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## A Sad Death and an Irreparable Loss

Dr. James L. Lipscomb died suddenly on Sunday morning last about 2 o'clock. He had been up the day before and visited his patients as usual. He had been complaining for several days previous and on Friday before he remarked to the writer: "I am going to take a dose of calomel to-night." The next day in the course of a little good-humored banter about his health he remarked: "I thought I was going to die last night." The writer and he had often exchanged compliments about each other's appearance as negating the existence of any good ground for complaining. Little did we dream that the end was so near and the announcement of his death on Sunday morning was a cruel surprise and shock to the entire city. He had been suffering since his return from the Grand Lodge of Masons the first of the month from a slight attack of diarrhoea. He arose about 12 on Saturday night and complained of an indisposition. His wife offering to render him assistance he observed that he thought he would be all right in a few minutes. A couple of hours later Mrs. Lipscomb was aroused by a singular sound as if he was strangling and called him. Receiving no response it was evident that he was then almost or quite past relief. A messenger was at once dispatched for his son, Dr. W. C. Lipscomb, but before he came his father had expired. It is thought that he died of paralysis of the heart. The sad news could be traced on the faces and heard in the voices of all who were seen on our streets on Sunday. The obsequies were committed to the charge of the Masonic Fraternity. Up to the last it had been hoped that the Commandery of Knights Templar of Palestine of which he was a devoted member could come and officiate in the last rites. Circumstances prevented. The local lodge of Masons performed the funeral ceremonies, there being an escort of honor from the Commandery, Royal Arch Chapter and Blue Lodge. A large crowd assembled at the residence and escorted the remains to the cemetery where they were laid to rest about noon on Monday, December 27, 1897.

## A Unique Entertainment.

To-night (Friday) Miss Hattie Belle Arledge will give a decidedly original and *recherche* reception. Unique invitations in the form of the telegrams from the Cupid Union Telegraph Company, commanding the happy receiver of such mission to be on hand with a partner from 8 p. m. to 1 a. m. Manifold and picturesque will be the amusements of the evening interspersed as they will be with choice dainty refreshments. Among other forms of amusements will be a Progressive Heart Party. Just what sort of a party this is the writer knows not, but presumes it is cast somewhat on the lines of the Progressive

Euchre Game where the successful player moves up from table to table. Quite a number of invitations have been sent out and all receiving same look forward with anticipations of passing a delightful time.

## Married.

On Friday evening of last week at the home of the bride, the solemn rites of marriage were performed, uniting in wedlock Miss Minnie Bruner and Mr. J. R. Sutton. The bride was born and reared here and had a large circle of admiring friends who esteemed her for her pure, sweet disposition and lovable character. The groom is manager for and interested in the business of Mistrot Bros. & Co. at this place. The high position of trust which he holds and the confidence of his associates which he enjoys are strong testimonials of his fine business qualifications and high character. The COURIER extends the congratulations of the season and its prayers for a recurrence for many years of the joyous period which to the happy couple is full of overflowing of brightness and sunshine and happiness.

## Tax-Notice.

Austin Texas, Dec. 26th. 1897.  
To Tax Collectors:—  
I beg to call your attention to that portion of section 10, Chapter 103, General laws of 1897, which provides that "If any person shall fail or refuse to pay the taxes imposed upon him or his property by law until the 31st day of January next succeeding the return of the assessment rolls of the County to the Comptroller, a penalty of ten per cent on the entire amount of such taxes shall accrue, which penalty, when collected shall be paid proportionately to the State and County."  
You are therefore earnestly requested to make known this provision of the law as widely as possible through out your county in order that all tax-payers may have due notice of the same and thereby avoid same penalty. Instructions for reporting collections of penalty will be furnished in due time for your monthly report for February collections.  
With Compliments of the season, I am,  
Very respectfully,  
R. W. Finley  
Comptroller.  
Dictated by R. W. F.

This office earns every cent it gets and earns a great deal besides that it doesn't get. After working for and earning a little money, it is worth the money to collect it. Present a bill for it and in a majority of cases, the collector will be told—"come round on the 1st or on such and such a day."  
We hope our friends in the country will drop us communications and give all the neighborhood news.

## TEXT BOOKS.

The Text Book Board at Austin have passed on the reports of the Text Book Commission and have selected the books to be used in the schools of Texas for the next five years, beginning Sept. 1, 1898.

Below we submit extracts from their proceedings from which will be seen, in 1st column, the retail price of these books to patrons of schools, in the 2nd column the price to be paid when they exchange old books for the kind adopted, and in 3rd column the average retail price patrons have been paying in the past for school books before the text book law was passed. By comparing the figures in first and third columns it will be seen how much is saved on each book purchased under the law. It will be equal to a saving of 35 or 40 per cent to say nothing of the great advantage derived from the fact that these books can not be changed for five years.

TEXT BOOKS.	Retail Price	Exchange Price	Average Retail Price
Readers—Lippincott's—			
First, cloth	17 08	30	37
Sec'nd, "	23 13	50	50
Third, "	38 17	75	75
Fourth, "	50 23	90	90
Fifth, "	75 34	1 20	1 20
Davis—			
First, cloth	23 10		
Sec'nd, "	35 15		
Third, "	49 21		
Fourth, "	69 30		
Holmes—			
First, boards	12 06	25	25
Sec'nd, "	22 10	36	36
Third, "	35 15	53	53
Fourth, "	44 19	67	67
Fifth, cloth	52 23	86	86
Barnes—			
First, cloth	20 10	26	26
Sec'nd, "	35 18	45	45
Third, "	50 25	65	65
Fourth, "	70 35	87	87
Fifth, "	90 45	1 18	1 18
Swinton's—			
First, cloth	18 09	26	26
Sec'nd, cloth and leather	35 18	40	40
Third, "	50 25	62	62
Fourth, "	65 33	81	81
Fifth, "	90 45	1 04	1 04
McGuffey's—			
First, boards	17 09	22	22
Sec'nd, b'ds, leath. backs	30 76	32	32
Third, "	42 21	59	59
Fourth, "	50 25	50	50
Fifth, cloth	72 36	87	87
Popular—			
First, boards	15 10		
Sec'nd, "	25 15		
Third, "	35 20		
Fourth, "	45 25		
Fifth, cloth	50 30		
Harper—			
First, cloth	24 12	26	26
Sec'nd, "	35 18	40	40
Third, "	48 24	54	54
Fourth, "	60 30	69	69
Fifth, cloth and leather	90 45	90	90

## Estray Notice.

Taken up by J. L. Luce near Tadmor and estrayed before W. T. Harrison, J. P., Prec. No. 3, on Dec. 8th., 1897, the following described animals: Two dark brown mare mules, one 3 and the other 4 years old, each branded CM on left shoulder, one 13 and the other 18 hands high, collar mark on each one. Appraised at 40 dollars.  
Filed Dec. 14th., 1897.  
Given under my hand and seal of office this 21st day of December, 1897.  
N. E. Allbright, County Cl'k.,  
Houston County, Texas.

