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## DISTRICT COURT.

### Case Against J. E. Batton Dismissed and the McKinneys Acquitted.

As the COURIER went to press last week the trial of John Terry for the murder of another negro was in the hands of the jury. The case went to the jury Tuesday morning and was in their hands until Friday afternoon, when one of the jurors became ill and the jury was dismissed by Judge Gardner. The jury stood eight for conviction and four for acquittal from start to finish. As one of the jurymen expressed it, they had eight contrary members. This case resulted in a mistrial at the last term of the court. The question was whether or not the defendant acted in self defense.

The case against J. E. Batton for hog theft, which was to be tried Wednesday afternoon, was dismissed by the state for lack of sufficient evidence to convict. Batton's two partners pleaded guilty Wednesday morning and were sent up for two years each.

The case of R. G. McKinney, charged with the murder of Olin English, went to trial Thursday morning. The trial consumed Thursday and Friday, and on Saturday morning the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty. The killing occurred at Jack English's "boot legging" camp in the eastern part of the county nearly two years ago.

The case of George McKinney for the same crime was taken up Saturday afternoon and went to the jury Monday night. On Tuesday morning the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Alex Sanders, charged with murder, got his case continued.

Major McMillan, a black negro, was on trial Tuesday afternoon for the murder of Jake Sheffur, an older and well-to-do negro farmer. Major was a tenant of old Jake and the two got into trouble about the former's crop, which resulted in Jake being shot and killed. This happened two or three years ago in the southwestern part of the county.

### The Censorship Section.

While complete information relating to the censorship section of the election law reveals that it does not altogether seek to restrict the legitimate and reasonable freedom of the press, the fact remains that such a section was entirely unnecessary because the evils against which it was aimed do not exist, except in rare instances, and are not likely to exist in the future. As we understand Judge Terrell, the grave danger which it was his chief desire to guard against is the political trust, whatever that is: We quote Judge Terrell's language:

The section regarding newspapers in the election bill now pending in the senate is believed to have the indorsement of the two daily newspapers that have a financial strength that places them above the suspicion of being a political trust and whose stock, I am sure, is not owned by any politician. It is believed that the few press criticisms of that article have been made in ignorance of its true scope, for I know of no newspaper in Texas that is at present in a political trust. The most

dangerous trust of all will be the approaching trust on the channels of intelligence—the newspapers of the country. When the springs of public information are poisoned a government of the people will be impossible. The section referred to is a necessary protection against a coming danger.

The term political trust is so vague that the Post does not pretend to know what it means. We have heard the National republican party alluded to as a political trust because it appears to be an association of men banded together to hold all the Federal offices. So the democratic party of Texas has been defined by those who have failed to obtain nominations. We pass up the political trust proposition and come down to the "coming danger," as Judge Terrell calls it, "the approaching trust on the channels of intelligence—the newspapers of the country."

Affirming, as the Post has often done, its profound respect for Judge Terrell as a patriot and a statesman, the Post must deny that any such danger is impending or that it can ever threaten the public welfare. The established news collecting associations are entirely nonpartisan and can exist only upon a nonpartisan basis. Every scheme of co-operation ever undertaken by the great newspapers has been to extend and perfect their news-gathering facilities with the sole object in view of affording the reading public the widest possible range of accurate information.

The Associated Press has never advocated any party or candidate. Its members are newspapers representing all shades of political opinion, and while a majority of the members are probably republican, not once has any paper or collection of papers sought to exceed the common purpose of co-operative effort, that is, the collection of accurate information in the shape of important and uncolored facts. Any attempt to control political sentiment through the Associated Press would cause the organization to melt immediately, law or no law, because it could exist, as we have before remarked, upon no other basis than that upon which it now rests.

As for the country press, to attempt to organize that into a trust would be equivalent to an effort to monopolize the atmosphere and force humanity to pay for breathing privileges.

The Post cares nothing about the censorship section in its present form; but legislation is not invited by conditions now existing or which can exist hereafter, and to that extent it seems to reflect upon the integrity and patriotism of the journalists of the State, who, in spite of the abuse of demagogues and politicians, are foremost and unceasing in their efforts to advance the political, social, moral and material welfare of the State.—Houston Post.

### A Chattanooga Druggist's Statement

Robt. J. Miller, Proprietor of the Read House Drug Store of Chattanooga, Tenn., writes: "There is more merit in Foley's Honey and Tar than in any other cough syrup. The calls for it multiply wonderfully and we sell more of it than all other cough syrups combined. Smith and French Drug Co.

## REVENUE LEGISLATION.

### Status of Tax Measures Passed by Twenty-Ninth Legislature and of Those Yet Pending.

Austin, April 8.—Following is the record of the Twenty-Ninth Legislature on revenue legislation:

Passed and approved by the Governor, bill by Representative Beaty, providing for the collection of taxes upon timber sold on lands belonging to the State.

Passed and approved by the Governor, bill by Representatives Love of Dallas and Brelsford, increasing the annual franchise taxes of corporations. It was estimated that this act would produce \$75,000 of additional revenue. However, it has been found defective. A bill to correct it by Representative Canales has passed the House and is now pending in the Senate.

Passed and approved by the Governor, Senator Hicks' bill requiring waterworks, electric light, gas, street railway and sewer companies to report their capitalization, earnings, expenses, etc., to City Councils as a basis for the regulation of rates; amended so as to require them to file a copy of the report with County Clerk for information of tax officials.

Passed and in the hands of the Governor, the bill by Mr. Love of Dallas, imposing a tax of 1 per cent upon the gross receipts of railroads, which it is estimated will produce \$600,000 additional revenue this year.

