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## TUESDAY'S ELECTIONS.

### The Democrats Sweep New York—Tammany Wins.

Van Wick Elected Mayor of New York Over Tracy, George and Low—Heavy Democratic Gains in all States.

New York, November 2.—Following is the grand total of the votes received by the two leading candidates for judge of the court of appeals in greater New York, complete returns having been received from all of the assembly districts:

Wallace, republican, 139,772.  
Parker, democrat, 282, 976.  
Parker's plurality over Wallace, 143,195.

New York, November 2.—Following is the grand total of the votes received by the three leading candidates for mayor of Greater New York, complete returns having been received from all of the districts:

Van Wick, Democrat, 235,181.  
Low, Citizens, 149,873.  
Tracy, Republican, 101,823.  
Van Wyck's plurality over Low, 85,308.

Boston Mass., November 2. at the election today the Republicans swept the state by a substantial majority, electing their entire ticket as three-quarters of the members of both branches of the legislature.

Lincoln, Neb., November 2.—Nebraska today renewed her allegiance to fusion by electing the three candidates on the ticket by pluralities ranging from 10,000 to 25,000.

From fusion headquarters the following was given out:

"We have carried Nebraska for the fusion ticket by a plurality of from 20,000 to 25,000. Together with the magnificent victory for the State ticket, we have carried a majority of the county tickets. The causes leading to the result is a determination on the part of the people of Nebraska to demand more and better money through the free and unlimited coinage of silver.

"J. H. Edmiston, Chairman."

Columbus, Ohio, November 3.—At 12 o'clock Chairman McConville made the following statement to the Associated Press:

Columbus, Ohio, November 3.—I claim the legislature as democratic by safe majorities in both branches and that the entire democratic State ticket is elected by a good plurality. Neal McConville, Chairman.

Lexington, Ky., November 2.—Returns received at the headquarters of the democratic State central committee indicate a democratic majority in the State of from 15,000 to 18,000. Three hundred precincts give Shackleford (democrat) a majority of 12,000 over Bailey, republican.

## SOUTH DAKOTA.

### Indications Are That the Republicans Have Won.

Sioux Falls, S. D., November 2.—At midnight the indications are that the republicans have won in South Dakota. Inman Smith, republican, is elected judge by a close vote in the First district. In the Second Jones, republican, is probably elected, overcoming an adverse majority in 1896 of 1100. Smith, republican, in the Fourth district, is elected. The election of Campbell, republican, is claimed.

## VIRGINIA.

### Democrats Are Victorious By Fifty or Sixty Thousand.

Richmond, Va., November 2.—The election story in Virginia is briefly told. Although there was unusual apathy, it estimated that the democratic state ticket is elected by about 55,000 or 60,000 majority.

### District Court Proceedings.

Judge Gill has been disposing of business with commendable dispatch since the Jack Knox case was concluded. The following cases have been gotten out of the way:

### CRIMINAL.

State vs W. A. C. Collins, Burglary, not guilty.

State vs John High, theft of hogs, not guilty.

State vs Tony Williams theft of hogs not guilty.

State vs Lee Carr, perjury, not guilty.

State vs Jim Jackson, perjury dismissed.

### CIVIL.

T. J. Clark et al vs Lucy Clark et al, suit for land and verdict for plaintiffs for half interest in 640 acres.

Wallace Totty vs B. F. Chamblain, suit for damages in the sum of \$2000. Case on trial.

### Fell Dead.

Steve Odem (col) fell dead, as at first thought, on the streets of Crockett a few days since from the administering of some powerful drug by himself or someone else. This is the same darkey who about two months since was the victim of an effort by some unknown person to cut his throat. It occurred at night while he was asleep and with some of the family suspicion fell on another darkey, named King David Fureh, and others thought that the man's wife possibly made the attempt, they having been separated for some time and a feeling of estrangement existing between them.

### Rain, Rain, Rain.

We are having every day nearly a traditional gully-washer and trash mover. Stock-water is in abundance everywhere and wells are filling once more. This evening (Sunday) the tail end of that Dakota Blizzard is moving in and will likely give a three day's performance to the ruin of top-crop and everything else green.

## THE TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

### A Brief Write-Up of Its Work.

In pursuance of a call from Judge Winfree, the Teachers' Institute met at Crockett on Friday, Oct., 24th. Only eight teachers were present and nothing more than organization was accomplished on that day.

On Saturday a better representation of Houston County's teachers was present, the roll of membership increasing to twenty-three. Prof. F. M. Martin presided over the meeting and an interesting and successful session was held. Judges Winfree and Aldrich by invitation were present and addressed the Institute, giving much encouragement by their remarks. These men are the teacher's friends and are doing much in a quiet way to promote the educational interests of our country.

Some interesting discussion and important business was transacted by the institute at this meeting; among the resolutions adopted was one respectfully requesting the County Judge to enforce the new law relating to compulsory attendance on the institute by all teachers.

This institute movement is an indication of progress among our teachers and should be heartily endorsed by the people, especially by trustees. There seems to be an idea prevalent among our people that a teacher is losing time from the work he is paid to do by attending the Teachers' Institutes. Such an idea is an index of the want of proper education; the teacher does not lose time, but, on the contrary, gains much that is valuable to his pupils and to his community, and comes back to his work with loftier ideals, renewed energy and many new ideas of methods and objects to be sought in teaching. In this way his subsequent work is more efficient and the "lost time" results in a great gain to his school.

Every teacher should identify himself with this work, if he would keep abreast with the times. The advancement in scientific methods of instruction is rapid and permanent in its character, being based upon principles of psychology adjusted to practical use by the application of actual experience in the school room. The teacher who does not interest himself in all that pertains to progress in his profession will soon be left far in the rear, and instead of being well up in the vanguard, will soon find himself a mere straggler who, not being in the conflict, is astonished when he arrives at the victory already won by his more progressive fellows. Every teacher in Houston county owes it to himself, to his profession, to his school and to his community to place himself in line in every professional movement and hence attend the institutes.

### TEACHER.

Bill Arp is down as an attraction at the opera house, for the 25th inst. we learn.

## From Austin.

AUSTIN, TEX., Oct. 30, 1897.

EDITOR COURIER:—For the information of the many friends of Rev. J. L. Whitescarver, of Grape-land, who is here for the purpose of having his left eye treated, (the right one being already out,) I write this to say that he has had the cataract removed and is doing well. Dr. Hillgartner, who has charge of the eye and ear hospital here, performed the operation and thinks he will have no trouble in effecting a permanent cure. He says that after the first operation entirely heals, it will be necessary to perform a second one, believing it best not to undertake to do all the work at one time.

Mr. Whitescarver is confined to his room and will be for several days, when he expects to visit his daughter at San Antonio and remain until his eye entirely heals, and then return for the other operation. After that is over and he can get out again, he will return to San Antonio and spend the winter there. He says he has not suffered any considerable pain from the work so far performed, and he thinks he will be able to stand it with very little suffering. The old gentleman is among our best citizens, and while his misfortune is a sad one, it will doubtless be gratifying to his friends at home to know that he is in a good way to have his sight restored.

For the benefit of his populist friends in Houston county, he requests me to say that the next day after his arrival in Austin, he had the pleasure of "taking in" the vast granite capitol building, and forming the acquaintance of the various Heads of Departments and their employes—the "Joss" or "Junta," as the members of the administration are styled in populist parlance, and that during his entire journey he was neither murdered, robbed or insulted. On the contrary, he says he was cordially received and treated like a gentleman and Democrat by the entire "ring". He was especially pleased with his venture through the Treasury Department, where, through the courtesy of the affable and genial "Bill" Wortham, the Treasurer, he was permitted to take a "good look" at the big piles of money stored away in the vaults. And to convince his populist friends that it is there, and lots of it, he wants them to understand that he saw it and handled a part of it, and he knows there is no mistake about it. Five bills amounting to forty thousand dollars were placed in his hands, three of the denomination of ten thousand dollars each, and two of five thousand each, and he also had in his hands (which it was about all he could do to lift,) one out of a large number of sacks of gold containing ten thousand dollars each in twenty dollars gold pieces, and one out of still more sacks of silver, containing five hundred dollars each. He says he is reasonably sure now that all this money would not be safe in the hands of

any but a simon pure, rock-ribbed and died-in-the-wool Democrat. Mr. Whitescarver saw all this before he had his eye operated on, and says he came nearly going home without accomplishing the object of his visit, being "almost persuaded that his eye would get well anyway after gazing on all that money." J. W. MADDEN.

