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A REMARKABLE CIRCULAR

From the I. & G. N. Railroad Company.

THE MANAGEMENT OF THIS ROAD

Virtually Seeks to Control the Trade of One Class of Its Employees.

The *Courier* received through the mail this week the circular published below. It is certainly a very extraordinary document and one the spirit and purpose of which no man with a knowledge of his rights as a free American can tolerate. We are not able to forecast the object of the system outlined in this paper but there are those who will be proud to say that it is a money-making scheme on the part of those in power in that Company. It is easy to see that the trade of the track employees on division from Palestine to Houston and on the Columbia division will during a year run up to the enormous sum of forty to fifty thousand dollars.

I. & G. N. R. R. Co.

Palestine Dec. 11-1897.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

To all track employees, between Palestine and Houston and on Columbia Branches.

Commencing January 1, 1897, Messrs Hencke and Pilot, 302 to 308 Milam St. Houston, Tex., will sell you such groceries, dry goods etc as you may need and deductions will be made on pay rolls against you in their favor for the amount you may owe them for supplies.

Section foremen will order such supplies as their men may want on blanks which will be furnished them by the supply house and have such supplies charged to the men for whom they are ordered and will be held personally responsible for cost of all goods ordered and delivered to men in excess of amount due them for labor at the time of delivery. Foremen, after making out such orders should sign them and forward them to their road masters for approval but no orders should be sent to the supply house between the twenty-fourth and last of the month if it can possibly be avoided.

Section Foremen who are actually boarding their men, not furnishing them supplies or standing good for them at stores will be allowed to continue boarding the men, charging them not to exceed 40 cents per day, including Sunday, but positively nothing but actual board will be deducted in favor of a foreman or boarding boss; we wish to encourage our men to board themselves wherever practicable.

On the 25th of each month the supply house will send each foreman a statement, showing each man's total indebtedness, and if

correct the statement must be signed by each of the laborers and the foreman and sent to Roadmaster with time book at end of month: an itemized bill will come with each shipment.

UNDERSTAND: that this company does not want you to buy your supplies from the above or any other certain firm but has made these arrangements solely for the accommodation of section men who haven't money or credit to prevent it being necessary for the foreman to stand for them or buy and supply them as such men can get their goods very much cheaper in this way than by being forced to purchase them from the section foremen. We want our section men encouraged to take care of themselves when they can do so by paying cash for their supplies or getting them on credit to prevent having any deduction on the pay rolls against them. After these arrangements go into effect, employees making bills and not paying same promptly will be discharged from the service on receipt of complaints from firms whom they owe.

G. L. NORLE,
Assistant General Supt.

The People Will Not Tolerate It.

The people of Texas will never tolerate such gross and rank injustice and such an uncalled for trampling on the manhood rights of any class of citizens or any order of laboring men as is sought to be inflicted on the section foremen and their crews of the International & Great Northern railroad, Co. The road has the right to engage whatever class of laborers it chooses and to pay them such wages as they will accept, but it has not the moral nor the legal nor that right which obtains from custom or practice to go one step further. When it contracts with a crew of workmen to do so much for such a consideration, the work being done and the consideration passed, the road can go no further. It has not the right to prescribe how any laborer shall part with his money or with whom he shall spend it nor for what he shall spend it, and when the management of any railroad oversteps the legal limits of its authority and assumes to dictate how, where and with whom any employe shall trade or buy his supplies, such management is guilty of doing violence to the natural as well as the organic right of every such free-man. Our institutions will not countenance or tolerate such a spirit or custom, and the next legislature will be sure to enact some law that will protect laboring men on railroads, however humble in rank or straightened in circumstances may be his lot, in the enjoyment of a privilege as dear as liberty itself.

Rev. Mr. Whitehurst attended the Methodist conference which met at Palestine last week. Mr. Whitehurst was returned to the Crockett station.

"Bill Arp."

Quite a large and cultured assembly greeted the distinguished Georgian at the Opera House on Saturday evening last in his lecture of "The Cavalier and the Cracker." Dr. S. T. Beasley, a Georgian himself and one who prides himself in being such, had been invited to introduce him. The doctor had manifested no little interest in the proper discharge of the duty assigned him and to this end had rummaged around among his collection of fugitive rhymes and fished out one that joined in with singular aptness and propriety. It was written by Arp himself more than a quarter of a century ago. Little did he dream that this same gem of doggerel verse was to do service in Arp's lecture in his portrayal of the character of "Big John." It was there, however, and the guest of the evening, learning that the doctor had mustered it in for service too in his introductory remarks, insisted that he should not use it as to do so would mar materially the effect of his lecture. The doctor's introductory remarks, as he had arranged them, were apt, pointed and appropriate for the occasion. They were as follows:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: If there is any one thing on which I pride myself, it is that my eyes first beheld the glorious sunlight in the good old state of Georgia. Next to that I am proud to say that thirty of the brightest and best years of my life have been spent here among you in the grand and glorious Lone Star State! I have always rejoiced in extending the right hand of fellowship and goodwill to any wandering son from the "Constitutional" state of "Goober Grabblers." It is needless for me to tell you that the gentleman who will address you to-night was first known to the reading public as a "Runagee" in front of Sherman's army as it swept from the mountains to the sea. If he ever faced bullet or bomb at that time no one ever heard him brag about it. While I crave his pardon I can but be tempted to give you a specimen of his poetry at that time, addressed to a fellow "Runagee," known as "Big John:"

Farewell, Big John, farewell!
'Tis painful to my heart,
To see thy chances of escape
With that old steer and cart.
Methinks I see thee now,
With axletree all broke,
With wheels without a hub at all,
And hub without a spoke.
But though the mud be deep and stout,
Thy wits will never fail,
That faithful ox will pull thee out,
If thou but hold his tail."

Fellow Citizens: We have often been told that "the pen was mightier than the sword." And I assert here to-night without fear of contradiction that no one individual in this broad land of ours has done more with his pen to encourage, to uplift, to instruct and to amuse the good people of this Southland from the Potomac to the Rio Grande than has the gentleman to whom I now introduce you, "Our 'Bill Arp' of Georgia."

In appearance "Bill Arp" is a typical Southern gentleman of the Old School as it is common now to speak of the few distinguished writers and speakers left who like

so many links in a hallowed chain bind the present generation in spiritual union with a period in our history full of charm and inspiration—forever gone.

His manner is one of easy self-possession and the occupation of lecturing is, manifestly, to his taste. His style of declamation is very much like that of his writing which so many have been delighted to follow for the past thirty years or more—easy, without effort and without stilt, using the plainest, most homely, so to speak, words in the language. While he does not pretend to be recognized as a humorous writer or lecturer, there is yet an undercurrent of humor in his discourse that is charming. He related a few anecdotes about some of the great men of Georgia in the '50's and '60's that were deeply interesting. We are frank to confess that we enjoyed his lecture very much and while we say this, we are aware that there are those who criticize it as being disappointing.

Houston County Schools—Interesting Data.

There are in the county 80 white and 51 colored country school communities, 5 white and 4 colored country school dists., 2 white and 2 colored city school districts. There are 80 white and 51 colored teachers engaged in the community schools in the country schools and 7 white and 4 colored teachers in the country district schools. In the city districts (Crockett and Grapeland) there are 9 white and 4 colored teachers. Total number white teachers in county 96, total number colored teachers 59.

By the official census there are 3995 white children in the country communities and 3099 colored children. In the country districts there are 311 white and 287 colored children. In the city schools there are (in Crockett) white 291, colored 306, (in Grapeland) white 132, colored 23. Total children in county in scholastic age 8442, white 4729, colored 3713. The per capita is \$4. 4729 x \$4 = \$18,916 amount appropriated to white schools. 3713 x \$4 = \$14,852 amount appropriated to colored schools. Total amount of money to be expended on schools this year \$33,768. From this is deducted \$270.42 for taking scholastic census, the only item for which school money can be used.

WEDDING.

There was a pleasant social function in the Northern part of the County on Sunday last. It was the union in holy wedlock of Miss Etta Sheridan and Wm Mitchel, Rev. Geo. M. Hollingsworth officiating. A small crowd of close friends of the family were present and passed a delightful evening. The bride is the daughter of W. N. Sheridan, one of the county's oldest most highly respected and best citizens. Miss Etta Comes of the best lineage in the county and like all the other children of W. N. Sheridan has had the good

luck and the rare advantage of a careful training in a refined home and among elevating influences. Being thus reared, the fortunate groom is to be congratulated on the happy consummation of his suit and is no doubt proud of the prize he has won. He himself is a young man of excellent family, the son of Zach Wilson of Earth County. Endowed, as he is, with the solid elements of character which command respect, admiration and success, the future of the happy pair is bright with the promise of a life full of happiness to themselves and usefulness to society.