Passed and enrolled, ready to go to the Governor Monday, the bill by Representative Williams, to tax the intangible assets of the following named corporations: Railroad, telegraph, interurban, express, car renting, pipe line, ferry, bridge, toll road, wharf and packing house companies. The bill will not become effective until Jan. 1, 1906. It creates a State Tax Board and one new office with a salary of \$2,500. The amount of additional revenue which it will produce annually is variously estimated, running as high as \$1,200,000. It is provided that when the corporations named in this act shall have paid taxes in accordance with the terms thereof, they shall be exempt from the payment of taxes upon gross receipts.

Passed the House and passed the Senate, with amendments, which are yet to be concurred in, the bill by Representative Kennedy, taxing the gross receipts of the following named corporations in the percentages shown: Express companies, 2½ per cent; sleeping, palace and dining car companies, 4 per cent; telegraph companies, 3 per cent; surety and guaranty companies, 2 per cent; gas, electric light, electric power and waterworks companies, one-fourth of 1 per cent; wholesale oil dealers and oil producing companies, 2 per cent; school text book and law book publishers, 2 per cent; car renting companies, 2 per cent; pipe line companies, 2 per cent; cotton and produce exchanges, 2½ per cent; commercial and collecting agencies, one-half of 1 per cent; foreign loan companies, 5 per cent

on gross interest receipts. It is estimated that this bill will produce about \$500,000 of additional revenue this year.

Passed House and passed Senate, with amendments which are yet to be concurred in, the bill by Representative Bowser, taxing the gross premium of insurance companies as follows: Life, 2 to 2½ per cent; fire, 1½ to 2 per cent; all other insurance companies, 1 per cent.

The Love-Bresford bill, increasing the fees for charters or permits, has passed the House and is pending in the Senate, as is a bill providing for suits to collect the taxes upon real property which has not been assessed in past years.

The Cranke ad valorem tax and a number of measures looking to equalization are upon the House calendar, and quite a batch of tax bills are still in House Committee on Revenue and Taxation.

### GOT TWO LIFE TERMS.

### Wright Terry Pleaded Guilty To Killing Dr. Gary and Eagle.

Huntsville, Tex., April 10.—The empanelling of the jury in the Wright Terry case, which was commenced Saturday, was completed at noon today, and soon after the calling of the afternoon session of court the defense announced that a plea of guilty would be made. The defendant thereupon pleaded to the killing of Dr. Gary, and was sentenced for life in this case. Terry waived rights of special venire and accepted the same jury in case of killing L. B. Eagle, to which he also pleaded guilty and was given a life sentence. The case against him for assault to murder growing out of the shooting into the Sylvan Hotel, just prior to the killing of Dr. Gary and L. B. Eagle, was dismissed.

The crime for which Wright Terry was convicted was committed in Groveton, Tex., on the night of July 16th, 1902, in which he shot and killed Dr. Gary, a physician, and L. B. Eagle, a printer. A short time before the killing of Dr. Gary and Eagle, parties had fired several shots into the Sylvan Hotel wounding one of the guests. L. B. Eagle was dispatched for a doctor, and after summoning Dr. Gary, started with him for the hotel, going a near route which led down a rear alley off the square. Just as Eagle and Dr. Gary came through the alley they were fired upon and instantly killed, both of the bodies having been struck with buckshot. Circumstances pointed toward Wright Terry, Howard Magee and Otho Oldacre. Several weeks elapsed before the capture of Terry and Magee, and Oldacre is still at large. Magee was acquitted of the murder charge and at a former trial Terry was given a life sentence for the killing of Dr. Gary, and upon the stand at that trial admitted the killing.

The decision of Terry to enter a plea of guilty came as a surprise, as all the witnesses for the State and defense, more than seventy-five in number, were on hand, and it was thought that the case would be hotly contested and last for two or three days.

## BIG PICNIC AND BARBECUE

### At Latexo on the Twenty-Third Day of Next Month.

La Texo, April 10.

ED. COURIER:

A grand floral picnic and barbecue will be given at this place on May 23 next. Everybody is invited to come, bring their baskets and have a good time. About 250 active northern real estate men are expected on a special train of nine Pullman cars. Ten lots will be given away on that day to the men and a \$125 organ to the ladies. Those expecting a chance at the lots or organ must bring as large bouquet of as beautiful flowers as can be obtained.

Mr. U. J. Smith has just returned from the North bringing about a dozen German families who will settle near here.

Mr. J. N. Sory of Grapeland is building an office and residence for Dr. L. Meriwether.

Crops are beginning to recover from the bad effects of too much rain and will soon begin to show up.

Mr. J. S. Herd has been sick this week with La Grippe. M.

### Newspapers Versus Handbills.

Some business men have an idea that handbills and dodgers are superior to newspapers as advertising mediums. Handbills are good in their way as auxiliaries, but they are no more to be compared to the advertising columns of a newspaper, says the Dansville Advertiser, than a pushcart peddler on Broadway is to be compared with John Wanamaker's great emporium. The peddler attracts attention for a moment if he be an expert, but the great store rivets the eye and loosens the purse strings of those whose trade is worth having. The handbill is crumpled in the hand and soon thrown aside. The newspaper is carried home, read and reread and filed away. There is something besides the advertising there—entertainment, information—which adds value to the advertising beside which it is placed. Advertisements are read now more than ever before, sometimes before what is commonly known as news, for advertisements are sometimes the latest and most vital news, vital to everyday life. The headlines of an ad. can be made as attractive as the headlines of a wedding and the bargains offered as alluring as the wedding feast. The business man who talks to the readers of a newspaper as he talks to the customer in his store is the one who wins. Use handbills and posters if you wish, but place your great hope for returns in the columns of the favorite newspaper.

