap at 6½c, at 3½c.
 All Linen Crash for toweling, cheap for 8½c, our Klondyke price 5c.
 Nice Dress Gingham worth 7c, at 4½c.
 1500 yds Foy Savoy Flannets cheap at 12½c, for 7½c.
 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 8½c.
 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 9½c.
 Fine line of double width Chamelion Novelties in dress worsteds, worth 25c, at 12½c.
 Novelty Scotch Plaid Dress Goods worth 20c, at 12½c.
 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.
 Men's 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 \$3.50.
 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 atten-

tion to the letter we publish below which is self explaining.

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 Celuford Collar for 3c.
 Fine Linen Collar for 5c.
 Fine Large Handkerchief for 2½c.
 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 12½c.
 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 8½c.
 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, 8½c grade, Klondyke price 2½c.
 Nice Corset, slightly soiled, well worth 40c, only 15c.
 Ladies' Colored and Black Corsets, some of them well worth 75c, to close at 40c.
 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 Embroidery 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 misfits 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.



Oh Luna, Luna! Why Shine so Bright IN CROCKETT?

Times are too hard to show any one a moonshine shadow and expect them to part with hard-earned coin. There was never a time in the history of our lives when money was more valuable than it is to-day.

Men, Women and children

come in our store almost every day disappointed by what they call moonshine advertisements. Will only mention one example: (Good yd. wide Seai-land domestic advertised at a price and has been so often called for and each time substituted by a very poor quality of 3c. canvass.) If that be the way our competitors expect to advertise we wish to say that we pay for this space in the paper not to fill with moonshine advertisements for the people who wish to trade, but to tell them what we have and what we want for it. It would be almost impossible to advertise everything we have. Will only mention a few of our good things.

STAPLES.

Good yard-wide LL brown domestic cheap at 5 and 6c. our bargain price 4c. per yd. or 25 yds. for \$1.

Extra heavy yard-wide brown domestic, 64 and 7c. quality, at 44c. per yd.

Round thread cotton stripes, good dress styles, at 24c. per yd. Better grades at 4c.

Extra heavy chevots worth 7 and 8c., going for 5c. per yd.

Yard wide bleach domestic 3c. per yd. Better grades up to 5 and 7c. per yd.

Good width, good weight, long nap Canton flannel, 6c. quality, at 44c. per yd. Better grades up to the best.

Two faced Canton flannel, nice quality, long nap, 64c. kind, 5c. per yd. Also brown and red Canton flannel; good quality, extra width, blue and gray mixed. Also pink Irish frieze, cheap at 12c., going for 8c. per yd. Also better grades up to the best.

If you need a feather tick that will hold either feathers or water, call and see our line at prices unheard in Crockett. Good quality, waterproof, 50c. kind, at 35c. per yd. Best grade 75c. kind at 50c. per yd.

All wool red twilled flannel, worth 164c., going at 10c. per yd. No damaged, fire or bankrupt goods everything fresh from the factory. We also have blue and white flannel in better grades.

Good large white counterpane, nice crochet patterns, worth and sold for 75c., going in this sale at 50c. each.

Turkey red table damask 124c. per yd.

Apron check staple gingham 6c. kind 44c. per yd. Good dress styles fancy plaid gingham 64 and 7c. kind 44c. per yd., also better grades.

DRESS GOODS

When reading our ad. please remember we carry no bankrupt or

damaged goods. We only handle the newest and latest goods that can be had from the factory. Just received double width cashmere in all the new colors worth 124 and 15c. going for 8c. per yd. (in new goods). Trimmings to match. Should you need a nice dress see our patterns. No two alike.

Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

Ladies' fast black hose, seamless and stainless, sold in any house in Crockett at 15c. to 20c., our bargain price 10c. per pair. Same in ribbed for children. Try our 25c. black hose. They are worth 40c. Ladies' self fitting Jersey ribbed, fleece lined, long sleeve vests, 25c. kind for 15c. each. Extra heavy Jersey ribbed, fleece lined, silk finish front and collar with nice pearl buttons, cheap in any store at 45c. our grand bargain price 25c. each. Gents' white undershirts well made 20c. kind 124c. each. Gents' extra heavy cotton merino shirts cheap at 40c. for 25c. each. Shirts and drawers worth \$1.75 going for \$1 per suit. Gents' 1/2 hose worth 84c. and 10c. at 5c. pair. Gents' kid gloves worth 65c. going for 50c. 40c. work gloves for 25c. Genuine 10 hook Foster-patent glove any color worth \$1 and \$1.25, our bargain price 75c. per pair. Straight and link cuffs. Arrow, Coon and Cluett brands of collars. We have

a few styles in Monarch Shirts to close price from \$1 to \$1.75. Some of these shirts are stamped \$1.50 and never sold for less. Some sold for \$1.75. The entire lot will go for 75c. each. Good weight, good quality, regular full made work shirts with cord seams, 40c. kind, 25c. each.

