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The Legislature meets in extra session the 14th of March.

Geo. Clark comes out boldly for a railroad commission. Clark could not repeat it if he wanted to.

The Courier predicts that Sul Ross will be nominated for governor. Mark that prediction and forget it not.

Rail Road commissioners must be elected by the people. Governor Hogg says they must be appointed by the governor.

If Hill or Cleveland, either, receives the nomination for president, the democratic party is eternally done for. Wait and see.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to turn over the state government to Tyler on contract for a quarter of a century and the rest of the country take a nap in the meantime?

The tariff is the great question and can not be side-tracked by this hula-balloo for free-coinage which means nothing and amounts to nothing in comparison with the former.

Any now it transpires that Warwick Imboden has been sending specials from Washington to the Houston Post in which he pitches into Mills indirectly. Alas! Poor Yorick.

It is so highly "amusing" to see editors battling for Jim Hogg for governor when these same editors went up to the polls and slipped in a ticket against the rail road commission amendment.

The great industrial conference of all the laboring organizations is in session at St. Louis this week. Their deliberations and determinations are pregnant with a great meaning for both the old parties.

We have the pleasing spectacle of seeing railroad attorneys objecting to George Clark because, say they, he is a railroad attorney. George Clark is not a railroad attorney, and hasn't been for years.

Governor Hogg in appointing Horace Chilton senator showed very little respect for the rights of the people. He snubbed them in his appointment and he can't complain if they snub him in preferring some one else.

The difference between D. B. Hill and Ben Harrison on the tariff and financial questions is a nominal one only. Except for the Force Bill and similar measures, the country will be as well off with Benjamin as with David.

Ex-Senator Ingalls of Kansas in a talk to a newspaper reporter sizes up David Bennett Hill in a very correct manner. Ingalls was asked his opinion of Hill as a presidential possibility. He replied: "Oh, you will have to ask him. He is the only man who seems to know him."

Geo. Clark says the people are competent to elect railroad commissioners as they are any other official. James S. Hogg says they are not and that the governor should have the appointing of them. Which one is right? Decide for yourselves.

The Fort Worth Gazette cries out against Mills and for free-silver. Now, the editor of that paper don't care a "ding" for free-silver coinage. That is not what he wants. Besides, he knows nothing about it any way. This financial problem is entirely too abstruse and profound for the editor of that paper.

To take from the governor the power to appoint railroad commissioners would send some chronic office seekers and front-teat suckers to the shades of private life. Jno. H. Reagan and Limestone Foster would then have to earn their salaries by the sweat of their brows instead of their jaw-bones. And it has been a long time since they had to do this.

The name of Judge W. A. Davis is being favorably mentioned as a candidate for District Judge for this district in the place of Judge F. A. Williams who declines to be a candidate again. Judge Davis' legal attainments are of the first order and he would make a most excellent and worthy successor to the present able and distinguished incumbent.

QUERY ABOUT THE HOG LAW.

Editor Courier: The voters of this precinct ask that you tell us through the columns of the Courier who are and who are not qualified voters on the hog law in the coming election. J. H. BEASLEY, FRANK MERIWETHER.

The best answer we can make to the above is to quote the constitution and the law enacted thereunder.

Art. 16, Sec. 23 of the constitution reads as follows: The legislature may pass laws for the regulation of live stock and the protection of stock raisers in the stock raising portion of the State and exempt from the operation of such laws other portions, sections or counties; and shall have power to pass general and special laws for the inspection of cattle, stock and hogs, and for the regulation of brands; provided that any local law thus passed shall be submitted to the free-holders of the section to be affected thereby and approved by them before it shall go into effect.

The act of the legislature putting the provisions of the above section of the constitution into effect was passed some ten or fifteen years ago and the section of the law defining who is a qualified voter in such elections reads as follows: No person shall vote at any election under the provisions of this chapter unless he be a free-holder and is a qualified voter under the constitution and laws.

The extract quoted above is from Chapter 4, Title 93, Article 4599 Revised Civil Statutes, relating to stock law elections. Under the provisions of the constitution and the laws passed in conformity thereto, none but freeholders can vote at any election in which it is proposed to prevent hogs from running at large.

HOW IS THIS? The following item is from Rusk county, governor Hogg's native county: New Birmingham, Tex., Feb. 21.—Day before yesterday there was a meeting of farmers at Lone Star, in this county, to discuss the political situation. Only the farmers of that neighborhood were present, and there were fifty-six who participated. The sense of the meeting was taken on the gubernatorial question, and these people by a vote declared themselves unanimously opposed to the present state administration. There were two farmers in the little town who would not participate in the meeting, and they were supposed to be friendly to Governor Hogg.

A vote was also taken on the choice for governor, and George Clark had a majority, with Governor Ross close at his heels. The people around Lone Star are progressive, industrious, go-ahead people who read and keep posted. They have good farms and keep them in a good state of cultivation; and they live at home and board at the same place.

The "poor old" Fort Worth Gazette has about pestered in its influence. The course of that paper in abusing Mills has done it. The Fort Worth Convention to nominate a democratic candidate for mayor met Monday. Paddock, a warm Mills man, was unanimously nominated. We clip the following from the proceedings of the convention which shows how Fort Worth stands. And all of this happened right under the Gazette's nose and in the face of its ceaseless and unjust warfare on Col. Mills: Senator A. M. Carter was called for and made a ringing democratic speech, in which he paid a glowing tribute to Roger Q. Mills, and which created the greatest enthusiasm; the convention going almost wild every time Mills' name was mentioned, and cheered lustily when the speaker condemned a leading paper that opposed Mills.

T. T. D. Andrews also addressed the convention, pledging himself to Paddock and indorsing Mills for United States senator.

Dr. Pruitt introduced the following resolutions, which was adopted with a hurrah, three cheers and a tiger, only one man voting against it out of the 1000 in the courtroom: RESOLVED, That the democracy of Fort Worth in convention assembled do indorse the Hon. Roger Q. Mills for the Senate of the United States, and do request our members of the legislature and state senator from Tarrant county to do all in their power to secure his election at the special session of the legislature which convenes in March next.

Mayor J. P. Smith was called on and made a speech full of feeling, in which he indorsed Mills and pitched into the Gazette for its attacks on him. He said that the paper did not reflect the sentiment of the county which was published in this respect, and that its violence toward Mills was condemned by a large majority of its patrons both in and out of Tarrant county.

STATE Senator Page, of the Crockett Courier, and Farmer Bill Shaw, having parted company on the senatorial question, are now accusing each other of unfairness in discussion. When we recall the character of their late fight against the State administration we are prepared to indorse both parties in their accusations.—Hillsboro Reflector.

