

Grand Jury Report.
 To the HON. JAMES R. BURNETT,
 Judge Third Judicial District.
 The Grand jury impaneled for the March term of the District Court of Houston County having concluded their labors beg to submit a report of same. We have been in session for eighteen days and during that time have diligently inquired into all complaints brought to our attention. After a most thorough and searching investigation of all alleged offenses in all parts of the county, we find abundant and just cause for all good citizens to congratulate themselves on the wholesome public sentiment touching observance of the laws. There are exceptions here and there to the above observation but except in a few instances the offenses committed are not of a very grave or heinous character. Crimes of a minor character have been quite numerous and general and if we had thought proper to continue in session for inquiry into all reports of misdemeanors committed we should have been in session for the entire term. In many of such cases, to facilitate and expedite matters, we have turned them over to the county attorney and justice of the peace.

The experience of this Grand jury as well as many of its predecessors have served on previous Grand juries convinces us that the Legislature of our State could materially subserve the ends of justice as well as those of economy of the public money by changing the laws so as to provide Grand juries with official stenographers whose duty it shall be to present in the Grand jury room and to take down full stenographic transcripts of the evidence of every witness sworn. With such a law it is true that fewer bills would be found and it is also true that fewer would be dismissed from court and our court dockets burdened by cases which if tried on the evidence developed before a Grand jury would be sustained but which unfortunately are continued, not proved or dismissed at great expense to the county and a defacement of public justice. If our laws were changed so as to provide for such an official, many witnesses who now go before a Grand jury and swear one thing would not lay themselves liable to conviction for perjury by going before the trial court and swearing another. This will not be the only benefit to follow from such change. The preservation of the evidence as literally and verbally given before the Grand jury is an invaluable aid and an almost indispensable aid to the district and county attorneys in the prosecution of the cases. In the matter of economy which would follow from such change it requires no argument to satisfy any reflecting mind. The expenses of such official need not exceed two hundred and fifty dollars for both terms of court in a year and this amount would be saved to the county many times over in shorter sessions of the Grand jury, shorter terms of justice, county and district courts, in the fees of jurors and officials and in many other ways not necessary here to enumerate. In this connection we desire to refer to the laws in this state against gambling. As construed by our courts they are weak and utterly inadequate to suppress this vice. Nothing would be more gratifying than to see the Legislature of the state so change the statutes bearing on this offense as to enable those into whose charge has been placed the protection of society and the youth of the country, to effectually put an end to the more seductive phases at least of this almost universal vice. We have devoted more of our time to an inquiry into the offenses against the gambling laws of the state than to any other one offense and it is the source of much painful regret to us to say that here in the county seat of the county where peace officers are numerous day and night the laws against gambling have been for months after months flagrantly and defiantly violated. The public need not assume that reference is here made to the universal passion on the part of the colored citizens for the game commonly known as "CRAPS". The infatuation for games of chance, if such it may be called, has pervaded the upper circles of our social fabric and infected many of our young men and even boys of otherwise unimpeachable characters, of fine natural parts and capable of great usefulness to themselves, to society and to their country. The good people of Crockett, and speaking more especially, the parents are not aware of the dangerous influences in this respect surrounding the young men and boys of the town or they would be more watchful over them and be more vigilant in the prosecution of means to suppress the evil referred to.

