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ORGANIZED.

We referred in our last issue to the meeting of the farmers at Grapeland for the purpose of organizing a Fruit and Vegetable Growers' Association. They met again on last Thursday and perfected organization by the election of a president, secretary, etc.

Quite a number were present and joined in the movement. Not farmers alone but doctors and merchants are participating and doing all in their power to make it a success. We are glad to note this enterprise and to give them every encouragement in our power. We feel confident that this new industry will prove a profitable diversification, as also a diversion to those engaged in it. And it is well to bear in mind that it is not possible for too many to engage in the industry. We offer one suggestion to these gentlemen that possibly they have overlooked and that is that they should not neglect the culture of strawberries on a large scale. The Alvin and Hitchcock farmers are growing rich from this one berry. And up in Arkansas where this berry ripens much later than here the farmers of one county on the Iron Mountain R. R. are also growing rich from the production of this berry. Don't fail to include the strawberry among your vegetables. Go to Tyler and see how they are making money just from this culture. And, by the way, we would advise our Grapeland friends to get their plants from the Tyler nursery for reasons that are obvious.

Grand Jury Report.

To Hon. W. H. Gill, judge 3rd judicial district of Texas:

The grand jury respectfully reports that we have been in session four weeks; have investigated 105 felonies and 56 misdemeanors, examined about 200 witnesses, and returned 62 bills of indictment for felonies and 31 bills of indictment for misdemeanors.

We have examined the jail and find the same in good condition, except that the escape pipe to the sewer ought to run at an angle of not more than 45 degrees to the ground. As it is a part of it runs horizontally and prevents its cleaning itself.

The prisoners seem to be well cared for and had no complaint to make.

We examined the reports of the various county and precinct officers and found same correct.

We have presented no indictments against any road overseers for failure to work the roads, but we find that the public roads in this county are not generally in good condition. Now we would respectfully suggest that the commissioners of the county would compel overseers to keep said roads in better condition.

So far as we can ascertain the local option and gaming laws have been fairly well observed, and we are glad to report offenses of this character are decreasing in this county.

Our labors have been very arduous and have taken us longer than grand juries usually sit in this county, but we have tried to investigate closely each charge brought before us, and believe that we have wasted no time unnecessarily.

With thanks to the court and officers for courtesies to us extended, and our labors being done, we respectfully ask that we be dismissed. Respectfully submitted.

W. H. WALL,

Foreman of the Grand Jury.

District Court Proceedings.

T. J. Clark et al. vs. Lucy Clark et al.—suit for partition of land; new trial granted.

V. I. Miller vs. John T. Taylor et al.—suit for land; judgment for plaintiff.

W. H. Denny vs. F. H. Bayne—continued by defendant.

I. A. Daniel vs. I. & G. N. R. Co.—mistrial.

F. M. Satterwhite vs. I. & G. N. R. Co.—judgment for plaintiff for \$1000.

John Hackett vs. I. & G. N. R. Co. This suit was for damages for compelling plaintiff's wife to remove from one car to another. She complained that she paid for first-class accommodations and did not get them. The court gave a judgment for the defendant.

CRIMINAL DOCKET.

Dan Harris, charge hog theft—judgment of guilty with two years in pen.

George W. Hughes, charge assault to murder; guilty of aggravated assault and battery and fine \$100.

John Crofford, two cases, continued.

Serious Cutting Affray.

On Saturday a serious difficulty occurred at Tadmor between G. W. Gibson and R. R. Harvin in which the latter was cut by the former in several places. The trouble, it seems, grew out of a misunderstanding about a settlement in the store. Harvin is cut in several places, once on the body over the heart, then across the abdomen, then on the head, again across the arm and had one finger nearly cut off. Frank Creath, who was present, had some difficulty in pulling Gibson away. There was an examining trial this week at Tadmor before Justice Harrison.

Cotton continues to go lower and lower. We have thought for some time that the bottom had been reached, but have been compelled to watch a further decline day by day. We cannot believe that the situation justifies the present low price, and our advice to farmers and merchants is to hold on. We invite attention to Neill's exaggerated reports during last season, and we observe that he has begun the same policy again. His reports seem to be intended for his English friends across the water and will enable them to procure their supply at the lowest possible figure.

War Reminiscences.

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

Time hung heavily on our hands during this long cold winter of Northern Va. And the protracted idleness had a tendency to draw out the characteristics of the men. Some sought relief from the monotony in games, some in reading and others put to practical use their mechanical genius, and spent their time in making rings, pipes and other ornamental articles. The surrounding hills were covered with ivy and laurel the roots of which made most beautiful and durable pipes. And some specimens turned out were remarkable for beauty of design and workmanship. Combs, walking sticks in fact every thing made of gutta-percha was soon converted into rings, pins, buttons and other trinkets. Some of them showed remarkable artistic skill, many were unique in design and often inlaid in a manner that would have done credit to more experienced workmen. Every thing was done consistent with military regulations for our comfort; passes were given two men from each company every day and many more took "French leave" between roll calls. In this way the men soon became familiar with the surrounding country, and there was not a hen roost or a pretty girl in five miles of camp that had not been visited. The Christmas tide was coming on and scouts were sent out to reconnoiter for the turkey. Soon an enterprising citizen came to our relief with a wagon load of nicely dressed fowls, these were quickly purchased by the men and with the addition of a few eggs, sugar and a quart of old apple Jack, we were in good shape for old Santa Claus. But how to cook this great American bird was next in order, as our skillets were too small. But necessity knows no law, and soon the huge bird was roasting on improvised spits or dangling from the cross pieces of our chimney, where by constant turning and basting they soon assumed that darling brown that bespeaks the good cook, and when all things being ready we sat down to our first and I believe only Christmas dinner of the war, and that not a mean one. Of course we had eggnog, and a little straight on the side. With such good cheer we almost forgot we were soldiers and spent the day in enjoyment of those privileges always allowed us Christmas. Our quarters were comfortable and our rations abundant and with nothing to do, save this twelfth night picket, the men grew fat and lazy and of course were in all sorts of mischief. The chimneys to our house being low it was not uncommon for some mischievous fellow to drop a cartridge down one and blow up the frying pan or coffee pot; or to wet a blanket and steal softly up at night and spread it over the top. This soon smoked the inmates out and when discovered usually resulted in language not suitable to