### BIGGEST CARGO OF COTTON.

Steamship Carried 23,850 Bales from New Orleans

New Orleans, La., October 31.—The steamship Milwaukee sailed to-day for Liverpool with the largest cargo of cotton—if not the largest general cargo—ever floated. It consisted of 23,850 bales of cotton; 30,200 bushels grain; 38,818 pieces staves; 2300 oars. Her entire cargo being equal to 26,000 bales of cotton. It would take 500 freight cars to carry her cargo, and the train would measure three and a quarter miles in length.

### DANIELS.

ED. COURIER:

We think we have the champion farmer of the country, recently from Ala., who has bought a home in our community, Mr. Joe Renalds. He is using a 1-horse plow and made 130 shocks of oats, 50 bushels sweet potatoes, 1 barrel ribbon cane molasses and 13 bales of cotton. He rushed his cotton to market, got a good price for it, paid his store account, and also made a payment of \$200 on his farm.

Mr. Louis Glen also from Ala., has in three years bought and paid for his farm. He has gathered 6 bales of cotton, 250 bushels corn, besides various other farm products such as sorghum, peas, potatoes etc.

Mr. John Renalds has also bought and paid for his farm in three years. He has a large family, mostly girls, has already gathered 12 or 14 bales of cotton, harvested a large crop of corn and other products too numerous to mention.

Our school is progressing under the management of Miss Lee Arrington.

We have Sunday school every Sunday.

Mr. Robert Thompson was recently elected superintendent.

Preaching twice a month at Concord.

Mr. Tenney preaches in the afternoon every fourth Sunday.

Mr. R. E. Morris in the afternoon every second Sunday.

Mr. Morris will begin a protracted meeting the afternoon of the second Sunday in Nov. All cordially invited to attend.

Three families from Limestone county think of renting land in our vicinity.

New farms are being opened by Messrs Luther Thompson, Henry Dudley and Billy Frezelle.

### A Cutting Scrap.

Cato Taylor (col) proceeded with all the experience of a butcher to carve up Berry Daniels (col) one day last week. Berry is cut in one place and lying in for repairs. Cato is under bond and will probably soon be under indictment for assault on murder.

## WE WILL MAKE IT TO YOUR INTEREST.

To buy Toilet Soap at Our Drug Store from the date you receive this copy of the Courier until Nov. 13th 1897. Look at these prices and take advantage of them. Lana Oil Complexion Toilet Soap. (contains Lana Oil, Buttermilk and Glycerine) at 7 1/2 cents a cake or 20 cents for a box of 3 cakes. Violets of Cashmere Complexion Toilet Soap. (contains Buttermilk and Vaseline) at 5 cents a cake, or 15 cents for a box of 3 cakes. Genuine Pure Coconut Oil Toilet Soap at 2 1/2 cents a cake or 30 cents for a box of one doz. cakes. These soaps are all New, Fresh goods, and will be sold only for CASH at these zero prices until Nov. 13th. After that date, prices will be regular. Lay in a supply while you CAN BUY at less than wholesale price. L. H. HARRING & CO., Pharmacists



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We have frequently been told by our customers that other merchants have told them we rob the people every chance we get. If this is true the people of Houston and adjoining counties are anxious to be robbed in such a way as the great crowds of people that throng our store every day begging us to wait on them, and frequently have to leave our store because they cannot get waited on is a most positive proof.

There are but two classes of merchants in Crockett, namely, MISTROTS and others. We have NO competition and NEVER use the word competitors. You ask, how is this? It is this way, we do a strictly up to date spot cash, one price to all. PAY for what you GET and GET what you PAY for business and we do not hang around our front door waiting to see some one pass with a package which they had purchased elsewhere and call

them in and ask them to let us open the package and find out what they paid for it and then show them a similar article worth double and which we really ask double for, but tell you we would have sold it to you at a ridiculous low price, far below the price you paid, in order to try to make you dissatisfied with your purchase. Now if the manager of our house prices you an article Friday night and you can go in Saturday a. m. before breakfast or after supper, it matters not which, and go to a boy in our employ that knows no more about the value of the article than a yearling calf, he will sell it to you for the same price that the manager asked you the night before. Does this look like robbery? Or that we put out bates and leaders to try to Hoo-Doo you? No, we do not want a cent of your money unless we can get it fairly, squarely and give you value receive-

ed for every cent, and if anyone purchases an article from us and we think afterward that he has been robbed, he can return it and get his money.

Our winter sale of desirable and seasonable merchandise is now in full blast and for the next sixty days we will display and offer to the public some of the most remarkable bargains ever shown in this country, and especially is this true in the lines of high grade clothing and ladies imported Dress Goods, both in plain and novelty effects, and you may be sorry if you miss attending this sale.

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## War Reminiscences.

(By W. D. Pritchard, Crockett, Texas.)

We remained at Quantico until the rigors of winter drove us to the hills for winter quarters. While here we found for the first time those unwelcome but ever present companions of the soldier, the Gray Back or in plain English, "Body Lice;" many of us had found them quite a while before it was acknowledged by any. But the feeling of degradation and shame felt was all so humiliating that all tried to hide their disgrace, until one night while sitting around the camp fire John Gates of our mess ran his hand into his bosom and began scratching, and with more courage than any of us, said: "Boys I'll be D—n if I haven't got body lice on me. How is it with you boys?" After this honest confession, all owned up, and honors were easy on the louse question. The feeling one experiences when he finds himself infested with this vermin common to a soldier's life is one of deep humiliation and shame. Whatever may have been his aspiration, no matter how bright nor how high his ambition the finding of one gray back dispels every fond hope, every bright anticipation and the sons of illustrious ancestors feel themselves unclean and vain would hide their shame. But it is the inevitable, the common boon of all, the sure antidote for laziness as well as a fruitful source of amusement as we often used them to pass away the time in races and prize fights, as they would go for each other like Corbet and Fitz.

Our winter quarters was some little distance back from the river but sufficiently near to protect the batteries. We were assigned quarters with a street of about 80 feet between companies and told to build as we pleased. Consequently there were scarcely any two houses alike. We cut logs from the woods and built according to the size of the mess. The architectural designs varied according to the fancy of the occupants, the only restriction being they should be in a straight line and our only duty being to answer to roll call 3 times a day and stand picket on the river every twelfth night. We now had twelve companies as Company M from Trinity Co. had joined us at Quantico. The 1st Texas was the only Regiment in the army with twelve companies.

Sometime in December it be-

came known there was a ration of corn meal at head quarters, when there was a stampede for the commissary equalled only by a dog fight, as we had been living on flour all the while. I mentioned these small things to give a better insight into camp life. Our picket service of this winter was the hardest and most severe of the war. Every twelfth night we stood picket stationed on the tide washed beach of the river. Oh! the bitter nights, we patrolled that beach without a Yankee in two good miles of us and they across the river. This was so cheering indeed. For times the cold was so intense and the men suffered so with their feet, they would break the ice with their guns, and rub them with the icy waters or snow to get up a circulation. And yet amid these hardships the love of fun predominating in most men would assert itself.

And many jokes were passed upon each other. I remember one of our quarter masters was somewhat of a Fallstaff and often boasted of his valor. One night by dint of persuasion and much hurraing we got him to take a post on the river with orders not to fire unless the enemy should attempt to land. Every thing was understood by the men and officers who borrowed a boat from the captured steamer and manned it with instructions to pull well out into the stream and land at his post. The sentries between him and head quarters were to hide when they saw the boat and watch him. About 11 o'clock that night, a suspicious looking craft was seen upon the river and the uncertain light made its proportions awful. On she came with evident intention of landing near his post. The nearer she came the farther down the beach the gallant soldier backed until he reached the post below his and finding it deserted, his courage failed him completely and as the boat's prow grated upon the beach, he fired off his gun and beat a hasty retreat for camp, where he found the guards out to meet him and reported the enemy landing in heavy force. When the joke became known in camp the gallant Capt. could not stand the pressure and soon resigned.

## 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.

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400 acres, Wm. Dickerson Hr., 4 miles north from Crockett. Extra well improved, good houses, barns etc, on this place.

160 acres, Plinney Blanchard league, 8 miles south from Crockett. Improved and good farming land.

75 acres, R. B. Frost Hr., 6 miles south from Crockett, near I. & G. N. R. R.—Improved.