It is not necessary for this Grand jury to name the place or places

where these games of chance have been played. It is a matter of general notoriety to all here in Crockett. The extent of the evil is fully known to those whose names are subscribed hereto and we urge upon the parents and the other good citizens of Crockett a more watchful concern than they seem to have thus far manifested. The Grand jury appointed a committee to examine the jail and court house and to report on the condition of these buildings. Their report on the condition of the jail is that they found it exceptionally clean and well cared for. Their report shows that there has been rather a reckless use of the court room, that the windows of the same are frequently left open and the court room left open to be used for any purpose and by any one, and that one of the jury rooms is being used as an office without revenue to the county and without any record on the minutes of the commissioners' court of any authority to so use it. (Reference is here made to the report of the Finance Committee.) We would suggest that the Commissioners' Court is the body charged with caring for the court house and responsible for the use of all its rooms and that body is the one which should see to the protection of the public's interests in the uses to which it is put. We could suggest possible complications fraught with great detriment to the county in certain contingencies but as these should be patent to all clear-headed business men we refrain from doing so and for the further reason that the attention of some of the members of that court has already been called to the same by this jury. The Grand jury has given no little attention to the matter of straying of stock and find many instances in which the estray laws of the state have not been complied with. The proper official for those straying horses or cattle to report to is the County Clerk but we find quite a number making their reports to Justices of the Peace and paying the money to them. We suggest that the County Attorney proceed at once against delinquents on estrays. The game laws have been violated in many instances but more from ignorance of the time when they are in force and the further impression on the part of many that this county was exempt from the operation of such law. In the future we recommend a vigilant and rigid enforcement by our officers of these laws and those prohibiting the destruction of fish by dynamite and other explosives. Cruelty to work stock and other members of the dumb creation is too common and excites too little concern on the part of our officers and citizens. This is a wrong which should appeal with more force than is customary to the humane part of all our people and we have not in a single instance failed to present any one guilty of such crime where satisfactory evidence was furnished. The Grand jury can not but condemn the too common practice of dismissing and not prosecuting cases pending or docketed without going to trial. Especially is this true where there are several cases pending against one offender and the attorney dismisses all when a plea of guilty is made in one. The Grand jury has devoted no little of its time to inquiring into a very general complaint on the part of cotton buyers and merchants about mix-packing and plating cotton. From the evidence before us there is good ground for such complaint. No one thing damages the good name of a place as a market for cotton buyers and spinner agents so much as the fact of having cotton bought by sample as of one grade and having same rejected as of a much inferior grade. All fair-dealing people, farmers and merchants, are interested in preserving the character of Crockett and other places in Houston county as cotton markets for straight forward dealing and all classes should feel an interest in putting down such practice, if such it may be called. For years past merchants and farmers, alike have suffered from the fact that they could not deal directly with the agents of those engaged in manufacturing cotton goods. Now, that these agents have been attracted here and are making large purchases annually on the ground, all are interested in establishing and maintaining a high character for honest dealing in the ginning, baling, sampling and sale of the cotton crops of Houston county. The Grand jury respectfully suggests that much of the cause of complaint in this matter can be removed by a different system of sampling and handling the cotton and suggests further that all parties interested get together and agree on a different system. It is not possible to detect mixed-packing when cotton is sampled on one side only and the plan of sampling on both sides which prevails at

Bil' McConnell SAYS:

"Whar's Your Grave Yard?" "All's Well That Ends Well."



The rumor is afloat throughout the county that the people have been dying here by the score, and that the trade of the town might not be injured, secretly placed in their last resting places during the quiet nocturnal hours. If such be the case, I have only to ask "Whar's your grave yard?"

"LAUGH AND GROW FAT."

I feel that I weigh about twenty pounds more than ordinarily since this small box sears. Why, they even had my spirit numbered with the blessed, and many the lamentations concerning my eternal departure, accompanied with extreme fear that goods would advance to an enormous price.

Rest Easy, Dear Friends. Bill is Still Here,
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The Invincible, Almighty Dollar!
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Had it not been compulsory on account of the people having to attend court, their coming to this place would have been but few and far between, and the fright has not yet altogether abated. Even now some people in coming to town expect to see a small box jump out from every corner. Panting, tip toeing, noiselessly, breathlessly they enter the store, gasping the words, "How o-w-s the S-m-a-l-l P-o-x?" And when I don't tell them that many are dead, many are dying, and many new cases, they seem terribly disappointed.

To be forced now and then to look on the dark side of life makes the bright side more appreciative and cheerful. We have all seriously thought how we could, would and should do in the event of a spread of this loathsome malady. The sun seems to shine brighter after a gloomy, rainy day.

