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regulate with exact justice—Such for instance as supply and demand, competition in business will regulate charges, and this will surely arise where one starts a lucrative or paying business. And ever where there is but one line of road it will not always be best to make exorbitant charges, such a course will diminish business, and more may be lost in this way than will be gained, for by moderate charges business will be increased and placed upon a firm foundation. However I admit that where there is no opposition lines some just legal restraint may be necessary and just here the commission has force and may be proper. Corporations are said to be soulless, but on the contrary I think they are composed of many souls and guided by intelligence and will not therefore adopt a policy destructive of their own interests and this would inevitably result from exorbitant charges, and left alone might run into monopolies which would prove their ruin, because monopolies being contrary to the genius of a free people will never be allowed in this state. So declares our Bill of Rights the Magna Charta of our liberties.

There is one thing in Judge Clark's speech that I cannot altogether concur in that is in regard to the free coinage of silver found in the Chicago platform. The Judge seems to take it for granted that every democrat understands this. But this reminds me of the maxim that every one is presumed to know the law when in point of fact there are but few lawyers possessed of such knowledge. If we could so adjust the two matters as to have the one an exact equivalent in value to the other, that is to say, the world over, to have the exact amount of the precious metal in the silver dollar so as to make it equal to the gold dollar estimated in round numbers, as I am informed at 16 to 1—that is 16 silver ounces are equal to one in gold, nearly. But as our trade dollar now stands it is worth only about sixty-five cents when it ought to be worth one hundred cents. If this be true—and even if there is any great disparity—then it seems to me that we have the best of reason to be opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver on such a basis. The silver dollar as it now stands is purely fiat money and is only good as a circulating medium within the United States and cannot therefore be regarded as the representative of universal property except as to the amount of silver it contains.

Now commerce among nations may be defined as an exchange of commodities; and so our gold and silver dollar will each be estimated as commodities and will each be worth the value of the precious metals contained in each respectively. And this, it is easy to see, will take out our gold and leave on our hands the almost worthless silver fiat money. It does seem, with these facts before him, that no patriot would advocate the suicidal policy of the free and unlimited coinage of silver as now proposed. But to make the gold and silver dollar equivalent I might be prepared to advocate the policy of free coinage.

I am opposed to a graduated tax on incomes for federal or any other purpose. This is for the first time in the history of our country found as a plank in a democratic platform. The republicans tried it for a number of years. Experience proved it to be so unjust and odious to the people that congress was forced to repeal it. This is a federal measure and I want to get as far away from federal intervention as possible and leave the state free to control its own affairs.

The democrats have always advocated equal justice to all and special privileges to none, protection to every one in the free and uninterrupted enjoyment of the labor of his own hands. Solomon said that there is nothing better under the sun than that a man should enjoy the labor of his own hands. Without such protection governments would be more than useless and utterly fail of the purpose for which they are established. Now what is income? It is in all cases the product of labor. If a man has property it is the product of labor. If he increases

it he must work to do so. And so the increase is the product of labor. If he has no property then his income will be par excellence the labor of his hands or brain. Now income and expenditure or consumption are correlative terms. If the income be the out growth of property then like the smoke-house and corn-crib tax the tax will be double. The property is taxed and its annual value or product again taxed—property is worthless unless it produces something. Again you purchase a horse or land with a portion of your income—the property thus purchased will be subject taxation. If the labor of the brain and hands be taxed then that will be a direct tax on labor. And in this case there is evident discrimination, you tax the industrious the frugal and diligent for the support of the indolent and thrifless. So that while in one breath it is proposed to protect the laboring classes in the just earnings of their toil, in the other it is proposed to deprive them of the same by unequal and unjust taxation.

Oh! consistency thou art a jewel! Shut up about your being a friend to labor. What becomes of your boasted democracy? Equal rights and special privileges to none? When acts prove directly the contrary—nothing can be more unequal than this proposed graduated income tax—nothing more unjust. It is nothing more nor less than a direct thrust at labor, industry and economy. W. A. STEWART.

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SENATOR POTTER OF COOKE COUNTY OF THE SITUATION. He Tells What Conventions are for and Avows His Determination to Stand by Hogg as the Nominee of the Regular Democracy. GAINESVILLE, TEX., Sept. 27, '92. Hon. W. B. PAGE, Crockett, Tex. MY DEAR SENATOR:—Your letter of recent date to hand and noted. Was glad to hear from you and especially glad to learn that you, as a democrat, felt bound by the action of the Houston convention. For myself can say that I do not see any difference between the nomination of Gov. Hogg and that of any other democratic nomination as ordinarily made by our party. It is seldom, if ever the case, that any one candidate is the personal choice of each delegate in the convention, and it is for that reason that conventions are held, so that the party may speak through it and determine whom the majority want. If a democrat is only to feel himself bound by the action of the convention when his personal choice is selected by the convention, then there is no way to bind the minority and nominating conventions are useless. If, after the nomination is made, the minority can say that some man, while presiding over the convention, made an arbitrary ruling, or that there is something in the platform that they as individual democrats do not like, and thereby be relieved from the duty of voting for the nominee, it is a new construction of party duty to me. Society is formed and hangs together by reason of the spirit that is formed in most men to let the majority rule. There has never been a school house or church built in Texas at the place that all the patrons or members thought that was best, but the place is selected by the majority, and the minority is expected to abide the result. So in politics. I never saw a convention held, where, to my judgment, the presiding officer always ruled right or where I approved of everything in the platform. Yet if any one had said that I had a right to set my judgment against that of the majority of the party, and vote against the nominee I should certainly do so now, for viewing the matter from my stand point it is the duty of every democrat to do so. I am constantly reminded that the Clark men who staid in the convention supported me, and that every Clark man in the county of my home voted for me. This is true and is greatly appreciated. They are as good and honest democrats as I but it can hardly be claimed by any that it is my duty to violate what appears to be my duty by reason of this fact. Do you think so? Remember me to all friends and let me hear from you. Yours truly, C. L. POTTER.