Don't rejoice too soon. "Farmer Bill" and the editor of the Courier have not parted company altogether. "Farmer Bill" and the writer don't agree as to Mills but just at present we are pretty close together on some other things, opposition to the present administration for instance.

The legislature will meet in special session March 14th. The time of the body will be fully occupied with the subjects embraced in the call and then probably not get through.

GEORGE CLARK declares for an elective railroad commission; James S. Hogg threatened to veto the present commission law if it didn't give him the power to appoint commissioners. Who is right? Let the people say.

The democracy of Houston County can't afford to take chances in a free-for-all contest. Let us have nominations and under such rules and regulations as to leave not a breath of suspicion of fraud or unfair play.

The Farmers' World says that forty years ago John H. Reagan was an East Texas rail-splitter. We don't believe one word of it and are curious to know from some of those "who came here first" if they ever heard or knew of such an industrial freak on the part of the Anderson County Statesman.

The Waco Day says: "Since Pendleton wrote his letter to Editor Fields he said in the Day office that Governor Hogg had given as a reason for appointing Chilton the fact that he had not been a Confederate soldier."

Then why did he ever write the letter denying that Governor Hogg had used such an expression to him?

Those members of the legislature who voted for appointing railroad commissioners instead of electing them by the people must prepare to face the music. It is coming. The people are going to demand that they be given the right to elect railroad commissioners and the Commissioner of Agriculture also.

If David Bennet Hill's views on tariff reduction are correctly reported, we fail to see how his election to the presidency would be of any greater benefit to the country from an economic standpoint than the election of Benjamin Harrison. Barring the Force Bill, the country would be as well off with Benjamin as with David.

THERE is no longer any doubt that Governor Hogg in appointing Horace Chilton senator either used the phrase "not embarrassed with a confederate record" or one substantially similar. The Governor may deny it and the Lieutenant Governor may deny it but the proof is ample and the record as these gentlemen made it will stand.

Col. M. S. Munson of Brazoria in a recent interview on the gubernatorial question expresses his objections to another term of Governor Hogg in the following neat and terse manner: "How about Governor Hogg?" "Well, he has fallen far short of the standard. His administration has been a narrow and personal one in the extreme. We want a broad-gauged governor to represent the state of Texas and not any particular section. Hogg's administration has been too personal and too much of a Tyler concern to give satisfaction to the people of Texas."

GOVERNOR HOGG'S friends will strive to make the impression that the success, and even the existence, of the railroad commission depends on the Governor's retention of the executive office. The movement for a railroad commission was begun, the fight for its establishment had virtually been made before the present incumbent of the executive chair had ever designed to let the world know whether he favored such an agency of control or not. There are those who remember that Attorney General Hogg during the twentieth and twenty first legislatures was importuned by the friends of a railroad commission to say he stood and he steadfastly and uniformly declined to do so. He was generally put down as against it. The railroad commission is established and will never be repealed, it matters not who is governor. Nor does the successful enforcement of the law demand that James S. Hogg or any one else be retained in office. All talk to the contrary is claptrap and buncombe, pure and simple.

"OLD" John H. Reagan forty years ago was a rail splitter in the forests of Eastern Texas. The grand old man has served Texas many long years and in his old age a poor man he resigned his seat in the United States senate that he might help lift the weight of railroad extortion from off his people. He's labored honestly and earnestly in the arduous work, and is gradually bringing relief. And now comes a little fat, sleek railroad lawyer from Waco and gravely announces to the people of Texas that this grand old commissioner is a fraud, and that he will run for governor and when elected will kick him out of office. God save the work!—Farmers' World.

If John H. Reagan ever split any rails it was before he left Tennessee and cast his fortunes in Texas. No one ever heard of J. H. Reagan splitting rails in Texas "forty years ago," thirty years ago or fifty years ago. He has been holding office for fifty years, in fact ever since he struck the state, and his grip on it seems to tighten as his shadow lengthens. The fervid imagination of the World editor has conjured up this story of Reagan splitting rails and there is no better authority for it.

The men who served in the Confederate army will never support for re-election a man who panders to that bigoted northern sentiment which demands that those who fought for the "lost cause" shall be sent to the rear.

The split in the New York democracy is widening. This disposes finally and fatally of what ever chances D. B. Hill had for being nominated. His tariff and silver speeches have long since done so with all true democrats believing in reform. But now, it does seem, that the turn affairs have taken in his own state should satisfy his staunchest supporters that he is not the man. Neither is Cleveland. We do not believe either can carry New York and besides it is time to cut loose from New York. Go west and give the democracy a man in full accord with the people on the great questions of the hour. Carlisle of Kentucky, Palmer of Illinois or Boies of Iowa will do.

That "Not Embarrassed" Business. THAT NON-CONFEDERATE RECORD. Senator Page, editor of the Crockett Courier, returns to the charge that Governor Hogg said he appointed Chilton senator because he was not embarrassed with a Confederate record. He declares that Lieutenant Governor Pendleton told him that Hogg had said it, and reproduces a letter from Pendleton, written some time ago, in which Pendleton declares that the Courier had quoted him correctly. The Day has never doubted that Hogg said what is charged, or its equivalent. Since Pendleton wrote his letter to Editor Fields he said in the Day office that Governor Hogg had given as a reason for appointing Chilton the fact that he had not been a Confederate soldier.

Another gentleman, an editor, who has been supporting Governor Hogg, said to The Day months ago—and has reiterated it recently—that Governor Hogg said to him repeatedly that one reason why he appointed Chilton was because he was not in the Confederate army; that he thought on that account that he would be more useful to Texas, for when he made a speech or presented a measure he would have more influence with members from the North. The statement that Hogg had given such a reason for appointing Chilton was made in the Dallas and Galveston News early in the summer or spring, and was never denied either by Hogg or his friends until late in the fall when the fight got so hot they couldn't stand it. Any one who knows John Thornton, Austin correspondent of the News, knows he did not write that dispatch without knowing what he was doing. The Day has never thought that Governor Hogg meant any actual slur upon the Confederate cause or those who espoused it, whether he said "unembarrassed," "unembarrassed," or merely used words to convey the idea that Chilton was "unembarrassed" by a Confederate record; but that he used some language which showed a truckling to that spirit of bigotry in the North which would stoop to sending to represent us in the national legislature some of our brightest minds and noblest characters, it has never doubted. The matter went undisturbed to the point where it stands now, and it is much in the nature of special pleading.—Waco Day.