CLOTHING.

Of all the excellent bargains in our store Clothing takes the lead. It does us good to hear you say clothing when you come in our store. The value is so plain that we never miss selling any one who wants to buy a suit. Call and see if you can buy our \$10 suit in any other store for less than \$12.50 or \$15. We know beyond all doubt that we have the best suit ever offered in Crockett for \$7.50. It would be cheap at \$10. Compare our \$4 suit with any \$5.50 suit in Crockett.

Shoes and Hats

We will not mention prices. We only ask you to compare them. It is said by every one who have bought shoes of us that we carry the best line in Crockett.

Trunks and Grips.

Any man, woman or child needing a trunk or grip will lose money if they fail to see this line. So far we have had no competition on 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.

NOTIONS

A few bargains in notions: 48 envelopes for 5c. 2 25c. bottles of David's best blacking for 5c. 1 good 200 page recitation ink tablet cheap at 10c. for 5c. each. 2 200 page pencil tablets for 5c. 6 cards of hooks and eyes for 5c. 1 paper gold eye needles for 5c. 36 collar buttons slightly imperfect 5c. 3 spools Clark's O. N. T. thread 10c.

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McLean & Wilson.

THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

A SCHEME WORN THREAD-BARE.

And now comes Hon. Geo. Jester, of Waco, President of a National Bank, addressing farmers' institutes and telling them what he knows about farming and the diversification of crops. Doubtless to dimes that he doesn't know which is the lead and which is the off steel in any kind of a team unless it be a political one. But then the Hon. Geo. is a candidate for governor on any platform to win and a knowledge of farming operations just now helps, the Hon. Geo. thinks, to make himself solid with the granger vote. The farmers have been humbugged so much of late years by such imposition that their eyes are open and they have full knowledge at last of the fact that the man who professes so much concern and zeal for their welfare are the ones to be most distrusted. George Jester and Dick Wynne are on a parity and each a little more than the other. There is not a lawyer at the Crockett bar that can't get up and discuss questions of public interest just now with better success and awaken more enthusiasm than either George Jester or Dick Wynne. There is an old Latin adage that fits in just here: "Ne Sutor Ultra Crepidam", Let the shoemaker stick to his last.

It is not infrequently the case that an error may be repeated so often by a person that he actually comes to believe it to be a truth. We frequently see in the newspapers these days from admirers of John H. Reagan, that he did at

the Dallas Convention in 1894 what Governor Culberson declined to do, to-wit: Refused to become the nominee of a party on a platform which was a substantial if not an identical rescript of the Chicago Platform of 1892 on the financial issue. Of course he declined. He had not the privilege of accepting and until he had the opportunity to accept he is entitled to no credit for declining. The writer himself declined to become the nominee of the party in 1894 on a platform which embodied the financial plank of the Chicago Platform. Why? Because he wasn't asked to accept on such platforms. The convention was full of such statesmen. Ah! but, if "Uncle Johnny" had but had the nomination thrust at him on that occasion, not a word of declination or disapprobation on account of the timber of which the platform was built would ever have escaped his lips. Show us some things he has actually declined when those things were in reach. Show them, we ask. He has been known to lay down one job to pick up another. But he has never been known to decline a thing when such declination left him in a jobless condition.

Dr. Guiteras of the United States Marine Service, a Cuban by birth and an expert in yellow fever, spent the most of last week in Galveston making an inspection of the sanitary condition of the city. He visited and critically examined several persons who were sick from what the local physicians thought was malarial or dengue fever. Eight of those whom Dr. Guiteras examined he pronounced genuine cases of yellow fever. His diagnosis of these cases created consternation among all classes, no less with the medical than with other classes. A perfect panic followed and all trains from Galveston are packed,

THE TEXAS OIL CENTER.