## Christmas Festivities.

(By the Society Reporter.)

Miss Hortense LeGory entertained her friends on Wednesday evening with an apron and tie party.

Miss Ethel Tood entertained her friends very sweetly on Tuesday evening last at the Capitol.

The Glenwood Association will give a Spelling Bee at the Court House on Saturday evening next, January 1, 1898. Admission 25c.—proceeds to build an iron fence around cemetery.

Miss Mabel Gooch of Palestine is visiting the Misses Wootters.

Misses Ethel, Lucia and Fannie Wootters are having one of Bill Arp's house parties—which is to say that "they draw boys like molasses does flies."

Judge Winfree and wife gave an entertainment on Wednesday evening last complimentary to Misses King and Myrick. Present: Mr. C. L. Shivers and bride, Geo. Denney and Miss Lucy May Baker, John Baker and Miss Laura Dunham, Tucker Baker and Miss Hattie Crook, J. A. Smith and Miss Ethel Wootters, Will Gaddy and Miss Adel Winfree, John Legory and Miss Lucia Wootters.

Miss Lucy Morris of Jacksonville is visiting her brother, Rev. R. E. Morris.

Mr. Paul J. Blackshear of Corsicana spent Xmas in Crockett.

Mr. Jim Tooke of Weimar spent a few days here this week.

The case on trial at Palestine this week illustrates how these enormous bills for attached witnesses come about. In order to impeach the leading witness for the defense, the state summoned some half dozen or more witnesses from this county. Then the defense summoned a half-dozen or more to bolster up the character of the leading witness. And thus it goes. And the state has to pay the mileage and per diem of all these witnesses. Now all these witnesses were unnecessary and should not have been allowed. The number of attached witnesses ought to be limited to two or three to each fact and no more. And besides some of those attached didn't know a thing in the world. Yet they had to be paid as if they knew it all.

Crockett needs a compress. If it can do no better, we hope some gin man will put in one of the Beesonette kind. But a compress it needs and ought to have. Behold what a compress does for a town in the case of Nacogdoches, whose cotton receipts will reach 25000 bales this season.

## DIED.

As we go to press we learn of the death of Mrs. Amelia Collins, mother of J. V. Collins. We can't do more in this issue than to note the event. Funeral services were held from the Baptist church at 2 p. m. Thursday.

Send in your names as members of the Tobacco Growers Association. If we can get the requisite number, it will be organized and if success is possible, success will be achieved. If we can't get enough names, we will certainly not undertake it.

Christmas passed very quietly in Crockett except the noise of exploding fireworks and the boisterous hurrahing of the youngsters engaged in it. The city authorities threw things wide open for such amusement, there being no effort to stop it.

Some of those who have been reading the COURIER for some time and paying nothing therefor are going to miss it next year. It is the year of years that a person wants a county paper. Their names go off these books after the close of the year (Vol. 8) unless they pay up.

Those who owe taxes for the year 1897 had better call and pay same before January 31, 1898. After that time according to the circular of the comptroller ten per cent additional is added as costs. Better save that ten per cent by settling your taxes before 31st of January.

George Waller, Dr. J. L. Hall, Duncan Blue and Will Shivers are attending court at Palestine this week, witnesses in the Sterne case. There have also been attached; R. C. Spinks, T. F. Smith, Albert Smith, John Lacy, Chas. Hassel, Ed. Walton, Lee Warren, Will Mathews, D. R. Stubblefield and Frank Beckham.

Those who think that they will continue to get the COURIER and not pay for same will be surprised very soon when they send to the office and find that it is not there. We place too high an estimate on the dignity of our labors to permit those who will not pay for it to read it. No-pay, no-go is hanging from the outer battlements of the COURIER office. So if you want to read a real live paper during the campaign now imminent you had better call and rub out the marks on the black-board.

Hon John B. Peyton informs the COURIER that the Trinity people are going into the tobacco business on an earnest, extensive scale. They are proposing to plant ground enough in tobacco to supply a cigar factory which will go up next fall. They raised quite a lot of it the past season which has been examined by Missouri and Kentucky experts and pronounced the equal of that product at Willis. The land around Trinity is said to be finely adapted for the weed after applying about 500 lbs of cotton seed meal. Houston county has thousands of acres of such land. The question is will we organize and go to work. Let the farmers answer the question.

Go out and hear Farmer Hopkins at the Opera House January 3rd.

## A BUSINESS SECRET.

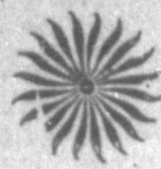
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# A SLAUGHTER FOR DECEMBER.

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.

## A 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 has the prices below the cost of production. Mr. Wagner has bought many thousand suits and pairs of trousers for the manufacturers of New York. He is still endeavoring to get the price 50 per cent off and the right, then, Mr. Wagner buys. Mr. Wagner is the best judge of clothing of Texas. Many of us know him and will bear me out in this assertion. He always buys the good qualities, but he has a price unless the price is CUT IN TWO.

