

JUGGLING WITH A HIGH JUDICIAL FUNCTION.

During the campaign of last year THE COURIER followed and exposed the unprecedented and unwarranted injection of the race issue into the contest by Judge Burnett in so far as related to the organization of the juries of our courts. We thought then as we think now that he was not honest and sincere in his promises to the colored people and nothing he has done touching this matter since he has been on the bench has caused us for one single moment to believe that his pledges on the stump were anything but cheap claptrap and hollow pretense. Time will vindicate us in this opinion and he can't escape from the charge of failing to fulfill these promises on the ground that the jury commissioners were the ones to be held responsible if the negroes failed to get on. But aside from this there is another feature of this business which addresses itself to the thoughtful consideration of every patriotic citizen regardless of party. Promising or giving the colored people representation on the juries is not illegal, nor reprehensible in view of the inducements which the judge in urgent straits of a hotly contested fight made.

The law, however, provides the machinery for selecting juries and prescribes the methods to be followed in making such selections. The law does not direct nor assume that a judge shall organize a jury commission on political lines. It prescribes no man because of his color, race, religion or politics but assumes, if it does not specifically direct, that the chief qualification for such a function shall be that he is a good and representative citizen, interested in providing the courts of the country with intelligent, law-abiding and law-enforcing jurors.

The framers of our constitution and of our statutes on this subject never dreamt that a district judge, whatever his politics, would descend to such a misuse and abuse of the grave and exalted prerogatives with which he has been clothed by the laws of our state as to promise in a campaign to organize jury commissions on political lines, either to punish political enemies, to reward political friends or to promote his own personal political ends. If our laws had contemplated such a procedure, they would have said so expressly and unqualifiedly. They do not. On the contrary they assume that the chief end to be subserved is not one of personal or political aggrandizement but the preservation and advancement of honest, fair and just trials in our courts and the purity of the bench. Not since the adoption of the present constitution has any one in this county, and we dare say the entire State, ever heard on the stump or off it, on the bench or off it, the promise by a candidate or a judge to make the test of qualification for serving on the jury commission, not one of fitness, intelligence or patriotism, but "is he a populist, is he a democrat or is he a republican and will he carry out campaign pledges or not carry them out?" Extraordinary as it may seem we behold the judge of this district proceeding in just such an unprecedented, extraordinary and, we may say, unwarranted way—the only judge, we venture to say, within the State who has undertaken within the past twenty years to do a thing of this kind. Such conduct on the bench is not only without precedent and without authority of law but is in spirit, if not in letter, a clear violation of our statutes and constitutes in our judgment an addressable offense. We are satisfied that if the manner of organizing the last jury commission in this county, in connection with the pledges made during the last campaign were, brought to the attention of the legislature they would at least take steps to investigate and determine what should be done in the premises.

We have no criticism to make of members of the late jury commission as individuals. It is not in their capacity as citizens that we are dealing with them but the manner in which the commission was organized and the purposes for which it was organized. If, in the first place, Judge Burnett consulted anyone but himself it was never known. During the fourth week of court the public were informed that Judge Burnett had appointed the following jury commission: Wm. McLean, (dem), F. H. Hill, (rep.), and A. Speer, (pop.) They were to meet the Monday following, April 1st, and go to work. Aaron Speer was promptly on hand and Mr. Hill lived here. Wm. McLean, from the northern part of the county, a good citizen and a good selection, for reasons unknown to us, failed to come at all. All of this week passed and nothing done, though two of the commissioners

were in waiting. Meanwhile the pop's began to remonstrate against the appointment of Aaron Speer as a representative of their party and we hear from good authority that some of the leaders of that particular organization got together in caucus or conference and protested against the appointment of Aaron Speer and recommended the appointment of J. W. Bartee, about whose fidelity to populism there was no doubt. This occurred on Thursday. On Friday Aaron Speer informed the writer that Judge Burnett had asked him "if he had voted the populist ticket." He informed the judge that he had not. Then according to Speer Judge Burnett gave him to understand that he didn't think he should appoint him on the commission. McLean failing to attend and Speer not measuring up to the political test of qualification as established by Judge Burnett and not by the laws, it necessitated an almost complete reorganization of the jury commission. The readers of THE COURIER will observe that Aaron Speer had been waiting a week to do the work he had been appointed and summoned to do; Frank Hill lived here and there were quite a number of good men and good democrats from the northern part of the county in attendance on court that week, any one of whom would have made a good commissioner and besides, as a democrat, would have measured fully up to the political test of qualification which Judge Burnett and not the laws of the state have established. Did he appoint one so that the commission could go to work? He did not. Speer had been here all the week at his own expense and was then, according to Speer, given to understand that he didn't fill the bill when measured by the political test of qualification which Judge Burnett and not the laws of the state had erected. Speer was dropped, McLean failed to come and on Monday following we behold an almost complete reorganization of the commission. What do we see? Distrusting, in the main, as it would seem, the wicked democratic laity Judge Burnett goes to the ministry of God and selects a member of that profession to represent the democratic party on the commission—the Rev. G. M. Hollingsworth, of Grapeland. Mr. Hollingsworth is not open to criticism in point of worth of character, citizenship or democracy. But he is without experience in matters of this kind, unsuspecting and unsophisticated and, since Judge Burnett organizes jury commissions on political lines, he was and is scarcely capable of coping with the political schemes and methods of the populist and so-called republican members. The Rev. Mr. Hollingsworth took the place of Wm. McLean. Aaron Speer, after wandering around Crockett for a week, like a lost spirit, waiting with commendable fidelity to serve his country if not the populist party, was given to understand that he was not wanted because he didn't measure up to the political test of qualification which Judge Burnett and not the laws of Texas had made. He departed not to return. J. W. Bartee, a blown-in-the-bottle populist, a dyed-in-the-wool hater of democracy was substituted for Speer at the suggestion or recommendation, as we understand, of representative populists who in conference or caucus had protested against the appointment of Speer for the reason that he didn't meet the political test of qualification which Judge Burnett and not the laws of Texas had set up. Mr. F. H. Hill was retained. Thus we have a history of how the late jury commission of this county was organized.