Text-Books.

The Text-Book Board opened the bids of publishers a few days since and we give below from the Galveston News the prices on a few of the books recommended by the commission recently in session. Those who have been buying school books in the past will discover how much is saved under this new law by comparing the price they have been paying with the figures in the first and last columns. The first column represents the price such books will be retailed for by the county agency and the last column represents the price the books can be had for at the state control agency of the publishing house. Thus Maury's Manual of Geography will be sold at retail to the public for one dollar and eight cents. If the writer remembers correctly, this book cost, when he was engaged in the school room, one dollar and fifty cents. We are not advised as to the retail cost of this book of recent years.

TEXT BOOKS.	Contract retail price	Contract exchange price	Net contract at central agency
AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY, WASHINGTON.			
McGuffey's Rev. 1st Read.	17	09	13
Second Reader	30	15	23
Third Reader	42	21	32
Fourth Reader	50	25	38
Fifth Reader	72	36	54
Sixth Reader	85	43	64
Swinton's 1st Read. (sep.)	18	09	14
Primer and First Reader	23	13	19
Second Reader	35	18	27
Third Reader	50	25	38
Fourth Reader	65	33	49
Fifth Reader	90	45	68
6th or Classic Eng. R'dr	08	04	08
Ray's New Primary Arith.	15	08	12
New Intellectual Arith.	25	13	19
New Elementary Arith.	35	18	27
New Practical Arith.	50	25	38
Robinson's New Prim. Ar.	18	09	14
New Rudiments of Arith	30	15	23
New Practical Arith.	65	33	49
UNIVERSITY PUBLISHING CO. CHICAGO.			
Davis' Beginner's Reader.	23	10	15
Second Reader	35	15	23
Third Reader	49	21	32
Fourth Reader	69	30	43
Holmes' First Reader	12	06	09
Second	22	10	15
Third	35	15	23
Fourth	44	19	28
Fifth	52	23	34
Lippincott's Pop. 1st R'dr	17	08	12
Second	28	13	19
Third	38	17	25
Fourth	50	20	30
Fifth	75	34	45
Maury's Elementary Geog	47	21	30
Manual Geog. (Tex. ed.)	1	08	12
Venable's New Ele. Arith	35	18	27
Practical Arithmetic	56	28	40
Thrall's History	55	24	35

A BUSINESS SECRET.

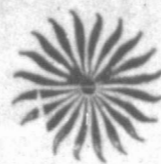
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L. H. HARING & CO.

A SLAUGHTER FOR DECEMBER.

The bells of time are tolling,
The wheels of commerce are moving.



The world stops not to think,
For it's busy at money-making.

TALK ON CLOTHING.

Our buyer, Mr. A. J. Wagner, has been very busy the past few weeks, buying up clothing. Fifty suits of a kind are a small lot for a manufacturer, but in order to sell out everything before commencing on summer stock, he makes the prices below the cost of production. Mr. Wagner bought many thousand suits and pairs of pants from the manufacturers of New York. He is still at it. Whenever the price is 50 per cent off and the quality alright, then, Mr. Wagner buys. Mr. Wagner is one of the best judges of clothing of Texas. Many of our readers know him and will bear me out in this assertion. He always buys the good qualities, but he never buys unless the price is CUT IN TWO.

Here are some of the different lots he shipped us recently:

Clothing.

50 Boy's woolen knee Suits, regular \$1.00, suits 50c.
100 Boy's strictly all wool, double breasted knee suits, neat patterns that will not fade or change color, \$2.50 quality, \$1.50. 71 extra fine, all wool, double breasted, fancy and plain colors, extra well made and finished, would be cheap at \$4.00, \$2.50. Men's all wool, heavy, warm suits, would be cheap at \$5.00, \$2.98. Men's strictly all wool tricot flannel or fancy Scotch cheviot suits, \$7.00, value for \$4.50. Men's all wool casimere and cheviot, fancy and plain colors, would be a bargain at \$7.50 for \$5.00. Men's extra fine and well made imported, fancy and plain casimere worsteds and cheviot suits, well worth \$12.00, choice of lot \$7.50.

This is a cooker for you: 582 extra fine tailor made suits consisting of all the latest importations of novelty suitings for this season and made up by a first class TAILORING firm in New York city, who afterward became hard up and disposed of their entire stock to us at a great sacrifice. These goods were made up to sell at from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per suit.

You can have choice of lot for \$9.88. If you are a judge of values you will get a suit worth \$25.00. Should you fail, however, to get the best, you could not get cheated as there is not a one in the lot that is not worth \$15.00.

150 pair of men's all wool, tailor made pants, \$3.00 grade at \$1.98. *91 pairs of men's extra fine tailor made pants in black, blue and mixed colors, would be cheap at from \$4. to \$6., now \$2.25 to \$3.50.

28 pr of youths' all wool, casimere pants, \$2.00 grade, \$1.00. 12 doz. pr men's ducking jeans pants, \$1.50 grade, 85c. 3 doz. pr men's double front duck pants, 65c grade, 40c.

DRY GOODS.

60 pieces of real zephyr Gingham, regular 10 and 12c goods, all good wash color and very suitable for children's school dresses, 6c. 500 pcs best brands prints, 5c goods, 4c. 5 bales good round thread, cotton stripes, 2c. 50 ps. good round thread cheviot, 6c grade, 4c. 21 pcs. soft finish 8c cheviot, 6c. 25 pcs apron check gingham, 5c, 3c. 28 real French percales, full yd wide 10 and 12c, 6c. 25 pcs. outing and flannelett cloth, 10c grade, 6c. 2 bales good yd wide Sea Island domestic, 5c, 3c. 24 bales extra fine soft finish yd wide, Sea Island domestic, 7c, 5c. 1 case good yd bleached domestic, 5c, 3c. 10 bolts lonsdale domestic, 8c, 6c. 24 cases extra good soft finish; yd wide, domestic, free from starch 7c grade for 5c. 3 pcs. 10-4 brown sheeting, 15c quality, 11c. 2 pcs. 10-4 bleached sheeting, 16c quality, 12c. 4 pcs. 10-4 Pepperell mills brown sheeting, 13c. 5 pcs. Pepperell mills bleached sheeting, 16c. 2 cases extra heavy Canton flannel, 10c grade, 7c. 3 pcs. 6c mattress ticking, 4c. 5 pcs. extra heavy feather ticking, 15c grade, 10c. 3 pcs. fine fancy stripe, sateen finish, feather ticking, 16c grade, 12c.

Dress Goods.

400 yds Amaranth cloth, 10c grade reduced to 6c. 500 yds Persian cashmere, 12c, reduced to 7c. 21 patterns, novelty dress goods reduced from 90c to 65c. 34 patterns novelty dress goods, reduced from \$1.00 to 75c. 23 patterns novelty dress goods, reduced from \$1.25 to 95c. 48 patterns novelty plaid dress goods, \$1.50 to \$1.00. 37 pa novelty changeable dress goods, \$1.75 to \$1.25. 15 pat novelty, changeable dress goods, \$1.98 to \$1.35. 18 patterns novelty brocade Arabian Jacords, \$2.00 to \$1.65. 22 patterns novelty dress goods, \$2.50 to \$1.93. 15 patterns Scotch cheviot dress goods, \$3.25 to \$2.50. 13 patterns fine Scotch, all wool suiting, \$5.00 to \$3.84. 18 patterns fine bonela and silk mixed, \$6.50 to \$4.85. Big lot solid colored henriettas, serges and cashmeres at less than one half price. Big lot ladies' cloth and broad cloth, 56 in. wide, in all leading colors, regular \$1.25 grade at 75c.

That is the situation to-day. We look not to the right nor to the left, but forward we go, with hands extended, chasing after money. We are following this nymph—are looking forward to a betterment of our surroundings. The one sigh for the conditions which the other enjoy; the other sigh for better conditions than surrounds him. All are busy; all are toiling. The cotton crop may be plentiful and quite sufficient to feed the family, still the farmer grieves because the price is low. The wheat crop is bountiful and the price has doubled. Still he is dissatisfied because he sold at 75c. and did not hold it for \$1. The working man earns \$5 per week and he sighs for \$10. He earns \$10 and he sighs for more. Thus ever and anon the world wants more. Do we complain? Why should we?

This disposition of human nature is why OUR business thrives. The farmer looks to us for the difference between 4c. and 7c. per pound for his cotton. The working man gets \$5 per week and he knows that he can make another by spending his money with us in the difference between the price of our Clothes, Shoes, Hats, etc., and the price asked by the other stores. The banker gets 10 per cent. per annum on the money he loans out. He wants more and he comes to our store and he finds it in the difference between our price and what he would have paid in other stores. Do they complain? No! They come to our store gaining and they go out in ecstasy of joy. They understand our methods. They know that we underbuy, and therefore they know that we undersell. They know that we have the facilities for buying and selling which no other firm in Texas enjoys.