FOUR NEW WELLS BORED DURING THE PAST WEEK.

Three Struck Oil the Week Before. Will Average 30 Barrels a day each.

The COURIER believes that there are great undeveloped oil resources in this county between Crockett and the Trinity—just as great as that of Corsicana. It is a great pity that the matter is in such shape that not a wheel can be turned toward the development of these resources. We had hoped that by this time boring would actually have been begun in this county, but all at once the enterprise was called off because some half dozen individuals in Crockett and the county refused to give the Pittsburgh Company a lease to the land, and they refused to go ahead until such lease was given. They have quit but still hold leases on some thirty thousand acres of land which can't be touched for oil purposes by any other concern for three years. And thus it stands in this county, an unfortunate state of affairs. Corsicana meanwhile is growing into a great oil center. Read the following and then lament the untoward hitch in the enterprise in this County.

Corsicana, Texas, October 9.—The oil fields have presented a scene of unusual activity this week.

The week has been a record-breaker for new wells, four having been completed for the week.

Three wells were completed last week, making altogether seven wells completed in two weeks, a real good showing for a new field. All of these wells struck oil bearing sands, and two of them had

an immense supply of natural gas. Averaging their output at thirty barrels per day, they have added 220 barrels per day to the oil output in this city in fourteen days, which is very encouraging to investors and rig men.

An expert oil man estimates that Corsicana will have sixty-five wells in the field by the first day of January and that these wells

will have an output of not less than 1600 barrels per day, and probably the figures will exceed that in wells and oil output.

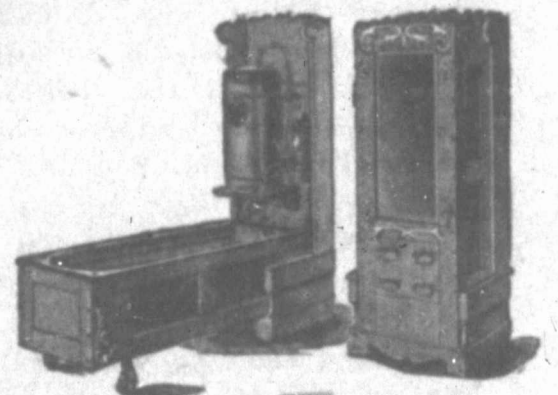
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The through Trunk Line between the Republic of Mexico, South and South-west Texas and principal cities of the

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Double daily Train Service. No change of cars. Through Pullman Sleepers between Laredo and Texas cities and St. Louis and Kansas City. Through day coaches to and from Memphis, Tenn. Quickest time and most direct route to Mississippi River Gateways and Eastern points.

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W. T. MUSICK,
Traveling Pass. Agent.

crocy TRICE General Superintendent.
PALESTINE, TEXAS.

The Banner County of East Texas IS HOUSTON.

Read of Its Advantages, Its Inducements to the Man of Capital, to the Farmer and all Who Seek Good Lands at Low Figures, Good Society, Good Schools, in Short all Those Conditions Which Contribute to Success in Any Enterprise.

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 schools 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 67½ cents on the \$100 valuation.

CLIMATE AND WATER.

The climate of this section is very mild and healthful. The temperature rarely goes over 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 680,000 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 origi-

nally 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, live oak, 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 took the first prize gold medal for the best timber exhibit. A furniture factory or any other using hard wood, would do well here.

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, blackberries, dewberries 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

leaf. We have recently tried the Genuire 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 warehousemen. We only need a good class of men, who understands 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 pro-

low prices of staple products.

The County Seat of Houston County is Crockett, located on the I. & G. N. R. R. and has a population of 3,500. The town is incorporated and has its own schools, supported in part by the state, county and city each and free for nine months in the year. There are thirty-five to forty-five business houses of different kinds, a Cotton-Seed Oil-Mill, Ice Plant, Electric Plant besides other enterprises. The Methodist, Baptists, Presbyterian and Christian churches all have organizations, with preaching in each pulpit nearly every Sunday. The society of Crockett is noted for its refinement and culture. There are two weekly papers published in the town, the Courier and Enterprise, Grapeland, 12 miles to the North, is a town of 700 or 800 people, with a school free for six or eight months in the year, excellent society, a newspaper, the Herald, fine church buildings, several business houses, situated on the I. & G. N. R. R. Lovelady, another live enterprising town, on the I. & G. N., 12 miles to the South, is noted for its fine school, excellent society, fine church buildings and its church-going society, school free six to eight months in the year.