GOV. HOGG'S EXPLANATION. Senator Page submits the statement of Lieut. Gov. Pendleton to prove that Gov. Hogg's alleged reason for making a senator of the United States of his close personal friend Horace Chilton was that he was not embarrassed by a confederate record." Senator Page insists that Lieut. Gov. Pendleton said it. He goes further and explains that Lieut. Gov. Pendleton had come from Gov. Hogg's presence where the former had been arguing the appointment of Congressman Mills to be senator of the United States from Texas. As Mr. Mills, Gen. Maxey, ex-Gov. Ross and other leading Texans who stood fairly in the line of senatorial promotion were all "embarrassed by confederate records" and as Hon. Horace Chilton of Tyler was not, as the latter was appointed and the others were not, as there was no better reason for Mr. Chilton's selection for the place than this alleged embarrassment with a confederate record of much greater experience, popularity and ability than he, as all these facts are remembered, the circumstances stand up to confirm the statement which Lieut. Gov. Pendleton is said to have made to Senator Page and the truthfulness thereof. It would seem that the governor remembered that his friend and favorite was not a battle-scarred veteran and that all the other senatorial heirs were. It would seem to have just occurred to him that his young appointee had never been on the field of Chickamauga, at Gaines' mill, at Shiloh, or anywhere much except at Tyler. This distinction appears to have been about all that he could cite for the appointment, and he cited it. At any rate he has made no better explanation since.—Dallas News.

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CREEK. As the weather is good all on Creek are putting in their best ticks toward another crop. Some failed to get oats to plant. There is an old saying, "that the only way to make a ball roll up hill is to push it."

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harvey and daughters, Misses Mary, Katha, rine, Florence, Miss Bessie Beasley and Miss Hill paid Creek a visit Sunday. Messrs Atkinson, Steve Beasley and Bud Cone were also at Creek. Some of the boys had a hard time getting buggy wheels enough to get home on.

Mr. Frank Harvey and Miss Minnie leaves were married on Sunday at the bride's residence.

There are always two sides to every thing and some time a fellow gets fun out of it in politics as well as other things. And it will soon be time to commence. Hogg law candidates, sub-treasury, third party, election, grass, six cent cotton. Well it is all got to come this year and Uncle Rufus will be in the field. As a rule a man casts what he comes to. One primary election if you please, a candidate for Congress from Houston County and every one take the Countess and be happy.

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LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS

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Pants, pants all colors and styles at Bill McConnells. Real estate continues to change hands and the town to grow.

Sugar 20lb for \$1.00, Coffee 5lb for \$1.00, at I. M. Campbell's. For neck wear go to J. E. Downes, he has the very finest and prettiest.

If you want a good pair of pants for a cotton price go to Bill McConnell. Let us have a full vote on the hog law on March 21. Be sure and come out.

We had a pleasant call on Thursday last from J. H. Bussell of Lovelady.

WANTED—To buy three or four bushels of seed sweet potatoes. Apply at this office.

The city-equalizing board raised city assessments a cool fifty-thousand dollars and then coolly took it off.

Is there no one at Coltharp who will speak out and start the ball moving for that school building.

F. F. Fifer is improving his place very much and in a short time it will be one of the handsomest in Crockett.

If you want to keep posted about what the legislature is doing in extra session, come in and subscribe for the COURIER.

Readers of the COURIER will be kept fully posted about proceedings of the legislature during the special session.

Mrs S. E. Atkins, of Carlinville, Ill., is visiting her brother and sister, Rev. S. F. Tenney and Mrs. W. A. R. French.

Mrs. Liza LeGory and her two little girls have been quite sick. Mrs. LeGory and daughter, Horace, though better are still very ill.

Remember that L. M. Campbell keeps a full line of choice family groceries at the lowest market prices.—(S. C. Arledge's old stand).

I have learned from a trustworthy source that steps have been taken for the erection of a Presbyterian church at Coltharp.

THOS. WARD WHITE. Call at Jno. Murchison & Son's and give them your order for first-class tailor made suit of spring or summer clothing. Fit and goods guaranteed.

Monday being Arbor Day, and by law made a legal holiday, the schools in town were closed as well as the bank and post office. Some few got trees and set them out.

Two years ago there were not in Houston County three hundred voters against J. S. Hogg for governor. To-day we do not believe there are three hundred for him.

During the storm on Thursday night lightning struck the chimney and broke a vase sitting on the mantle piece of Joe Adams' residence. None of the family were hurt.

Don't worry your friends and family with that worn and faded appearance. Get a bottle of Creole Female Tonic. It will change your pallid cheeks to the rosy hue of health.

Have you been to the "Flying Jenny"? Are you going to the "Flying Jenny"? Are the questions that greet every one on every corner of all ages, sexes, colors and "previous condition of servitude."

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At a special meeting of the Baptist Church, Crockett, Texas, Feb. 7th, 1892, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved 1, That we recognize the feelings of sadness, the inroads of death upon the ranks of the church in our midst and the loss which the church sustained in the vacancy of the important post of usefulness so recently filled by brother, W. P. Collins.

Resolved 2, That we will cherish the pleasant recollection of his active service in the Redeemer's cause and of his fervent piety and unselfish life and that it shall be our aim to follow him as he followed Christ.

Resolved 3, That our sorrow at the separation from one so long and so highly esteemed is softened by the joy of the assurance that in departing he has gone to be with Christ which is for better.

Resolved 4, That we offer the widow and the bereft members of the family of our deceased brother our sincere condolence and for them our earnest prayer is that He who has promised to be the father of the fatherless, and the husband of the widow may afford them his gracious consolation.

Resolved 5, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of deceased and also to the city papers for publication.

S. C. ARLEDGE, Chairman Committee.

Civil Docket for Term of District Court.

A. H. Wootters vs Allen Morrow; T. J. Craven vs Major Spurlock et al; J. J. Bynum vs Jake Govan et al; M. Bromberg vs E. Halley et al; Celia Duren vs Rolan Duren Divorce; Martha Williams vs Alfred Williams; E. R. Richards vs Chas. Richards; F. A. Walker vs W. E. Hall et al; Mary Taylor vs Lively Taylor, divorce; J. E. Jolly vs Mary Jolly, Divorce; Jordan Davis vs Amanda Davis, Divorce; Geo. Dunn vs Snida Dunn, Divorce; Billie Moton vs Fannie Moton, Divorce; A. Woldert vs S. C. Arledge; Mrs. V. I. Miller vs R. C. Platt et al; W. J. Murchison vs B. C. Denton;

Fannie Austin vs F. Austin, Divorce; Joe Tolford vs Dorcas Tolford Divorce; Harry Scott vs Amanda Scott, Divorce; Brit Fluker vs Ellen Fluker, Divorce; W. S. Townsend et al vs M. Bromberg et al; Chas. P. Burr & Co vs W. W. Davis; Mary A. Diggs vs B. D. Diggs Divorce; Steve Jackson vs Nancy Jackson Divorce; Callie Sugge vs Allen Sugge Divorce; W. H. Denny vs J. R. Foster; L. W. Cooper vs S. J. Johnson; Jno. E. Monk vs Jas. M. Malone.