They know that we have 21 wheels of commerce constantly revolving with Galveston in its center surrounding the world. Yes; Galveston, a wheel in a wheel—both wholesale and retail—with the markets of the world at its command on account of its facilities for buying; with two experienced buyers one in New York and the other in Boston with the markets of the world at its command, with facilities for selling on account of the outlet of twenty-one stores that surround her. They do not complain, because they understand that with these many stores we have facilities for buying in vast quantities.

They understand that with the cash and with the outlet for goods that we have we command the price in buying, and therefore we lead the markets in selling. It is but natural that other merchants should offer resistance. If the merchant paid too much for his goods—if they are too high-priced—he must show why or forever hold his peace. He harps, then, on quality and lateness of style. He tells you he has a patent right on quality and style. While there may be a few back numbers who listen to the songs of the sirens, and allow them to pull the wool over their eyes and pocket their extra cash, still the general public understands that our goods are of the highest standard, and that the reason we undersell is because we underbuy.

Shoes.

All the shoe dealers admit that we sell shoes much cheaper than they do. They can't see how we do it, and they are amazed. They don't blame the people for patronizing us as liberally as they do, still they would use the usual argument of quality. THERE IS WHERE WE GOT THEM. We have the reputation for good quality in shoes as well as in other lines. The trading public knows that the reason we undersell is because we underbuy. They have tried our footwear and its good enough for them. We are proud of our name, (the butchers) and the tomahawk is greatly felt in our shoe department. We lower the price and at the same time keep up the quality. There is no merit in selling cheap unless the quality is kept on top. We recognize this fact. We can afford to keep up the quality with our method of underbuying. We have the best shoe trade in Houston County, and the reason is very apparent. A man who can see through a hole in a ladder can see that it is because WE UNDERBUY. This is what the tomahawk has done in our shoe department for December:

All our Drew Selby & Co's. fine \$2.50 shoes reduced to \$1.98.

All our Drew Selby & Co's. fine \$2.98 shoes reduced to \$2.45.

All our Drew Selby & Co's. fine \$3.50 shoes reduced to \$2.98.

All our fine kid button \$2.25 shoes reduced to \$1.75.

All our fine kid button \$2.00 shoes reduced to \$1.50.

All our fine kid button \$1.50 shoes reduced to \$1.25.

" " " " \$1.25 " " " " 98c.

" " " " \$1.00 " " " " 78c.

" " " " 98c " " " " 75c.

" " " " 75c " " " " 50c.

" Men's genuine hand sewed Kangaroo \$4.50 shoe reduced to \$3.00.

Our Men's genuine Cordovan and French calf \$5.00 shoe for \$3.50.

Our Men's genuine Cordovan calf \$3.50 shoes, \$2.50.

Our men's genuine calf \$2.50 shoes for \$1.98.

Our men's machine sewed, calf, \$2.50 shoes, for \$1.50.

Our men's Vici kid and calf \$1.50 shoes for \$1.00.

Furnishings.

Men's work shirts, 25c kind, 15c.

" " " " 35c " 20c.

" " " " fleeced lined 40 and 50c kind for 25c.

" jumpers, 25c kind, 15c.

" white and gray fleeced under shirts 35c quality, 20c.

Men's gray knit flannel under shirts, 50c quality, 35c.

" "Scotch Random under shirts, 60c quality, 40c.

" white knit flannel, French neck silk, piped front, 75c quality, 50c.

Men's laundered negligee shirts, 35c grade, 20c.

" " " " 50c " 35c.

" " " " Dresden and Persian pattern, 75c kind, 45c.

Men's laundered, white, all linen bosom shirts, 75c kind, 40c.

Men's unlaundried, white shirts, all linen bosom reinforced, 50c kind, 35c.

Men's laundered negligee cheviot shirts, 65c quality, 40c.

Men's good drill drawers, 25c grade, 12c.

Men's good drill drawers, stocknet anklets, 35c kind, 25c.

Men's good drill drawers, double seat reinforced, 40c kind, 25c.

Men's unbleached Canton flannel drawers, stayed, 50c kind, 35c.

Men's unbleached Canton flannel drawers with knit anklets, 45c.

Men's bleached Canton flannel drawers, double seat, 60c grade, 40c.

Men's bleached Canton flannel drawers, double seat, extra heavy, stocknet anklets, 50c.

Men's black sox, warranted stainless, 5c grade, 3c.

Men's French mixed seamless sox, 7c grade, 5c.

Men's extra heavy seamless, and warranted stainless sox, 10c grade, 8c.

Men's double heel and toes, French mixed 12c black sox, 8c.

Men's extra double heel and toe, would be cheap at 50c, 25c.

Men's good large sized fancy bordered handkerchiefs, 5c grade, 2c.

Men's good large sized, fast col bordered handkerchief, 5c, 3c.

Men's good large sized hem stitched handkerchiefs, 10c grade, 5c.

Men's full length wire buckle suspenders, no sheep skin to sweat out, 10c.

Men's good, extra heavy and strong wire buckled suspenders, 25c kind, 15c.

Men's fine, fancy, silk worked suspenders, 40 and 50c kind, 25c.

Big job lot, men's \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 hats, all shapes, styles and colors, choice of entire lot 98c.

Big lot men's sample hats, all shapes styles and colors, ranging in value from \$2.00 to \$3.50, bought for 50c on \$1.00, choice of lot \$1.50.

NOTIONS.

Best machine thread, 2 spools for 5c. Basting thread 1 spool for 1 cent. Ball sewing thread, 1 ball for 1c.

One paper good needles 1c. One paper pins 1c. Darning cotton, 2 balls 5c.

One card hook and eyes 3c. One card rice buttons 2c.

One cake fine coconut oil soap 2c. One ladies' handkerchief 2c.

MISTROT BROTHERS & CO.,

The closest buyers and closest sellers in Texas.

CROCKETT, TEXAS.

THE DANGER 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 31 1/2 degrees north; longitude 95 1/2 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 67 1/2 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 originally timbered. Nearly one-tenth

of it is prairie land of the best quality, and is easily cultivated with all the improved agricultural implements.

TIMBER.
The timber in Houston County is of all kinds and in almost unlimited supplies. There are magnificent forests of long-leaf and short-leaf pine, red oak, white oak, post oak, linn, cypress, ash, walnut and gum. There are also in fine supply: holly, beech, maple, sassafras, cherry and magnolia. As an evidence of the fine timber, we cite the fact that at the "Spring Palace" in Fort Worth, Houston County 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 88 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 warehousemen. We only need a good class of men, who understands this industry, to quadruple the value of

THE DANGER HAVE a BATH.

to which the Expectant Mother is exposed and the foreboding and dread with which she looks forward to the hour of woman's severest trial is appreciated by but few. All effort should be made to smooth these rugged places in life's pathway for her, ere she presses to her bosom her babe.

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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, hav 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.

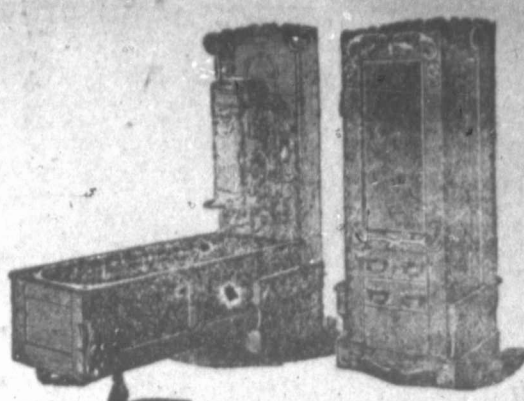
There are thriving hamlets all through the county, located in pleasant neighborhoods and possessing stores, schools and churches. Among these are Augusta, Weeches, Tadmor, Ratcliff, Colthorp, Daly, Porter Springs, Creek, Weldon, Holly, Pennington, Belott and Daniel. Besides these there are over thirty 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.

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worth more, this being the amount necessary for us to sell to reach the height of our aspirations for this year. We have striven to reach the mark set by us in the beginning of the year and we will. We can't keep from selling the amount needed, because the prices at which we are offering goods will not permit them to remain on or in our premises. Why to-day we are selling 12 lbs of Coffee for \$1, 30 yards checks for \$1, 30 yards Calico for \$1, and everything else in proportion. Yet we are not selling at cost, neither of us are going to Klondike, nor have we a score of stores. One thing we do and will continue to do—give every person as much or more for the dollar as any other firm in Houston or adjoining counties. We not only carry a large and complete line of Dress Goods, Trimmings, Millinery, Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Furniture, etc., but we have on hand and carry in stock Hardware, Crockery and Groceries. You will notice that it is not necessary for you to worry yourself walking from one place to another to get this and that when you can get it all under one roof.

