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"OLD THROCK" A DEMOCRAT.

HE PRONOUNCES HIMSELF FOR HON. GEORGE CLARK.

He Expresses His Opinion of the Hogg Convention—Danger Threatens the Democracy of the State.

The Express takes great pleasure in publishing the following letter written to an old friend of Hon. J. W. Throckmorton, living in this city. Whilst the letter was not written for publication, yet under the condition of affairs when Governor Coke and his crowd undertake to read democrats out of the old democratic party for supporting George Clark its publication is deemed both advisable and a justice to Texas.

ers—and the free silver plank was not only presented and adopted with the view of placating that class of voters who had supported him and his delegates, but in my judgment it was also adopted with the other purpose of driving Mills to the support of Clark with the hope of defeating him for the senate.

As notorious as is the fact that almost every Hogg delegate to Houston was elected by the help of the labor party, Alliance and third party people it is as equally notorious that, with few exceptions, these people did not participate in the election of delegates to the Lampasas convention.

Believing as I do, I can not, without stultifying myself, do otherwise than support Clark. I shall vote for him at the election unless he should commit some very unexpected act that will forfeit the good opinion of true and loyal democrats.

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REPLY TO COL. NUNN.

In the issue of the 30th of September Col. Nunn disputes the correctness of the assumptions drawn by us from his article of the week previous. In our last issue he labors at great length to show that these assumptions were not warranted by his previous communication and before he concludes frankly admits one of the deductions drawn and in effect admits a second. Now let us examine the ground, in part at least, on which we based our conclusions. Before doing so we will state again what they were:

1st. That Col. Nunn doesn't believe a commission necessary. 2d. That, if necessary, the present one is entirely incompetent. 3d. That the roads themselves are the proper parties to determine the reasonableness of their charges. We challenge any unbiased, clear-headed, judicial-minded person to read the line of reasoning pursued by him in the issue of the 23rd and say that the deductions made by us from it are not sound, logical and correct. He does not specifically admit them, as we have said, but they are there and patent to all fair-minded readers.

Let us quote him in support of the first assumption; he says: "Two years ago the hue and cry was made that rail roads were robbing the people. I did not believe it then, but was not prepared to disprove these bold assertions. I have failed to observe, in all the manipulations of the commission and in all the discussions of the subject by its advocates, that they contended that previous rates were unjustly high and could be reduced without injustice to the railroad companies." If previous rates were not unjustly high and could not be reduced without injustice to railroad companies, why the necessity of a rail road commission or other form of regulation? The roads were doing the right thing, the square thing, the honest thing and everything was just lovely, as Col. Nunn insists was the case before the creation of the commission, and of course a commission was unnecessary. Now, Col. Nunn, to be frank, is it not fair to assume from your line of reasoning that our first assumption was warranted and that Col. Nunn does not believe in the necessity or rightfulness of a commission?

In support of our second assumption we quote Col. Nunn as follows: "Now the question is, is it just and honest for us to claim a reduction of freight for the commission, if that reduction is wrongful and unjust to the companies? I say not. Then the only question is was that reduction proper, just and right? I have wondered at the universal absence of effort on the part of the advocates of the present commission law to show that it is just or that the reductions made by the commission are reasonable." Now, from the above, it requires no line of reasoning to demonstrate that Col. Nunn thinks the present commission is dishonest and being dishonest, it is incompetent. "I have wondered," says Col. Nunn, "at the universal absence of effort on the part of the advocates of the present commission law to show that the reductions made by the commission are reasonable and just." Speaking thus, of course Col. Nunn thinks these reductions are not reasonable and just and thinking thus; he is bound to think that a commission which makes unjust and unreasonable reductions in freight rates is either incompetent or dishonest or both. Such a conclusion is inevitable and cannot be escaped. We have established, as we think, our second assumption. Besides in his second communication Col. Nunn admits the soundness of the assumption and openly charges the commissioners with being incompetent.

So much for the first and second assumptions. Now as to the third: "That the roads themselves are the proper parties to determine the reasonableness of their charges." The first and second assumptions being established or admitted that is, "that a commission law is unnecessary" and that "the rates in force before the creation of the commission as fixed by the roads themselves were just and reasonable" the third assumption follows as a logical sequence. If the commission law was unnecessary as we have clearly shown to be the case from Col. Nunn's stand point and if the present commission is incompetent as Col. Nunn in effect admits and charges, then the proper parties to determine the reasonableness of the freight charges are the roads themselves. This disposes of the case so far as our grounds for making the assumptions which we did. We are of the opinion that any fair-minded man will admit that we have clearly demonstrated that the assumptions we formulated from Col. Nunn's article of the 23d of October are warranted. In our reply to Col. Nunn of two weeks ago we took occasion to say that the decision of Judge McCormick was no evidence that the rates fixed by the commission were unjust and unreasonable. Col. Nunn insists that "such decision is evidence of the highest character." We are still of the opinion that it is worthless. First, because his decision is not final and goes only to the extent of a preliminary examination into the merits of the case to be finally determined after a full and thorough investigation into the reasonableness of the charges fixed by the commission. Another reason for thinking his decision worthless and, by far the strongest, is that it is the decision of a partisan. We challenge any man, be he a lawyer or not, to read Judge McCormick's opinion in the matter and then say he is not wanting in the spirit of candor and judicial equipoise of mind essential to command respect for any judge's decision. He speaks as a man who had prejudged the case and recently a letter of his has been unearthed in which he strongly opposes a commission. Again he talks as a man who had a personal or party grievance against the present executive of the State. He lugs into his decision matters altogether foreign to this question before the court and shows conclusively that in his decision he was wanting in that dignity and decorum so becoming one in his position and so befitting in the adjudication of a question of that magnitude. For these reasons we think McCormick's opinion is thoroughly discredited and worth nothing as to the gist of the matter involved. Discussing further the McCormick decision Col. Nunn says: "It is the decision of a learned judge passing on both questions, specifically: 1st. That the law is unconstitutional and 2d. That the commission rates are otherwise proper, not mainly on one or the other question but emphatically upon both questions." Now with reference to the charge made by Col. Nunn that the "rates fixed by the commission are confiscatory." We submit that such is not the case as we will proceed to show. The roads have not only done as well under the commission as they did before but have done better, their earnings have been larger and financially speaking they are in much better condition. Before making such charges he should have taken the trouble to look into the matter. If he had done so, he certainly could not have charged that the roads were being ruined by the commission. We give below proof of what we say:

The comparison instituted applies to freight earnings of the different roads previous to the operation of the commission and under the commission. For the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe Railway the increase in freight earnings under the commission for 11 months as compared with earnings for 11 months before the commission went into effect amounts to \$302,794. For the same period of time the I. & G. N. shows a decrease under the commission rates of \$40,455. For the period of eight months the Houston & Texas Central shows an increase under the commission rates of \$183,567. The Texas & Pacific for the period of nine months shows a decrease of \$18,493. The G. H. & S. A. for the period of ten months shows an increase of \$192,947. The St. I. S. Railway for the period of 11 months shows an increase of \$24,788. The G. H. & H. shows an increase of \$105,505. The F. W. & D. shows an increase of \$114,816. The increase in freight earnings under the operation of the commission shows beyond cavil that the charge of Col. Nunn that the rates "were confiscatory" is not sustained. It shows more. It shows that they were reasonable and just. Perhaps it will be asked how does the commission benefit the people if the roads earn more under it than before. Their earnings are greater for the reason that the rates have been equalized, discriminations between places and persons stopped, rebates cut off etc. and every section and every individual given the same showing in its and his shipments, again, the lower rates established by the commission have stimulated the manufacturing industries of Texas, causing increased shipments. After carefully considering these facts Col. Nunn will be constrained to withdraw his charge of incompetency against the commission and the further charge that these rates are confiscatory. Has Col. Nunn ever compared the rates fixed by the Texas commission with the rates in other states? The Texas commission rates are higher than they are in Georgia and other states on cotton, wool, lime, salt, lumber, cement etc. Again, Col. Nunn, counsel for the roads admitted before Judge McCormick that 80 per cent. of the traffic on Texas roads was interstate and couldn't be touched by commission. Again, the commission has issued commodity rates

on only about 25 per cent. of the state commerce. These are facts which Col. Nunn should have gotten before making his sweeping charge that the rates were confiscatory. With reference to what Col. Nunn says about the incompetency of the commission we will only say that they are presumed to know more of their business than he the writer or the great mass of citizens. Besides their own experience and special study on this line, they have the aid of several railroad experts, notable two, Mr. True, confessedly one of the ablest rate men in the state and Mr. Askew, one of the ablest railroad auditors in the state. Col. Nunn digresses from the issue and asks as how we can support Hogg after the confederate record incident. To this we reply by saying that the Houston convention was the court of last resort and its action binding and final with us. The incident he referred to was personal and not party. We are for Hogg because he stands for party organization, party unity and party success. We are opposed to George Clark because he represents party disorganization, party disruption and party disaster. The "confederate record incident" has nothing to do with.

ANOTHER INDEPENDENT. TRINITY, TEXAS, Sept. 27, 1892.—Captain W. W. Dawson of this place, has after the solicitation of his friends, announced himself a candidate for the State Senate against W. M. Imboden, the democratic nominee.—Houston Post. Mr. Dawson comes out on the Clark ticket. Mr. Dawson lives in Trinity county and was honored by the democratic party of that county with a seat in the 21st legislature. He was a candidate last summer for democratic nomination as a member to the next legislature. He was beaten. He participated in all the party primaries of that county as a democrat. He was chosen a delegate to the senatorial convention as a democrat. W. M. Imboden got the nomination for the state senate and got it fairly. Clark men and Hogg men alike participated in this convention and worked for Imboden. Clark men and Hogg men were alike bound by the results of that convention. Mr. Dawson was bound by them because he had taken part in the primaries of Trinity county which instructed for Imboden. He has no excuse for making the race against Imboden except sheer cussedness and a wanton disregard for his obligations as a democrat. If there were excuse for George Clark to bolt at Houston, there is none for Mr. Dawson. The causes that produced the Houston split can not apply to any district convention. Never a word has been uttered against the regularity of the convention which nominated Imboden. It was regular and it was fair. The strongest workers at that convention for Imboden were and are yet strong Clark men. We feel confident that the Clark men of the district have not encouraged Mr. Dawson to make the race. We know the Clark men of Houston county have not done so. They are loyal to the ticket and will support Imboden and not a one of them will vote for Dawson. Mr. Dawson protests that he is not running as an independent but as a Clark democrat. He can't justify his course by any such subterfuge as that. He is an independent and nothing else and as such is not entitled to the support of a single democrat, be he for Hogg, George Clark or the Devil.