Jury for 1st week will be on hand Tuesday of 1st week.

The "whizzing Jenny" has demoralized business, schools, churches, society and everything else. We hear of one man who rode out five dollars worth in one afternoon and night. And we hear of another who couldn't at present accept an invitation from a near relation to visit him because, he said, "we have a flying Jenny in town now and I can't leave. Don't know that we will ever have another. As soon as it leaves I will come over to see you."

Clothing! Clothing!! Clothing!!! HAVE YOU TRIED The Cash Store?

Come to hand this week, suits for men, youths and children. Also a beautiful and stylish line of pants to fit all ages and sizes. All Wool pants for children from 5 to 12 years for \$1.00. Fresh rice and flour, fancy evaporated apples 11c per lb. Best Rio coffee 5lb for \$1.00. Flat Navy and smoking tobacco each 25 cents per lb. Shoes, shoes, shoes, for men, ladies and children, and don't forget my full stock brogan. Ladies' button shoe and Child's "school shoe" each for \$1.00. A complete line of ladies and gents furnishing goods expected daily.

R. M. ATKINSON.

Those who can't vote at the hog law election will kick and we can't blame them. But then they should bear in mind that that is the provision of the State constitution framed in 1875.

Don't take our word for it, but come around and see. We have got the Nobbiest stock of imported Derby hats, ever brought to Crockett, new shapes and colors. J. E. DOWNES.

A letter from W. H. Denny at Logansport states that they had about \$7000. worth of goods and \$4700 insurance. It is believed the fire is the work of an incendiary. Not a thing was saved from the store.

We have just received a new line of samples and latest cut plate of fashions for spring and summer clothing. Call and give us order for spring suit of Tailor made clothing. Fit guaranteed.

J. W. MURCHISON. Judge Arson Rainey of Waxahachie was in town Wednesday. He came down Wednesday from Grapeland in company with J. E. Hollingsworth whose family and that of Dr. Meriwether's he has been visiting.

W. H. Denny left on Friday evening last for Logansport, La. in response to a telegram announcing that his store house and entire stock of goods had been burnt up. We have since learned that he had insurance for \$4700.

Last year James S. Hogg and Horace Chilton sat down on Houston County's applicant for appointment to superintendency of one of the Insane Asylums. This year Houston County will sit down on James S. Hogg and Horace Chilton.

Many persons who have recovered from lagrippe are now troubled with a persistent cough. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will promptly loosen this cough and relieve the lungs, effecting a permanent cure in a very short time. 50 cent bottles for sale by French & Chamberlain.

Mr. Hustings of St. Louis came down to meet the city-council to see what the trouble was in the issuance of the bonds. The matter was all arranged at a special meeting of the city council on Monday. They will all be in ship shape now in a few days, the money forthcoming and the building going up by May.

We call attention of COURIER readers to the real-estate advertisement of C. L. Dignowity & Co., real estate agents, San Antonio. The price of lots in this elegant new addition to San Antonio is phenomenally cheap. There are some splendid bargains for a "person wanting to invest" a small amount of money and realize handsomely on it later. Try a few dollars in it.

GENTLEMEN—I have suffered for years with a kind of Tetter, or breaking out all over my body, and at times these small pimples would terminate in boils. While traveling in the South last year I had occasion to try a bottle of P. P. P., which was recommended to me by a friend, and to my surprise it helped me so much that I got six bottles more, and after taking the full contents, I felt better than I had since the beginning of my trouble, and while I have no symptoms of the disease returning, I am still using the wonderful blood medicine at intervals, and am fully satisfied that I will be entirely cured of a disease that for fifteen years has troubled me. I cannot express my gratitude to you for so wonderful a benefactor as your P. P. P. (Prickly Ash, Poke Root and Potassium.) I am yours truly,

JACAT PETERS, Traveling Salesman, Savannah, Ga. Sold by French & Chamberlain.

Wilson Adams & Co.

Have on hand a fancy line of ladies' dress goods consisting of white and figured lawns, ginghams, henrietta cloth, and mohair goods. Also the latest styles in calicoes, a fine line of men's and boys' spring and summer clothing, an elegant line of gents' furnishing goods. Ladies', Gents' and children's shoes from the best manufacturers. A full line of fancy family groceries consisting of canned goods. Our line of farm implements is complete. A large assortment of pure and fresh drugs.

R. M. ATKINSON.

Bill McConnell Says:

We are too busy opening up the most dazzling, bewildering, scintillating, stupendous, incomparable stock of goods ever brought to this city to say anything this week.

Special—We have so much to please the women, we fear it will put their heads to swimming.

To the Democrats of Houston County:

In view of the early convening of the Legislature in special session, the undersigned will be glad to have an expression from the democrats of Houston county as to how they wish to be associated in the creation of the new congressional, judicial, senatorial and representative districts. This question will come up at the special session and it will afford me pleasure to try to carry out their wishes in the matter. I invite an expression of their preferences by mass-meeting, petition or otherwise.

Very Truly, W. B. PAGE, Senator 8th Dist.

Another Killing.

On Wednesday morning Will Jones who married J. M. Torrence's daughter got up from the breakfast table and took up in front of the fire. He slipped off his pantaloons with the view of changing them.

A small chambered Colt's revolver was lying on the mantle piece in front of him. He picked it up and turning the barrel toward his head remarked that only one chamber was loaded. About the same time the pistol was discharged, accidentally it is thought by those present, and the ball entered the brain just above the right eye. He lingered for several hours and died. Justice Roman went down about noon to hold an inquest. From accounts there seems to be no doubt that the shot was accidental.

Resolutions of Baptist Church.

Whereas in the order of divine providence one beloved brother and deacon J. H. Wootters, has been removed from our midst by the hand of death and our hearts have been deeply moved there by.

Resolved 1, That in his death we have lost one of nature's noblemen, a generous friend, a genial companion, a man of true and honest purpose, of pure mind and sound judgment, prompt in action, faithful in matters of trust, an earnest christian worker, and an ardent lover of his church.

Resolved 2, That we treasure the memory of his blameless christian life, his wise counsels, his faithful warnings, and his zeal for the cause of christ. As a deacon and Suppl. of the Sunday School he had for equals.