The Month of December

is one of the busiest of the year for the merchant. We are interested in the winding up of this year's business. Inventory is taken during the last days of this month. We are going to invoice as little of this year's goods as possible. Our prices on goods the balance of this month will

Discount Any Cost Sale

in Crockett. We bought our goods right. Every dollar's worth in our store is paid for. So we do not have to sacrifice anything to settle with our creditors on January 1, but to attain an end, we will give values for the balance of this month that no one can duplicate. Those who are alive to their interest are invited to take advantage of the opportunities offered by this sale of seasonable goods at the store of

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

MONDAY EDITION.

We are in receipt of four more letters from Henry Georgeites in which they comment at length on the article we wrote some days since embodying what we thought was sound advice to the farmers of this county. Now, we would be very glad to throw open our columns to the use of these disciples of a new propaganda but really in a paper the size of the COURIER we cannot do so. We published a lengthy communication an issue back from a follower of Henry George in Houston. The four referred to above are from Waco and if they appear at all they must bide their time.

M. M. Crane for governor, C. A. Culbertson for senator and W. M. Imboden for congress will all land and have votes to spare. We might go further and say that R. M. Johnson of Houston will also be the next lieutenant governor of Texas. There is a fellow up in Collin county by the name of Gough who, we see, is likely to contest the honor with Mr. Johnson. About the only qualification or merit which Gough possesses for any office is his undiluted, unadulterated, twenty four carat gall and brass. Eliminate this element from Gough's makeup and you have nothing left. He is the same genius who attempted to put Houston and Grimes counties in a black senatorial district and but for the writer's threat to defeat the entire re-districting bill it would have been done. No Gough for us in this section.

JAMES STEPHEN HOGG bids up again. This time he is at Washington and is arrayed in raiment that would do credit to one of New York's Four Hundred. It is said that he is wearing a silk hat four

stories high and with a polish on it that reflects the trim of his beard and the setting of his tie.

James Stephen has had himself interviewed up there somewhere and in the interview he ventures the astounding gem of news that the American Book Company is not a trust. Now, we are curious to know if that monster corporation has retained Colonel Hogg to represent it before the Text Book Board at Austin. If so we can easily discern why the Colonel thinks it is not a trust. But it is a trust all the same and one of this all-consuming, gobbling, cormorant kind. The idea of Jim Hogg assuming in blind ignorance or attempting from motives of self-interest to defend this gigantic combination of capital etc from the charge of being a trust or a member of a combination of publishing houses which in effect is the same! The Washington dispatch also stated that the Colonel's trip east was one of business or on business. We most certainly accept this explanation of his itinerary as correct. The colonel is out for business and he will accept a retainer from any organization or combination of capital or capitalists. His "liver and lights" speech is not going to be in the way of his getting it either.

ALL this money poured out and squandered on Sabine Pass will benefit this section of Texas very little. It might as well be buried for the good it will do the people of Houston county. The proposed ship-channel from the jetties to Houston is a stupendous job and will be of incomparable service to us. When completed we will have deep water right at our doors almost, a harbor and channel deep and wide enough for the largest of the ocean carrying freighters. We hope to see this enterprise carried

through. The board of government engineers ordered by the war department to examine and report on the feasibility of the proposed plan have made an investigation and recommended that the work be done. They estimate the cost of the projected job at four millions of dollars. The only thing to do now is for congress to give its sanction and to appropriate the money which it will do. This enterprise perfected, Houston will rival New Orleans in size and Commercial importance and Galveston will be easily outstripped in the race for commercial supremacy.

THE notes which some of the farmers are now giving for contrivances and "contraptions" which are sold by agents will be certain to mature. They will come due too at a time when money is scarce and cotton cheap. Then they will wish that the things they bought were in some "hot country." Better think of these things before you affix your signature to such papers.

More About Lignite.

We referred week before last to the use that lignite was being put and commented on the special variety from Timpson. We doubt if the Timpson variety is any better than lots of it in this county. We hope those in Houston county who have thick, deep veins will go to trouble of getting out samples and bringing them in. We clip the following from HOUSTON POST which furnishes more evidence of the value of this coal as fuel:

TEXAS COAL A VALUABLE FUEL

To Manufacturers, Cheapness, Efficiency and Cleanliness.

The Timpson Coal company have at last proven the value of their coal by making a test of its burning and steaming properties and every man in the state can be sat-

isfied by making a personal inspection of the plants using same. The Houston Post is now using it under their steam boilers and with remarkable success. This coal does not give its best results where the ordinary furnace is used; but the Timpson Coal company have made arrangements with Mr. Walter W. Davin, who is the inventor and patentee of a hot air furnace, that gives the coal its lacking properties—oxygen and hydrogen, and burns with lustre equal to the highest priced coal on the market. A visit to the Post at night after 7:30 o'clock to see this plant run with Texas coal will repay any one interested in steam making.

The oil mill has put out over eleven thousand dollars for cotton seed this season—buying to date about 1600 tons of seed. Their purchases will reach from two thousand to twenty-five hundred tons. They have turned out about 43000 gallons of oil which is now selling for 13 1/2 cents, 50 bales of linters and about 540 tons of hulls. They are having no trouble to find market for all products. Quite a number of farmers and mill men in the country are now using hulls and meal for feed. Besides the local market relies mainly on the mill for its supply of feed stuff. Smith of Huntsville is going to feed about 200 head of beef cattle, besides Frank Smith is feeding from fifty to seventy-five head. The mill would be in fine shape if they could get the same figures for oil which they got two or three years since.

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.

"It is raining, little flower!
Be glad of rain,
Too much sun would wither thee
'Twill shine again.
The sky is very dark 'tis true,
But just beyond it shines the blue.
Art thou weary, tender heart?
Be glad of rain,
In sorrow sweetest things will grow
As flowers in rain;
God watches, and thou wilt have sun
When clouds their perfect work have done."

I write this to let you know what I would not do. I would not do without Chamberlain's Pain Balm in my house if it cost \$5 per bottle. It does all you recommend it to do and more.—J. R. Wallace, Wallaceville, Ga. Chamberlain's Pain Balm is the best household liniment in the world and invaluable for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and bruises. Be ready for emergencies by buying a bottle at B. F. Chamberlain's drug store.

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.
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CWING to sickness we are not able to quote prices this week. Don't become offended if you see us sell a suit for even less than \$10 that your neighbor paid us \$12.50 for, or a pair of shoes for \$1.50 that we have been selling for \$2. Dress goods for 10c. that we have been selling for 15c., or anything in our store, as we are now anxious to close everything in stock. Many things have been closed down to one or two, or down to a few yards. Then we close regardless of cost or value. No limit to prices on many things. The only way you can be benefitted is to come and price these goods. You have lost something if you fail to do this.

McLEAN & WILSON.

LOCAL NEWS

There is a tax of \$150 on lightning rod agents.

Fresh home-made candies of all kinds and oysters at Gooday's.

Sporting goods a specialty this season at Arledge & Kennedys'.

The Red flour is sold by Arledge & Kennedy. None better.

Guns and ammunition at the lowest prices at Arledge & Kennedys'.

Buck's cooking and heating stoves sold at Arledge & Kennedys'.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Castleberg have both been quite sick this week.

Just received at Daniel & Burton's a car of the celebrated WHITE WAVE flour, the best on earth.

ASHICASH! CASH!

... The Cash Store being overstocked on Shoes and Clothing. Will sell for the next 20 days at the big reduction of 15 per cent on the dollar.

R. M. ATKINSON.

FRANK CHAMBERLAIN,

THE ONLY DRUG MAN

who has been before you for 10 long years without any change, only for the better, offers you a large and carefully selected stock of fine drugs. May I have your business, Reader?

CHRISTMAS GOODS.

A fine line, the nicest ever brought to the city. All sorts of toys for the children, fine Perfumes, Palmer's, Lightners, etc.

... Prices Very Reasonable on Your Prescriptions. ...

Mrs. A. P. Moore and children of Tyler will spend Christmas in Crockett.

Miss Bessie Moss of Orange will visit Miss Lucy Miller during the holidays

For year 1897 to date there were 2576 mortgages issued, same time 1896 2348.

The best flour on earth is WHITE WAVE. Sold by Daniel & Burton.

W. H. Kennedy, M. C. Dupuy Tom Rogers from Coltharp were in town Tuesday.

Buy a sack of WHITE WAVE flour, the acme of perfection at Daniel & Burton's.

"Old Farmer Hopkins" by Frank Davidson at the Opera House on January 3.

Arledge & Kennedy have a large stock of canned goods at Galveston prices by the case.

You will find a good stock of Crockery, Glassware, Lamps and tinware at Arledge & Kennedy.