prayer meeting. The batteries on the river kept a vigilant watch and the first shot from them was a signal for a rush to the hill to watch some daring boat run the gauntlet or go down under the heavy shot from their guns. The camp was aroused to the height of expectancy by the arrival of our former townsman, W. J. Foster, with a box of clothing, and bedding from home. All awaited impatiently for its opening, and as each received his package, you might have noticed an eager, anxious look as he hastily opened it feeling sure there was some message from the loved ones at home. And when his eyes fell upon the well remembered hand writing of mother or sister tears would gather in their eyes and many would shout their joy in a fervent "God bless them". Each article was examined most carefully for traces of a mother's hand and as one after another gave evidence of a mother's tender love and earnest solicitude the hearts of those brave strong men filled full to overflowing and they layed again in the days of their boyhood.

I had nearly forgot one of the most interesting and important events of our stay at Quantico. The enemy suspected we were in force behind the hills that bordered the river and to find out our strength and position sent up a large balloon from a hill some half a mile from the river on their side. This soon attracted our attention and all gathered on the hill to watch it. When it had gotten probably a hundred feet in the air there was a sharp rifle like report and a puff of smoke from the wooded hill back and above. Evidently a shot went whistling through the air with unerring aim and struck the balloon about midway, collapsing it. The basket came tottering to the ground and was immediately surrounded by blue coats, when there was another report, another puff and another shell, this time falling in the midst of the Yanks that scattered in every direction and when the dust cleared away many men could be seen on the ground. Ambulances were seen coming and that night the pickets told us 25 men had been killed and wounded by the shot. This battery was composed of the famous gun, "Long Tom", captured at the first Manassas and a twin brother, "Laughing Charlie" made by us at Richmond. Thus the winter wore away. When the warble of the redbird betold the coming of spring, preparations were made to break quarters and prepare for the summer campaign. All surplus baggage that couldn't be easily carried was buried and mounds raised above them resembling graves and for a blind headboards erected bearing fictitious names of those who had died with small pox. The batteries were dismantled, guns spiked and thrown in the river. The crowning act of our departure, being the burning of our quarters and lighted by glare of our winter

homes. We bade farewell to places that had been alike joyous and painful, and were soon lost in the more active life of the soldier and the memorable events of General Johnson's Pennsylvania Campaign.

Our genial friend, Tony Gossett, has perhaps been instrumental in perpetrating more practical jokes than any other member of Houston county's official family. He has succeeded in giving more people the "horse laugh" than any other denizen of these parts, and he is altogether a much quoted local humorist. But the nemesis of his victims has at last appeared and turned the tables. Tony is himself the victim of a joke so practical that he has until this good day failed to see where the fun comes in. When referred to his sometimes sunny phiz, assumes proportions of somber cast, and one might mistake him for Prof. Teufelsdröck, who was never known to laugh but once. If George Waller could be petrified by a look he would long since have been nothing more than a stone image.

A Dallas laborer who was laid out for dead came back to life, but on finding out that he was still in Dallas relapsed and died dead. --Houston Post.

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., 15 h, 1897.

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Plums That Fell Into Tammany's Lap On Tuesday

Some notion of what the first Mayor of Greater New York will have to distribute in the way of patronage during his term of office may be obtained from the following list of officials whom he is empowered by the charter to appoint after he shall take office on Jan. 1, 1898, and the salaries which they are to receive:

TITLE OF OFFICE.	TERM.	SALARY.
Corporation Counsel	4 yrs	\$15,000
Chamberlain	4 yrs	12,000
President Board Public Improvements	6 yrs	8,000
Commissioner of Water Supply	6 yrs	7,500
Commissioner of Highways	6 yrs	7,500
Commissioner of Street Cleaning	6 yrs	7,500
Commissioner of Sewers	6 yrs	7,500
Commissioner of Public Buildings, Lighting, and Supplies	6 yrs	7,500
Commissioner of Bridges	6 yrs	7,500
Three Commissioners of Parks	6 yrs	5,000
Six Art Commissioners	Indefinite	None
Fire Commissioner	6 yrs	7,500
President Board of Taxes and Assessments	6 yrs	8,000
Four Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments	4 yrs	7,000
Five Assessors	Indefinite	3,000
Two Commissioners of Charities	6 yrs	7,500
One Commissioner of Charities	6 yrs	2,500
Commissioner of Correction	6 yrs	7,500
President of the Board of Health	6 yrs	7,500
Two Health Commissioners	6 yrs	6,000
Two Commissioners of Buildings	6 yrs	7,000
One Commissioner of Buildings	6 yrs	3,500
President of Dock Board	6 yrs	6,000
Two Commissioners of Docks	6 yrs	5,000
Four Police Commissioners	4 yrs	5,000
Commissioner of Jurors for Manhattan and the Bronx	Indefinite	5,000
Two Commissioners of accounts	Indefinite	5,000
Chief of Bureau of Municipal Sta-		

Statistics	4 yrs	3,500
Three to six Commissioners of Statistics	Indefinite	None
Three Civil Service Commissioners	Indefinite	None
Twenty-one members of the School Board for Manhattan and the Bronx	3 yrs	None
Forty-five members of School Board for Brooklyn	3 yrs	None
Nine members of School Board for Richmond	3 yrs	None
Nine members of School Board for Queens	3 yrs	None
Two Municipal Court Justices for Brooklyn	2 yrs	6,000
Three municipal Court Justices for Queens	2 yrs	5,000
Two Municipal Court Justices for Richmond	2 yrs	5,000
Three City Magistrates in Queens	10 yrs	5,000
Two City Magistrates in Richmond	10 yrs	5,000
Five Justices of the Court of Special Sessions, Second Division	10 yrs	6,000