160 acres, J. W. Harvey Hr., 13 miles south-west from Crockett.—Improved. Good farm.

160 acres, Wesley Truss Hr., 7 miles north from Crockett on I. & G. N. R. R. House on this place in sight of said rail road. Very well improved; also farming land.

300 acres, J. B. Hallmark Hr., 10 miles east from Crockett on White Rock creek. Good improvement and about 75 acres open land and some very fine bottom land on this place.

200 acres, Joseph Teague Hr., 10 miles north-east from Crockett. Improved and also farming land.

50 acres, M. Blackshear Hr., 14 miles east from Crockett, near East Prairie. Small improvement on this place.

56 acres, M. H. Johnson Hr., 16 miles north-east from Crockett, all unimproved, well timbered.

615 acres, John Gregory League, 1 1/2 miles south from Lovelady on Tanta-bogue Creek—all unimproved. Very fine land.

640 acres, G. G. Alford Hr., 25 miles east from Crockett. Improved; very fine farming land, on Cochino Bayou. UNIMPROVED TRACTS.

320 acres, W. E. Hayes Hr., 11 miles east from Crockett.—Pine land.

483 acres, J. C. Teague Hr., 10 miles north-east from Crockett.—Post oak and red oak.

248 acres, W. Dillard Hr., 14 miles east from Crockett.—Pine land.

200 acres, Antonia Brazo Hr., 18 miles south-east from Crockett.—Pine, red oak and hickory timber.

117 acres, O. Peterson Hr., 18 miles north-east from Crockett.—Red oak and black jack timber.

400 acres, Collin Aldrich Hr., 8 miles south-west from Crockett.—Post oak, black jack and hickory timber.

320 acres, F. M. McNeil Hr., 8 miles north from Crockett.—Hickory, black jack and post oak timber.

132 acres, J. Smith Hr., 8 1/2 miles north-west from Crockett.—Blackjack and hickory timber.

227 acres, O. M. Vinton, 16 miles south-east from Crockett. 207 acres, Wm. Cruz, 16 1/2 miles south-east from Crockett. 556 acres, John Edens, 18 miles north-west from Crockett.—Red oak timber.

200 acres, John Moore league, 4 miles south from Crockett, near Crockett and Huntsville road. 100 acres in cultivation and 100 acres timbered land.

132 acres, T. R. Townsend Hr. 6 miles south-west from Crockett on Crockett and San Antonio road; 65 acres in cultivation.

600 acres, Arther Henrie Hr., 18 miles south-west from Crockett in McKinzie bend on Trinity river. Well improved and very fine bottom land.

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350 acres, John Eden's league, 18 miles north-west from Crockett. Very fine farming land.—Unimproved.

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100 acres, J. Allbright league, on Trinity river; not subject to overflow. Very fine land.—Unimproved.

320 acres, T. J. Goolsby Hr., 9 miles north east from Crockett. Good upland.

240 acres, H. Young, 6 miles north east from Crockett, near San Antonio road; well timbered.

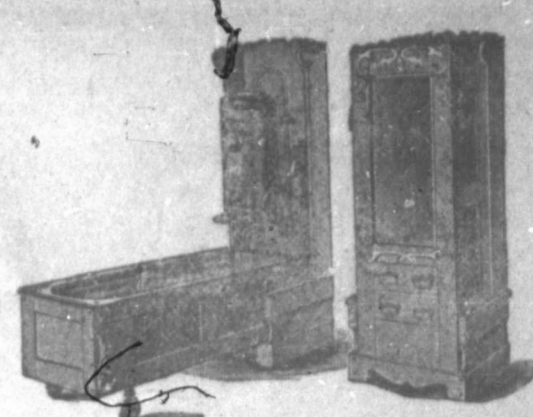
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# SHIVERS BROS. SAY:—

## AS SURE as TWO AND TWO MAKE FOUR

"There is a tide in the affairs of man which taken at the flood leads to fortune." The tide is coming. What are you going to do about it? Are you going to stand still and run the risk of being caught up in the flood or are you going to make SURE of it by preparing for yourself an Ark of safety and therein float upon the placid waters of prosperity to the Store of Shivers Bros? There you can find values to purchase, that are unprecedented, which to possess, dispels from your heart sadness and despair and causes to arise above the horizon the star of hope and to yourself you can muse if perchance you have on a pair of Tenent's Shoes:

I have ease, and I have wealth,  
And my spirits are light as air;  
And more than wisdom, more than wealth,  
A merry heart that laughs at care.

### Opportunities

Are as slippery as eels. Once they get away they are gone forever. Let us insist on you to take advantage of the opportunity we are daily presenting.

It would take weeks of toil to complete a list of the values we have to offer for a public that have encouraged us by their patronage, so we present only a few items, open for your consideration.

#### 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 Haile 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.

Remember that if our goods are not as represented we refund the money. We are here to do a straight business and this we will do. 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.

#### MONDAY EDITION.

#### THE DUTY OF EVERY NEWSPAPER.

Wonder if those Cracker Bend subscribers who discontinued their papers thought the COURIER would suspend publication as the result thereof. Perhaps they thought that by doing so we would be deterred from turning the searchlight of public opinion on their misdeeds. We want all the subscribers we can get. We are constantly soliciting patronage and a paper can't succeed without the support of the substantial, enlightened citizens of the county in which it is published. But we do not want patronage from any person or persons who prescribe or seek to prescribe as a condition of such patronage a policy of silence on our part when the laws of the country are trampled under foot, an enlightened public sentiment outraged and life itself put in jeopardy. If we must con nive at crime or stand awed by the presence or threats of criminals to get subscribers, we do not want them at all, as we have said more than once. The COURIER represents and stands for the highest and best standard of citizenship, the enforcement of all laws fearlessly and against all alike.

If it must compound felonious conduct for the inconsiderable pittance of a few subscribers, the subscribers can go, and they can't go any too quick, if they think that such a despicable consideration should outweigh the promptings of an exalted duty which every journal owes society and the cause of good government.

**SALESMEN WANTED**  
To travel for one of the largest wholesale supply houses in Chicago. SALARY and EXPENSES paid right party. Big Sample made. FURNISHED FREE. Write to-day stating territory desired and give reference as to industry, character, etc. Good stamp. **CONSOLIDATED WHOLESALE SUPPLY CO.**  
Dept. 47, 216 North Clinton Street, CHICAGO.

#### DO TELL US, WILL YOU?

The fact that Judge Reagan is regarded by the people of Texas as the father of the railway commission law, who is ever zealous in the enforcement of its several provisions enacted for the protection of the masses against corporate greed and exaction, certainly adds strength and dignity to the claims advanced by General Crane-Willis Index. And our neighbor says "the fact that Judge Reagan is regarded by the people of Texas as the father of the railway commission law"—Now, esteemed friend, do tell us how you discovered that Judge Reagan is entitled to such credit? That is news to us and we are satisfied that it will strike many others in the same light. If Judge Reagan ever suggested the organization of such an agency for controlling railroads, there is no record of it that we can recall. Our neighbor is perhaps led into this error from the fact that the Interstate Commerce act provides for this intermediary. And so it does. But it was not incorporated in the act by Judge Reagan but over his protest and against his wishes. This feature of this act was engraved on it by Senator Cullom of Illinois after the bill reached the Senate and the bill, as it left the House of Representatives or Judge Reagan's hands, had no such provision. The truth of the matter is, that the best features of that now famous enactment were put there by Senator Cullom and others and Judge Reagan deserves no more credit for them than the Secretary of State does for the messages of the president.

If Henry George, with all his wild vagaries and theories, with all his professions of a purpose to consolidate all real-estate holdings and making the government the sole owner of realty, is a democrat and stands for democracy of the present day, then we are not a democrat and we are glad we are not.