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weeches, Tadmore, Ratchiff, Coltharp, Daly, Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Pennington, Belott and Daniel. Besides these 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.

Houston County has never suffered the evils of a boom and only desires a steady advance in population and prosperity. To those seeking pleasant homes and safe investments in a fine climate and country, we extend a hearty invitation to examine the resources and advantages of Houston County Texas.

The above is a careful and conservative statement of facts in regard to a fine country that has been too long overlooked.

We need progressive farmers, men of energy and enterprise.

There is a fine opening here for capital to be invested in a variety of paying enterprises.

HOW TO REACH HOUSTON COUNTY.

Crockett, Texas, the county seat of Houston County, is located directly on the great artery of commerce, extending from St. Louis on the North to Houston and Galveston on the South, as shown by map.

Crockett is one of the principal stations on the Gulf Division of the International & Great Northern R. R., which road with its connections, forms the short line between principal points in Texas and St. Louis and Chicago, Etc.

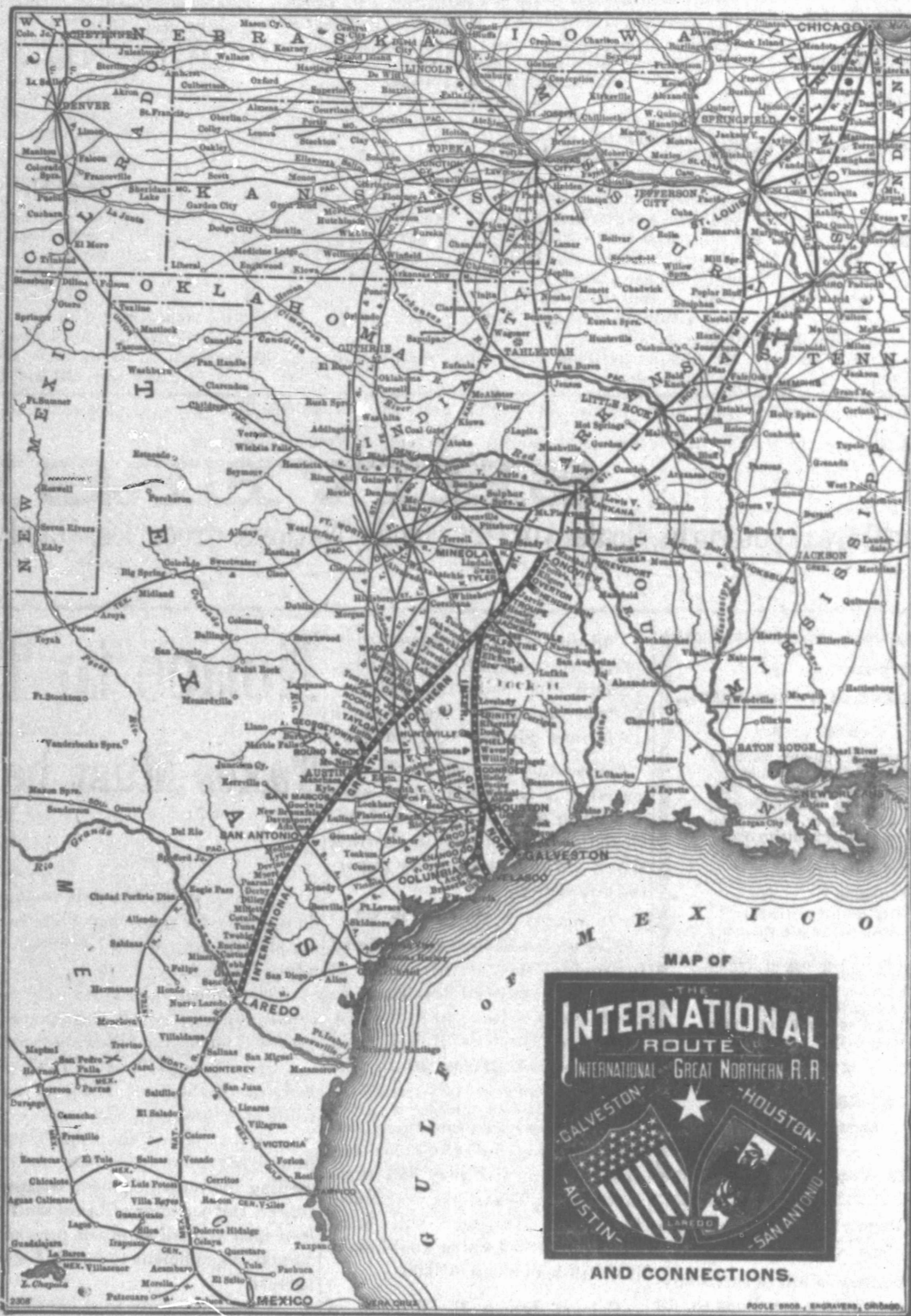
Crockett, Grapeland, Lovelady and other points in Houston County, can best be reached by the International Route, passing as it does directly through the county, North and South.