This does not include his secretary and the other immediate employees attached to the Mayor's office; nor the Superior of the City Record and the clerks and employees of various boards of which the Mayor is a member. The thirty-seven City Marshals in this county not included, for there is a question whether they are not protected in their tenure under the charter. Mayor Strong, it is contended, may reappoint them for full terms of six years each before he retires from office. Neither does the list include the sealers and inspectors of weights and measures, the number of which and their compensation must be fixed by the Municipal Assembly. Besides all these heads of departments there are a lot of minor places, such as deputy commissionership, which may not be within the civil service provision of the Constitution. At any rate, the Tammany Tigers have no fear that the civil service laws will interfere much with their getting offices. They never did when Tammany Hall was in power before. Besides the places mentioned the new Mayor will have the appointment of a few city Magistrates, whose terms will expire during his incumbency of the Mayorality.

It is pretty early to dispose of any of these places even by prediction, although it is not too soon for candidates for all of them to put in their claims. It is generally understood, though that shipbuilder Louis Nixon, who was Tammany's candidate for Alderman in the twenty-fifth Assembly district, stands a good chance of being appointed a Dock Commissioner.

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.

Digging Fish Worms He Found \$50,000.

From the St. Paul Pioneer Press. Clinton, Ia., Oct. 28.—Adolph Johnson, a 16 year-old boy, while digging fish bait on Beaver Island, in the south part of the city, struck a metallic substance with his shovel, which, when unearthed, proved to be an iron box. When opened the finder was nearly overpowered with the great amount of wealth he saw, for there lay gold and paper money amounting to \$50,000. It is not known when or by whom the money was buried, or if it was the proceeds of an express robbery or belonged to a Swedish nobleman who lived a number of years on Beaver Island, dying there two or three years ago.

Ticked A Donkey's Heels.

Albert Griffin, 16 years old, of 36 Palisade avenue, Jersey City, and several other boys found a donkey owned by E. J. Hanley of Hoboken avenue, grazing in a lot on Palisade avenue yesterday and started to tease it. The donkey began to kick and the boys fled. Young Griffin, however, returned, and, stealing up behind the donkey, tickled its heels. The donkey's heels flew out and caught the boy in the right thigh. He was so seriously injured that he will be confined to his home for some time. Young Griffin never had heard the sad story of

A muscular Turk of Stamboul Tried to pull out the tail of a mule, And the Coroner's jury the body did view, And brought in the verdict "damphool."

Georgia Protects the 'Possum.

From the Atlanta Journal. Mr. McCook's bill to prevent the hunting or catching of opossums between March 1 and Oct. 1, taken up with a favorable report from the Committee on Agriculture. Hon. Pope Brown gave his time to the author of the bill, but said it was a good measure and he would vote for it.

Mr. McComb the 'possum's friend, is an elderly gentleman, with the snow of many winters on his hair. He spoke very briefly, and the bill went to a vote. The ayes were 109 and the nays 15, and as the result was announced there was thunderous applause.

How the Washington Woman Sees It.

From the Washington Star. "Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "I wish you lived in New York and could vote for Henry George."

"What for?" he asked. "Because he advocates the single tax. Here we pay a water tax, and a school tax, and a real estate tax, and a whole lot of others, and living would certainly be very much cheaper if we had only one of them."

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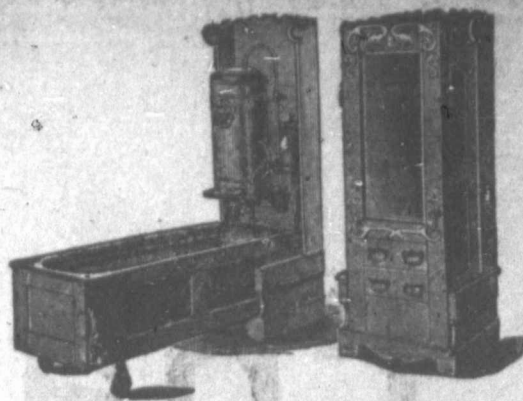
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Men's Suits in Black (sacks and cutaway,) from \$3.50 to \$12.50 per suit.

DRY GOODS.

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.

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.

There are many reasons why we can sell good goods at prices asked for inferior goods by others. We own our own store house, pay no rent, do most of our work ourselves, pay cash for everything bought. These are only a few of the many reasons. Remember we will sell you from our Cargo, Groceries, Hardware, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Furniture and Coffins, and by purchasing from us you will save being annoyed by going from one place to another to buy this and that. All under one roof. Come to see us when in town and encourage us by your presence whether you want to buy or not.

SHIVERS BROS.

The young merchants who will treat you right.

Dealers in Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Hardware, Hats, Shoes, Furniture, Coffins, Etc.

MONDAY EDITION.

SOW WHEAT.

J. H. Ratcliff and John Monk have both said they would put in machinery to manufacture flour if the farmers would only sow enough wheat to justify them. Now, what is in the way of the farmers' doing this? It is the only way out of the bog they have got into by the planting of too much cotton. But they say "if we don't plant cotton, the merchants will not make any advances to us." Then they told the truth in part at least. The merchants or rather the mortgage system is responsible in a large measure for the present low price of cotton and the overproduction of the same. There is no possible way of successfully traversing this proposition. All merchants may not do this, that is, request that their customers shall plant so much cotton, but the majority of them will not extend a line of credit to any farmer who does not make cotton his staple crop. Nor can they be blamed for this altogether. They look out for themselves and cotton is the only product that is legal tender for the payment of their merchandise accounts in Galveston and other markets. However, there is not a farmer in the county that can't plant as much as five to ten acres in wheat and at the same time cast a cotton crop amply adequate to meet his merchandise account. In doing so he departs from the beaten path of dependency and feels that with corn in the crib for his stock and meat, wheat in the bin for his bread and cotton at the gin for the payment of his merchants, he can snap his fingers with indifference at the world's devious ways of wagging, content in the serene thought that he belongs to no man.