#### SAN PEDRO.

**EDITOR COURIER:**  
Not seeing any thing from our little community in a long time, we want you to know we are still living though like the Irishman's "pig we are poor, but proud." And if corn bread will sustain life, we will make it through the winter. The health of our community at present is very good. We have had a e'ege of dry, hot weather and a big lot of dust as we go along. Farmers are about through suffering with the back ache from picking that valuable 5ct. cotton. We have no doubt in our minds, if some of the merchants who want our cotton at such low figures, had to spend about one half of their lives in this way when they did get a chance to raise the price they would do it until farmers could pay their debts with from 1 to 2 bales, with all ease. But we are rejoiced and exceedingly glad to say we are about through with it. Nevertheless there is one part of our crops that we can price our-selves and we are thankful to say so and that is the glorious sustenance, corn. Most of those who had to eat "nubbiny" corn last year and feed our horses the shucks, have had to move our doors from the side or end of our cribs and put them in the top, on account of their being so full of corn. Seeing a piece from our adjoining settlement encouraging emigrants to come over and settle, we also will say a word of praise for San Pedro community, our soil being pretty much the same as that of Walnut creek. True our soil is not so well adapted to raising cane, but we must say it is widely known for cane grinders and syrup makers. The difference in the soil takes place in a scope of wood land about 1 mile wide between the settlements. So, Messrs home seekers, if you can

not find a home on Walnut Creek, dont forget to come through the long dusty sand beds of San Pedro on your way back. We feel confident you will never reach the out skirts of this settlement homeless and if it is water you want, just come a head. We have a very good country school from 4 to 6 months in the year, preaching twice a month and Sunday school every Sunday. We are to have a 2 days meeting Saturday and Sunday next. We have been very anxious about the bug-aboo yellow fever, but are proud it proved different. Prof. W. M. Robison of this place opened his school at Chappel Hill last Monday. We feel confident he will make a success for he is of a never tiring never failing nature. In conclusion I will say of all the countries, this beats in the line of chinquapins, and hickory nuts, so if you want to spend a pleasant day, come out here and spend it under the wide spreading hickory and chinquapins. I will not say any more this time.

#### NUT EATER.

**Was It Fair?**  
For the Youth's Advocate  
When the roses of summer were budding and blooming,  
And the yellow wheat bent 'neath its burden of gold,  
The prodigal son came, world weary and tattered,  
To the home where the footsteps had echoed of old,  
And they cling to his garment with tears and caresses,  
Till the cup of his welcome ran over with joy  
And the flowers of love and forgiveness were woven  
In a blossoming crown for the prodigal boy—  
When the icicles hung from the eaves and the branches,  
And the winter winds moaned round the dwellings of men,  
Forsaken and homeless, the prodigal daughter  
Crept back to the home of her girlhood again,  
But they turned her away in the storm and the darkness  
To the icy cold winds, with their chill, piercing breath,  
And the pitiless curses that followed her footsteps  
Were fierce as the tempest and cruel as death.  
ERNEST M'GAFFEY.

#### PERCILLA.

**ED. COURIER:**  
Nothing appearing from this little town we concluded to write a few items. We will give you a description of our little city. It is situated seven miles Northeast of Grapeland and 18 miles North of Crockett on what is known as Murchison Prairie. Cool this morning and the school girls welcome their winter wraps most heartily. Our school is progressing nicely. We have an enrollment of about sixty—good attendance and fairly good interest. The Percilla Ethical Literary Society is really interesting with its large and attentive crowds. The conduct of the audience is good, the recitations well delivered, to say nothing of the queries which is no small feature of the program. We were somewhat disappointed last Friday evening. We expected Judge Winfree to be with us. Our old friend, C. B. Prestige, is out to-day. He looks bad and is really dull for him. Crops are all gathered in these parts—the gathering being a light job. Corn is better than last year but cotton is very short. Cane and potatoes are better perhaps. Not wishing to tire you we will conclude. With best wishes to Mr. Editor and readers,

#### We are Two BROWN-EYED SCHOOL GIRLS.

If you knew the amount of work and worry, mental and physical, required to get out a copy of the COURIER, you would come round and pay for your paper. Why will you have something for nothing? It costs money and no small amount of it to get this paper out week after week. These remarks are addressed to those who have been getting and reading the COURIER for a year or more. Kindly call and settle or remit by mail.



# Special Cut Price Sale Continued

Until Saturday night at 9 o'clock, Nov. 13th. After which time we reserve the right to sell everything at its value. There is \$100.00 in the First National Bank of Crockett that will be paid to any man, woman or child that can show us where there has been a single misrepresentation made in this ad.

Notice how much you will save by attending this cut price sale.

All Staples as low and lower than we have ever had them.  
No. 3 Irish frize worth 15c, cut price 10c.  
Ginghams worth 6c in Staple and fancy checks, cut price 4½c.  
Extra fancy dress ginghams worth 9c cut price 7c.  
Listen here! in something that has been appreciated and will not last long. Novelty French Ginghams in gray, tan and brown dim, stripes of the new novelty effect will make a very handsome dress for any lady cheap at 11c, cut price 7c.  
Outing flannel in all the new colors, very handsome childrens school dresses and wrappers worth 10 and 12½c cut price 8c.  
Real Manchester No. 2 chambray in dark blue and dtm stripe worth and always sold for 12 and 15c, cut price 7½c per yd.  
All shades in blue, brown, pink and gray chambray worth 9 and 10c, cut price 7½c.  
A handsome line of cotton suiting in all the new colors and roman stripes worth 8½c, cut sale price 6c per yd.  
Ladies notice this. Johnson's double width book fold percale guaranteed not to fade worth and

sold all over the world for not less than 10c per yard, cut price 7c.  
All handsome dark red figured style for shirt waist and dresses, french percale in roman stripes and plaids worth 15 and 16½c per yard, cut price 12½c.  
Here is a bargain that should interest the mother of every little boy; genuine book fold double width french cheviot with laundry like linen in stripes and checks for boy's waists cheap at 12½c per yd., cut price 7c.  
Hamilton Alpaca worsted all wool one way worth 9 and 10c, cut price 5c per yard.  
Double width brocade cashmere in all new changeable colors will make a very neat dress worth 15c per yd., cut price 10c.  
All wool each way double width novelty dress goods, same as we have been selling for 29c per yd., cut price 22c.  
Don't forget our novelty dress patterns, no two alike, very handsome styles all the latest, worth and sold at \$4 per pattern, cut price \$2.95 each.  
All the new patterns will be marked at cut prices.  
Childrens nice ribbed fleeced lin-

ed union suits price 35c, cut price 25c, also Misses and Womens in higher price goods all at the cut price. Ladies vests for less money than you ever bought them.  
See our line of hose for misses and women. Ladies blk' seamless and stainless the best 15c hose in town cut price 10c per pair.  
Childrens stainless blk ribbed hose worth 9c cut price 5c, per pair any size from 6 to 9.  
Gentlemen listen! having closed out the entire lot of 127 doz french percale \$1.00 shirts our cut price is 20c each. You do yourself an injustice if you fail to see this line before the sizes are broken. Colored plaid bosom shirts worth 75c cut price 40c each. Mens heavy work shirts will cost you 50c in any store in Crockett our cut price 35c each. Mens medium heavy work shirts sold in nearly all the stores at 30 and 35c our cut price 20c each, also cut prices on overalls.  
Hats! We cannot describe but only ask that you examine our cut prices on styles in show window can fit you in any of the styles.  
**SHOES.**  
Listen, the same knife that hutch-

ered the cow cut prices after the hide was made into shoes. 35 doz 420 pairs of Hamilton Brown's \$1.50 shoes for men in Cong. or Lace cut price \$1.10. Hamilton Brown's \$2.50 shoes for men in lace or congress cut price \$2.00.  
Hamilton Brown's \$3.00 french call skin for men, cut price \$2.25. All heavy Shoes at cut prices.  
Ladies \$2.50 Hamilton Brown glaze dongola patent tip globe toe sizes 2 2½ 3 3½ 4 and 6, cut price \$1.75.  
Hamilton Brown's Ladies \$2.50 stamped button or lace pointed toe sizes 3 to 4.  
Brown's \$2.25 queen bee coin toe any size, cut price \$1.75.  
C. M. Hendersons Ladies \$2.50 Dongola Berline toe any size, also Cloth top, muddid toe and common sense heel and toe any size, cut price \$1.50.  
Hamilton Brown's Ladies \$2.00 French Dongola patent tip, coin toe Button or Lace, heel or spring heel, cut price \$1.50.  
Brown's \$1.75 and \$2.00 pointed toe lace Boys shoes, sizes 13 to 2s and 3 to 5, cut prices \$1.25 and \$1.50.  
Brown's tan lace boys \$1.50 shoes

sizes 12 to 2s cut price \$1.00.  
Brown's \$1.25 Lace, coin toe shoes for boys cut price 95c, sizes 2 to 5s.  
Ladies Romio 45c overshoes cut price 25c any size 3 to 8.  
Brown's Bronz kid button spring heel Misses \$1.75 shoes sizes 9 to 2, cut price \$1.00.  
Hamilton Brown's \$1.75 Rosamond ox blood kid lace spring heel sizes 6 to 12½, cut price \$1.00.  
Ladies don't miss the special cut price cape and wrap sale.  
Brown Kersey double cape and collar richly trimmed in braid and thibet fur, cheap at \$2.25 cut price \$1.50.  
Black and Tan extra quality Kersey richly trimmed in braid and thibet fur double cape and collar, cheap in any city at \$2.50, cut price \$1.75 up to the finest plush capes ever brought to this market.  
We realize that we have had much in the above but knowing that we have every article just as described we sign our names with pleasure knowing that hundreds of souls will be made happy and appreciate the effort we are making to help them.