### Ballard's Horehound Syrup

Immediately relieves hoarse, croupy cough, oppressed, rattling, rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, Druggist, Shullsberg, Wis., writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can honestly recommend it." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

**God the Judge.**

Did you ever hear of a man trying to lift an unfortunate woman when she falls from the pedestal of honor and virtue? Nary a lift. Too much Adam's blood still creeping through our snake-poisoned veins. When once a woman trips and falls from her high and honored position, she lands in hell from which no human will stop to lift her out; husband and brother, father and son are dead to her cries from that hour. But on the other hand how be it? We have seen men as low as is possible for them to fall. We have seen the wife lift the husband from the gutter and press him to her heart while tears of sympathy, love and anguish trickle down her cheek in profusion. We have seen the wife follow the husband through life in one constant whirl of misery and misfortune, and when at last at the gate of hell they are separated, would stand and wring her hands in mortal anguish because the curtain has fallen between them and she could go no further. We have seen the mother follow the son through paths of crime, shame and degradation, through which a man was never known to follow a woman, yet who is to blame for the downfall of women? Who? Let the angels be the jury and God Almighty the judge.—*Courier-Journal.*

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Best and Most Popular.**

"Mothers buy it for croupy children, railroad men buy it for severe coughs and elderly people buy it for la grippe," say Moore Bros., Eldon, Iowa. "We sell more of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy than any other kind. It seems to have taken the lead over several of the good brands." There is no question but this medicine is the best that can be procured for coughs and colds, whether it be a child or an adult that is afflicted. It always cures and cures quickly. Sold by S. L. Murchison.

"I think a young man who goes to a small college receives a better education than at a large one. I like to see men not excelling in football or things pertaining to the foot, but excelling in head expansion. Sport is too generally taking the place of valuable knowledge at the colleges."

The above is taken from the St. Louis Republic and is a part of a dinner talk by Mr. Carnegie. This is entitled to consideration as the deliberate opinion of one of the most intelligent and balanced minds of our day. It is hard to see how a young man, who is playing football in a half dozen states, can be profited to any great extent by his relation to a school great or small. The spirit of sport that has entered into our popular schools, called great, is a mark of decline. The young man whose life is given to these popular sports can not make a scholar. The young men attending these small colleges and giving their time to earnest study under competent teachers will furnish the scholars of the next generation.—*Rusk County News.*

**About Rheumatism.**

There are few diseases that inflict more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is, therefore, a bold statement to make, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale, has met with great success in the treatment of this disease. One application of Pain Balm will relieve the pain, and hundreds of sufferers have testified to permanent cures by its use. Why suffer when Pain Balm affords such quick relief and costs so little? For sale by S. L. Murchison.

**The Secret of Happiness.**

The man who can drill his thoughts so as to shut out everything that is depressing and discouraging and see only the bright side even of his misfortune and failure has mastered the secret of happiness and success. He has made himself a magnet to draw friends, cheer, brightness and good fortune to him. Every one is pleased to see him. His presence is like a sunbeam on a dull day. There is no accomplishment, no touch of culture, no gift which will add so much to the alchemic power of life as the optimistic habit—the determination to be cheerful and happy no matter what comes to us. It will smooth rough paths, light up gloomy places, and melt away obstacles as sunshine melts snow on the mountain side.—*Success.*

**HEALTH IS YOUTH.**

**Disease and Sickness Bring Old Age**  
Herbine, taken every morning before breakfast, will keep you in robust health, fit you to ward off disease. It cures constipation, biliousness, dyspepsia, fever, skin, liver and kidney complaints. It purifies the blood and clears the complexion. Mrs. D. W. Smith, Whitney, Texas, writes April 3, 1902: "I have used Herbine, and find it the best medicine for constipation and liver troubles. It does all you claim for it. I can highly recommend it." 50c a bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

The egg industry is assuming considerable proportions in some parts of our state. It is a new and unexpected thing for Texas to become an exporter of eggs to any extent, but the day is at hand. A Floresville merchant purchased 300 dozen one day, Runge shipped 870 dozen one week and the next week 1,110 dozen. Marlin reports a car load by one merchant and 1200 dozen by another shipped to New York. Yoakum reports ten car loads shipped in ten weeks. Four merchants of Henderson have recently shipped 12,750 dozen. All this adds to the resources of the country and opens a way to live well and not be in bondage to the merchant. This is the open door to escape from debt, and debt is a curse to any man who makes his living by the sweat of his brow.—*Rusk County News.*

**Chronic Bronchitis Cured.**

"For ten years I had chronic bronchitis so bad that at times I could not speak above a whisper," writes Mr. Joseph Coffman, of Montmorenci, Ind. I tried all remedies available, but with no success. Fortunately my employer suggested that I try Foley's Honey and Tar. Its effect was almost miraculous, and I am now cured of the disease. On my recommendation many people have used Foley's Honey and Tar, and always with satisfaction." Smith & French Drug Co.

**Sayings of Old Gorgan Graham.**

"It's been my experience that when an office begins to look like a family tree, you'll find worms tucked away snug and cheerful in most of the apples."

"Of course everybody's going to say you're an accident. Prove it. Show that you're a regular head-on collision when anything gets in your way."

"I don't care how much or how little money you make. I want you to understand that there's only one place in the world where you can live a happy life, and that's inside your income."

"Some men think that rules should be made of rubber, so that they can be stretched to fit any particular case and then spring back into shape again."

"A sensible woman soon begins to understand that affection can be expressed in porter-house steak as well as in American beauties."