Instead of discouraging the sowing of wheat, the merchant should

proffer every encouragement and offer every aid. If Houston County produced its own flour bread every year, it would keep in circulation here every year more than a hundred thousand dollars. But they tell us their lands or soil will not grow wheat. They may not yield as abundantly as more favored localities, and yet still produce enough to supply the flour consumed every year. If the most unfriendly soil yielded only six bushels, considering the insignificant cost of making the six bushels, it is better than four or five cent cotton. That is one stubborn, insurmountable fact. We say it again, that six bushels of wheat per acre is a more profitable investment than cotton at four or five cents. And then there are soils, which are known as the calcareous or lime soils, that will yield 15 to 20 or even to 25 bushels per acre. The labor to grow a crop of wheat is holiday entertainment compared to the work on a crop of cotton. The expense of the former is almost nothing while that of the latter is tenfold greater.

These proposals of Messrs. Monk and Ratcliff should be met by the farmers and merchants in a friendly spirit and fostered. Say to them, "go ahead and get ready to make flour and we will make the wheat."

A LONG FELT WANT TO BE SUPPLIED.

The COURIER presents the readers of the paper this week a piece of good news in the way of a letter published elsewhere from the Superintendent of

Company. About the last of October the editor of the COURIER had a talk with some parties from Lovelady on the project of putting in a line between the two towns. Seeing that there was a line already in on the rail-

road from Tyler to Lufkin and assuming that the inducements to establish one on this road were greater and better than on the Tyler and Lufkin division, he wrote the superintendent of the aforesaid Company with the promise and prospects outlined in the letter referred to above. Our people here have been treated in an inexcusably bad way by the Western Union Telegraph Co. in moving their office to a point nearly a full half mile away from the court house, utterly disregarding the rights, convenience and comforts of its patrons, to say nothing of the expense and tax imposed for delivery of a message or the sending of one. This company has been appealed to and petitioned by our people more than once to correct this outrage, but without avail.

It is probable that the democrats of the Ohio legislature will be aided by a few dissenting republicans to defeat Mark Hanna for the senate. If the republicans have a clear majority on joint ballot, it is perfectly proper that they should have the senator, but it is desirable that some one else than Hanna should be the man. He stands for boodles and corruption in politics and the republicans will honor their party in selecting some one else, however much party zeal may tempt them to select him.

WHATEVER may be thought of him by those who differ with him, the forefinger of prophecy points unerringly to William J. Bryan as the democratic standard bearer in 1900.

SO FAR as we are able to judge at this date Imboden's prospects are good. We know of no good reason why he would not make the people a capable and faithful representative in congress.

Assuming that every family in the county consumes on an average five barrels of flour annually and that there are five thousand families in the county, 125,000 bushels of wheat will supply the flour bread of the county. Each family would have to produce 25 bushels of wheat. This could be raised on three or four acres of ground. Hadn't they better do this than to raise cotton at 5 cents and send over a hundred thousand dollars from the county every year for flour.

It is said that Judge Reagan intends to write a book. This is commendable in him and he should be up and about it. Surely the production of a great book is not the concomitant of senatorial duties and responsibilities. Either the senate or the book must be sacrificed. By all means let it be the senate.

It is said that at the meeting of the Texas editors at the Dallas fair nearly all expressed their preference for Culberson for the senate.

WHILE the late elections did not indicate a landslide, their results have a decided democratic flavor, and presage greater things in 1900.

ANTIOCH.

ED. COURIER:—As I have not seen anything from Antioch in some time, I would like this fill a space in the COURIER.

No rain here yet to amount to much, the little branches barely run from rains so far; Thompson and McManners still have to haul water to gin and grind with.

The frost killed the top crop of cotton in this section, and I would like for some one from this county to report this in Liverpool, if it was the top crop holding the price down we would like for them to know it is gone.

The writer learned to day, that there are about fifteen families camped over a day or two for rest, on their way to Mexico to settle a colony there, we did not learn any names, nor their whereabouts.

People are all out of employment down in this section now crops are all gathered; some few potatoes and good seed cane, none to grind.

I say "Amen" to the one's appeal to the farmers of Houston county to plant less cotton and turn their attention to wheat and hog raising at home, and to raise every thing at home and to live on, make our store account less at pay day.

Now if there is any man in old Houston county doubts that it is better to raise everything at home to go on his table and use economy on every corner at the present price of cotton, if such man will call on mein person I will prove it to him.

I would just like to ask every sensible man of industry a question. What can the cotton grower promise himself and family at present prices? The man that owns land can make a close living, but the man who buys him a little home has a hard time in paying for it. So let us plant wheat and raise corn to fatten meat and horses and let so much cotton alone. S—

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.

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 can not 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 though 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 to you.

ALMOST EVERY DAY receiving new goods and it is not what you want to-day, but the reason why we will not have tomorrow.

Appreciative

W. V. McCONNELL.

LOCAL NEWS.

Eat at Gooday's.

Mrs. Sheridan had two children down with dengue.

S. H. Tullos, of Pennington was up one day last week.

Nearly seven thousand bales of cotton received at Crockett so far.

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

The report of Sol Maier's erecting a block of brick houses on the Downs corner is again revived.

Will Ady who will be remembered as the principal witness in the Knox case for the state has moved with his family to Williamson County.

Cases of dengue multiply every day. Some go to the bed with it, others try to tough it through on foot. In doing so, they look like they are trying to chisel the undertaker out of his fees.

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.

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.

The grand jury adjourned finally last Saturday. It was in session 24 days and found 93 bills of indictment of which 62 were for felony and 31 for misdemeanor. Like all grand juries they felt as if they had not got through with their labors.

To The Public.
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 was a man in Crockett one day last week making inquiry as to the inducements to organize and establish another bank in this city. He seemed to have plenty of capital for the purpose and all that was needed was the encouragement offered in the way of business. He will probably be heard from again on the subject.