There are in effect each Fall and Winter, what are known as Winter Tourist Rates to the various resorts of Texas and Mexico, which may be taken advantage of by prospectors desiring to investigate for themselves the merits of this region.

Purchase a Winter Tourist Ticket to Houston or Galveston via the International Route, (I. & G. N. R. R.) and stop-over will be permitted on application to Conductor of I. & G. N. R. R. at such point or points as may be desired.

Also on certain specified dates each year Low Rate Home Seekers' Excursions are run from various Northern and Eastern points to Texas. (Those so far arranged for 1895 are on February 12th, March 5th, April 2nd and 30th.) On these excursion tickets stop off will be allowed on application to I. & G. N. Conductor.

These arrangements enable all desiring to do so to visit Houston County cheaply and easily, investigate for themselves, and determine by personal inspection the many advantages of this fertile region.



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, figs, plums, apricots and grapes

of 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 grown. 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. This year many farmers are ordering the different varieties of tobacco seed, including the "Connecticut Leaf," White Burley and other kinds of plug

and 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.

The oak forests produce mast in abundance to keep hogs in good condition the year round.

WORTH THINKING ABOUT.

Is the fact the crops raised here are absolutely without fertilizers, the soil simply being broken and seed planted. There is not a country in the world that can make a better showing than this.

The county is in better condition than ever before, notwithstanding the hard times, and the merchants are more prosperous, while the farmers are better off, financially, than for years past, despite the

G. S. SHIVERS.

SAS. S. SHIVERS.

SHIVERS BROS. SAY:—

IT IS EASILY EXPLAINED

Why our business expands every month in the year; it is owing to the fact that we know how to buy goods and how to sell them and we also understand how to treat all people square, and do so in every instance.

As a consequence we are reaping our just reward. This is the whole thing in an abbreviated shape, and successful people understand the situation, act in their own interest and ours, recognizing that mutuality in business is the keystone to success, and under such inviting influences and good business reasons come to us, and by proper treatment in every detail we retain them as well pleased, well served and permanent customers.

Others are every day considering all this, which has become "town talk;" per consequence each day in the month accessions are made to our list of customers.

If you have doubts, investigate, and the advantage in bestowing your patronage upon us will be as plain as the nose on your face, and your doing so will mean in the event you are NOW SUCCESSFUL BETTER SUCCESS, and in case YOU ARE NOT SUCCEEDING FUTURE SUCCESS. . . .

We haven't enough SPACE, nor sufficient hours of GRACE to enumerate herein an extensive list of OUR possessions that were Bought so low as to cause some to marvel at the cheapness thereof compared with quality.

DRY GOODS.

Round thread wire twist Plaids, 20 inch wide, 3 1-3 c. worth 4c per yard.
 Round thread wire twist Plaids, 27 inch wide, 3 3-4c worth 4 3-4c per yard.
 Cheviots, good quality, fast colors, 27 inch wide, 5c, worth 6c.
 Cheviots, best made, fast colors, 27 inch wide, 7 1/2c, worth 8 1/2c.
 Good quality Mattress Tick, 5 c, worth 6c.
 Better " " " 6c, " 7c.
 Best " " " 7c, " 8c.
 Genuine A C A Feather Tick, 10c, worth 12 1/2c.
 Apron check Gingham, 4 1/2c, worth 5 1/2c.
 Good quality Calico, (dress styles,) 3 1-3c, worth 4c.
 Good quality Linsey, 8c, worth 10c.
 All wool Linsey, 15c, worth 17 1/2c.
 Merrick's best Six Cord Thread, 5c per spool, or 7 for 25c.
 Chadwick's best Six Cord Thread, 4c per spool, or 8 for 25c.