## Clothing.

Woolen knee suits, regular \$1.00, suits 50c. Men's strictly all wool, double breasted knee suits, suits that will not fade or change color, \$2.50 to \$5.00. 71 extra fine, all wool, double breasted, in plain colors, extra well made and finished, priced at \$4.00, \$2.50. Men's all wool, heavy, as would be, cheap at \$5.00, \$2.98. Men's all wool tricort flannel or fancy Scotch cheviot \$1.00, value for \$4.50. Men's all wool casimere cheviot, fancy and plain colors, would be a bargain at \$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 12 1/2 goods, all good wash color and very suitable for children's school dresses, 6 1/2c. 500 pcs best brand prints, 5c goods, 4c. 5 bales good round thread, cotton stripes, 2 1/2c. 50 ps. good round thread cheviot, 6 1/2c grade, 4 1/2c. 21 pcs. soft finish 8 1/2c cheviot, 6 1/2c. 25 pcs apron check gingham, 5c, 3 1/2c. 28 real French percales, full yd wide 10 and 12 1/2c. 6 1/2c. 25 pcs. outing and flannelett cloth, 10c grade, 6 1/2c. 2 bales good yd wide Sea Island domestic, 5c, 3 1/2c. 24 bales extra fine soft finish yd wide, Sea Island domestic, 7c, 5c. 1 case good yd bleached domestic, 5c, 3 1/2c. 10 bolts lonsdale domestic, 8 1/2c, 6 1/2c.

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, 16 1/2c quality, 12 1/2c. 4 pcs. 10-4 Pepperell mills brown sheeting, 13 1/2c. 5 pcs. Pepperell mills bleached sheeting, 16 1/2c. 2 cases extra heavy Canton flannel, 10c grade, 7 1/2c. 3 pcs. 6 1/2c mattress ticking, 4 1/2c. 5 pcs. extra heavy feather ticking, 15c grade, 10c. 3 pcs. fine fancy stripe, eaten finish, feather ticking, 16 1/2c grade, 12 1/2c.

## Dress Goods.

400 yds Amaranth cloth, 10c grade reduced to 6 1/2c. 500 yds Persian cashmere, 12 1/2c, reduced to 7 1/2c. 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. 43 patterns novelty plaid dress goods, \$1.50 to \$1.00. 37 ps novelty changeable dress goods, \$1.75 to \$1.25. 15 ps 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 bonca and silk mixed, \$6.50 to \$4.85. Big lot solid colored henriettes, serges and ashmeres 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 Vic 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 laundried negligee shirts, 35c grade, 20c.

" " " 50c " 35c.

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

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

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

Men's laundried 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, 7 1/2c grade, 5c.

Men's extra heavy seamless, and warranted stainless sox, 10c grade, 8 1/2c.

Men's double heel and toes, French mixed 12 1/2c black sox, 8 1/2c.

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

Men's good large sized fancy bordered handkerchiefs, 5c grade, 2 1/2c.

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 2 1/2c. One cake fine cocoanut oil soap 2c. One ladies' handkerchief 2c.

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**THE BRADFIELD REGULATOR CO.,**  
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**War Reminiscences.**

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

After this, our first fight, it took some little time to get everything into its normal condition. When order was restored and the few demoralized had been gotten together again, we resumed our march, but did not go far that day, and when camps were pitched for the night, then it was that the events of the day were brought out in their strongest light. Every man was the hero of the occasion. Each told what he did and saw—most marvelous tales of hair-breadth escapes, close calls and acts of personal prowess. Every one had something to say about every one else, and especially of one man who by accident or otherwise fell over a log and by some means never caught up until the fight was over. It was more noticeable in him as he had been the "bad man" of the company. In fact there had been many acts of daring, bravery and individual valor shown by the men. While even Hood's Texas brigade with all their fighting reputation and well-merited praise as brave and gallant men, they had a few men that could not stand the whistle of a minnie ball. This first engagement demonstrated to us in unmistakable terms what war was, and took the starch out of many fiery youths that had been "spiling for a fight." It also taught us caution, as it was clearly shown that you could be shot from the rear by careless or excited men as well as by the enemy in front. This the writer can testify, for after the charge, and while under fire of the gun boats, the writer, who was one of the color-bearers, took shelter behind a large tree. The other men, prompted by the same impulses, soon fell in behind him until some seven or eight had gotten behind the same tree. This was all right, until some excited man chanced to see a straggling Yank and fired at him, without proper regard as to where he was holding his gun, singing the hair and burning the skin off the ear of the writer.

The retreat to Richmond was continued with only one interruption from the enemy. This occurred probably the second day after the fight and was near New Kent court house, where it was expected they would attack us. We formed in line of battle and awaited his coming, but he came not. We

moved on. The rains set in again, and such marching as it was. The roads were blocked by the wagons and artillery and the mud was simply terrible. Gen. Whiting, in command of the division, urged them forward. "Close up, men, close up," said he. "Don't mind a little mud!"

"Do you call this a little mud?" said one of the men. "S'pose you get down, stranger, and try it. I'll hold your horse."

"Do you know who you are talking to? I'm Gen. Whiting."

"General be d—d! Don't you reckon I know a general from a long-tongued courier?" said the man and stepped into the dark. The general probably thought it best to leave them alone and rode on.

The rains continued, and after much "cussing" and hard marching we reached the Chickahominy creek to find it swollen beyond its banks. The change from mud to water was rather agreeable. Arriving at the stream, we found it spanned by a pontoon or in other words a bridge built upon boats instead of trestles. Crossing to the Richmond side we could breathe more freely, and went into quarters at Pine Island, three miles from Richmond, where we remained some time resting and cleaning up. While here one of those amusing scenes that sometimes happen in camps occurred. We had a fisty little fellow in our company who was flying into the face of every man that did not do to please him. This state of things had been going on for some time. Most of the men would not pay any attention to him, but this time he raised the row with one of the quietest and most dignified men in the company, who, not wishing to hurt the little fellow, but thinking some wholesome chastisement would do him good, quietly walked to the edge of the camp, picked up a good sized bush that had been cut down in clearing camp and administered to him a thorough and long needed brushing to the great amusement of the men.