Collector Sheridan has issued to date 1155 tax receipts against about 1500 same time last year.

Mrs. Lizzie Edens of Waco is on a visit to her father, J. B. Ellis, and will spend the holidays here.

Your attention is called to the nicest line of Candies ever brought to Crockett at Arledge and Kennedys'.

*Oysters, Oysters, Oysters, served in any style and at all hours at Franks'. One door east of Post Office.

Mrs. Albert Burke and Mrs. Marsh Glenn of San Antonio will spend Xmas with relatives in Crockett.

Two hundred and fifty cases of fresh canned goods just received at Arledge & Kennedys' to be sold at cut prices.

Mrs. F. C. Long, who has been seriously ill since her return from Virginia, is in a fair way to restored good health.

Inside of a year Crockett will be on a long distance telephone circuit with a station here. Inside of two years the Postal Telegraph Company will have an office here, too.

Daniel & Burton have bought out the Mangum stock of groceries at a low figure and are now offering the entire line, fresh and fine, for less than such goods were offered before.

John LeGory is at home from the University at Austin for the holiday festivities. John is a fine young man and promises to make a man of great usefulness to Houston county.

"Old Farmer Hopkins" by Frank Davison at the opera house on January 3. A clean, wholesome humorous play.

Frank Harris has done a piece of cabinet work for Hickey's barber shop that would reflect credit on any northern factory making goods of this kind.

Alvis Ellis raffled off two lots a day or two since, located at the depot. Col Beznert won the lots in the shoot off. And then a third party intervened and tried to get them from Col but Col hustled.

Several very fine, blue-blooded donkeys have recently been purchased here, ranging in price for the same from \$400 for the lowest to \$1000 for the highest. James Hazlett purchased one for \$1000.

J. H. Russel has been put in charge of the Crockett section of the I. & G. N. R. R., the place vacated by Pat Barry. He has a large crew and has been at work for several days on the track in the station yard.

The only first-class barber shop in town. When in town and want a first-class shave or hair-cut, call on the Palace Shop, the only white shop in Crockett. Everything new, neat and clean.

O. C. HICKEY & BRO.

The following persons from Lovelady were up to hear "Bill Arp": Howard Johnson accompanied by two ladies, Clyde Mainer, Herbert Speer, M. B. Newton, Alec Hutchins, Walter Phipps and George Coton.

The State Board of Pardons recommended the pardon of Hose Durritt and acting on such recommendation Governor Culberson granted his pardon this week. Hose has been confined in the penitentiary for 12 years or longer.

Pat Barry has been connected with the I. & G. N. long enough and done work enough for the road to deserve a retirement on a pension. He has been at work for the road for 20 years or more and has been in charge of the Crockett section for 18 years.

Some thirty-odd teachers attended the institute last week. There are teachers enough in this county—and ability enough among these teachers to organize and successfully conduct a teachers' institute that will be a credit to the county and to them. All should attend without exception. There are none but can learn.

The Grapeland Vegetable and Fruit Growers' Association meets Saturday next at 3 P. M. The call for the meeting was issued by President John F. Brill. The COURIER wishes the association unbounded success. In some degree this enterprise, if pushed, will furnish a substitute for so much cotton.

Constables in the outlying precincts out to look out for pedlars and other vendors of goods, wares and other things. They frequently canvass the half or more of a county and the tax collector never knows it till too late. Constables and justices peace have the right to call on them for their license and should do so.

B. H. Chamis, pedler, was arrested Monday for theft of \$4.95 from trousers of J. H. Russel, the new section foreman here. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$5 and trimmings, all of which amounted to \$23.85. Before his arrest he protested that he had no money. A search of his person showed six pocket books, considerable money and an inventory of curious things generally.

A GREAT TRIBUTE TO A SOUTHERNER

President Andrews of Brown University, Rhode Island, is before the Northern public again for criticism. Last year the gold standard organs hauled the distinguished college president over the coals because of his outspoken, fearless condemnation of the single standard theory of currency reform. The sensation produced by his arraignment of this dogma had about died out. He was invited to Chicago a few days since to deliver a lecture. That same spirit of iconoclasm which prompted him to smash the financial idols of some of the eastern theorists got him into trouble in Chicago. Following the inspiration of a frank, generous, honest impulse, he dared in the presence of sectional bigotry to do only simple justice to one of the military leaders of the "Lost Cause." His rash courage provoked the wrath of the Grand Army men and brought down on his head the denunciation of a bigoted class of newspapers. But he clung to his convictions undismayed and vindicated, so far as he was concerned and to the extent of his influence, from aspersion and injustice the true character of Robert E. Lee. The part of his discourse which stirred the bile in those Grand Army bigots is as follows:

"Lee was never profane or obscene. He did not touch the cup as did Grant, Hooker and Sheridan. And when he lost a fight it was never said of him that defeat was due to a habit which makes men's heads into muzzles. He was never outgeneraled by Grant in all the campaign from Rappahannock to James river, never trapped and never caught napping. It usually happened that when the men on our side ordered a march at 5 in the morning, they never made more than half the distances between the two armies. Lee had ordered an advance at 4:30.

"I fail to find in the books any such masterful generalship as this hero showed in that still gray line, half starved, with no prospect of additions, and fighting when his army was too hungry to stand and the rifles were only useful as clubs. His courage was sublime. He was as great as Gustavus Adolphus or Napoleon, Wellington or Von Moltke; his cause was not the lost cause so much as is suspected. All that was good in his cause has been grafted into our laws and our constitution."

The healing, mellowing influence of time is beginning to show its effects. There will come a period in the history of this country, when others in the North, like Andrews, will have the nerve to dare speak their honest sentiments and dare do justice to the name, private character and military greatness of such men as Lee and Sydney Johnson, who, though they led a forlorn hope and went down with a lost cause, are the peers, as Andrews says, of the hero of Austerlitz or the victor of Waterloo.

We are very anxious to get enough farmers interested in the tobacco project to organize and give the plant a fair trial. Some have expressed a willingness to join us and go in and try the experiment. We want more, however. Not less than a dozen will answer and that number must be had. So come forward and let us have your name so as to know what to depend on.

We are informed that there is a movement on foot to start a paper at Lovelsdy. The COURIER extends in advance its greetings and wishes for success. It has not now and never has had a desire to occupy the field and welcomes all decent, honorable journalistic efforts and cooperation in the mission of developing and building up the county.

Local News.

The program of social functions for the Christmas holidays is not very large. Miss H. B. Alrege is going to give a unique entertainment. Miss Annie Williams will give a Spelling Bee for benefit of Cemetery Association. Miss Albert Aldrich will entertain her young friends.

New Building.

H. J. Cunyus and R. C. Stokes have purchased the small lot between R. M. Atkinson's store and the one now held by Aldrich & Newton. They are going to erect a two story brick on it, the lower floor to be occupied by Stokes as a jewelry store and the upper by Cunyus as a dental parlor.

Conference Changes.

Rev. L. M. Fowler, Presiding Elder of this district goes to the Marshal district, O. P. Alexander succeeding him as P. E. of this district. J. M. Perry continues on Grapeland circuit; A. S. Whitehurst remains at Crockett; J. T. Kirkpatrick is on Crockett circuit; Lovelady circuit G. V. Ridley.

Accidentally Killed.

Charley Williams (col) was accidentally killed a few days since while out hunting with a man by the name of Foster and one of Dean. They were in the woods, it seems, and Foster carried a hammerless gun which was discharged in some way by accident. The whole had entered Williams' breast, killing him in a short while. It occurred near the Trinity.

The Norther.

The weather for a week past has been all that the heart could not want. The German word, "nass," from which the good old English word nasty comes, comes nearer expressing it than anything else. It has rained and rained, and drizzled and mizzled and fizzled and the result is that there are acres of mud and slop and slush in all degrees of consistency from *agua distillata* to hard ground, the latter about the size only of a number ten shoe however.

He Drew His Gun.

Constable Satterwhite and Joe Rhoden went out last week to make search for the meat of some lost hogs. As they rode up to the house of Wm. Johnson, one of the suspects, Johnson met Satterwhite and Rhoden with a double-barrel shotgun. Satterwhite asked him what he was going to do with his gun and he replied that he was going to use it if it was a crowd to whip him. He put it away when told the object of the visit. He was brought to town, jailed and after staying in jail a day or two he confessed and told where the meat was.

Telephone Exchange.

We are in a receipt of a letter from Fred Robinson, editor of Huntsville Item, to effect that he visited Crockett during the writer's absence for the purpose of looking over the field and putting in a telephone exchange. After getting here and finding others working on the same lines he concluded to await developments. Mr. Robinson is the enterprising gentleman who inaugurated and carried to success the telephone system at Huntsville. If he undertakes to put in one at Crockett, it will be done in a manner to give satisfaction.

Tried to Pick His Pocket.