Double width Cashmere wool filling, fast colors, all shades, worth 15c per yard, our price 11c per yard.
 The best Mixed half hose in Crockett, for 5c per pair.
 The best Mixed half hose in Crockett for 10c per pair.

CLOTHING.

Our line of Children's Youths' and Men's Clothing is the most complete that we have ever had. Below you will find some Eye-openers in the way of Bargains:
 Children's Suits, well made and good quality for the price, only 60cts. per Suit in any size from 5 to 14 years.
 Children's Suits, better quality and better made, 85cts. per Suit, well worth \$1.25, in any size from 5 to 14 years.
 Children's Suits still better quality, worth \$1.35, our price \$1.00 per suit in all sizes from 5 to 14 years.
 Youths' Suits from \$2.50 up.
 Men's Suits in Fall and Winter styles, from \$3.75 to \$10.00 per suit.
 Men's Suits in Black (sacks and cutaway,) from \$3.50 to \$12.50 per suit.

Hats! Hats! Hats!

Hats for Men. Hats for Boys. Hats at all prices, from 20c up to \$3.00.

MILLINERY, Miss Ada Waile in Charge.

We are receiving the latest Designs in Millinery nearly every day from the Headquarters of Fashion, and we are prepared to furnish you anything from a simple Sailor to the most beautiful and stylish Hat that can be Created.

Dress Patterns.

The latest colors and shades in Dress Patterns, (no two alike,) with trimmings to match, at prices that will knock out all Competition.

GROCERIES.

We carry in stock at all times a complete line of Staple Groceries, which are as low as the lowest and quality is always up to the standard.
SPECIAL: 10 lbs. Good Coffee for \$1.00.

We ask you to call and see us, buy or not as you choose, we want to be encouraged by your presence. Make Our Store your meeting place, stopping place, and shopping place.

If we haven't got what you want, remember that we know where and how to get it for you. We remain, Yours Very Truly,

SHIVERS BROS.

The young merchants who will treat you right, Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Hardware, Hats, Shoes, Furniture, Coffins, Etc.

LOCAL NEWS.

S. H. Cook of Granbury is in town this week.
 J. F. Shotwell is down with dengue fever.
 Mrs. Marsh Glen and Mrs. Helen Lipscomb are both quite sick this week.
 We had a pleasant call Wednesday from W. H. McComb, an old and highly respected citizen in the eastern part of the county.
 Ben Hail thinks he has succeeded in capturing Larry Bradley, an escaped farm convict. He is in jail over on the Central R. R.
 A. S. Whitehurst, Pastor Methodist church, requests all Methodist people to be present next Sunday as he proposes to preach on the mode of baptism. Others are also invited, but Methodists are urged to be on hand.

CASH! CASH!! CASH!!!

When you come to town look for "THE CASH STORE"
 It is "loaded down" with CLOTHING and SHOES at Cotton Prices.
 BOY'S SUITS from 75c up.
 MEN'S SUITS, Coat, Vest and Pants from \$2.00 up.
 YOUTH'S SHOES from 25c up.
 LADIES AND MEN'S SHOES from 72c up
 I am not selling at COST, but when you price at other Stores you will think they are selling from 25 to 50 cents above Cost.
R. M. ATKINSON.

Hitch Your Business to a Live Wire...

I can sell you any kind of Drugs, Toilet and Fancy Articles, Fine Perfumes from the leading manufacturers, such as Palmer, Pineau & Co. They make exquisite odors. All kinds of Patent Medicines, Oils etc.

Prescriptions Carefully and Accurately Compounded at all Hours

A full line of School Books just received. The season for ice tea is here. Try me for an extra quality. Tea—I can sell you an extra fine quality.

B. F. CHAMBERLAIN, Druggist to Please.

J. G. Brown has bought the Tom Bayne place near Harvey Bayne's. The country is full of cattle buyers—men wanting yearlings to fill contracts.

Don't forget that the COURIER office is now in front of the Capitol Hotel and NOT at the old stand west of J. C. Wootters' store.

Mrs. Mary Leaverton has purchased the Champion property, now occupied by J. G. Brown. Mrs. Leaverton and D. R. Baker and family will occupy it.

MRS. BRICKER will show some unique styles in millinery on 15th, and 16th, and will give special bargains in HACK-HATS. Don't fail to call, ladies.