Here we ran up against the navy bean. Not being posted as to the proper mode of cooking them, we put them on with the necessary amount of bacon to season them, and as it was our cook day we placed the camp kettle securely on the fire and went to take a hand in a game of "seven up" going on close by. After waiting as we thought until they were done, we went to examine them, when we found them apparently as hard as when put in the pot. Rejoining the game we waited another half hour and to our surprise found them as hard as ever. Things were getting serious. It was now after dinner time, and the mess was raising sand about their dinner. The cook exerted every energy, rebuilt the fire, stirred the pot, and at the suggestion of a friend put in some soda. But all to no purpose. They would not get soft. The patience of the mess as well as the cook having given out, he kicked the camp kettle off the fire and made them do without any beans. While here we reorganized and held an election for regimental and company officers, which resulted in but few changes. We also received a fresh supply of clothing, cleaned off the peninsular mud, and in fact soon showed up a respectable body of men.

Cut.

Henry Jones (col) was badly cut by James Spurgers white. The streets were very muddy and the two met on a plank-walk across streets. The negro refused to give way and struck Spurgers. Then a chase began. After some running Spurgers caught Jones and used his knife on his head. The wound is not serious.

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

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

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

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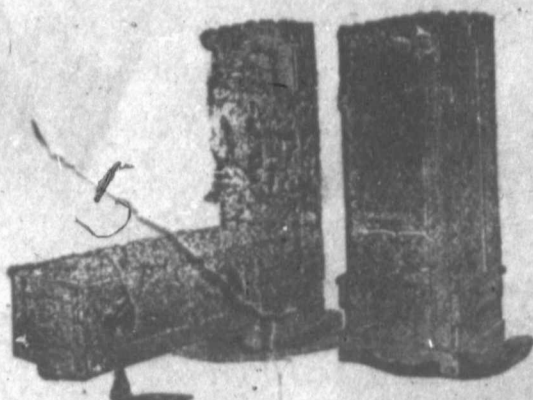
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THE COURIER.

W. B. PAGE, Editor.

MONDAY EDITION.

ATTY GEN'L CRANE BRINGS THE KATY INTO COURT.

Reference was made a short time since to the promptness with which Atty Gen'l Crane was forcing the railroads which were violating commission rates to come into court and plead as to their guilt. The Southern Pacific and the I. & G. N. on being caught owned up, pleaded guilty, paid the penalty and promised to sin no more. Last week Mr. Crane filed ten more suits—twenty in all—against the M. K. & T. R. R. Co. for granting rebates to Inman & Co. of Houston. This road will do as the others, plead guilty, pay up and promise to observe the commission schedule in the future. The following from Austin to the Post explains the situation:

Austin, Texas, December 23.—The attorney general, in Travis county district court today, filed ten more penalty suits against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway, the petition alleging that in January, 1897, the defendant violated the commission's tariff and discriminated in favor of Inman & Co. of Houston by transporting cotton for them to Houston at a less rate than that charged other shippers for a longer haul.

Should the railway be effected, a remedy by refunding the cost of transportation at Houston, the cotton being then hauled up to this point. The attorney general's attorneys and the railway's attorneys have been back and forth for some time. The railway attorneys will plead guilty and pay the penalty, but the attorney general's attorneys have been back and forth for some time. The railway attorneys will plead guilty and pay the penalty, but the attorney general's attorneys have been back and forth for some time.

Tobacco Raising.

Willis, Tex., Dec 13.—Messrs. P. J. Willis & Bro., Galveston—Gentlemen: Your very interesting and instructive favor of the 6th instant was read with real pleasure, and should have had attention earlier.

You ask for my experience in the cultivation of tobacco in the black lands. I have had none, and such a thing is unknown here; and such experience, so far as I have been able to learn, is unknown among our tobacco growers of this section. It is, however, regarded as highly impracticable. From our little experience, we are inclined to the opinion that freestone or soft water is indicative of good tobacco land, and you know black land is notorious for lime water. It might be well to say this section is filled with an abundance of freestone water. One can grow a fine plant of tobacco with fertilizer on almost any soil, but when cured out and made into a cigar flavor, body and burning qualities, one, or all, may be lacking. The absence of either would render the tobacco valueless. Just eight miles below us, near Conroe, the same variety of tobacco we are raising was tried in 1895—in fact, the plants were grown and shipped from here—and while they grew an apparently nice crop, when cured out it proved a failure and a loss and has not been attempted in that locality since.

Plant beds should be prepared any time before February 1. Brush or other light material should be burned on the ground intended for plant beds, to destroy all kinds of roots and seeds of foreign vegetation. Then you make a frame about 5 1/2 by 16 feet of 1x6 lumber. With these you frame in your beds of like size. The object is first to hold the edges of the beds solid in case of heavy rain, and second, it is needed to tack canvases to, with

which each bed must be covered. This canvas is about the same as is used under wall paper, and is tacked well to one side of the bed and stretched across and hooked to the other side, this being necessary for the protection of the plants against late frosts and to assist in holding moisture and to partially defend the plants against heavy, beating rains; on nice warm days this covering is thrown off. After burning off the ground and before planting the seeds the land should be well spaded and pulverized several times, well fertilized and evenly distributed. The fertilizer should be put in at least two weeks before seeds are sown. Seeds should be sown along from February 1 to March 15 (best not all at once), and one ounce will be sufficient for ten to twelve beds of the size mentioned, and it takes about four such beds to raise enough plants for one acre, or 10,000 plants.

(Never plant in the forenoon unless it is very damp and cloudy.) The field or plot of ground on which plants are to be set should be well plowed three or more times, or until it is thoroughly pulverized and level. Then fertilizers should be distributed broadcast and plowed in six inches deep if possible, after which a float or leveler should be dragged across leaving it flat and smooth. Two weeks after fertilizer is turned under the land is ready for the plants. Most of our farmers space their rows thirty-three inches apart and try to place plants in the drill fifteen to eighteen inches apart.

The greatest pest just after planting, or rather, transplanting, is cutworms. As the plant begins to grow and be thrifty suckers make their appearance and should be removed with the hands, at once. The more rapidly your plant grows and the thrifter it becomes, the easier come the suckers, and at the

same time the regular tobacco worm appears and seems determined on eating up the crop. Several methods have been employed with which to cope with this worst enemy, the most successful of which is a light application of paris green put on dry by the aid of a small machine called a powder or poison gun.