Resolved 3, That from the manner of his life among us and from the positive character of his christian experience and testimony during his illness, we are fully persuaded that our loss is his eternal gain, and that while we are mourning on earth, he is rejoicing with the redeemed and blood-washed in heaven.

Resolved 4, That we deeply sympathize with the widow and children who have been called to part with their cheerfully counselor and support, and that we earnestly beseech the Father in Heaven to grant them the consolation they so much need and which He alone can give.

Resolved 5, That a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of the church and a copy presented to the family of deceased and published in our city papers.

S. C. ARLEDGE, Chm. Com.

One of the Good Things.

There is nothing "just as good" as Creole Female Tonic. Every lady who has given it a trial will tell you there is nothing like it for woman's peculiar ailments.

Corns, Warts and Blisters Removed quickly and surely by using Abbott's East India Corn Plaster.

J. E. Hassank has just received a car load of shingles at lumber yard.

Tribute of Respect.

Resolutions adopted by Grapeland Lodge No. 473, A. F. & A. M. on the death of H. M. McCann.

WHEREAS, The supreme Architect of the universe, in his wisdom, has been pleased to remove from our midst, our worthy Bro. H. M. McCann, Therefore be it—

RESOLVED, By Grapeland Lodge No. 473, that while we humbly bow to the will of Him, who doeth all things right, in the loss of Bro. McCann, our Lodge has been deprived of one of its brightest lights, one who never faltered in his duties as a mason, christian, father, or friend. The loss to his family, community and friends is irreparable.

Bro. McCann was born in Green county, Miss. in 1842, he was married to Miss M. A. Fulghum, March 6th 1862, with whom he has lived a happy life for thirty years. He moved to Houston county in 1871, where he has lived a faithful and hard working citizen, until his death, which occurred Feb. 9th 1892.

He joined the Baptist church, in 1884 and has lived a consistent member ever since.

He became a mason in 1858 and remained true to his pledge until death removed him from our midst. He was always faithful, true and honest, and in his death, his family has lost a devoted father and husband, the community a useful, true and honest citizen, and masonry one of its most devoted members.

We hereby extend to his family our heartfelt sympathies, with a hope that we may all so live as to be assured of a happy reunion with him in the supreme grand Lodge above Therefore

RESOLVED that his family be furnished with a copy of these resolutions and a copy spread upon the minutes of the Lodge, and that both county papers be requested to publish the same

RESOLVED, That the brethren wear the usual badge of mourning for 30 days and, the Lodge room be draped in mourning.

J. F. MARTIN, WALLACE TOFFY, F. C. WOODARD, Committee.

GRAPELAND.

Since the "La Grippe" has quieted down and the hurry and bustle of the winter's business subsided somewhat I will again try and post the "COURIER" as to the doings and happenings of our little town as they come to pass.

Our Rail Road agent, Mr. Fox, who succeeded Mr. Carlton, has resigned his office and Mr. Valentine late of Phelps takes his place. While we are sorry to lose Mr. Fox and his excellent family, we feel that we have acquired quite an admirable addition in their stead in the family of Mr. Valentine.

Quite a number of our Masonic citizens visited Elkhart Lodge last Saturday night, returning next morning and from their appearance they had a "huge time."

Mr. Sory is building a new residence on a lot just back of Mr. Campbell's residence.

Major Owens has just completed his new residence in Hollingsworth addition.

The political net has just begun to simmer a little up this way. Quite a sensation was caused among politicians at the announcement of Geo. Clark for Governor, and the question naturally suggests itself, can the Tracy-Sledge-Connoy combine deliver the goods to George?

There are no candidates here yet but a good many are germinating.

The farmers of this section are getting along nicely with their crops. Health good.

KEystone.

Ballard's Borehound Syrup. We guarantee this to be the best Cough Syrup manufactured in the whole world. This is saying a great deal, but it is true. Sore Throat, Sore Chest, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, Whooping Cough, and all diseases of the Throat and Lungs are positively guaranteed Ballard's Borehound Syrup to be without any equal on the whole face of the globe in support of this statement we refer to every individual who has ever used it and to every druggist who has ever sold it. Such evidence is indisputable. Sold by J. G. Traring.

CLARK'S HEADQUARTERS.

THE RAILROAD ATTORNEY BUSINESS AND WHO IT EMBROAES.

Both Hogg and Anti-Hogg Men Have Been There.

WACO, Tex., Feb. 22.—There is much curiosity to know the attitude of Senator Coke in the coming campaign. It is the talk and hence the presumption that he will be found on the fence. It is well known that the senator has no kindly feeling for McLennan county's candidate for governor, but whether he will announce his open hostility or keep on the fence and use his quiet influence against Clark is the question of the moment. Coke is in sympathy with the administration all along the line. He was pleased with the appointment of Chilton and is known to have expressed his satisfaction at the appointment.

While the senator's personal antipathy to Clark and Mills might be sufficient to lead him to hope for their defeat, still there are political reasons which might move him to active opposition. For instance, he knows the success of Mills means the defeat of Coke in 1895, for Texas will hardly select senators residing within sixty miles of each other. Again, he fears that the election of Clark would place in power an opposition which he could not overcome even if Mills were defeated. And yet there is a prediction here that he will remain on the fence.

The dispatch sent from Washington several days ago to the Houston Post by W. M. Imboden, Chilton's private secretary, to the effect that Clark's candidacy had for its motive not only the defeat of Hogg and the success of Mills, but a war on Coke in 1895, is believed to have been inspired by Coke, and a warning to his friends in Texas to fight Clark and Mills to the last. It is not expected that such a fight will be made in McLennan, for the Clark influence here is too strong. And while Waco politicians are great people to hang together in emergencies, the Clark element here will make a strong endeavor to get Coke to show his hand and come down from the perch.

In the meantime this county is to all appearances sold for Clark for governor and Mills for the senate.

WHO ARE CORPORATION LAWYERS? Judge Clark's candidacy has already awakened the cry against him that he is a railroad lawyer and would not be safe. This is held here to be political claptrap, which good citizens may use to their discredit. Hogg men, however, use it freely. Look for a moment. Horace Chilton was general attorney for the International and Great Northern receivers when Hogg appointed him to the senate. Web Finley is local attorney for the Cotton Belt railroad. Hon. Sawme Robertson is attorney for the East Line and Red River and has long been attorney for foreign loan companies. J. C. Hutcheson of Houston is a corporation attorney. Walter Gresham of Galveston is another. And now for a glance into the past. The only period for forty years to which John H. Reagan did not hold public office was from 1865 to 1874, and during the interim he was attorney for the International and Great Northern railway. While holding this position, he became so incensed at a decision of the supreme court that he asked Gov. Coke to call an extra session of the legislature to change the laws upon which the decision was based. So I am reliably informed.