The rites of baptism were administered to four subjects at the Baptist church on Sunday night last. Mr. J. D. Adams, wife and daughter and another lady whose name we failed to learn.

Phil Slattery, a prominent drummer, representing a Houston House, received the following telegram Tuesday morning: "Stay at home till further advices. Corked up."

Come round and look at the new goods in my shop—Cut-glass ware and Silver ware of latest designs. Novelties of all kinds in Sterling silver. Watch and Jewelry repairing a specialty.

J. A. BRICKER & Co.

Five venire's have been ordered in criminal cases at this term of court. There are 60 veniremen in the Knox et al case; 40 in the Ed. King case; 75 in the Howel case; 60 in the Crofford case, 40 in the Elbert Rogers case.

The farmers who sold their cattle last spring for \$5.00 for one year olds will wish they had them now when a Texas one year old in the Indian Territory will bring \$15.00 to \$18.00 which would make it worth here about \$10.00.

Colonel James H. Beasley of Daly was in town Tuesday. He was overflowing with good spirits and kept a crowd around him roaring with convulsions of laughter at the Aldrich House where he was stopping. Jim still thinks the populist the anointed party, the chosen instrument for fulfilling the prescribed destinies of this great republic.

There is a good deal of complaint about the stealing of cotton in the seed. It seems to be pretty general all over the county. Some parties have been arrested at Grapeland for this character of theft. There ought to be some legislation, as we have stated once before, on the question of selling cotton in the seed. In some states, it is unlawful for anyone to sell cotton in the seed after night.

Notice to Tax Payers.

Taxes Must be Paid by January 1st.

In view of the fact that the procedure for seizure and sale of landed property for taxes has been entirely changed by the provisions of chapter 42, laws of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature, you are respectfully advised as follows:

The collection of taxes by levy and sale, by tax collectors, of personal property, for all delinquent taxes due by the owner thereof, is provided for by the following law:

See article 4746, act of 1887, page 128 and brought forward in the Revised Statutes of 1895, as article 5173, the first clause of which reads as follows:

"If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or his property by law, until the first day of January next succeeding the return of the assessment roll of the county to the comptroller, the collector of taxes shall by virtue of his tax roll seize and levy upon and sell so much personal property belonging to such person as may be sufficient to pay his taxes, together, with all costs accruing thereon."

I am now ready to receive and receipt for taxes due for 1897. Bear in mind that it takes some little time to write a tax receipt. But I can write all to be written if distributed during October, November and December, but I cannot write them if you put it off until time to close my books. For the accommodation and convenience of the tax payers throughout the county, I will meet them to receive taxes at the following times and places:

Coltharp, Tuesday and Wednesday, October 26th, and 27th.
 Weches, Tuesday November 2nd.
 Augusta, Wednesday November 3rd.
 Percilla, Thursday November 4th.
 Grapeland, Friday and Saturday November 5th, and 6th.
 Lovelady, Tuesday and Wednesday November 9th, and 10th.

J. R. Sheridan,

Tax Collector Houston County, Crockett, Texas, October 9, 1897.

TO THE SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Institutes for both white and colored teachers will be organized at Crockett, Friday and Saturday, Oct. 29th and 30th. Prof. F. M. Martin will have charge of the

white, and Prof. J. D. Dodson of the colored. All teachers are urged to be present and join. A program of institutes will be arranged. E. Winfree, Co. Judge, Houston County.

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THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

Five thousand cases of dengue fever in Galveston.

We are not entitled to any opinion, but we have one all the same and that is that we do not believe there is any yellow fever in Galveston.

We admire the man who has the courage to do his duty regardless of the clamor of the multitude, be that man governor of a great state, the judge on the bench or a man in the plain, humble walks of life.

How can people have faith in the science of medicine, if those who study and practice it, differ so widely among themselves. One says it is "yellow fever" and another says it is "malarial hematuria" and still another will call it "dengue" and so on through the medical glossary, some calling it one thing and some another.

We have been told by Galveston people, and even by Galveston physicians for the writer has heard it himself from the lips of one, that there was no malaria there and consequently no malarial fever. But when the yellow fever expert goes there and diagnoses certain cases as yellow fever, the local physicians are prompt to declare them purely malarial.

The failure of Galveston physicians to report the cases of yellow fever there can be explained on but one of two theories: One—that they don't know a case when they see it; the other, that they knew it was there but were criminally careless of human life which they were willing to endanger rather than interrupt the commercial traffic of that city.