**No One is Dead,
 No One is Dying,
 No One is Hurt,
 All is Well That Ends Well**

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many places in the state should obtain and be adopted here. The Grand jury has looked somewhat into the matter of scales and to remove any ground for complaint in this direction of which we have heard some would recommend to the Commissioners' Court that they purchase and keep on hand for testing scales in use by merchants and ware-houses an official standard of weights and that the same be used in the manner provided by law. We wish to call the attention of the public to an official delinquency, if such a mild term fitly characterizes the offense, in the fact that not over half of the overseers of the county last year made reports to the Commissioners' Court as required of them by law. This is a matter that should not be overlooked but should receive prompt attention from Grand juries. We regret that we haven't the time and the official data to enable us to proceed against them as their conduct in this regard merits.

Some of the roads of the county have been well worked and are well bridged. Others are not and if we had time we are inclined to think that the facts would justify the indictment of some overseers on account of the condition of the roads and the bridges. During and immediately following the campaign of last year it was common to hear of charges and counter charges of fraud contemplated and perpetrated on the ballot. We have never failed to invite and to insist on the presentation of all facts that would throw any light on violation of the election laws of the state. In response to such invitation one witness presented a list of forty-three alleged fraudulent or illegal votes cast in the election in November last. Of this list 23 were charged with voting in precincts in which they did not live, 13 with being non residents, 2 with being paupers, 2 with not having lived in the state a year, 1 with having voted twice, 1 with not being naturalized and 1 with being non compos mentis. We thoroughly canvassed the entire list and found by such investigation that of the 23 alleged to have voted where they were not entitled to vote that 22 of them have been voting for years at the place where they voted in November last—the other one in this class we are not prepared to speak as we were not able to get witnesses to prove his residence. Of the 13 charged with

being non-residents we find that all of them were residents except two and they have since left the county and we know nothing of their whereabouts. But from the best evidence we could get their intention was not a criminal one and their purpose not one to violate the laws. The two alleged to be paupers were on the pauper list and had no right to vote but on investigation we find that third parties were responsible for their voting and ignorantly so, not knowing they were on said list. We found that one had voted or attempted to vote twice but thought he was excusable on the grounds of ignorance. The one charged with being non compos mentis we found on investigation to be able to work for a living and that he does so and measured by such standard we concluded that he was not guilty of any violation of the election laws. The one alleged to have been not naturalized, we find from the best evidence we can get has been naturalized.

In conclusion we wish to say that the session of the Grand Jury has been protracted a week longer than necessary by failure of officers to have attached witnesses on hand and the failure of attorneys on account of sickness to have bills prepared for re-shipment.

Thanking the court and its officials for all courtesies extended, we will ask your honor to dismiss us for the term.

Very Respectfully,
 W. B. PAGE,
 R. MONK,
 H. A. RICE,
 J. B. CUNNINGHAM,
 W. W. DAVIS,
 HENRY HOLCOMB,
 JOHN SEWELL,
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 N. E. ALDRICH,
 County Clerk, Houston County, Texas.
 By Jno. SPENCE, Deputy.

Extradition Notice.
 Taken up by R. O. Aldrich and estrayed before C. W. Ellis Justice of the Peace No. 1, on the 8th, day of February 1895 the following described animal: One sorrel mare about 13 1/2 hands high, about 6 years old and branded on the left hip, and appraised at fifteen dollars. Given under my hand and seal of office this March 11th, 1895.
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B. F. Chamberlain for drugs. Gardens are a month late.

Mrs. Allen Newton has been quite sick.

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Now let the procession proceed on the street question.

Monk Bros. have commenced work on their plaining plant.

Remember the opera on the evening of April the 12th.

What is the matter with the work on the culvert between depot and town?

J. B. Harkins and Jap Brannen have bought out the J. B. Fifer saloon business.

There was a sharp frost Wednesday morning, but not enough to damage anything.