Answer This Question. Why do so many people we see around us seem to prefer to suffer and be made miserable by indigestion, constipation, loss of appetite, coming up of the food, yellow skin, when for 75c. we will sell them Shiloh's Vitalizer, guaranteed to cure them. Sold by J. G. Harring.

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The Tariff. Has not raised the price on Blackwell's Bull Durham Smoking Tobacco. There are many other brands, each represented by some interested person to be "just as good as the BULL DURHAM." They are not; but like all counterfeits, they each lack the peculiar and attractive qualities of the genuine. BLACKWELL'S DURHAM TOBACCO CO. We attach this tag to every box of BULL DURHAM for the protection of the smoker.

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HOW WAS IT?

The most obnoxious feature of the Houston convention was the sure of George Clark and his advisor, George plank and through the press the income tax demand. The levy of an income tax for federal purposes all else their wrath deeper than Col. Stewart and Col. Nunn are both opposed to such measure and so declare themselves. Col. Nunn says it was taken from the third party platform. Let us turn back a few years. In the seventies a constitutional convention framed the present State constitution. That convention was overwhelmingly democratic in its membership. Col. Nunn was a member of that convention. The constitution which that convention framed and which the people by their votes adopted authorized the State legislature to impose an income tax.

Article 8, Section one of the constitution, after designating in a general way what property may be taxed and how it should be taxed, proceeds further and says: "The legislature may impose a poll tax. It may also impose occupation tax. It may also tax incomes of both natural persons and corporations."

This reads curiously in the light of recent declarations. And yet that convention was a democratic body. The power to levy an income tax is expressly conferred by the constitution made by democrats and adopted by democratic votes exclusively. If it be an undemocratic measure it should never be placed in a constitution by a convention composed of democrats. It is true the income tax on persons has never been imposed but the convention recognized the right of the State to do so and by such recognition explicitly stamped it as a sound principle of democracy. For years this income tax has been levied on the rail road corporations of the State. Col. Nunn was an able and distinguished member of this convention. He took a prominent part in its deliberations. An interesting question in this connection, did he or did he not support and vote for article 8, section one of the constitution? Did he or did he not vote for the adoption of the constitution as a whole by the convention and afterwards vote for it which submitted to the people? Col. Stewart was not a member of the convention. He, of course, knew the income tax section was in it. Another interesting question just in this connection is, did he or did he not vote for the adoption of the present constitution when it came before the people to be voted on?

SIMPLICITY ITSELF.

We publish this week a contribution from Col. W. A. Stewart in behalf of George Clark. It reads as though it had been written by Rip Van Winkle. With the blindest, most child like simplicity and innocence Col. Stewart declares that: "Monopolies being contrary to the genius of a free people will never be allowed in this State. So declares our Bill of Rights the Magna Charta of our liberties." Our good friend has certainly not kept pace with the history of the times. The country is full of monopolies and combinations. It matters not what the Bill of Rights declares, they exist, are present and at work all over the country. A constitutional inhibition may read very nicely on paper, but monopolies exist right here in Texas. The roads of the State until the commission went into effect were in a combination. The Express companies are in one yet. The cotton seed oil mills constitute another. Other States which have the same Bill of Rights that Texas has are full of them. Has Col. Stewart never heard of the Sugar Trust of New York, the Steel Trust and Coal Oil Trust of Pennsylvania? The country is honey-combed with such combinations. And yet Col. Stewart with the serenity of a doctrinaire blandly sits back and declares that such things are impossible, because "opposed to the genius of a free people." Where has he been for the past twenty years?

KEEP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD.

If we were to listen to the followers of Judge Clark, we should conclude that the Texas legislature was the body to pass on the question of free silver and income tax. These questions have no business in the present canvass and have no bearing on it whatever. They are matters that will come before congress. They are juggled into the State canvass, however, by Judge Clark and his lieutenants to divert the public mind from issues that properly enter into a State canvass. There are a number of these issues. There is one, however, which rises above all others and that one is a rail road commission. Not such a

COMMISSION AS GEORGE CLARK WOULD HAVE OR WOULD DRAW IF PERMITTED TO DO SO.

But a commission that means something, that is worth something and that will accomplish something. That is the great, overshadowing issue before the people of Texas in the campaign before us. It is paramount and vital. The silver and income measures should be relegated to congress where they belong. Keep the main issue in mind, keep it before the people. Don't go straggling off after things foreign to the canvass and introduced into the canvass to divert public attention from the ONE, GREAT, ALL ABSORBING ISSUE, AN EFFECTIVE RAIL ROAD COMMISSION. Keep in the middle of the road.

A NEW LIGHT.

A brilliant oratorical light has burst upon Georgia during the present campaign. He hails from the Georgia mountains and bears the suggestive name of Ham. He was never heard of till the canvass now on at that state. Tom Watson is a third party congressman from Georgia and is making a stubborn fight for re-election. Speaking in Tom Watson's district a short time since he told the following story to show the misguided followers of Weaver and Watson where they were being led to. We advise our third party friends in Houston county to read and ponder over it. "You fellows who are following my good friends, Tom Watson, remind me of the story of the man and the bull. Up in the country where I live, in the Sixth district, there was a man who wanted to lead a cow and the man tied the rope to the cow and then to himself. But that cow went the other way with the man only hitting the ground in high places. Another party saw him coming and bellowed, 'Where are you going?' 'Ask the bull!' said the man as he hurried on. 'You fellows are just following the bull, and don't know where you are going to.' But I'll tell you where you are going to—you are going where Johnny put his frog. Johnny was a schoolboy, and one morning the schoolmaster called him up and gave him this sum: 'A frog was in a well forty feet deep and attempted to crawl out. For every foot he crawled up he fell back two. How long did it take the frog to get out of the well?' Johnny figured all over his slate, and all over his sister's slate, and all the states he could borrow. That evening the teacher said to him, 'Where is the frog?' 'He is three miles this side of hell, and if I had an hour and three more states he would get there.' My friends, that's the direction in which you are going, following after your third party."

