



The retirement of Frank Rainey from the Institute for the Blind will be a public calamity.

The Carlisle Banking Bill has been reported to the House. The chances are it will not pass till after the holidays.

Governor-Elect Culberson has appointed John H. Reagan, L. S. Ross and Ex-Governor Storey as railroad Commissioners.

Five years ago Crockett had a population of about 1200. Today it will exceed 3000 and two years hence will reach the 5000 mark.

There is not a town in East Texas growing faster than Crockett or a county filling up and improving faster than Houston.

We call attention again to the brilliant leadership which has reduced the republican party in this county from 1600 to 299. There would not have been a baker's dozen of them left but for the efforts of democrats to hold them out of the populist ranks.

If these Third Party agitators would devote to honest, hard work the time and labor which they now expend in begging, stalling and discontent among the people, the per capita of circulation hereabouts might be greatly increased and the times made some better.

Houston county's unexcelled natural resources, her splendid school fund and her admirable system of public schools free for terms extending from six to nine months in every year are attracting the attention of those seeking homes and they are coming.

The time is drawing near when Judge Burnett will be expected to fulfill his campaign, stump-speech promises. He has promised in all of his speeches in every county of the district to organize the jury commission so as to give negroes representation on the juries. Judge Burnett meant to do this when he said it and we believe he is a man of his word.

The trouble with most of the Third Party agitators is that they want soft, easy jobs, such as holding an office with little work and big pay. That is what troubles them more than the alleged sufferings of the dear people. If they could be provided with fat jobs of this character, never again would their voices be raised in lamentation over the woes of the country, and the dear people, so far as they are concerned, could go to sleep.

When these pop agitators and pap-seekers file their papers for contest by Quo Warranto the democrats will expect the district clerk to demand a good and sufficient bond. Anything less than a ten thousand dollar bond will be inadequate and this bond must be made in every contest suit filed. When the fares is on in earnest, the democrats will take pains to heap the costs as high as possible and by the time the pops get through settling same they will never be able to raise another campaign fund.

The business men of Crockett generally agree that the business of the city has been better than ever before, some putting the increase at one hundred per cent. over former years. We have been getting trade this season from Trinity, Cherokee, Anderson, Leon and Madison and an unusually large volume from our own county of Houston. The county will produce 250000 bales of cotton of which Crockett will ship close on to 15000 and Lovelady and Grapeland 5000 each. The prospect for the town and county was never so bright and reassuring.

The third party leaders are the last ones in the country to complain of hard times. We know of no class of people who have easier or better times than these agitators do. They never do anything, that is, they never work in the usual acceptance of the term. No class of people that we ever knew have as much leisure as they have. They must be prosperous and easy. The per capita can't bother them, because they must have plenty of it to enable them to do nothing as they do. If these agitators would settle down to honest, hard work and stick to it and not go racing over the country with a fire-brand and strife and dissension, the country would get along so much better.

**SHOW UP OR SHUT UP.**  
For six weeks, or near so, the atmosphere hereabouts has been charged with populist charges of fraud in the recent election. On all sides we have been subjected to time-worn threats of contest, of quo warranto proceedings and other methods which the disappointed office seekers or the populist side propose to invoke to oust those legally elected and installed and put

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### LANDS FOR SALE AND RENT.

| ACRES. | HEADRIGHT.     | LOCATION FROM CROCKETT. | ACRES IMPROVED. |
|--------|----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 100    | Jas Nevills    | 15 miles South-west     | None.           |
| 100    | Henry Masters  | 2 miles East            | 50.             |
| 100    | Wm. White      | 3 miles West            | 75.             |
| 250    | J. A. Thompson | 7 miles East            | None.           |
| 250    | Geo. English   | 20 miles East           | None.           |
| 87     | V. G. Redding  | 17 miles South-East     | None.           |
| 100    | Lewis Powell   | 20 miles South-West     | None.           |
| 467    | Fred Heudger   | 20 miles South          | None.           |
| 120    | It. Duckworth  | 15 miles North-West     | 40.             |
| 1476   | Michael Ellis  | 15 miles East           | Pine Land.      |
| 181    | Ed Wray        | 3 1/2 miles West        |                 |
| 303    | Ed Wray        | 21 miles South-West.    |                 |

Will Sell on Any Reasonable Terms.  
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### Other Locals.

J. V. Bradley of Wilard was in town Saturday.

Sheriff Ellis of Angelina came over Monday.

S. J. Patton of Tadmor called to see us Thursday.

J. L. Whitescarver of Grapeland, agent for Talmg's Trumpet Blast, was in to see us Tuesday.

Go to Smith & French's Drug Store and buy a nice bottle of good perfume for your best girl.

J. M. Worthington, the crack shot of Lovelady in match hunts, was in town Wednesday.

D. C. Moore of Hagarville called to see us Wednesday. He reports heavy immigration in his section.

Miss Minnie Craddock's class will give a musicale at the Academy on Friday night (to-day) at 6:30 P. M.

Public generally will be glad to know that Rev. J. S. Mathis was returned by the conference to this station.

The Match hunt at Lovelady was a great success as was the supper which followed. The following list of game was killed: 589 squirrels, 5 deer, 23 turkeys, 16 ducks, 114 larks, 6 hawks, 17 possums, 5 owls, 17 doves, 33 rabbits, 159 quail. The side of which R. T. Payne was captain beat the other side eight to ten thousand points. The supper was largely attended and every one had an abundance.