John McConnell, Sr., had a narrow escape from a pickpocket while attending the Grand Lodge of Masons recently. He had gone to the I. & G. N. Depot. From there he went to the Vegetable and Flower Display. He had bought a large lily plant which he held in his arms and rendered the use of his

arms and hands difficult. In a crowd a couple of young men began to jostle and shove him about in such a way as to arouse his suspicions. He spoke to them and told them to quit jostling him around. Just then he felt something tugging at his pocket and glancing down he discovered that one had his hand on his pocket-book and was about to make off with it. He caught at him as best he could under the load he was carrying. He yelled at the fellow that he was trying to steal his pocket-book and called to some friends to come to his help. Just then the two thieves broke and ran.

A Cutting Affray.

Just as we go to press we learn of a cutting scrape on the sidewalk near Haring's drug store. Two young men from Hickory Creek got into trouble, Elbert Hattaway and Trink Gossett, son of Dosh Gossett. We are not advised as to particulars, provocation etc. We understand that Gossett used his pocket knife on Hattaway, inflicting a serious wound in Hattaway's side, the blade penetrating, it is said, the cavity of the body. Hattaway was taken at once to the office of Lipscomb & Lipscomb for surgical attention. Gossett is about 16 and Hattaway about 18 or 20. Gossett is under arrest.

Program.

Neches River Baptist Association. Beginning Friday 8 p. m., January 28, 1898, with Shady Grove church:

Friday 8 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. J. E. Kennedy—subject, "What does it take to constitute a New Testament church?"

Saturday 8 a. m.—Discussion—"What does it take to constitute valid baptism?" Opened by J. A. Lee.

Saturday 10 a. m.—Discussion—"What is the duty of a 'Deacon?'" Opened by Billy Satterwhite and J. H. Bussel.

Saturday 11 a. m.—Election and Predestination as Missionary Baptists believe it. By Rev. R. E. Morris, alternate J. E. Kennedy.

Saturday 2 p. m.—"What would be considered destitution?" By J. T. Ivins.

Saturday 3 p. m.—Board meeting.

Saturday night 8 p. m.—Preaching by Rev. W. T. Vaden, alternate B. F. Sallas.

Sunday 9 a. m.—"Has God enjoined it on his people to give of their means to support the gospel?" By J. M. Bussel and J. A. Lee.

Sunday 10 a. m.—Sunday School Mass-Meeting. Conducted by Frank Wright.

Sunday 11 a. m.—Missionary sermon. By J. E. Kennedy alternate R. E. Morris.

T. M. BULLER, Chairman.

DIED.

Frank King (col.) cut by Marshal Bonner a few days since in an effort to separate King and his wife engaged in a scrap, died this week from the effects of the wounds inflicted by Bonner's knife. The wound was a deep and serious one, penetrating the viscera. Bonner has been arrested again and put in jail.

All North, Central and West Texas are covered with a blanket of snow and sleet two inches thick. All telegraph and telephone wires in those sections are down and on Sunday, Dallas was cut off from communication with all the world except one wire to Galveston.

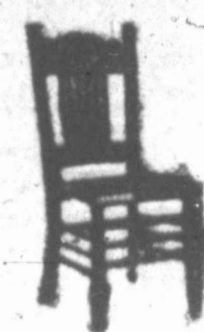
You can get for one dollar a day at the Aldrich House, such a meal as you will have to pay two dollars for at the other hotels. Good rooms. Come and stop with Mr. Coll.

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The only Exclusive Furniture Dealers in Houston County



Solid Oak Rocker, Cobby Seat, Highly Polished, \$9.98.



Solid Oak Dinners, Cane Seat, Per Set, \$4.50.

25 Other Styles, \$3 to \$10 per Set.

Center Tables Solid Oak, 18-inch Top, 90c.



Just Received

Over 50 patterns of Rattan and Willow Rockers. Also a beautiful line of screens and easels.

If you want to make your wife or sweetheart love you, select her something from our beautiful holiday stock.

Fire, Life and Accident Insurance.

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

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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.

REMOVAL SALE.

From December 18th to 31st, 1897, we will sell entire stock of WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, CHINA, ETC., at 10 per cent. of

NET WHOLESALE COST

We are going to move to our new quarters about February 1st. Consequently we want to have as few goods moved as possible. STOCK FRESH. Now for business.

H. C. STOKES.

"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

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

Call on nearest Ticket Agent for information as to schedule and rates.

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There is... Fresh... kinds and... Sportin... season at... The Re... ledge &... Guns ar... est prices... Buck's... stoves so... dya'.... Mr. an... have bo... week... Just r... ton's a... WHITE... earth... AS... bein... Shoe... Will... 20... redu... cent... R.

Hot Prices in a Cold Month.

Everybody Can Buy. They are Coming Our Way and They will Come Your Way if You Will Come This way.

Below we will give you a list of prices and we will guarantee there is not one article listed in this ad but what is worth more money than we ask for it.

<p>DRESS GOODS.</p> <p>Since our last advertisement first appeared we have made a grand record on dress goods, and we are confident that with the low price we have made and with the rapidity they have been moving that by the 24th day of December there will not be one fine pattern left on our shelves.</p> <p>CAPIES AND WRAPS.</p> <p>Ladies, we have just received a shipment of 249 capes. This sounds extremely large and it is large. They were bought for nearly half the money that they could have been bought for 30 days ago and listen at the price they must be sold:</p> <p>One lot of Fine Silk Plush Capes, handsomely braided and beaded and trimmed all around collar and down front on both sides with long black curly Thibet, never sold for less than \$4.50 and \$5.00, our holiday price \$3.29.</p> <p>One lot of ladies' extra fine Silk Plush Capes elaborately trimmed and worth \$6.50, our holiday price \$4.19.</p> <p>One lot of ladies' Black Beaver Capes trimmed with black fur, holiday price 69c.</p> <p>One lot of ladies' Dark Gray Capes handsomely trimmed with fur and braid, holiday price 84c.</p> <p>One lot of ladies' Brown and Black Capes nicely beaded and braided, holiday price \$2.24.</p> <p>We also have an elegant line of Black Beaver Capes ranging in price from 99c to \$2.50 each.</p> <p>LADIES' JACKETS.</p> <p>One lot of Jackets to close out—no price given on them, but we will let them go for less than the</p>	<p>material cost to make.</p> <p>LADIES' SHAWLS.</p> <p>We also have about one dozen All Wool Shawls at prices to close out lot.</p> <p>FEATHER BOAS.</p> <p>Our \$2.50 White and Black Feather Boas we will close at \$1.19 each.</p> <p>BOYS' CLOTHING.</p> <p>The grandest and greatest bargains under the sun are now being offered in clothing at W. V. McConnell's.</p> <p>1 lot of boys' Knee Suits at 35c.</p> <p>1 lot of boys' Knee Suits, heavy goods at 50c.</p> <p>1 lot of boys' Knee Suits, splendid value at 65c.</p> <p>One lot of boys' Knee Suits, better goods at 75c.</p> <p>1 lot of boys' Square Cut, Double Breasted Suits, two rows of buttons and two sets of button holes, worth \$1.50, holiday prices 99c.</p> <p>YOUTHS' SUITS.</p> <p>One lot of youths' School Suits consisting of coat, vest and long pants. We sold them this fall at \$2.50, holiday price \$1.99.</p> <p>One lot of boys' Odd Vests 29c.</p> <p>MENS' SUITS.</p> <p>One lot of mens' Fine Black French Back Worsteds, French make, sold at \$10.00, holiday price \$7.39.</p> <p>GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.</p> <p>Mens' Heavy White Merino Undershirts at 15c.</p> <p>Mens' Cotton Flannel Drawers at 15c.</p> <p>Mens' Overshirts, very good, at 15c.</p>	<p>Mens' Plaid Jumpers with pocket at 15c.</p> <p>Mens' Heavy Merino Undershirts with fancy knit neck band at 24c.</p> <p>Mens' Sweaters at 24c.</p> <p>Mens' Fine Black Sweaters at 49c.</p> <p>Mens' Suspenders, bright and fancy patterns at 20c.</p> <p>Mens' Brocaded Silk Handkerchiefs, new designs at 24c.</p> <p>Mens' Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs at 3c.</p> <p>Mens' Nice White Handkerchiefs at 4c.</p> <p>Mens' Fine White Handkerchiefs with a hem stitch one inch wide at 5c.</p> <p>Mens' Black $\frac{1}{2}$ Hose, stainless, at 3c.</p> <p>Mens' Black $\frac{1}{2}$ Hose, seamless and stainless at 7c.</p> <p>Mens' Black $\frac{1}{2}$ Hose, solid knit seamless and stainless at 8c.</p> <p>Mens' Cashmere Wool Hose, nice goods at 19c.</p> <p>LADIES' UNDERWEAR.</p> <p>Ladies' Heavy Ribbed Vests, winter goods at 15c.</p> <p>Ladies' Heavy Union Suits at 43c.</p> <p>Ladies' Nice Union Suits, best make at 99c.</p> <p>Ladies' Black Wool Hose, ribbed at 20c.</p> <p>Ladies' Extra Heavy Wool Hose at 25c.</p> <p>Children's Union Suits at 24c.</p> <p>SHOES. SHOES.</p> <p>One lot of 72 pairs of Mens' Stanley Congress Shoes, Sunday styles at \$1.00.</p> <p>One lot of 72 pairs of Ladies' Spring Heel Shoes, sizes from 2$\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 at 85c.</p>	<p>One lot of Baby Shoes, sizes 1 and 2 at 10c.</p> <p>One lot of Mens' \$1.00 Plow Shoes for 75c.</p> <p>NOTIONS. NOTIONS.</p> <p>Two good cedar lead pencils for 1c. 1 good rubber tip lead pencil for 1c. 1 paper good pins for 1c. 1 good bright thimble for 1c. 1 ladies' cold border handkerchief for 1c. 3 rolls of best steel hairpins for 1c. 14 best brass pants' buttons for 1c. Good Richter French harp 3c. Best quality white wove high cut envelopes, 25 in a pack at 24c. 24 sheets first-class note paper (for ink) for 4c. 1 good carpenter's lead pencil for 2c. 6 doz hooks and eyes for 5c. 1 doz best hooks and eyes that are made for 5c. 1 boys' iron handle knife for 5c.</p> <p>NOW FOR XMAS.</p> <p>Twenty doz linen napkins combed edge at 24c doz. 10 doz fine white linen Doilies combed edge 49c doz. Extra fine and white linen Doilies combed edge 74c doz. We have some lovely patterns in fine linen Damask for table use. Give us a trial.</p> <p>NOTICE THIS LOT.</p> <p>One lot of very fine white fleeced Australian wool blankets, former price \$9.45, our holiday price is \$6.59. Come and take a good look at this blanket; you will appreciate it. 1 lot of extra heavy and extra wide medicated all wool flannel—recommended by the best physicians as a preventative for rheumatism, regular price 33c, our holiday price 17c. 1 lot of birdseye diapering at 7c. 1 lot of birdseye diapering, wider, at 8c.</p>	<p>XMAS PRESENTS FOR MEN.</p> <p>In looking around for a hat don't forget to see our line in John B. Stetson's best goods, also remember our nice and nobby line of fine silk handkerchiefs for the holiday trade. Also a lovely line of neck wear and shirts.</p> <p>ATTENTION LADIES.</p> <p>Come and see our lovely line of lamp shade paper with frames—this is something that is both serviceable and nice and would be an ornament to any home. Get some of this goods, make it up and make some of your friends a useful and ornamental present.</p> <p>MILLINERY.</p> <p>Don't forget that we are turning out more fine hats this season than ever before and it's no trouble to distinguish these hats from others, because of their artistic finish which stamps them "Indesiecle."</p> <p>OUR LAST.</p> <p>It may be that we will not appear before you with another ad this year, if we do not we want to thank you kindly from the very bottom of our hearts for your goodness and kindness and more than this for the liberal patronage you have given us. We firmly believe that the dawning of better days is in sight and that it won't be a great while before we will all be enjoying better times. Wishing you, one and all, both great and small, an enjoyable and happy Xmas, will say good bye.</p>
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VERY RESPECTFULLY,