W. G. Breazel, of Porter Springs, was in town this week and paid us his usual friendly call.

A complete line of coffins and metallic caskets at The Furniture Store at moderate prices.

The evening mail gets here before dark. How is it that the public have to wait till morning before it is opened?

The failure of Wm. McLean to come down and act on the jury commission Monday delayed proceedings till Thursday.

The municipal election Tuesday resulted as follows: Aldermen, H. F. Craddock, R. E. McConnell and A. D. Lipscomb; City Marshal, J. C. Lacy. A light vote was polled.

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Mr. J. H. Leaverton and Miss Francis Wagner were married last Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. W. D. Pritchard. The COURIER extends congratulations to the happy couple.

D. P. Smith's "Texas or the Siege of the Alamo Co." played Monday and Tuesday night to a large and appreciative audience. This is a good company and they merit the patronage they receive.

The young men of Crockett are more interested in the future of Crockett, than any others. Let them take an interest and join hands with the COURIER in the fight for the growth, development and the beautifying of the place. All together from now on.

E. E. PARKER of Lovelady has opened a first-class SMITH and WOOD SHOP in Crockett on Post Office Street. He will do all kinds of SMITH and WOOD work under guaranty. All kinds of REPAIR WORK done on buggies, wagons etc. and at very reasonable figures. Horses shod with Steel shoes, all round, for \$1.00. Give him a trial. Shop in front of Post Office.

T. D. Zachary, a prominent pop leader, requests the COURIER to note the advent of a prodigy in the way of a calf on his place. The calf at ten hours of age weighed 69 lbs. and measured 30 inches high. Closer inspection would have no doubt shown Zachary the following cabalistic letters: T. P. W. G. T. 1896.

Frank Shepardson, an engineer on the Southern Pacific Ry., who resides at Los Angeles, Cal., was troubled with rheumatism for a long time. He was treated by several physicians, also visited the Hot Springs, but received no permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He is now the best specimen in the world of rheumatism. For sale by B. F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Those who violated the game laws and were indicted for such violation are hot under the collar. The same can be said of those who have been defying laws against dynamiting fish. If these laws were put on the statute books as jokes, let them be repealed. If they were put there to be enforced, let them be enforced. Too little regard has been given to the enforcement of these laws by citizens generally and officers as well. They should be enforced strictly against all offenders, whether they live in the city or country and the officers of the county and precincts are specifically charged with an enforcement of them. From now on let them see that they are enforced. Governor Hogg was indicted and convicted in Nacogdoches county for killing deer in months prohibited by law. Now, let the officers of this county put the law to every and any offender, high or low, town or country. We will again call attention to the facts, that deer can't be killed from February to August, quail from October to April and fish can't be dynamited at any time.

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Hawkes' crystallized \$2.50 spectacles for \$1.00 at Haring's.

If you want a cheap suit go to Racket Store.

All indications point to a packed house to hear the opera on the 12th.

Bob McConnell has been on a visit to Franklin to see his wife who has been quite sick.

The Presbyterians expect to begin a protracted meeting about the first of May, in which Rev. J. H. Morrison of Tennessee is expected to assist.

Cattle are higher than they have been in ten years. The people of Houston county should think well before disposing of such stock. Our advice is to hold them.

Our space is utterly inadequate to the demand on it this week. We have had to pass over a good many communications which we should have very much liked to publish.

Are the streets of Crockett a dumping ground for all the trash and filth of houses, stores, front-yards and gardens? You may pass along the streets this time of the year and in front of many residences, you will find the streets full of trash, grubs, tree-tops, etc., from front yards and gardens. What kind of house keepers are people who will thus burden and defile the streets in front of their houses.

The society people of Crockett were elegantly entertained by the Cooking Club on Wednesday evening at the beautiful residence of Mr. J. E. Downes. The "Cooks" certainly deserve praise, for the decorations were so lovely, the cooking unsurpassed and luncheon served most delicious. After luncheon the evening was passed pleasantly, singing, playing games, and doing such other things as make us all glad that we are living. The members of the Cooking Club are doing a noble work and deserve encouragement. All join in praising them and Mrs. Downes for a most delightful evening and trust that there may be many more like it before the end of the year.