DON'T BE DECEIVED. The present state contest is not one of silver, of income-tax, of tariff. These are not issues in Texas to be determined by a Texas legislature. These are not the questions. The Clark crowd try to make it appear that they are. They know better though. It is done to mislead, to frustrate, to disgust and to hide the ONE GREAT ISSUE of rail road commission. All this hurrying over foreign issues is for the purpose of withdrawing public criticism from the position of Clark. Don't be deceived by it. It is the spectacular part of the Clark melodrama. It is the red-dire of the Clark play. It is thrown into divert, to magnify, to frighten. Clark is vulnerable as to the question of rail road commission and vulnerable as to the grounds for bolt ng. His friends realize this and attempt to inject matters alien to the canvass into it. The cardinal point of the campaign is an effective rail road commission—one with body and bones and heels and vitality to it. George Clark doesn't stand for such a commission, he doesn't want it and, if elected, will not have it. The commission he stands for is one worth nothing, that will do the people no good, that the railroads will not object to and that will never get into the courts of the country because it will never be worth taking there. Then, he is not deceived. Then stand by the party, the party's organization and the great measure of reform to which the democratic party is committed. An Effective Rail Road Commission.

HON. JNO. H. REAGAN ON RAIL ROAD RATES.

HE SAYS THAT ALL ROADS BUT ONE HAVE RESTORED THE OLD RATES.

Cases Cited in Which the Roads Have Advanced The Freight Charges.

The following letter in reply to one asking for instances in which the railroads have advanced freight charges since the McCormick decision speaks for itself: AUSTIN, TEX., Sept. 27, 1892. HON. W. B. PAGE, Crockett, Tex. DEAR SIR:—Replying to your inquiry of the 24th we beg to state the various railroads have since the McCormick decision canceled all commission rates, and restored rates in existence prior to the organization of the commission. The only exception to this that we have heard of is the I. & G. N., which is reported to have made no change in rates to and from points on its own line. We do not, however, know that this is true. Be that as it may the preponderance of freight transported goes over more than one road, and in that event the old rates would apply. We do not suppose that railroad men themselves would deny the fact that there has been an advance in freight rates on all articles on which the commission had fixed rates since the McCormick decision.

We could give hundreds of instances, but only a few are necessary to illustrate the general condition prevailing since the commission has been enjoined. William Cameron, one of the largest millmen in the state, says: "We were forced to put down the price of wheat 5 cents per bushel owing to the advance in freight rates on wheat since the McCormick decision." On the Texas and Pacific the rate was advanced from 5 cents per 100 pounds (the commission rate) to 14 cents per 100 pounds from Benbrook to Ft. Worth a distance of nine miles. From Alledo to Ft. Worth on the same road, distance 18 miles, the commission rate was six cents and it has been advanced to 15 cents per 100 pounds. These facts have been published by Mr. Cameron in the Ft. Worth Gazette. The restoration of old rates on cotton and lumber the chief articles produced or consumed by farmers will result in advancing the rate on cotton on an average of about 50 cents per bale for the cotton crop of Texas, and an advance in rates of from \$5 to \$25 per car on lumber, which of course results in an addition of that much to the price the farmer pays for his lumber; so that the farmers get less for their wheat and cotton and pay more for their lumber.

A lumber dealer at Heidenheimer on the Gulf Colorado & Santa Fe railroad writes us that he ordered a car of lumber from Conroe to Heidenheimer 138 miles. The commission rate was 16 cents per 100 lbs. The rate was changed while the lumber was in transit to 21 1/2 cents per 100 lbs. and the shipper called on to pay it. A stock man at Waco, who furnished the butchers hogs for market shipped from Uvalde to Waco under the commission rates at 23 cents per car. Since the injunction his rate has been increased to 300 per cent.

A merchant at Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto county, has contracted to ship \$10,000 bushels of corn to a man at El Paso under commission rates. This corn he had contracted to buy from farmers who were his customers. As soon as the injunction was issued against the commission the rates were raised on corn and the El Paso buyer notified the Mineral Wells merchant that he could buy corn delivered in El Paso cheaper from Kansas and that he could not take Palo Pinto corn either. The Fire Brick and Tile Co. of Athens, Henderson county, which had done a flourishing business under the commission rates, closed recently with a large number of orders on hand, but which it was not able to fill owing to the fact that rates had been so greatly increased, so says the Athens Review. On the 15th the rates on oatmeal were advanced 25 to 30 per cent. and in consequence the cotton seed oil mills have given notice of a reduction of 50 cts. per ton on the price of cotton seed. There are about one million tons of cotton seed produced in the State annually, so you see what that means to cotton raisers. But it is useless to multiply instances. The fact is indisputable that rates have been increased on everything on which the commission had fixed rates.

Very respectfully, JOHN H. REAGAN. THE mare, Nancy Hanks, made another wonderful score last week, trotting a mile in 2:04. At the same time Mascotte paced a mile in 2:04.

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It is very amusing to hear some people discourse on what they are pleased to call the undemocratic principle of the income-tax. And yet there is not one of these who wouldn't favor the tax if somebody would only guarantee the income. Since the railroad commission was suspended, the roads have advanced the freight rate on the open item of cotton seed alone of 25 per cent. As a result cotton seed oil mills make a reduction of 50 cents a ton on cotton seed. Texas produces a million tons cotton seed annually. It is easy to work out the loss to the cotton growers.

When Judge Davis vacates the office of county judge, he will leave the school fund and the school interests of the county in splendid shape. Not only the democrats but the colored voters are interested in keeping school matters in just such shape. Then let the colored people help elect the democratic nominee for county judge.

THE TEXAS Iconoclast, a Clark organ, is curious to know what Padlock of Fort Worth, a Clark supporter, means by advertising "for the names of ten thousand women who play the piano." We can answer the question. Padlock sees the inevitable. He wants to organize a grand orchestra to play the Salt River Grand March for the Clark crowd after the 8th of November.

THE position of county judge is one of great responsibility. The county school funds and school interests make it so. Let the republicans of Houston county consider well whom they vote for in this office. They are interested in having this fund well and wisely managed. The nominee of the people's party for this office may be a good man and all that and we don't doubt that he is. But is he the man for such responsibilities? We think not and we would advise every colored voter in the county to think over this.