The COURIER would be recreant to its duty to the good people of Houston county and, since Judge Burnett has injected politics into the operation of this important judicial function, the writer would be recreant to the party of which he is chairman, if we failed to give the public an insight into the tests of qualification made and methods adopted to organize the late jury commission in Houston county.

Is there a citizen in Houston county, or in the state, who, within the past twenty years, has witnessed such a proceeding in the courtroom or out of it and all done, not in the interest of fair trials and justice or the purity of the judiciary but to subvert party purposes, to reward political friends, to punish political enemies and to promote personal political aggrandizement.

It is the beginning of the new road year. We hope the city council will see to it that every cent of money is judiciously expended on our streets, side-walks, etc.

Our streets and side-walks are still blocked with goods-boxes, wagons, buggies, barb-wire and other obstacles.

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for this county, and will make a desperate effort to furnish THREE FOURTHS of the summer wear; and can't see why we won't succeed for we have comparatively speaking no competition, just simply a little opposition, and our extremely low figures are such as will bring our opposition, other merchants, in to buy.

We Realize the Fact

That the money from last year's crop is almost exhausted and to get the three-fourths of what there is left, that the machinery may run smoothly on until next fall, we are daily receiving from our **EASTERN BUYERS**; and placing upon our counters goods at a price that Galveston and Houston Jobbers would be glad to take off our hands, but no they are for our customers and

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SPECIAL:—People are coming all the time In answer to our little rhyme.



ON WHOSE AUTHORITY?

We are advised that Houston county has been by an act of the Legislature placed back in the community system of schools. We presume Mr. Murchison, the representative, had this done. We are at a loss to know why he did so and there had certainly been no expression from our people on the subject. On the contrary the only expression made known was against the community system and in favor of the district. This expression was indicated when a resolution in the county convention to refer the matter to a vote of the democrats in the primary was voted down almost unanimously, showing that the people were satisfied to try the district system. We have heard of no petitions being circulated in favor of such change and if there were they could have been signed to only a limited extent. In the premises we are at a loss to know what authority Mr. Murchison acted in making the change. It is safe to say that the country schools will never amount to anything under the community system, if it can be dignified with the term of system at all. It is a howling farce and no one knows this fact better than those who have observed the operation of the two systems. Did Mr. Murchison take the responsibility of making the change or did he do so on the representation of a few sore-heads in one or two neighborhoods who believe in running the schools their way or busting them up? The people of this county will be surprised to hear of this change and those who feel an interest in giving the country people an effective system will regret it very much.

CHANGING Houston county from the district to the community system is liable to work a financial loss also to the county. It is not possible for the assessor, Mr. Stokes, to get the names of all the children within the scholastic age within the next six weeks, the time fixed by law and the consequence will be that there are many children whose names will not appear on the rolls and the county will never draw the money for them from the state. The country schools of Houston county will never amount to anything so long as they are the foot-ball of politics and politicians.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HOUSTON. By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dallas County, on 5th day of April, A. D. 1895, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of Geo. S. Myers versus J. C. Roberts, No. 13768, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered. I will proceed to sell for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, on the First Tuesday in May, A. D. 1895, it being the 7th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Houston County, in the town of Crockett the following described property, to wit: Lying and being situated in the County of Houston, State of Texas, near the line of Anderson and Houston Counties, about 22 miles S. 42° E. from Palestine and known as the Wm. T. Sadding 320 acre survey, patent No. 212, Vol. 2, dated February 10th, 1846 and bounded as follows: Beginning 700 yds. N. of Sheridan's creek, at a stake whence a b. j. marked M. bears S. 15° W. 4 vrs., thence W. 1000 vrs., a branch (course south) at 1344 vrs., to a stake in a marsh, whence a pine marked M. bears S. 38° E. 69 vrs., a b. j. marked M. bears S. 52° E. 57.8-10 vrs., thence S. at 730 vrs., Sheridan's creek, (course east) at 1244 vrs., intersection Houston league survey; a stake whence a b. j. marked M. bears N. 13° W. 3 vrs. thence S. 45° E. 100 vrs., thence S. 45° W. 52 vrs., to a stake, whence a b. j. marked M. bears S. 81° E. 28 vrs., thence E. 1344 vrs., to a stake whence a hickory marked M. bears E. 13 vrs., thence N. 644 vrs., crossing Sheridan's creek 1844 vrs., to the beginning levied on as the property of J. C. Roberts to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$3217.00 in favor of Geo. S. Myers and costs of suit.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 8th day of April A. D. 1895.

G. M. WALLER, Sheriff. Houston County.

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Progress to Japan. Twenty years ago the persons of the emperor and empress of Japan were sacred; they were seen by no one save high court officials, and even to those the emperor's face must be veiled. The empress now visits the free hospital of Tokio, and talks or gives presents to the patients as freely as in any western land.

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Reported to me by W. E. Hail, Commissioner, Beat No. 2 Houston county Texas, the following described animal: One sorrel ball-faced horse, about 15 hands high, 15 or 18 years old, branded 111 on left shoulder, both hind feet white, running 2 miles south of John Chandler's on the old Bill Allee place, in case of Turner Williams. Given under my hand and seal of office April 6th, 1895. N. E. ALLEIGH, County Clerk, Houston County, Texas. By Jno. Spence, Deputy.

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