HE NEVER HEARD OF IT!

In opposing an income tax Col. Stewart remarks: "This is for the first time in the history of our country found as a plank in a democratic platform." Is it? We should say not. It was a plank in the platform of the Ohio democracy last year. It is found in the Texas State constitution put there by democrats in a constitutional convention overwhelmingly democratic. Some of the ablest democratic statesmen advocate such a tax. R. Q. Mills in all of his speeches in the North-West in 1890 advocated an income tax. Sen. Coker, of Missouri, Senator Cook, of Texas, and others equally eminent favor such a tax. Neither their democracy nor their statesmanship can be questioned.

Col. Nunn Has Another Say.

CROCKETT, TEXAS, Oct. 7, 1892. EDITOR COURIER:—Your reply in last issue forcibly reminds me of the Irishman who being informed that he had stated that the horse was "seventeen feet high said he would swear to it again." If you think, Mr. Editor, that you understand the meaning of my words and the unexpressed intentions and thoughts of my mind better than I do myself, I will leave you to such solace as it affords you. Let us adhere to the issue. It was published in your paper and elsewhere, that the decision of Judge McCormick would have the effect of increasing the freight rate of cotton 70 cents per bale to the people of Houston county and thus it was sought to influence voters in favor of Hogg and against Clark. I replied and in effect said this was no argument unless you went further and proved that the commission rates were reasonable and just to railroads as well as the people, and that it was not proper or consistent with good government for the courts should be assailed for declaring the law as duly required.

You endeavored, Mr. Editor, to show that I had assailed the members of the commission personally for incompetency and dishonesty, when in truth I was neither discussing or thinking of commissioners personally. The principle of government represented by them in their official action. In your reply, Mr. Editor, you so urgently pressed upon me the assumption of the superior and peculiar fitness of these commissioners for the work of regulating railroads because of their investigations and study of the subject, that I was provoked to dispute your premises and to deny that these commissioners were par excellence the best judges in the State of railroad questions, and I then said they were three novices in such business without training or experience. It seems, Mr. Editor, that I have succeeded in bringing you down from the high perch of presumption in favor of the immaculate greatness of the three commissioners; for in your last discussion of the subject you say: "They are presumed to know more of their business than the writer or the great mass of citizens." Now I might concede this much and still contend they were ignorant and incompetent for the work they have undertaken, and are groping in darkness as to the difficult and complex problem of adjusting freight rates for all the different roads in Texas. You add, Mr. Editor: "Besides their own experience and special study on this line, they have aid of several of the ablest rail road men of the State and Mr. Askew, the ablest railroad attorney in the State."

Now, my dear sir, if these commissioners, Reagan, McLean and Foster, were possessed of the qualifications for their positions contended for in your former article what duty have they for railroad rates? I say in my last article we ought to have men of rail road experience to occupy the commission. It seems we have rail road men employed at the expense of the State, not as commissioners, but to enlighten the commissioners as to their duties and to do the work for them. The commissioners draw each \$4,000 per year, salary. They are selected by the governor, not because of their qualifications, but for their political influence; and other men qualified for the work employed at the expense of the State to do the real work of the commission. Is this the way to conduct government on sound business principles; or is it the way to organize an army of personal adherents for the governor; leeches fastened on the body politic to fatten upon and eat up the substance of the people? Let the people think and decide.

IN A NUT SHELL.

The present contest for governor turns not upon the question of individuals or persons, of George Clark or James S. Hogg or upon their peculiar views touching public measures of National or State import. It goes farther and is broader, deeper and higher than that. It is not J. S. Hogg, however obnoxious or meritorious he or his views may be, that democrats are called on to support, work and vote for. It is the nominee of the democratic party that we are called on to stand by as represented by J. S. Hogg. This nominee was put forth by two thirds of the convention which met at Houston. This nomination was made by the organized democracy acting in an organized capacity at Houston and represents the party organization. In supporting J. S. Hogg for governor, democrats vote to stand by, not a certain individual, but by the party organization; they vote for the preservation and perpetuation and against the destruction of the party organization. Only that and nothing more. So then it is not a matter of individuals or persons. It is simply, shall the party organization be respected, preserved and perpetuated or shall it be dishonored, disrupted and destroyed?

LET ME ADD THAT JUDGE MCCORMICK HAS BEEN ON THE BENCH IN TEXAS FOR ABOUT TWENTY YEARS; FIRST AS JUDGE OF A STATE DISTRICT COURT, ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED BY A DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUENCY AND AFTERWARDS SELECTED AND PLACED ON THE FEDERAL BENCH WITH UNANIMOUS APPROVAL OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR STATE, WITHOUT ONE SINGLE VOICE OF DISSENT.

During all this long time there was never a breath of suspicion from litigant, lawyer or politician, charging him with partisanship or unfairness in his judicial acts or character, until assaulted in the reign of Hoggism. Gov. Hogg has set the example of attacking every court that decides against his chimerical erudition. He has slapped our own supreme court in the face, in this very canvass for deciding that his very questionable intervention in the Tyler receivership case was un-

WARRANTED AND WITHOUT EXCUSE.

He has made furious and frequent assaults upon the Federal judiciary because, soothed, the judges thereof have not sustained the vanings and wanings of an ill-informed and reckless demagogue, straining public authority to further his selfish ends of personal aggrandizement. It is to be lamented that he also has the dangerous faculty of imparting this pernicious spirit to his followers. The danger to our institutions lurks in this spirit of resistance to established authority, in this mad assault upon the judiciary, the citadel of popular liberty and personal rights. It will not do to sustain men, as leaders who would tear up the foundations of government and lead a mob of excited and frenzied people into anarchy in order that such men may rule and ruin the country. A conservative spirit and sense of justice in the minds of the people are indispensable to the maintenance of free institutions. Without these, revolution will take place and with revolution will come bloodshed and the horrors of civil war. No man need doubt this. Let history teach its salutary lesson; and be warned of dangers that are threatening our country. This conservative spirit and sense of justice so indispensably necessary to good government, demands that every interest and every right in society shall be respected and protected.