Judge Clark is not now representing any railroad, but this, it is urged, makes no difference. No attorney, the lawyers say—and good, fair lawyers, too—would decline employment at the hands of the railroads, and it is also true that such corporations employ the best legal talent obtainable to look after their business. While Gov. Hogg has never been a railroad attorney it may be that he never had an opportunity. Before the governor had obtained eminence as a lawyer he was elected attorney general, and therefore he has been removed from the general practice for a number of years. It is not likely that this cry of

railroad attorney will have much weight in the campaign when the people understand that one side is about as deep in the mud as the other is in the mire. Thus the Clark people are onto this part of the racket.—Dallas News.

Another Fatal Fray.

On Saturday last Henry Williams, colored, and Sam Smith, colored, were leaving town for home on the Lovelady road, the former in a wagon and the latter on horseback. Three miles or more from town a dispute arose between them about some matter and they got to abusing each other. Smith calling Williams a d—o—t—e. Williams stopped his wagon, took off the breast yoke and by one stroke of it laid out Smith and then strove on. Smith was afterwards picked up for dead but at this writing he is not thought liable to die. Officers are on the hunt for Williams but have not yet succeeded in capturing him.

Live Long and Be Happy.

But beware of a bad cold, which, if neglected, soon develops into consumption. Marsden's Pectoral Balm is the best remedy for coughs, colds and all lung troubles.

Lumber! Lumber!

Call on Mart Ellis for first class longleaf, yellow-pine lumber. He is selling cheaper than the cheapest. Yard near the depot.

The Winter of Discontent.

Every winter we have to combat coughs and colds. When you get a cold, go to your druggist and get a bottle of the favorite remedy for coughs and colds and croup in children—Marsden's Pectoral Balm.

STILL-LIN-GIN.

What is it and what good does it do? God in his wisdom, knowing the many ailments which mankind is heir to, has placed in the vegetable kingdom the roots and herbs from which this great and wonderful remedy is compounded. It purifies the blood, regulates the liver and makes almost a new creature of man. Dr. L. S. Hine, of Okalla, Texas says: "I have used Stillington and like it. Please send me half a dozen more bottles."

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Office of Comptroller of the Currency. WASHINGTON, Jan. 16, 1892.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the "The First National Bank of Crockett," in the town of Crockett, in the County of Houston, and State of Texas, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

Now, therefore, I, Edward S. Lacy, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that

"The First National Bank of Crockett," in the town of Crockett, in the County of Houston, and State of Texas, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in section fifty-one hundred and sixty-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

In testimony whereof, witness my [h. s.] hand and seal of office this 16th day of January, 1892.

E. S. LACY, Comptroller of the Currency. No. 4438-4.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, has long had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple, yet valuable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis, asthma, and all chronic and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and nervous complaints, after having tested the wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, he felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. He has no selfish aims, and a desire to relieve human suffering. I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using, sent by mail, by addressing with stamp, naming the paper, W. A. Noyes, 520 Powers' Block, Boston.

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ABSCESS OF THE LIVER.

Mrs. W. H. M.—of Llano, Texas, says, "I have been a sufferer of abscess of the liver for fifteen years have taken medicine from a number of doctors and different kinds of patent medicines, but I have received more benefit from Stillington in one week's time than in the whole fifteen years before."

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JAPAN'S FIRE BRIGADE.

The firemen of the Mikado's Realm go through queer exercises. No country is so much exposed to fires as Japan. In one week 3,000 houses were burned down in Tokyo alone, and in the next week 15,000 houses were destroyed in that city, while Sir Rutherford Alcock states that Tokio loses as many houses as constitute the entire city every ten years.

Some buildings in Japan are thatched, while the roofs of others are formed of little slates of flakes of wood, but these so readily catch fire if sparks fall upon them that the Japanese prefer taking the risk of injury from falling tiles during the earthquake to being in even greater danger from fires than they necessarily must now be.

It is strange that in these days, when so many young natives have come to Europe to study the sciences, that their acquired knowledge of chemistry has not caused them to adopt some means of rendering the wood of which their houses are constructed, and even the paper of the windows, fireproof.

They have, however, in the large towns most efficient fire brigades, and have even the newest and best fire engines of European or American make, but these are of much less use than might be imagined, for the supply of water is limited, and the engine without water is a mere mockery. Over every house door is placed a sign indicating that there is one well on the premises, or sometimes we see two or more signs, indicating that two or more wells will be found in that building, and thus the firemen know the sources of their water supply, and from these wells alone can water be had.

The scarcity of water renders it necessary that all buildings surrounding any that may have taken fire be pulled down, so that the burning mass be isolated, for there is no hope of preventing the spreading of the conflagration by the water from the engines, and it is this necessity which causes the fireman's drill in Japan to appear so strange and grotesque to the European. Each fireman is furnished with a sort of hook, intended for use in pulling down the houses, but the question arises as to where the man is to stand while engaged in his work of destruction. A ladder is held upright by a number of men, who hold it firmly by these hooks, and it is up a ladder thus held that the fireman goes to pull down the houses which are to be destroyed in case of a fire.

The chief exercises of the men consist in ascending the ladder and leaning out from it in a horizontal manner, using the hook while holding on by the feet, and in all sorts of acrobatic feats which seem calculated to aid them in their work. Sometimes a man ascends the ladder and stands in an inverted position on the top round. At other times he grasps one side of the ladder with his hands and throws his body out horizontally, so that he may have free use of his feet—and it must be remembered that the Japs can do much more with their feet than we can with ours.

The firemen are arranged in corps, each of which is headed by the bearer of a large lantern in the form of some curious distinctive device, from which cut papers, a religious emblem, depend, and we have seen a corps slowly and solemnly marching to a fire, headed with this insignia, just as though it were taking part in a funeral procession, instead of hurrying as becomes those concerned in snuffing that fearful element, fire.—London Graphic.

Moon Superstitions.

Almost any old time farmer will tell you a wren fence built in the light of the moon and ascending node will worm around and finally fall down. If you plant potatoes during similar phases they will all go to tops and the tubers will be small and watery. This is the time, however, to plant cucumbers, especially when the sign is in the arms.

The carpenter of former times would not think of putting a shaven shingle roof on a building in the dark of the moon, because the shingles would curl up, pull the nails out, and soon leak like a sieve. Neither would he cut timbers for a house, nor would he paint it until the sign was right.—Pittsburg Commercial Gazette.

An Odd Patent.