After cutting and housing the first crop one must begin right away cultivating the stubble, on which new sprouts soon appear, and all of which should be pinched off except one to each stub. The second crop which these sprouts make grows much faster than the first if favored with good rains, and is frequently better in quality. Some years, like this, very little second crop is made.

The yield per acre depends entirely on the amount of fertilizer used (and too much cannot be used), the amount of care and attention you give it, the stand you get and the seasons. To a man who will do his duty by it, 500 pounds to the acre is a safe estimate. This year some men here made 200 pounds, some 500 and some 700 pounds to the acre. My crop of eighteen acres averaged 700 pounds to the acre, and very little second cutting was had. This yield, however, was far above the average.

No attempt has been made to raise other than cigar leaf here within my knowledge.

A. M. CARRON.

Residence Burned.

The residence of, Mee Langston, living about 3 miles south of Crockett, was burned one night last week. Nearly all the contents of the building were destroyed. The residence was a good one. Langston had \$700 insurance on house and \$300 on furniture. Origin of fire not known.

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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 prices they must be sold:

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.

One lot of ladies' extra fine Silk Plush Capes elaborately trimmed and worth \$6.50, our holiday price \$4.19.

One lot of ladies' Black Beaver Capes trimmed with black fur, holiday price 69c.

One lot of ladies' Dark Gray Capes handsomely trimmed with fur and braid, holiday price 84c.

One lot of ladies' Brown and Black Capes nicely beaded and braided, holiday price \$2.24.

We also have an elegant line of Black Beaver Capes ranging in price from 99c to \$2.50 each.

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One lot of Jackets to close out—no price given on them, but we will let them go for less than the

## LADIES' SHAWLS.

We also have about one dozen All Wool Shawls at prices to close out lot.

### FEATHER BOAS.

Our \$2.50 White and Black Feather Boas we will close at \$1.19 each.

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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.

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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.

One lot of boys' Odd Vests 29c.

### MENS' SUITS.

One lot of mens' Fine Black French Back Worsteds Suits, French make, sold at \$10.00, holiday price \$7.39.

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Mens' Heavy White Merino Undershirts at 15c.

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Mens' Overshirts, very good, at 15c.

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Mens' Heavy Merino Undershirts with fancy knit neck band at 24c.

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Mens' Fine Black Sweaters at 49c.

Mens' Suspensers, bright and fancy patterns at 3c.

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Ladies' Extra Heavy Wool Hose at 25c.

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One lot of 72 pairs of Mens' Stanley Congress Shoes, Sunday styles at \$1.00.

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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.

### NOTICE THIS LOT.

One lot of very fine white fleeced Australian wool blankets, former price \$9.45, our holiday price is \$6.50. 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.

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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.

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### OUR LAST.

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.

VERY RESPECTFULLY,

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## LOCAL NEWS.

**Robbed.**  
Alec Davis (col) was robbed of \$80 in money Xmas-eve. Search of Len Hubbard and Steve McHenry brought forth the money.

W. J. Murchison, J. R. B. Barbee, John Wakefield, J. W. Skipper, Dr. S. J. Collins, T. B. Perry, D. S. Williams, all came up Monday to be present at the funeral ceremonies of Dr. J. L. Lipscomb. Some of them united with the local Masonic Lodge in the performance of usual funeral rites.

R. D. Ball, for several years, section foreman of the I. & G. N. has quit the service of the road. The reason moving him to take this course was the circular issued by that road virtually requiring all track employees of that company to trade with a Houston firm. Mr. Ball has been a faithful and efficient employe.

**Married.**  
At the residence of the bride's father in Augusta, Tex, Dec 23, 1897, Mr. O. T. Ratcliff and Miss Mattie McMillan, Rev. C. B. Smith performing the beautiful ceremony. Mr. Ratcliff is a nephew of J. H. Ratcliff, our esteemed fellow county man and the bride one of Houston county's fairest belles. S.

**The Tobacco Industry.**  
We print elsewhere another clipping on the subject of tobacco raising and invite the attention of CROCKETT readers to same. The editor is anxious to perfect the organization referred to in past issues and again appeal to those farmers interested in the diversification of crops to come forward and co-operate in the movement. The following have signified their readiness to join and to help the enterprise on to success, if it can be made a success: J. W. Arledge, Jehu

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Beeson, B. F. Dickerson, J. H. Ratcliff, Dick Monk and W. B. Page. We need a few more and as soon as a sufficient number make known their willingness to unite with us in the work, a meeting will be called, organization perfected and active steps taken to get every essential preliminary looked after before the stage of planting is reached. We hope the necessary number will be forth coming at once so that we can go to work without delay. This is a very important matter to the farmers and one that they don't seem to appreciate as they should.

**Careless Extravagance.**  
We offered the farmers of this county some good wholesome advice in our last issue which it followed in the future will be worth a great deal to them. Since writing the article mentioned we went to the clerk's office and ran over the files of chattel mortgages for the purpose of finding evidence for our own satisfaction of the truth of our statements. It is a curious and interesting aggregation of papers. We found in the run of a cursory investigation that quite a number of mortgages had been filed during the present month for lightning rods, etc. One man had gotten \$51.50 worth of lightning rods, enough to protect him from a Kansas cyclone and all the imps of Erebus as well; another had gotten \$77.50 worth of the same article and secured same by mortgage; this same gentleman owes \$6 in this office for subscription; another in mortal dread of electric perils had purchased rods to the extent of \$78.60; another \$48.45; another \$65, and so on. These mortgages were recently given. The American Harrow Co. to judge from the mortgages on file, will own a large section of Houston

county in a short while. No people can prosper or do well or even live in comfort that will squander money in this fashion.