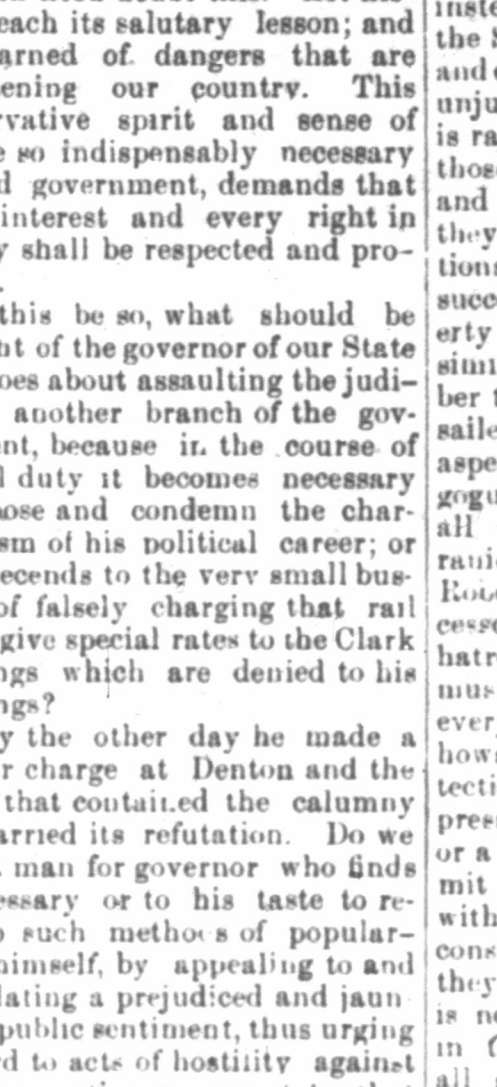
If this be so, what should be thought of the governor of our State who goes about assailing the judiciary, another branch of the government, because in the course of official duty it becomes necessary to expose and condemn the charlatanism of his political career; or who depends to the very small business of charging that the railroads give special rates to the Clark meetings which are denied to his meetings? Only the other day he made a similar charge at Denton and the paper that contained the calumny also carried its refutation. Do we need a man for governor who finds it necessary or to his taste to resort to such methods of popularizing himself, by appealing to and stimulating a prejudiced and jaded public sentiment, thus urging forward to acts of hostility against great properties in our state that pay one third of our taxes and furnish us such facilities of commerce and travel as alone make it possible for us to live in this State. In reference to effect of the commission rates, Mr. Editor, I have only to say that the question was presented to the court, John H. Reagan and others were made parties to the suit. The complainants contended that the rates established by the commission were confiscatory and destructive of railroad property.

You published in your last paper a letter from Hon. John H. Reagan containing lugubrious wails to the people to the effect that freight rates had been increased since Judge McCormick's decision and thus he seeks to influence voters in favor of Hogg and against Clark; but not a word does he say as to the justice of such rates. Now, Mr. Editor, don't you think it would have been better taste and more to the interest of this State, if Judge Reagan had given his sworn evidence on the trial of that case in vindication of this commission? He was a party to the suit, was present in the court, had a right to speak and to swear and give testimony, yet he sat as silent as an oyster, and allowed his act as a public officer as sailed on the grave charge that he was endeavoring to enforce rates that confiscated property and robbed people of their lawful rights, and which was needful and necessary and demonstrated and established the fact that his rates were wrongful, unjust and had the effect of confiscation and destruction of rail road property as charged? Was that not the time for him to speak and vindicate the integrity of his official acts? But he was then silent. Does this not give rise to the presumption that Judge Reagan was unequal to the task of sustaining himself and his commission rates in a court of justice? Who wants better proof of the fact? Who is not a confession in advance that he and his brother commissioners were beaten? And does it not place the decision of the court beyond the reach of carrying off or column? In the face of these facts, ought he or others to come before the people, who, you say, are not presumed to know much of such matters, with the singular complaint that rates have been raised since Judge McCormick's decision? Pray tell us, why the rates should be increased if the properties could not stand the reduction made by the commission? And this was the very issue of the case to which he was a party. It was this very fact that furnished the occasion for the suit. And the case was continued twice and for several months at the instance of the commissioners themselves to prepare to meet the issue.

Then why should Judge Reagan be heard crying out that commission rates had been increased; thereby appealing to the cupidity and selfishness of the voting population without regarding the justice and honesty of the transaction. Does Judge Reagan mean to ask the people to sustain him and Hogg in attempting to enforce rates that are not just; as has been abundantly shown; not by assertion, but by proofs in court and by the decision of a learned and impartial judge. It is to be hoped the average honesty of our citizenship will stand proof against such statements and let those who feel disposed to disregard the rights of people in rail road property remember that we have government so organized that they can not succeed in such nefarious work. They may bring confusion and disaster upon the country, as has already been done by Hogg politics, but

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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. J. F. Rains called to see us Saturday.

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

Dr. L. McCrether, of Grapeland, was in town Monday.

A. F. Horn, of Pennington, dropped in to see us this week.

150 Zinc Covered Trunks all sizes. Must be sold. Come and get prices at Bill McConnell's.

A large line of winter clothing just received at Will Denay's. Call and price.

Miss Ione Wynne, of Huntville, is visiting the family of Rev. J. L. Dawson.

Jno. B. Peyton, a prominent and prosperous business man of Trinity was in town Monday.

A large and splendid assortment of trunks at Will Denay's going cheap. Call and examine.

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

If you want bargains in dry goods, groceries, clothing, notions, etc., call and see Will Denay.

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M. C. DuPuy, of Coltharp, was in town Monday. It is the first time he has been out since the Houston convention.

J. J. Brooks, J. R. Brooks and R. M. Brooks, the latter recently from Georgia and prospecting here, were in to see us Wednesday.