W. V. McCONNELL.

LOCAL NEWS.

Xmas is coming, get your fruit cake ingredients at Arledge & Kennedy's.

You can get for one dollar a day at the Aldrich House, such a meal as you will have to pay two dollars for at the other hotels. Good rooms. Come and stop with Mr. Coll.

A Tennessee lady, Mrs. Towle, of Philadelphia, Tenn., has been using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for her baby, who is subject to croup, and says of it: "I find it just as good as you claim it to be. Since I've had your Croup Remedy baby has been threatened with croup ever so many times, but I would give him a dose of the Remedy and it prevented his having it every time." Hundreds of mothers say the same. Sold by B. F. Chamberlain, Druggist.

To The Public.

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

J. A. BRICKER & Co.

There is no medicine in the world equal to Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for the cure of throat and lung diseases. This is a fact that has been proven in numberless cases. Here is a sample of thousands of letters received: "I have tried Chamberlain's Cough Remedy while suffering from a severe throat trouble, and found immediate and effective relief. I can unhesitatingly recommend it."—EDGER W. WHITEMORE, Editor Grand River (Ky.) Herald. For Sale at B. F. Chamberlain's drug store.

Yule-Tide or Christmas.

Again Christmas with all its delightful association approaches, fostering domestic harmony, and repeating the glorious gospel of peace on earth and goodwill towards men. No other period of the year is so potent as this in healing the wounds of friendship, and in warming the heart of man towards his fellows. And whosoever has British, Scandinavian, or Saxon blood in his veins, welcomes it with enthusiasm. He observes it with gladness whether it comes to him in a torrid or arctic climate or any intermediate zone. The best of good cheer is spread, his dearest friends are invited, and whatever else may grace his table, a plum pudding stuck with berry-laden holly will, if possible, be there, and a bunch of mistletoe not far off: customs strongly savouring of Paganism, without doubt, handed down from heathen ancestors, who were, nevertheless, in their own time and way, good men and true.

Christmas is the Christian Saturnal when even the strictest and most decorous, countenance some of license. The political leaders of our faith in the earliest days of Christianity thought it wise to graft most of the rites and ceremonies of Paganism upon the doctrines of Christ in order to make the latter popular. Thus they caused his birth to coincide with the Roman Saturnalia which for a whole week from the 18th to the 25th of December commemorated the freedom and equality that existed during the whole of the golden reign of Saturn. We are told that long before the foundation of Rome these heathen feasts were remarkable for their universal liberty. Slaves were permitted to ridicule their masters and to discuss every topic with freedom. Friends made

presents to one another, the schools were closed, no criminals were executed, public and private animosity ceased. While they lasted war was never declared, and mirth, riot, and debauchery had full swing. During the sacrifices the priests made their offerings with uncovered heads, which was never done at any other festivals. The fetters were removed from the public statues of the god, to whom every emancipated slave devoted his own. The temples were decked with holly and ivy, and other sacred evergreens, and as profusely as our own were in the last century, when Miss Jenny Simper thus complained to the "Spectator": "Our clerk, who was once a gardener, has this Christmas so overdecked the church with greens that he has quite spoilt my prospect, inasmuch that I have scarce seen the young baronet for three weeks, and unless the greens are removed, I shall soon have little else to do in church than to say my prayers."

The holly and the mistletoe are indigenous although not peculiar to this country, and the latter, as every one knows, was pre-eminently the sacred plant of the Druids, that mysterious, learned, and remarkable caste whose history remains to be written. In the Scandinavian mythology, the mistletoe was consecrated on a memorable occasion and for a most beneficent purpose, to Friga, the Northern goddess of love. For the protection of her son Balder, an oath was imposed on all things of earth, air, fire, and water, not to injure the beautiful young god. The mistletoe alone from its apparent harmlessness, was excepted, and it was with an arrow fashioned from its wood that Loki, the evil one, slew him. All nature bitterly mourned his death until Hela pitied and re-

stored him to his mother, and from that time the fatal plant was consecrated to Friga—our native Venus, that it might henceforth become an instrument of love but nevermore of hatred. Thus at Christmas, when the Druids were wont to cut it with golden knives, we pass under its branches with kisses, and formerly, whenever it was scarce, our maidens, not to be defrauded of their customary rites, made "kissing bunches" of evergreens ornamented with oranges and ribbons, to do duty instead.

His must be a sour heart that can view these sweet old customs with any other feeling than that of genial approbation. Hundreds of generations have enjoyed them and made merry over them, the young and the unlearned in happy and innocent thoughtlessness, while the learned and philosophic have busied themselves with the deeper import that lies beneath their popular surface. These see in them the relics of a universal religion devoted to Nature, whose origin is shrouded in the Cimmerian gloom of the North, and in the myths of remotest antiquity. They observe their close relation, not to the Saturnalia of Rome alone, but to the Egyptian Pamyia, the Bacchic and Dionysian orgies of the Greeks, the obscene festivals of India, Mesopotamia, and South America, and to the other religious mysteries in those and all the rest of the world where Nature-worship has been symbolized and corrupted by priestcraft, and its pure stream diverted into impure channels. This trading in mankind's best emotions and subordinating worship to gain or power, has slain in succession all the religions of the past just as it will destroy those of the present. It may be that in the cycle of religious evolution the time will come when mankind will reach the point

whence they started, and their hearts will be again filled with love and reverence for all nature as the sure and universal manifestation of God to man.