**Sun Spots.**  
A few nights since those of an observant turn might have seen brilliant northern lights or what is technically called "Aurora Borealis"—the northern halo. They could be seen as many as four or five nights and were beautifully attractive. Some thought that some farm house was burning up, others spoke of them as weather lights." In higher latitudes these lights become dazzlingly bright and beautiful, take on all the hues of the rainbow and extend through an arc on the horizon of 60 degrees. Rays of indescribably beautiful, colors radiate from the horizon in the direction of the zenith and shimmer as if thrown out from some great conflagration. They are of magnetic origin and scientists tell us have some connection with convulsions on the Sun's surface. During the past week (and even now) by the aid of a smoked glass an immense black spot—estimated to be a hundred thousand miles in diameter—can be seen on the sun's disc, caused by some stupendous upheaval in the sun's body. These local convulsions on the solar surface are said to be the cause of the northern lights. These lights are rare in these latitudes.

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.

Rev. W. M. Gaddy of Beeville has been spending the holidays in Crockett.

Miss Anna DeBerry of San Angelo spent Christmas with relatives in Crockett.

E. H. Calloway was in to see us a day or two before Xmas. A visit from such friends is a refreshing treat.

The trial of L. A. Sterne at Palestine this week is creating quite an interest. A large array of lawyers is marshaled on both sides.

A large number of witnesses from and near Weldon have been summoned to Woodville next month as witnesses for and against Van Goodrum.

Ross Murchison, Henry Leaverton and J. E. Hollingsworth have entered into a contract with Klpatrick and his partner to deliver to them by April 1st a certain number of cattle.

Establish the tobacco industry in this county and it will be two years before there is one more cigar factory erected in Crockett. Trinity proposes to build a cigar factory this fall.

There are several parties being put in a telephone exchange in Crockett and a franchise of character should be put up to the highest bidder by the city council. And after the franchise is granted the city council should reserve the right to control the exercise of use of it by ordinance.

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**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 Trinity River, 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 6 1/4 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

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, piums, 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

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, Weches, Tadmor, Ratcliff, Colthorp, Dalv, 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.

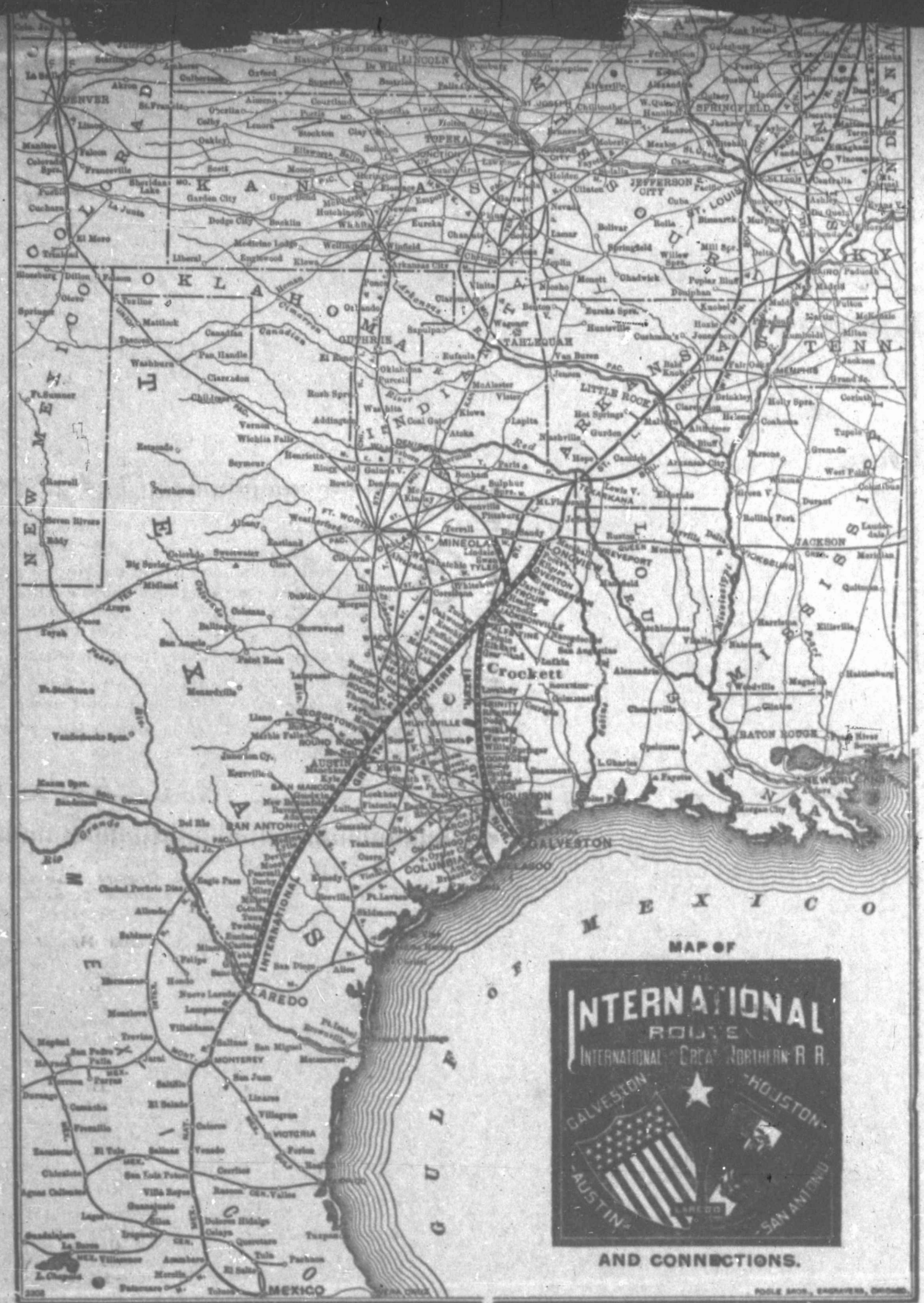
We need progressive farmers, a canning and fruit-preserving factory, a furniture factory and many other enterprises that can secure raw material without the expense of a long haul.

**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.



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**C**WING 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.**

Read tax-notice of J. R. Sheridan.

J. T. Hart of Lovelady was in town Thursday.

Coll Aldrich is up from a protracted spell of illness.

A pleasant call from H. A. Ivey of Hagarville on Tuesday.

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

J. C. Box, a native of this county and a candidate for the legislature from this flatorial district, has moved from Lufkin to Jacksowie.