The last legislature laid their mailed hand on the festivals of the poor negroes. They imposed a tax of \$4.50 annually on every man who gives a festival and charges for his refreshments. They say that Mose Dickson has had three or four inside of six weeks. Mose had better get out a wholesale license.

Fined.

An attachment issued from the district court of this county last week to Sheriff Hunter, of Walker county to attach a witness of that county for appearance before the grand jury of this county. The return made by Sheriff Hunter was one of refusal on the ground that there was no compensation for him in such work. When the return was made known to Judge Gill, he very promptly fined Sheriff Hunter one hundred dollars and had District Clerk Gossett to enter it up. In a few days we presume, a *Capias Pro Fi* will issue from the District Clerk of this court, placed in the hands of Sheriff Waller who will forward same to the constable of Precinct No 1 of Walker county who will execute it by collecting a hundred dollars from Sheriff Hunter.

Good News for Crockett.

Nov. 4th, 1897.

W. B. Page Esq.
Crockett, Texas,

Dear Sir:

Replying to your favor of the 29th ult, I beg to say: This Company has taken steps toward obtaining rights of way for a line through your town from Tyler to Houston and we confidently expect before the winter is over, to have this line built, and will at some time doubtless consider the matter of establishing an exchange system in your town in connection with our long distance system.

This Company, as you are doubtless aware, are in a position to furnish better telephone facilities than any other corporation or individual can possibly do and if there be at this time a movement on foot in your city toward soliciting subscribers to a telephone exchange, it will certainly be a saving of money for the citizens of your city to wait for us to get there. We shall take great pleasure in giving any further information on this matter.

Yours very truly,
Superintendent.

We are highly gratified to be able to say to the public that the prospect of having an office right at our doors where they can go and send or receive a message from any point in the United States without other expense or discomfort than the payment of a small pittance is very bright. The company that is putting in these lines over the state is one of ample capital and we have every confidence that their promise to have up a line at work before spring will be carried out faithfully. They will put in stations not only at towns the size of

Crockett but our friends at such places as Lovelady and Grapeland will also have the benefit of such a system.

Nor is connection with distant places the only benefit to follow from such an enterprise. The Superintendent in his reply virtually agrees to put up in Crockett a local telephone system or exchange, an almost indispensable adjunct in these days of rapid transit and electric communication. And, now, since the COURIER has given the scheme an impetus by opening up a correspondence with the company and looking after some of the preliminaries incident thereto, we hope the entire business public of Crockett and all others interested in such an undertaking will extend all the encouragement and help to the concern proposing to establish such a project possible for them to do.

Put The Blame Where It Belongs.

Some of our populist friends are disposed to talk about the length of term and expenses of the court at this session. In doing so they feel as if they were justified in drawing a comparison with similar terms of Judge Burnett and favorably to Judge Burnett. Judge Gill has been unfortunate in having to work on a docket which had grown up and accumulated under the dispensation of Burnett and left as a legacy—an ugly one too—by Burnett for Judge Gill. Judge Burnett is mainly responsible for the clogged, congested condition of the docket to-day, and the protracted terms of court and the cumulative aggregation of cost incident to a clearance of the same, must be placed where it rightly belongs, at the doorsteps of Judge Burnett who was distinguished for his vacillating, shuffling, procrastinating methods of doing business, and not as those of Judge Gill. When we

consider the length of the dockets and the heavy character of the cases entered on each, Judge Gill has done especially well in disposing of the cases which he has.

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.

Adams & Adams filed suit last week against the I. & G. N. for John Ellis for \$500 damages. The cause of action on the part of Ellis is that the conductor on the Mincola & Tyler Tap put him off at Tyler on Monday night of last week, because as the conductor contended the round trip ticket of Ellis to the Dallas Fair had expired.

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.

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, 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.

Crockett, the county seat, is located near the center of the county, on the I. & G. N. railroad, and has a population of about 3000. The population has more than doubled in the last five years. The town site is high and healthy, with perfect drainage. First-class business houses, schools, churches, newspapers, etc. An oil mill in operation and many new enterprises in hand.

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

There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weeches, Tadmor, Ratcliff, Colthorp, 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, a canning and fruit-preserving factory, a furniture factory and many other enterprises that can secure raw material without the expense of a long haul.

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 via the International Route, passing as it does directly through the county North and South.

SALE OF UNION PACIFIC.

It is Knocked Down To The Reorganization Committee.

Omaha, Nov. 1.—The greatest auction sale in history was closed at 11:55 o'clock to-day and the Government had ceased to have any monetary interest in the Union Pacific Railroad Company. Fifty-five minutes had been consumed in the transaction and the property was knocked down to the Reorganization Committee for \$53,528,532.76. Gen. Louis Fitzgerald of New York, Chairman of the Reorganization Committee, did the bidding.

The first thing offered was the road and all the connections in the way of rolling stock and real estate. These brought \$36,883,281.87. Then the sinking fund was sold and brought \$13,645,250.89. This does not include what has gone into the sinking fund since Jan. 1, 1897, which is \$45,000,000. As that amount will revert to the Government it makes the total amount realized by the Government \$58,028,532.76. This was the amount required under the revised agreement.

At 11 o'clock 500 persons gathered in the bottoms, east of the business portion of the city, where the Union Pacific freight house is situated. The morning was chilly and the sun shone dimly through the smoke and fog. Promptly at the hour advertised for the sale Master in Chancery W. D. Cornish of St. Paul mounted the steps and unrolled a newspaper which contained a technical description of the property. Then he announced in a voice scarcely heard three feet away:

"The Union Pacific will be sold to the highest bidder according to a decree entered by Judge Sanborn.

When Judge Cornish finished the description he announced in a louder voice: "I will now receive bids for the property."