## McLEAN & WILSON

### LOCAL NEWS

D. J. Carter has been appointed post master at Lovelady.

Steve Allen is out after an eight week's spell of typhoid fever.

Nearly six thousand bales of cotton received at Crockett.

A touch of winter was in the air Friday morning but no frost.

Court will likely run all of the seven weeks term and then not finish.

Subscribers continue to come in. Not a day passes but there is one or more.

Two weeks more of this weather and the top crop of cotton will be a big one.

There is general surprise expressed at the verdict of the jury in the Knox case.

When you come to town don't forget to call at the city saloon when in need of any thing kept in a first class saloon.

The COURIER dons a new dress this week, the first in eight years. If other suitings would only wear as well.

Come round and pay for your subscription—you, we mean, who has been reading it for more than a year.

#### Notice Notice!

Notice I will pay five dollars reward for all escaped convicts from my farm placed in the keeping of some jailer where I can get them.

B. E. HALL.

What is the matter with our friends in the country that they don't take up the matter of giving us the local news every week? Send us in a letter every week from every neighborhood. We want items of local interest.

Dr. H. J. Cunyus, dentist, Crockett, Texas. Office over Arledg, Kennedy & Co's Grocer Store.

Tucker Baker is contracting with quite a number of troupes for the coming season. Help the young man out.

Hon. B. F. Frymier, a prominent citizen at one time of this county, is in Crockett for his health. He is trying the waters of the Monk Wells.

A full rain last week packed down the insufferable dust and gladdened the eyes of all with a little mud—a phenomenon so to speak after the experience of three months.

#### To The Public.

I am now prepared to serve the people with all kinds of liquors, wines, brandise, champagne and cigars. Special attention to order from the county. City Saloon.

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.

There is no wagon traveling Texas roads that will compare with the Mitchell. For ease of running, strength and soundness of material, workmanship and durability, it is without a peer. Come round to Craddock & Co's and price and see them.

That electric light service will never be satisfactory until they put in another dynamo, the opinion of experts to the contrary. If there were another dynamo, these dismal intervals of no light would not come round. The town ought to encourage and help the gentlemen in charge and will do so but you can't make one horse do the work of two or three.

Eat at Gooday's.

J. N. Sutton, of Mistrot Bros. & Co. is out after a severe spell of illness but looks bad yet.

Judge Gill appointed W. H. Wall foreman of grand jury during absence of foreman Murchison.

The COURIER never published such prices from any city as McLean & Wilson's cut prices this week.

Mrs. Albert Burke is living very low at San Antonio. Her sisters, Mrs. Sheridan and Mrs. Glenn, went out last week to see her in response to a telegram from Dr. Alton Dupuy.

Some people think McLean & Wilson have been selling goods cheap all the time. But they were certainly just fooling a long with the trade from the way they are making prices now.

#### For Sale.

My farm, 2½ miles from Crockett, on railroad, 155 acres of land, in a high state of improvement. For particulars call on or address W. B. Page, Crockett, Tex.

That city clock, that city clock, gentlemen (and ladies) it is not paid for by about seventy dollars. Do you want to lose it or would you prefer supplementing all that has been paid with just a little more? Come forward and help to cancel the lien on it.

If we had a telephone system in Crockett and a line all along the I. & G. N. R. R. we could bring this Western Union Telegraph Co. to terms then. They would then put the office over in Crockett instead of putting it down at Paso. Agitate the telephone system? Love lady will join us in a line from that town to this, and Grapeland also, likely.

It makes the heart sick to hear of the inexpressibly sad and deplorable accident which befell young Richards last week at Murchison's gin. There is but one safe gin in the country and that is one at a dead stand-still. It is not safe to trust any other kind.

Both the white and colored teachers met in Crockett last Friday and Saturday and organized two institutes—one for each race. All the teachers in the county should join these institutes, in fact the law requires it and exempts none, not even those of cities and towns which have control of their schools.

From the Lone Star State comes the following letter, written by W. F. Gass, editor of the Mt. Vernon, (Tex.) Herald: "I have used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in my family for the past two years, and find it the best remedy for colic and diarrhoea that I have ever tried. Its effects are instantaneous and satisfactory, and I cheerfully recommend it, especially for cramp colic and diarrhoea. Indeed, we shall try and keep a bottle of it on our medicine shelf as long as we keep house." For sale by B. F. Chamberlain druggist.

#### KILLED.

A very sad accident, resulting in the death of a promising young man, occurred at W. F. Murchison's gin near Percilla on Wednesday of last week. Leonard Richards was at work around the press of the gin and got caught in some way in the press under the "follow block" and had his head cut off or mashed. Death was instantaneous. Hon. W. F. Murchison, who was on the grand jury at the time, had to go home. The remains of the young man were interred on Thursday.

The COURIER has been requested to look into and publish the status of the city's finances. The taxpayer making this request as well as the public generally wish to know what is being done with the Sinking Fund which the law provides for and which the tax-payers have been paying in every year. The tax-payers of Crockett wish to know what the City-Council are doing with this fund? Are they redeeming the School House bonds or not? If so, how many have been taken up and cancelled? If this fund is not being so used, what has been done with it, what use made of it and how applied? There is no authority in law for using this Sinking Fund for any other purpose than the redemption of school house bonds. The public would like to see a published exhibit of the city's finances, showing especially the status of the school funds and especially the Sinking Fund.

#### MARRIED.

For want of space we couldn't refer to the wedding last week of Will Shivers and Miss Annie May Simpson. John Shivers has reared a fine set of boys and one of whom any parents could be proud. Will is young to be plunging into the serious realities of countnial life, but he is a young man of excellent habits, good character, industrious and energetic and equipped with these qualities and qualifications, he will succeed. His bride is a pretty girl and one much admired by all who know her. We wish them unbounded success in material matters, and in spiritual, which is the matrix of all genuine happiness, we hope for an overflowing measure of all the good things that contribute to that consummation after which all strive and which few attain.



**THE BANNER COUNTY OF EAST TEXAS IS HOUSTON**

**Head 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. This 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 \$95,000 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, 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 took 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, 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, 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 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 leaf. 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 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 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. 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 low prices of staple products. It often happens that the doctor is out of town when most needed. The two year old daughter of J. Y. Schenck, of Caddo Ind. Ter, was threatened with Croup, he writes, "My wife insisted that I go for the doctor at once; but as he was out of town, I purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy which relieved the child immediately." A bottle of that remedy in the house will often save the expense of a doctor's bill, besides the anxiety always occasioned by serious sickness. When it is given as soon as the croupy cough appears, it will prevent the attack. Thousands of mothers always keep it in their homes. The 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by B. F. Chamberlain druggist.

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**To Try Truck Farming.**  
Grapeland, Texas, Oct. 23.—Five-cent cotton has driven the farmers to searching for relief in other directions than raising the fleecy staple. A large meeting was held here last night, composed of farmers principally, with a good sprinkling of merchants, doctors and tradesmen, who seemed to realize the gravity of the present crisis. When the farmers of this section fail, everything fails. Cotton being our only source of money, has fallen below the cost of production and seems destined to remain there. The question of the hour then is what are we to do? The meeting last night decided to adopt the truck farming system and tomatoes, which grow well here, seemed to be the favorite. The meeting after considerable discussion, adjourned to meet again Thursday night, November 4th, for the purpose of perfecting and organizing a Farmer's Fruit and Vegetable Shipping Association. May success crown their efforts in this direction. We had occasion to refer to the above in our last issue. We clipped the above from the Houston Post. This is a very sensible move on the part of those people and the COURIER wishes them every success and stands ready to extend to them every encouragement in its power. On with the good cause and command the columns of the COURIER when they can be of service to you.