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THE TEXAS Iconoclast, a Clark organ, is curious to know what Padlock of Fort Worth, a Clark supporter, means by advertising "for the names of ten thousand women who play the piano." We can answer the question. Padlock sees the inevitable. He wants to organize a grand orchestra to play the Salt River Grand March for the Clark crowd after the 8th of November.

THE position of county judge is one of great responsibility. The county school funds and school interests make it so. Let the republicans of Houston county consider well whom they vote for in this office. They are interested in having this fund well and wisely managed. The nominee of the people's party for this office may be a good man and all that and we don't doubt that he is. But is he the man for such responsibilities? We think not and we would advise every colored voter in the county to think over this.

Patronize Home People. I do all kinds of wood-work cabinet-work turn pittoys for signs and mills, make chairs, repair wagons, and do fancy wood-work of every description. S. F. Sanders.

LOVELADY HIGH SCHOOL.

Lovelady, Houston County, Texas.

R. T. CHRISTIAN, Principal.

MALE AND FEMALE.

Next Session will open Monday, Sept. 5, '92. Tuition as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Department, Tuition. Rows include Primary Department (\$1.50), Intermediate Department (\$2.00), Grammar School Department (\$2.50), High School Department (\$3.00), Music (\$3.50).

Board in Private Families at \$6.00 Per Month.

For further particulars address W. J. Murchison, President Board of Directors, D. J. Oster, Secretary Board of Directors.

Advertisement for Lovelady High School, listing tuition and board fees, and contact information for the principal and board members.

Advertisement for Dr. J. L. & W. C. Lipscomb, Physicians and Surgeons, Crockett, Texas.

Advertisement for Ross Murchison, General Merchandise, Groceries, and Farmer Needs, Porter Springs, Tex.

Advertisement for John B. Smith, M.D., Practicing Physician, Office at French & Chamberlain's drug store.

Advertisement for Hall Wilson, M.D., Physician & Surgeon, Augusta, Texas.

Advertisement for J. M. Crook, Attorney-at-Law, Office North Side of Public Square, Crockett, Tex.

Advertisement for J. S. Wooters, M.D., Physician and Surgeon, Crockett, Texas.

Advertisement for Dr. Clark, Physician and Surgeon, Office second building on second floor of the J. S. Wooters store.

Advertisement for Private Nervous and Chronic Diseases, featuring Dr. Clark's skill and success.

Advertisement for Young Men, focusing on health and vitality.

Advertisement for Middle-Aged Men, addressing various health concerns.

Advertisement for Old Men, emphasizing the benefits of Dr. Clark's medicine.

Advertisement for Patents, Scientific American Agency, and Saw Mills, offering various services and products.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OFFICE.

FOR COUNTY CLERK.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Clerk of Houston county subject to the action of the Peoples Party.

J. P. O'KEEFE.

LOCAL AND COUNTY NEWS.

Aristo photos at Eichelberger's. 1000 pair of fine kid gloves at J. C. Wootters'.

Jim Langston took a flying trip to Centerville Tuesday.

Remember Spinks will have in the 10 cent music in a few days.

S. M. Hallmark brought in some very fine specimens of corn last week.

The way to elect the democratic ticket is to go to the polls and vote for it.

A. M. Rencher brought COURIER some very fine ears of corn of the Jeff Welborn variety.

Dr. S. J. Collins, a red-hot Clark man from Newell's Prairie, was in to see us last Friday.

Let the grand jury investigate cruelly to animals and indict those who are guilty of it.

The best assortment in ladies jackets and Capes ever brought to the city at J. C. Wootters'.

150 Zinc Covered Trucks all sizes. Must be sold. Come and get prices at Bill McConnells.

We acknowledge a pleasant call last week from Reverends J. T. Smith and Scuddy of Palestine.

The assessed valuation of the county for 1892 is \$2,686,307, an increase over last year of \$47,574.

If there ever was a time when every democrat should hustle to get out votes, this year is the time.

The way to beat the third party is to turn out on day of election and get all other democrats to do the same.

F. H. Bayne will address the people at Grapeland on Saturday, the 15th. Opposing candidate invited.

The democrat who stays at home on the 8th of November will helplessly to elect a third party man to office.

Thompson's Abdominal, Nursing, Glove Fitting and Misses Corsets at Bill McConnells.

The Rev. C. C. Williams of Tyler will dedicate the Cedar Point Presbyterian church the fifth Sabbath of this month.

The bridges in town are in a dangerous condition. Will the city council or city marshal look after them?

The democrats who stay at home on the 8th, of November should blame no one but themselves if a third party man is elected.

Spinks sells the Domestic, New Home, White and Star Machines lower than they are sold anywhere in the State. Call and see them.

Call on Craddock & Co. for anything you want in the dry goods line and in the hardware line anything from a wind mill down to a sausage grinder.

J. E. Downes says don't forget to call on him when you have cotton for sale, or when you wish to buy groceries or dry goods cheap.

Every democrat should constitute himself a committee of one to rustle for the ticket and get out every democrat to the polls on the 8th.

A very large line of men's, boys' and children's suits. Pants to fit almost anybody. We don't stand on profit. Come and see if we can't fit you at Bill McConnells.

Boys knee suits 4 to 13 years from \$1.00 to \$6.50 per suit. Boys caimie waists, fast color, 20 and 25 cents. Boys knee pants from 25 cts. on up at Bill McConnells.

Ladies every-day shoes 75 cts. and \$1.00 at Bill McConnells.

Try our 90 cents and \$1.00 button shoe for ladies. Solid in and out. At Bill McConnells.