Let us endeavor, then, to make the best use of Christmas, whatever its historical shortcomings, and to join in the general spirit of love and goodwill. All periods that knit the hearts of men more closely together, are most worthy of observance. Let the tables smoke with festive cheer, and ball and cottage ring with joyous greetings, and prove to the world that America is merry America still. The absent will return to gladden those at home, and the dead will be lovingly remembered. For those who cannot be present, whom necessity or distance has parted from us, there will be kindly messages, even to the ends of earth, borne by the swift mail or swifter telegraph. Let us rejoice that it is not in the power of time or space to sever us from those we love, and that though they may be toiling through the defiles of the Klondike Pass, or broiling under an Indian or African sun, or living lonely lives in Canada or Mexico, in Australia, or any of the numberless colonies where English industry adds Empire to Empire, yet their places will not be forgotten on Christmas day, but affection will make the absent present. Above all, on this day beyond every other, let the poor and the outcast be amply provided for, that they may partake of the general rejoicing, and if all the remaining days of their years be wretched let them be happy on this, the day of days, when as tradition tells, the Prince of Peace was born, to bring a message of love from heaven to earth.

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

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF HOUSTON COUNTY.

To the Honorable Commissioners' Court of Houston County:
GENTLEMEN:—Herewith by your request I beg to hand you financial statement of Houston county for the year ending November 22, 1897, showing the receipts and disbursements for the past year; together with an approximate value of the present tax roll, and the manner in which the money is applied when collected, with the following recommendations: That we dispense with buying lumber and building bridges only to a limited extent, the county being well supplied with good substantial bridges built in 1896 and 1897, under five years guarantee. The expenditure for two years bridge building being paid out of last year's "bridge fund," making it excessive. This demand having been supplied, new bridges will not be needed again for several years.

The new law passed by the last legislature, requiring extra supply of new books and stationery from publishing houses, created a new expenditure, and this demand being complied with, the supply is sufficient to last for several years yet; and along with this publication I would especially recommend rigid economy in every practical way to avoid extravagance and useless expenditures, and the adoption of a real genuine reform for the security of our county affairs.

COUNTY FUND.

To amount received from collector	\$ 7,632.75
To unpaid script registered	5,955.40
By amount transferred to jury fund	\$ 449.61
By amount paid current expenses	6,188.13
By amount paid riding bailiff (grand jury)	487.66
By amount paid holding hog law elections and amendment	330.00
By amount paid tax assessor (Clinton)	177.35
By balance (script registered)	5,955.40
	\$13,588.15
	\$13,588.15

COURT HOUSE AND JAIL FUND.

To amount received from collector	\$ 1,442.84
By amount paid current expenses	\$ 178.48
By amount transferred to jury fund	450.36
By amount transferred to jury fund	600.00
By amount transferred to road and bridge fund	150.00
By balance on hand	64.00
	\$ 1,442.84
	\$ 1,442.84

ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND.

To am't rec'd from collector ct. house and jail	2,692.48
To am't collected from fines	697.02
To am't permanent school fund (bonds issued)	2,300.00
To am't transferred from court house & jail fund	150.00
To am't unpaid script (registered)	164.22
By am't transferred to jury fund	\$ 300.00
" " " " " "	800.00
" " " " " "	500.00
" " " " " "	534.96
By am't paid for lumber and building bridges	3,705.14
By balance (the script registered)	164.22
	\$ 6,003.72
	\$ 6,003.72

JURY FUND.

To am't rec'd from estrays, fees and occupation	\$ 1,774.07
To am't transferred from county fund	449.61
" " " " court house and jail fund	450.36
" " " " " " " "	600.00
" " " " " " " "	300.00
" " " " " " " "	800.00
" " " " " " " "	500.00
" " " " " " " "	534.96
To amount overpaid on jury script	91.92
By am't paid last year's deficit	\$ 342.37
" " " " petit and grand jury for the year	5,037.60
" " " " expense for disbursing	120.35
	\$5,500.32
	\$5,500.32
By balance script overpaid	\$ 91.92

COURT COST FOR THE YEAR.

To amount paid jury, Justice Courts and County Court for year and spring term Dist Court	\$9,768.60
To amount paid riding and door-bailiffs, Dist Court spring term	238.66
To am't paid petit jury last term of Dist Court	\$1,773.00
" " " " " " " "	496.00
" " " " " " " "	251.00
	\$9,520.00
Total court cost for the year	\$5,525.26

RECAPITULATION.

To am't rec'd from county fund	\$ 7,632.75
" " " " court house and jail fund	1,442.84
" " " " road and bridge fund	3,389.50
" " " " road and bridge bonds	2,300.00
" " " " jury fund	1,774.07
To county script registered	5,955.40
To road and bridge script	164.22
To amount overpaid on jury fund	91.92
By county fund, current expenses	\$ 6,188.13
By county fund door and riding bailiffs	487.66
By county fund holding hog law and amendment elections	330.00
By county fund tax collector (Gail Clinton)	177.35
By county fund registered script	5,955.40
By road and bridge fund, lumber, building bridges etc.	3,705.14
By road and bridge fund registered script	164.22
By court house and jail fund, current expenses	178.48
By jury fund paid to juries for the year	5,500.32
By balance due court house and jail fund	64.00
	\$22,750.70
	\$22,750.70

ASSETS—PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND.

For lands sold:	
One note Allen & Williams due Apr. 4, 1893	\$2,060
N. Fant due May 26, 1892	2,000
" " due May 26, 1893	2,000
" " balance due June 24, 1897	350
	\$ 6,410
Outside bonds:	
15 Brown county bonds (\$1,000) less coupon \$840	\$12,600
6 Harrison county bonds (\$500) less coupon \$430	2,580
5 Kent county bonds \$1000	5,000
Houston county bonds:	
11 court house bonds dated Sept. 15, 1893	\$11,000
6 road and bridge bonds dated Sept. 15, 1893	6,000
3 road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 18, 1894	3,000
3 road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 14, 1895	3,000
4 road and bridge bonds dated Aug. 14, 1896	4,000
7 funding bonds dated Aug. 14, 1896	7,000
1 road and bridge bonds dated Nov. 14, 1896	1,288
1 road and bridge bond dated Oct. 2, 1897	500
1 road and bridge bond dated Nov. 9, 1897	1,000
	36,788
Total permanent school fund	\$63,778
Standing indebtedness of Houston county	36,788
Due available school fund 1 yr on \$34,489	2,069.28
Indebtedness	\$8,857.28

HOUSTON COUNTY TAX ROLL FOR 1897.

Total value of property	\$3,037,115.00
Advalorum { Rate of State tax @ 20 } Total rate.. 78	
{ Rate of State school tax @ 18 }	
{ Rate of County tax @ 40 }	
Total	\$ 23,689.50
School poll tax	7,732.50
County poll tax	1,288.75
Lovelady district tax (school)	300.00
State tax @ 90c.	\$ 6,074.23
State school tax @ 18c.	5,466.81
County tax @ 40c.	12,148.46
	\$23,689.50
School poll tax 1/2 to state tax.	\$ 2,577.50
School poll tax 1/2 to state poll tax.	5,155.00
County poll tax	\$ 1,288.75
Lovelady district tax	300.80
	\$33,011.55
	\$33,011.55

RECAPITULATION.

State advalorum tax	\$6,074.23
State school poll tax	2,577.50
County poll tax	1,288.75
County advalorum tax 1/2 to county fund	\$7,592.80
County advalorum tax 1/2 to court house and jail	4,555.66
	12,148.46
State school tax for Houston county schools	5,466.81
State poll tax for Houston county schools	5,155.00
Lovelady school district tax	300.80
Total tax to be paid to the State	\$ 8,651.73
" " " " H. co. schools	10,631.81
" " " " L'lady schools	300.80
" " " " the county	13,487.21
	\$33,011.55
	\$33,011.55

RESOURCES.

Total county tax	\$13,437.21
Total occupation tax (county average) to jury fund	1,250.00
Total amount tax to be collected for county	\$14,687.21
Less the average delinquent tax, the county interest	1,500.00
Average—net tax for the county	\$13,187.21

TO APPROXIMATE.

To am't to be collected from tax collector (for tax roll)	\$13,437.21
To am't to be collected from tax collector—occupation (average)	1,250.00
To am't as collected from fines (road and bridge fund)	3,389.50
To am't as collected from estrays, fees, etc. (jury fund)	1,774.07
To balance average annual deficit	4,399.82
By amount actually expended for the year	\$22,750.70
By average delinquent tax due (for county only)	1,500.00
	\$24,250.70
By average annual deficit shown	\$4,399.82

Respectfully submitted, E. WINFREE, County Judge, Houston County, Texas.

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