**Oratorical Contest.**

Last Saturday at the city hall a large crowd of colored people, both residents and visitors, were treated to an oratorical contest, in which pupils from eight negro colleges of the state participated. The audience was treated to some very fine addresses, too. The first prize was awarded to the Mary Allen Seminary at Crockett, and the second prize went to the Wiley University of Marshall. The affair proved a financial success.—*Palestine Herald.*

**A Dandy for Burns.**

Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ills., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommended it to my friends, as I am confident there is no better made. 'It is a dandy for burns.' Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns, bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

It used to be that we were valued by what we had done, now we are employed according to what we are able to do.

**For a Weak Digestion.**

No medicine can replace food but Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets will help you to digest your food. It is not the quantity of food taken that gives strength and vigor to the system, but the amount digested and assimilated. If troubled with a weak digestion, don't fail to give these Tablets a trial. Thousands have been benefitted by their use. They only cost a quarter. For sale by S. L. Murchison.

Your friends know you by your smile, your tailor by the cut of your coat, but the world, by what you can do.

**Cures Coughs and Colds.**

Mrs. C. Peterson, 625 Lake St., Topeka, Kansas, says: "Of all cough remedies Ballard's Horehound Syrup is my favorite; it has done and will do all that is claimed for it—to speedily cure all coughs and colds—and it is so sweet and pleasant to the taste." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottle. Sold by Smith & French Drug Co.

If you neglect to fill your present position well you may rest assured you will not be promoted soon.

**Rheumatic Pains Quickly Relieved.**

The excruciating pains characteristic of rheumatism and sciatica are quickly relieved by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. The great pain relieving power of the liniment has been the surprise and delight of thousands of sufferers. The quick relief from pain which it affords is alone worth many times its cost. For sale by S. L. Murchison.

Indolence is stagnation, employment is life. When a man is employed Satan never bothers him.

Pneumonia is Robbed of its Terrors by Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the racking cough and heals and strengthens the lungs. If taken in time it will prevent an attack of pneumonia. Refuse substitutes. Smith & French Drug Co.

A boy had better not have been born than not be taught to do the things that are in demand by the world.

The surest and safest remedy for kidney and bladder diseases is Foley's Kidney Cure. Smith & French Drug Co.

Undertaking to do something without knowing how is like going somewhere in the dark.

Foley's Kidney Cure if taken in time affords security from all kidney and bladder disease. Smith & French Drug Co.

**Notice.**

I have just returned from the market, where, for the spot cash, I have bought a full line of Clothing, Shoes, Hats and Gent's Furnishings at unheard-of hard-up prices, and will be glad to share the profits with you, by selling anything in my line at prices way below anybody's competition. I specially call the attention of all country merchants. I am in position to offer them goods at a bargain. If I can not sell you goods cheaper than your jobber or wholesaler, I can not expect your trade. Yours for business,  
**H. ASHER,** Wholesale and Retail.

**Attention to Those**

**Who Are Interested in Good Horses.**

He is a genuine registered horse, foaled at Highland, O., in the spring of 1899. He is a large handsome, dark bay horse, with left hind foot white; stands 16 hands 1 inch, weighs 1200 pounds. In conformation he is a grand, big horse with a beautiful head and neck, and the very best of feet and legs; short back,



**J. W. T. No. 35496.**

deep body and very fine knee and hock action. His blood lines are the very best of northern horses. That he will beget speed and grand road qualities there is no doubt, as he not only inherits, but possesses, those qualities. Even common mares bred to a horse of this class can not fail to produce foals that will find a ready market as carriage horses or roadsters as well as general all-purpose horses. He can be found at my barn just north of the residence of John Monk. Mares from a distance will be taken care of without charge except for feed. Will not be responsible for any accidents while in my care.

**J. C. HIPPEL,** Crockett, Tex.

**THROUGH TEXAS**

The I & G. N. R. R. has many fast trains through Texas, traversing the greater portion of the State, and reaching nearly all of the large cities, affording travelers every convenience and comfort to be found on a modern railroad. High-class equipment and power, seasonable schedules, splendid dining stations, Pullman Buffet sleeping cars, and courteous agents and train attendants.

**To St. Louis!**

The I & G. N. R. R., in connection with the Iron Mountain System, operates Four Limited Trains Daily between Texas and St. Louis, the service being four to eight hours quickest, and 100 to 150 miles shortest. These trains have Pullman Buffet Sleepers and Chair Cars through without change, and connect morning and evening in Union Station, St. Louis, with all the Northern and Eastern lines. A la carte Dining Car Service between Texarkana and St. Louis.

**To Old Mexico!**

The I & G. N. R. R., in connection with the National Lines of Mexico, operates Four Fast Trains Daily between Texas and Mexico, via Laredo. The time from San Antonio to Mexico City being only 34 1/2 hours; or a day and a half, and 302 miles shortest. Correspondingly as quick from all Texas Points via I & G. N. The cities of Monterey, Saltillo, San Luis Potosi and Mexico City are reached directly in through Pullman Buffet Sleepers without change. This route also forms the new short line via Monterey to Torreon and Durango, direct connection with through sleeper to and from Durango being made at Monterey. Excursion Rates Periodically.

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**A Good Piano**

Should be in every home. We have in stock at all times new Pianos at prices from \$225.00 to \$1000; also nice used upright Pianos from \$75.00 to \$150.00; also nice new organs from \$38.00 to \$95.00 and over. Cash or easy terms. Please drop us a letter for prices, catalogues and terms.