**CASH! 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.

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**CHRISTMAS GOODS.**

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

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

Jess Aldrich, who is clerking in a drug store at Houston came up Xmas.

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

The receipts at Crockett for the current season will run close to if not over 15,000 bales.

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

Quite a number of farmers have told us that the top crop surprised them with several bales more.

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

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

The occupation tax on peddlers has been knocked galley-west. They can sell now without license.

We had a pleasant visit on Tuesday from our old and respected friend, John Douglass, living near the Trinity.

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.

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

Mrs Arabella Odell and Mrs Byrdie Odell of Cleburn came down to be present at the funeral services of Dr. J. L. Lipscomb.

S. A. Cook was in to see us Tuesday. In speaking of next year's farming operations, he said he expected to plant very little cotton if any.

Every day there pass through our town from three to eight or ten wagons, covered and equipped for traveling and camping. They seem to be going in every direction of the compass.

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.

Lovelady, though a populist box in elections, has a better score at this office than any other post office in the county. We mean by this that there are fewer delinquent subscribers there than anywhere else in the county. Next to Lovelady comes Porter Springs.

Hon John B. Peyton and Mrs. Peyton of Trinity spent a part of Christmas in Crockett.

J. W. Snyder and family have moved to this county in the last few days from Pike county Alabama.

The three gins at Crockett have ginned close on to 3000 bales of cotton this season and it is not all ginned yet.

Mitchel Satterwhite, who has been living at Fulcher, Texas, for some months past spent Xmas in Crockett.

It looks like some of those who attend Masonic Grand Lodges mix up some little politics with the "four cardinal principles of free-masonry."

J. B. Simmons, Henry Holcomb, George Allen and Horace Moore, subscribers and friends of the COURIER, called on Tuesday and renewed.

Edmund Hill entertained the young people at his home five miles in the country on Tuesday evening last. Quite a number went out from Crockett.

J. L. Sutton and bride left on a bridal tour for Galveston and other points the same day they were married. They have since returned.

The Commandery of Knights Templar of Palestine of Which Dr. J. L. Lipscomb was a devoted member for years were anxious to attend the funeral obsequies but on account

**Notice!**  
All practicing physicians in Houston county are requested to meet at the office of Dr. S. T. Beasley on Saturday, January 8, 1898.  
S. T. BEASLEY,  
J. B. SMITH,  
J. L. HALL.

The soil around Grapeand is admirably adapted to tobacco growing. Still no one comes forward from that section and says "that he is ready to join."

B. E. Hail, with his crowd of county convicts, has taken a contract to cultivate 250 acres of layou bottom land for Mayes & Moore. He expects to work 500 acres of his own.

Light, sandy soil, yielding free-stone water is the kind for tobacco. Soil with lime in it will not do. Farms where the water supply is from wells of lime water are more than likely not suited for tobacco production.

For the last few days there have been some complaints about electric lights not running all night. We have been informed that the reason of it is the difficulty in getting wood during the past bad spell of weather.

Dave Woodward of San Antonio, brother of Mrs F. C. Long, spent a couple of days in Crockett this week. He returned to San Antonio, Tuesday accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Long, the latter for her health.

Those indebted to the COURIER for job work or other kind and for subscription more than a year past due can help this office very much by coming round and settling. We cant wait always for a little sum and you ought not ask or expect it.

If you will go to the Opera House next Monday night you must take a surcingle along somewhat like those that Speaker Reed wears. "What use will you have for it," did you say? Why to keep your sides from splitting open at the comic, funny things in the play of Farmer Hopkins.

A Tribute of Respect and Esteem.

FROM A FRIEND.

Immodicula ne spes, monet annus et alium  
 Quis rapti hora diem.  
 Frigidus misceat Zephyrus; ver proter: aestas,  
 Intestat, simul  
 Fovifer autumnus terges effudit; et mox  
 Druma recurrit Iners.  
 Domus tamen coloris reparant caelestia lunae:  
 Nos, ubi decidimus,  
 Quo plus Aeneas, quo dives Tullus et Aeneas  
 Pulvis et umbra sumus.  
 Quis est an adificat hoc? crastina  
 summas  
 Tempora di superi?

We cannot conceive a greater loss, personally speaking, nor one more deeply and more generally mourned than this community sustained in the death of Dr. James L. Lipscomb on Sunday morning last. Coming as it did suddenly, without warning to his friends or premonition to himself, the sad announcement of the event was an unrealizable and incredible shock to the legion of devoted friends whom the truly noble traits of character and lovable disposition of the deceased had bound to him as with hooks of steel. For nearly half-a-century the subject of this sketch had been a citizen of this county and town, moving originally from Alabama, his native state, to Mississippi, and thence after a short stay to Texas. He came to Crockett, it may be said, almost in the pioneer days of the country when society was necessarily in a formative, primitive state. Though young in years and with a limited experience as a practitioner he at once assumed the high rank socially and professionally to which his gentle breeding of nature and high accomplishments of calling entitled him. From the day of his arrival here, nearly fifty years ago, to the day of his demise his career in its relations to his state, to society and to his chosen vocation has been one of ever-growing, ever-widening, ever-elevating influence and aspiration, whether stimulating those with whom he mingled to higher social resolve or to loftier ideals of patriotism or whether in the capacity of a merciful minister diffusing sunshine and bestowing cheer and comfort by the bedside of the afflicted. In whichever of these capacities he acted he was *facile primus inter pares*. In disposition and temperament deceased was an ideal of gentleness and amiability, scrupulously thoughtful and tender of the feelings of others, scornful to say the least of harm, yet resolute of purpose and keenly conscious of his own rights and personal dignity as a cavalier ever dared to be. In his friendships and attachments he was the impersonation of all that is true, sincere and chivalrous. Quick to resent a studied slight or intentional affront, in the explanation of that Christian charity and grace which is ever ready to forgive, he would go more than a mile to reclaim an estranged friend or to do justice where he thought possible in justice had been done. If he was strong and set in his dislikes, the world knew it not, but no one cherished a purer devotion to his friends or manifested a deeper appreciation of friendship's value than he. Thus briefly and inadequately have we sketched the official side of our subject. Thus qualified and endowed with those gifts which all the world loves, he was qualified to deal with his fellow-men in a way which never failed to win esteem and to make his name in the prosecution of his mission these gentle graces made him an ever welcome visitor to the chamber where sickness and not infrequently exer-