The Furniture Store carries bedroom suites, parlor suites and lounges, bedsteads, bureaus, dressers, washstands, wardrobes, sates, bookcases, sewing machines, wire springs, mattresses, wire cots, cloth cots, folding cots, baby carriages, cradles and child's beds, chairs, tables, carpets, rugs, window shades, curtain poles, easels, pictures, looking glasses, etc. And such a large assortment of everything that you can get anything you want. We are determined to sell goods and have reduced prices to a figure never reached before. Come and see what we can do for you.

Yours truly, THE FURNITURE STORE.

The writer witnessed on Saturday last the breaking loose of a horse hitched to a vehicle and tied to a tree. He is regarded as a safe driver. It was caused by a piece of paper blowing under the buggy. This is liable to happen at any time and no horse is exempt. The streets are full of paper boxes and trash generally, enough to disgust any man who feels an interest in the town and to scare any kind of a horse, barely barring a dead one. The town is supposed to have a janitor at the academy whose business it is to burn up all paper and trash there and not dump it or permit it to fly on the streets. Yet on a windy day, the street on which the academy building is located is filled with flying papers for a quarter of a mile.

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"I warn the farmers of the South that the price of the last few days is fictitious and is the product of a conspiracy of men to systematically rob the producer of his legitimate gain. It is a delusion and snare to catch the unsuspecting farmer, to inveigle him into the coils of that 3,000,000 surplus, so that they can bear down values lower than last season, with an increased surplus on hand.

"Let the people beware. It is a bait to catch all who will bite. There can be no legitimate reason shown for this increase in values. The production has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. Russia has placed a virtually prohibitive duty on American cotton, so we can no longer expect to sell her 500,000 bales. There can be no change made by next season in the financial laws of the nation. Therefore

B. F. Chamberlain for drugs.

Gardens are a month late.

Mrs. Allen Newton has been quite sick.

Pants and shoes awful cheap at Racket Store.

Now let the procession proceed on the street question.

Monk Bros. have commenced work on their plaining plant.

Remember the opera on the evening of April the 12th.

What is the matter with the work on the culvert between depot and town?

J. B. Harkins and Jap Brannen have bought out the J. B. Fifer saloon business.

There was a sharp frost Wednesday morning, but not enough to damage anything.

W. G. Brezner, of Porter Springs, was in town this week and paid us his usual friendly call.

A complete line of coffins and metallic caskets at The Furniture Store at moderate prices.

The evening news gets here before dark. How is it that the public have to wait till morning before it is opened?

The failure of Wm. McLean to come down and act on the jury commission Monday delayed proceedings till Thursday.

The municipal election Tuesday resulted as follows: Aldermen, H. F. Craddock, R. E. McConnell, and A. D. Lapscomb; City Marshal, J. C. Lacy. A light vote was polled.

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Mr. J. H. Leaverton and Miss Francis Wagner were married last Wednesday night at the residence of Mr. W. D. Pritchard. The Courier extends congratulations to the happy couple.

D. P. STONE'S, "Texas or the Siege of the Alamo Co.," played Monday and Tuesday night to a large and appreciative audience. This is a good company and they merit the patronage they receive.

The young men of Crockett are more interested in the future of Crockett than any others. Let them take an interest and join hands with the Courier in the fight for the growth, development and the beautifying of the place. All together from now on.

E. E. PARKER of Lovelady has opened a first-class SMITH and WOOD SHOP in Crockett on Post Office Street. He will do all kinds of SMITH and WOOD work under guaranty. All kinds of REPAIR WORK done on buggies, wagons, etc. and at very reasonable figures. Horses shod with Steel shoes, all round, for \$1.00. Give him a trial. Shop in front of Post Office.