**OLIVER'S MUSIC HOUSE**  
Houston, Texas

**Woodland Whiskey**

Is adopted by the U. S. government, and used by more hospitals, sanitariums and institutions desiring pure whiskey than any other brand distilled. By express, all charges prepaid, 4 quarts for \$3.85; 6 quarts \$5.75 and 8 quarts \$7.65.

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Covington, Ky.









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To always give you a little more for your money than you can secure elsewhere. If we please you, tell others; if not, tell us.

## SMITH & FRENCH DRUG CO.

### Local Items.

The COURIER prints cards.  
For stylish Easter hats call on Mrs. Bricker.  
Billy Lewis announces the arrival of a baby boy.  
I buy your eggs, hides, etc. F. P. Parker, New Store.  
Buy hog fencing the Kokomo from T. D. Craddock. 2t.  
Produce bought and sold at F. P. Parker's New Store.  
T. D. Craddock will pay 50 cents in merchandise for corn. 2t.  
Crysups's Drug Store makes a speciality of prescriptions.  
You'll find the latest creations in millinery at the Big Store.  
The keys are going fast to the Red Box at the Novelty Store.  
Fishing tackle—all kinds, all prices at Crysups's Drug Store.  
Have you seen that pretty line of dress goods at the Big Store?  
I will fill all orders for groceries promptly. Try me. F. P. Parker.  
You may get one of the lucky keys to the Red Box at the Novelty Store.  
Harry Castleberg spent a few days at home with his family this week.  
Subscribe for the Delinator. Subscriptions taken at the Big Store.  
T. D. Craddock will give merchandise for country hams and bacon. 2t  
Cal Bay, stenographer at the big mill, was here Sunday and Monday.  
Miss Ethel Wootters visited Mrs. J. O. Monday at Lovelady Saturday.  
A complete line of fishing tackle and baseball goods at Crysups's Drug Store.  
Another party of prospectors are here from the north. They are after fruit lands.  
A. MacTavish and daughter, Miss Jo, were visitors to Crockett Friday and Saturday.  
Hyman Harrison and G. Q. King announce the arrival of little girls at their homes.  
When you want a stylish hat, either in men's or ladies', look at the line at the Big Store.  
That celebrated Fannie Thornton patent sun-bonnet is the best—the Big Store sells 'em.  
Mrs. Nat Wetzel was a passenger on the south-bound train for Houston Sunday afternoon.  
Do you want your money's worth? If you do, buy your goods from the Big Store.  
An extra good line of boys' shoes sold by T. D. Craddock. Come in and let us fit the boys.

Play ball! Crysups's drug store has a brand new line of base ball goods.

Central, give them the Big Store—they can buy them cheaper there.

The prettiest lawns, laces and ladies' lingerie in town are at the Big Store.

Base-balls, mitts, bats, etc., at prices you never saw equalled.  
MURCHISON'S DRUG STORE.

With every \$1.00 you spend at the Novelty Store you will be given a key to the Red Box.

Mrs. Bricker has in another order of beautiful hats for Easter. Don't buy until you see them.

Mayes & Moore have slip-shuck corn for sale at 50 cents a bushel. Apply at First National bank.

From the finest to the cheapest—we have it in fishing tackle.  
Murchison's Drug Store.

#### Dry Bones Wanted.

J. C. Lansford will pay you 27¢ per hundred pounds for dry bones.

Money saved to buy the Chicago Woolen Mills Clothing, T. D. Craddock agent, fit guaranteed.

Wootters Smith of Nacogdoches is spending the week with his father, Dr. J. B. Smith, and family.

If you need a skein of filo silk, a knitting needle or a black land farm, see the Big Store before you buy.

D. J. Jones has returned from the hospital at Palestine, where he stood a successful operation for appendicitis.

You just ought to see that line of ready to wear shirt waists that the Big Store is selling so cheap. They are beauts.

Mrs. Walker King, who has been ill with slow fever, has gone to Galveston to regain her wonted health.

#### Corn for Sale.

Mayes & Moore have slip-shuck corn for sale at 50 cents a bushel. Apply at First National bank.

Mortgages, mortgage notes, vendor's lien notes and promissory notes printed and for sale cheap at the COURIER office.

Our line of fishing tackle includes everything you need except the bait.

#### Murchison's Drug Store.

Brown Leghorn eggs for hatching purposes for sale at Daniel & Burton's; also Brown Leghorn chickens—the best standard. 4t

Miss Maud Sory of Grapeland was a passenger on the south-bound train Sunday night for Lufkin, where she will visit a sister.

H. E. Hager of Dodson called to see us Thursday. He says the people at his office are unable to get their mail promptly from Kennard.

J. A. Maxey of Volga and Avery Lovelady of Lovelady, jurors for this week, paid the COURIER office a visit Monday morning.

Those low-cut Walk Easy shoes at the Big Store are the latest in style, the best in material, workmanship and the lowest in price. See them and you'll find the shoe you want.

Mr. J. C. Hickey of Henderson was in Crockett Wednesday talking up local organization of the Southern Cotton Association. Mr. Hickey is of the opinion that the price of cotton can be controlled by organization, and is devoting his time and energy to the work. He says he finds little interest here on account of insect depredations.

#### Mike Younas Has Always

Fancy groceries, confectioneries, fresh vegetables—tomatoes, cauliflower and asparagus. All fruits, nuts, etc. Phone No. 50.

The man who can't afford a county newspaper in his home at \$1.00 a year, less than 2 cents a week, is in bad shape, and needs to be looked after by his neighbors.

#### Teams Wanted at Once.

I want to move 100,000 feet of lumber from my mill to Crockett. Want teams enough to move it at once. Will pay good wages.