A little child of J. R. Hays, living near Colquitt Ga., overturned a pot of boiling water, scalding itself so severely that the skin came off its breast and limbs. The distressed parents sent to Mr. Bush, a merchant of Colquitt, for a remedy, and he promptly forwarded Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The child was suffering intensely, but was relieved by a single application of the pain Balm. Another application or two made it sound and well. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain druggist.

**STILL ANOTHER CAR LOAD.**

... OUR LARGE STOCK which we had laid in for the Fall trade DID NOT HOLD OUT and we have bought a second time.

The Cause of OUR Business increasing so rapidly is very easily explained.

The People now recognize the fact that we sell the BEST GRADES of FURNITURE at LOWER PRICES than they can buy Shoddy Stuff at other places.

We could not afford to sell anything but FIRST CLASS GOODS as WE are here to stay and have already established a reputation for selling HONEST GOODS AT HONEST PRICES.

We are expecting a Car Load of Furniture in about ten days which is of the Latest Styles and the best workmanship in the market.

Call and look at Our Goods whether you want to buy or not.

Thanking you for your past liberal patronage, we are Very Truly Yours,  
**ASDRS K & NEWSON,**  
Furniture and Undertakers Supplies.

**Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.**

27 LEADING AMERICAN AND 27 FOREIGN COMPANIES.

The wet season is over and we are sure to have our share of fires.

**D. M. CRADDOCK, Agent,**  
CROCKETT, TEXAS.  
Office in Chamberlain Building opposite First National Bank.

**J. T. DAWES,**  
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN  
**Saddlery and Harness.**

I make a specialty of hand made saddles, Texas and Colorado styles, guaranteed to be the best, prices from \$7.50 up. Ladies Saddles from \$3.50 up. Good harness complete \$6.00. Don't forget that I sell

Collars, Bridles, Blankets, Halters, Robes and Strap Goods, CHEAPER THAN ANYBODY.

**R. C. Stokes,**  
WATCHMAKER AND ADJUSTER,

HAS A COMPLETE LINE OF  
Watches, Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, Etc.

BUYS OLD GOLD AND SILVER. OUR MOTTO,  
**RELIABLE GOODS AT BOTTOM CASH PRICES.**  
CROCKETT, TEXAS

**"The International Route."**  
**I. & G. N. R. R. Co.**

The through Trunk Line between the Republic of Mexico, South and South-west Texas and principal cities of the North, - - East - - and - - Southeast, 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. Call on nearest Ticket Agent for information as to schedule and rates.

**D. J. PRICE,** Gen'l Pass. and T'kt Agt.  
**W. T. MUSICK,** Traveling Pass. Agent.  
eroy PRICE General Superintendent.  
FALKSTINE, TEXAS.



# Disappointment.

With all the kindness we possess, we ask our friends and customers to cease telling us of their disappointments. That you have been disappointed in your response to advertisements is no fault of ours. It is simply your fault that you responded, and for fifty or more to repeat this daily takes up too much of our valuable time. Suffice to say that we know of your disappointments, your faces bespeak disappointment and this is sufficient.

There is no one here that can command the geni of Aladin's Lamp therefore there is no one that can do impossibilities. and again we don't care for your apologies for having wandered off after false gods, for we know you will do the same thing again the first opportunity as you have never yet gotten a sufficient dose of humbugging. While it is a pleasure to have you speak commendably of us and our business, and that your dealings with us have always been more satisfactory than elsewhere and that we had always treated you with unequalled courtesy and that you had never had an article misrepresented by us etc., yet all this demands a courteous and appreciative response which takes up time that is too valuable at this season of the year. Once and for all we say that we are glad to have you

come and will treat you right when you do come. but if there are other places that you prefer going to why we object not in the least for well we know that we cannot do all the business nor do we want to do it all. We simply want to do a good, fair, square, honorable, legitimate, pleasant, friendly business and this we have always done and will ever continue to do so long as we care to remain in business.

ONE OF THE IMPOSSIBILITIES is to break Bill McConnell in business, why I can do a business that will support me and mine though one hundred thousand business houses might open up here.

**Who has any advantage of us?**

With fifteen years of cash experience and ability, energy, indus-

try, courtesy and the hard dollars to stand behind us?

**Who are more capable of buying goods suitable to the wants and taste of the people than we are?**

WHEN A THING IS NEW AND STYLISH are we not the first to have it for you?

**When you come into our store to trade**

is it one time in twenty that you can be waited on at once and is this not sufficient evidence THAT WE ARE THE LEADERS and doing a business second to none in Crockett? AND WE HAVE ATTAINED this great eminence and success in business without doing any business on Sunday.

SIX DAYS SHALT THOU LA-

BOR AND DO ALL THY WORK, therefore money nor love can make us do otherwise through it is a big day with some of our competitors. They set for a Sunday trade church members, sell to church members and they go to church apparently the BIGGEST I IN THE WHOLE AUDIENCE with a sanctimonious grin on their face as if they were the emblem of perfection.

WE LEAD, OTHERS FOLLOW. watch us prove this—who was the first this fall to bring the prettiest, newest and most stylish dress patterns to this market? Who the first to bring the Roman Stripe Silks, Belts, Ribbons and Ties? Who the first to introduce the Ladies Girdles in the city? Who the first to introduce in mens hats the new Velvet band hat in Cedar, Blue

and Castor? Who the first to introduce the very latest, newest and best plaid bosom shirts? Who the first to introduce the green shoes, (now out of date?) Who is it that now has the very latest in men's shoes, the Gray?

OUR FIRST ADVERTISEMENT giving prices still holds good, they are the closest prices that have been given this season, and until competition comes some- ways near them it is useless for us to repeat them.

COME TO SEE US, we are up-to-date and will make it pleasant, interesting and profitable for you.

ALMOST EVERY DAY we are receiving new goods and it we have not what you want to-day, is no reason why we will not have it to-morrow.

Appreciatively,

W. V. McCONNELL.

## LOCAL NEWS.

Joe Long is down with dengue.

Best meal in town at 'Goodays'. A. Herman has been dangerously ill.

S. J. Patton of Tadmor was in to see us Tuesday.

Gooday can give you a meal or a lunch at all hours.

Mrs. Leonora Goodgion is spending the week in Dallas.

Mrs. Lizzie Newton has been quite sick from dengue.

Gooday is the Crockett Bakery and Restaurant. North West corner square.

Silas Cook, a member of the jury, is absent this week on account of sickness.

Go to the Crockett Bakery for bread and cakes (Gooday.) North West corner square.

## 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.

B. 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.

Mrs. Corry is just up from an attack of dengue fever.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Self are both confined to their room from dengue fever.

Mrs. Bertha Sherril is on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mangum.

The grand jury to date (Wednesday 3rd.) have turned in 73 bills of which 42 are felonies and 31 misdemeanors.

Mrs. W. H. Gill who has been on a visit to Kentucky will spend a few days at the close of the term with friends in Crockett.

The cold snap at the first of the week gave cotton a little upward spurt. It is feared that it is not permanent and that it will again relapse.

Hon. J. W. Madden and family are expected in Crockett on Saturday next. He is offering his home for sale near depot. It is a very desirable piece of property and in a fine state of improvement.

The money invested in that court yard fence was just so much money thrown away. The fence is going to "rack" rapidly. The cheapest is always the most expensive.

We understand that one of the jurors in the Knox trial declared after the trial that he never would again qualify himself to sit in another case in which the penalty is death.

The treasurer is registering the scrip of the county fund now but it will be at par as soon as Collector Sheridan turns in the taxes for that fund which will be equal to seven thousand dollars or more.

The jury commission, H. C. Leaverton, Albert Holley and J. H. Ratcliff, met Monday and finished their labors in one day, thus setting a laudable example for dispatch and economy for other public bodies.

Quite a number of farmers want to sow wheat but can't get the seed. J. H. Ratcliff has agreed to put in an equipment to manufacture flour if the farmers will produce wheat enough to justify him in doing so.

Frost and ice Tuesday morning—the second of November. This is somewhat early for this latitude. This winds up all prospect of a top crop of cotton and also puts a quietus on the ravages of the yellow fever microbe.

Of some thirty or more county convicts who were sent to B. E. Hail's farm, half have paid their fines and been released. Until the establishment of this institution the county and its officials were collecting nothing from these criminals but on the contrary a big board bill came in every quarter for their entertainment by Sheriff Waller down at the jail. Instead of being a burden and an expense now, they bring in a little revenue.