The wife of President Jackson is said to have once accompanied the British minister for a bad cold in the head by telling him that "the general had kicked the kivers off" the night before. But there seems to be no longer any excuse for people who "kick the kivers off," as a clamp and a spring are now patented for attachment to the bedstead. By this simple device the covers are fastened down. The spring gives sufficient play, so that there is no danger of one getting choked in the act of turning over.—Harper's Young People.

Seven Hogheads of Air a Day.

A man breathes about eighteen pints of air per minute, or upward of seven hogheads in a day.—New York Journal.

The Education of the Elephant.

This is an age of the "Elephant Extracts." Everybody must have a smattering of as nearly everything as he can, and after the manner of Dick Swiveler, sprinkle his conversation with quotations like a shopkeeper who exposes all his stock in his window. Still the career of a young lady is made none the less attractive by a little superficial education.—London Telegraph.

THE BROOK.

Pride of the mountain joy of bird and flower gleaming with sunshine mirroring the lawn. Of the sweet waters drinks the thick foam, then hurries away into her woodland bow.

HIS AMERICAN WIFE.

"Lancelot, my dear, dear boy!" "My dear mother!" And the big, broad-shouldered earl of Kensington was locked in his mother's embrace, kissing her and hugging her with tears in his eyes.

It was four years since these two had met. When the young lord succeeded his father in the title and estate, he was so pestered and bothered with the duties of his newly acquired position that he shook off the shackles of his most important business, and left England in his yacht. He had intended to cruise about for a few months; but months slid into years before he could make up his mind to return, and here he was at last once more in the arms of his fond mother.

In these days of cheap postage stamps it seems strange that Lord Kensington's family should have heard so little of him during his absence and should not even have been apprised of his return. But he was never a good letter writer, and a traveler who goes wherever his momentary inclination may suggest, and at the shortest possible notice, may perhaps be excused if he is not a reliable or a regular correspondent.

Certainly he had occasionally written to his mother, but his letters were characteristic of himself—schoolboyish, and conveyed little or no information, except that they satisfied her who loved him better than the whole world that he was alive and well. Here, for instance, is a specimen of the last letter received from him six months previously to their meeting.

ST. PAUL, MINN., America, Tuesday. MY DEAREST MOTHER—I hope you are quite well. Arrived here on Friday. This is a lovely neighborhood, and I have shot three bears, and had good sport with other game. I will send you some skins, too, if you like. I am, my dear mother, your affectionate son, LANCELOT.

Now it cannot be maintained that communications like this are full of that personal gossip and detail such as a parent longs for from an absent child. But Lady Kensington had to submit to such meager information as they contained, and she had grown accustomed to look out for even such scrappy notes and to treat them as they arrived. However, all her anxiety was now at an end; Lancelot was with her once more, and would, she hoped, give up roaming about the world, and settle down to meet the calls of his great name and the duties appurtenant to his vast possessions.

After half an hour's cozy talk about old friends who were alive, married, dead or otherwise changed in their state during her son's absence Lady Kensington said: "Do you know, Lancelot, there was a report that you had married—a Philadelphia heiress, I think I read some one sent me an extract from an American paper, and loads of people believe it?"

"Well, mother, there is some truth in that; I am married, but the lady is not quite a Philadelphia heiress. Lancelot! But where is my daughter-in-law? Why did you not bring her to me that I might welcome her, you naughty boy?" "I left her at Liverpool for a day or two. The fact is, mother," he said with a nervous gulp in his voice, "there is a long history to be told about her, and I thought you should hear it before I introduced her."

"A long history?" repeated Lady Kensington slowly. "She did not like women with his hair, and her eyes were so nervous, she had heard of noblemen descending to their kitchens or even lower, in search of a wife, but such shocking cases had hitherto been without an example in her noble family, and she certainly never anticipated that her Lancelot would so far descend as to ally himself with a woman whom he could not unhesitatingly present without a blush to his own mother. However, she might as well bear the worst now as later on. It would be a bitter pill, but she must swallow it for the love she bore her son—a love deeper than even that she felt for the title and name he bore.

there I met my fate." "By which you mean my daughter-in-law, I presume," said Lady Kensington dryly, as her son paused in his narrative. "Quite so; but you shall hear."

"No is a quaint, primitive place, one of the smallest of the islands, with a pretty bay and with what the inhabitants are pleased to call a town, behind which there is a barren, treeless country, which, however, produces oil, honey and plenty of cotton. I wanted to see a plantation of the latter, and as soon as I made my departure I was 'pointed out' a large, sprawling, barnlike building, standing in its own grounds, which apparently extended half across the island."

"Fancy my surprise when I found that the proprietor of this place was an American! I told him my name, and he received me most cordially. 'We don't often catch any of your countrymen here, Mr. Kensington,' he said, with what sounded like rather an offensive emphasis on the Mr. 'Lord Kensington,' I suggested. 'Well, that may be, but you are not in the country where I come from, so if you don't mind, Mr. Kensington, I'll just call you Mr. Kensington.' It will make me feel more comfortable."

"Of course I laughed, and he pointed out all the curiosities of the place. Men, women and children were busy picking the cotton and preparing it for transport, and a happier looking lot of mortals I never saw. My host—whose name, by the way, was Thaddeus Clug—told me he had lived on the island for thirty years and seldom left his own grounds. 'I have everything I want,' he said, 'and perhaps some dollars put by somewhere in case of accidents. And as for society, now and then traders put in here, and we deal and exchange and what not. But that is not a bad lot of humanity to pass your life with, is it?' he added, pointing with evident pride to his employees, who were here, there and everywhere all over the place.

"I was bound to admit that I thought him a very lucky man, and we went into dinner, which, though a curious combination of fish, fowl and vegetables, was most palatable; and he produced excellent champagne, claret, and what astonished me still more, capital cigars. 'After dinner a young girl about fifteen, came in, without saying a word, set herself down in a corner and began making coffee. 'Your daughter?' I asked. 'Not a bit of it,' said he, 'same as the others.' 'Oh, an employee? Do you find labor plentiful in this country?' I asked. 'After a long absence she said: 'Lancelot, bring your wife to see me as soon as you like and,' she added, dropping her voice to a whisper, 'if I were her, I would not contradict the rumor about the Philadelphia heiress.'—Edmund Yates' World.