T. D. Zachary, a prominent paper leader, requests the Courier to note the advent of a prodigy in the way of a calf on his place. The calf at ten hours of age weighed 69 lbs. and measured 30 inches high. Closer inspection would have no doubt shown Zachary the following cabalistic letters: T. P. W. G. T. 1896.

Frank Shepardson, an engineer on the Southern Pacific Ry., who resides at Los Angeles, Cal., was troubled with rheumatism for a long time. He was treated by several physicians, also visited the Hot Springs, but received no permanent relief until he used Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says it is the best medicine in the world for rheumatism. For sale by B. F. Chamberlain.

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All indications point to a packed house to hear the opera on the 12th.

Bob McConnell has been on a visit to Franklin to see his wife who has been quite sick.

The Presbyterians expect to begin a protracted meeting about the first of May, in which Rev. J. H. Morrison of Tennessee is expected to assist.

Cattle are higher than they have been in ten years. The people of Houston county should think well before disposing of such stock. Our advice is to hold them.

Our space is utterly inadequate to the demand on it this week. We have had to pass over a good many communications which we should have very much liked to publish.

Are the streets of Crockett a dumping ground for all the trash and filth of houses, stores, front-yards and gardens? You may pass along the streets this time of the year and in front of many residences, you will find the streets full of trash, grub, tree-tops, etc., from front yards and gardens. What kind of house keepers are people who will thus burden and defile the streets in front of their houses.

The society people of Crockett were elegantly entertained by the Cooking Club on Wednesday evening at the beautiful residence of Mr. J. E. Downes. The "Cooks" certainly deserve praise, for the decorations were so lovely, the cooking unsurpassed and luncheon served most delicious. After luncheon the evening was passed pleasantly, singing, playing games, and doing such other things as make us all glad that we are living. The members of the Cooking Club are doing a noble work and deserve encouragement. All join in praising them and Mrs. Downes for a most delightful evening and trust that there may be many more like it before the end of the year.

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HICKORY CREEK. EDITOR COURIER.—Your city seems to be a kind of ill fated of late. Ere time on her onward flight has brought the 1st quarter of the new year, several startling events have occurred that bring terror and consternation on its inhabitants. First a destructive fire, followed by a contagious disease and lastly a hail storm accompanied by a water spout. The question will naturally arise "what will happen next?" We are not to judge the future by the past, but it is ours to go further and meet it without fear and with manly hearts.

The health of our neighborhood continues good. We are sorry to note that Hubbard Hale is not doing well. He is in a critical condition.

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In conclusion I will say that the work of "Cupid" goes bravely on; he continues to sharpen his arrows and whirl them in different directions.

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President Lane Warns Them Against the Wiles of the Manipulator.—Fictitious Prices.

Athens, Ala., March 13.—Proctor H. D. Lane, president of the American Growers' Protective Association, has issued the following address:

"To the Cotton Growers of the South: I wish to call the attention of the cotton growers to the strategic movement being made by cotton manipulators to delude them into the suicidal act of planting again a large acreage of cotton. That uneasiness has been felt in Liverpool for a time in reference to the decreased acreage goes without saying, and had this menace not existed, cotton values would have been lower than they have been, and now, as the end of the season is at hand, the staple is substantially out of the hands of the farmer; these gentlemen who have represented the bear element for so many months while cotton was moving in large volume resort to this method for ranning values up simply to induce the farmer to plant more cotton than, possibly, he intended.

"I warn the farmers of the South that the price of the last few days is fictitious and is the product of a conspiracy of man to systematically rob the producer of his legitimate gain. It is a delusion and snare to catch the unsuspecting farmer, to inveigle him into the toils of another 3,000,000 surplus, so that they can bear down values lower than last season, with an increased surplus on hand.

"Let the people beware. It is a bait to catch all who will bite. There can be no legitimate reason shown for this increase in values. The production has exceeded the most sanguine expectations. Russia has placed a virtually prohibitive duty on American cotton, so we can no longer expect to sell her 500,000 bales. There can be no change made by next season in the financial laws of the nation. Therefore, rise is the legitimate cause for this rise if cotton has been selling at legitimate figures.