Gen. Fitzgerald read from a paper the figures \$39,883,281.87, and handing the slip to the auctioneer declared that he bid that sum in the name of the Reorganization Committee. Judge Cowan, after scanning the paper carefully, copied the figures. Then the auctioneer inquired if there were no other bidders. The members of the Reorganization Committee looked around as if the supreme moment had arrived, and if Mr. Sage himself had stepped forward with a bid they would not apparently have been surprised. If they did not expect this, they expected a protest. No answer being made, Judge Cornish knocked down the road to Fitzgerald.

The same routine was followed with the Sinking Fund, and it brought \$13,645,250.89. This, too, Cowan scanned narrowly and then copied in his official book. The noon whistle from the great shops of the Union Pacific was sounding when the Master in Chancery declared the Government's connection with the Overland Route closed and the Reorganization Committee the purchasers. The crowd melted away, while the members of the Reorganization Committee adjourned to a private office in the freight house, where they discussed the affair in a very cheerful manner. Winslow S. Pierce asserted that he never had believed the Sage syndicate or any other hostile organization would be filed when the time for bidding arrived. It required too much cash, and it could not be got together in so short a time.

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.

Cheap Homes

—IN—
Houston County.

Real Estate and Land For Sale
B. F. DUREN & SON.

21 acres, Henry Masters league, 2 miles east from the town of Crockett, on Crockett and Central road. Level post oak land. Will make a nice little farm.—Unimproved.

400 acres, R de la Garza league, 10 miles north-west from town of Crockett. Well improved and an abundance of good water on Elkhart creek. Several good houses on this farm.

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.

200 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, 1½ 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., 8½ miles north-west from Crockett.—Blackjack and hickory timber.

227 acres, O. M. Vinton, 16 miles south-east from Crockett. 207 acres, Wm. Cruz, 18½ miles south-east from Crockett. 350 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, Arthur Henrie Hr., 18 miles south-west from Crockett in McKinzie bend on Trinity river. Well improved and very fine bottom land.

Also about 20,000 acres unimproved land in different portions of the county for sale on easy terms.

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

1500 acres, Jacob Masters Jr. league, 10 miles north-east from Crockett on San Antonio road; 200 acres in cultivation. Good dwelling house and several tenant houses on place. Very good improvements. Near good church and school house. Will sell in quantities to suit purchasers on easy terms.

458 acres, J. Masters Sr., unimproved but would make a good farm. 6 miles north-east from Crockett.

110 acres, Wm Johnson Hr., 18 miles east from Crockett. Good farming land.

88 acres, Luke Bust Hr., 10 miles east from Crockett, near Concord church. Good farming land.—upland—unimproved.

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.

No charge for examining titles to said land. Abstracts of title furnished upon application. For terms and further information in regard to lands etc, apply to

B. F. DUREN & SON,

Office in Court House, Crockett, Tex.

THE KNIFE STILL HOLDS HER EDGE AND THE DOG HIS GRIT.

We All want it, We All claim it, But Who has it?

Is it a merchant who can fill an advertisement with the most silly, unbusinesslike, sarcastic language or is it McLean & Wilson who in two years have broken the business record and is each day making a new one that Crockett never knew. Our competitors are our friends, we do not wish to break them down and wish them all success, but as for impossibilities in business we know none.

Two years ago we were called little fish and advised to stay close to the shore, but today we swim over the pond with ease and at our leisure, knowing Thou Canst Not Kill. We do not say that we are always the first to introduce everything new in Dress Goods, Silks, Ribbons, Belts, Girdles, Ties, Shirts, Shoes etc., but it has been confessed in every heart that we are the first to introduce the right prices on these goods. There are many things introduced that prone to be failures in the way of style and the only way the wholesale men have to get rid of such goods is to tell some merchant who believes everything they tell him and is determined to be the very first to introduce everything new in his town that is style. In less than ten days he is telling his customers just what the wholesale man told him and gets mad if they don't believe it. There are many things introduced that we never pay any attention to, for the reason it is not style and will never be. The young men all know when we introduce a new fad and that it is correct in any city. We think some of our competitors will have a hard time making the people believe they have been disappointed when they know they have bought goods in our store for less than the merchant himself paid for them. This competition, we know is hard but we hope it is helping people who need it.

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 4c.
Extra fancy dress gingham worth 9c cut price 7c.
Listen here! In something that has been appreciated and will not last long. Novelty French Gingham in gray, tan and brown dim, stripe 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. 3 chambray in dark blue and dim 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.
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 will 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 20c.
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 marked at cut prices.
Childrens nice ribbed fleeced lined 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.
Col. plaid bosom shirts worth 75c cut price 35c 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 80 and 85c 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 butchered 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.
Please notice we advertise sizes in shoes that you may not be disappointed. Hamilton Brown's

French Dongola Common Sense heel and half opera plain toe stamped on bottom \$2.50 and we guarantee every pair to be worth \$2.50. Cut Price \$1.75, sizes 2 2½ 3 and 3½.
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 madrid toe and common sense heel and toe any size, cut price \$1.50.
Hamilton Browns Ladies \$2.00 French Dongola patent tip, coin toe Button or Lace, heel or spring heel, cut price \$1.50.
Browns \$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.
Hamilton Brown's french dongola pointed toe, pat. tip, sizes 1 1½ 2 2½ 3 3½, stamped on bottom \$2.50 and never sold for less in any city, our Cut Price is \$1.75.
We guarantee every pair of these shoes to be worth just what they are stamped \$2.50. Hamilton Brown's French Dongola, pat. tip, globe toe, sizes 2 2½ 3 3½ and 6, stamped \$2.50. our Cut Price \$1.75. Browns tan lace boys \$1.50 shoes

sizes 12 to 2s cut price \$1.00.
Browns \$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.
Browns Bronz kid button spring heel Misses \$1.75 shoes sizes 9 to 2, cut price \$1.00.
Hamilton Browns \$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 Kerzey double cape and collar richly trimmed in braid and thibet fur, cheap at \$2.25 cut price \$1.50.
Black and Tan extra quality Kerzey 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.
This special Cut Price sale will be continued until Saturday night at 9 o'clock, Nov. the 26th, after which time we reserve the right to put the prices back up and get as much for our goods as our competitors are getting. The story of the Dog and Knife continued.