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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.

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But there were between four and five hundred people present and they came to hear. The audience was an appreciative one and listened to some mighty sound democratic doctrine from Coke and Cooper.

Cooper spoke in the forenoon and delivered a very able speech with which all were pleased. Then followed a most excellent dinner on the grounds prepared by the good people of Lovelady.

There was an abundance of it too as was evidenced by the large quantities left over. Senator Coke spoke after dinner to a very attentive crowd which frequently applauded him.

He declared that the ticket put forth by the Hogg convention was the straight and regular ticket and that Clark was leading a contingent of bolters not amounting to one-seventh of the democratic party in Texas.

He discussed the income tax and silver planks of the Houston platform and showed they were in line with the National platform. Senator Coke presented the issue strong, sharply and unequivocally when he said that the fight was commission or no commission and insisted that but for the commission there would have been no bolt at Houston; that Clark was in the fight for the railroad and to bring the commission and that he went to Houston to bolt.

He spoke for two hours and dealt sledge-hammer blows. Coke is not as brilliant or magnetic a speaker as some but he is a wonderfully powerful speaker and drives home the points he makes.

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SAVANNAH, GA., March 17, 1891. MESS. 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 French & Chamberlain.

At The Saddle Shop. Those going to buy a saddle should come as soon as possible in order to have the largest stock to select from. They are going very fast now. We are prepared to exactly suit the ladies in side saddles. We have the largest and most elegant line ever before brought to Crockett for them to select from, and cheaper than ever.

AND REMEMBER our dry goods, clothing, notions and novelty DEPARTMENT. Men's suits \$5.00, youths suits \$2.50 to \$5.00, boys suits \$1.25 to \$3.50, jeans pants 50 cts. to \$1.50, overalls under all competition. SHIRTS! SHIRTS!! 3 line linen bosom shirts \$1.00. A large line of shirts. Ladies, misses and mens hose in great variety and the cheapest in Texas at 10 cts. a pair. Our line of suspenders is a surprise. A great variety of elegant handkerchiefs 5 cts. each. Two spools thread 5 cts. Silk ribbon 5 cts. per yard.

WE have these goods and thousands of other things and are selling them at these prices. Don't forget the place. Look for the sign. SADDLE SHOP.

Spiders That Eat Balloons. There are two minute animals, usually called insects, which produce gas. These are the gossamer spiders, and therefore, according to the latest scientific classification, they are not strictly speaking, insects, but form part of a distinct class of animals called the arachnida. The ascent of the gossamer balloons made by these spiders only takes place in bright, sunny weather, and is invariably preceded by a production of gossamer on the ground. When impelled by a desire of traversing the air, the gossamer spider climbs the summit of various objects, and thence emits the viscous threads in such a manner as that they may be drawn out to great length and fineness, and when sufficiently extended by the ascending current they quit hold of the objects on which they rested and commence their aerial flight by floating away, the gossamer acting exactly in the same way as balloons.

The threads of gossamer are so delicate that a single one cannot be seen unless the sun shines on it. The viscous fluid is ejected by the spider with great force, becoming a thread, and several such threads are produced at once in a radiating form, which facilitates their being caught by the current of heated air and borne upward, carrying the spider along with them. The spider is said even to have the power, to some extent, of guiding in the air the balloon like web by which it is wafted up. London Tit-Bits.

Bald Heads Polished. "Do you want your skull polished?" asked the barber of the baldheaded man. "Skull! How much?" demanded the latter. "I have here," said the barber, "a French preparation which has just come on the market, and which puts a beautiful shine on bald heads. The polish lasts three or four days and is not removed by water. It wears off or comes down eventually by the action of the atmosphere, and then another application can be made."

Some men object to the shine on cold heads, and in Germany they take it off with a dilute acid. But in France the glowing glory of a well dressed bald head is an immaculate polish which reflects the light like a dazzling diamond. —New York Herald.

Fewer Beattles Than Formerly. The variety of forms which reptilian life now presents is small indeed compared with what existed during the vast period of time which intervened between the final formation of the coal deposits and the formation of the chert which constitutes the north and south downs of England. —Quarterly Review.

Poetry Has Few Readers. We believe that we should be within the mark if we said that of the reading public—the public, that is to say, of good education and with a certain pretension to literary taste—not one man in twenty ever reads any poetry at all. —London Spectator.

Evaluation of Advertisements. Great Editor (not many years hence)—I just sent in a long editorial on a most important subject.

Foreman—Yes, sir; it is already in the hands of the printer.

Great Editor—Good! Be careful to put it in the advertising columns, so it will be sure to be read.—Good News.

Form in Writing Letters.

It is preferable, or at least permissible, in social "notes" to make a slight distinction in the form with a business communication. If you are writing to your lawyer on business, put address and date distinctly at the upper right hand of the page; if you are writing to him to thank him for a basket of flowers or to accept an invitation to drive, omit the date and put "Thursday afternoon" or "Monday" below and at the left of your signature, and if the address is not engraved at the top of the page, that may or may not, as you choose, go below the day.

A young woman told recently with some surprise that she had received a letter from a gentleman who was managing an investment for her, inclosing some papers and briefly explaining them. By the same mail, under another and very different cover, but of the same date of writing, came a cordial note welcoming her back from her just finished European trip and announcing his intention of paying his respects in person very shortly, etc. "He is an elderly gentleman of the old school," she further explained, "and delightfully formal in his courtesy."

Such formality is by no means confined to old school disciples, and such courtesy, it may be added, never offends, even where it surprises.—Her Point of View in New York Times.

The Peacock Feather Superstition. As to peacock feathers, Miss Davenport can scarcely endure to hear them mentioned, while Mary Shaw turns fairly ill if she enters a room where they are displayed. This superstition, in fact, is among the most prevalent in the theatrical profession. At one time the Bijou theater in New York was considered an unlucky house in which to present a new piece, and managers thought twice before engaging a date in it. "What can you expect," asked a well known actor, "when there is a dose of peacock feathers painted all around the auditorium?"