There are enough democrats in Houston county to bury the third party on the 8th of November if they will go to the polls. Go and get every other democrat to go.

Schools and School Fund.

When Judge Davis retires from the office of county judge, he will leave a record for management of the school fund and schools of the county of which he can justly feel proud. We feel confident that no county judge of the state can show a better one. The permanent fund of the county which for years consisted of profitless pine lands in Trinity and Polk counties has by his judicious management been converted into a fund, safely invested, which yields annually from four to five thousand dollars for the use of the county's schools.

Very few, if any, counties in the state have a larger fund and none a fund so well and ably managed as has been that of Houston county. It will be of interest to the public to know that there will be expended some thirty four thousand dollars on the public schools of the county this year. The pro rata is the largest ever made in this county, the amount this year being seven dollars and a half to the scholar—heretofore it being only five and a half.

Nearly every school in the county will be able to run for six months and many of them for ten months. We give below the names of some of the largest and the amounts to the credit of each school.

School Name	Amount
Lovelady school	\$922.50
Center Hill school	562.50
Grapeland school	495.00
Ash school	480.00
Franklin school	442.50
Georgia Camp school	405.00
Prairie Paint school	397.50
Porter Springs school	382.50
Weldon school	337.50
Holly school	322.50
Antioch school	317.50
Wardland Hall school	317.50
Robbitt school	300.00
Evergreen school	300.00
Colored	
Fyer Prairie school	645.50
White Rock school	412.50
Pleasant Grove school	412.50
Tanner Springs school	420.00
Good Biv school	350.00
Augusta school	352.50
Oak Grove school	345.00
Mount Zion school	395.00
Coleman school	430.00
Chandler school	320.00
Hall Bluff school	330.00
Isac Chandler school	322.50
B. n. Lacy school	322.50
Lovelady school	322.50
Paso school	315.00
Shiloh school	307.50
Alston school	479.00
Pleasant Springs school	300.00
Reed's Opening school	342.75

Oh, What a Cough.

Will you heed the warning. The signal perhaps of the sure approach of that more terrible disease Consumption. Ask yourselves if you can afford for the sake of saving 50c. to run the risk and do nothing for it. We know from experience that Shiloh's Cure will cure your cough. It never fails. This explains why more than a Million Bottles were sold the past year. It relieves Croup and Whooping Cough at once. Mothers, do not be without it. For lame back, side or chest use Shiloh's Porus Plaster. Sold by J. G. Harring.

The Cotton Crop.

During the past ten days the writer has talked with quite a number of farmers from all parts of Houston county and with only one or two exceptions they are unanimous in saying that the cotton crop has been seriously cut off and that the yield per acre will be fully 25 per cent. less than last year.

Columbus Day.

Spinks has 500 music books with all national songs to be given free to every school in the county in time for the holiday on 21st of October. They will be in next week.

Real Estate For Sale.

Parties wishing to buy resident property in Crockett will find it to their interest to call on the undersigned. J. B. SMITH, M. D.

A Splendid Opening.

Mary Allen Semenary opened with 230 students, every room full. Over 170 were refused admission for want of accommodation.

To Rent.

A good house with four rooms to rent. Inquire at the Saddle Shop.

CASH! CASH! CASH!!!

I am "in it." Clothing just opened to fit big, fat, slim or tall. Youths and boys suits. Ladies dress goods to catch the eye of the most fastidious, black, green, blue, wine, purple and brown casimeres, with all shades of braid and cord to match. A lovely line of gents turkish goods. TRUNKS!!! An all zinc covered trunk with barrel top and fancy tray \$2.50. Shoes! Shoes!!! More and better shoes, ladies' button, lace or Child's school shoe, each \$1. Three kinds tobacco, flat, navy or smoking, 25 cts. per lb. Flour, bacon and lard. 5 lb. Rio coffee and 18 lb. fancy Y. C. sugar, each \$1. R. M. ATKINSON.

Bill McConnell Says:



We are so busy opening up new goods that until some other day we will have nothing to say:

J. T. Murray, B. F. Gardner, J. W. Goodwin, W. S. Hogue and Mr. Porter of Newell's Prairie dropped in to see us during the week.

The largest line of boots and shoes with lowest prices can be found at Bill McConnell's.

Col. W. J. Murchison, of Lovelady, was in town Tuesday. He says they are expecting a large crowd at Lovelady Friday to hear Coke.

Muzzle and breech loading shot guns and full line of ammunition, also pistols and pistol cartridges to arrive in a few days at

L. M. CAMPBELL'S.

Go to L. W. Murchison for fine Teas. He has several varieties from the cheapest to the best. Also Arbuckle's Roasted Coffee best on the market.

Doctors Beasley, Hall and Smith performed an operation on Tom Tunstall Jr., on last Saturday in resetting a leg which had been fractured.

A serious accident betw W. H. White at Porter Springs last week. He was driving an ox team and fell from the wagon fracturing two of three of his ribs.

Muzzle and breech loading shot guns and full line of ammunition, also pistols and pistol cartridges to arrive in a few days at

L. M. CAMPBELL'S.

The Commissioner's Court was in session Monday, approving the rolls of assessor Stokes. They are now in the hands of tax-collector Long who is now collecting the taxes.

Horses are liable to have their legs broken and riders and drivers to be badly hurt by the condition of the bridges in town. It is the duty of somebody to look after these bridges and that somebody should do so at once. They need it.

The entire community will sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Albright in the loss of their seven year old son, Fred, on Saturday night last. He was a bright little fellow and very few knew of his illness. He died from inflammatory rheumatism.

To United Confederate Veterans.