"I grew quite interested; for it seemed so strange that this insignificant island, of which I had never heard, should have to employ foreigners to pick its cotton. I asked the proprietor, and he asked further questions. My host, warmed with his own wine, was inclined to be communicative. 'You see,' he said, 'we get a lot of boats here one way and the other. Turkey ain't so very far from Candia, nor Africa neither, for the matter of that, and there's a good deal of trading in a small way.' 'Illicit trading?' I suggested. 'Maybe it be and maybe it be n't; that all depends on the law of the country and we ain't troubled much with law here. Now that you speak about—Frangipanni we call her—'

"What a curious name!" said I. "May be," he replied. "You see, I once swapped some merchandise, and among the things I got in exchange was a whole case of perfume, which was never much good to me, so I named the youngsters after them. 'This is Frangipanni; that nigger,' he continued, pointing to a broad featured African who was passing in front of the window, carrying a heavy load, 'that nigger is Bob, who served the dinner is Opopona, and we've got Ess, Bouquet, Millefleurs and no end of fine names among 'em.' 'But surely,' I remonstrated, 'these poor wretches have names of their own; their fathers and mothers—'

"Lord bless you, Mr. Kensington, they've forgotten all about their fathers and mothers before I buy them." "Buy them?" I exclaimed. "Good heavens! you don't mean to tell me that they are slaves?" "That depends again on what you call a slave. They're well fed, well clothed, well looked after, and in return for all these benefits they get in my cotton and oil and they keep my house in order. What more do they want?" "But you bought them?" "There, that again depends on what you call buying. Some one comes here in a boat with two or three extra hands he can't make no use of. He takes a fancy to a few barrels of cotton, maybe, or a cask of oil. Well, I happens to want a little help. He takes his merchandise and leaves the parties he has no use for. Now that gal, for instance, come here, Frangipanni, the sailor—he was a Turk—who brought her was one of the most avocative wretches I ever set eyes on—two casks of the best olive oil and half a cargo of provisions, various."

"For the first time I looked particularly at the girl. Although she was only about fifteen she already gave signs of the most wonderful beauty. As she is my wife now I won't describe her more fully." "I think," interrupted Lady Kensington, "that you might leave me to form my own opinions when I see your slave. It is getting late now, and I cannot say your narrative pleases me very much."

"Walk, mother, till you know her ladyship; then you will be delighted." Lady Kensington heaved a deep sigh and her son continued: "To make a long story short, mother, I took a great liking for the girl, and she served like a great brown eyes off me for a moment. I lingered a good many days with my friend Clug, and spent as much of my time as possible with poor little Frangipanni. 'You know I never was vicious, or a libertine, or fancied myself a Don Juan or anything of that sort; so when I made up my mind to be off and the girl with tears in her eyes begged me—for she had learned English from her master, though her native tongue was Arabic—to take her with me, I was in a devil of a mess. What on earth was I to do with a child of fifteen on board a yacht with twenty sailors. However, I had not the heart to refuse her, but I wanted to act honorably to my host, so I mooted the matter to her."

"No matter how I tried, I would not consent. 'Every thing I have is for sale,' he said. 'I'm a trader, and I don't care what I deal in so long as I don't get the worst of the bargain; and I'm kinder fond of that gal, but you seem to have taken a fancy to her and you won't deny you.' The price? I asked. 'Waah, you see, that is mighty good champagne you've got aboard the yacht. Could you spare half a dozen cases—and a few bottles of that whisky—and I'm badly in want of a coil or two of inch rope—and perhaps you might allow in that watch you start? I've taken a kinder fancy to it, and we are short of good jewels in these parts. But you must make me no promise,' he added solemnly—"that I insist on." "What is it?" I asked. "That you won't dog her."

"Needless to say, the bargain was concluded, and Frangipanni steamed away with me. When I had got her I did not in the least know what to do with her. We fitted up the after cabin as a sort of stateroom for her, and a more delightful companion you cannot imagine. She sang and played on a sort of primitive guitar, but of course she was hopelessly uneducated. I had thoughts of bringing her home to you and getting my sister to look after her, but I grew so fond of her that I could not bear to part with her."

"At last my steward made a suggestion, and so we went to Havre, sent the yacht home and discharged the crew, and thence took the steamer to New York. I left Frangipanni there at a first class seminary for young ladies, while I went west and north and everywhere that I could get good shooting, returning occasionally to see my ward and growing more in love with her at every visit. She was about nineteen last October as nearly as she could reckon, too old to remain at school any longer, and so I married her, and there's an end of my story."

The proud old countess of Kensington covered her face with her hands. A sad struggle was going on within her mind, a conflict between her pride and her motherly love. Unnecessary to say that the latter won. After a long absence she said: "Lancelot, bring your wife to see me as soon as you like and," she added, dropping her voice to a whisper, "if I were her, I would not contradict the rumor about the Philadelphia heiress."—Edmund Yates' World.

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are splendid. The International & Great Northern runs through it directly North and South. The Trinity & Sabine belt on the South, the Houston, East & West Texas on the East and the Kansas & Gulf Short Line on the North, thus affording to every section of the County easy and rapid means of transportation to and from market. Besides there are two other lines surveyed and projected through the County, running in a North-westerly and South-easterly direction. Rivers, Creeks and streams of living water abound, furnishing through the driest summer an abundance of pure, fresh water. The Trinity River is the County's boundary on the West and the Neches on the East. The County School fund is perhaps the

LARGEST IN THE STATE.

reaching the splendid sum total of \$70,000, from which is annually derived for available use in maintaining the schools of the County from four to five thousand dollars. This added to the amount raised by local taxation and that bestowed by the State furnishes the princely sum of thirty thousand dollars spent annually on the free schools of the County. The population of the County is 20,000 and largely white.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

of every variety are produced here and the County yields to none in the State in adaptability of soils to the growth for market of peaches, pears, figs, plums, apricots, grapes and berries.

Houston County's Schools

are unsurpassed by any in the State, in respect of efficiency and competency of teachers, standard of scholarship and duration of free term. Its own unsurpassed permanent School Fund supplemented from other sources enables us to come nearer fulfilling the constitutional requirements of a six-months term than any other county. The debt and tax-rate of the County are almost nominal. Its climate is mild and healthful, the temperature never reaching extremes in either Summer or Winter. Its water supply for both domestic use and manufacturing purposes is unexcelled. Springs and streams of never failing water are to be found in every section of the county.

County Products

are cotton, corn, oats and other small grain, sorghum, ribbon cane, fruits and vegetables of every variety, hay, and in some places rice etc.

CROCKETT

the county seat of Houston County, is situated on the I. & G. N. R. R. It has a population of 2000. The people of the town have recently voted to take charge of its schools and support them by taxation, nine months in the year. The City Council have assumed control and established graded schools for both white and black. Hand-ome and commodious brick school buildings with all the modern appointments are under construction. The town is destined to become the situational center of East Texas.

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