McLEAN & WILSON.

LOCAL NEWS
Best meal in town at Gooday's
Gooday can give you a meal or a lunch at all hours.
S. W. Nelms, of Pennington, was in Crockett Monday.
Sporting goods a specialty this season at Arledge & Kennedy's.
The Red flour is sold by Arledge & Kennedy. None better.
Guns and ammunition at the lowest prices at Arledge & Kennedy's.
Buck's cooking and heating stoves sold at Arledge & Kennedy's.
Miss Annie Williams was laid off duty several days at the city school on account of the dengue. Mrs. J. D. Sims supplied her chair during her absence.

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.
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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.

Xmas is coming, get your fruit cake ingredients at Arledge & Kennedy's.
Mrs. Chas. Tittle of Daniel was a pleasant caller on the COURIER Wednesday.
J. C. Zimmerman, of Livingston, has been on a visit to friends in Crockett.
Gooday is the Crockett Bakery and Restaurant. North West corner square.
Arledge & Kennedy have a large stock of canned goods at Galveston prices by the case.
Go to the Crockett Bakery for bread and cakes (Gooday.) North West corner square.
If other merchants could buy goods as cheap and sell them as cheap as McLean & Wilson it certainly would be a great help to the people.

Little Blum Wootters is dangerously sick at this writing. We hope for his speedy recovery.
You will find a good stock of Crockery, Glassware, Lamps and tinware at Arledge & Kennedy.
Miss Anna Denny leaves to-day (Thursday) for Fort Worth, where she will remain for several months.
F. M. Cunyus arrived Sunday evening from Ft. Worth on a visit to his brother, Dr. H. J. Cunyus.
Oysters, Oysters, Oysters, served in any style and at all hours at Franks'. One door east of Post Office.
Your attention is called to the nicest line of Candies ever brought to Crockett at Arledge & Kennedy's.

Two hundred and fifty cases of fresh canned goods just received at Arledge & Kennedy's to be sold at cut prices.
The jury in the Ike Daniel vs. I. & G. N. R. R. suit stood 10 for \$850 damages for Daniel and two for nothing.
Bud Hale says that in the performance of his official duties recently he was met at the gate by a couple of parties with shot guns, but that he quelled the incipient revolution by a glance of his piercing eye and was permitted to execute his process in peace and quietness.
Hon. J. W. Madden, secretary of state, accompanied by his wife arrived from Austin this week and will remain in the county several days, mingling with their friends, and visiting, among other places, Grapeland and Augusta. He says that Culberson's prospects for the senatorship are very fine.

Bill Arp will not appear until December. The exact date will be announced later. The Lyceum has some rare treats in store for our people.
Whatever shortcomings the COURIER may present this week must be charged to the absence of Editor Page. An amateur is at the helm and he asks your kind indulgence.
McLean & Wilson are doing more to help the people than any two men in the county. They seem to be determined to put prices on dry goods down and keep them down.
The case of Totty vs. Chamberlain, on trial as we went to press last week, resulted in a verdict of fifteen dollars for the plaintiff. The defendant promptly filed a motion for new trial.
It is not known just when Prof. King will return from Austin as the text book board have a gigantic task before them. Mountains of text books are to be examined and their merits compared. In the meantime the city school is progressing splendidly under the joint management of Mrs. Spence and Miss Willians.

No one can contemplate the condition of the present cotton market without remarking the splendid opportunity and the great necessity for organization among the cotton growers. If a cotton growers' protective association could be organized for business purposes only and kept rigidly free from politics the farmer's destiny would be in his own hands; and yet if such were attempted how soon the demagogue would bob up with some blighting political scheme.

Mr. W. F. Murchison of Percilla has the sympathy of the community in the death of his little son, Johnnie, aged ten months, which occurred last Saturday evening at 4 o'clock, after having been sick about ten days. We also learn that Mr. Murchison has a very sick niece, Miss Belle Brown.
John Mangum filed a deed of trust on Tuesday morning, making Wilson Adams trustee and preferring the following creditors, viz.: Earle Adams for \$1075.00 and W. B. Page for \$1500.00. As well as we are able to learn the assets will be insufficient to pay the preferred debts. In fact it is thought that after paying the expenses of executing the trust nothing in excess of the first preferred debt will be realized.

The Ladies' Cemetery Association has done a noble work for Crockett, and are still doing what it can, but it is in need of funds. It requires a large amount of money to keep a hand constantly employed, and it requires the constant labor of a hand to keep the cemetery in order. The persons who can and will not help in such a noble enterprise ought to blush every time they think of their dead.
A problem: What effect has the seasons on one's pugilistic propensities? We often hear of spring fights, summer fights, fall fights, etc. It is said that the fall fights have just opened. So far as reported they are of a mild, Guiteras type, and the COURIER believes that a gentle soaking of the cranium in ice water is a sure cure. As a preventive a good dose of the milk of human kindness is recommended.

HANNAISM.

The result of the recent election in Ohio is a rebuke to Mark Hanna and clearly foreshadows a decline of his influence in politics. The political boss is surely a snag in the current of progress, and every good citizen must earnestly desire to see him dethroned. The St. Louis Post Dispatch views the matter in the true light when it speaks as follows:

One of the results of the Ohio election is embodied in the statement that Hanna has lost his prestige as a manager.

It is recited against Hanna that he had everything on his side. By everything is meant, of course, all the influences and aids that a supreme boss can command. He had the influence of the administration, including the personal services of the president. He had the aid of the governmental departments, including a special pension bureau to arouse the enthusiasm of the old soldiers. He had unlimited funds.