The 24th, and 25th, days of October have been designated by the Executive Committee of Sterling Price Camp for the ANNUAL RE-UNION to be held on the grounds of DALLAS STATE FAIR. Veterans and their families invited to attend. Special rates by railroad.

SHILOH'S CATARRH REMEDY.

A marvelous cure for Catarrh, Diphtheria, Canker mouth, and Headache. With each bottle there is an ingenious nasal injector for the more successful treatment of these complaints without extra charge. Price 50c. Sold by J. G. Harring.

H. G. McConnell, son of our worthy townsman, Jno. McConnell, is being urged for appointment to the position of district judge for the 39th, judicial district. We have seen recently a petition signed by the bar and business men of Haskell pressing his claims for the office which speaks in very high terms of his qualifications for the position. We hope to see him get it.

You may not feel like spending your money, but when you see our new stock, and cast your eye over our elegant assortment of the very latest styles in dress goods such as Storm Serges, Velours de Russie, Whip Cords, Fancy Jacquard, Tafetta Reppe, Jacquard Plisse, Diagonals, 52 inches wide, Crocodile or Alligator Cloth, Silk Warp Henriettes and 1000 yards of 50 inch Dress Flannels and get the reduction on former prices you will be nearly tickled to death. Also a stock of notions that everybody wants, and the purchase is so little in comparison to the value of the article that you will be eager to possess it. We would be pleased to see you at any time.

J. C. WOOTTERS.

District Court Proceedings.

The civil jury docket is set for Monday, the 10th October. The civil docket is very light.

The criminal docket is set for Monday, the 17th inst. This promises to be heavy.

State of Texas vs Jno. Grandison (col.) murder of Mrs. Flynn, set for Tuesday, Oct. 25.

Court opened Monday. Hon. W. Q. Reeves failed to get here on account of sickness. Under the law in the absence of the regular judge, the members of the bar present proceeded to elect a special judge. Several names were in nomination but Judge James R. Barnett of Palestine was chosen. Judge Reeves will be down in a few days. The grand jury was empaneled and Judge Burnett charged them as to their duties. Following is the grand jury: W. W. Davis, foreman, J. E. Downes, O. F. Hallmark, T. W. Thompson, G. M. Thompson, H. E. Haagar, W. P. Kyle, F. A. Faris, Jno. Simmons, A. J. McLaughlin, Z. C. Sheridan, Aron Speer.

ANOTHER MAN GONE WRONG.

J. J. Bishop, of Athens, was attending court Tuesday. He is a lawyer and a candidate. He claims to be a democrat and indignantly repudiates all insinuations that he is not a democrat. And yet he is running as an independent against the regular nominee of the democratic party. He is a candidate for district attorney against D. A. Nunn, Jr. He informed the writer that he was not making the race on the Hogg ticket, the Clark ticket, or the third party ticket, but as a democrat. Mr. Bishop wants the votes of the people's party but repudiates their platform and principles; he wants the votes of republicans but can't stand their principles. The people's party of Anderson county refused to endorse him because he refused to endorse the principles of the people's party. In fact he does not seem to have the endorsement of any party or anybody but himself and is, politically speaking, an orphan sadly and badly in need of the protecting care and tender sympathies of some political organization. Mr. Bishop may be a democrat but he scorn's democratic usages when he attempts to get an office as he does. He stands about as much chance to be elected district attorney as a democrat to be elected governor of Vermont.

School Fund.

The school fund of the county is a splendid one and one in which every man, woman and child of the county, white and black, is interested. This fund will be under the care and supervision of the county judge as it has been in the past. The people of the county, white and black, democratic and republican, are deeply interested in putting a man in the office of county judge who is in every way competent to look after the school fund and the school interests of the county. Let the voters of the two men running for this position, A. A. Ardich and the nominee of the democracy and J. S. Gilbert, the nominee of the people's party. We have no unkind words to speak of Mr. Gilbert personally of his honesty and integrity. We do insist, however, that the question of competency cuts a very important figure and we do not hesitate to say that his qualifications for this position will not compare with those of the democratic nominee. The school fund is a large one, an important one, a sacred one and the school interests are such as to enlist the concern of all. Before casting your votes, think of these matters.

For Sale.

A nice little home with 15 acres of land well improved, 4 cash, balance on time.

W. W. DAVIS, Agent.

School Notice.

Pupils in the Crockett City Schools who owe for tuition or for extra studies will be suspended unless their dues are paid this week. October 5th, 1892.

By order of the Board.

J. H. C. GARDNER, Supt.

Ladies! Ladies!! Ladies!!!

Bill McConnell has just received a very fine line of dress goods of all qualities and all prices, and remember that with every nice dress that you buy from him you will get a fashion sheet giving all the latest styles direct from Paris. We have contracted for these sheets for every month in the year and in this way you can get the latest styles as soon as they come out.

Mens full stock brogan shoes 90 cents and \$1.00 at Bill McConnells.

Everything going at Cotton Prices at Bill McConnells.

The attention of the city

marshall and city council is invited to the condition of the bridges in Crockett. They have holes in them and are dangerous.

WANTED—300 doz. chickens and a half car of eggs. Highest prices paid for all kinds of country produce. Our goods are cheap for cash.

JONES & SATTERWHITE.

One car of new sack flour just received. Will go at cotton prices at Bill McConnells.

Dr. John Bull's Worm Destroyers taste good and quickly remove worms from children or grown people, restoring the weak and puny to robust health. Try them. No other worm medicine is so safe and sure. Price 25 cents at drug stores, or sent by mail by John D. Park & Sons Co., 175 and 177 Sycamore St., Cincinnati, O.

It takes money to run a newspaper. We hope those in arrears for subscription and work will aid us by settling as soon as possible. This applies to all without exception.