D. J. JONES, Crockett.

Mrs. T. D. Craddock and little girl are at Houston where an operation was performed on the little girl last week. The operation was necessitated by a fall and was stood well by the patient, who is now fast improving.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Moore have sent out invitations to the twentieth anniversary of their marriage, which will be celebrated Saturday, April 22, from 8 to 11 o'clock, at their home in this city. Owing to the social prominence of the couple, the event is looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Moore.

John Arrington's friends are telling a good joke on him. John was summoned to serve on the jury and asked the judge to excuse him. The judge asked him for his excuse and he told the judge that he was a butcher. The judge replied that millers were excused, but butchers were not. John then asked to be excused on the ground of running a sausage mill.

The meetings at the Christian church continue with increasing interest. Several have made the confession of Christ and many more are seriously concerned. The services were rained out Tuesday and Tuesday night. The meetings will continue indefinitely. Mr. Jacks, the evangelist, desires that everybody take an interest and wishes the presence of everybody at all the services.

The COURIER is now going to a good many people in the north who are interested in Houston county, principally in its soil and climate. Yet the COURIER carries but a single advertisement for a real estate firm. No doubt those people wonder if there are any other real estate dealers here. They are here but they seem to be afraid to let the outside world know it through the columns of the town papers.

Not a week passes that the COURIER does not receive inquiries, from prospective settlers in the north, about copies of the COURIER containing information in regard to Houston county. When these papers are at hand, they are always forwarded in response to the inquiry. It may seem a little strange that there is but a single real estate firm represented in the advertising columns of the paper, but such is a fact.

Hagen steam heated collar and cuff ironer which is used by us exclusively, irons collars and cuffs perfectly at one passage through the machine, a great saving in wear over the old style gas heated machines.

News Stand, Ag't.

# Money to Loan.

We Buy and Sell Real Estate.

List Your Land With Us.

Fire Insurance Written in Best Companies.

**WARFIELD BROTHERS,**  
Office Over J. E. Monk's Store.

#### Wanted.

Good farm hand to work on farm and ranch. Must be a reliable man and kind to gentle stock. Address HILLDENE RANCH, 3t Deepwater, Texas.

#### Crockett Water Works.

In accordance with a resolution passed by the city council, I hereby call a mass-meeting of the citizens of Crockett to meet at the court house on Monday, April 24th, 1905, at 3 o'clock p. m., to discuss the advisability of ordering an election for the purpose of issuing bonds to erect water works in Crockett. All citizens are invited to attend.

J. W. HAIL, Mayor.

#### Foreign Immigration via Gulf Ports.

EDITOR COURIER:  
It may interest your readers to know that the North German Lloyd steamer "Wittekind" sailed from Bremen to Galveston to-day with six hundred passengers and immigrants.

This is the first steamer of the Lloyd direct Galveston service, and later steamers are expected to bring increased numbers.

ALFRED HOLT,  
General Agent.

#### The Bachelor Girls.

The Bachelor Girls are always royally entertained and with Miss Nannie Breitling as hostess last Friday was even more delightful than usual. Such an air of warm welcome and cordiality hovers around this happy home that upon entering we forget all else but the pleasure of being there.

After several games of forty-two 'twas found that Mrs. Shep Peck and Miss Maggie Foster had tied for the prize. Mrs. Peck won in the cut. A delightful two-course lunch was served consisting of salad, olives, stuffed dates and crackers, then ice cream and cake. After some music and pleasant chatter the club bade their hostess goodbye. Miss Joe Bayne will be hostess on Friday next.

REPORTER.

The New Process Steam Collar Shaper used by the Paul Steam Laundry is the only shaper ever made that will shape a collar without pressing the seams. No more rough edges or broken collars. The life of a collar or cuff is doubled. NEWS STAND.

#### Dreadful Attack of Whooping Cough

Mrs. Ellen Harlison, of 300 Park Ave., Kansas City, Mo., writes as follows: "Our two children had a severe attack of whooping cough, one of them in the paroxysm of coughing would often faint and bleed at the nose. We tried everything we heard of without getting relief. We then called in our family doctor who prescribed Foley's Honey and Tar. With the very first dose they began to improve and we feel that it has saved their lives." Refuse substitutes. Smith & French Drug Co.

## Best Bread Baked

At the News Stand—delivered daily.

If you want to subscribe to any magazine or paper, give us your order—we can save you money.

We will appreciate your Laundry, Bread and other business.

## The News Stand.

#### APPOINTMENT BY COUNTY JUDGE

To the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, Texas.

I will make an appointment to the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, Texas, in May, 1905. The qualifications of appointees to be determined by competitive examination which will be held in Crockett, May 6, 1905.

The advantages of appointment are: Incidental fees of \$15.00 remitted. Board will be from \$3.00 to \$5.00 cheaper per month to appointees.

The questions for the competitive examination will be the same as those used in the regular county examination. The subjects and the number thereof will be determined later.

For further information address me.  
PORTER NEWMAN,  
County Judge.

#### Good Roads Association.

Hon. Porter Newman,  
Crockett, Texas.

A good roads convention, under the auspices of the National good roads association, will be held at Palestine, April 21st and 22nd, and this is to respectfully urge you and the county commissioners of your county, and all other citizens interested in good roads, to meet with us and participate in said convention. Kindly inform the members of your commissioners' court of this invitation, as we would be especially delighted to have your entire court with us on that occasion. (Signed),

T. M. Campbell, J. R. Hearne, J. W. Ozment, A. C. Green, R. R. Claridge, A. W. Gregg, Leroy Trice, G. L. Noble, A. L. Bowers, R. E. Erwin, Van Hamilton, committee.