Strangely enough nobody had observed this grave defect before, but it was promptly remedied, for no man were of once set to work at painting out the unfortunate feature of the decoration. The fatal peacock feathers removed, a tide of good luck immediately set in.—Chicago Post.

Romance and Scientists. When Halborn III disappeared and gave way to the familiar rinduct, a number of chains with human limbs came to light as well as some bottles containing a pale, yellow fluid, very carefully sealed. For a time the precise nature of the liquid baffled the chemists who were asked to report on it, but by general consent it was agreed to be merely a hair dye. Scientists always manage to cast a wet blanket over romance.—Exchange.

A Car's Risky Ride. Conductor Barnes had a passenger without a ticket on a Baltimore and Ohio accommodation train from Washington recently. It was a small, sleek cat of the masculine gender. It was found in a car at Beltsville station, twenty miles from Baltimore, and in conformity with the rules of the road, was put off the train came to a stop. Barnes was refractory and determined to take a free ride.

As the cat was starting it sprang upon a track under one of the cars and clung for dear life while the train roared across trestles and swung around curves. Though the cars made a number of stops, the cat still kept his seat, and when the locomotive panted into Camden station at 10 o'clock he was still there.

He made no effort to get away, and Chief Detective Gramman, of the Baltimore and Ohio, took him in charge and will press him into the secret service of the road, assigning him especially to detect and arrest intruding rodents in the detective's little 10 by 6 office at Camden station.—Baltimore News.

A Cup That Tells of Poison. The rhinoceros horn cup was once supposed to indicate the presence of any kind of poison. It is no longer employed in that capacity, and many persons suppose that the use of such an article was a superstitious. It had its foundation, however, in a scientific fact. Most poisons are acid, and acid of any kind poured into a rhinoceros horn cup will at once bubble and effervesce. It is exceedingly curious that such an apparent superstition had its foundation in such a fact, but perhaps the ancients knew more about such things than we give them credit for.—New York Journal.

Her majesty the queen is supposed to have the largest collection extant of photographic portraits of notabilities of her time, from the portraits of kings, queens, emperors and empresses downward. They begin in the early days of the art of making sun pictures—in the days of those daguerreotypes on metallic surfaces which generally required you to hold them sideways before you could get a view of their rather pale and feeble traits. Hence they embrace the whole history of the art and are thoroughly representative of the progress of photography. If reproduction of all in some permanent process be impossible, a selection might be made which would be well worth preserving for the information of future generations.

Unfortunately, time is no respecter of photographs, royal or otherwise, and many of the most interesting must show signs of fading. The collection would justify the appointment of a royal photographer, one of whose duties it would be to watch the collection, and copy those which are considered worthy of preservation before they fade.—Photographic News.

A Good Rule About Eating. We should eat to live and not live to eat. Decide what and how much you, as an individual, need, and take that and nothing more. Put your bodily desires under the direction of the spirit, which should always hold the mastery if you hope to have health or happiness.—Hall's Journal of Health.

In the city of Berlin, with a population of 1,315,000, there are but 25,000 dwelling houses.

Prospectors in Oregon have recently discovered the only mine of pure platinum in existence.

SAW MILL! SAW MILL! Lumber! Lumber. Will deliver in Crockett or elsewhere on short notice lumber of any dimension and best quality at very reasonable terms. In a short while will have a planer running and will furnish dressed lumber. Eight miles west of town on Hall Run Road.

R. T. MURCHISON.

GROVETON CASH STORE! GROVETON, TEXAS, Sept. 14, 1892. Flour. Best Patent Flour per sack \$1.35 Standard Roller Process per sack 1.25 Best Patent in barrels 5.50 Second Patent in barrels 5.25 Standard Roller Process per barrel 4.99 Tobacco. Sound Flat Plug, new crop, per lb. 25c Good Sound Navy per lb. 25c Bright Flat Plug per lb. 30c Half Bushel Twist per lb. 35c Groveton Cash Store Tobacco per lb. 40c Grain. Just received Ear Corn, Texas, Wheat Bran, Fire Rifles, Shot Guns, etc. Respectfully, T. R. GARROTT & SON.

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A THRILLING ADVENTURE

A Prospector's Interview With a Mountain Lion

The story comes of a thrilling adventure recently occurring to William Johnson, a prospector on a trip from Alamogordo to the broken country north of Trinidad Pass, California. His horse was picking its trail through a dark canyon when he was stung and almost thrown from his horse by a mountain lion that dropped upon him from an over hanging tree.

THE VICTORIOUS ANTS

How the Sagacious Little Creatures Finally Reached the Sugar

One morning a gentleman of many scientific attainments sat quietly and alone at his breakfast. Presently he noticed that some large black ants were making free with the contents of the sugar bowl. He drove them away, but they soon returned, seemingly unwilling to leave their sweetened feast.

LONDON CROOKS

Their Ingenuity in Finding Ways to Win the Reductive Shilling

At a London park a crowd had collected around a girl sobbing bitterly and accusing a woman of having stolen a shilling from her. The accused loudly asserted her innocence and disappeared. The crowd is indignant, accusations and curses against the thief and crying and looking for a policeman being indulged in by all of them.

Brown's Iron Tonic

This is nature's great restorer of health; it is pleasant and agreeable to the taste; and can be taken and retained by the most delicate stomach; it is the only preparation of iron that will not constipate the bowels or blacken or destroy the teeth; it is easily and readily taken up and assimilated by the blood, and is, therefore, the greatest remedy known for General Debility, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Nervousness, Female Diseases, Scrofula, Typhoid Fevers, and all Diseases and Impurities of the Blood. Try sample bottle. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Not Very Encouraging

Algy had spent a long evening with Miss Edith. At last he arose to go. Her handsake was not cordial enough to suit him; in fact, it was very limp and exhausted. He was disappointed, for he had expected a very different parting, but in a vein of pleasantness he said:

A Great Man

Winnie: "How nicely your trunk is packed. Did you do it yourself?" Mrs. Newell: "Oh, no; John packed it for me." Winnie: "How funny! I didn't know men could do such a thing." Mrs. Newell (proudly): "My husband can. He has even told me that he packed a primary one."