Watch this space for UNHEARD OF BARGAINS Next Week.

For Sale.

One 1/2 Jersey cow, one fine buggy mare.

F. A. WILLIAMS.

Cotton Market.

Middling in Galveston 7 1/2 firm; middling in Crockett 7 to 7 1/4.

Wanted.

A teacher for the Daly school. Male preferred. Address, Trustees, Daly, Houston County Texas.

For Sale.

Four yoke of oxen. Apply to the undersigned.

JESSE COURTNEY, JR.

WANTED.

I want \$300 at 10 per cent. Will cover \$1200 property. Address "D," care of "THE COURIER."

For Sale or Rent.

My residence South of town. Cistern, well, out-houses. Residence in good condition.

F. A. WILLIAMS.

The Queen of Cures

Creole Female Tonic is a certain and speedy remedy for all forms of female derangements. It will cure the worst form of prolapsus uteri after physicians have proved of no avail. It has stood the test, and to day it is the most popular remedy in the South. It is a splendid tonic.

SAVANNAH, GA., March 17, 1891.

MISS. LIPPMAN BROS., Savannah, GA. DEAR SIRS—I have suffered from rheumatism for a long time, and did not find a cure until I found P. P. P., which completely cured me.

Yours truly,

ELIZA F. JONES.

16 Orange St., Savannah, Ga. Sold by Finch & Chamberlain.

Important Meeting.

The executive committee of the people's party will meet at Crockett Oct. 15. All candidates are requested to meet with the executive committee and all others that are interested in the success of the people's party.

A. M. RENCHER, Ch'm'n.

J. R. BENNETT, Sec.

Nerve Fag.

That tired feeling, nervousness, irregularities, suppression, and all diseases of the female organs are immediately relieved and promptly cured by using the great Southern favorite, Creole Female Tonic. It will build up weakly women and make them strong. It restores color to the cheeks.

Lumber Wanted.

Eighteen hundred feet, more or less, of first-class lumber, all heart 2 1/2 x 10 x 16 to be delivered on Huntsville road one mile from town. Lumber must be first class in every respect, and all heart. Any part of it with sap will be rejected. Bids solicited and lumber to be delivered by 1st, November.

W. B. PAGE, Overseer.

The Tont Meeting.

Interest in the meeting conducted by Rev. Mr. Leitch increases and snarrows crowds go out to hear him every afternoon and night. People come in from the country for fifteen miles or more and the seating capacity of the tent is taxed to its utmost. All denominations join in the good work and much good is being accomplished.

Wilson Adams & Co.

Are closing their stock of clothing out at cost. Call and see them. If you want a nice straw hat call on WILSON ADAMS & CO. We want to make room for our fall stock and are closing out our old stock cheap. Come and see us.

Shiloh's Consumption Cure.

This is beyond question the most successful Cough Medicine we have ever sold, a few doses invariably cure the worst cases of Cough, Croup and Bronchitis, while its wonderful success in the cure of Consumption is without a parallel in the history of medicine. Since its first discovery it has been sold on a guarantee, a test which no other medicine can stand. If you have a cough we earnestly ask you to try it. Price 10c., 50c. and \$1. If your lungs are sore, chest or back lame, use Shiloh's Porous Plaster. Sold by J. G. Harring.

At The Saddle Shop.

Watch this space for UNHEARD OF BARGAINS Next Week.

WHAT CLEVELAND WROTE.

HE SAYS HE WILL NOT INTERFERE IN TEXAS POLITICS.

A Letter in Which He No Equivocates.

(Submitted by W. V. McConnell.)

AURORA, Wis. Co., Tex., Oct. 1.

—Dr. J. D. Burch of this place received the following letter from Grover Cleveland to-day:

GRAY GABLES, Buzzard's Bay, Mass., Sept. 27, 1892.—Dr. J. D. Burch, Aurora, Tex.—My Dear Sir: I have just read your letter of the 29th instant, and it is the fourth one I have received to-day referring more or less directly to my alleged interference with the factional fight among the democrats of Texas. I have answered the others as I must this, by saying that I have not in any way, manner or form interfered with your factional controversies and do not intend to do so.

Wherever there are democrats earnestly supporting the principles of the democratic party I am in sympathy with them, but where there are factions I shall take no part in their difficulties.

Very truly yours,

GROVER CLEVELAND.

The News correspondent copied the above word for word from the letter written by Mr. Cleveland to Dr. Burch.

The Tabernacle Meeting.

Reverend Mr. Leitch, of South Carolina, an eminent and widely known evangelist of the Methodist church, commenced a meeting in our city on Friday last. The meetings are held under a large and commodious tent, and the advantages over a permanent building at this time of year are very great. Large crowds have been in attendance, but our country friends do not seem to know that camping on the ground is one of the features of the meeting. Ample space has been provided for all, and it is to be hoped that the people will avail themselves of the opportunity. Mr. Leitch is a very eloquent man, attractive in appearance and with a vast fund of anecdote to vary his biblical discourses. His manner is earnest and impressive, his language chaste and scholarly, his logic profound and convincing, and his sermons are enjoyed by all who hear them.

Mr. Maddox, a young gentleman, also from South Carolina, leads the singing, and renders some choice selections of sacred music at each meeting.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend and we hope to see the invitation generally accepted. We hope that by God's blessing there will be such an outpouring of His Holy Spirit, as our town has never witnessed before. We hope that hundreds may be converted, and that those who profess and call themselves Christians may be strengthened and encouraged in their efforts.

Christians of every denomination come out and help in the work of the Master. Come yourselves and bring your wives and children.

C. E. R.

Sept. 28, 1892.

GROVETON CASH STORE!