The perfection shirt press used exclusively by the Paul Steam Laundry on all shirts saves 99 per cent of the wear in ironing. Shapes the shirts perfect, even better than when new. No extra charges. Every piece laundered by us guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction.

News Stand, Ag't.

# THE COURIER.

W. W. AIKEN, Editor and Proprietor

### Publisher's Notice.

Obituaries, resolutions, cards of thanks or other matter not "news" will be charged for at the rate of 5 cents per line.  
Parties ordering advertising or printing for societies, churches, committees or organizations of any kind will, in all cases, be held personally responsible for the payment of the bill.

There is a chance for some good, live, real estate firm to do some paying advertising through the columns of the COURIER now. Will they take advantage of it? It is up to them.

The COURIER can always be found in the lead when the whole people are the beneficiaries, but any scheme to benefit an individual will only be handled as an advertisement at his expense.

If those business men who are continually advising the COURIER what to do to build up the town and county would come through with a more liberal patronage in the way of advertising and printing, the COURIER could enter into the work with more heart.

The average person could edit a country newspaper, but it takes a good business fellow to steer it clear of financial difficulties that lie in its path. You have no doubt noticed that the great dailies have not yet accused the noted Mrs. Chadwick of investing any money in the newspaper business.

The people of Houston county now have an opportunity to engage in the cultivation of a new crop in tobacco. That this crop can be successfully and profitably grown has been proven. The experimental stage has been passed. Every farmer who has the soil should grow from two to five acres. Fifteen cents a pound is guaranteed by the government experts for the first crop.

The merchants of Crockett may know their business best, but it would seem to an outsider that they should wake up and let the buying public know what they have to offer to the spring trade through large display advertisements in the newspapers. A concerted movement by them would no doubt bring trade to Crockett that is now going elsewhere for lack of proper inducements here.

On another page will be found a call from the mayor for a public meeting of the citizens to consider the advisability of an election to determine whether the city shall bond itself for a system of waterworks. The COURIER hopes every tax payer of the town will display enough interest and patriotism to be present. The question of water is one that has long been talked and now let action be taken.

Heretofore whenever the question of waterworks has been up it has played out in talk. Don't let that be said of it again. Crockett has reached the size where water is absolutely demanded by the sanitary conditions of the city and for fire protection. It has been figured out that the saving alone in insurance rates would soon offset the cost of a water system. It is a good business proposition.

The question of a system of waterworks for the city is again up. Water, other than the natural supply from the heavens, is a thing Crockett has long needed. Few towns its size are without a water system. Huntsville, with a population of 200 less, has waterworks. Lufkin, with a population in 1900 of something over half,

has a water supply, and Nacogdoches, which did not make as good a showing in point of population in 1900 as did Crockett, has a complete water system, we are informed. There is no good reason why Crockett should not be as well equipped in this respect as her neighbors. The town has been ready in point of population and business for ten years. Large enterprises will never locate here without water protection.

It is an admitted fact, admitted by all shrewd business men, that newspaper advertising is the best of all advertising. Men of large experience in the mercantile business have so stated, and have not only so stated, but are showing their faith in the statement by the enormous increase in the amount of advertising carried by them. The trouble with some small advertisers is that they expect too great a return on a small investment.

Publishing a newspaper is not the same as running any ordinary business. It is not altogether a question of making money only, but there is a higher ideal, a character, which a newspaper should assume and which its publisher should give it—that of advocating the right at all times and exposing the wrong. As a minister is looked up to by his flock, so should a newspaper be conducted as to be looked up to, respected and believed by its readers.

The government experts supervising the tobacco crop in Houston county report that work in some localities is unsatisfactory; that beds are found to be in a neglected condition, and that the ground has never been prepared in many places for cultivation. The COURIER can say that this is due largely to the long wet spell, and it believes tobacco growers will now lose no time in getting everything in shape for the successful growing of a crop of tobacco.

Tobacco can't be grown as easily as cotton used to be. A scoter plow and a mould board were all that was needed for the making of cotton. Tobacco requires more time and care, and the soil on which it is to be grown needs to be put in a good state of cultivation before the plant is set out. There is money in tobacco when properly grown and handled, and we understand the government supervisors will have nothing to do with a crop that is not properly started off.

The money that was spent on the streets last year was turned into the channels of trade. So it would be with the money spent for labor in putting down water mains and establishing a system of waterworks. It all helps business, and if any business man does not get his part of it, it is because he is too lazy to go after it. The COURIER would like to see a few thousand dollars turned loose in Crockett for the trade to scramble over. What helps one, helps all.

If a merchant wants to increase his trade he looks beyond the present boundaries of his efforts; he judiciously advertises in the papers and magazines of his locality; he sends out representative traveling salesmen; he increases his office force, and doubles up on the letters sent out telling "the trade" what he has to offer, and the advantages that may accrue to purchasers handling his output or products. Every business man has confidence in such methods and, when intelli-

gently done, expects nothing short of satisfactory results. These methods no less apply to increasing the population of a city. If you hope to interest the manufacturer, you must point out to him the advantages you have in raw material, the prices and proximity of fuel, the unusual advantages of climate, the large and growing population to which he may cater, the extent of accommodations he may have from moneyed institutions, the cordiality with which he will be received, etc.

Don't let Crockett be always classed with those smaller towns which are without water systems. The town can not stand still. It must either go forward or backward. Let's shake the moss from our backs and get some of the benefits and enjoyments of the twentieth century civilization. Let's do something. Let's have waterworks. If you oppose the movement, speak out in meeting and give your reasons. If you favor it, show your approval and sanction by attending the mass meeting.