There is but one class of people whom the yellow fever in Galveston will help and that is the interior merchant. Many of those who are not yet ready to settle and close up the season's business will not venture down there to do so. To not a few in Texas we fancy the yellow fever at Galveston will afford respite from "please remit" and such like requests.

There are millions of dollars involved in the labors of that Text-Book Commission in session at Austin. There will be those on the ground commissioned to spend limitless sums to have their books endorsed or recommended and every avenue of approaching those who constitute the commission for the purpose of influencing them by fair or unfair means will be used.

We think every safeguard and precaution should be taken by the county and city authorities to protect the people from yellow fever infection but we can't endorse the proposal to stop all trains and thereby place on an embargo with all the outside world. Let the trains run as they have been doing and exercise the same prudence that has been hitherto exercised and there will be no yellow fever in Houston county.

We do not make the suggestion in any spirit of criticism of the Grand Jury on their work, but with the view of enabling them to more rapidly dispatch business. The suggestion referred to is, that, instead of fully exploiting every case of misdemeanor which comes to their cognizance, they call in a justice of the peace for all such violations of law, let the justice take the affidavit of the leading witness and thus clear their docket of such cases and save time.

ALL TRAINS STOPPED.

TRAFFIC AT A STAND STILL AND COMMUNICATION WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD CUT OFF.

Yellow Fever at Galveston And Houston.

Sunday brought the startling intelligence that the United States Yellow Fever expert, Doctor Guiteras, had found seven or eight cases of yellow fever at Galveston. This caused the outside world to close down on Galveston and shut off all communication with it. Quarantine between Galveston and the rest of the state was at once placed on. After spending several days in Galveston Doctor Guiteras accompanied by State Health Officer Swearingen went up to Houston Monday. His investigation of cases sick in that city disclosed the presence of yellow fever there in four cases. This news reached Crockett Tuesday morning by wire from Assistant Superintendent Nobles of the I. & G. N. R. R. He wired the discovery of yellow fever in Houston and asked the officials of the city and county what their wishes were as to the running of trains. The reply of the authorities here was that the trains should run as they had been doing, the quarantine still maintained as it had been before the discovery of yellow fever in Houston. This was early in the day, but about 11 o'clock another dispatch comes from Superintendent Nobles stating that all trains of all kinds had been stopped and that all traffic, passenger, express, mail and freight had been suspended. All railroad employees are laid off and we have a return in fact as well as in name to the ox-cart style of communication, such as prevailed here thirty years ago.

The County Judge and Mayor have ordered all guards off. This we think is a mistake as there is really more danger now from yellow fever, with guards off, than there was before with trains running and with-guards on.

We wish to say to subscribers of the COURIER in the county that the paper will come as formerly. Those offices supplied from Crockett will continue to be thus supplied and those supplied from Loyelady and Grapeland will also be furnished as usual. If necessary to do so, the mail will be sent to Grapeland and Loyelady in a wagon and delivered to the Post Masters at those points and thence sent out by horse-route.

The monthly cotton report of the Agricultural Bureau at Washington made its appearance on Monday and as had been predicted it was a bullish report. The condition was 70 at the end of September for this year as against 78 for same time last year. Notwithstanding this very poor showing cotton failed to rally, in fact cotton futures declined some 14 or 15 points in New York on Monday in face of this report. The weakness of the situation is due to heavy receipts. Notwithstanding the yellow fever at all the Gulf ports the receipts on Monday at Galveston were 17,293 bales, N. Orleans 9,759 bales, at Mobile 3,492 bales.

THE Dallas Fair Management has fixed October the 21st, as Officers' Day. Now let them fix a day for office-seekers and then stand back and let the boys rattle their hocks in a grand rush to be on hand at roll call.

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To The Public.

All parties who have papers deposited in this office for record are requested to call and get same. I am moved to make this request by the fact that fire-proof vault space is limited and valuable papers might be misplaced or destroyed for this reason.

An additional reason for the request is that on December the first the new fee-bill enacted by the last legislature goes into effect and all papers filed for record on and after that date will be recorded and charged for according to the fees of the new bill. The provisions of the said new fee-bill also make it imperative that all fees for record-work shall be paid in cash. N. E. ALBRIGHT, County Clerk, Houston Co.

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