One thing Hanna did not have—he did not have the confidence and esteem of the people. But Hanna does not count upon these factors in politics. The people are mere pawns in his political game, to be skillfully manipulated to the advantage of the player. They are to be bought, bulldozed or bamboozled as circumstances may require. They are to be utilized as troubleseme, but necessary, elements of the welfare of those who run politics.

Hanna, therefore, had everything that counts in the Hanna theory of politics and he made a dismal failure. The theory did not work out as Hanna expected and his supposed skill, the skill which availed so much before the country became fully acquainted with his objects and methods, proved ineffective.

But in the waning of Hanna's prestige, and the weakening of his power as a political boss, democrats—as party men, not as citizens—have cause for regret. Hanna was a powerful, although unconscious, agent of democracy. No other man has carried business politics to such a logical extreme. No other man has so adequately illustrated the hoggishness of organized greed in control of governmental power. In short, no other man has thrown on the canvas of American politics in such boldness of outline the ugly picture of triumphant plutocracy. Boss Hanna has done more to impress upon the American people the perilous potency of organized greed in politics than all the bosses that have preceded him. He has the full courage of his viciousness.

A few years more of Hanna would wipe the republican party out of existence.

HON. A. W. GREGG informs the COURIER that it is all a mistake about his withdrawing from the race for congress and asks us to correct the statement which we made last week to the effect that he had. And it is hereby, herewith and hereon and herein corrected.

THE republicans have labored to show that dollar wheat is the direct result of McKinley prosperity. They might wrestle for a while with the problem of four cent cotton and show its connection with the tidal wave.

THE wave of prosperity may have rolled over the bosom of the country from the great lakes to the gulf but the people who spoke in the recent elections seem to have been oblivious of the fact.

DEMOCRATIC LANDSLIDE TOLD IN TRUTHFUL FIGURES.

The figures following will give a fairly accurate idea of the remarkable slump in the republican vote and the great gains made by the democrats in Tuesday's election of last week. While the pluralities in the vote of Tuesday are estimated, the returns received show that they are near the mark:

NEW YORK.	
McKinley's (R.) plurality, 1896.....	268,000
Parker's (D.) plurality, 1897.....	60,000
Democratic Gain.....	328,000
OHIO.	
McKinley's (R.) plurality, 1896.....	56,000
Bushnell's (R.) claimed plurality, 1897.....	20,000
Democratic Gain.....	36,000
MASSACHUSETTS.	
Wolcott's (R.) plurality, 1896.....	158,300
Wolcott's (R.) plurality, 1897.....	90,000
Democratic Gain.....	68,300
KENTUCKY.	
McKinley's (R.) plurality, 1896.....	281
Shackelford's (D.) plurality, 1897.....	20,000
Democratic Gain.....	20,281
IOWA.	
McKinley's (R.) plurality, 1896.....	65,552
Shaw's (R.) plurality, 1897.....	20,000
Democratic Gain.....	45,552
VIRGINIA.	
Bryan's (D.) plurality, 1896.....	19,341
Tyler's (D.) plurality, 1897.....	65,000
Democratic Gain.....	45,659
DETROIT, MICH.	
Maybury's (D.) plurality, 1897.....	2,100
Maybury's majority, 1896.....	500
Democratic Gain.....	1,600

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The proceedings of the Baptist convention which met at San Antonio last week have been watched with intense interest, not only by the members of that denomination, but by the entire people. The threatened rupture of this great denomination in the state into two warring factions was a matter of too great import to be regarded lightly. Two great issues agitated the hearts of Baptists from one end of the state to the other. One faction, led by Dr. B. H. Carroll and J. B. Cranfill, advocated the removal of Dr. R. C. Burleson as president of Baylor University at Waco. The other wing, led by Dr. Burleson and Dr. Haden, contended for the retention of Dr. Burleson and advocated certain reforms in the administration of the mission work of the church. A large majority of the messengers to the convention were of the Carroll-Cranfill party and controlled the proceedings to suit their pleasure. The threatened catastrophe was averted by Dr. Burleson acquiescing in the action of the board of trustees of the University. Thereupon the following resolutions were adopted and the following dramatic incidents enacted:

The following resolution was introduced by Dr. Pinkney Harris of Conzales:

Resolved, That this convention has perfect confidence in the board of trustees of Baylor university and believes they have at heart the best interest of that beloved institution.

Resolved further, That this convention appreciates in an eminent degree that distinguished service of that grand old Roman, Dr. Rufus C. Burleson, in the cause of education, religious and secular, in the state of Texas; that institution of which he has been president has been one of the great factors by which Texas has been captured by the Baptists for our Redeemer and that it is earnestly hoped and much to be desired that the trustees of Baylor University and Dr. Burleson will work to-

gether in harmony and union for the upbuilding and honor of our beloved university, and that the last years of this grand old man will probably and lovingly see the giant manhood of an institution which he has nursed from its infancy.

After many eloquent speeches, in which Dr. Burleson was highly eulogized, the foregoing resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote.

In response to persistent calls, Dr. Burleson came to the front of the platform and in a voice choking with sobs and with tears streaming down his cheeks, accepted the will of the convention.

Then followed a scene that beggars description. Dr. Buckner, president of the convention, with a fervent "Thank God", threw both arms about Dr. Burleson and cried like a child. Men in their mad excitement, with tears streaming from their eyes, ran from all over the large pavilion to hug the old man who had reconciled and reunited warring factions of the church in Texas. This continued for about fifteen minutes, when the president regained his composure and rapped for order.

Christianity at large and the Baptist church in particular are to be congratulated upon this happy solution of a great problem. The convention passed a resolution requesting Dr. W. H. Whitsett of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville to resign. This is the result of certain published views of Dr. Whitsett on the history of immersion. This was unquestionably the greatest convention of Baptists ever held in the state.

Is not Culberson's record as governor a splendid one? Why not place him in the senate where his talents will have room to expand? Would not Chilton and Culberson embody as much statesmanship as the representatives of any state in the great sisterhood, and would they not add lustre to the name of the empire state?

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