Florida Fruit Syrup

An elegant preparation, containing the Enriched and Nutritive properties of Florida Figs and other valuable tropical fruits forming a delightful and effective laxative for the permanent cure of Habitual Constipation and the many ills depending on a weak and inactive condition of the Liver, Kidneys, Stomach and Bowels. 50 Cents a Bottle. For sale by J. G. Haring.

Time Enough

In the old days of impetuous warfare caution was not regarded as so much a virtue on the part of a military commander as it is at present. In a battle between the French and Austrians, in which Marshal Bessand commanded the French forces, an officer of the staff said to the marshal: "The enemy are advancing. Shall I send a party to reconnoitre and see how numerous they are?" "No," said Bessand, "we'll count 'em after we've beaten 'em."

ZINC IN ARCHITECTURE

A Successful Method for Copper-Plating Metal Ornaments

Copper-plating zinc for building purposes has recently been tried abroad with considerable success, the process being especially recommended where mechanical wear takes place. The zinc combines very well with the copper. The galvanic method of copper-plating is advantageously used, but the zinc may also be coated with copper by ordinary means.

In the first place, the sheet zinc is cleaned with soda from any adhering dirt or grease, and is also purified by a weak acid bath from the covering of aluminum. There are then dissolved in twenty-four parts of water one part of refined verdigris and twelve parts of tartar, the mixture being heated to boiling point, after which three to four parts of Spanish white are added. The Spanish white, as here decomposed, and is precipitated as lime tartrate. The dark blue liquid is poured off and filtered, and can be used either as a bath for sheet zinc, or for the production of a copper-plating paste.

BEAUTIFUL EYES

Obtained at the Expense of Health and Wealth

Methods for beautifying the eyes have long been in vogue among women of fashion, and not a few resort to those which ultimately injure the organs and the general health. Atropine is a most common drug for making the eyes look large and lustrous, but the continued use of it so weakens and paralyzes the muscles that weak eyes come on early in life.

A Humble Malaprop

There is a servant girl in this town whose malapropian English is the wonder and amusement of her neighbors. One of the hot mornings recently her mistress inquired about the weather. "It's cloudin' up some," replied Mary, "and it's dreadful sulky."

THE TABLE FORK

Generally supposed to be a Comparative Modern Invention

It is difficult for us to realize what a comparatively modern invention the table fork is, or how our ancestors managed to get along without it. Queen Elizabeth never heard of such an implement, and it was many years after her death that the first table fork was brought to England. From a passage in that curious work, Coryate's "Criticisms," it has been imagined that its author was the first to bring the table fork to the British Isles. In the lines cited he says: "While in Italy I observed that the Italian always used 'little forks' made of iron, steel or silver."

GRAY HAIRS

Aged Locks Do Not Always Indicate a Decayed Constitution

The fact that some persons begin to show gray hairs while in their twenties does not indicate a premature decay of the constitution. It is purely a local phenomenon, and often co-exists with great physical vigor. A medical journal says: Many persons; and others who have suffered extremely, both mentally and physically, and who have a hair until past middle life; while others, without assignable cause, lose their capillary color-matter rapidly when about forty years of age.

LITTLE SHORT OF MURDER

The Sad Fate of a Family's Dearest Old Friend

The neighbors around a certain corner of a street in Lewiston, Maine, were alarmed one night by low moans issuing from a closely curtained carriage that stood on the corner. A driver sat upon the horse, and the neighbors came out and approached the team to ask what was the matter. Before he reached the corner the driver caught sight of him, and, whipping up the horse, galloped off. The folk were doubly alarmed, and after a good deal of exciting talk asked a policeman to call at the house on the corner and ascertain who was hurt or if any mystery was in the moans.

THE EARTH'S AGE

Ways in Which It is Calculated by Learned Scientists

The amount of lime salts in water which drains from districts made up of granitic and basaltic is found by comparison of different analyses to be on an average of about 3.75 parts in 100,000 parts of water. It is further

STRANGE COMPANIONSHIP

A Cow, a Horse and a Pig Form a Partnership

A notable instance of friendship among animals came under the writer's notice once upon a time in a ranch that was largely devoted to stock-raising. Cattle, horses and dogs were kept in large numbers and allowed to run at will upon the range. One night in riding upon a line in a ranch the writer found in a locality at a considerable distance from any other animals. This trio was made up of a cow, a horse and a pig, and all three were feeding side by side in an amicable fashion. At first it was thought to be nothing but a coincidence that the three members of different families should be together, but subsequently it turned out that this trio had evidently set up an alliance offensive and defensive against all the other animals on the range. They were always together. It was a comical sight to see the oddly assorted trio traveling over the mesa as if they were actually looking out with the cow next and the pig last of all. Occasionally the horse looked around to see if his porcine partner was keeping up, and if he felt high spirits would be made to allow the pig to come close. When feeding the pig was just as apt to put his snout down by the horse's or cow's snout and endeavor to snatch the grass between their teeth as to traze on his own.

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SUCCESS IN BURGLARY

The Chance Which the Professional Housebreaker Takes

"Occasionally," said a retired burglar the other day, "I may transform myself in a single night into the accumulation of another man's lifetime, but those instances are very rare, and nothing could be further from the truth than the idea that burglary is a quiet and easy road to wealth. The facts that the great majority of burglars make but a scant living, and to make even that they must encounter many difficulties and dangers. The burglar's reward, whatever it may be, is never commensurate to the risk he takes."

"I have myself acquired some property, but if I had my life to live over again I should choose some other occupation than burglary. Indeed, when you come to consider the inconvenient hours and the general worry and uncertainty of that business, the wonder is that anybody should go into it, if a man is at all inclined to be sensitive, he should certainly keep out of it."