T. F. Alexander of Weches was in town Tuesday. He says they are going to need a Justice Peace in that beat as the present one, R. P. Robbins, is going to move to Alto. The question of appointing one will come before the commissioners' court next week.

Hon. W. F. Murchison, foreman of the grand jury, is still detained from serving on the jury. We understand he has a sick child as also a sick niece. The grand jury will probably adjourn Saturday after being in session four weeks.

It is worth what is due this office to collect it. After it is made and honestly earned by hard work and with close competition, it takes almost as much work and worry to get it. There are a few exceptions to this, bright ones, but the exceptions are very few.

Several of the regular attendants on opera house attractions have requested us to call manager Baker's attention to the insufferable nuisance of "whistling" "screaming" and "cat-calling" carried on by some parties whose only purpose likely is, not to annoy others, but to amuse themselves.

The dengue, as the doctors call it, or the "dang-you" as those call it who have had it, seems to be getting a firm grip on the town. Quite a number of our people are down with it, some just recovering and some well from it. In the little town of Victoria there were a thousand cases or more. Till now its victims were mainly in Central Texas and the coast country but recently its ravages seem to be moving east and it is predicted that it will be as bad here as it has been in other places. There is one cheering comfort about it and that is that it never kills, so the doctors say, when there are no complications.

The subscribers continue to roll in. The following have enrolled themselves in the last few days: Rube Westbrook, Dick Ford, Victoria Zachary (Ala.), Fred Moser, J. D. Baker, J. M. Pelham, Vannie Holcomb, B. Barnett, B. G. Kilgore, J. N. Herbert, H. Calloway, Arch Adams—an even dozen.

The communications from Daniels, Ratcliff, San Pedro and Percilla are model ones. We invite our friends in the country who usually write the COURIER to read these communications and note the style and scope of them. They give neighborhood news and items of interest, especially is this so of those from Daniels, Ratcliff and San Pedro. The COURIER is after news items, not disquisitions on political economy or theses on sociology.

Don't borrow your neighbor's COURIER and read it till it is dog-eared and the ink all worn off—but run your hand down in your pocket, snake out a dollar and walk up and subscribe for your county paper like a broad-gauged, liberal-minded, public-spirited citizen would do.

Cotton spurted up Monday and then dropped back Tuesday. Today middling is worth in Crockett only 4 1/2 cents. Roll your cotton under the shed and let it stay there; plant your farm in wheat if it don't make but six bushels to the acre.

## A Shooting.

As we go to press we hear of a shooting escapade at Grapeland between two negroes. One fired at the other, the ball passing through the back of a chair and not penetrating but blistering his back. The one shooting is under bond and his case is being "sat on" by the grand jury, as the Lovelady boys usually express it.



**THE COURIER.**

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

REAGAN striving for a seat in the United States Senate at his age is very like applying the methods, codes and usages of the eighteenth century to the government of the twentieth.

THE storm-center of politics for the past week or ten days has been in Dallas. Reagan and Mills and Culbertson have all been there, and so have Crane and Sayers and Yester and Blake and Wynne.

TO-DAY there are state elections in several states. Very little interest is manifested in any except Ohio and New York. The municipal election in Greater New York is attracting more attention than any of the state elections.

WE are reliably informed that Hon. A. W. Gregg of Anderson county has withdrawn from the race for congress. This clears up what was regarded as a somewhat cloudy atmosphere and leaves the field to Hon. S. B. Cooper and Hon. W. M. Imboden.

HENRY GEORGE, the philosopher and philanthropist, the author of several works on political economy and a candidate for mayor of Greater New York, died in New York on Friday of last week. His death is due to over exertion in the municipal campaign. He had a powerful following for mayor and most excellent prospects of election.

THE man who got our \$105 last week at Conroe, will never have such an opportunity again, for there is no probability that we will ever have that much money at any one time, as long as we live.—Willis Index.

The above is a very improbable yarn. Who ever heard of a country editor carrying or having on his person such a sum of money! And if he did, the fellow who "raised it," by every code of ethics known to enlightened man, was justifiable in his reasoning that the aforesaid country editor, or any other, must have come in possession of such a wad by methods not recognized by the laws of the country.

**Didn't Say It.**

R. V. Watts, of Lovelady, writes the COURIER for the purpose of correcting that part of the COURIER's report of the Knox trial which refers to his (Watts') conversation with Van Goodrum. Mr. Watts in his letter says:

"Your report of what I said on the stand is incorrect. I said this: 'that I met Mr. Goodrum on my way from the convict farm to Lovelady in front of the old Morrow place and he (Goodrum) told me that there would be a man there that saw Jack Knox on the road the day of the killing of Ellenberg'."

We publish the above cheerfully that Mr. Watts may give his own version of the matter. The language of Mr. Watts as reported by COURIER is thus:

"Rube Watts was recalled by defense and asked about conversation with Van Goodrum on road from convict farm to Lovelady. Said Goodrum told him that Goodrum would have a man at court who would swear that he saw Knox on road near the place of killing on day of killing."

The writer asked Sheriff Waller his recollection of Watts' language when recalled by defense and Sheriff Waller said: "Adams asked Watts if Van Goodrum didn't tell him (Watts) that he would have a man at the trial to swear that he saw Jack Knox on the road on day of killing of Ellenberg."

The Anderson County Fair and races are in progress this week.

**WHEAT AND SILVER.**

The Rise in the One and the Fall in the Other Perfectly Consistent. (Hon. W. M. Imboden in Cincinnati Enquirer.)

That wheat has recently advanced in price and that silver bullion has recently declined in price is being harped upon by the gold standard press and people as if the concurrence of these incidents disproves the case of the bi-metallists and proves the case of the gold monopolist to a fixed conclusion.

Having given some time to the wheat and silver kinship theory I think I am prepared to show that the rise in the wheat price and the fall in the silver bullion price concurrently is not only perfectly consistent with the "16 to 1ers or bust," but it proves beyond peradventure the stubborn contention of the Bryan people that under normal trade conditions wheat and silver are close kin. How, do you ask? Why, simple enough. Take the wheat trade of any European country on the gold standard that you please. As great Britain is the largest wheat consuming country in the world, in proportion to the amount it produces. I will illustrate and make plain my meaning by its wheat trade. We will first take a year of normal wheat production. India and other silver standard countries grow wheat and sell it for raw silver, or to state it otherwise, for silver by weight. As an ounce of raw (bullion) silver would in 1874, when its price was about \$1.25 in our money, exchange for a bushel of wheat in India, so it will likewise exchange for a bushel of wheat in India in 1897, 23 years later, when the ounce of silver bullion at the later period will only bring as its price about 57 cents in our money. It will not be pretended that the wheat consumer in Great Britain will willingly pay us a greater price for our bushel of wheat than he is compelled to pay the Indian for his bushel of wheat. The Indian farmer received an ounce of silver for his bushel of wheat in 1874 and again in 1897. The difference to the Englishman who consumed the wheat was in the fact that he had to pay \$1.25 for the ounce of silver bullion with which he bought the Indian's bushel of wheat in 1874, while he only had to pay 57 cents for the ounce of silver bullion that he paid for the Indian's bushel of wheat in 1897. The Englishman is not willing to pay us for our wheat more than he is compelled to pay for other wheat, but he cheerfully pays us as much. In 1874, then he was perfectly willing to pay us \$1.25 for our bushel of wheat, for if he had got it from India, he would have to pay the \$1.25 for the silver to buy the India wheat. But in 1897 he will not pay us the \$1.25 for a bushel of wheat as he did in 1874, for the common sense reason that silver has so fallen in price that he can purchase an ounce of bullion that will buy a bushel of wheat in India for 57 cents. He therefore again cheerfully pays us for our wheat, no more and no less than he pays for the India wheat—57 cents, the price of the ounce of silver that buys the bushel of India wheat. They may ask: "How can the Indian afford this?" The answer is, he has to afford it, and better still for him, he can well afford it, if his crop holds out. The wheat grower who got as much for his wheat in 1897 as he did in 1873, is in good luck, and this is just what the Indian farmer does. He got his ounce of silver in 1874 and again in 1897 for his bushel of wheat. Silver is the money of India. The bushel of wheat that brought the ounce of silver to India in 1875 added just as much wealth to that country as did the bushel that brought the ounce of

silver in 1874, for one of the ounces would pay as much debt, as much taxes and as much domestic transportation charges as the other.