E. E. Hall, Geo. Bland and the writer are under obligations to John F. Raines and his good lady for hospitable and generous entertainment on the day of the match hunt at Lovelady. We had been hunting since daylight and with very hard luck. Our gratification can be imagined when at noon on that day, footsore, weary and disgusted, we wandered in and enjoyed a bounteous and elegant dinner after which a fine watermelon was brought out and served.

### Holiday Sale.

Special Holiday Sale, by Geo. E. Darsey, beginning Dec. 26th, and to continue the balance of Christmas. Our stock must be reduced before taking stock January 1st.

All of the men and boys hats, ready made clothing, boots, shoes, dress goods, over coats and etc. must be sold at prices that will make them shove go.

**Listen at Prices:**—3 par drill drawers for 50cts. 3 heavy under shirts for 50cts. Spool thread 2 for 5cts. Ladies under shirts 6 for 25cts. Nikes, undershirts 2 for 5cts. 5 lbs. best coffee for \$1. Flour \$2.50 per lb. Barb wire 2 1/2 cts. a pound. A big lot of corsets to close out at 25 and 50 cts. old prices 50 and 75 cts. In fact we must sell to reduce our stock.

Remember that we buy corn, possum, mink, otter and deer skins, bees wax, eggs and cotton seed.

Now is your time to buy goods at your own price, as we have bargains in staple goods that you can use the year round. So hitch up and come to town.

Don't forget the place and date, as those prices are good only during Christmas week.

**GEO. E. DARSEY.** Head quarters for bargains. Grapeland Tex.

### MONK BROTHERS.

#### SAW MILL.

Our mill is six miles east of town. Rough Lumber at Mill \$6.00 per thousand; \$8.00 per thousand delivered at Crockett.

We keep on hand all kinds of matched and dressed at figures to suit—also large supply of shingles constantly on hand at lowest figures.

Our supply of timber is large and of best quality. Give us a trial.

# Bil' Mc Connell SAYS:

Spread the good news, tell it to your neighbors, talk it to your friends. We have got the pull and they are coming our way.



Woe, woe! woe, woe! woe, woe! old folk, bring my hat Lisa Jane I am going to Bill's.

## Never Within the History

Of our lives has our trade been better. We have beaten our own record, and it's so much satisfaction to see the people coming from all parts of

## This and the Adjoining Counties

to our store and saying: "BILL, we have often weighed you in the balances, and you have never been found wanting, the weight is always right, the measure right, and the best and most important of all is the change comes back right." It was our

## Intention and Determination

when we first started in business to try and make every year the best year of our lives, and so far, we are proud to say, that we have been successful. Remember that for the

## NEXT THREE WEEKS,

We will give the grandest bargains ever offered in Houston county. We will first talk to you a little while about

# DO And Don't.

DO.

DON'T.

- Do you pay \$1.25 cents for Dr. Warner's corsets when we sell them at 75c?
- Do you pay 7c for nice dress Gingham when we sell it to you for 4c?
- Do you pay 6c for yard wide domestic when we sell it for 4c?
- Do you pay 15c for all wool flannel when we sell it for 10c?
- Do you pay 20c for the best feather tick made, when we sell it for 14c?
- Do you pay 10c for ladies black hose when we sell them for 7 1/2c?
- Do you pay 8c for yard wide bleached when we sell it for 5c?
- Do you pay 6c for oil calico when we sell it for 4c?
- Don't pay 10c for boys suspenders when we sell them for 5c.
- Don't pay 20c for mens suspenders when we sell them for 10c.
- Don't pay 45c for all wool Henrietta, 40 in. wide when we sell it at 30c.
- Don't pay 7c for yard wide Ben Leland domestic when we sell it for 5c.
- Don't pay 7c for cotton flannel that we sell for 5c.
- Don't pay 15c for good feather tick when we sell it for 10c.
- Don't pay 5c a dozen for safety pins when we sell 2 dozen for 5c.
- Don't pay 5c a set for knitting needles when we sell 3 sets for 5c.

Our house is full, it is packed from floor to ceiling with all new and desirable goods and we are now unloading and if you want these goods at low down figures come while they are here.

## CLOTHING! :- CLOTHING! :- CLOTHING!

Mens and boys overcoats, mens and boys suits, ladies cloaks, misses cloaks, smyrna rugs and in fact everything at reduced prices. Ladies coarse full stock shoes at 50c. Childrens coarse shoes at 25c, baby shoes 20c. Mens full stock brogans 75c, ladies fine Dongola Sunday shoes 90c and \$1 a pair. Mens and boys fine Sunday shoes all leather 90c and \$1 a pair. We have got a big line of shoes and prices to suit the times. We have got the best unlaundered white shirts, double linen bosom, double shoulders reinforced back and sleeves, full size and full weight for 50c.

Ladies we have just received another lot of the Osborne suitings all wool at 3 1/2c, this is our last order for this season. Another new line of cream Henrietta goods, just the thing for wedding dresses. We have sold an immense quantity of this goods for that purpose. We have received for the last time this season a big line of ladies hats, this is our eighth shipment, and if you want a nice white hat for yourself or little girl come early. Childrens suits and overcoats going regardless of price. Young ladies, young men we have a nice line of cream silk handkerchiefs plain and with initials, just the thing for the holiday trade. Ladies if you want a nice rug for Xmas we will sell it to you for less than you can get it in New York City. Ladies and misses combination suits. We are selling all of our variegated zephyr at 50c per ounce just the thing for gloves and fancy work. A full line of boys winter waists.

## Your Boy Can Buy Here as Cheap as You

and that the ignorant as well as the wise can get good weight and good measure. A car load of flour and sugar we will give to you at prices that can't be undersold. SPECIAL—We are in a good humor and never contrary. And all goods must be sold before January.



STAINLESS AND UNFADING.