"I remember a long time ago going late one night into a room in which there was one man sleeping. His clothes were on a chair near the head of the bed. I was bending over those clothes and about to take them out into the hall when the man suddenly woke up. Without an instant's hesitation he threw his arms around me. I was young then and strong, but this man was four times as strong as I was. I think he could have crushed me if he had wanted to, and he put me out of the house with the greatest ease. But before he did that he carried me over to the table and lighted a light. As he looked at me my watch chain caught his eye, and do you know what he thought he saw? He thought it was a watch chain and kept them."

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THE HEROINES OF SCOTT

Sixteen Out of Thirty of the Fair One Under Twenty

Out of thirty of Sir Walter Scott's heroine stations are described as under 20. Of the other fourteen six are under 18. This leaves us eight, three of whom are set down as over 20; two start on one side of the line and are carried over to the other; two are by implication rather than by the intention of the author taken out of their "teens," and one, Amy Robsart, is a heroine of an uncertain age, since she is historically a middle-aged matron and historically a youthful bride. Of the six undated, the presumption is altogether in favor of the earlier age. A member once entertained the club with the statement that nearly all Scott's heroines are motherless.

They are girls who had grown up in the companionship of uncles or fathers, older men, and with an early responsibility of thought and action they have had to plan their own wardrobe and decide upon their own conduct toward their lovers. Some of them have been behind the scenes of stirring political events. Nearly all have been thrown into situations where they had to think for themselves, to act with decision, and in general to fulfill the whole duties of heroines. The heroines of Scott are, of some of them, only lay figures, but, at least so far as they have character, they are women, and they justify the deeds which are done to them.

OPIMUM SMUGGLERS

Four Years Ago an Opium Smuggler's Syndicate, Founded in San Francisco by Whaley & Gardner, was Concerned in Chinese Circuits Frauds, but Managed to Escape the Law's Clutches

They bought the yacht Halsey, which was the swiftest craft of her kind on the coast. They ran in much opium near San Francisco, but when the chase became too hot they selected Hawaiian Islands as a place for landing the drug. There, last year, Whaley landed \$50,000 worth of opium after a narrow escape from shipwreck on the Japanese coast. Then he took the yacht to Victoria, B. C. Whaley returned to Honolulu, to sell the opium, promising to come back to Victoria and divide with Gardner and other members of the syndicate. After writing several months they sent Gardner down to the island. A letter has been received from him with a woeeful tale. Whaley had sold all the opium for a good price, but he is now engaged in squandering the money at the Queen's Court and refuses to divide with his partners. There is no law by which Gardner can reach him, so that the syndicate syndicate loses large profits that they expected to handle.

A YOUTHFUL FINANCIER

He Organized a Ball Club and Then Froze It Out

There is a twelve-year-old boy in Harlem, known to his friends as Charlie, who, if he keeps on, will be a like road financier when he grows up. Like all small boys Charlie is a base ball fiend. About two weeks ago he organized a club, had himself elected treasurer, and a team companion was made captain. Then all of the thirteen members went out to hustle funds so they could purchase petty uniforms. The plan was a success and fully \$25 was realized. At this point the financing commenced. A meeting of the club was called and five of the boys deluded by Charlie's statements that there would be more money to divide if they voted as he directed, gave their voice in favor of expelling the other six members. This brought the club down to seven.

THE BREATH OF LIFE

Every breath we draw into the lungs from one and a half to two pints of air, so that it requires about two and a half gallons of pure air a minute, or sixty horseheads every twenty-four hours properly to supply the lungs.

REASONS WHY

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Is The Best.

FIRSTLY.—It is the oldest Cream of Tartar Baking Powder in the world, and has stood the test of 40 years.

SECONDLY.—Its makers have never succumbed to the temptation to introduce ammonia or alum in their goods, for the purpose of cheapening the cost.

THIRDLY.—It is made from the purest Cream of Tartar, refined in the immense plant at Jersey City controlled by this company, by patented processes used by no other refiner.

FOURTHLY.—The governments of the United States and Canada have endorsed Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder after thorough examination, as have also the heads of our great universities, prominent physicians, boards of health and the public. It is used in the United States Army and Navy and in the cuisines of the most select clubs, hotels and private families.

FIFTHLY.—It is just what it is represented to be, viz: a pure Cream of Tartar powder and can stand on its record without any bolstering up by means of fraudulent certificates, or resorting to any other tricks practised—sometimes successfully—by other makers of so-called "absolutely pure" powders.

Houston—County AND ITS INDUCEMENTS.

Its Advantages and Attractions for the Man of Capital and the Home-Seeker.

The Banner County of East Texas.

For variety and fertility of soils. A vast forest of native woods, adapted to the manufacture of all grades and styles of furniture, whiclos and agricultural implements. Walnut, White Oak, Linn, ash, Hickory of every variety, Post Oak, Cypress, Long and Short Leaf Pine, Curley Pine, Holly, Beach, Cherry, Magnolia and all other species of timber found in the woods of East Texas.

Houston Co. took the Gold Medal

At the Fort Worth Spring Palace in 1890 for its magnificent display of timbers. The North-eastern, Northern and North-western sections of the County are rich in iron of the Laminated and Brown Hematite varieties. Soils of every variety to be found in the state are to be found in Houston County, from the black wax to the light sandy.

The Railroads of the County

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 has assumed control and established graded schools for both white and black. Handsome and commodious brick school buildings with all the modern appointments are under construction. The town is destined to become the educational center of East Texas.

LOVELADY

to the South, on the I. & G. N. R. R., is an enterprising town of 500 people good society, several churches and a splendid High School maintained all the year in one of the finest high school buildings in Eastern Texas.

GRAPELAND

to the North is another enterprising town of several hundred people fully alive to the demands of the hour and supported by a superior section of country. They have in course of erection a very fine high school building in which the public spirited citizens of that place propose to sustain during the entire year a high school second to none in the County.

The Lands

of the County are cheap and can be bought on easy terms.