...practice abroad with skill and... were... His life and all of his energies had been consecrated to the calling which he chose and which he cherished with an ardent and sacred love. In his estimation the calling to which he had dedicated his life's work was peerless in the dignity of its noble mission of ministering to the sick and relieving the suffering. For forty years he had gone in and out among these people whom he loved and who were devotedly attached to him. The day was not too hot or too cold nor the night too dark and stormy for him to go, if he had been summoned or his word had been given. And therein may be found, possibly, the cause, though remote, of his untimely taking off. It is a case of the pitcher's going once too often to the fountain. In this age of push and pressure when all things and all persons move as with the impulse of an accelerated momentum the insinuating and insidious enemy of man's health and happiness — *overwork* — gradually and slowly, 'tis true, yet with unerring and inexorable certainty leaves its fateful impress upon all whose indiscretion furnishes the victim. If there be any one class or calling of our citizens whose spirit of self-sacrifice and disinterested devotion to the welfare of others entitles them to the abiding appreciation and gratitude of their fellow-men, it is that of the medical fraternity who are prompt at all hours, however unseasonable, to respond to the cries of distress. There is an end, however, to all things and a limit to the powers of endurance. The bow that is always bent breaks. Perpetual motion is both a mechanical and a physiological impossibility. For several years past our friend had neglected an all-important axiom of hygiene which exhausted nature enjoins upon all. Among the manifold laws governing the complex functions of life there is none more certain in its claims for a swift, unflinching penalty for its violation than the law of rest. In his earnest, humane zeal to minister to the wants of those who confided in his skill as an all-powerful agent of restoration he had gone and gone at all hours and under all skies when tired, worn-out nature should have been enwrapped in the invigorating influences of sleep and rest. In this manner for many years past his life had been spent, furnishing in all probability a clue to the cause of his untimely departure. We might extend this notice of the life of our deceased friend beyond limit but space precludes. In conclusion we shall refer briefly to one or two other things deserving notice. Deceased was a zealous and earnest member of the Masonic Order, having taken all the degrees of the York Ritual from the Entered Apprentice degree in Blue Lodge Masonry to that of Knight Templar. His attachment to this order and his love for its principles was earnest and devout and the cardinal tenets thereof were exemplified in his daily conversation with punctilious and religious loyalty. And what has been said of his relations to the Masonic fraternity may be said of his church associations. He was of the Baptist church but his religion was of that broad, catholic kind that scorned bigotry and intolerance and regarded church, house and denominations as guideposts for the erring and wayward. If our friend

...steemed by the public and by his friends, at home and abroad, the sacred hearth stone of his own kith and kin, was literally worshipped. As a band, father and grandfather, received and reciprocated a love and affection, deep, devoted and idolatrous. Thus succinctly and only partially have we sketched the character and life-work of our subject, regretting that the limits of space preclude us from saying all that may be said. Thus lived and thus passed away one of nature's noblemen, a devout Christian, an ardent Mason, a patriotic citizen, a sincere and staunch friend, a loving, indulgent father, a true husband and a gentleman as chivalrous as a Knight of the Round Table. To his ashes peace, to his memory love and veneration as enduring as the hills.

ONE CAMPAIGN LIE NAILED.

The charge made by a correspondent of the News that Atty Gen'l Crane lobbied against the passage of the text-book bill while pending before the late legislature is a ridiculous newspaper extravagance. Mr. Crane has already denounced the report as false in fact and wishes so far as he was concerned. An enterprising genius of a newspaper reporter coupled the attitude of Mr. Crane toward the text-book bill before the Twenty-Second Senate with the bill pending before the last. He opposed the bill before the Twenty Second and said reporter assumed that he was opposed to the Prester bill and was scheming to defeat it. Now the truth of the matter is this: Mr. Crane was really friendly to the Prester bill and on a visit of the writer to Austin during the session of the legislature in speaking of the stubborn fight in the Senate of Twenty Second Leg. between him and the writer over the bill at this time under consideration, Mr. Crane remarked: "Well, Page, I have about come to the conclusion, that you were right and that I was wrong on the question of text-book uniformity." That Corsicana joker of a politician—alias Jester—voted for text-book uniformity at the regular session of the Twenty Second legislature and at the special session of the same body doubled on his tracks without a word of explanation and voted against it and was largely responsible for its defeat. In fact the defeat of that measure before the special session of the Twenty Second Legislature may be laid at the feet mainly of John Cochran of Dallas and Geo. Jester of Corsicana.

That little scheme of trying to induce Lloyd of Cherokee to run for the senate in order to injure Imboden in his candidacy for congress will not work. It is so very, very thin that a blind man can see through it.

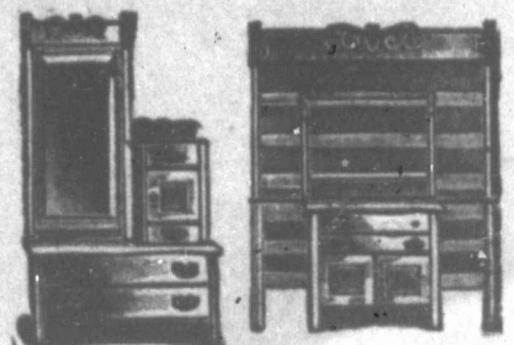
Imboden will go to congress and Lloyd will not permit himself to be used to pull out the hot chestnuts of others. Then, if Lloyd is relying on the solicitation he got down at Houston during the session of Grand Lodge as an expression of support from Houston County he had better think several times before he makes up his mind. Besides he is too shrewd a man to be encouraged and taken in by appeals from those whose principles of democracy led them to support McKinley for president. Our Cherokee friend would do well to take our advice and not suffer himself to be used as the mummy used the cat.

A DEMOCRATIC primary in this county in the races for United States senator, governor and congressman would give every democrat a voice and choice in the selection of these high officials. Let us have such a primary.

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