The merchants of Crockett are doing less advertising this spring than they have ever done. The merchants of those towns which surround Crockett, situated in adjoining counties, are doing more than they ever did before. Result: The merchants of other towns are not complaining so much of dull trade. This should be proof that the best possible time to advertise profitably is when business is dull; when the people have time to read and do read. Then is when they want to save all they can on their purchases.

### MADE PARTIAL REPORT.

**Grand Jury to Meet on the 19th Inst. State Revenue Commissioner to be Here.**

The grand jury reported to Judge Gardner on Saturday last as having concluded their labors so far as violations of the criminal statutes were concerned; that they finished such labors in about ten days and had been devoting the rest of the week to the report of the finance committee. They reported to the judge a resolution unanimously adopted by the grand jury to be presented to the legislature through Representative Daniel and Senator Stokes in favor of the repeal of the Colquitt law for collecting delinquent taxes and a return to the old law or the substitution of a better one. The matters referred to the grand jury by the finance committee occupied the most of the jury's time the last week they were in session and adjourned without completing their work on these matters. The state revenue commissioner, at the suggestion of the finance committee, will be in Crockett by appointment with grand jury on Wednesday, April 19, to look into the matter of delinquent taxes and other irregularities that the finance committee reported on. Judge Newman has been requested to call a special session of the commissioners' court on the same day for the purpose of aiding the grand jury and the state revenue commissioner in their efforts to provide methods of collecting delinquent taxes and correcting other irregularities which the finance committee uncovered in their labors. The finance committee reported nearly fifty thousand dollars delinquent taxes in this county for five years past. The legislature, instead of increasing the tax-rate, as they propose to do, would do well if they provided machinery for collecting taxes already levied and not collected.

# COMING!

ENGAGEMENT OF

## A. K. Hawkes

The Famous Atlanta Optician;



Direct from the home office of this Great Optical House, or one of his practical Opticians, and will remain at the store of his Agent, S. L. MURCHISON, Druggist.

**Three Days Only.**

beginning April 24. This will give the citizens of Crockett and vicinity a rare opportunity of having their

**Eyesight Tested Free**

by one of the most renowned and successful as well as reliable Opticians in the U. S. Mr. Hawkes has the modern appliances for scientific adjustment of glasses to the eye. There is no Optician in the U. S. who enjoys the confidence of the people more than Mr. Hawkes. His name is a familiar word throughout a section of country inhabited by over TWENTY-FIVE MILLIONS of people. Mr. Hawkes has probably adjusted glasses to the eyes of more people of national and international fame than any other optician living. This firm was established in 1870.

**A. K. HAWKES,**

Inventor and Sole Proprietor of all the HAWKES PATENTS.

He will positively remain but three days.

CAUTION—Be sure that "Hawkes" is stamped on frame. Hawkes' glasses are NEVER PEDDLED.

### U. D. C. Department.

The D. A. Nunn Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met with Mrs. Earle Adams, Sr., April 8th, 1905. Mrs. Adams, first vice-president of the Chapter, presided in absence of the president.

This is the first meeting of the Chapter that we have not been greeted by the gracious presence of our president. However, she sent as her representative, her fair, lovely daughter, Miss Frances. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Adams in the usual manner. Some dues paid and other business transacted.

Mrs. Nunn read an extract from one of President Roosevelt's speeches in which he expressed pleasure and satisfaction in being met in our state by the old veterans in gray, as well as the veterans in blue. He told them they had a record of which all Americans should be proud. He said the civil war has left us a heritage of honor and an inspiration and that the history should be preserved. This little extract was read to correct any false impression of the work of the Daughters of the Confederacy and Veteran Associations of the South. The work of these associations is to preserve the memory and record of our noble, patriotic men, who gave the best period of their lives, and many a life itself, for the cause they believed to be just and right, so that the truth of history may be preserved.

We unite with the president in saying "all honor to those who wore the gray and all honor to those who wore the blue."

Mrs. Stokes read some beautiful tributes from Belton papers, in memory of Miss Mabel Austin, an honorary member of the D. A. Nunn Chapter, who at the threshold of life, in the morning of life, has been called to her eternal home.

Mrs. Jane Numsen of Palestine was elected honorary member of our Chapter. Mrs. Numsen pre-

sented the first Confederate flag in Crockett to the young soldiers, the first volunteers from Houston county for the war, April, 1861.

The next meeting of the Chapter will be with Mrs. Frank Craddock, Saturday, April 29th, 4 P. M. This will be historical and literary. All members earnestly requested to attend. Those who have not paid dues are asked not to put off this duty longer.

Mrs. C. N. Corby,  
Cor. Sec. D. A. N. Chap.

Foley's Kidney Cure makes kidneys and bladder right. Don't delay taking. Smith & French Drug Co.

Foley's Honey and Tar contains no opiates, and will not constipate like nearly all other cough medicines. Refuse substitutes. Smith & French Drug Co.

### Hot and Cold Baths

AT THE

## Hotel Barber Shop

J. D. FRIEND, Prop.]

### Excursions

TO AUSTIN AND SAN ANTONIO

The I. & G. N. R. R. will have low Excursion Rates in effect from all points on the system to Austin and San Antonio for President Roosevelt's Visit, April 6 and 7, for the Rough Rider's Reunion, at San Antonio, April 6 and 7, and for the Grand Spring Carnival at San Antonio, April 24-29. Get full particulars as to rates, selling dates and schedules from agents or write

L. TRICK, 2nd Vice-Pres. & Gen'l Mgr.  
D. J. PRICE, Gen. Pass. & Ticket Agent.

"THE TEXAS ROAD"  
Palestine, Texas