"It is simply the old spider and fly game, a recurrence of the farmer and the 'bunko steerer,' and I am constrained to exclaim, 'How long, oh, Lord, how long?' It is to be ever thus, that our people are to be waylaid and robbed of their meager subsistence?"

"I deny the proposition that any man can produce cotton legitimately for 5 cents with any reasonable profit; and I state, advisedly and emphatically, that the Southern cotton grower—I mean, literally, a man who digs the ground; the unfortunate who 'pulls the bell-cord over the mortgaged mule'—is not realizing 12 cents a day for his labor the year round. What is to be the fate of this man if cotton goes down 1 or 14 cents—a fall which is not at all improbable when we recognize the conditions that confront us and take into consideration that we had a most phenomenal season for picking our crop this last season, and its classification was higher than ever known, hardly any grading less than low middling?"

"Still, it averages under 5 cents, and though we may make a smaller crop the ensuing season of 1895-96 if we have a rainy or unpropitious gathering season, cotton, in all probability, will grade lower, and maybe we will have a recurrence of the season of 1881, when we had a superabundance of the poorer qualities. We could then expect the same relative difference in the grades, which must, of course, result in considerably reduced returns from the whole crop.

"I invoke the most earnest attention of cotton growers to this

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nefarious scheme and address you this letter as a caveat that you may not be deluded by this 'wolf in sheep's clothing' or, in other words, this 'bear in bull clothing.'

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RACKET STORE.

No Use For Ambition. I was seated on a log at the door of a squatter's cabin smoking a pipe with the old man himself, when a long, lank young man, about 20 years old, came out of the swamp close at hand. The color of his face was like chalk, his lips were blue, and it was easy to see that when he wasn't writhing with swamp fever he was scrapping with chills.

"Howdy, Jim?" saluted the squatter, as he looked up.

"Howdy, sah?" replied Jim, as he came to a halt near us and leaned against a tree.

"Cum over to see Linda?"

"Reckon so."

"Linda hain't here to-day. Gone over to see Tom's wife."

"Yaas?"

Nothing more was said for a couple of minutes. Jim furtively regarded me, and the squatter smoked away and kept his eyes on the ground and seemed to be turning something over in his mind. At length he removed his pipe and said:

"See yere, Jim, yo' is shakely."

"Yaas, shakely?" replied Jim. "Yo' has chills and fever all the time."

"Yaas, all the time."

"Yo' hain't got no cabin."

"No cabin."

"Nor a mawl."

"Nor a mawl."

The stem of the old clay pipe found its way back to the squatter's mouth, and he drew a dozen whiffs before he removed it again to say:

"Yo' hain't even got a dawg?"

"No; hain't got no dawg."

"My Linda's a powerful nice gal."

"Yaas, powerful nice."

"Yo' want to marry Linda, but what yo' got to marry on?"

Jim got a new brace with his feet and proceeded to scratch his back against the tree while he did some hard thinking. By and by he replied:

"Got ambishun, I reckon."

"What's that?"

"Dunno."

The squatter removed his pipe and pointed with it in his hand to the swamp from whence the young man had appeared.

"What?" queried Jim.

"Git!"

"For why?"

"Kase yo've got some durned ailment which may be ketchin' and kerry the hull family off at a day's notice. Chills and fever and back-ache and weak knees and biliousness a' bad 'nuff, but if yo've went on ter yo' then Linda's ole pap hain't got no further use fur any sich."

Jim ceased to scratch that he might heave a sigh and take a

long, lingering look at the cabin. Then he scratched once more and turned into the path and soon disappeared in the swamp. We looked after him in silence, and he had long been out of sight when the squatter muttered:

"Humph! Jest like a shakely young man to go and ketch ambishun and be laid up all summer and mebbe die with it."

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