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W. B. FARR Editor.

PROVOKED MUCH LAUGHTER.

A Forgetful Judge Startles an Audience on Remembering His Change.

Judge Austin Yates, of Shenandoah, N. Y., is one of the most absent-minded of men. He went down to New York not a great while ago and visited a theater where a most emotional, sensational and affecting melodrama was in progress. He had a friend with him and he had down a twenty-dollar bill at the box office to purchase two tickets. The man behind the little hole tossed the pasteboards out and \$17 in change.

Intend upon what he was going to see, the judge very naturally seized the tickets and went on his way rejoicing, leaving the balance of the twenty dollars behind. He and his friend had seats in the midst of a remarkably select company, the play was enjoyable, and the judge, who is nothing if not earnest, sat there spellbound.

At last the villain in the play said to one of his partners in crime, and with a hard look—applicable to the stage—"How much money does the wretch want?"

The word "money" brought the judge's thoughts back to the box office and to the change he had left lying there. Forgetting where he was, and thinking for the instant that the question had been applied to him, he slapped his knees and fairly shouted:

"Seventeen dollars, by the Lord Harry!"

The effect on the audience can be imagined, but need not be described, and nothing can induce that villain to recall the lines wherein money appears, for with all an actor's superstition, he imagines that the judge's inopportune remark had given him bad luck forever.

HOUSE PLANTS.

Practical Suggestions to Growers of Plants and Ferns.

It is the fashion nowadays to decorate one's home with plants of the palm and fern variety. These plants often wither and die, or parts of the leaves become spotted, or perhaps altogether brown, even with every apparent care. If those who have had this trouble will observe the following directions I am sure their plants will thrive:

As a general thing it is well to keep water in the saucer of the plant, and then it is soaked up as it is needed. The surfaces of the leaves have hundreds of little pores in them, and if these are clogged up with dust they will cause the plant to die, and prevent the escape of the gaseous exhalations.

Once, therefore, in every two months, give the palm a warm, soapy bath; that is, with soft sponge, well soaped, wash off the dust with warm water, trimming off the dead parts, if there are any. Then with a dry piece of muslin polish the leaves; they will shine as if they were waxed, and will thus pay you for your trouble, besides giving your plant fresh vigor.

Palm and screw pine do not need much sun; one day in the sun, once a month, is quite sufficient.

POWER OF SELECTION.

General Belief in Such a Theory Exploded by Recent Research.

It is very generally believed that plants have the power to select from the soil in which they grow such substances as will be of advantage to them in the building up of their structure, or in the healthy continuation of their life. This selection theory, however, has been exploded by recent research, and it is now definitely known that the selective power of roots is practically nil. Whatever goes into a state of solution in the soil enters the plant, whether it be such as poison, arsenic or even highly injurious nature. Certainly some plants take, for instance, much less of that injurious substance, silica, than others; but this difference is due to some accident of structure, or to differences in the natural function of respiration, and not at all to any selective or rejective power possessed by the protoplasm of the root hairs.

Eclipse of the Sun.

Every year there must be two eclipses of the sun, and there may be five. These are partial eclipses, however, except in the comparatively rare cases in which the moon passes nearly centrally over the sun's disk and produces a total obscuration of his light. Since the invention of the spectroscope in 1869 there have been barely a score of total eclipses, and a number of these could not be observed because the belt of totality fell at the earth's polar regions or upon the oceans. The belt of totality is a narrow strip—never more than 170 miles wide—where the point of the moon's shadow falls upon the earth. Total eclipses rarely occur, therefore, at the same point of the earth. At London, for example, there has been no total eclipse since the year 1140, except that of 1715, and there will be none during the next century.

He Knew a Thing or Two.

Anaxagoras, the Athenian philosopher, who flourished in the latter part of the fifth century B. C., was the first to teach that wind was air set in motion by refraction; that the moon owed her light-giving properties to the sun; that the rainbow was the result of a phenomena of refraction; that comets were wandering stars; and that the fixed stars were at an immeasurable distance beyond the sun, besides giving them many other ideas thought to belong to more modern times.

A Napoleonic Belle.

A lock on the door of a house in Plymouth, England, on being taken to pieces for repairs, was found to contain an inscription stating that it was formerly on the door of the chamber at St. Helena in which Napoleon breathed his last.

MARRIAGE IN JAPAN.

A pretty ceremony which differs widely from ours. A Japanese wedding in high life is a pretty ceremony. Though no vows are spoken, nor has the church or religion any part in it, the rite is, nevertheless, solemn and impressive.

There are ten bridesmaids gaily attired in costumes of the "Japs." Two at a time enter from opposite directions and advance each to the other until the entire party has passed in, each kneeling opposite her companion. The parents of the bride and groom now enter, those of the groom at the left and those of the bride at the right, and are seated near the bridesmaids on either side.

The bride, attired in a snowy, filmy dress and closely veiled, now appears leaning on the arm of her affianced, while the bridesmaids advance. The go-between assists the bride to a seat by her parents and the groom to one near his. Tea is then served by the go-between, three cups being given the parents of the bride and groom and to the happy couple. Each of the bridesmaids receives one cup.

The go-between joins the hands of the bride and groom, and the latter leads his bride to the front and whispers in her ear a promise of faithful obedience. The bride whispers in return, and they exchange seats to show the union of the two families. A simple repast is now served, and the bridal party departs, the bride and groom leaving first, then their parents, and lastly the bridesmaids, salaaming as they go.

The go-between is generally a friend of the groom. In courtship she settles the question and assists in the marriage ceremony.

It is a pretty scene, but the absence of the kiss, the ring and the invocation of the blessing of God marred it for those who are accustomed to the Christian rite.

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