All this is predicated upon the proposition that silver standard countries have wheat to sell. We contend that silver bullion controls the price of our wheat just as long as silver standard countries have wheat to sell for silver bullion. To say that this is not true is to say that the wheat consumers of Great Britain and other gold standard countries may be expected to pay us higher prices for our wheat than they will pay the people of the silver standard countries for their wheat. This of course, European consumers will not do. They buy where they can buy the cheapest. Our contention boiled down is that our wheat growers have been impoverished by the competition of the wheat growers of silver standard countries. The wheat grower in India got as much in the money of his country—money to pay taxes, debt and transportation for his bushel of wheat in 1894 as he did in 1874, though the American wheat grower got less than half as much in 1897 of the money of his country for his bushel of wheat as he did in 1874. Without that competition our wheat growers may thrive. This is and has all the while been the plea of the free silver people. It is true. Present conditions verify the truthfulness of it. There is no silver country competition with our growers this year. Not a silver standard country in the world has a bushel of wheat for export. Many of them are importing wheat. Put our silver bullion back to where it was in 1873. Make every 412 1/2 standard grains of it coinable into a full debt paying dollar, and every 412 1/2 grains will be worth a dollar and the ounce will be worth \$1.29. When this is done the silver standard countries can grow all the wheat they please—none will be exported without the ounce of silver for the bushel, the ounce of silver will be worth \$1.29, and the consumer may be relied upon to pay us, as he did in the long ago, that price for our wheat. With unlimited free coinage here at the old ratio silver will go up and silver country competitions will not prove so disastrous to our wheat raisers as in recent years.

Right here some one may insist that the reasons given above do not account for the fall in the price of silver bullion, while wheat is going up. Silver standard countries having no wheat to sell there is no need of gold standard countries buying silver bullion to bring wheat from silver countries. This lessens the demand for silver bullion and it goes down. Silver standard countries having no wheat to sell (but some to buy) leave the gold standard countries of Europe to buy their wheat of us—this increases the demand for our wheat and it goes up.

We free silver people believe in the law of supply and demand, and insist that this law is immutable and universal—that it applies to money as well as commodities. Since there are now about nine people for the gold standard to where there was one in 1873, and as there is only twice as much gold in use as money at this time as there was in 1873, the demand for gold is now so much greater than in 1873 it has gone higher, and has carried wreck and ruin to all classes of property holders—only those who have fixed incomes are the beneficiaries of the system.

W. M. IMBODEN.  
Rusk, Texas.

**RATCLIFF.**

ED. COURIER.

The drought has been broken at last. A fine rain fell last week, the best that has fallen this season. It has started vegetation to growing and stopped people in this section from hauling water. It is raining again to day and prospects are good if the frost stays off two or three weeks for a good top crop of cotton. Mr. T. J. Bounds says that if the frost stays off two weeks his second crop will be better than his first.

Mr. Henry Tucker of Fores, the photographer, who has been here for two weeks, making pictures for our people, will move to Coltharp soon. Mr. Tucker is a fine artist and a gentleman and we regret very much to see him leave.

Professor Driskil closed his singing school here last Saturday night, the attendance was large and the time well spent.

Rev. C. B. Smith preached for us last Sunday on the subject of "Charity"; he delivered a very able discourse.

Miss Josie Payne and Mr. Bud McHenry attended singing at Coltharp Sunday.

Mrs. Dora Ratcliff visited her sister, Mrs. Katie Wood, at Groveton last week.

Mr. J. C. Ratcliff of Tadmor visited his mother, Mrs. Sarah Ratcliff Sunday.

Mr. J. H. Ratcliff had photos of himself and his Sunday school class and presented one to each of his class.

The school at this place is progressing fluently and Miss. Carrie McHenry, the teacher, is greatly beloved by her pupils and the patrons speak in high praise of her; so far she has given general satisfaction.

W. E. Robertson is expected to return from Tenn. soon to take charge of the wagon works.

O. T. Ratcliff visited his people at Augusta Saturday.

Judge Winfree is expected down soon to deliver a lecture for us.

Mr. F. P. Hudson and family of Coltharp, attended services here Sunday.

Mr. T. B. Payne and Miss Carrie McHenry attended the singing Saturday night.

J. H. Ratcliff believes that wheat can be grown in Houston county and he has agreed with the farmers on Cochino that if they will sow wheat he will prepare to thrash and grind it for them. We hope the farmers will become interested in the enterprise and sow a crop. Next year we can at least make our own biscuit besides we will have the straw to feed cattle on in the winter. If people would turn their attention to the growing of wheat and tobacco, raise more sheep and leave off a part of their cotton, times would be as prosperous, our people would be as happy and contented here as in other sections. O. B.

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

Reported to me by T. C. Lively, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1, Houston County, Texas. The following described animal: One Bay pony mare, 10 hands high, 5 years old, no brand, white star in face, white speck on right shoulder and right thigh, left hind foot white.

In care of C. P. Allen, 10 miles East of Crockett. Filed for record Oct. 15th, 1897.

Given under my hand and seal of office Nov. 3rd, 1897.

N. E. Allbright,  
County Clerk.  
Houston Co., Texas.

We have seen several farmers from the country since the freeze Monday and they say the cotton plant is not hurt, but growing and maturing a top crop.

**MANGUM ON— Cotton!**

CROCKETT, TEX., 10-18, '97, Editor Courier:

Permit me to say to the people through your columns, that I think the yellow fever scare is over, and we can now get down to business.

Cotton is unreasonably low, but from present indications it will go much lower before it turns. I believe the market will react, but when, is another matter; it may be within a few weeks or it may be months and the vital question is, what shall we, do? Hold on and wait for the rise or sell our cotton as soon as we get it ready?

I've got no advice to give, but it is a safe rule to let every day take care of itself, and acting on that idea I am prepared to buy all the cotton you can bring me, and will pay full market value for it.

Yours respectfully,  
JOHN MANGUM.

**WANTED.**

10,000 Bales of Cotton.  
5000 Dry Hides.  
10,000 Coon Skins and other Peltry.

5000 pounds beeswax.  
Now don't stand back: bring it along. I mean business. Let the price be high or low, I'm ready for you. Keep the wheels turning; you'll come out best in the long run.  
Respectfully,  
JOHN MANGUM.

P. S.—Things not wanted at any price:

Mixed, packed, plated or mortgaged cotton. Parties selling same will be held strictly accountable.

**MY PRICES:**

I will sell you today the following goods at prices named, to wit.

Best Peaches—best grade California packed, No. 3 size, 3 cans for.....	50
No. 2 size 2 cans for.....	25
Pie Peaches, No. 3 size, 4 cans for.....	35
Pears, best grade, No. 2 size, 2 cans for.....	25
Baking Powder, "Jack Frost" none better made, 1 lb can "Clover Leaf," the best cheap powder on the market, 1 lb can.....	10
Okra and Tomatoes, per can Grated Pine Apple, unquestionably best made, per can Blackberries, per can 10c, 3 cans for.....	25
Pine Apple, eyesless and coreless, 3 cans for.....	50
Nummen's preserves, 1 lb cans 2 cans for.....	25
Condensed Milk, Magnolia Asparagus, large can.....	20
Corn, a good quality, 3 cans Corn, extra good, 10c per can, 4 cans for.....	35
Marrow Fat peas per can Broiled Brook Trout, saused, "Happy Hit," per bot. 15c 2 for.....	25
15 lbs Bucket of Jelly.....	60
15 lbs Best Head Rice.....	1 00
8 lbs Arbuckle or Apex roasted Coffee.....	1 00
10 lbs good Green Rio Coffee	1 00
8 lbs Better Green "	1 00
6 lbs Choice Peaberry "	1 00
5 lbs Best Lump Starch for Best Parlor Matches, 3 pks Dental snuff, 10c per can, per bottle.....	25
Choice Mackerel, 20 fish in kit, for.....	85
Choice large Mackerel, 12 to 15 fish in kit, for.....	1 10
Choice large Pot Mackerel, 3 for.....	25
Cod fish, 1 lb bricks.....	10
Dill Pickles, per pound.....	10

Satisfaction guaranteed in every thing I sell you or money cheerfully refunded. Spot Cash and One Price to All. Honest Weight and measure are my mottoes! If you want your money's worth see me before buying.  
Respectfully,  
JOHN MANGUM.